



St. Thomas More Catholic Church
16th Sunday In Ordinary Time
July 21, 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.

The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want
-Psalm 23:1

Mass Schedule

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 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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 DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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 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:

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

Dear parishioners:
We are glad to announce the inaugural
LOVESTRONG MARRIAGE RETREAT
When: September 27-29, 2024
Where: St Pius X Catholic Church Family Center



**Making good marriages even better *Weekend event with no overnights*

For more information, contact:

Jaymes & Sarah Tamayo, Lead Couple
(210) 857-8750, jaymes.tamayo@gmail.com
(210) 862-9741, sarahetamayo@gmail.com

Marcus & Erin Martinez, Co-Lead Couple
(210) 396-2813, Marcus.martinez05@yahoo.com
(210) 833-6373, emartinez@spksa.org

Register online at lovestrongmarriage.com

NOW THAT MY CHILDREN ARE GROWN AND HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES I CAN'T BE THERE TO PROTECT THEM ANY MORE.



BUT YOUR PRAYERS CAN.



Studer 2016

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Great news for those tired of me always 'plugging' the RCIA... This is the **Last Time** I will do so!

*This is the last "Plug" you will see for the RCIA...
Spoiler Alert... They've changed the name!
It is now known as the:*

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

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 14, 2024

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 5,629.32 |
| Vigil Candles..... | \$ 173.57 |
| Facilities Improvement..... | \$ 428.44 |
| Helping Hands..... | \$ 15.00 |
| STM School..... | \$ 40.00 |
| Mass Intentions..... | \$ 20.00 |

Second Collection July 27 - 28:
to Support Our STM School



Gospel Meditation:

Burnout. Recent studies suggest that roughly two-thirds of doctors and nurses have signs of it. You probably know what burnout is: long-term stress leading to emotional exhaustion and a lack of a sense of personal accomplishment. Burnout can threaten anyone who tries to seriously serve and love others. How does our faith inform this challenging experience, and how do we find refreshment?

The apostles face something like burnout this week in Mark 6. They are run down from their missionary work, and Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For them, and for us, it takes humility to intentionally rest. It means the world can go on without us. It stings our pride to admit God is necessary and we are not. Choosing to leave our good work to be with him — whatever the cost — is an act of humble faith. And that trust in God begins to revive us.

But there's more to it. Hilariously, Mark tells us that throngs of needy people find out where the apostles are going and arrive ahead of them. Imagine the exasperation of the burnt-out apostles. "Can we please get a minute to ourselves? This is not healthy!" And Jesus seems to encourage the boundary violation by telling his frayed followers to feed the crowd. Look: once we move into humble rest, he calls us to more work, because we are made for love, not for rest.

But Jesus does the vast bulk of the labor. He himself is the one who multiplies the small offering until everyone is satisfied. What finally gives our heart rest isn't more vacation time. It's experiencing the super abundant generosity of God for us and those whom we serve.

— *Father John Muir*

Meditación del Evangelio:

Burnout. Estudios recientes sugieren que aproximadamente dos tercios de los médicos y enfermeras tienen signos de la enfermedad. Probablemente sepas lo que es el burnout: estrés a largo plazo que conduce al agotamiento emocional y a la falta de un sentido de logro personal. El agotamiento puede amenazar a cualquiera que intente servir y amar seriamente a los demás. ¿Cómo influye nuestra fe en esta experiencia desafiante y cómo encontramos refrigerio?

Los apóstoles se enfrentan a algo parecido al agotamiento esta semana en Marcos 6. Están agotados de su trabajo misionero, y Jesús dice: "Venid vosotros solos a un lugar solitario y descansad un poco". Para ellos, y para nosotros, se necesita humildad para descansar intencionalmente. Significa que el mundo puede seguir sin nosotros. Hierde nuestro orgullo admitir que Dios es necesario y nosotros no lo somos. Elegir dejar nuestra buena obra para estar con él, cueste lo que cueste, es un acto de fe humilde. Y esa confianza en Dios comienza a revivirnos.

Pero hay más. Graciosamente, Marcos nos dice que multitudes de personas necesitadas se enteran de a dónde van los apóstoles y llegan antes que ellos. Imagínese la exasperación de los apóstoles quemados. "¿Podemos, por favor, darnos un minuto para nosotros? ¡Esto no es saludable!" Y Jesús parece alentar la violación de los límites diciéndole a sus seguidores desgastados que alimenten a la multitud. Mira: una vez que entramos en el humilde descanso, él nos llama a trabajar más, porque estamos hechos para el amor, no para el descanso. Pero Jesús hace la mayor parte del trabajo. Él mismo es el que multiplica la pequeña ofrenda hasta que todos estén satisfechos.

Lo que finalmente le da descanso a nuestro corazón no es más tiempo de vacaciones. Es experimentar la generosidad súper abundante de Dios por nosotros y por aquellos a quienes servimos.

— *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!

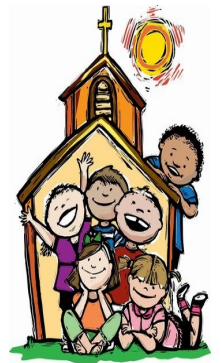
La inscripción comienza el 1 de agosto y
continuará hasta el 30 de agosto de 2024
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

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.

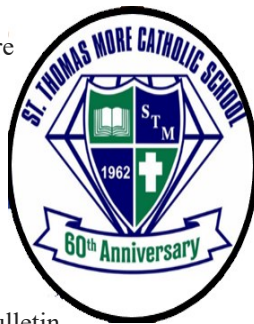
We have scholarships and financial
aid available too.

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.



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

Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone (multi-week), ONLINE
Beginning Experience© Weekend

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

This Week at Our Parish

*** **Holy Land Craft Sales - After All Masses This Weekend** ***
Sunday, July 21, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, July 22, 2024
 6:00 pm Bazaar Committee Mtg - Carolan Hall

Tuesday, July 23, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled 'till September 3rd*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday, July 24, 2024
 7:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, July 25, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

Friday, July 26, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

*** **KC BBQ Plate Sales - After All Masses This Weekend** ***
Saturday, July 27, 2024

Sunday, July 28, 2024
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church
 12:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico Pulpit Talk and Registration - Church and Outside



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Steven Lee Waldron

Lecturas de la Semana del 22 - 28 Julio

Lunes: Cant 3:1-4 o 2Cor 5:14-17;
 Sal 62:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Martes: Miq 7:14-15,18-20; Sal 84:2-8;
 Mt 12:46-50

Miércoles: Jr 1:1,4-10; Sal 70:1-6,15,17; Mt 13:1-9

Jueves: 2Cor 4:7-15; Sal 125:1-6; Mt 20:20-28

Viernes: Jr 3:14-17; Sal 18:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Sábado: Jr 7:1-11; Sal 83:3-6,8,11; Mt 13:24-30

Domingo: 2Re 4:42-44; Sal 144:10-11,15-18;
 Ef 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Readings for the week of July 22 – 28

Monday: Sg 3:1-4 or 2Cor 5:14-17;
 Ps 63:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 85:2-8;
 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1,4-10; Ps 71:1-6,15,17;
 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6,8,11;
 Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11,15-18;
 Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 20, 2024
 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Mata Family
 5:00 pm †M/M Soodjai Kamasori & 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

Monday, July 22, 2024
 8:00 am †Remigio & Aurora Martinez by Joe & Annabell Garza

Tuesday, July 23, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimm
 †Santiago Rodolfo Hernandez by Maricela Garcia

Wednesday, July 24, 2024
 8:00 am **Special Intention for Luis Mendez** by Mendez Family

Thursday, July 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Santiago Garcia, Sr & Raymond Quinones by Maricela Garcia
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, July 26, 2024
 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Mora & Diaz Families
 by Rosa Saldiva

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
 12:00 pm †Argentina Welch by Paul Welch and Family



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 27, 2024
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, S.Trimm, E.Guerrero, T.Guerrero, C.Lang
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, July 28, 2024
 8 am **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, P.Klar, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda, Y.Cione

10 am **Altar Servers** - L.McCaffery, B.Pereida, M.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, CDA
Lector - CDA

12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, I.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, C.Martinez, E.Obregon
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



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



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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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Peace Starts Here

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 Meet
 The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
 8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
FBI 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
Granocruzaren

