



We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, foreshadows today's Gospel passage. Both passages employ images of a landowner and his vineyard. The First Reading tells the story of a landowner who, with great love and care, creates the perfect vineyard and fills it with the choicest vines. Yet, it fails to produce good fruit. As a result, the landowner allows

the vineyard to go to ruin. This is a reminder that while Our Heavenly Father is merciful and kind, He is also just. As Christian stewards, we must continuously fight the tendency towards complacency and instead use our blessings to produce good fruit.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted — the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is a gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately. Paul continues, "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Paul gives specific advice for intentionally maintaining an attitude of gratitude in our thought life.

"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise" these are the things we should focus on. As we develop this habit we will discover a powerful way to navigate life with peace and joy despite the troubles that surround us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a vineyard in a parable Jesus uses to teach the importance of using our blessings well. It is the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. This calling is a gift from God to be treasured above all other gifts. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory.

We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

### **September 27, 2020**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,309.92
OnLine Giving .....	\$ 350.00
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 84.12
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 180.00

**Second Collection - October 10– 11:  
Hope for the Future / Catholic Schools**



**Please Note:** We are so grateful to those who have continued to give through this pandemic crisis...

We depend on our parishioners weekly contributions.

We kindly ask that you continue to contribute via our usual Sunday Mass collection or by Mailing or dropping off your donations at the church office.

You may also go to our website ([www.ThomasMoreSATx.org](http://www.ThomasMoreSATx.org)) to donate online through Online Giving or to submit your prayer request(s).



## **40 DAYS for LIFE Through - November 1**

### **HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!**

- You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!
- Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

**17,226 babies saved from abortion**  
**206 abortion workers converted**  
**107 abortion centers closed**

**Vigil Location:** Outside the Planned Parenthood  
 Abortion clinic located at  
 2140 Babcock Rd.

**Vigil Hours:** 7 am to 7 pm, Mon - Sat

**Local Contact:** Kathy Nix - [info@sacfl.org](mailto:info@sacfl.org)

**Get Involved** - Sign up for prayer times.

Visit: [40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio](http://40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio)

or

[www.sacfl.org](http://www.sacfl.org)

## **St. Thomas More Fall Raffle**

October 11, 2020

Drawing will be held at 2:45 pm  
*(Need not be present to win).*

Tickets are \$5.00 each

Pick up Raffle Tickets in the Rectory Office



**Over \$7,000 in Prizes!!**

## **CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS**

November 3rd is fast approaching.

We need to take this election day seriously!

The fate of our country is at stake!

Let us pray the rosary everyday for guidance and help!

Pray for the leaders of our country.

Thank you... and...

God Bless-

## **St. Thomas More Child Development Center Accepting children 18 months+**

STMCDC offers a faith based program that focuses on the developmental, academic, and spiritual growth of the young child. Children will be given opportunities to grow their social, emotional and intellectual skills in a safe environment that builds up God's Kingdom.

STMCDC is open from 7:00AM-6:00PM.

For more information contact the school office @ (210)655-2882

*But Jesus called them to him, saying "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." Luke 18:16*



### **Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra**



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
 Para mas informacion contacte Maria Isabel Hernandez.



### **St. Thomas More English Prayer Group**



The English Prayer Group will meet:

Thursday, October 8th at 7 pm in the Church  
 Everyone is invited!

It will be good to "**Praise and Worship**" our Lord  
 together again!

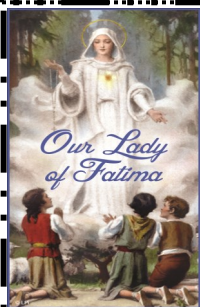
Contacts: Olga Guerrero: (210) 657-1610 or  
 Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977

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MUCH, LORD!



ACTUALLY,  
A LITTLE  
TOO MUCH.





### Coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup>...

#### we celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of the *Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal!*

On that day, because of the proclamation of a public miracle, a crowd estimated to be between 70 and 100 thousand people gathered on the Cova... There was a terrible storm that evening and by midmorning the weather again turned bad and heavy rain began to fall.

The children (*Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco*) arrived around noon, and they saw the flash of light as Mary appeared before them. She told the children, "I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."

Lucia made her requests, being informed that people must amend their lives, and ask forgiveness of their sins, if they wanted healings or conversions. She reported too that Mary grew very sad and said: "Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended." Then rising into the air and opening her hands towards the sun, growing more brilliant as she did, she disappeared, being replaced by various visions seen only by the children. At the same time the vast crowd saw a true miracle. The black clouds parted, and the sun became visible, looking like a dull grey disc that could be looked at directly quite easily.

As reported by witnesses: "...one could see the immense multitude turn towards the sun, which appeared free from clouds and at its zenith. It looked like a plaque of dull silver and it was possible to look at it without the least discomfort. It might have been an eclipse which was taking place. But at that moment a great shout went up and one could hear the spectators nearest at hand shouting: "A miracle! A miracle!" Before the astonished eyes of the crowd, whose aspect was Biblical as they stood bareheaded, eagerly searching the sky, the sun trembled, made sudden incredible movements outside all cosmic laws - the sun "*danced*" according to the typical expression of the people. ... "People then began to ask each other what they had seen. The great majority admitted to having seen the trembling and dancing of the sun; others affirmed that they saw the face of the Blessed Virgin; others, again, swore that the sun whirled on itself like a giant Catherine wheel and that it lowered itself to the earth as if to burn it with its rays. Some said they saw it change colors successively. ..."

Other witnesses testified to the terrifying nature of the solar miracle: "It turned everything different colors: yellow, blue, white, and it shook and trembled; it seemed like a wheel of fire which was going to fall on the people. They cried out: 'We shall all be killed, we shall all be killed!' ... At last the sun stopped moving and we all breathed a sigh of relief. We were still alive and the miracle which the children had foretold had taken place."

Other people witnessed the solar miracle from a distance thus ruling out the possibility of any type of collective hallucination.

A final intriguing point was that the heat of the sun, as it descended on the people, also had the effect of drying their clothes and the ground, so that they went from being completely soaked to being dry in about ten minutes.

Interesting... Keep praying that Rosary!! If you'd like to talk, give me a yell. God Bless- DT

**America Needs Fatima** (ANF) is a campaign to Its goal is to win the heart and soul of America for promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

America urgently needs the prophetic messages of Our America needs a clear direction, a great purpose, and the The admonitions, requests, and warnings of Mary Most

During the apparitions, Mary told the children to pray the She asked them to pray for the conversion of Russia, the world to have a devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

The Fatima message emphasizes central truths and The Blessed Trinity, the Eucharist, Penance, the Rosary,

Join us for the **2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade at Noon on Saturday, October 10th** -

**LOCATION(s):** A group will be meeting outside the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 2140 Babcock Rd. For those who can't make that location... we will meet here (STM) in front of the Rectory.

spread the message of Fatima in the United States. Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and

Lady at Fatima.

means to achieve it.

Holy can be called a heaven-sent survival guide.

Rosary each day to bring peace to the world. to do penance, and told them that God wanted

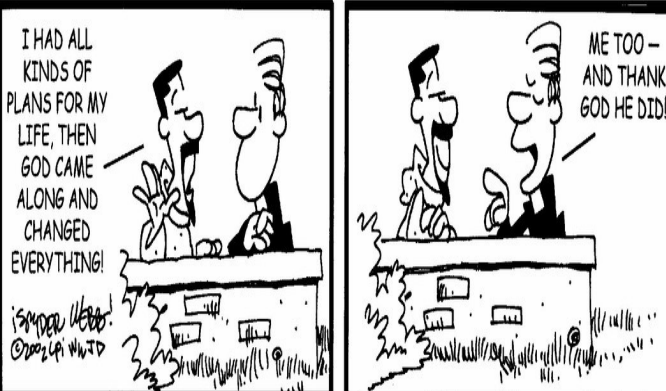
devotions of the Catholic faith:

and Sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.



**This Week at our Parish**

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
**Monday, October 5, 2020**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2020**  
 7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg. Room  
 English Prayer Group - Church  
**Friday, October 9, 2020**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Rectory Court Yard  
**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
**Lector** - M. Fisher  
**Sunday, October 11, 2020**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
**Lector** - C. Brown  
 10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando  
**Lector** - M. Brosemp  
 12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando  
**Lector** - E. Garcia / H. Gomez  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** -  
**Lector** - Volunteer

**Lecturas de la Semana de oct 5 - 11**

**Lunes:** Gal 1:6-12; Sal 111:1-2,7-9,10; Lc 10:25-37  
**Martes:** Gal 1:13-24; Sal 139:1-3,13-15; Lc 10:38-42  
**Miércoles:** Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Sal 117:1,2; Lc 11:1-4  
**Jueves:** Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13  
**Viernes:** Gal 3:7-14; Sal 111:1-6; Lc 11:15-26  
**Sábado:** Gal 3:22-29; Sal 105:2-7; Lc 11:27-28  
**Domingo:** Is 25:6-10; Sal 23:1-6; Flp 4:12-14,19-20;  
 Mt 22:1-14

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, October 3, 2020**

8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Tate Family  
 5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Family  
 †Andres & Susie Garza by Joe & Annabelle Garza  
 †David Krause by Wife

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Stensland Family  
 10:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Family  
 †Joe Garcia by Knights of Columbus  
 †Patricia Burris by Pastoral Council  
 12:00 pm †Ulises Francisco Cortez by Family  
 †Jose Luna & †Daniel Antuna  
 by Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol  
 5:00 pm **†All Who Have Died**

**Monday, October 5, 2020**

8:00 am †Martha B. Garcia by Robert & Amelia Silva  
 †John TM Duong by Elda Garcia

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

8:00 am **In Thanksgiving**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

8:00 am †Pual Nguyen by Family  
 †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

8:00 am †David Krause by Richard & Dorothy Perez

**Friday, October 9, 2020**

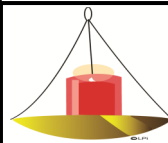
8:00 am **HEALTH - Vanessa Morton** by Family  
**In Thanksgiving**

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

8:00 am **In Thanksgiving**  
 5:00 pm †Ray DuMenil by Family  
 †Mary Nguyen by Family  
 †David Krause by Wife

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**

8:00 am †Edward & Lorena Shortner by Fabian & Anabelle Biemer  
**60th Anniversary - Fabian & Anabelle Biemer**  
 10:00 am †Medardo G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Family  
 †Evangelina G. Morales by Family  
 †Joe Garcia by Knights of Columbus  
 12:00 pm †Jose Alcantar  
 5:00 pm †Efrain Garza

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

**†Vincente Nhiep**  
**†Vicente & Teresa Hoi**

**Readings for the week of Oct 5 - 11**

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