

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah, paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. "Cursed is the one who trusts in human

beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste." Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green."

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another's. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. "It's leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an "earthly" vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 10, 2019

Vigil Lights	\$ 100.32
Weekly Collection	\$ 5,368.21
Facilities Improvement Fund	\$ 146.00
Helping Hands Fund	\$ 741.33

Second Collection - February 23 – 24 No Second Collection Next Week



SPIRITUAL BOOT CAMP 14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Sat, Feb 23rd from 8 am- 5:30 pm Norris Conference Center



Have a powerful transformative experience in a spiritually-charged environment

Speakers: Bishop Michael Boulette,

Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM, and Dr. Ralph Martin.

Reserve your seat... Invite a Brother in Christ to attend with you. Gather a group of ten or more and receive \$10 off per man! Learn More/Register today at: CMCSanAntonio.com or call (210) 521-3377.



On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Tomy, we invite you and your family to serve our Catholic community by participating in the 2019 Annual Archbishop's Appeal,

Encounter: live in Faith, Give in Love.

Your prayers and gifts serve all of us by raising up our next generation of priests and deacons, providing sound catechesis and Catholic education for our children, bringing the sacraments to the hospitalized and homebound, broadcasting the Mass and other faith-filled programming to thousands, and bringing Christ's mercy as it feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable.

If you have already responded to the Archbishop's letter sent to your home, thank you!

If you have not yet had an opportunity to respond to this year's Appeal, please prayerfully consider how to renew your gift, or make one for the first time. Pledge envelopes and pencils are available in the pews. Once completed, place your envelope in the offertory during Mass.

You may also make yor gift online at www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal, or by calling the Office of the Archbishop's Appeal at (210) 734-1604.

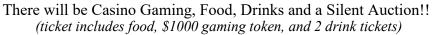
Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May God continue to bless you!



Come... join us for our

8th Annual STM School Casino Night

March 2, 2019 - in Carolan Hall Tickets: \$50. each



Please consider being a Sponsor. We are also in need of raffle items.

Contacts: School @ (210) 655-2882 or

Mary Johnson @ (210) 473-5742 or

April Rodriguez @ (210) 710-0442





MAY HE REST IN PEACE: May God comfort the families and friends of Homer Byington who died during the past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to Phyllis and the Byington Family



<u>GUADALUPANO NEWS</u>

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 16, 2019 Join us for our annual retreat from 8 a.m. 'till Noon Everyone is Welcome!!

More info to follow

Questions: Contact Annabelle Garza @ (210) 655-5661





En nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y del Padre Tomy, lo invitamos a usted y a su familia a servir a nuestra comunidad católica participando en la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo 2019, titulada

Encuentro: Vivir en la Fe, Dar en el Amor.

Sus oraciones y donaciones son un servicio a todos nosotros al hacer crecer a nuestra siguiente generación de sacerdotes y diáconos, proveyendo una educación católica robusta para nuestros niños, llevando los sacramentos a los que están hospitalizados y a los que no pueden salir de casa, transmitiendo la misa y otros programas llenos de la fe a miles de personas y llevando la misericordia de Cristo al alimentar, vestir, dar albergue y cuidar a los más vulnerables.

Si usted ya ha respondido a la carta que el Arzobispo mandó a su hogar, ¡se lo agradecemos! Si usted no ha tenido todavía la oportunidad de responder al llamado de la Campaña de este año, por favor considere en la oración cómo renovar su donación, o haga una por primera vez. Hay sobres de compromiso y lápices disponibles en las bancas. Una vez llenados, por favor pongan su sobre en la ofrenda de la colecta durante la misa.

Usted también puede realizar su donativo en línea en el sitio <u>www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal</u>,
o llamando a la Oficina de la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo al (210) 734-1604.

Muchas gracias por sus oraciones y por su generosidad.

¡Qué Dios los siga bendiciendo!

22 feb - El Espíritu Santo y la Iglesia



Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



Readings for the week of Feb 18 - 24

Monday: Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday**: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21 **Wednesday**: Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Ps 116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26 **Thursday**: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,4-6; Mt 16:13-19 **Saturday**: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5,10-11; Mk 9:2-13 **Sunday**: 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13;



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.

Para mas informacion contacte Marisa Isabel Hernandez.



Feb 21 - Fellowship in the Rectory Dining Room.

Bring your favorite dish to share.
Feb 28 - Bible Study
Romans 14:1-12
"To live and die for Christ"
Speaker: Stella Lopez

Prayer Group meets every Thursday in the Church at 7:00pm Contacts: Olga Guerrero, 657-1610 or Stella Lopez, 618-6977

Lecturas de la Semana del febrero 18 - 24

Lunes: Gn 4:1-15,25; Sal 50:1,8,16-17,20-21; Mc 8:11-13 **Martes**: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Sal 29:1-4,3,9-10; Mc 8:14-21 **Miércoles**: Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Sal 116:12-15,18-19; Mc 8:22-26 **Jueves**: Gn 9:1-13; Sal 102:16-21,29,22-23; Mc 8:27-33

Viernes: 1Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19 **Sábado**: Heb 11:1-7; Sal 145:2-5,10-11; Mc 9:2-13

Domingo: 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Sal 103:1-4,8,10,12-13;

2018- Archbishop's Appeal

Pledge Update - Final Report - as of December 31st

Parish Goal: \$16,420.73

Total Pledged: \$37,190.00 (225%)

Total Collected: \$36,805.00

Parish Participation Level: 22%

¡Ándale! Capital Campaign

Pledge Update - as of February 7th

Parish Goal: \$388,000.

Pledged: \$284,373 (73%)

Shortfall: \$107,567.
Parish Participation Level: 16%

This Week at our Parish

Sunday, February 17, 2019

9:30 am RCIA-C / Faith Formation - School

Guadalupano General Mtg. - Carolan Hall

Monday, February 18, 2019

7:00 pm Finance Council Mtg. - Rectory Mtg. Room

Ultreya - Dining Room Cenaculo - Church

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

5:30 pm Divine Mercy Devotion - Rectory Mtg. Room

6:15 pm CDA Membership Mtg. - Carolan Hall

7:00 pm Grupo Choir - Church

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Thursday, February 21, 2019

7:00 pm English Prayer Gp Fellowship - Dining Room

RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, February 22, 2019

7:00 pm Group Leader Mtg. - Rectory Mtg. Room

Grupo de Oracion - Church Coro Allegria - Dining Room

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Sunday, February 24, 2019

9:30 am RCIA-C / Faith Formation - School

KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

3:00 pm CDA Movie - Carolan Hall





Sanctuary Light Intention:

In Thanksgiving for Fr. Tomy's Safe Return

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 23, 2019

5 pm Altar Servers - Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, W+G.Larson,

E.Guerrero, T.Guerrero

Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8 am Altar Servers - Z.Dempsey

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Monteverdi,

A.Schultz, P.Klar, J.Blea

Lector - A.Schultz

10 am Altar Servers - J.Cantu, T.Gutierrez, E.Reyes,

I.Rodriguez

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando,

(+6 CDA Volunteers)

Lector - CDA

12 pm Altar Servers - Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, I.Bazan,

R.Borrego, G.Martinez, V.Serrano **Lector -** A.Martinez / V.Mompaz

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

†Anna Marie Williams by Frances Baetan †Vincente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen †Fero Oui by Kim Nguyen

5:00 pm †Eusevia Hernandez by Sister Maria

†Lvdia Granado

†Henry Kalinec by Wife

†Eugenie Aguillon by Diana Ramirez

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

†Anna Marie Williams by Frances Baetan

†Hilda Valdez by Family

†Margarita Garcia by Daughter Ida & Family

†Martha Bock by Guadalupanos
†Alicia D. Mora by Negrete Family
†Diane Castellon by Elda Garcia
†Pedro Perales & Adolph Perales by Family

10:00 am †Pedro Pena, Jr

12:00 pm †Henry Kalinec

Monday, February 18, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family †Lester Jenschke by Family

†Vincente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen †Fero Oui by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

†Anna Marie Williams by Frances Baetan

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Friday, February 22, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

Saturday, February 23, 2019

†Vincente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen †Fero Oui by Kim Nguyen

5:00 pm +Santino DiRocco

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

†Robert Alvarado by Frances Baetan

tJoseph Weich by Wife

†Alicia D. Mora by Negrete Family

10:00 am †Anna Marie Williams by Frances Baetan

†Genevieve Oswald by Family

†Juan Jose Valdez by Espinoza Family †Diane Castellon by Olga Perales

12:00 pm †Homer Byington