



“You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Jesus’ words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding. As Peter professes that Jesus is Christ, Jesus begins to share that He will suffer, die, and rise. We can imagine that Peter, who is a close follower of Jesus, is taken back by these words. In his humanity Peter rebukes Him. Little does Peter know that this act is the greatest act of love that man will ever know.

In our humanity, oftentimes we too rebuke Jesus. We become angry when things don’t go our way, despair when we suffer, complain when life gets hard, cringe when we are uncomfortable, or selfishly live to satisfy ourselves. We want life to be easy, comfy, free from hardships, and in our best interest. We are missing profound moments to love and serve when we live a life like that.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as human beings, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part — accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people.

Jesus re-echoes this message as He addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” We are Jesus’ disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ’s sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don’t seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining through them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them. And we should strive to remain committed to Christ in every joy and every trial, never ceasing to follow Him. This means serving others even when we feel like serving ourselves, being open to what God is asking of us, and praising Him for every gift.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

St. James reminds us that active discipleship is lively, meaning, our lives must be an extension of our faith.

Everything that we do reflects what we believe. We cannot just hold that belief in our hearts, but we need to share it by how we live each moment of each day.

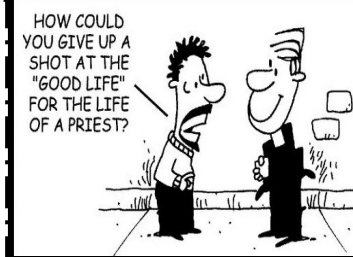
This week let us sit in Jesus’ presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family, and neighbor.

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**September 5, 2021**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,651.60
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 148.17
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 1,245.46
Helping Hands.....	\$ 15.00
Diocese Collection.....	\$ 20.00

***Second Collection Sept 18 - 19:  
NO SECOND COLLECTION***



## **CATHOLIC RADIO**

**Get the best in Catholic programming!  
‘Tune-In’ to the Guadalupe Radio Network!  
1380 AM – Spanish or 89.7 FM - English**



## 40 DAYS for LIFE September 22 - October 31

### 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!

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**Vigil Location:** Outside the Planned Parenthood Abortion clinic - 2140 Babcock

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

**Local Contact:** Kathy Nix - (210) 668-1993 -  
or: info@sacfl.org

**Learn More:** *Get Involved* -  
Sign up for prayer times.



## Military Veterans for Christ

### Wreaths Across America



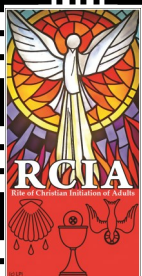
**REMEMBER** the Fallen. . . **HONOR** those who Serve. . .  
**TEACH** our children the value of Freedom.

On December 18, Wreaths Across America will be at Fort Sam Houston Nat'l Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

The Military Veterans for Christ will be here at STM on  
Saturday, Sept 25th - in front of the Church  
from 4:30 pm 'till 6:30 pm... and  
Sunday, September 26th - next to the playground,  
from 7:30 am until 11:30 am

Wreaths are on sale for \$15 each

Contact info: David Gonzalez @ (210) 241-9520



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA -

If you, or someone you know, are a non-Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or possibly *become* a Catholic?...

(no pressure)... or -

If you are a Baptized Catholic adult...  
but have not made your First Holy Communion  
or been Confirmed... or -

Maybe you are you a practicing Catholic (or not)...  
and just want to learn more about our faith?

— *Or maybe you know someone like this* —

If so... I would like to invite you / them to our RCIA sessions.

**We meet in the Rectory Meeting Room...**  
**Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm.**

Sessions are very informal...

We learn about Church, it's teachings, sacraments, and so much more!... and answer any questions you have.

For more information - call the parish office or talk to Dcn Tim... or simply come to our first meeting.

**Hope to see you there.**

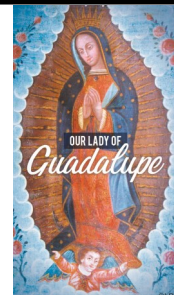


## Comunidad de St Thomas More

Estamos listos para separa su fecha para los rosarios de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Hay 46 días. Empezamos en octubre 26 para terminar en diciembre 11.

Para más información comunicarse con  
Rosy Borrego (210) 376-9899 o  
Edna Marshall (210) 505-0285



To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**  
Saturday Sept. 18, 2021

On Saturday, September 18, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

## Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

*Date & Time*  
Saturday, September 18, 11:00am

*Location*  
Oblate Lourdes Grotto & Guadalupe  
Tepeyac at 5712 Blanco Road  
San Antonio, TX 78216

*Special Details*  
**Speaker:** Front Line Pro-Lifer  
Prayers led by St Paul Parish  
Deacon Augustine Arismendez  
Parking on site. Face masks and social distancing, your choice.

*Local Contact*  
Phil Trickett, 210-485-5125  
trickepe38@yahoo.com  
Dottie Knodell, 210-734-4176

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For more information on this event, visit [AbortionMemorials.com](http://AbortionMemorials.com)



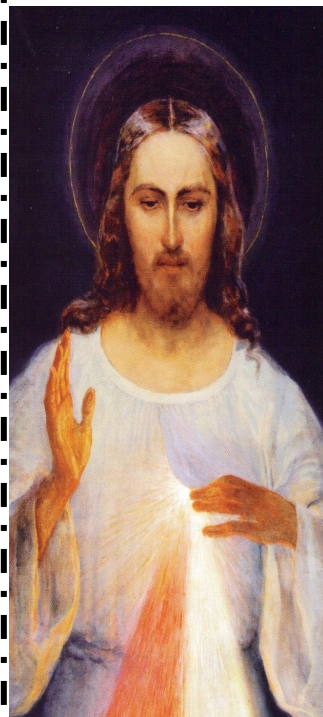
## Deacon's Corner

The song they are referring to that we sing just before Holy Communion is the “*Lamb of God*”... but we sometimes sing it in Latin. In Latin it is translated... “*Agnus Dei*.”

## ROUGH PRONUNCIATION

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Miserere nobis.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Miseray-ray nobeese
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Miserere nobis.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Miseray-ray nobeese
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Dona nobis pachem.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Donna nobeese pachem

Until next time... God Bless- DT



So please... Wherever you are on Monday, Sept 13th, take a 'time-out' to Join us in this prayer... God Bless-



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



Los símbolos de la Iglesia  
Creo en la Santa Iglesia católica  
La Iglesia en el designio de Dios  
Hora Santa

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
**Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756**



**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*  
 6:30 pm Guadalupeano Rosary - *Church*

**Monday, September 13, 2021**  
 7:00 pm Guadalupeano Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 KC 3rd Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir - *Church*

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
 7:00 pm Guadalupeano Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**  
 6:30 pm School PTC Mtg - *Carolán Hall*  
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

**Friday, September 17, 2021**  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
 9:00 am Guadalupeano General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando  
**Lector** - T. Guerrero

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
**Lector** - O. Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John  
**Lector** - R. Davis

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, R. Gomez,  
 I. Hernandez  
**Lector** - E. Marshall / F. Tobar

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

**†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and**  
**†Richard Pansza, Jr**

**Readings for the week of Sept 13 - 19**

**Monday:** 1Tm 2:1-8; Ps 40:7-10,17; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11;  
 Jn 3:13-17  
**Wednesday:** 1Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27  
**Thursday:** 1Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10,17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3;  
 Mk 9:30-37

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Baldemar Saldiva, Agustin & Alicia Mora  
 by Saldiva Family

**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Adeline & †Edgar Richardson by Family  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Fr. Gilbert Pansza & Richard Pansza, Jr  
 by Maldonado & Pansza Families  
**Special Intention - Daniel, Ezra & Sabella Acosta**  
 by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta  
 12:00 pm **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Monday, September 13, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**  
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, September 17, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
 8:00 am **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Amelia Garcia by Loving Daughters Ceci & Rosie  
 †Joe Barrera Sr and James Barrera by Martha Barrera

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family  
 †All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Fr. Gilbert Pansza & Richard Pansza, Jr  
 by Maldonado & Pansza Families  
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno  
 by Briseno & Morales Families  
**Special Intention - Daniel, Ezra & Sabella Acosta**  
 by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta  
 12:00 pm **†Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
**Special Intention - David Perez - Healing & Conversion**

**Lecturas de la Semana del Sept 13 - 19**

**Lunes:** 1Tm 2:1-8; Sal 39:7-10,17; Lc 7:1-10  
**Martes:** Nm 21:4-9; Sal 77:1-2,34-38; Flp 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Miércoles:** 1Tm 3:14-16; Sal 110:1-6; Jn 19:25-27  
**Jueves:** 1Tm 4:12-16; Sal 110:7-10; Lc 7:36-50  
**Viernes:** 1Tm 6:2-12; Sal 48:6-10,17-20; Lc 8:1-3  
**Sábado:** 1Tm 6:13-16; Sal 99:1-5; Lc 8:4-15  
**Domingo:** Sab 2:12,17-20; Sal 53:3-8; Sant 3:16-4:3;  
 Mc 9:30-37