

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
10th Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 9, 2024

For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.
-Mark 3:35

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 through Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (STM 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)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
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**"The parish does not ask for favors either
 by email or text to parishioners asking to
 purchase gift cards of any sort."**

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. (English)

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

Our school offers excellent Academic opportunities for children
 beginning at 18 months up to 8th grade. Tuition assistance
 programs are available for families that qualify. For more
 information please call 210-655-2882 or
 visit our website: www.St-Thomas-More-School.org

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CONTACT US

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.

Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.

Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.

A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

June is dedicated by Holy Mother Church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We pray our Rosary this Month for the Intercession of

The Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord...

that our nation may find Him and Heed His call.

You are invited to join us as we pray:

The Holy Rosary

at the Grotto Outside the Rectory Office

Saturday, June 15, 2024 @ Noon

(if inclement weather we will move into the Church)

Want More Information?

Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 2, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,376.84
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 289.12
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 10.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 25.00
Fathers Day.....	\$ 457.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 180.00
Priest's Pension Fund.....	\$ 441.89
Donations.....	\$ 1,010.00

Second Collection June 15 - 16:

No 2nd Collection Next Week



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS of AMERICA
RETREAT



Saturday, June 15, 2024
8 am to 12 PM

Spend a...

MORNING WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Guest Speaker: Melba Fisher

The Retreat begins with Mass @ 8 am
followed by the presentation in Carolan Hall

All are welcome

(This is a Free Event)

Hope to see you there!!



Gospel Meditation:

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: "How can satan cast out satan?" To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? satan is precisely how we cast out satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out satan by satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out satan by satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Jesús nos hace una pregunta sorprendente esta semana: "¿Cómo puede satanás expulsar a satanás?" Entrar en esta cuestión abre la dinámica, a menudo oculta, de lo que Jesús ha hecho y está haciendo constantemente. Si somos honestos, nuestra respuesta hasta cierto punto es: "¿De qué otra manera podemos echarlo fuera? ¡Satanás es precisamente la forma en que expulsamos a satanás!" Pero Jesús quiere que veamos que esto finalmente no funciona. Esto es lo que quiero decir.

satanás nombra el mecanismo demoníaco por el cual rendimos plenitud a través de la acusación. Cuando nos enfrentamos a una amenaza, buscamos algo que nos proteja (por ejemplo, más dinero, estatus social, seguridad, poder, etc.). Es inevitable que surjan rivales por estas cosas y también las tensiones. La acusación se presenta. "Nunca tendré éxito a menos que me adelante a ese tipo". "Ella ya está tratando de adelantarse a mí". "Ese grupo de inmigrantes está tratando de quitarnos nuestros trabajos". Y así sucesivamente. La acusación se convierte en una amenaza que induce al miedo: las cosas se romperán, ¡no, ya lo están! ¡Apurarse! Infligimos violencia a la víctima y, como por arte de magia, se produce la paz. Por un tiempo. Pronto se requieren nuevas acusaciones para mantener a raya el nuevo caos, hasta que no quede ninguna comunidad. Esta es, en pocas palabras, la triste historia de la humanidad.

La cruz y resurrección de Jesús desenmascara este sistema roto de "echar fuera a satanás por satanás" y marca el comienzo de uno nuevo que él llama "el Reino de Dios". Revela que la dinámica de la acusación no es nada comparada con su poder de misericordia y amor divinos. La cruz (y no satanás) es el verdadero poder para derribar las fortalezas del pecado y expulsar a satanás. Es por eso que se describe a sí mismo como el "hombre más fuerte que ata al hombre fuerte para saquear su casa". Esta semana notemos las formas en que "echamos fuera a satanás por satanás", y luego nos negamos a hacerlo más. Porque a la larga, esa casa dividida no puede sostenerse.

— Father John Muir

STM Parish Anniversary

We are turning 60 years old!
We are looking for some party planners to help organize our anniversary party,

October 20, 2024

Please contact Becki Lacayo
at becki.lacayo@gmail.com
to help or for more information.

**Save the Date**
Senior Prom

September 15, 2024

Luncheon and Dance

To celebrate and appreciate
our parishioners
(65+ yrs)



More details to come.

Aniversario de la Parroquia STM

¡Cumplimos 60 años!

Estamos buscando
algunos organizadores de fiestas
para ayudar a organizar nuestro
fiesta de aniversario,

el 20 de octubre de 2024

Póngase en contacto con Becki Lacayo
en becki.lacayo@gmail.com
para obtener más información.





The argument came up the other day... Who are "Better Catholics?"

Cradle-Catholics? Or Converts?

A *Cradle-Catholic* is someone who is Catholic because Mom & Dad are Catholic... Mom & Dad are Catholic because Grandma and Grandpa are Catholic... and so-on and so-forth. Being a Cradle-Catholic is not a bad thing... it's a good thing... I'm a Cradle-Catholic myself... A Convert is someone coming from another Faith (*Christian or Non*) or professing **NO** faith at all. So... What do you think? Cradle-Catholic? Or Convert?

I'm going to go out on a limb here and say... **Neither!** Both can be just as knowledgeable, just as devout, etc. The difference is simple... Many Cradle-Catholics, since they have been such for their whole life, take a lot for granted. Their religious training, for the most part, was geared towards their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation and they never went beyond that point.

Many of us have the faith of a 10 or 12 year old (*no offense... that's not necessarily a bad thing*).

Converts, on the other hand, usually come into the Faith as adults and have already done some research into Catholicism. They approach the faith with an open mind, ask questions, and seek answers.

So, while neither Cradle-Catholic or Converts intrinsically make a "Better Catholic," I guess the main difference between them is simply that a Convert is more knowledgeable. Which brings me to my next point...

Where do these Converts get their questions answered? How can we, as Cradle-Catholics, do the same?

The answer is simple... Repeat after me... **RCIA** - the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults!*

The RCIA is open to all... I would like to invite YOU to join us...

We will meet on Thursday evenings, beginning Sept 5th. Any / All questions are welcome. God Bless- DT

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INVITES WOMEN of ALL FAITH JOURNEYS



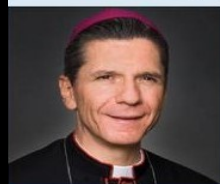
Catholic Women's CONFERENCE "Come to Me"

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8am-4:30pm, Doors Open 7am

San Antonio Norris Conference Ctr., or Virtual

Archbishop
**Gustavo
Garcia-Siller** MSpS



National
Eucharistic Preacher
Fr. Tim Anastos



Conference Founder
& Evangelist
Mary Jane Fox



Daughter by Design
Author **Dr. Mary
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Dr. Carron Silva



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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday,	June 9, 2024
Monday,	June 10, 2024
6:00 pm	KC 3rd Degree Council Mtg - <i>Carolán Hall</i>
Tuesday,	June 11, 2024
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - <i>Cancelled 'till September 3rd</i>
6:00 pm	CDA Induction Ceremony - <i>Carolán Hall</i>
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - <i>Church</i>
Wednesday,	June 12, 2024
6:15 am	Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - <i>Church</i>
7:00 pm	Guadalupanos Choir Practice - <i>Cancelled</i>
	Pastoral Council Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
Thursday,	June 13, 2024
4:00 pm	VBS Prep - <i>Carolán Hall</i>
6:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Grp - <i>Church</i>
	CDA Board Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
Friday,	June 14, 2024
9:00 am	Friday Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	CDA Flag Retirement - <i>Postponed (new date TBA)</i>
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
Saturday,	June 15, 2024
8:00 am	CDA Spiritual Retreat - <i>Church / Carolán Hall</i>
12:00 pm	Public Square Rosary - <i>Grotto or Church</i>
3:30 pm	Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - <i>RMR</i>
Sunday,	June 16, 2024 - Father's Day
8:00 am	Guadalupanos Mass/Meeting - <i>Church/Carolán Hall</i>
11:00 am	VBS Prep - <i>Carolán Hall</i>

Mass Intentions

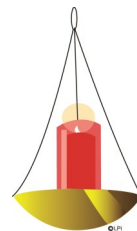
Saturday,	June 8, 2024	
8:00 am	<i>A Special Intention for Olga Weich</i>	
5:00 pm	†Deceased Members of the Stensland Family	
Sunday,	June 9, 2024	
8:00 am	†Catherine Bormann	
10:00 am	†Steven Lee Waldron	by Mom
	†Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno	by Briseno / Morales Family
12:00 pm	†Kathryn Marie Sweet	by Maria T. Sweet
	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased	
Monday,	June 10, 2024	
8:00 am	†Father Charles Pugh	by Joe & Annabell Garza
Tuesday,	June 11, 2024	
8:00 am	†Juana Cruz Mireles	by Family
Wednesday,	June 12, 2024	
8:00 am	†Douglas Rabel	by Virginia Rabel
Thursday,	June 13, 2024	
8:00 am	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>	by Kim Nguyen
	All Ordained Clergy and Religious	
Friday,	June 14, 2024	
8:00 am	†Ruben Villa	by Family
Saturday,	June 15, 2024	
8:00 am	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased	
	Birthday - Suzanne Castaneda	by Virginia Rabel
5:00 pm	Health of Deacon Rolando	
Sunday,	June 16, 2024	
8:00 am	†Felipe Gonzales, Jr.	by Nora, Loraine, & Mateo
	†Ralph W. Garcia	by Elda T. Garcia
10:00 am	†Michael McDonald	by the Trimmis
	†Ignacio Perez & Yolanda Faz	by Jesse Perez & Family
12:00 pm	†Santiago Pina	
	†Joe Cantu & Jorge Ortega	by Laura Armijo & Family

Lecturas de la Semana del 10 - 16 Junio

Lunes:	1Re 17:1-6; Sal 120:1-8; Mt 5:1-12
Martes:	Hch 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Sal 97:1-6; Mt 5:13-16
Miércoles:	1Re 18:20-39; Sal 15:1-2,4,5,8,11; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves:	1Re 18:41-46; Sal 64:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Viernes:	1Re 19:9,11-16; Sal 26:7-9,13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Sábado:	1Re 19:19-21; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Domingo:	Ez 17:22-24; Sal 91:2-3,13-16; 2Cor 5:6-10; Mc 4:26-34

Readings for the week of Jun 10 – 16

Monday:	1Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1-2,4,5,8,11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	1Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	1Kgs 19:9a,11-16; Ps 27:7-9,13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	1Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3,13-16; 2Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



Sanctuary Light Intention:

Adriana Lemus

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, June 15, 2024	
5:00 pm	Altar Servers - Volunteers
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.Garza, E.Guerrero, C.Lang, M.Fisher
	Lector - M.Fisher
Sunday, June 16, 2024	
8 am	Altar Servers - Volunteers
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, S.Trimm, W+M.Torres
	Lector - M.Torres
10 am	Altar Servers - M.Pereida, A.McCaffery, C.Hartsfield
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, P+R.Mendoza, J+And.Perez, E+M.Cantu
	Lector - Abi.Perez
12 pm	Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, H.Gomez, R.Gomez, R.Borrego, D+F.Malacara
	Lector - N.Obregon / F.Tobar



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 Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
 meet's 2nd Monday of each month
 at 7:00 p.m.
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 Rick Brisseo at 210-834-7017

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Monthly Meeting:
 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 Contact Regent

Vicky Smith at 210-724-4994

In Memory of
 The Leo Oswald &
 The Fred Lansing
 Families

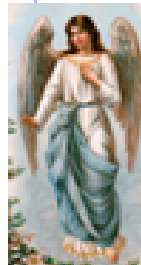


IN LOVING MEMORY
 OF REX A. BRIEN
 &
 MR. & MRS.
 HILDO CASTELON

PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
 PURGATORY



In Loving Memory
 of Joe Canales
 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
 Love Always



In Loving Memory of
 Medardo E. Morales &
 Evangelina G. Morales
 on behalf of
 The Morales &
 Briseño Families

In Memory of
 Christina C. Dominguez
 on behalf of
 The Dominguez Family



In Memory of
 Dr. Steven D. Sprague
 on behalf of
 The Sprague Family



In Loving Memory
 Of
 Florencio Baiza,
 Louise Baiza Garza,
 Robert Garza
 &
 Mr. & Mrs.
 Ruben Rodriguez Sr.



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In Memory
 of
 Jose (Joe) Galvan,
 Joseph (Joe) Galvan
 &
 Billy Sheridan
 on behalf of
 The Family

St. Thomas More Guadalupans Society
 Invite all men & women to our group.
 Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
 The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
WBI Torres at 210.620.3745

Archdiocese of San Antonio
Procedures for Reporting Abuse

If you or someone you know has been a
 victim of sexual abuse by a priest,
 deacon, or other church personnel and
 you wish to file a complaint:

Contact the Office of Victim
 Assistance & Safe Environment at:
 (210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888
 or email: ovase@archsa.org.

You have the right to contact law
 enforcement or CPS at any time.

All calls or emails will be
 responded to within 48 hours.

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 on behalf of
 The Garcia Family
 &
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 of
 Eva M. Quiñones
 On behalf of
 The Quiñones
 Grandchildren