

“Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!”  
 Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.  
 Our first reading and Gospel present us with profound physical healings.  
 In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah is speaking to a weary people who have returned to their homeland after a period of exile. Isaiah proclaims a confident message from the Lord, “Here is your God...he comes to save you...Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.”

Likewise, our Gospel recounts the healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, “Be opened!” Immediately he was healed.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper — our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

He offers us the sacrament of confession because He recognizes the need our souls have for healing. He is eager for us to come begging for His mercy because He wants us to be with Him in eternal life.

But that is not all Jesus wants us to do. He also wants us to seek Him daily as the blind man did. If we approach Jesus each day — during our drive to work, stopping by the church for a few moments of prayer, or even finding a quiet spot in our homes — then He will take us into a moment of complete separation from the rest of the world. In that daily moment, He will work on our hearts, heal our wounds, open our ears and our eyes so that we can better know Him, love Him, and serve Him. This is done through prayer — the intimate time between Jesus and you.

This is echoed again in our second reading, as St. James reminds us to be rich in faith. This is what truly matters in life — not the status of our lives, but the state of our souls. God has promised Himself to those who love Him. And to be rich in faith and to love God well, we must commit to that daily time with just Him. He will heal us and transform us to be rich in what truly matters.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**August 29, 2021**

Sunday Collection .....	\$	3,567.72
Vigil Candles.....	\$	102.90
Peter’s Pence.....	\$	5.00
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$	65.00

*Second Collection Sept 11 - 12:  
 Helping Hands Fund*



**CATHOLIC RADIO**

**Get the best in Catholic programming!  
 ‘Tune-In’ to the Guadalupe Radio Network!  
 1380 AM – Spanish or 89.7 FM - English**



**40 DAYS for LIFE**  
**September 22 - October 31**  
**HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!**



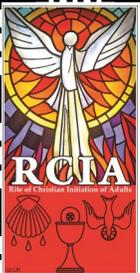
You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach  
 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

**17,226 babies saved from abortion**  
**206 abortion workers converted**  
**107 abortion centers closed**

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil Location:** Outside the Planned Parenthood Abortion clinic located at 2140 Babcock Rd.
- Vigil Hours:** 7 am to 7 pm, Mon - Sat
- Local Contact:** Kathy Nix - (210) 668-1993 - or: info@sacfl.org
- Learn More:** **Get Involved** - Sign up for prayer times.
- Visit:** [40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio](http://40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio) or [www.sacfl.org](http://www.sacfl.org)



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
**- RCIA -**

If you, or someone you know, are a non-Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or possibly *become* a Catholic?...  
*(no pressure)... or -*

If you are a Baptized Catholic adult... but have not made your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed... or -

Maybe you are you a practicing Catholic *(or not)*... and just want to learn more about our faith?

— *Or maybe you know someone like this* —

If so... I would like to invite you / them to our RCIA sessions.

**They begin on Thurs, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**We meet in the Rectory Meeting Room... from 7 - 8:30 pm.**

Sessions are very informal... We learn about Church, it's teachings, sacraments, and so much more!... and answer any questions you have.

For more information - call the parish office or talk to Dcn Tim... or simply come to our first meeting.

**Hope to see you there.**

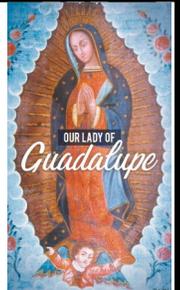


**Comunidad de St Thomas More**

Estamos listos para separa su fecha para los rosarios de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Hay 46 días. Empezamos en octubre 26 para terminar en diciembre 11.

Para más información comunicarse con  
 Rosy Borrego (210) 376-9899 o  
 Edna Marshall (210) 505-0285



*To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters*



*On Saturday,* September 18, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

*Solemn prayer services* will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

*Join us* for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

**Memorial Service**  
*for Victims of Abortion*

*Date & Time*  
**Saturday, September 18, 11:00am**

*Location*  
**Oblate Lourdes Grotto & Guadalupe Tepeyac at 5712 Blanco Road San Antonio, TX 78216**

*Special Details*  
**Speaker: Front Line Pro-Lifer Prayers led by St Paul Parish Deacon Augustine Arismendez Parking on site. Face masks and social distancing, your choice.**

*Local Contact*  
**Phil Trickett, 210-485-5125 trickepe38@yahoo.com Dottie Knodell, 210-734-4176**

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*For more information on this event, visit* **AbortionMemorials.com**

**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO –**

“Debemos esforzarnos en abrir el corazón y la mente, para acoger la realidad divina que viene a nuestro encuentro. Se trata de tener fe: la falta de fe es un obstáculo para la gracia de Dios” (Papa Francisco (8/7/2018). El Profeta Isaías lo proclama así: “Entonces los ojos de los ciegos se despejarán, y los oídos de los sordos se abrirán, los cojos saltarán como cabritos y la lengua de los mudos gritará de alegría” (Isaías 35:5-6). Las tres lecturas de la liturgia de hoy están impregnadas de signos, gestos y palabras que manifiestan la salvación de Dios.

Solo necesitamos fe y creer en el “Efectá”, que quiere decir ábrete. Los débiles, los enfermos y los pobres ocupan un lugar privilegiado en el Reino de Dios. Jesús lo demuestra hoy con el milagro de curar al sordomudo. Todos se admiraban y decían: “Todo lo ha hecho bien; hace oír a los sordos y hablar a los mudos” (Marcos 7:37). Ayúdanos, Señor, a que se nos suelte la lengua para hacer el bien, para decir te quiero, lo siento mucho, para defender a los sin voz. Ayúdanos, Señor, y ábrenos los oídos a las quejas de los que sufren, a los gritos de los inmigrantes que buscan justicia, a la voz de los que piden trabajo. Que, a ejemplo de Jesús, que ama a todos por igual, aprendamos a no tener favoritismos en nuestras formas de actuar en la familia y en la sociedad. Que en este tiempo difícil nos mostremos solícitos y cercanos con los que más lo necesiten. ¡Que así sea!



**Welcome Back!!!**  
**Our Knights of Columbus - Council 7386 - Breakfast**



Come... Join us for *Breakfast and Fellowship!*  
 Beginning *NEXT Week, Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>* from 8:30 - 11:45 am  
 (and then every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each Month)

**See some old friends... and meet some new ones!**

Tacos - Pancakes - Huevos Rancheros - and MORE!!  
 (all... very tasty and v-e-r-y reasonably priced)



**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**  
**AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA**

**The power of the Rosary is BEYOND DESCRIPTION!**

Join us as we pray for: **An End to Abortion,** *ArchBishop Fulton Scheen*  
**The return of ‘fallen-away’ Catholics,**  
**Traditional Marriage (1 Man + 1 Woman),**  
**Our Country... that it may return to God....**  
**and so much more!**

We meet on the Saturday closest to Our Lady’s appearances (*She appeared on the 13th of each month; except in August... where she appeared on the 18th because the children were detained by local authorities.*)

Our next meeting will take place at Noon, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the grotto in front of the rectory...

Our final prayer session will be at Noon on October 9th.

**Everyone is invited to participate!**

**Let’s make this the biggest Crusade Event that STM has ever seen!!**

For More Information: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

“Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.”  
*St. Louis Marie de Montfort*



**St. Thomas More English**  
**Prayer Group**



**Grupo de Oración**  
**Familias compartiendo la palabra**



Sept 9 Love Your Enemies  
 Sept 23 I Am the Way

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

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
 Contacte a: María Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**  
6:00 am Grupo de Oracion Retreat - *Cancelled*

**Monday, September 6, 2021**  
\*\*\* *Parish Offices Closed - Labor Day* \*\*\*

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
7:00 pm Grupo Choir - *Church*

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
Guadalupano Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
English Prayer Grp - *Church*  
CDA Board Mtg - *Dining Room*

**Friday, September 10, 2021**  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*  
Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*  
6:30 pm Guadalupano Rosary - *Church*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 4, 2021**  
8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen  
†**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Family  
†Ana Lauer by Sepulveda Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**  
8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen  
10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G Morales  
by Briseno & Morales Families  
†Cruz Reyes Hooi & Elias Hooi, Jr by Nancy Hooi Madison  
†Fr. Gilbert Pansza & Richard Pansza, Jr  
by Maldonado & Pansza Families  
**Special Intention - Daniel, Ezra & Sabella Acosta**  
by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
†Vinicio Vera Silva & Maria de Lourdes Olmedo  
by Gonzalez Vera

**Monday, September 6, 2021**  
8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen  
†**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
†Abe Garcia by loving sisters Ceci & Rosie  
†Carmen Carrillo by Carol Brown

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021**  
8:00 am †**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
†All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**  
8:00 am †George Adams by Doc & Eileen Adams  
†**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
†All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, September 10, 2021**  
8:00 am †**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
†All Deceased by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
8:00 am †**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
†All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Baldemar Saldiva, Agustin & Alicia Mora  
by Saldiva Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
8:00 am †Adeline & †Edgar Richardson by Family  
†All Deceased by Kim Nguyen  
10:00 am †Fr. Gilbert Pansza & Richard Pansza, Jr  
by Maldonado & Pansza Families  
**Special Intention - Daniel, Ezra & Sabella Acosta**  
by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta  
12:00 pm †**Dec Mbrs Mendez/Esparza Family** by Oralia Esparza  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim  
Lector - R.Ellis

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John  
Lector - P.Klar

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

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, R.Borrego,  
A.Chavez  
Lector - D+F.Malacara



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
†**Fr. Gilbert Pansza and**  
†**Richard Pansza, Jr**

**Readings for the week of Sept 6 - 12**

**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6,8-9; Jas 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35

**Lecturas de la Semana del Sept 6 - 12**

**Lunes:** Col 1:24-2:3; Sal 61:6-9; Lc 6:6-11  
**Martes:** Col 2:6-15; Sal 144:1-2,8-11; Lc 6:12-19  
**Miércoles:** Miq 5:1-4; Sal 12:6; Mt 1:1-16,18-23  
**Jueves:** Col 3:12-17; Sal 150:1-6; Lc 6:27-38  
**Viernes:** 1Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-8,11; Lc 6:39-42  
**Sábado:** 1Tm 1:15-17; Sal 112:1-7; Lc 6:43-49  
**Domingo:** Is 50:5-9; Sal 114:1-6,8-9; Sant 2:14-18;  
Mc 8:27-35