

#### 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 Friday (STM School Mass) Saturday

Sunday

8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m. (Español)

8:00 a.m.

#### **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.

0.00 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

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 <u>9 MONTHS</u> 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

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

EMAIL ..... FRGONZALES.STMC@GMAIL.COM

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DEACON - ROLANDO GUERRA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - FLOR MATA ... EXT. 100

BOOKKEPPER - RHONDA VILLALOBOS

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

/SACRAMENTAL RECORDS - MARTHA GUERRA...EXT. 101

FACILITIES MANAGER - JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ

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)

**EMAIL:** 

STMPARISH@LIVE.COM WEBSITE:

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#### Gospel Meditation:

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six.

Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well),

I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path.

Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (*Mark 8:34*). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

#### Meditación del Evangelio:

Esta mañana recibí un mensaje de texto en el que me decían que un miembro de mi familia probablemente morirá de cáncer en las próximas horas. Su nombre es Lucas. Tiene 45 años, esposo y padre de seis hijos. Aunque no estoy tan cerca de él como mi hermana (ella es su cuñada y lo conoce bien), me pregunto: ¿cómo podemos nosotros, incluido el propio Luke, manejar una situación tan terriblemente horrible e injusta?

Las palabras del Evangelio de este domingo ofrecen un camino poderoso y desafiante.

Jesús dice: "Si alguno quiere venir en pos de mí, niéguese a sí mismo, tome su cruz y sígame" (Marcos 8:34). Hoy veo con nueva frescura la crudeza y la extrañeza de las palabras. La cruz representa el sufrimiento injusto, absurdo, aparentemente desesperado y humillante. Jesús no dice "aceptar" o "soportar" o "tolerar", sino "adoptar". Acéptalo activamente. Elígelo y levántalo para que otros vean lo que nos aterroriza y nos enferma. Pero de alguna manera, para Jesús, este es el camino para "salvar la vida de uno".

Un nuevo mundo está irrumpiendo, uno en el que el amor lo es todo, en el que ninguna relación puede ser herida o morir. Confío en que, en el sufrimiento abrazado de Lucas y sus seres queridos, Jesús está tomando su cruz y nos está salvando a todos.

Para cuando usted lea esto, a menos que ocurra un milagro, Lucas habrá muerto. Ya no cargará con su cruz. Pero todos seguimos enfrentándonos al sufrimiento. Esta semana no solo aguantemos, sino que recojamos nuestras cruces, grandes y pequeñas. Esa es nuestra única esperanza para salvar nuestras vidas.

— Father John Muir

#### YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### September 8, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,076.28
Vigil Candles	\$ 188.95
Facilities Improvement	\$ 12.00
Helping Hands	\$ 593.44
STM School	\$ 85.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 320.00

Second Collection Sept 21 - 22: No Second Collection Next Week



#### **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



Saturday, October 12, 2024 STM Carolan Hall 9 am - 5 pm

Arts and Crafts / Household Items Food and Drinks Available **BINGO** 

Come... and Enjoy the Festivities (Mark Your Calendar)



#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

anyone interested in becoming one!

Training is scheduled for Monday, Sept 30. at 6:30 pm in the Church.

#### This is for all current EMHCs...

and those who want to be. It will be bilingual, held by Fr. Ed.

Those who are currently serving and cannot attend, please call the office to schedule a make-up meeting.



### Are you

or someone you know Divorced, Widowed, or Separated and hurting?



#### 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 participants begin to deal with the loss and focus on what lies ahead. It's 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.

The session is scheduled for Sat, Oct 5, 2024 from 8:30 am to 4 pm at St. Peter Upon the Water 234 Indian Creek Rd., Ingram, TX 78025.

cost is \$40.

Participants are asked to bring their own lunches; morning & afternoon drinks and snacks are provided.

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

(If no answer, please leave a message).

Located at HWY. 16 & MAPLE ST. **September 22. 2024** 



NOW SERVING...

## **BRISKET & SAUSAGE**

Combo Plate ......\$12 PLATE

\*Serving starts 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come join us for Fun and Great Food!!!

# NOON

AIR-CONDITIONED CLASSROOMS

Games

## RAFFLE

\$5.00 ea.

\$1.500.00 Top Prize DRAWING AT 4:00

## Live AUCTION

Starts @ 12:30

**ICE CHESTS** Allowed **Beer Only** 



#### **Healing Holidays** Making your Grief Count



Grief during the Holidays is always challenging. The holiday season renews memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our loved one is no longer present, and the pain of the loss is confused with the spirit of the season making it difficult for families to navigate.

We live with an added layer of collective grief and vulnerability. Learning to navigate a changing world combined with the sorrow of our loss causes us to grieve on many levels.

How do we allow ourselves in these difficult times, to "make our grief count" and find our grounding?

This workshop will help identify internal and external resources that contribute to self-compassion and enhance resiliency. It will help families embrace their grief while strengthening characteristics of resilience.

Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 When:

10:00 - 11:30 am Time: St Thomas More Catholic Church Where:

(Carolan Hall)

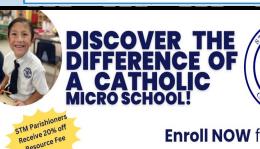
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**Presenter:** Porter Loring Bereavement Minister

Please RSVP:

Church Office (210) 655-5070





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#### ¡Descubre la diferencia de una Micro Escuela Católica!

¡Inscríbete ahora para el año escolar 2024-2025! 18 meses – 8º grado

Los feligreses de STM reciben un 20% de descuento en la tarifa de recursos Becas de transferencia disponibles

- \$1000 de descuento en la matrícula del 1er año
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- Un currículo bien definido
- Tecnología infundida con métodos tradicionales de aprendizaje
- Ayudas y Becas disponibles

**CONTACTANOS AHORA!** 



#### This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, 8:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	September 15, 2024 Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall Coro Alegria Fundraiser - Outside Church "Senior" Prom - Carolan Hall
Monday,	September 16, 2024
Tuesday,	September 17, 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

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Thursday,	September 19, 2024 -
6:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
7:00 pm	OCIA - Rectory Mtg Room
Friday,	September 20, 2024
9:00 am	Friday Adoration - Church

6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - Rectory Mtg Room 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Fellowship - Carolan Hall

Saturday, September 21, 2024

3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - Rectory Mtg Rm

Sunday, September 22, 2024 KoC Breakfast / Carolan Hall 8:30 am



#### **Sanctuary Light Intention:** Robert Acosta

#### Lecturas de la Semana del 16 - 22 Sept

Lunes: 1Cor 11:17-26; Sal 39:7-10,17; Lc 7:1-10 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31; Sal 99:1-5; Lc 7:11-17 Martes: **Miércoles**: 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Sal 32:2-5,12,22;

Lc 7:31-35

1Cor 15:1-11; Sal 117:1-2,16-17,28; Jueves:

Lc 7:36-50

1Cor 15:12-20; Sal 48:6-10.17-20; Lc 8:1-3 Viernes: Ef 4:1-7,11-13; Sal 18:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 Sábado: **Domingo**: Sab 2:12,17-20; Sal 53:3-8; Sant 3:16-4:3;

Mc 9:30-37

#### Readings for the week of Sept 16 - 22

Monday: 1Cor 11:17-26,33; Ps 40:7-10,17; Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;

Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5,12,22;

Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday**: 1Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,16-17,28;

Lk 7:36-50

1Cor 15:12-20; Ps 49:6-10,17-20; Lk 8:1-3 Friday: Saturday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Sunday: Mk 9:30-37

**Mass Intentions** 

Saturday, **September 14, 2024** 

5:00 pm †Marta Perez

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 am †Frances Cuellar by Gloria Villa †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia 10:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family †Steven I ee Waldron by Mom by Maria T. Sweet 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet

STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased

September 16, 2024 Monday,

8:00 am †Anna Maria Castillo by Monica Castillo

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

8:00 am Birthday - Stacey Embrey Rubin by Gonzalez Family

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Birthday - Davina Herrera 8:00 am by Gonzalez Family

Thursday, September 19, 2024

†Theresa Hoi 8:00 am by Kim Nguyen

All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, September 20, 2024 8:00 am Birthday - Reed Sechler by Gonzalez Family

Saturday, September 21, 2024

8:00 am In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Martha Arredondo 5:00 pm †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza

STM Parishioners - Both Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:00 am Health - Ramon Mata, Jr 10:00 am †Michael McDonald

by the Trimms †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom †Rafael Soria Anguiano & Jesus Cisneros Cisneros by Guadalupe Soria

†Joaquin Bazan & Candelaria Villicana by Isela Cisneros







12:00 pm

# VEN, SIGUEME



#### Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 21, 2024 5:00 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

> Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, S.Trimm, R.Alvarado, C.Lang, S.Chapa

Lector - L.Trimm

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Altar Servers - Max.Planchon, Mem.Planchon 8 am

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Jim, R.Saldiva, R.Castaneda,

M.Aguirre, R.Davila

Lector - T.Garza

Altar Servers - B. Pereida, C. Lawson, M. Lawson 10 am Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.LLanas Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C. Hernandez, E.Obregon, C.Martinez, M.Pina, I.Hernandez, F.Hernandez

Lector - H.Gomez / M.Pina



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. THOMAS MORE Kinights of Columbus Council # 7388 meets 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

For more information call Rick Brisen cat 210 -834-7017

Catholic Daughters of America #2683

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. & MR.S
HILDO CASTELLON

#### 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 Gundalupanos Sociaty

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

WIII Torres at 21 0.620.2 745

## Archdiocese of San Antonio Procedures for Reporting Abuse

If you or so meone 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: o vase@archsa.org.
You have the right to contact law
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