

Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His Word to us always serves a purpose, always. It gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day.

When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

The analogy of the fertile and fruitful growth foreshadows a well-known parable our Lord offers in today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the Parable of the Sower. Here, Jesus tells the story of a sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land.

Some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they even have a chance to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. Those seeds begin to grow but are fragile, having weak roots of little depth. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are the seeds that land on what would have been fine soil but for the fact that the soil also contains thorns. Those seeds have a fighting chance to put down solid roots, but the thorns choke them just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are the seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

Jesus explains that the "seeds" are all those "who [hear] the word of the kingdom."

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Clearly, this Word is meant for everyone, as the sower scatters it far and wide. Yet, few of the seeds land on soil where they can take root and finally flourish.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which in turn nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives, making us receptive to God's plans for us and ultimately producing abundant fruit through the way we live each day.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 5, 2020

 Sunday Collection
 \$ 5,402.15

 Vigil Candles
 \$ 62.73

 OnLine Giving
 \$ 490.00

Second Collection - July 18 - 19: Our Helping Hands Fund



*** 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

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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 unirte 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.

A Reminder

We are now able to attend Mass...

With the following restrictions:

- We ask that no more than 100 persons attend any particular Mass.
- Face masks (coverings) are required... unless there is a medical reason (you are on Oxygen... have asthma... or other respiratory problem).
- We are obliged to maintain our "social-distance" (6 ft) from one another. Unless you are attending as a couple or family.
- There should be no hugging, shaking of hands etc. at the sign-of-peace... again, unless you are attending as a couple or family.
- During this time, Holy Communion is to be received "in the hand" only.

Additionally... While other parishes have been cutting Masses from their schedule... or combining them...

Fr. Tomy has added a Mass (Sunday @ 5 pm) to our schedule to help prevent over-crowding at other Masses.

Please take advantage of this Mass.

Un Recordatorio

Ahora podemos asistir a Misa...

Con las siguientes restricciones:

- Pedimos que no más de 100 personas asistan a ninguna misa en particular.
- Se requieren máscaras faciales... a menos que haya una razón médica (usted está en oxigeno... tienen asma... o otro problema respiratorio).
- Estamos obligados a mantener nuestra "distancia social" (6 pies) A menos que asista como pareja o en familia.
- En la signal de la paz, No debe haber abrazos, saludos de manos, etc.. otra vez, a menos que usted está asistiendo como pareja o son su familia.
- Durante este tiempo, la Santa Comunión debe ser recibida "sólo en la mano".

Además... Mientras que otras parroquias han estado cortando las misas de su horario... o combinándolas...

El Padre Tomy ha añadido una Misa el (domingo a las 5 p. m.) a nuestro horario para ayudar a prevenir el exceso de personas en las otras misas.

Por favor, aproveche esta misa.

Question: Why do Catholics baptize babies?

Answer: For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who "do nothing" — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God's initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life's journey.

Salvation isn't something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).



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.

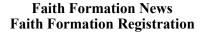
Leticia Brown, our Admissions/Office Manager can be reached at lbrown@stmcs62.org or myself, at kgutierrez@stmcs62.org

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



Registration has begun! You may register your child / children for next school year (2020-2021) at the church office Monday - Friday beginning July 22nd between 9 am and 3 pm. The last day to register for the English classes is Aug 3^{1st}.

Note: *Please make sure you have a zero balance before registering for the new cycle.*

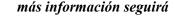
Noticias de Formación de Fe Inscripciones de Catecismo

Las inscripciones han comenzado! Pueden inscribir a sus hijos para el siguiente ciclo (2020-2021), los lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. a 3 p.m. en la oficina.

Empezamos 22 de julio y Ultimo día para registrar es el 31 de agosto

Nota: Favor de asegurare que no tenga ningún balance antes de registrar a su hijo/hija.

More information to follow





St. Thomas More English Prayer Group



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Grupo de Oración Familias compartiendo la palabra



July 16 - Prayer and Worship

"When we discover our powerlessness"

Please wear your mask!

Prayer Group meets at 7 pm Contacts: Olga Guerrero: Stella Lopez:

(210) 657-1610 or (210) 618-6977 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, July 5, 2020 Monday, July 6, 2020 Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Wednesday, July 8, 2020 Thursday, July 9, 2020 Friday, July 10, 2020 Saturday, July 11, 2020

4:00 pm Reconciliation - Rectory Court Yard

Sunday, July 12, 2020



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the families and friends of

Kelly Alvarado

who died this past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to the Alvarado Family.





Sanctuary Light Intention: †John (TV) Duong

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 18, 2020

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim

Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, July 19, 2020

8 am Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim

Lector - M.Torres

10 am Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando

Lector - S.Saldana

12 pm Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando

Lector - E.Garcia / H.Gomez

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers -Lector - Volunteer **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, July 11, 2020

A Special Intention by Mary Monteverdi

Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:00 am †Frank Cortez

10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families

†Paul Blea by Family †Evangelina G. Morales by Family

†Max Pena, Sr. by Elda & Ralph Garcia

12:00 pm †Jose Luna

†Olimpia Orasco †Sherman R. Griffey

5:00 pm **†For Everyone who Has Died**

Monday, July 13, 2020

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Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Thursday, July 16, 2020 8:00 am †Kelly Alvarado

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:00 am †Betty Jane LaCombe by Hirchak Family

†Alejandra & †Alejandro Reyes by Eddie Reyes

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:00 am †Bud & †Eileen Brenner

5:00 pm †Will Larson Sunday, July 19, 2020

8:00 am †Jeremy Espinoza by Guadalupanos †Vincent Rivas by Rivas Family †Mary Vasquez by Elda Garcia

10:00 am †Carolina & Salome Briseno by Morales / Briseno Families

†Mardonio M. Serratos by Family †Betty Jane LaCombe by Hirchak Family

12:00 pm †Maria Davila 5:00 pm †Anne Bonge

Sunday:

Lecturas de la Semana del Julio 13 - 19

Lunes: Is 1:10-17; Sal 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Martes: Is 7:1-9; Sal 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Miércoles: Is 10:5-7,13-16; Sal 94:5-10,14-15; Mt 11:25-27 Jueves: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Sal 102:13-21; Mt 11:28-30 Viernes: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Is 38:10-12,16; Mt 12:1-8 Sábado: Mi 2:1-5; Sal 10:1-4,7-8,14; Mt 12:14-21 Domingo: Sab 12:13,16-19; Sal 86:5-6,9-10,15-16;

Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Readings for the week of July 13 - 19

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7,13b-16; Ps 94:5-10,14-15; Mt 11:25-27 **Thursday**: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Ps 102:13-21; Mt 11:28-30 **Friday**: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Is 38:10-12,16; Mt 12:1-8 **Saturday**: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14; Mt 12:14-21

> Wis 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43