

Today’s readings are all about love — the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives.

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate Father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another.

Our First Reading, from Exodus, is an example. In this ancient text God says, “You shall not molest or oppress an alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan... If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset...

If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.” This love of neighbor was a radical departure for the people of this era. But this is the radical God that we serve.

Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God’s laws in today's Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing — but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ’s response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments.

He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

How is the second like the first? What do the two commands have in common? Love.

Love God first and love neighbor as self. This is the heart of the stewardship way of life — simple enough for a child to understand, challenging enough to be the life’s work of every “grown-up.” The “how” of loving God first and neighbor as self is unique to each individual.

Perhaps God is calling you to love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind by committing to a daily time of praying with the Scriptures. Maybe He is calling you to spend time with Him in adoration or a weekday Mass. It might be that He is asking you to put Him first as a family with a time for evening or morning prayer together. Maybe He wants you to spend a bit less time watching the news or surfing the internet, and a little more time pondering the blessings He has given you throughout the day.

And how is God calling you to love your neighbor as yourself? Maybe it is by checking on a relative or neighbor who is isolated. Or by patiently listening to a colleague at work who is overwhelmed. Or by getting involved in a ministry that serves children or the poor.

The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies the two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it’s all about love.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**October 18, 2020**

Sunday Collection .....	\$	3,859.64
OnLine Giving .....	\$	585.00
Vigil Candles.....	\$	77.35
Facilities Improvement.....	\$	218.44
All Souls.....	\$	310.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$	332.14

**Second Collection - October 31 – Nov 1:**

**No Second Collection**



**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

**Get Involved** - Sign up for prayer times.  
Visit: [40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio](http://40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio)  
or  
[www.sacfl.org](http://www.sacfl.org)

**An Election Prayer**

Almighty God, Lord of life and King of all nations, we beg you to look kindly upon our country and help us to wisely choose our new leaders.

Inform our consciences and enlighten our judgement, that we may elect those who will mercifully uphold justice and strive to protect the least among us.

Help us to discern which candidates will uphold both the letter and spirit of Your law. May our nation once again respect religious freedom, authentic marriage, the importance of family and the value of every human life - from conception to natural death.

Heal the divisions which wound our unity and help us to overlook political tensions that keep us from becoming a united force for good.

May our great land, build on both personal responsibility and charity towards the less fortunate, always balance prosperity with care for the elderly, the poor, the sick and the abandoned.

May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights. In concert with the great founders of our nation may we confidently proclaim, **"In God we trust."**  
Amen.

**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 información contacte Maria Isabel Hernandez.

**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 English  
Prayer Group**



The English Prayer Group is not meeting every week...  
We will keep you posted...  
In the mean time... continue praying for the end of the Corona Virus, for our church and our country

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



### Archdiocesan Corona-Virus Update

The Archbishop released an update letter last week (*Friday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>*).

In it he asserted that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation he initially granted on March 13th remains in effect.

He notes that while the number of COVID-19 cases are beginning to decline, we must remain cautious and be concerned for the health of everyone in our local churches. All guidelines and best practices implemented to keep our places of worship safe (social distancing, requiring masks in church, use of sanitation procedures, etc.) remain in effect. He warns that with the flu season and colder weather soon upon us, we must keep our guard up and not become lax in our practices.

He strongly encourages parishioners to come back to Mass if they are able.

However, he emphasizes that if you are ill, do not come to church.

Parishioners who are uncomfortable attending Sunday Mass due to the coronavirus or implemented safety measures are excused from the obligation to attend.

Also, parishioners in a high-risk category due to: illness, age, chronic health condition or compromised immune system, etc. are to remain at home.

We are encouraged to offer our hardships, sickness, or pastoral care for the sake of those who are seriously ill and for those who have died.

He continues that while this dispensation is extended, we need to continue to tend to our spiritual lives.

If unable to attend Mass, we are encouraged to make a "spiritual communion." St. John Paul II wrote, "It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist."

Parishes are to return to their pre-pandemic Mass schedules for Sunday and daily Masses and confessions (*we at STM have already done this. In fact, Fr. Tomy has added the 5 o'clock Sunday evening Mass for those not feeling comfortable attending their usual Mass time*)

Finally, the Archbishop expressed his gratitude for the extra service we are all called to in this time... and he asks that we keep him and the Pastoral Center staff in our prayers... as they pray for us.



### El DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (Day of the Dead):

What is it? It sounds a little spooky to me! Not so...

El Día de los Muertos is a time of celebration... a holiday celebrated by many... especially here in South Texas.

It focuses on praying for and remembering friends and family members who have died.

The celebration occurs on November 2nd in conjunction with All Saints and All Souls Day.

Traditions include building an altar and honoring the deceased with photos and memorabilia.

Our "Coro Alegría" and "Grupo de Oración" will erect a "Day of the Dead" altar at the main entrance of the church.

Everyone is welcome to place a picture or memento of loved one(s) that have passed.

*(Please place your name and phone number on your picture or memento)*

Your pictures / mementos will be removed from the altar after Masses on Tuesday, November 3rd and the altar will be taken down that day. Pictures / mementos can then be picked up in the Rectory during regular office hours.

¡Que es eso! ¡Me suena un poco espeluznante! No tan.

El Día de los Muertos es un día de celebración... un feriado celebrado por muchos...

especialmente aquí en el sur de Texas. Se enfoca en orar y recordar a los amigos y familiares que han muerto.

La celebración ocurre el 2 de noviembre en conjunción con el Día de Todos los Santos y el Día de los Difuntos.

Las tradiciones incluyen construir un altar y honrar a los difuntos con fotos y recuerdos.

El altar para el "Día de los Muertos" se ha preparado en la entrada principal de nuestra iglesia por el "Coro Alegría" y el "Grupo de Oración".

Todos están invitados a traer fotos o artículos de recuerdos de sus queridos difuntos para poner en el altar. *(Favor de incluir su nombre y número de teléfono en las fotos y/o artículos)*

Pueden recoger sus fotos y/o artículos después de la misa de martes, el 3 de noviembre.

Después de esta misa... las fotos y/o artículos se pueden recoger en la oficina de la rectoría durante horas regulares.



**This Week at our Parish**

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School

**Monday, October 26, 2020**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**  
 7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg. Room

**Friday, October 30, 2020**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation (Span) - School  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Rectory Court Yard

**\*\*\* Daylight Saving Time Ends - FALL BACK! \*\*\***

**Sunday, November 1, 2020 - All Saints Day**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation (Eng) - School

**Novena for All Souls - Instructions**

We will begin our Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory on Monday, November 2nd - All Souls Day.

You may use the All Souls envelope found in your contribution envelope box to record the names of those loved ones you wish to remember, or... simply make a list, turn it in to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket.

Limited space prevents all names from being listed in the Mass-Intention portion of the bulletin. But... Rest assured that all intention envelopes / lists will be placed on the altar and all souls on the lists... as well as *all* the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be remembered in the Mass intentions for the day.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, October 31, 2020 done**  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
**Lector** - M.Fisher

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**Sunday, November 1, 2020**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
**Lector** - O.Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando  
**Lector** - M.Torres

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando  
**Lector** - J.Hernandez / M.Larios

5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)

**Lecturas de la Semana de oct 26 - nov 1**

**Lunes:** Ef 4:32-5:8; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 13:10-17  
**Martes:** Ef 5:21-33; Sal 128:1-5; Lc 13:18-21  
**Miércoles:** Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19:2-5; Lc 6:12-16  
**Jueves:** Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144:1,2,9-10; Lc 13:31-35  
**Viernes:** Flp 1:1-11; Sal 111:1-6; Lc 14:1-6  
**Sábado:** Flp 1:18-26; Sal 42:2,3,5; Lc 14:1,7-11  
**Domingo:** Ap 7:2-4,9-14; Sal 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**  
 8:00 am **All the Orphan Souls**  
 5:00 pm †Luis Miguel Perez by Family  
*In Thanksgiving*

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
 8:00 am †Louis & Mary Biemer by Fabian & Annabelle Biemer  
 †Sigifredo & Martina Sepulveda by M/M Sigi Sepulveda  
 10:00 am †Abel Sanchez by Sanchez Family  
 †Misty Dawn Espinoza by Family  
 †Jeremy Espinoza by Irene & Pablo Negrete  
 †Joe Garcia by Knights of Columbus  
 12:00 pm †Luis Miguel Perez by Family  
 †Jose Luna & Daniel Antuna  
 by Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol 5:00 pm  
 †Anna Maria Sandoval Arzola by Daughters  
**Thanksgiving for Birthday - Rosie Borrego**  
**STM Parishioners**

5:00 pm

**Monday, October 26, 2020**  
 8:00 am †Max Pena by Maryann Garcia & Amelia Pena Silva

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**  
 8:00 am **In Thanksgiving**  
*All the Orphan Souls*

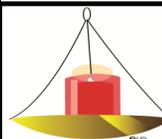
**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**  
 8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes  
 †Robert Ryberg - 1-year Anniversary of Death  
 by Marianne Sanchez

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**  
 8:00 am †Edgar Richardson by Family

**Friday, October 30, 2020**  
 8:00 am †Vincente Hoi - Anniversary of Death by Kim Nguyen  
*In Thanksgiving*

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**  
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners**  
 5:00 pm Zeke & Ida - 51st Anniversary by Espinoza Children

**Sunday, November 1, 2020 - All Saints Day**  
 8:00 am †John & Katie Shortner by Fabian & Annabelle Biemer  
 †Vernon Fenner by Fabian & Annabelle Biemer  
 10:00 am †Misty Dawn & Baby Dawn by Espinoza Family  
 †Misty Dawn Espinoza by Family  
 †Jeremy Moses Espinoza by Irene & Pablo Negrete  
 †Joe Garcia by Knights of Columbus  
 12:00 pm †Maria de Lourdes Olmedo by Family  
 †Vinicio Vera Silva by Family  
 †Jose Luna & Daniel Antuna  
 by Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol  
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners**



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Vincente Nhiep  
 †Vicente & Teresa Hoi

**Readings for the week of Oct 26 - Nov 1**

**Monday:** Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1,2,9-10; Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Phil 1:18-26; Ps 42:2,3,5; Lk 14:1,7-11  
**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12