

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 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, 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.

**The Lord is King,
 He is robed in majesty.
 -Psalm 93:1**



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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 Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

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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

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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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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Gospel Meditation:

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice," Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era niño en Burlington, Vermont, mi padre tenía un buen amigo llamado Phil que era dueño de una tienda de artículos deportivos. Me encantaban los deportes, por lo que deambular por los pasillos llenos de tesoros era una alegría absoluta. Una tarde, estábamos comprando un guante de béisbol. Papá me dijo: "Oye Johnny, ¿ves a ese hombre que acaba de entrar a la tienda? Ese es Phil. Recuerdo estar fascinado y un poco aterrorizado. Recuerdo que pensé: "¡Ese hombre de ahí está a cargo de todo en esta tienda!" Reinó sobre todos los balones, zapatillas, camisetas y sudaderas. Phil se convirtió en un amigo de la familia. Y era un buen dueño. La tienda floreció y me encontraba aún más en paz cada vez que iba allí. Sentí una nueva esperanza e incluso la responsabilidad de que la tienda floreciera.

Decir que Cristo es el Rey del Universo significa que Jesús tiene autoridad absoluta sobre todo lo que hay en él. Debería llenarnos de asombro y fascinación. Él está a cargo. El mundo y todo lo que hay en él son finalmente suyos. Saber que él nos conoce y nos ama debería hacernos sentir también una profunda paz al ser parte de su universo. Esto nos lleva a querer que su reino florezca, a desempeñar algún papel responsable en él.

Hacemos avanzar su reino promoviendo la verdad. "Todo el que es de verdad oye mi voz", proclama Cristo Rey. En la tienda de Phil, se trataba de la verdad del atletismo. En nuestro mundo, se trata de la verdad de toda la creación, especialmente de la dignidad de la persona humana, hecha por y para nuestro Dios amoroso. Regocijémonos de conocer al verdadero rey y comprometámonos con el florecimiento de su reino.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 17, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,866.42
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 97.42
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 25.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 788.44
STM School.....	\$ 85.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 45.00
Donations.....	\$ 2,550.00

***Second Collection Nov 30 - Dec 1:
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

Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven.

We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.



Ciudadanos de Otro País

Leí un artículo, hace años, sobre un documentalista estadounidense que decidió alejarse de una franquicia cinematográfica de gran éxito que le había exigido a él y a su familia vivir en el extranjero.

Se me quedó grabado en la mente por el razonamiento irónico que dio para la sorprendente decisión: "Mis hijos estaban empezando a hablar con acento británico".

A veces, solo queremos irnos a casa, ¿no?

Al regresar de unas vacaciones familiares recientes, rompí en llanto en el aeropuerto, supida por el alivio cuando vi que la camioneta de mi hermana se detenía en el carril de recogida. No importaba que me hubiera divertido en este viaje y que incluso estuviera deseando hacer otro. En ese momento, estaba tan cansada y todo lo que quería era mi propia cama. El olor de mi propia casa. La sensación de no estar "lejos".

Si Jesús es nuestro rey, y su reino no es de este mundo, entonces vivimos nuestras vidas como extranjeros perpetuos. Esto debería tranquilizarnos de alguna manera. El mundo a menudo se siente frío, cruel y extraño para nosotros porque lo es. No fuimos hechos para este mundo. Fuimos hechos para el cielo.

Fuimos hechos para anhelar el rostro, la presencia, la protección de nuestro Rey.

Pero esta comprensión de nosotros mismos como extranjeros en una tierra extranjera también debería ser una advertencia para nosotros.

No podemos sentirnos demasiado cómodos aquí. No podemos involucrarnos demasiado en el mundo y sus tentaciones, sus recompensas, sus comodidades. No podemos empezar a hablar en el idioma, el acento de nuestra patria adoptiva. No si alguna vez queremos volver a casa y pertenecer allí.

Nuestro Rey espera nuestro regreso.

Christ the King - "Hail the King of the Jews."

The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected.

Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans.

But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world"... and yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives.

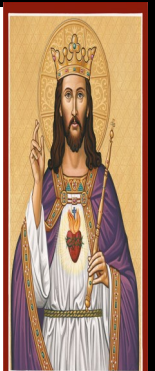
In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing.

Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ.

He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent.

How is Jesus king of your life today?





YOU ARE INVITED TO
STM'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

DECEMBER **8th** 11:00AM-3:00PM

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TODAY
YOU WILL
BE WITH ME IN
PARADISE

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Maria Salinas

(Mother of Parishioner Sylvia Avila), and

Benito J. Mendoza

(Brother of Parishioner Belisario (Poncho) Mendoza)
and

Long Time Parishioner

Soon Hi (Theresa) Schleigh

all who passed away recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to all in the

Salinas, Mendoza, and Schleigh Families...

May They Rest in Peace.

In the Beginning... Coping with Life Alone

A one-day introductory program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce, or separation.

The program helps 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.

This is an online session scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2024, 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$40.

For more information and to register, contact Barbara at (210)724-9269

(If no answer, leave a message).



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

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

Monday, November 25, 2024 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Tuesday, November 26, 2024
 5:00 pm KC Turkey Prep - *Carolán Hall*
 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*

*** **Parish Offices Closed (Wed, Thurs, Fri) - Thanksgiving** ***

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 8:00 am KC Turkey Cookoff– *Carolán Hall*

Thursday, November 28, 2024 - Thanksgiving Day
 7:00 am KC Turkey Distribution - *Carolán Hall*
 5:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - **Cancelled**
 7:00 pm OCIA - **Cancelled**

Friday, November 29, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - **Cancelled**
 Guadalupanos Decorating Statue - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - **Cancelled**

Saturday, November 30, 2024 - St. Andrew, Apostle

Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 10:00 am KC Mass – *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23, 2024 -
 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

Monday, November 25, 2024 -
 8:00 am †Louis & Mary Biemer by Henrietta Fenner & Family

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 -
 8:00 am †Virginia Gay by Guadalupanos

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
 8:00 am †Edward & Lorena Shortner by Henrietta Fenner & Family

Thursday, November 28, 2024
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
 †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, November 29, 2024
 8:00 am †Roger Jimenez by Norberto & Jeannette Pansza

Saturday, November 30, 2024 -
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Guadalupe T. Mendoza by Mendoza Family
 †Sylvia Charles by Dorothy & Richard Perez

Sunday, December 1, 2024
 8:00 am †Diane Aguillon Ramirez by Family
 †Veronica Jimenez by Norberto & Jeannette Pansza
 10:00 am †Charles Oswald by Oswald Family
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Family
 12:00 pm †Maria Salinas



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Sanctuary Light Intention:
Michael McDonald

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 30, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, L.Adams, T.Garza, R.Alvarado, R.Saldiva
Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, December 1, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Nguyen, M.Aguirre, N.Carrizales, R.Castaneda
Lector - P.Klar

10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Lawson, C.Lawson, A.Hartsfield
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, Ali.Perez, H.Rodriguez, D.Bernal, M.Briseno
Lector - Abi.Perez

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

Lecturas de la Semana del 25 Nov - 1 Dic

Lunes: Ap 14:1-5; Sal 23:1-6; Lc 21:1-4
Martes: Ap 14:14-19; Sal 95:10-13; Lc 21:5-11
Miércoles: Ap 15:1-4; Sal 97:1-3,7-9; Lc 21:12-19
Jueves: Ap 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9; Sal 99:1-5; Lc 21:20-28
Viernes: Ap 20:1-4,11-21:2; Sal 83:3-6,8; Lc 21:29-33
Sábado: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 18:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Domingo: Jr 33:14-16; Sal 24:4-5,8-10,14; 1Tes 3:12-4:2; Lc 21:25-28,34-36

Readings for the week of Nov 25 - Dec 1

Monday: Rv 14:1-5; Ps 24:1b-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3,7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6,8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THOMAS MORE

Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m.
For more information call
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

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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
&
MR. & MRS.
HILDO CASTELLÓN

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

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

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

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



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
Medardo E. Morales &
Evangalina G. Morales
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The Morales &
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on behalf of
The Garcia Family

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