

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024**

***You are my inheritance,
Oh Lord! Psalm 16:5***

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.

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)

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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. (English)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

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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.

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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.

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Gospel Meditation:

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall.

The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful.

But, second, Christ comes "in the clouds." Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to "gather his elect from the four winds."

He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. "Summer is near," he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy.

But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Recientemente me mudé a un nuevo vecindario. En mi primera noche fui de compras al supermercado y no pude encontrar mi yogur griego favorito habitual. Extrañamente, mi corazón comenzó a acelerarse. Todas las pérdidas de mi vida anterior me golpearon. Muchos de mis viejos amigos, hábitos, comodidades y experiencias predecibles se habían desvanecido. Allí estaba yo, un hombre adulto, llorando como un niño pequeño cuyo mundo se estaba cayendo a pedazos en el pasillo de los lácteos.

Esta semana, Jesús describe qué hacer cuando un mundo se acaba y comienza otro. ¿Se aplica al fin de los tiempos? Sí. ¿Se aplica al final de nuestras vidas individuales? Sí. También se aplica a todos los "mundos" que habitamos a lo largo de nuestras vidas, en la escuela, la familia, las amistades, el trabajo, el juego, etc.

Primero, caen el sol, la luna y las estrellas. Las viejas y familiares formas de administrar las cosas de repente dejan de funcionar. La luz se desvanece. Las cosas se desmoronan. Es horrible. Pero, segundo, Cristo viene "en las nubes". Jesús, el Hijo del Hombre, reemplaza esos antiguos poderes por él mismo como el principal principio gobernante. Tercero, envía a sus ángeles a "recoger a sus escogidos de los cuatro vientos". Reintegra los fragmentos en un nuevo todo integrado. "El verano está cerca", concluye. Un nuevo mundo comienza.

¿Tu mundo se está desmoronando? ¿El sol, la luna y las estrellas caen del cielo? Aprendan a discernir el modelo de la Cruz y la Resurrección que actúa en ella. Este es el poder que tocamos en la Misa, Jesús viene precisamente en esta transición del viejo mundo al nuevo. No hace que nuestras pérdidas sean fáciles.

Pero sí permite vislumbrar el amanecer de un verano, un nuevo comienzo, la vida del mundo que viene.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 10, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,433.89
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 122.73
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,181.84
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 90.00
Donations.....	\$ 4,430.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 300.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 230.00

*Second Collection Nov 23 - 24:
to Support our STM School*



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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

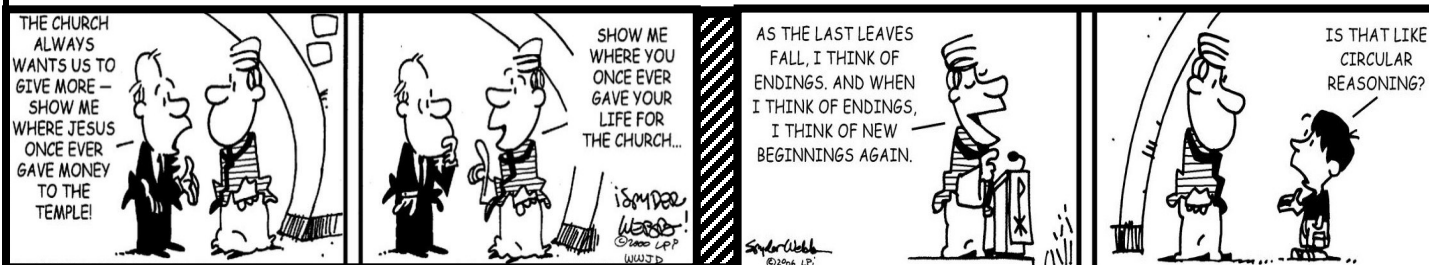
Our stewardship catechesis began in September, exploring our sense of belonging to St. Thomas More Catholic Church and School. Belonging inspires us to register, building a strong connection with our parish. In October, we connected this belonging to active participation, praying that God would reveal the gifts we can share with our parish. Last Sunday, we examined the third aspect of stewardship—tithing

We reflected on the religious significance of tithing through Scripture. The widow who hosted Elijah and the woman who gave her last two cents exemplified trust in God through their giving. Abel's offering of the fatty portion of the firstlings of his flock, the Israelites' offering of their first and best produce to God in Exodus, and the Feast of First Fruits described in Leviticus illustrate that offering our "first" to God sanctifies all that we have, making it a sacred act of gratitude. St. Paul also teaches that Jesus, the "first fruits" of the dead, sanctifies the entire harvest of the resurrection.

The request for increased tithing flows from our gratitude to God and our desire to build His Kingdom here. I am committed to promoting the growth and education our parish offers and to caring for this community, for the glory of God and the sanctification of His people. Increasing our tithing together will help ease the financial challenges we face and allow us to serve more fully. Thank you for considering this call to generosity and trust in God.

Peace

Fr. Ed Gonzales



Del Escritorio del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Nuestra catequesis sobre la mayordomía comenzó en septiembre, explorando nuestro sentido de pertenencia a la Iglesia y Escuela Católica de St. Thomas More. Este sentido de pertenencia nos inspira a registrarnos y a fortalecer nuestra conexión con la parroquia. En octubre, relacionamos este sentido de pertenencia con la participación activa, pidiendo a Dios que nos revele los dones que podemos ofrecer a nuestra parroquia. El domingo pasado, exploramos el tercer aspecto de la mayordomía: el diezmo

Reflexionamos sobre el significado religioso del diezmo a través de la Sagrada Escritura. La viuda que hospedó a Elías y la mujer que dio sus últimos dos centavos ejemplifican la confianza en Dios al dar. La ofrenda de Abel de la porción grasa de los primogénitos de su rebaño, las primicias de los israelitas en el libro del Éxodo, y la Fiesta de las Primicias en el libro de Levítico nos enseñan que ofrecer nuestras "primicias" a Dios santifica todo lo que tenemos, convirtiéndolo en un acto sagrado de gratitud. San Pablo también nos enseña que Jesús, "las primicias" de los muertos, santifica toda la cosecha de la resurrección.

Nuestra solicitud de un aumento en el diezmo surge de nuestra gratitud a Dios y nuestro deseo de construir Su Reino aquí. Me comprometo a promover el crecimiento y la educación que nuestra parroquia ofrece y a cuidar de esta comunidad, "para la gloria de Dios y la santificación de Su pueblo." Al aumentar juntos nuestro diezmo, podremos aliviar las dificultades financieras que enfrentamos y servir de una manera más completa. Les agradezco por considerar este llamado a la generosidad y a la confianza en Dios.

Paz,

P. Ed Gonzales



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All families are warmly invited to our annual
Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Wednesday, November 20th
6:30PM
In the Church
All students will be performing!




**Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion (EMHC)
and
Lectors**

Training is scheduled for Monday, Nov 18
at 6 pm in the Church.

This is for all EMHCs and Lectors...

We will review the "Mechanics," the requirements, and
expectations of these ministries.

Lectors - The new Lector Workbooks will be
available at this meeting.




It is time again for the annual St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving meal program. We need your help to provide food for a Thanksgiving meal for up to 125 families. Each family will receive a food bag and a \$50 HEB gift card (for meat and dessert). You can help by making a monetary donation, by donating \$25 or \$50 HEB gift cards or any of the following food items listed below by November 10. Gift cards and monetary donations can be dropped off at SVDP or the church office. Food can be dropped off at SVDP or placed in the blue bins located at the entrances to the church.

Needed Food Items:

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| Stuffing Mix | Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| Turkey Gravy | Chicken Broth |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Cranberry Sauce |
| Canned Corn | Canned Green Beans |



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The Society of St Vincent de Paul

This Week at Our Parish

*** MACC Raffle Ticket Sales after All Masses ***

Sunday, November 17, 2024
8:00 am Guadalupe Mass / Meeting- Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, November 18, 2024 -Dedication—Basilicas of St. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
6:00 pm Lector & EMHC Mtg - Church

Tuesday, November 19, 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
CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Study Group - RMR
6:30 pm School Thanksgiving Prayer Svc- Church

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - Presentation of the BVM
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp Fellowship - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, November 22, 2024 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, November 23, 2024 St. Clement I, Pope/Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; Bl Agustin Pro, Priest/Martyr

Sunday, November 24, 2024
8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church



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Lecturas de la Semana del 18 - 24 Nov

Lunes: Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 18:35-43
Martes: Ap 3:1-6,14-22; Sal 14:2-5; Lc 19:1-10
Miércoles: Ap 4:1-11; Sal 150:1-6; Lc 19:11-28
Jueves: Ap 5:1-10; Sal 149:1-6,9; Lc 19:41-44
Viernes: Ap 10:8-11; Sal 118:14,24,72,103,111,131;
Lc 19:45-48
Sábado: Ap 11:4-12; Sal 143:1,2,9-10; Lc 20:27-40
Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 90:1-2,5; Ap 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33-37

Readings for the week of Nov 18 - 24

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6,14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131;
Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1,2,9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 91:1,1-2,5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 16, 2024
5:00 pm †Camila Sandoval by Richard & Dorothy Perez
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased

Sunday, November 17, 2024
8:00 am †Deceased Guadalupe by Elda Garcia
†Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia
10:00 am †Larry Evancho by Evancho Family
†Steven lee Waldron by Mom
12:00 pm †Dolores Gallegos by Jardon/Quevedo Family
†Emelia Zavala & †Jose Guadalupe Cisneros by Guadalupe Soria

Monday, November 18, 2024
8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by James Shortner & Family

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
8:00 am †Louis & Mary Biemer by James Shortner & Family

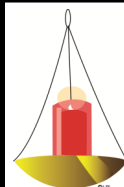
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
8:00 am †Maria Reyes Lemus by Maria T. Sweet

Thursday, November 21, 2024
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, November 22, 2024
8:00 am †Edward & Lorena Shortner by James Shortner & Family

Saturday, November 23, 2024
8:00 am †Anna Belle Biemer by Henrietta Fenner & Family
5:00 pm †Camila Sandoval by Richard & Dorothy Perez

Sunday, November 24, 2024
8:00 am †Anna Biemer by Richard & Dorothy Perez
10:00 am †Juan and Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
†Juan Arredondo by Martha Arredondo & Family
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Michael McDonald

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 23, 2024
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, T.Guerrero, M.Fisher, R.Alvarado
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, November 24, 2024
8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, T.Garza, R.Davila, P.Klar, Y.Cione
Lector - Y.Cione
10 am **Altar Servers** - L.McCaffery, M.Pereida, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, CDA
Lector - CDA
12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, D.Llanaz, E.Obregon, H.Homez, D+F.Malacara
Lector - D+F.Malacara



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