

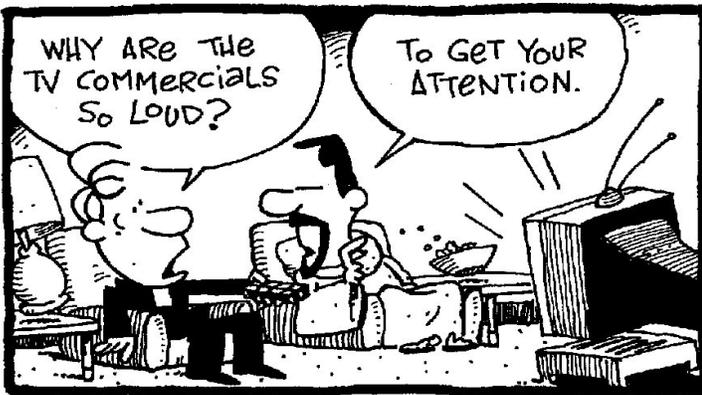
When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships?

The most distracting question we can ask is, "*What do I want to do?*" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "*What do I need to do?*" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 21, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$	3,833.88
Vigil Candles.....	\$	61.71
OnLine Giving	\$	1,170.00

**Second Collection - July 4 - 5:
No 2nd Collection Next Week**



***** WE NOW HAVE ONLINE GIVING! *****

Go to our website - www.ThomasMoreSATx.org

Click on the "**DONATE**" option and select:

Online Giving - to make a donation...

or

Prayer Request - submit a prayer request.

You may also go directly to the websites by entering:

<https://www.GiveCentral.org/location/885>

for online giving

or

<https://www.GiveCentral.org/Short-Form/885>

to submit a prayer request.

Questions? Contact the parish office at (210) 655-5070

Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy!

Join us in front of the Rectory at our Guadalupano grotto as we pray for our Family and Friends... our Parish and Faith Community, our City, State, Nation and the World.

We join in prayer daily at 7 pm - ***Rain or Shine!***
(*inclement weather... we meet in the church*).

If you can not join us here at the parish... please... at 7 pm - take a moment from whatever you may be doing - and join us in prayer. God Bless.

¡Rezar el Rosario y la Divina Misericordia!

Acompáñenos enfrente de la Rectoría en la gruta de la Virgen de Guadalupe mientras rezamos por nuestras familias y amigos... nuestra Comunidad Parroquial y de Fe, nuestra Ciudad, Estado, Nación y el Mundo.

Para unirnos en oración todos los días a las 7 pm -
¡Mientras el tiempo nos permita!
(*nos reunimos en la iglesia si hay problemas con el tiempo*).

Si no puedes unirse con nosotros aquí en la parroquia... Por favor... a las 7 pm – tomar un momento de lo que está haciendo - y únase con nosotros en oración.

Que Dios los bendiga.

**School News**

(A Message from the Principal - Mrs. "G")

We are enrolling for the 2020-2021 school Year!

Tours can not be given during this time but we encourage you to email us with any questions regarding our school.

Leticia Brown, our Admissions/Office Manager can be reached at lbrown@stmcs62.org or myself, at kgutierrez@stmcs62.org

Visit us on our web site: st-thomas-more-school.org

Hope for the Future Tuition Assistance applications are also still available through the following link:
www.archsa.org/hope/

Blessings,

Mrs. Kimberly A. Gutierrez,
Principal

**Question: *Why do Catholics call priests Father?***

Answer: *One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers:*

"Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19).

It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (*Luke 16:19-31*) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (*Luke 15:11-32*). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "*Father*" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood.

It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer.

Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children..."

It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me.

This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (*1 Corinthians 4:14-17*).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "*abbot*" and "*abbess*" (from *abba*) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "*Holy Father*" or "*pope*" (from *papa*) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

Sólo un recordatorio... Cuando se habla de la Corona Virus y la pandemia que estamos experimentando...

¡Aún no hemos salido de la Coronavirus y de la Pandemia!

Nuestros feligreses, han sido muy responsables en usar los tapabocas y también manteniendo "distanciamiento social"...

Ustedes saben, al salir al "mundo" muchos no tienen precauciones.

La gente está 'amontonándose'... sin tapabocas... en supermercados, grandes almacenes, lugares recreativos y muchos otros lugares...

¡Agradecemos sus acciones responsables aquí en la parroquia... **Gracias por su buen trabajo!**

y, por favor tenga cuidado y tome precauciones cuando usted este lejos de la parroquia.

Recuerden, ¡No se trata sólo de que te enfermes o te infectes...

lo que es más importante, tenemos que entender a quién podríamos infectar por accidente!

Otra vez... Gracias por sus actitudes y acciones responsables.

Mantener la seguridad en esta Pandemia es muy importante.

En el tiempo de Dios, vamos a superar esto.

Just a reminder... When talking about the Corona Virus and the pandemic we are experiencing...

We are not out of the woods yet!

You, our parishioners, have been very good about wearing masks and maintaining our "social distancing"...

But, as you know, going out in the "world" many are not.

People are 'bunching-up'... un-masked... at grocery stores, department stores, recreational spots and many other places...

We appreciate your responsible actions here in the parish... **keep up the good work!**

And, please... be careful / safe when you are away from the parish as well.

Remember... It's not just about you getting-sick / becoming-infected...

more importantly we have to understand who we might inadvertently infect!

Again... Thank you for your responsible attitudes / actions.

Be safe... In God's good time... We will get through this.

CIVIL UNION?

Is your marriage recognized by God and the Church? ***Would you like it to be?***

Every 'case' is unique but if you would like your marriage 'Blessed by the Church,' we would love to talk with you.

Contact Fr. Tomy, either of your Deacons or call the Parish Office for more information.



As you prepare to celebrate the 4th of July - Independence Day

Come... and join us in our "Dependence" Celebration! as we celebrate our "Dependence on the Lord"

Join us for our Holy Hour:

this Thursday, July 2nd at 6 pm (English) or Friday, July 3rd at 7 pm (Spanish)

Enjoy the Spiritual / Heavenly Fire-Works as you visit with Our Risen Christ!

Invite a family member or friend to join you and share this fantastic experience.

Hope to see you there...



St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



There is No English Prayer-Group meeting scheduled for July

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



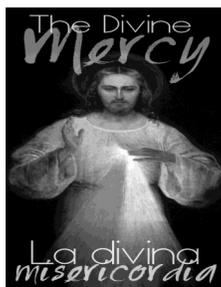
Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



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

This Week at our Parish

Sunday, June 28, 2020
Monday, June 29, 2020
Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
Thursday, July 2, 2020
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - Church
Friday, July 3, 2020
 7:00 pm la Hora Santa - Church
Saturday, July 4, 2020
Sunday, July 5, 2020



Jesus,
I Trust in You!

Jesus,
¡yo confío en ti!



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†John (TV) Duong

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 4, 2020
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - T.S.Garza

Sunday, July 5, 2020
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - S.McCarthy

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - V.Serrano / (+ Vol)

5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers -
Lector - Volunteer

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27, 2020
 8:00 am †Luis Miguel Perez by Family
 5:00 pm †Ray DuMenil by Rand Family

Sunday, June 28, 2020
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners**
 10:00 am **Special Intention - Ida Espinoza** by Olga Weich
 12:00 pm **STM Parishioners**
 5:00 pm **STM Parishioners**

Monday, June 29, 2020
 8:00 am †Edgar Richardson by Family

Tuesday, June 30, 2020
 8:00 am **Health - Jose Luna**

Wednesday, July 1, 2020
 8:00 am †Rosie Reyes by Eddie Reyes
 †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes
 †John TV Duong by Wife

Thursday, July 2, 2020
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners**

Friday, July 3, 2020
 8:00 am **STM School Faculty and Staff**

Saturday, July 4, 2020
 8:00 am **All Nursing Home and Rehab Center Residents**
 5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Family

Sunday, July 5, 2020
 8:00 am **All Priests, Deacons and Religious**
 10:00 am †Misty Dawn by Espinoza Family
 12:00 pm **STM Parishioners**
 5:00 pm †All Who Have Died

Lecturas de la Semana del Junio 29 - Julio 5

Lunes: Hch 12:1-11; Sal 34:2-9; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Martes: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Sal 5:4-8; Mt 8:23-27

Miércoles: Am 5:14-15,21-24; Sal 50:7-13,16-17; Mt 8:28-34

Jueves: Am 7:10-17; Sal 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Viernes: Ef 2:19-22; Sal 117:1,2; Jn 20:24-29

Sábado: Am 9:11-15; Sal 85:9-14; Mt 9:14-17

Domingo: Zac 9:9-10; Sal 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Readings for the week of June 29 - July 5

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15,21-24; Ps 50:7-13,16-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zac 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30