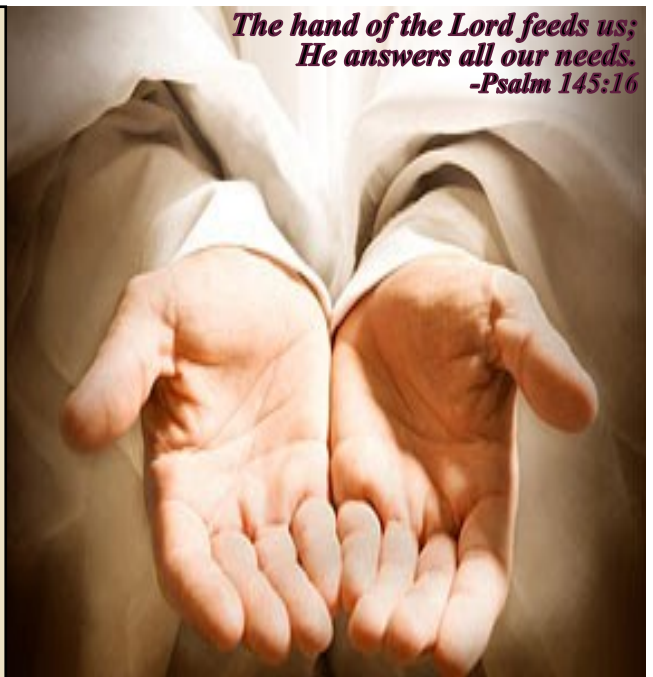


**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
**17th Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**July 28, 2024**

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
 He answers all our needs.  
 -Psalm 145:16*



**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  
 Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,  
 Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FIN ANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator  
 RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen & Rita Davis

**"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.

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

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

CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office)

EMAIL :

STMPARISH@LIVE.COM

WEBSITE:

THOMASMORESATX.ORG

## 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*

### JUST A REMINDER

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

This is a *Holy Day of Obligation* and, as such, we (the faithful) are 'obligated' to participate at Mass that day.

We will celebrate a Vigil Mass  
Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
and

Masses on the day-of (Thurs, the 15th) at  
8 am (English) and 6:30 pm (Spanish)

### Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "End-of-Life Moral Issues" by Thomas A. Shannon, PhD

When we face difficult decisions at the end of life, we should consider what the intervention does to the patient and for the patient. Modern medicine, as good as it is, cannot cure everything. We must also remember that we are finite beings; we do not live forever. Moving from attempting to cure to providing comfort care is a difficult decision, but it may be one of the most significant gifts we can give to a loved one because it will make the final days more peaceful by helping to relieve his or her suffering and providing the comfort of companionship. †

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### YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 21, 2024

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,398.23
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 277.10
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 50.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 744.81
STM School.....	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 85.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 180.00

*Second Collection August 3 - 4:  
Facilities Improvement Fund*



### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Faith? -or-  
Are you a Baptized Catholic and interested in completing your Sacraments of Initiation - (Eucharist and / or Confirmation)? -or-

Are you Catholic (or Protestant, Buddhist, or Atheist etc.)? And, just want to know more about Our Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning September 5th at 7 pm (mark your calendar)

*All you need to bring... is yourself!*

Our meetings are v-e-r-y 'laid back,'  
there is no pressure  
We just learn and enjoy!

*Hope to see you there! - DT*

## Gospel Meditation:

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs."

**Does he?** What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John.

Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey.

What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— *Father John Muir*

## Meditación del Evangelio:

El mundo está lleno de personas cuyas necesidades básicas no están satisfechas, ya sea agua potable, nutrición, seguridad, educación, trabajo significativo, vida familiar estable, recursos médicos básicos, libertad religiosa y derecho a la vida. Entonces, ¿cómo podemos creer lo que el Salmo 145 nos dice esta semana: "La mano del Señor nos alimenta, él responde a todas nuestras necesidades"? ¿Lo hace? ¿Qué pasa con los innumerables pobres?

¿No podemos identificar al menos algunas necesidades insatisfechas en nuestras propias vidas en este momento?

¿Está la Biblia promoviendo la ilusión y la pereza para ayudar a los demás?

No. El salmo fluye de la experiencia de Israel de la fidelidad implacable de Dios una y otra vez, especialmente en la Pascua de Egipto. Esta divina providencia es recordada cuando Jesús alimenta a las multitudes necesitadas en el Evangelio de Juan. La Pascua llega una vez más, y el pueblo está hambriento como los antiguos israelitas en el viaje por el desierto. Lo que es nuevo es que en Jesús Dios no solo provee para sus necesidades, sino que aprende lo que es tener esas necesidades humanas. Él también los comparte. Les da de comer pan y pescado; y aún más, Él tiene hambre de proveerles, y a nosotros, mucho más que ese tipo de alimento percedero.

Nuestra necesidad más profunda es Dios. Al igual que el pan multiplicado, todas las provisiones terrenales finalmente fallan, porque finalmente todos morimos. Por supuesto, nuestra obligación de satisfacer las necesidades de los pobres es básica. Pero Cristo promete alimentarnos con el único pan que nunca falla: Dios mismo. Él es el alimento eterno de la humanidad. Si comemos este pan, probamos la fidelidad de Dios que responde a todas nuestras necesidades, incluso cuando todo lo terrenal falla.

— *Father John Muir*



Please Join Us for  
**In the Beginning...  
Coping with Life Alone**  
Presented by  
**Beginning Experience of San Antonio**

In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone is a one-day introductory program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. The program helps the participants begin to deal with the loss and focus on what lies ahead. It is a day of support for those who are seeking hope and healing. While it is intended to assist those newly grieving, all are welcome to attend.

**When**  
Saturday, August 10, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Where**  
Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine and Retreat Center  
138 Beethoven St., San Antonio, TX 78210

**Cost**  
\$40 (includes activity supplies)  
Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided.

**Contact**  
Barbara (210)724-9269 (If no answer, please leave a message)

Additional Programs Offered  
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*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13*



**FIND HELP.  
FORGIVENESS.  
HEALING.  
HOPE.**



**WHO WE ARE**  
Women who seek closure, help healing, and God's mercy after abortion

**WHAT WE ARE**  
A half day retreat in a private location

**WHEN IT IS**  
8/17/24, Saturday  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**WHY DO IT**  
To become aware of and receive the loving mercy of God after abortion, at no cost to attend this retreat.  
We will also make reconciliation available to those in need.

Contact us ☎ (210) 377-1133





**Registration for our Religious Education Classes Begins Soon!!**

Registration begins on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through August 30, 2024 in the parish office, Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

- English – September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Spanish – September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation – September 22<sup>nd</sup>

For more information, required documentation, or general questions, please contact Martha Guerra, DRE, at the parish office at (210) 655-5070

Note: Masks in the classroom will be optional

**¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa comienza pronto!**

La inscripción comienza el 1 de agosto y continuará hasta el 30 de agosto de 2024 en la oficina parroquial, de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

- Inglés – 8<sup>de</sup> septiembre
- Español – 14<sup>de</sup> septiembre
- Confirmación – 22<sup>de</sup> septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida, o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a Martha Guerra, DRE, en la oficina parroquial al (210) 655-5070

Nota: Las máscaras faciales en el salón serán opcionales.



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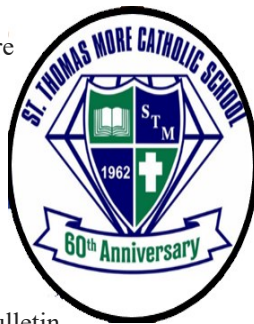
We have scholarships and financial aid available too.

Call the school or stop in, see the bulletin for the website and phone number or just Google us! We look forward to showing off our school and welcoming your child.

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*Scholarships are still available up to \$1500 off tuition.*

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Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Invites al the people of God to this momentous Jubilee!

¡El Arzobispo Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, Invita a todo el pueblo de Dios a este importante Jubileo!

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SATURDAY, OCT. 26, 2024 | 8 A.M.-3 P.M. | ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
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**This Week at Our Parish**

\*\*\* **KC BBQ Plate Sales - After All Masses This Weekend** \*\*\*  
**Sunday, July 28, 2024**  
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*  
 12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico Pulpit Talk and Registration - *Church and Outside*

**Monday, July 29, 2024**  
 6:30 pm KC 3rd Degree Officer Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled 'till September 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**  
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*

**Friday, August 2, 2024**  
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church (ends @ Noon today)*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Hora Santa - *Church*

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**  
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Steven Lee Waldron*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 29 Julio - 4 Aug**

**Lunes:** Jr 13:1-11; Sal 31:18-21; Jn 11:19-27 o Lc 10:38-42  
**Martes:** Jr 14:17-22; Sal 78:8,9,11,13; Mt 13:36-43  
**Miércoles:** Jr 15:10,16-21; Sal 58:2-4,10-11,17,18; Mt 13:44-46  
**Jueves:** Jr 18:1-6; Sal 145:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
**Viernes:** Jr 26:1-9; Sal 68:5,8-10,14; Mt 13:54-58  
**Sábado:** Jr 26:11-16,24; Sal 68:15-16,30-31,33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
**Domingo:** Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Sal 77:3-4,23-25,54; Ef 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Readings for the week of July 29 – Aug 4**

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Ps 32:18-21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8,9,11,13; Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17,18; Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5,8-10,14; Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 27, 2024**  
 8:00 am **All Priests, Deacons, and Consecrated Religious**  
 5:00 pm †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza  
**STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**  
 8:00 am **Health - Deacon Rolando**  
 10:00 am †Lupe Villa by Villa Family  
 †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom  
 †Argentina Welch by Paul Welch and Family

**Monday, July 29, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimm  
 †Herman & Diana Castellon by Joe & Annabell Garza

**Tuesday, July 30, 2024**  
 8:00 am **Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family  
 †Jose Luis Flores, Jr. by Mom and Family

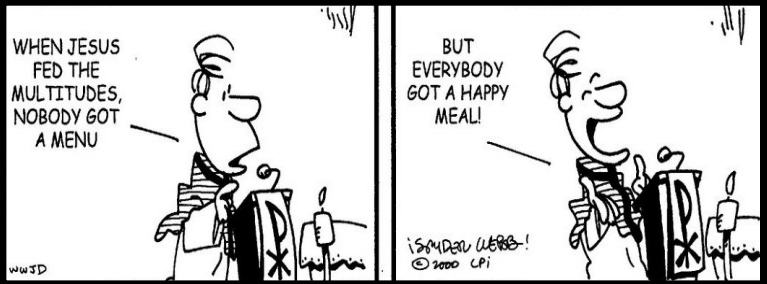
**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**  
 8:00 am **Those Discerning Religious Vocations**

**Thursday, August 1, 2024**  
 8:00 am **In Memory of the STM Parish Founders** by Ramon & Doris Cook  
**All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, August 2, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Jovita Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez  
 †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
 8:00 am †Baldemar Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva  
**STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased**  
 10:00 am †Rudy & Mary Ellen Oswald by Oswald Family  
 †Medardo E Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**Wedding Anniversary - Raymond & Selena Coy**  
 by Carmen Martinez



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**  
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, S.Chapa, M.Fisher, C.Lang, R.Saldiva  
**Lector** - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, R.Davila, P.Klar, E.Garcia  
**Lector** - P.Klar

10 am **Altar Servers** - C.Hartsfield, C.Lawson, A.Hartsfield  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, T.Garza, V.Smith, N.Lawson, Abi.Perez, Ali.Perez, N.Rodriguez  
**Lector** - L.Trimm

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, A.Llanas  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, E.Obregon, M.Pina, A.Chavez, H.Gomez, R.Gomez  
**Lector** - H.Gomez / M.Pina



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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  
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 &  
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**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST  
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In Loving Memory  
 of Joe Canales  
 On behalf of  
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In Memory of  
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 on behalf of  
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In Loving Memory  
 Of  
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**Louise Baiza Garza,**  
**Robert Garza**  
 &  
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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  
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Archdiocese of San Antonio  
Procedures for Reporting Abuse

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

Contact the Office of Victim  
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 (210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888  
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You have the right to contact law  
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 of  
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 on behalf of  
**The Garcia Family**  
 &  
 In Loving Memory  
 of  
**Eva M. Quiñones**  
 On behalf of  
**The Quiñones**  
**Grandchildren**