

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?"

And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a steward-ship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has

and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same."

We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, "Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back." That is true greatness in God's view. When we love like that, He promises our "reward in heaven will be great." A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God.

And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. "Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love. Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### February 17, 2019

 Vigil Lights......
 \$ 94.51

 Weekly Collection.......
 \$ 4,681.17

Second Collection - March 2 - 3
Facilities Improvement Fund



### 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.



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 <a href="www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal">www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal</a>, or by calling the Office of the Archbishop's Appeal at (210) 734-1604.

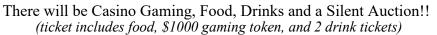
Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May God continue to bless you!



Come... join us for our

# 8th Annual STM School Mardi-Gras Casino Night

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



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

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



## **GUADALUPANO NEWS**

**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 www.archsa.org/archbishops-appeal, 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!



## Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



## Readings for the week of Feb 25 - Mar 3

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1,2,5; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165,168,171,172,174,175; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday**: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12,16,18,27,34,35; Mk 10:1-12 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday**: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3,13-16; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



## St. Thomas More English Prayer Group

Para mas informacion contacte Marisa Isabel Hernandez.

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



Feb 28 - Bible Study - Romans 14:1-12; Speaker: Stella Lopez

- 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 7:00pm Contacts: Olga Guerrero, 657-1610 or Stella Lopez, 618-6977

### <u>Lecturas de la Semana del febrero 25 - marzo 3</u>

Lunes: Eclo 1:1-10; Sal 93:1-2,5; Mc 9:14-29

Martes: Eclo 2:1-11; Sal 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Mc 9:30-37 Miércoles: Eclo 4:11-29; Sal 119:165,168,171,172,174,175; Mc 9:38-40

Jueves: Eclo 5:1-8; Sal 1:1-4,6; Mc 9:41-50

Viernes: Eclo 6:5-17; Sal 119:12,16,18,27,34,35; Mc 10:1-12

**Sábado**: Eclo 17:1-15; Sal 103:13-18; Mc 10:13-16

**Domingo**: Eclo 27:4-7; Sal 92:2-3,13-16; 1Co 15:54-58; Lc 6:39-45

## 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 14th

Parish Goal: \$388,000.

Pledged: *\$284,373* 

Shortfall: \$107.567. Parish Participation Level: 16%

## This Week at our Parish

February 24, 2019 Sunday,

\*\* Catholic Daughters Bake Sale after All Masses \*\*

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

KoC Breakfast - Carolan Hall

3:00 pm CDA Movie - Carolan Hall

"Mom's Night Out" - Rated PG-13

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 pm Ultreya - Dining Room

Cenaculo - Rectory Mtg. Room

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

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

7:00 pm Grupo Choir - Church

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg. - Carolan Hall

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:00 pm English Prayer Gp - Dining Room

RCIA - Rectory Meeting Room

Friday, March 1, 2019

7:00 pm La Hora Santa - Church

Coro Allegria - Dining Room

8:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, March 2, 2019

6:00 pm Casino Night - Carolan Hall

March 3, 2019 Sunday,

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





## Sanctuary Light Intention:

**Health of Baldemar Saldiva** 

## **Liturgical Roles**

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Altar Servers - Volunteer 5 pm

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, S.Briseno,

J+B.Hernandez, M.Soltero

Lector - T.S.Garza

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8 am Altar Servers - Z.Dempsey

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Monteverdi,

A.Nutt, A.Schultz, M.Fisher

Lector - S.McCarthy

10 am Altar Servers - J.Torres, J.Cantu

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, W+M.Torres,

R.Davis, J.Covell, E.Rod-Grim, E.Adams

Lector - R.Davis

**Altar Servers - Volunteers** 12 pm

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, A.Chavez,

N.Escboedo, J+M.Rodriguez

Lector - D+F.Malacara

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family †Domingo Delgado by Family

†Vincente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen by Kim Nguyen

†Fero Oui

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

> by Family †Genevieve Oswald

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

12:00 pm †Homer Byington

Monday, February 25, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family †Sonia Hernandez by Family

**†Vincente Nahiep** by Kim Nguyen †Fero Oui by Kim Nguyen

†Dora Litterio by Family

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

> †Anna Marie Williams by Frances Baetan †For all Who Have Died - and In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

Thursday, February 28, 2019

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

†Ed Richardson by Family †Santos Garcia by Family

March 1, 2019 Friday,

8:00 am †Teresa Hoi by Family

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

by Frances Botello †Alicia D. Mora

†Hector Roman by Family †Emilio Litterio by Family

10:00 am †Bud & Eileen Brenner

12:00 pm †Horacio Favela by Familia Favela

**†Special Intentions**