



Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves - mind and heart - in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." Jesus explains, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory.

This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, is a reflection of what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." We must therefore be trained by Jesus our teacher so that our minds and hearts will be aligned with His mind and heart, and our speech (and actions for that matter) will reflect His goodness.

How do we obtain this training? Thankfully, we have an abundance of supernatural "training materials" at our disposal. First and foremost, we can spend time with the Teacher, our Lord: we can study His life through reading the Scriptures, and we can listen and speak with Him in quiet, regular times of prayer. We can expand our faith knowledge through study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We can find healing and strength in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Amazingly, we can partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

The more intentionally and frequently we make use of these means, the more we will become like our Teacher and Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him.

This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 24, 2019

Vigil Lights.....	\$	98.80
Weekly Collection.....	\$	6,719.58

Second Collection - March 9– 10
For Catholic Missions among
Black & Native Americans



A WOMAN'S HAVEN **CATHOLIC PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER**

You are cordially invited to attend A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center Benefit Dinner on Thursday, April 4th 2019 at Incarnate Word University-Rosenberg Room to help support us as we continue to serve pregnant women in crisis at risk for abortion.

Keynote speaker will be General Manager of Guadalupe Catholic Radio, RICHARD REYNA and his wife JULIE.

We will also be making a **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT** this year that will change the landscape of abortions in San Antonio and surrounding areas forever. If you are Pro Life, we promise you that you will not want to miss this event.

Tickets are FREE, but you must register to attend which you can do at www.awomanshaven.eventbrite.com

Please join us for a great evening of Love, Laughter and yes, some Tears as we come together united in our desire to help pregnant women and their unborn babies in crisis.

The Alexander House is pleased to announce:

Raphael's Way

A Day's Journey into Healing

For men and women who suffer the aftermath of abortion

Saturday, March 30, 2019 (8:30 am – 5:30 pm)

At a lovely and confidential location in San Antonio

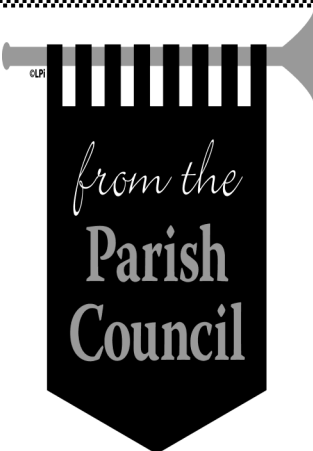
Come, lay down your burden, and know the joy of God's love.

Bring your own lunch / refrigerator & microwave available.

(Coffee, tea, juice, and snacks provided.)

Suggested donation for supplies of \$15.00 per person or \$25 for 2 people

Register at www.daytoheal.eventbrite.com. For Location, call Julie Alexander at 210-760-0976



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Are you a registered member of our St. Thomas More Parish community?
Are you sure? We are trying to 'get a handle' on ***who's-who*** in the Parish.

Registration for New Parishioners and Re-Registration for Current Parishioners will begin the weekend of March 9th.

This will be an ongoing process that will take several months to ensure that all are given the opportunity to register.

Registration Forms in English and Spanish will be available at all Masses.

Completed forms may be dropped off in the box placed at the back of the church or may be dropped off at the Rectory Office.

Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference

Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 8:30AM – 3:30PM

St. Mark the Evangelist | San Antonio, TX

The St. John Paul II Foundation, presents the 3rd Annual ***Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference***, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Antonio. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Keynote speakers include Arland Nichols; Danielle Bean; and Dr. Leonora Butau. *(early bird discount until March 4 and scholarships are available)*

On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email Conference Coordinator Susie Lopez at susie@forlifeandfamily.org.



GUADALUPANO NEWS

Friends and Family Members of St. Thomas More:
You are invited to our Annual Guadalupeano Retreat
Join us for this inspiring event! (Free Admission)

There will be: DOOR PRIZES!!
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 16, 2019

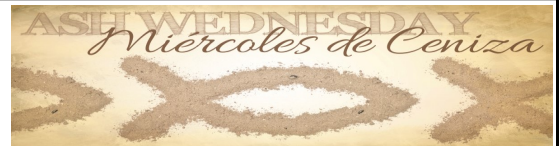
8 a.m. (Mass-in church) / Retreat 'till Noon in Carolan Hall

Theme: Presentations on St. Padre Pio and the Rosary
Speaker: Fr. Pat Martin

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



Ash Wednesday



*Remember... You are dust! And, to dust you shall return!
Turn away from sin... and, Believe in the Gospel!*

Wed, March 6 - Ash Wednesday: 6 am - Mass (English)
8 am - Mass (English)
10 am - School Mass (English)
12-Noon - Mass (English)
5 pm - Communion Svc w/Ashes
6 pm - Mass (English)
7:30 pm - Mass (Spanish)



Lent begins with
Ash Wednesday!
Your Lenten Goal?



Get closer to the God of the universe... closer to Jesus! Strengthen your relationship with God... but... how? Traditionally... we “give – or offer – up” things we tend to love too much... Things that we sometimes place before God... sports... food... etc. making them our #1... When we “give up” something for Lent, we’re supposed to do it so that we can make more room for Jesus, not just make our lives more challenging!

So what’s your focus? Take a look at your Lenten resolutions... and ask yourself where they are leading you. If they’re not leading to a more solid relationship with God... you may want to think about readjusting them.



Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



Mar 8 - Que Significa Mircoles de Ceniza
Mar 15 - Las Tentaciones de Jesus
Mar 22 - El Reino de Dios esta Cerca
Mar 29 - Anuncio del Reino de Dios

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

Readings for the week of Mar 4 - 10

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8,14,23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2,10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



Mar 7 - Prayer, Tradition & Fasting During Lent;
Speaker: Felipa Carmillo
Mar 14 - Prayer & Reflection for STM Catholic Fathers
Mar 21 - Lenten Discussion
Imitation of Christ (Psalm 51:14); Speaker: Stella Lopez
Mar 18 - Bible Study - John 3:1-21; Speaker: Tomas Guerrero
Conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus

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

Lecturas de la Semana del marzo 4 - 10

Lunes: Eclo 17:20-24; Sal 32:1-2,5-7; Mc 10:17-27
Martes: Eclo 35:1-12; Sal 50:5-8,14,23; Mc 10:28-31
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51:3-6,12-14,17; 2Co 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9; Sal 51:3-6,18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9-14; Sal 86:1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91:1-2,10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

2019- Archbishop's Appeal as of February 26th

Parish Goal: \$15,035.04
Total Pledged: \$ 8,070.00 (56.67%)
Total Collected: \$ 2,685.78
Parish Participation Level: 4%

¡Ándale! Capital Campaign

Pledge Update - as of February 21st

Parish Goal: \$388,000.
Pledged: \$284,373 (73%)
Shortfall: \$107,567.
Parish Participation Level: 16%

This Week at our Parish

Sunday, March 3, 2019

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

Monday, March 4, 2019

7:00 pm Ultreya - Dining Room
Cenaculo - Church
Guadalupano Brd Mtg. - Rectory Mtg. Room

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

5:30 pm Divine Mercy Devotion - Rectory Mtg. Room
6:00 pm English Prayer Grp Core Mtg. - Dining Room
7:00 pm Grupo Choir - Church

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

*** **Ash Wednesday** ***

7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, March 7, 2019

6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church
6:30 pm PTC Meeting - School Library
7:00 pm English Prayer Grp - Church
RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, March 8, 2019

7:00 pm Coro Alegria - Dining Room
Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, March 9, 2019

6:30 am Spanish Prayer Grp
Retirement the Life Spirit - Carolan Hall

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:30 am KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
9:30 am RCIA-C / Faith Formation - School



Sanctuary Light Intention:

Health - Butch Tate

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 9, 2019

5 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Fisher,
T.G.Garza, T.S.Garza, L.Gonzales
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8 am **Altar Servers** - Z.Dempsey
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, P.Klar, J.Blea,
A.Schultz, M.Nguyen,
Lector - A.Schultz

10 am **Altar Servers** - I.Rodriguez, E.Reyes, Z.Ramirez,
Z.Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E.Garcia,
Sr.Eucharía, A.Fuentes, L.Gifford, A.Garza,
J.Covell
Lector - J.Covell

12 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando,
A+B.Raigoza, F.Tobar, C.Torres
Lector - J+M.Rodriguez

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family
†Vincente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
†Fero Oui by Kim Nguyen
†For all Who Have Died - and In Thanksgiving
5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00 am †Donald Rand by Family
†Alicia D. Mora by Frances Botello
†Hector Roman by Family
†Emilio Litterio by Family
10:00 am †Bud & Eileen Brenner
12:00 pm †Horacio Favela by Familia Favela
†Special Intentions

Monday, March 4, 2019

8:00 am †Mary & William Ross by Ken & Anne Nutt
†Fero Oui - In Thanksgiving
†Vincente Nghiep - In Thanksgiving
†Marguerite McCoy
†Stephanana Karpowicz
Health - James Nutt by Ken & Anne Nutt

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

8:00 am †Anthony Sanchez by Sanchez Family
†the Soul of Cecilia by Family
†For all Who Have Died - In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

*** **Ash Wednesday** ***

6:00 am **Health** - Butch Tate
8:00 am †Mary Alice Ruiz Sanchez
10:00 am †Jose Perez, Jr
12:00 pm †Phoebe Stensland
6:00 pm †Baby Dawn & Misty Dawn Espinoza
by Mom, Dad & Zeke
7:30 pm †Jose Alcantar

Thursday, March 7, 2019

8:00 am STM Parishioners

Friday, March 8, 2019

8:00 am †For all Who Have Died - In Thanksgiving

Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:00 am †Joseph Weich
5:00 pm †Joe Trevino by Trevino Family
†Gilbert Cantu, Jr by Juanita Cantu
†The Rodriguez Family by Juanita Cantu
†The Cantu Family by Juanita Cantu
BIRTHDAY - Daniel S. Menchaca, Jr by Family

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 am †Guadalupe Sanchez by Family
†Alicia D. Mora by Frances Botello
†the Soul of Cecilia by Family
10:00 am Catechumen and Candidates meeting
w/Archbishop today
12:00 pm †Diana Castellon