

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community

Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás el Apóstol

Sunday, 11 October, 2026 / Domingo, 11 del Octobre, 2026



Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am & 10:00am
Spanish | 1:00pm

Weekday Masses
Thursday | 8:00am

Reconciliation
Saturday | 3:15pm-4:00pm
or by appointment

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday | 8:00am- NOON

Mission Statement

In The Name of Jesus Christ, St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Community Welcomes, Prays, Feeds, Heals, Comforts ALL!

Declaración de Misión

En el Nombre de Jesucristo, que la Comunidad Católica de Santo Tomás Apóstol Acoge, Reza, Alimenta, Cura, Conforta ¡TODO!

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Letter from Fr. Dave /Carta del padre Dave





Dear Folks,

The Holy Spirit is moving and inspiring our hearts to move in many directions!

- Over 50 people are engaged in small group sharing
- Many new leaders/witnesses for Christ are emerging
- Women's and Men's Bible Study Groups
- A Knights of Columbus Council is beginning to take shape
- Millions of Monicas will begin at the end of October
- Advent by Candlelight, a spiritual evening for women, will occur in early December
- Esto Vir is asking to make a presentation to the men of our Church
- Five people will make a profession of faith becoming Catholic, plus two more: all will be Sealed with the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Christ the King.

It is not a matter of how much we are doing, but that we rejoice in the opportunities that are emerging as a fruit of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy every weekend, deepening our relationship with Christ beyond the Mass alone. May we be grateful to the Holy Spirit for the life of love that flows in abundance through our hearts as disciples, inviting others to taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

Finally, we welcome Lisa Mulhaney as our Parish Administrative Assistant, a new voice on the phone when you call and who will be warmly welcoming you in person when you visit. I will share more of her duties in a future article. Sara Wilke will move to the Operations Manager position, while still serving as Cemetery Manager. We are grateful to Sara for serving in the role of Administrative Assistant these years, faithfully serving you with care. Luanne Gasparek will be retiring, spending more time with her grandbabies and not setting her alarm clock! We are grateful for her service and care for so many practical needs in our Church. God is truly good!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Dave

Estimados feligreses:

¡El Espíritu Santo está actuando e inspirando nuestros corazones para avanzar en muchas direcciones!

- Más de 50 personas participan en grupos pequeños de intercambio y reflexión.
- Están surgiendo muchos nuevos líderes y testigos de Cristo.
- Hay grupos de estudio bíblico para mujeres y para hombres.
- Un consejo de los Caballeros de Colón está comenzando a tomar forma.
- La iniciativa "Millones de Mónicas" comenzará a finales de octubre.
- «Adviento a la luz de las velas», una velada espiritual para mujeres, tendrá lugar a
- principios de diciembre.
- Esto Vir ha solicitado hacer una presentación ante los hombres de nuestra Iglesia
- Cinco personas harán su profesión de fe para convertirse en católicas, sumándose a otras dos: todas ellas serán selladas con el Espíritu Santo en la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey.

No se trata de cuánto hacemos, sino de alegrarnos por las oportunidades que surgen como fruto de la liturgia eucarística dominical de cada fin de semana, profundizando nuestra relación con Cristo más allá de la Misa misma. ¡Demos gracias al Espíritu Santo por la vida de amor que fluye en abundancia por nuestros corazones como discípulos, invitando a los demás a gustar y ver la bondad del Señor!

Por último, damos la bienvenida a Lisa Mulhaney como nuestra asistente administrativa parroquial; ella será la nueva voz que escuchen al llamar por teléfono y quien les recibirá cálidamente en persona cuando nos visiten. Compartiré más detalles sobre sus funciones en un próximo artículo. Sara Wilke pasará a ocupar el puesto de gerente de operaciones, aunque seguirá desempeñándose como gerente del cementerio. Agradecemos a Sara por haber ejercido el cargo de asistente administrativa durante estos años, sirviéndoles fielmente y con esmero. Luanne Gasparek se jubilará para pasar más tiempo con sus nietos y ¡sin tener que poner el despertador! Agradecemos su servicio y su atención a tantas necesidades prácticas de nuestra parroquia. ¡Dios es verdaderamente bueno!

En la paz de Cristo,
Padre Dave

Congratulations

Jasmine Mediano & Andrew Hubbartt
who were united in the sacrament of marriage on October 3, 2026.

Bryannah Remy & Mason Mueller
who were united in the sacrament of marriage on October 10, 2026.

May your marriage bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for generations to come.

Stewardship / Corresponsabilidad

Week of September 27, 2026 •Semana del 27 del septiembre 2026

Scrip profit $779.03

Tithing- Envelopes	$4,711
Offertory	$5,731.41
Capital Improvement	$55
Unrestricted/Our Own Needs	$365

Now on hand....
Golden Fork Restaurant
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Mass Stipends	$60
Religious Ed Fees	$190
Hispanic RE Fees	$170
Sanctuary Lights	$10
Votive Candles	$263
Unrestircted Donations	$50
Coins for Walter	$10.64

Picnic/Fiesta Update

Great news!!!
We are happy to report that the 2026 St. Thomas Picnic/Fiesta has generated $23,687 in profits.
That is truly amazing!
Thanks again for your help and support with this event.
See you in 2027.

El banquete está preparado, pero los invitados...



Mateo 22, 1-14. Tiempo Ordinario. Todos estamos invitados a participar del gran banquete que celebrará en el cielo.
Por: Misael Cisneros | Fuente: Catholic.net

Podría sonar demasiado extraño este evangelio porque, ¿cómo es posible que alguien rechace la invitación a una boda donde habrá vino, música y buen ambiente? Al menos hoy día son pocos los que rechazarían esta oferta tan especial. Pero es claro que esta parábola Cristo nos la dibujó así para que comprendiésemos que todos estamos invitados a participar del gran banquete que celebrará en el cielo.

Sólo nos hace falta cumplir un requisito que el evangelio lo pone como algo externo pero que en realidad en las bodas se le da demasiada importancia y es el vestido. Es necesario e indispensable entrar con el ajuar apropiado al gran banquete que Cristo nos invitará, este ajuar es la vida de gracia. Por eso expulsaron de la boda al hombre que no llevaba el traje apropiado, porque no estaba en vida de gracia. Y la gracia, como la llama santo Tomás de Aquino, es "nitior animae" es decir, esplendor del alma, presencia de Dios en nuestra alma.

Es claro que Jesús no puede habitar en un lugar en donde no tiene amigos, y tampoco nosotros nos deberíamos atrever a presentarnos a la boda que Él organiza cuando no le tenemos por amigo. Esto es la vida de gracia, conservar su amistad y por tanto rechazar enérgicamente todo lo que pudiese ofenderle: revistas indecentes, películas deshonestas, compañías perjudiciales, ofensas a nuestros padres o hermanos, críticas etc.

Es difícil conservar esta amistad con Cristo, pero si realmente lo tenemos por amigo no nos atreveremos a ofenderle, sino que al contrario nos esforzaremos por ser cada día mejores amigos de Él.

Propósito

Ser sincero con todos y en todo, fortaleciendo esta actitud en el sacramento de la reconciliación.

Diálogo con Cristo

Jesús, el vestido de bodas que necesito es el del amor. Cuántas veces doy más importancia a mi propia satisfacción en vez de centrar mi atención y esfuerzo en alcanzar la verdadera comunión contigo. Con la intercesión de María, ayúdame a valorar tu invitación a la santidad, optando siempre por la virtud en vez del pecado, amando desinteresadamente en vez de buscar mi propia conveniencia, siendo humilde en vez de orgulloso





Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Thursday, October 15
8:00am Living and deceased members of the Backhaus & Damman families

Saturday, October 17
4:30pm Leo & Marian Hartman

Sunday, October 18
8:00am Knights of Columbus Coucil 710
10:00am Shirley Pankratz

Sanctuary Light October 18-24
Rose Schermetzler



October 18, 2026

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

How much responsibility do you feel government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information on the right.
Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

October 18- Kristin Waack
920-901-1441
October 25- John Stelzer
920-323-2304
November 1- Patti Schneider
920-920-629-2729

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

October 17/18	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
Server(s)	Elaine Imhoff Laurie Jonasen	Mason Schaefer Kameron Schaefer	Victor Anzia Ian Anzia
Hospitality	Joe Yanda Jen Yanda Charles Geiser Judy Geiser	Wayne Wallander Tom Reedy Ron Boldt Trudy Boldt	Thomas Anzia Sarah Anzia Pam Erickson Justen Shadick
Cross Bearer	Daryl Wetenkamp	Greta Schaeuble	Lucy Anzia
Proclaimers	Dick Glueckert Barb Graf	Mary Bonde Jacque Bartow	Mary Ann Teshima Patti Bertsche
Eucharistic Minister	Dcn. Steve Zimmer Deb Schmidt Greg Schmidt	Dcn. Steve Zimmer Brandy Wallander Bob Wallander	Dcn. Steve Zimmer Michael Teshima Pat Carey
Sacristan	Barb Backus	Barb Backhaus	Dale Birenbaum

Events / Eventos

October

12th- Cleaning Day
6:00pm Living Justice
6:00pm Altar Server training
6:30pm Choir practice
13th- 9:30am Small Groups
6:00pm **Annual Meeting**
14th- 6:15pm RE grades 1-9
6:15pm YA investigation of Extaordinary Miracles
7:15pm **Mass**
15th- 8:00am **Mass**
6:00pm Finance Council
6:00pm Small Groups
6:30pm Pastoral Council
17th- 8:00am Young Adult Ministry Retreat
18th- 9:15am RE grades 10 & 11
11:30 Hispanic RE & OCIA
3:00pm Catholic Financial Mission experience talk

October

19th- Cleaning Day
6:30pm Choir practice
20th - 9:30am Small Groups
6:30pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Men's Bible Study
21st- 6:15pm YA investigation of Extaordinary Miracles
6:15pm RE grades 1-9
22nd- **NO Mass**
6:00pm Small Groups
7:00pm Young Women's Bible Study
25th- 9:00am OCIA
9:15am Confirmation Class
11:30am Hispanic RE & OCIA
26th- Cleaning Day
6:30pm Choir Practice
27th- 9:30am Small Groups
6:00pm Millions of Monica's Gathering





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IN MEMORIAM BOOK

You are invited to write the names of your deceased relatives, friends and neighbors in our parish's MEMORIAM BOOK. The book will be located on the table in the Gathering Space. The Memoriam Book will be carried in procession at the All Souls Day Prayer Service on Monday evening, November 2nd at 6:30 pm. They will be remembered in the liturgy's prayers. We invite you, also, to bring pictures of your loved ones that have died during this last year and place them on the table.

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE, NOVEMBER 2 nd, 6:30 PM

There will be a special Memorial Prayer Service for the deceased members and members' family of St. Thomas the Apostle who have died during this past year. Letters of invitation to participate will be sent to these families. Any other family that would like to remember loved ones that have died this last year are invited to submit their names in the Memoriam Book located in the gathering space. A candle will be provided for all the families who lost a loved one during the past year if attending. Please call the parish office by October 26th if you plan to attend. 726-4228



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