

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 383
Offering: \$ 11,898.94
Total offering December 2025: \$ 11,898.94
Average Weekly Expenses: \$ 12,000
Mortgage Balance as of December 04, 2025: \$ 369,047.92
Total Raised for Capital Campaign as of December 8, 2025: \$ 88,272.40



Attendance by Mass Time 12/07:

Sat 5:00 pm: 53
Sun 7:00 am: 36
Sun 8:30 am: 131
Sun 11:30 am: 163

Announcements:

- **Advent Lessons & Carols** – Join us today, 12/14, Gaudete/Rose Sunday, at 6:30 PM for an evening of Lessons and Carols as we gather together to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There will be a lovely reception to follow. Invite your friends and family!
- **Christmas & Holy Day Mass Schedule** – On Dec. 24th, our Christmas vigil Masses will be at 5pm and 11pm. On Christmas day, we will have Mass at 10am. For the Holy Day of Obligation on Jan. 1st, we will have Masses at 7am, 12:15pm, and 6:30pm.
- **Christmas Flowers** – If you would like to donate for the poinsettias to be placed on the altar on Christmas Eve, please place donations in the Christmas flower envelopes located on the tables in the back of the church; write your name on the front of the envelope, write any intentions you may have on the back of the envelope, and place envelope in the offering boxes in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Switching to Flocknote Giving** – If you are still giving through ParishSoft, please scan the QR code to get information on how to switch your gift to Flocknote Giving. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!
- **Women’s Study Group** – God gives in the measure that we expect of Him", St. John of the Cross says. And St. Francis de Sales says: "The measure of Divine Providence acting on us is the degree of confidence that we have in it". Join our Ladies' study group this week as we learn about the fidelity of Divine Providence and our obstacles in experiencing it. Thursday evenings, 6:30-9:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Text STBWOMEN to 84576 to join our Flocknote group to stay up to date.



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PARISH CALENDAR



St. Thomas Becket Catholic Church
a parish of the
Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter
Bishop Steven J. Lopes

The Rev. Jon C. Jenkins, Parochial Administrator
3550 Southwest Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133

Welcome to Our Visitors!

Thank you for sharing in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with us today! If you are willing, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jenkins after Mass so he can welcome you, or sign in our Visitor’s Log in the main entrance. If you are a Catholic, we receive Holy Communion kneeling and by intinction (both species together on the tongue). If you are not a Catholic, or a Catholic but not receiving, during Communion we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest and kneel in the presence of Christ. We do not offer blessings at the altar rail, but rather a moment of Adoration in the presence of the Lord.

<u>GIVE</u>  <u>JOIN</u>  <u>KNOW</u>  <u>GIVE</u> – Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring offering. <u>JOIN</u> – Registration forms to join our parish or the Ordinariate. <u>KNOW</u> – Sign up for Flocknote to receive emails about upcoming events. or more detailed info on schedules of Parish events, scan this QR Code to visit the Parish Calendar.  Calendar	The NEXT BIG THING at STB is... Advent Lessons and Carols Join us today, December 14th, Gaudete/Rose Sunday, at 6:30 pm for Lessons and Carols as we gather together to hear and sing hymns in joyful hope of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Reception following in the parish hall. This can be an easy way to get someone to come to church for a concert if they are timid about attending a mass. 
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Weekly Mass Intentions

13 Dec (5 pm) – Jennifer Anne Palmer	15 Dec (12:15 pm) – Sandy Jensen
14 Dec (7 am) – Emma Jensen	16 Dec (12:15 pm) – Constance Magnuson and David Reidel
14 Dec (8:30 am) – Pro Populo (people of the parish)	17 Dec (12:15 pm) – John & Diane Magnuson
14 Dec (11:30 am) – Souls in Purgatory	18 Dec (12:15 pm) – Grace Allen

Processional Hymn: 54 – Savior of the Nations Come! vs. 1-2**Introit** – *Gaudete in Domino (Phil 4:4,5,6; Ps 85:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

(Ps) Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

GLORY. Rejoice in...

Collect for purity: page 1

Kyrie; Gloria: page 2

Collect of the Day

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the lily it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Gradual - *Qui sedes, Domine (Ps 80:1)*

[Read by Acolyte or chanted by a Cantor. Congregation does not respond]

Show thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim: stir up thy strength and come.

V. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation – *Excita, Domine (Ps 80:2b)*

Alleluia. **R. Alleluia.**

Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man dressed in soft robes? Behold, those who wear soft robes are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way before you.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Nicene Creed: page 4

Intercessions Form III: page 29

Penitential Rite/Comfortable Words: page 5

Offertory - *Benedixisti, Domine (Ps 85:1,2)*

O Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Offertory Hymn: 66 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Offerings for our church can be placed in the offering plate, in the Offering boxes in the back of the church or by scanning the green QR code on the front of the bulletin to make a one-time or recurring donation.

Eucharistic Prayer / Roman Canon: page 12

Communion Rite / Prayer of Humble Access: page 19

Communion – *Dicite: Pusillanimes (Cf. Is 35:4)*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come and save you.

Communion Hymn: 336 – Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Prayer after Communion: page 22

Recessional Hymn: 54 – Savior of the Nations Come! vs. 3-4