

*“Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as We are one.”
-John 17:1*

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
The Ascension of the Lord
May 12, 2024



Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship. Our Lord Jesus comes to us in word and sacrament as we celebrate His life, death, and resurrection at Holy Mass. If this is your first time visiting, we hope you find a new spiritual home away from home. Founded in 1964, our parish has a long tradition of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustainable only by your contributions, your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (S.T.M. School Mass)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday	 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (Español)

Holy Days of Obligation

Day Before Holy Day

Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

Actual Holy Day

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

(Español)

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Holy Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.
or by Appointment

Baptism

Parents and God-Parents must attend class prior to the Baptism.

Celebrated on:

The 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)
The 4th Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to date of celebration.

Anointing of the Sick

Those facing hospitalization, surgery or have a significant illness and desire physical & spiritual healing are asked to call the office to schedule an anointing.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday Adoration after Mass until 5:00 p.m.
Monthly English Holy Hour is the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
La Hora Santa Mensual es el primer Viernes del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office

We offer Religious Education (including Sacramental Preparation) in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12. Please call the Rectory for more information.

St. Thomas More Catholic School

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Monday-Friday
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Today we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord. That glorious moment when Jesus was lifted up into heaven. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage... It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

The Apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long, however. "While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'" In other words, "Don't just stand there, *do something!*"

We are not meant to just stand here, either... but to *Do Something...* We are called, just as much as the first apostles "to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth," not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Our second reading reminds us of the might and power of God!

God knows us, His children, so well. He knows that we are prone to fear and weakness just as the first apostles were. In the Gospel passage we read that they went to the mountain as the Lord instructed, and they saw Him there just as He promised. "When they saw him, they worshiped, *but they doubted.*"

The Lord was not angered by their doubt.... Instead, He encouraged them with a reminder that "all power in heaven and on earth" had been given to Him. With that, He sent them on their way.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations," He told them and He tells us today. And because He is so loving, He gives us one more powerful, comforting reminder — *"I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

Take a moment today to "look up at the heavens" and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us... given YOU! Then, let's do something!

Let's put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to our amazing God.

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Gospel Meditation:

When I was a kid, my parents took me to the circus, and I was mesmerized by the acrobats. I recall one show in which the trapeze artists would swoop down just above the ground and then launch up into the air, flinging their bodies seemingly to the top of the tent, all at dizzying speeds. It wasn't just their height but their dangerous proximity to the ground that thrilled me.

Perhaps that's a little how St. Mark wants us to feel as he describes the Ascension of Jesus. He tells us that Jesus "sat down at table with them" and then, just a few lines later, "he ascended into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." He dies, he rises! He sits down, he ascends! What do these divine acrobatics teach us?

The depth and height on display are a show of his love for us. When Jesus "sat down" he "upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness of heart." He dangerously swoops down into our lowly place of fragmentation, disbelief, and death. When he ascends, he confirms their preaching with signs of powerful healing. The height of heaven is the place from which God brings wholeness, faith, and life. The point is the Ascension of Jesus is not about his departure. It is about the feat by which he unites the heavens and the earth, the highest and the lowest.

We are meant to relive this spiritually dizzying experience in every Mass, when Jesus sits down with us at his Eucharistic table and then offers himself up to the Father with and for us.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls: welcome to the great tent of the Church!

Feast your eyes on the divine and human acrobat whose saving feat is the great thrill of our lives.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era niño, mis padres me llevaban al circo y me fascinaban los acróbatas. Recuerdo un espectáculo en el que los trapezistas se abalanzaban sobre el suelo y luego se lanzaban por los aires, lanzando sus cuerpos aparentemente a la parte superior de la carpa, todo a velocidades vertiginosas. No era solo su altura, sino su peligrosa proximidad al suelo lo que me emocionaba.

Tal vez así es un poco como San Marcos quiere que nos sintamos cuando describe la Ascensión de Jesús.

Nos dice que Jesús "se sentó a la mesa con ellos" y luego, unas líneas más adelante, "subió al cielo y se sentó a la diestra de Dios". ¡Muere, resucita! ¡Se sienta, asciende! ¿Qué nos enseñan estas acrobacias divinas?

La profundidad y la altura que se exhiben son una muestra de su amor por nosotros. Cuando Jesús "se sentó", "los reprendió por su falta de fe y terquedad de corazón". Se precipita peligrosamente hacia nuestro humilde lugar de fragmentación, incredulidad y muerte. Cuando asciende, confirma su predicación con signos de poderosa curación.

La altura del cielo es el lugar desde el cual Dios trae plenitud, fe y vida. El punto es que la Ascensión de Jesús no se trata de su partida. Se trata de la hazaña por la cual une los cielos y la tierra, lo más alto y lo más bajo.

Estamos destinados a revivir esta experiencia espiritualmente vertiginosa en cada Misa, cuando Jesús se sienta con nosotros en su mesa eucarística y luego se ofrece al Padre con y por nosotros.

Señoras y señores, muchachos y muchachas: ¡bienvenidos a la gran carpa de la Iglesia!

Deleita tus ojos con el acróbata divino y humano cuya hazaña salvadora es la gran emoción de nuestras vidas.

— Father John Muir



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**Weekly Adoration**

With the completion of our "Wall-Renovation" project, our Weekly / Friday Adoration schedule is back in place.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Fridays after the morning Mass and will be reposed at 5 pm - with the following exceptions:

Friday, May 24th - (School Graduation) and
Friday, May 31st - (School Awards Ceremony)
(when adoration will begin at 11 am)

Come! Spend some Quality 1-on-1 time with Our Lord!

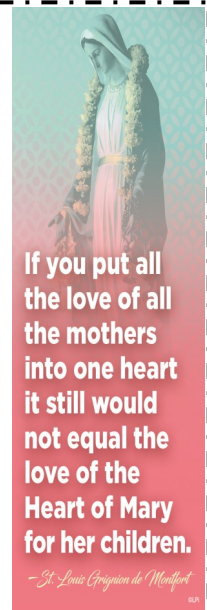


Happy Mother's Day

A special prayer for all mothers...
 living and deceased!
 Thanks for all that you do... all that you did... for us!
 Without you and your tender touch...
 who knows where we would be today.
 You and our Blessed Mother have much in common...
May God Bless you always!

Feliz Día de la Madre

Una oración especial por todas las madres... ¡
 vivas y fallecidas!
 ¡Gracias por todo lo que haces... todo lo que hiciste... por nosotros!
 Sin ti y tu tierna caricia...
 quién sabe dónde estaríamos hoy.
 Usted y nuestra Santísima Madre tienen mucho en común...
¡Que dios te bendiga siempre!



If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children.

- St. Louis Brugnon de Montfort



VEN, SÍGUEME

ATTENTION

St. Thomas More Parents

Last week we appealed to our youth directly but...
 they don't usually get or read a bulletin.
 So this week,
 I thought I'd reach out to the Parents!

Parents:
 If you have a child (children) in the 4th Grade or
 above... that have made their
First Holy Communion...

We need your help!
We need Altar Servers at all Masses
(English and Spanish).

So, whether your child attends
 STM School,
 our Faith-Formation Classes, or
 simply attends Mass here...

I invite them to join us on the altar.

Talk to your child(ren)
 to see if they would like to:
Serve God... by serving His people.
Call the Parish Office with your Contact Info
(name and phone number)

We will contact you for training, etc.

Thank you and... God Bless-

Adoración Semanal

Con la finalización de nuestro
 Proyecto de "Renovación de las paredes",
 nuestro horario de Adoración Semanal los Viernes
 está de vuelta en su lugar.

El Santísimo estará expuesto los viernes
 después de la misa de la mañana (9 am) y
 descansará a las 5 pm, con las siguientes excepciones:

- Viernes, 24 de mayo** - *(Graduación de la escuela) y*
- Viernes, 31 de mayo** - *(Ceremonia de Premiación Escolar)*
(cuando la adoración comenzará a las 11 am)

Nota: Nuestra Adoración Semanal
 (viernes de 9am a 5 pm) no debe confundirse
 con la Hora Santa, que se celebra
 el primer viernes de cada mes a las 7 pm.

¡Venga!
¡Pase tiempo de calidad uno a uno con Nuestro Señor!

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day
Monday, May 13, 2024
 6:00 pm KC 3 Degree Mtg - *Carolan Hall*
 6:00 pm CDA Board Meeting - *Rectory Meeting Room*
 6:15 pm *** NOTE: *Guadalupano Rosary Moved from Sun, May 12 ****
 Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
 6:00 pm CDA Spiritual Retreat Prep - *Rectory Meeting Room*
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*
 School Athletic Banquet - *Carolan Hall*
Thursday, May 16, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
Friday, May 17, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm KC BBQ Plate Sale Prep - *Carolan Hall*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - *Carolan Hall*
 *** Holy Land Crafts Sale - All Weekend Masses ***
Saturday, May 18, 2024
 2:00 pm First Holy Communion Mass / Spanish - *Church*
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia- *Rectory Mtg Rm*
Sunday, May 19, 2024 - Pentecost
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - *Church / Carolan Hall*
 11:00 am KC BBQ Plate Sale - *Carolan Hall*

Lecturas de la Semana del 13 - 19 mayo

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 67:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
 Martes: Hch 1:15-17,20-26; Sal 112:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 67:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19
 Jueves: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Viernes: Hch 25:13-21; Sal 102:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19
 Sábado: Hch 28:16-20,30-31; Sal 10:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25
 Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 103:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
 Domingo: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 103:1,24,29-31,34; 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Readings for the week of May 13 - 19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68: 29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Ps 11:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 104:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34; 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

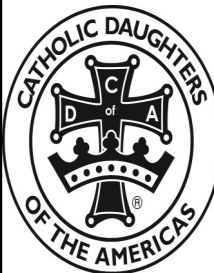
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degreek Assembly 2748
 †Anna Maria Castillo by Monica Castillo
Sunday, May 12, 2024
 8:00 am †Diana Ramirez by Family
 †Carmen Chapa Mata by Elda T. Garcia
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
 10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & †Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Family
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
Monday, May 13, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimms
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 8:00 am †Maria Reyes Lemus by Maria T. Sweet
 †Anna Maria Castillo by Monica Castillo
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
 8:00 am †Mona Anderson & Frances Dugosh by Rosa Saldiva
Thursday, May 16, 2024
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**
Friday, May 17, 2024
 8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
Saturday, May 18, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Alfredo Sanchez by 4th Degree Assembly 2748
 †Rebecca Perez by Richard & Dorothy Perez
Sunday, May 19, 2024
 8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 †David Aguillon by Family
 10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
 †Michael McDonald by the Trimms
 12:00 pm †Alicia Cisneros by Husband & Daughters



Sanctuary Light Intention:

Adriana Lemus



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More Information to Follow

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 18, 2023
 5:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, R.Alvarado, T.Sweet, M.Fisher, T.Guerrero
Lector - M.Fisher
Sunday, May 19, 2023
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia, M.Nguyen, W+M.Torres
Lector - M.Torres
 10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, P+R.Mendoza, J+And.Perez, Abi.Perez, Ali.Perez
Lector - Ali.Perez
 12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, M.Pina, F.Hernandez, E.Obregon, D+F.Malacara
Lector - I.Hernandez / E.Licon



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on behalf of
The Family

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3rd Sunday of the month after the
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