

## Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today! We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship, where we hope you have a loving experience of God. 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 and living 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.

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 3, 2024**



**Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.**

### 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

Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,

Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - 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 9 MONTHS PRIOR TO DESIRED CEREMONY DATE.**

#### 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](http://www.St-Thomas-More-School.org)

#### **HOME OF THE KNIGHTS**

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

**PASTOR - REV. ED GONZALES** .....

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4411 Moana Drive

San Antonio, Texas 78218

#### 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

210.655.5070 (Office)

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**Gospel Meditation:**

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Los estadounidenses han estado fascinados con los debates públicos durante mucho tiempo. Los granjeros se pararon en los campos fangosos durante horas para escuchar a Lincoln y Douglas disputarse entre sí en el período previo a la presidencia de 1860. El debate televisado entre Kennedy y Nixon en 1960 fascinó a la nación. En estos días, los canales de noticias por cable y las redes sociales analizan cada palabra pronunciada por los candidatos. Todavía nos encanta ver disputas públicas y racionales al servicio de nuestra nación.

En su día, Jesús también captó la atención como polemista público. Marcos nos dice: "Y se acercó uno de los escribas, y oyéndoles discutir unos a otros, y viendo que él les respondía bien, le preguntó: '¿Cuál mandamiento es el primero de todos?' " La respuesta breve pero abarcadora de Jesús es el doble mandamiento de amar a Dios y al prójimo. Nótese que incluye la importancia de amar a Dios con "toda tu mente". Amar a Dios no es simplemente una cuestión de afecto, lealtad, buenas obras y dedicación religiosa. Exige un compromiso intelectual honesto e intenso, al igual que un polemista consumado.

¿Cómo lo hacemos en la práctica? Una forma sencilla es aceptarnos a nosotros mismos como aprendices de por vida. Reservar tiempo para la lectura, los estudios de libros, las clases en línea y, quizás lo más difícil, entablar una conversación abierta, honesta y curiosa con aquellos que piensan de manera diferente a nosotros. Todas estas son excelentes maneras de amar a Dios con nuestras mentes. Nuestro país y nuestra Iglesia dependen en gran medida de las almas que aman a Dios de esta manera con sus mentes. Comprometámonos a amar a Dios con toda nuestra mente en la búsqueda incansable de la verdad.

— Father John Muir

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**October 27, 2024**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,532.54
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 85.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 45.00
School.....	\$ 1,063.78
All Souls Day.....	\$ 160.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 10.00
Donations.....	\$ 205.00
Bazaar.....	\$ 35.00

**Second Collection Nov 9 - 10:  
Facilities Improvement Fund**



**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*



Thank you

To all who attended our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you to Fr. Ed, the parish and school staff for their support.

Thank you to Joe Tobar and El Coro Alegria for the beautiful music at the mass.

Thank you to the reception committee: Irma Sanchez, Dina Zamarripa, Nina Lawson, Nancy Rodriguez, Loraine Adams, Esther Nunez and Kim Gutierrez for their help in the whole process.

Thank you to the clean up crew: Rick Briesno, Noah & Lucy Carrizales, David Bernal, Deacon Rolando & Marta Guerra, anyone else who stepped up and several Confirmation students.

This was a great start to our 60th anniversary celebration. Many other events to follow. *St. Thomas More, pray for us.*

Thanks,

*Becki Lacayo*

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED

St. Thomas More Church and School's

# 60th Anniversary

# DENIM DIAMONDS

Gala

An evening of celebration  
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SATURDAY | 25TH JANUARY | 6:00 PM - 11:00PM

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**NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

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I LOVE GOD, BUT I HATE THE GUY NEXT DOOR.

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IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, FATHER!

IT IS A NICE BUILDING...

BUT WHAT REALLY MAKES IT BEAUTIFUL IS THE PARISHIONERS!

SMOKE WEEDS! GET UP! AND!

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

You are invited to join us as we pray the *Holy Rosary* for:

1st Responders, Law Enforcement, and Our Military

at the Grotto outside the Rectory Office  
(inclement weather - we will move into the Church)  
Saturday, November 9, 2024 @ Noon

Need More Information?  
Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794



## A message from the Holy Souls Sodality in Stockbridge, MASS

During the month of November,  
We honor and give thanks for those who have come before us.  
We offer reparations and suffrages to make up for the sins of those who are in Purgatory... We especially taking advantage of the Mass on All Souls Day to pray for the dearly departed.

**Additionally...** we may assist those in Purgatory with the following:

**A Plenary Indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who:

On any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, *if only mentally*, for the departed;

On All Souls' Day (*or, according to the judgement of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints*), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

**A Partial Indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

Devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;

Devoutly recite lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer Requiem Aeternam (*Eternal Rest*) (*Manual of Indulgences, 29, pg 99*).



### VOTE

Just a reminder... Elections are this week!  
I see by the little "I Voted" stickers many of you have already voted.  
Great... your country / state / city / community thank you.

If you have not yet cast your ballot... this is the time! This is your privilege!

Some people say...

**"God is in charge, He has already decided who will win"** so don't feel the need to vote.

While that is a true statement, He IS in charge... but... He does it through us!

Your ballot is important to God's work. Your ballot may be the deciding vote.

We cannot... will not... endorse any candidate for any office.

**BUT...** We must do our **"due-diligence"**... we can't simply vote a **Party Line**.

There are good people / candidates on both side of the Party Line.

It is up to us to research each and select the person most in line with our values.

The candidate we feel will do the best job.

With some offices, there doesn't seem to be what we may consider a **'qualified / good'** candidate!  
In a case like that, we must decide in our heart which candidate is most in tune with our needs...  
unfortunately, the candidate we think will do the least harm to our values.

*Good luck... Will see you on Wednesday, November 6th.*



### VOTAR

Solo un recordatorio... ¡Las elecciones son esta semana!  
Veo por las pequeñas calcomanías de "Yo voté" que muchos de ustedes ya han votado.  
Bien... Su país / estado / ciudad / comunidad le da las gracias.

Si aún no has emitido tu voto... ¡Este es el momento! ¡Este es su privilegio! Algunas personas dicen...

**"Dios está a cargo, ya ha decidido quién ganará"**, así que no sientas la necesidad de votar.

Si bien esa es una declaración verdadera, Él **ESTÁ** a cargo... pero... ¡Él lo hace a través de nosotros!

Su voto es importante para la obra de Dios. Su boleta puede ser el voto decisivo.

No podemos... ni lo haríamos ... respaldar a cualquier candidato para cualquier cargo.  
**PERO...** Debemos hacer nuestra **"diligencia debida"**... no podemos simplemente votar a favor de toda una **línea partidista**.

Hay buenas personas/candidatos en ambos lados de la línea del partido.

Depende de nosotros investigar cada uno y seleccionar a la persona que más se ajuste a nuestros valores.

El candidato que creemos que hará el mejor trabajo.

¡Con algunas oficinas, no parece haber lo que podríamos considerar un candidato **'calificado'**!  
En un caso así, debemos decidir en nuestro corazón qué candidato está más en sintonía con nuestras necesidades.  
Desafortunadamente, el candidato que creemos que hará el menor daño a nuestros valores.

*Buena suerte... Nos vemos el miércoles 6 de noviembre.*





**This Week at Our Parish**

\*\*\* **Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back** \*\*\*

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
10:00 am KC Mass - Church

**Monday, November 4, 2024**  
5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Election Day**  
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, November 6, 2024**  
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officer Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**  
8:00 am School Thanksgiving Luncheon - Carolan Hall  
5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Cancelled  
6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church  
7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

**Friday, November 8, 2024**  
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church  
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall  
7:00 pm La Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**  
1:00 pm Turkey Bingo - Carolan Hall  
12:00 pm Public Square Rosary - Rectory Grotto or Church

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
8:30 am KC Breakfast / Guadalupano Bake Sale- Carolan Hall  
4:00 pm CDA Flag Retirement Ceremony - School Parking Lot

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024 - All Souls Day - NOT a HDO**  
5:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
†Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

**Sunday, November 3, 2024**  
8:00 am †Ann Biemer by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales  
By Morales / Briseno Family  
†Juan Arredondo by Martha Arredondo & Family  
12:00 pm †El Matrimonio Cisneros Zavala & Jesus Cisneros Cisneros,  
†Rafael Soria Anguiano & Pedro Cisneros Zavala  
By The Guadalupanos

**Monday, November 4, 2024 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
†Baldemar Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - Election Day**  
8:00 am †Benito John Hernandez

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**  
8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**  
8:00 am †Edward Richter by Daughter  
**All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, November 8, 2024**  
8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Fabian Biemer & Family

**Saturday, November 9, 2024 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
8:00 am †Antonio Gallegos by Jardon / Quevedo Families  
5:00 pm †Joseph John Weich by Olga Weich & Family  
†Antonio Gaytan by Isela Cisneros

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**  
10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno  
by Morales / Briseno Family  
by Edward Ramirez  
12:00 pm †Adelfa Ramirez by Amalia Ortiz  
†Jesus Manuel & Juan Manuel Ortiz by Maria T. Sweet  
†Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

**Holy Hour**

Thursday - Nov 7  
at 6 pm



**La Hora Santa**

Viernes - 8 Nov  
@ 7 pm

Hope to see you there.

Espero verte allí.

**Lecturas de la Semana del 4 - 10 Nov**

**Lunes:** Flp 2:1-4; Sal 130:1-3; Lc 14:12-14  
**Martes:** Flp 2:5-11; Sal 21:26-32; ; Lc 14:15-24  
**Miércoles:** Flp 2:12-18; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Lc 14:25-33  
**Jueves:** Flp 3:3-8; Sal 104:2-7; Lc 15:1-10  
**Viernes:** Flp 3:17-4:1; Sal 121:1-5; Lc 16:1-8  
**Sábado:** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Sal 45:2-3,5-6,8-9;  
1Cor 3:9-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
**Domingo:** 1Re 17:10-16; Sal 145:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;  
Mc 12:38-44

**Readings for the week of Nov 4 - 10**

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32; ; Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1,4,13-14;  
Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9;  
1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
**Sunday:** 1Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10;  
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

**Michael McDonald**



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**  
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, L.Adams,  
R.Alvarado, C.Lang  
**Lector** - M.Fisher

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda,  
Y.Cione, R.Davila  
**Lector** - S.Castaneda

10 am **Altar Servers** - B.Pereida, C.Lawson, A.Mata  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, Abi.Perez, D.Bernal,  
S.Trimm, M.Briseno, E+M.Cantu  
**Lector** - S.Trimm

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, A.Llanas  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Jim, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,  
H.Gomez, I.Hernandez, A.Garza, C.Martinez  
**Lector** - A.Chavez / I.Hernandez



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

Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

In Memory of  
 The Leo Oswald &  
 The Fred Lansing  
 Families



IN LOVING MEMORY  
 OF REX A. BRIEN  
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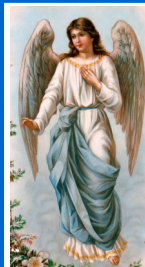
**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST  
 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN  
 PURGATORY**



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



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



In Loving Memory of  
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 Evangelina G. Morales

on behalf of  
 The Morales &  
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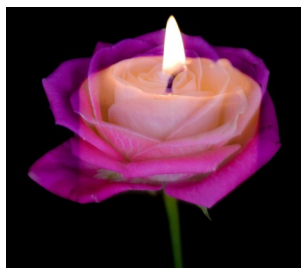
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In Memory  
 of  
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 Joseph (Jge) Galvan  
 &  
 Billy Sheridan

on behalf of

**St. Thomas More Guadalupanos 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  
**Will Torres at 210.620.2745**

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If you or someone you know has been a  
 victim of sexual abuse by a priest,  
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