



St. Thomas More Catholic Church
15th Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 14, 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. 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.

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and
 Grant us your Salvation
 -Psalm 85:7**

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

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

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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STMPARISH@LIVE.COM

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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



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Jose Miranda and Robert C. Solar, Sr.

Both of whom died recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to

Jose, Claudia y la Familia Miranda and to the Solar Family

May they Rest in Peace.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 7, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,260.43
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 153.70
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 110.00
STM School.....	\$ 80.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 15.44

**Second Collection July 20 - 21:
Helping Hands Fund**



This Tuesday we celebrate:

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel.

Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent.

Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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, or Buddhist, 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!

Hope to see you there! - DT

Gospel Meditation:

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (*accurate or not*) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "*two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts.*" Two-by-two: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. Power over demons: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. Without money belts: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Una vez le pregunté a un amigo mío católico fallecido qué recordaba del párroco de su juventud. Dijo: "Era un tipo amable y agradable. Especie de vainilla. Guardado para sí mismo". Me llamó la atención que él, tal vez como muchos, percibe a los sacerdotes católicos como los siguientes: solitarios, inofensivos y autosuficientes. Como un desafío tanto a esta percepción (*precisa o no*) como a nosotros los sacerdotes que tal vez sentimos un tirón en esa dirección poco inspiradora, se erige la poderosa imagen de lo que vemos en el Evangelio de este domingo.

Jesús envió a sus apóstoles, "*de dos en dos, con poder sobre los demonios, y sin cinturones de dinero*". De dos en dos: disfrutaban de un profundo compañerismo y hermandad. Poder sobre los demonios: eran cualquier cosa menos inofensivos. Estos hombres ejercían un enorme poder contra el mal. Sin cinturones de dinero: no eran autosuficientes. Necesitaban que otros los ayudaran. No en solitario, sino en comunidad. No es inofensivo, pero está armado con una energía espiritual masiva. No son autosuficientes, pero son pobres y necesitan ayuda.

Este es un desafío para mí, y tal vez para todos nosotros, que vivimos en una cultura rica, secularizada e individualizada. ¿Acepto mi ministerio sacerdotal en profunda comunión con otros sacerdotes? ¿Hablo y actúo con valentía para expulsar el mal donde se encuentra? ¿Vivo pobre y sencillo, confiando en la ayuda de los que me rodean incluso para las necesidades básicas? La fecundidad del ministerio sacerdotal depende en gran medida de estos tres rasgos. Oremos por todos los sacerdotes, y, por extensión, por todos los cristianos, para que vivamos más como los apóstoles comunitarios, pobres y poderosos de Jesús.

— Father John Muir

STM Parish Anniversary

We are turning 60 years old!
We are looking for some party planners to help organize our anniversary party,

October 20, 2024

Please contact Becki Lacayo
at becki.lacayo@gmail.com
to help or for more information.

**Save the Date
Senior Prom**

September 15, 2024

Luncheon and Dance

To celebrate and appreciate
our parishioners
(65+ yrs)



More details to come.

Aniversario de la Parroquia STM

¡Cumplimos 60 años!

Estamos buscando algunos organizadores de fiestas para ayudar a organizar nuestro fiesta de aniversario,

el 20 de octubre de 2024

Póngase en contacto con Becki Lacayo
en becki.lacayo@gmail.com
para obtener más información.





Registration for our Religious Education Classes Begins Soon!!

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

Classes Begin as follows:

- English – September 8th
- Spanish – September 14th
- Confirmation – September 22nd

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^{de} septiembre
- Español – 14^{de} septiembre
- Confirmación – 22^{de} 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.



St. Thomas More Catholic School
Where "EXCELLENCE IS AFFORDABLE."

St. Thomas More School is now enrolling children 3 years old through 8th grade.

If you are looking for a school where Christ is present and prayer is important, where your child is challenged academically and spiritually, come take a tour of what our parish school and child development center has to offer.

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.

An affordable tuition and GREAT Education are within your reach! **CALL TODAY 210-655-2882 or APPLY AT WWW.ST-THOMAS-MORE-SCHOOL.ORG**

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

Also... we are hiring for an After School Care position. Reach out to our Principal, Mrs. Gutierrez at kgutierrez@stmcs62.org for more information.



PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE

INVITES WOMEN of ALL FAITH JOURNEYS



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE
"Come to Me"

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8am-4:30pm, Doors Open 7am
San Antonio Norris Conference Ctr., or Virtual

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| Archbishop
Gustavo
García-Siller MSPs | National
Eucharistic Preacher
Fr. Tim Anastos | Conference Founder
& Evangelist
Mary Jane Fox | Daughter by Design
Author Dr. Mary
Ruth Hackett | Your Catholic
Wholeness Coach
Dr. Carron Silva | Great Commission
Theatre's Veronica
Peña-Montalvo |
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Register Today!



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, July 14, 2024
Monday, July 15, 2024
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled 'till September 3rd*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 CDA Board Mtg - *Church*
 6:30 pm Grupo de Oracion Training - *Carolan Hall*
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*
 Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
Thursday, July 18, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
Friday, July 19, 2024
 1:00 pm Friday Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*
***** Holy Land Craft Sales - After All Masses This Weekend *****
Saturday, July 20, 2024
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
Sunday, July 21, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - *Church / Carolan Hall*



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Antonio and Maria Lemus

Lecturas de la Semana del 15 - 21 Julio

Lunes: Is 1:10-17; Sal 49:8-9,16-17,21,23;
 Mt 10:34-11:1
Martes: Is 7:1-9; Sal 47:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Miércoles: Is 10:5-7,13-16; Sal 93:5-10,14-15;
 Mt 11:25-27
Jueves: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Sal 101:13-21;
 Mt 11:28-30
Viernes: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Is 38:10-12,16;
 Mt 12:1-8
Sábado: Miq 2:1-5; Sal 9:1-4,7-8,14; Mt 12:14-21
Domingo: Jr 23:1-6; Sal 22:1-6; Ef 2:13-18;
 Mc 6:30-34

Readings for the week of July 15 – 21

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;
 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7,13b-16; Ps 94:5-10,14-15;
 Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Ps 102:13-21;
 Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Is 38:10-12,16;
 Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18;
 Mk 6:30-34

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 13, 2024
 8:00 am **Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
 5:00 pm †Eugenia Aguillon by Family
 †Carmen Yanez by Family
Sunday, July 14, 2024
 8:00 am †Robert Solar
 †Albert Stanach
 10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
 By Briseno / Morales Families
 12:00 pm †Jose Manuel Miranda
In thanksgiving for the Birthday of Carmen Martinez
Monday, July 15, 2024
 8:00 am †Eddie & Eloisa Charles by Joe & Annabell Garza
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
 8:00 am †Esiquiel Castro
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
Thursday, July 18, 2024
 8:00 am †Rogelio Jimenez by Norbert & Jeanette Pansza
Spiritual Guidance - Lou Porter by Carmen Martinez & Family
All Ordained Clergy and Religious
Friday, July 19, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis
Special Intention for Luis Mendez by Mendez Family
Saturday, July 20, 20 24
 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Mata Family
 5:00 pm †M/M Soodjai Kamagori & M/M Thepthaom by Rand Family
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
Sunday, July 21, 2024
 8:00 am †Minerva Pansza by Norberto & Jeannette Pansza
 †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 10:00 am †Juan & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
 †Ignacio Perez & Yolanda Faz by Jesse Perez & Family
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 20, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, S.Chapa, M.Fisher,
 T.Garza, R.Alvarado
Lector - M.Fisher
Sunday, July 21, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia, R.Saldiva,
 W+M.Torres
Lector - W.Torres
 10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, A.McCaffery, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, N.Rodriguez, M.Aguirre,
 D.Bernal, N.Lawson, P+R.Mendoza
Lector - J.Cantu
 12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,
 H.Gomez, R.Gomez, F.Hernandez
Lector - L.Lopez / F.Tobar



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

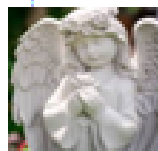
Catholic Daughters of America #2683



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
 OF REX A. BRIEN
 &
 MR. & MRS.
 HILDO CASTELLON

PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
 FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
 PURGATORY

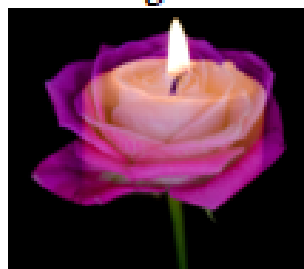


In Loving Memory
 of Joe Canales
 On behalf of
 The Canales Family
 Love Always



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 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
WBI 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
 enforcement or CPS at any time.

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

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In Loving Memory
 of
 Santiago G. Garcia Sr.
 on behalf of
 The Garcia Family
 &
 In Loving Memory
 of
 Eva M. Quiñones
 on behalf of
 The Quiñones
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