



As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we have and all that we are is gift from God, and we live our lives in a grateful response to such extravagant love. This calls for continuous conversion of heart. The practices of giving a portion of our time, our talents and our treasure are essential steps on the path to conversion. But they serve an even deeper purpose than helping us remember our good intentions. They open our minds and hearts to ever-deepening surrender to the Lord, Who has given us every good thing.

Today’s readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, those aspects of ourselves that cannot quite be quantified or measured, but which are the deepest part of us — our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. “Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight... Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?... If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?” We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. “Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Think of the commandments... remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults.” We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In other words, we live for God and not ourselves. What freedom this approach to life brings! All we have is a gift from the Lord. He loves us completely and we can rest in this truth. Knowing this, we need not cling to anger over injustices. God is Lord over all. St. Paul puts it this way in our second reading from Romans: “For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus gives us a provocative reminder of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us. He compares the kingdom of heaven to a “king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.” In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn’t that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin “debts” and make eternal life with Him possible for us. Like the servant in the parable, it is impossible to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — our outward actions and our inner selves — and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. In fact, Jesus rightfully and justly commands us to “forgive your brother from your heart.”

What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 6, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$	5,279.44
Vigil Candles.....	\$	98.82
OnLine Giving	\$	320.00
Facilities Improvement.....	\$	695.09
Helping Hands.....	\$	25.00

**Second Collection - September 19 - 20:
No Second Collection Next Week**



Please Note: We are so grateful to those who have continued to give through this pandemic crisis...

We depend on our parishioners weekly contributions.

We kindly ask that you continue to contribute via our usual Sunday Mass collection or by Mailing or dropping off your donations at the church office.

You may also go to our website (www.ThomasMoreSATx.org) to donate online through Online Giving or to submit your prayer request(s).



40 DAYS for LIFE
September 23 - November 1

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 - info@sacfl.org

Get Involved - Sign up for prayer times.

Visit: 40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio

or

www.sacfl.org

St. Thomas More Fall Raffle

October 11, 2020

Drawing will be held at 2:45 pm

(Need not be present to win).

Tickets are \$5.00 each

Raffle tickets can be picked up in the Rectory

Office

Over \$7000 in prizes!!!



46 ROSARIOS de la VIRGEN de GUADALUPE

Estamos haciendo una lista para los 46 Rosarios de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Este año los Rosarios seran diferente.

Si gusta separar su fecha o obtener mas información-Favor de comunicarse con:

Edna Marshall - (210) 505-0285

Rosie Borrego - (210) 376-9899

Todos estan cordialmente invitados a participar.

46 ROSARIES of the VIRGIN of GUADALUPE

We are making a list for the 46 Rosaries of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year the Rosaries will be different.

If you like to save your date or get more information-Please contact:

Edna Marshall - (210) 505-0285

Rosie Borrego - (210) 376-9899

All are cordially invited to participate.

ST THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 7386
ANNUAL BBQ PLATE

When: October 24, 2020

Where: Carolan Hall, 4427 Moana, SA Tx 78218

Plate: 1/4 chicken, 1 sausage link, beans, rice, jalapeño, pickles, onions, bread, and drink

Cost: \$10/Plate **CURBSIDE PICKUP ONLY**

Serving: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tickets: Noah (210-459-9270) or any STM K of C Member



VOTING WITH A CATHOLIC HEART - (cont from last week)

During this extraordinary time... with the elections coming ever closer...

How can we Catholic citizens exercise the rights and responsibilities of our citizenship in a way that reflects what is most sacred to us: ***Our Catholic Faith?***

Most of the decisions we have to make are difficult precisely because they include weighing one good against another, or judging the lesser of two evils. Such choices do not always permit obvious or easy solutions.

We must rely on our conscience to make the most prudent choice... paying careful attention to the demands of justice.

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Just because a decision is left to our prudential judgement does not mean we are not morally culpable for the decisions we make... ***We are!*** This is true for the leader who must decide whether to wage war... this is true for the employer who must decide how to compensate his employees.. ***this is true for the voting citizen.***

Voting is just one of the responsibilities of citizenship. We tend to think of voting as a right...

It is... But it arises from the responsibility of self-government.

We each have a share in protecting and promoting the good of the whole community: ***the common good!***

The common good is something that exists for the sake of the good of those who share in it. The point of a political community, for example, is to serve the good of its members... its citizens. There is more than one common good.

Each family, each nation, each true society of every sort is a kind of common good. "the common good" usually applies to a particular political community (like a nation) but it can also apply to a universal common good for everyone. The common good can never be separated from the dignity of every person. To deny or violate the common good is to deny or violate the dignity of the human person, whose personal good depends upon the common good because he was made for it.

Likewise, to violate the dignity of the human person is to radically undermine the very foundation of the common good.

Too often, the common good and the good of the individual are treated as if they are in competition Too often... the common good is seen as a "collectivist" principle, while the dignity of the human person is an "individualist" principal. Not so...

The dignity of the human person and the common good are inextricably linked. ***They stand or fall together.***

Understanding this is critical to understanding how the common good ought to help guide the way we vote.

Recently, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops renewed its statement on faithful citizenship, which emphasizes the importance of conscience, formed by and with the Church, in making decisions about voting. There is a great deal to consider. The bishops have consistently weighed in on a variety of issues... including: immigration, racism, economic questions, and more. But, there is one issue on which they place the strongest emphasis... and with good reason.

The bishops consider the issue of abortion differently than other issues - and guide us to do the same - because of the gravity of the evil and the context within which this evil occurs and is perpetuated... *(to be continued)*

America Needs Fatima (ANF) is a campaign to Its goal is to win the heart and soul of America for promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

America urgently needs the prophetic messages of Our America needs a clear direction, a great purpose, and the The admonitions, requests, and warnings of Mary Most

During the apparitions, Mary told the children to pray the She asked them to pray for the conversion of Russia, the world to have a devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

The Fatima message emphasizes central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith:

The Blessed Trinity, the Eucharist, Penance, the Rosary, and Sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

Join us for the **2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade** at Noon on **Saturday, October 10th** - *(Location to follow)*

Grisela Holliday-Padilla / Rosary Rally Captain

spread the message of Fatima in the United States. Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and

Lady at Fatima.

means to achieve it.

Holy can be called a heaven-sent survival guide.

Rosary each day to bring peace to the world.

to do penance, and told them that God wanted



**St. Thomas More English
Prayer Group**



The English Prayer Group is not meeting every week..
In the mean time... continue praying for the end of the
Corona Virus, for our church and our country

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 María Isabel Hernandez.

This Week at our Parish

Sunday, September 13, 2020
Monday, September 14, 2020
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Thursday, September 17, 2020
 7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg. Room
Friday, September 18, 2020
Saturday, September 19, 2020
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Rectory Court Yard
Sunday, September 20, 2020



Lecturas de la Semana de sept 14 - 20

Lunes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 78:1-2,34-38; Flp 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Martes: 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31; Sal 31:2-6,15-16,20; Jn 19:25-27
Miércoles: 1Cor 12:31-13:13; Sal 33:2-5,12,22; Lc 7:31-35
Jueves: 1Cor 15:1-11; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,28; Lc 7:36-50
Viernes: 1Cor 15:12-20; Sal 17:1,6-8,15; Lc 8:1-3
Sábado: 1Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Sal 56:10-14; Lc 8:4-15
Domingo: Is 55:6-9; Sal 145:2-3,8-9,17-18; Flp 1:20-24,27; Mt 20:1-16



Sanctuary Light Intention:
†John (TV) Duong

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 19, 2020
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - T. Guerrero
Sunday, September 20, 2020
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - M. Torres
 10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - Abi. Perez
 12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - A. Martinez / E. Marshall
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers -
Lector - Volunteer

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12, 2020
 8:00 am †**Everyone Who Has Died**
 5:00 pm †Ray DuMenil by Family
Sunday, September 13, 2020
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Irene
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales by Morales / Briseno Family
 †Anne Marie Oswald by Evancho Family
 †Evangalina G. Morales by Family
 †Mardonio M. Serratos by Family
 †Patricia Burris by Pastoral Council
 †Joe Garcia by Joe & Annabelle Garcia
 12:00 pm †Jose Luna & Daniel Antuna
 by Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol
 5:00 pm †Barbara Chirico
Monday, September 14, 2020
 8:00 am **Birthday Wishes & Special Intention** - Robert Williams
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
 8:00 am †Mary Nguyen by Family
Carly Ann Boremann - Special Intentions
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
 8:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oliver & Rosemarie Evancho
 †Rosie Reyes & †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes
 †**Everyone Who Has Died** by Kim Nguyen
Thursday, September 17, 2020
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Wife
 †Will Larson by Richard & Dorothy Perez
 †Eliza Legrreta by Monica Soltero
 †Emiterio Legrreta by Monica Soltero
 †Dora Velasquez by Monica Soltero
 †Saul Uribe by Monica Soltero
Friday, September 18, 2020
 8:00 am †Pual Nguyen by Family
Saturday, September 19, 2020
 8:00 am †Vincente & Teresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Raul Gonzales by Joe & Annabelle Garza
Sunday, September 20, 2020
 8:00 am †Robert Alvarado
 †John Carrillo by Guadalupano Society
 10:00 am †Carolina & Salome Briseno by Morales / Briseno Family
 †Mary Nguyen by Family
 †Joe Garcia by Knights of Columbus
 †Souls in Purgatory by Moreno Family
 12:00 pm †Jose Luna & Daniel Antuna
 by Deacon Rolando, Martha & Marisol
 †Herman Muraire, Jr by Joe & Annabelle Garza
 5:00 pm STM School Staff and Students

Readings for the week of Sept 14 - 20

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 31:2-6,15-16,20; Jn 19:25
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Saturday: 1Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a