

Gospel Meditation:

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now, imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them.

They respond, "*The master has need of it.*" How do you respond?

Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "*The master has need of it,*" they let them take it.

Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result?

That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever! It plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "*The master has need of it.*" And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

¿Cuál es tu coche? Digamos que es un elegante Toyota plateado. Ahora, imagina que estás almorzando en un restaurante y de repente ves a dos hombres afuera intentando robarlo. Corres afuera y los enfrentas.

Ellos responden: "*El maestro lo necesita*". ¿Cómo respondes?

¿Dejarías que se lo llevaran y te dejaran sin coche? No creo que lo haría.

Sin embargo, eso es precisamente lo que hacen los dueños del potro el Domingo de Ramos. Sorprendentemente, y tal vez un poco cómicamente, Jesús instruye a dos de sus discípulos para que comanden un potrillo para que él monte. Y cuando oyen a los discípulos decir: "*El maestro lo necesita*", les permiten tomarlo.

Por supuesto, Jesús sabía que lo dejarían ir. Él les dio la gracia de dejar ir lo que es legítimamente suyo.

¿El resultado? ¡Ese potro se convirtió quizás en el animal más famoso e importante de todos los tiempos!

Juega un papel en la redención del mundo.

Al comenzar la Semana Santa, Jesús tal vez te envíe personas para pedirte algo valioso. Tal vez sea tu coche.

Lo más probable es que sea algo como su atención, tiempo o energía. Es natural resistirse al principio.

Tenemos cosas que hacer, después de todo. Pero si la interrupción es de Jesús mismo, escucha esa voz que dice con calma: "*El maestro tiene necesidad de ella*". Y simplemente déjalo ir. Te sorprenderá lo que el maestro hará con él.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 26, 2023

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 5,295.93 |
| Vigil Candles..... | \$ 207.60 |
| Holy Thursday Prayer Candles..... | \$ 120.00 |
| Facilities Improvement..... | \$ 25.00 |
| Helping Hands..... | \$ 12.00 |
| Mass Intentions..... | \$ 5.00 |
| STM School..... | \$ 350.50 |
| Donations..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Holy Land Shrines / Good Friday.. | \$ 15.00 |
| Immaculate Conception..... | \$ 2.00 |

**Second Collection: Good Friday - April 7:
Shrines of the Holy Land**

Next Weekend - Easter: Rice bowl



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CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51

SAT., APR. 29, 2023 1/2 DAY EVENT
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 8500 Cross Mountain Trl.

Bishop Gary J. Nak, LPC-S
Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

Fellow Men Like You

SET YOUR COMPASS

Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM
The Father of Mercy

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BEGIN ANEW IN CHRIST.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Easter, our holiest day of the year, is almost upon us!

I don't want to belittle its importance, but I'm going to fast-forward to the next Sunday... ***Mercy Sunday!***

A special day where graces abound! Where we have an opportunity to remove all punishment due for forgiven sins!

With this devotion... we celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy... I don't think it's a coincidence that Jesus asked for the inscription "***Jesus, I Trust in You***" to be put on his picture of Divine Mercy...

He asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy.

Our Lord Jesus gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena.

In her Diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "***On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will Immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls.***"

Jesus' revelation to St. Faustina comes under the heading of *Private Revelation*... and as such we, the faithful, are not bound to accept them. But, with the Divine Mercy... Graces flow every time we say the Chaplet... for ourselves... our loved ones... and others! Many people pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily...

But, as I said... St. Faustina's revelation is not dogma... and we are not required by Church to accept it...

Jesus asked that a Novena to His Divine Mercy be said beginning on Good Friday asking for certain souls to be brought into His merciful heart! As recorded by St. Faustina...

On Day 2 Jesus asks- "Bring to Me the Souls of Priests and Religious..."

It was they who gave Me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them My mercy flows out upon mankind."

Fr. Mike... all priests, deacons, and religious benefit from this intercession... and

On Day 7 He asks - "Bring to Me The Souls Who Especially Venerate and Glorify My Mercy..."

Not one of them will go into the fire of hell. I shall particularly defend each one of them at the hour of death."

What a promise to those who are true believers...

Those are just a couple of the Novena intentions... Consider the Chaplet, the Devotion itself, and Jesus' promises to those who say the Chaplet! In St Faustina's notes we read that: "... ***Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything... if what you ask for is compatible My will!***" What a promise! We can pray for anything! And... as long as it is line with God's will for us... for our salvation... it will be given to us! Now, I'm not saying you'll change history... but you may be able to influence someone's heart at the moment of their death and save them from eternal damnation. (*past... present... future... it's all in God's 'ETERNAL NOW'*)

We have His promise that He will be there at our side... or the side of whomever we are praying for at their death... Not as a Just Judge... as we deserve... but as our Merciful Savior. He will be there offering salvation – no matter how dark our sins! We, of course, have free-will. We have the option of accepting – or rejecting – His Divine Mercy... but He will be there!

So... I have to ask you... Will you take advantage of these graces? Do you believe? Do you Trust?

Ask yourself... how can I more fully Believe... without seeing? Ask yourself... Do I Trust... really Trust... in Jesus?

I invite you to join us as we pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy.

We will begin the Novena on Good Friday, April 7th, and it will end on Sat, April 15, the Day Before Mercy Sunday.

We will meet in the Church each day at 5:30 pm except on the last day (April 15th) when we will meet at 4 pm.

Novena pamphlets will be available at the Church.

If you can't physically be with us... please... join us in spirit and pray the Chaplet wherever you may be.

Hope to see you there! (Next week we'll 'talk' more about our celebration on Mercy Sunday itself)

'till then... God Bless- DT.



EASTER EGG HUNT


Our Confirmation Class and Pastoral Council are organizing an Easter egg hunt for the children of our parish. We are in need of individually wrapped candy or trinkets such as stickers, to fill the Easter eggs with!

A donation box is in the back of the church or you can drop off your candy donations in the parish office.

We will also take monetary Donations and will purchase the candy on your behalf.

Thank you in advance for your donations.





APRIL
14-15
2023

RECOGNIZING THE STRANGER





Parish Leadership Training

Friday, April 14, 6 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, April 15, 9 AM - 6:30 PM
Central Catholic High School, 1403 N St Mary's St.


THIS TRAINING WILL SERVE TO:

- REBUILD IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC
- REFLECT MORE DEEPLY ON OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
- LEARN HOW TO LISTEN AND TO TAKE ACTION ON THE NEEDS OF YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY

IN COLLABORATION WITH

TO REGISTER:
THERE IS NO COST, ALL MATERIALS AND MEALS PROVIDED. TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE REGISTER AT THIS QR CODE, OR GO TO WWW.COPSMETRO.COM, OR CALL 708-369-8115.

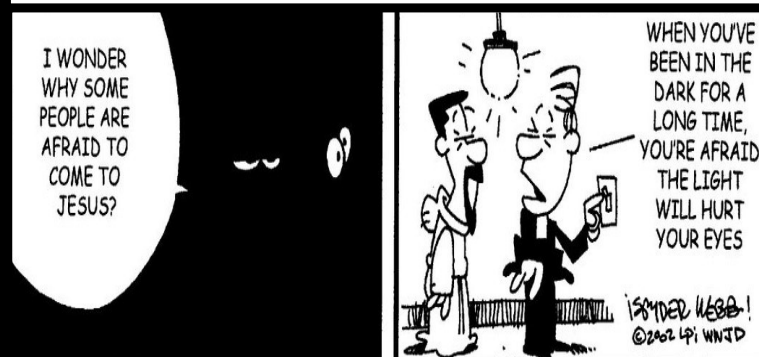


Intent to promote to Orders

This is a public announcement presented as prescribed by Canon 1051,2.

Our Deacon Candidate, John Lee Rodriguez, is to be promoted to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

If anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, please contact the Director of the Diaconate Program at (210) 734-1658.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 1 - 2, Palm Sunday: Regular Weekend / Sunday Schedule
- April 3 - 5, Mon-Wed: Normal Daily Masses (8 am)
- April 6, Holy Thursday: 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (*no morning Mass*)
Eucharistic Adoration (*begins after Mass until midnight*)
- April 7, Good Friday: 1 pm - Live Way of the Cross / el Via Crucis en Vivo
3 pm - Passion Liturgy (English)
7 pm - Passion Liturgy (Español)
Divine Mercy Novena Begins (English - 5:30 pm / Español - ??) - *in Church*
- April 8 - 9, Easter: Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil: 8 pm (*Please Note the time change: 8 vs 8:30 pm*)
Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Schedule

A Reminder of our next meeting "Moving Forward Together"

April 30 from 3 - 4:30 pm
at Carolan Hall.

Please RSVP by contacting Mrs. Martha Guerra by phone or email: (210) 655-5071 / mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com

May God Bless You-

Queremos recordarles nuestra próxima reunion
"Avanzando Juntos" el 30 de abril de 3 a 4:30 pm
en Carolan Hall.

Por favor confirme su asistencia contactando a la Señora Martha Guerra por teléfono o correo electrónico: (210) 650-5070 / mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com.

Que Dios los Bendiga-



School Casino Night

Saturday, April 22
Carolan Hall



Feeling lucky but haven't made it to a casino yet?
You don't have to travel far...

St. Thomas More School is having their Casino Night, Saturday, April 22nd here in Carolan Hall.

Get your tickets at the school office or scan the QR code on the flyers on the doors of the church.

There will be delicious food, drinks and of course casino gaming where you can win fabulous prizes.

We hope to see you there!

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Bake Sale - *Playground*
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Monday, April 3, 2023
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
 12:00 pm School Stations of the Cross Practice - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
 12:00 pm School Stations of the Cross Practice - *Church*
 6:30 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolyn Hall*
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Holy Thursday
 *** *Parish Office Closed* ****
 10:00 am School Stations of the Cross - *Church*
 8:00 pm Adoration after Mass - *Church*

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday
 *** *Parish Office Closed* ****
 1:00 pm Grupo Via Crucis - *Outside Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena -1 - *Church*

Saturday, April 8, 2023
 8:00 pm Easter Vigil - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena -2 - *Church*

Sunday, April 9, 2023
 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt - *Parish Grounds*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena -3 - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1, 2023
 8:00 am †Viola De la Rosa by Sylvia Roman
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
 †Al Schultz by Volpenhein Family

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday
 8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Nguyen Family
 †Donald Rand by Rand Family
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Brisenio Families
 †Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, April 3, 2023
 8:00 am †Deceased Mbrs of Campos Family by Rosa Saldiva
 †Estella Esquivel by Hector & Deana Herrera

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer
 †Dean Lansing by Mrs T.S.Garza

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
 8:00 am †Frances & Robert Stockman by Mrs T.S.Garza
 †Rafael Garza

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Holy Thursday
 7:00 pm **Holy Thursday - No Mass Intentions**

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday
 3:00 pm **Good Friday - No Intentions**
 7:00 pm **Good Friday - No Intentions**

Saturday, April 8, 2023 - Easter Vigil
 8:00 pm **Easter Vigil - No Mass Intentions**

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday
 8:00 am †Deacon Paul Charron by Volpenhein Family
 †Martha O'Connor by Evancho Family
 10:00 am †Salome H. Brisenio & Carolina B. Brisenio by Morales & Brisenio Families
For Our Children - Living and †Deceased
 by Mom, Dad, and Espinoza Family
 12:00 pm †Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza
 †Inez Quiroga and Linda Houy

**Sanctuary Light Intention:***Health - Ramon Mata, Jr***Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 abril**

Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71:1-6,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Miércoles: Is 50:4-9; Sal 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Jueves (la Cena del Señor): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Sal 116:12-13,15-18;
 1Co 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Viernes: Is 52:13-53:12; Sal 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sábado: Vigilia: Gn 1:1-2:2; Sal 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,13-14,24,35;
 Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28;
 Sal 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23;
 Lk 24:1-12
Domingo: Hch 10:34,37-43; Sal 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4;
 Jn 20:1-9

Readings for the week of Apr 3 - 9

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3,13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6ab,15,17; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday (Lord's Supper): Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 116:12-13,15-18;
 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Vigilia: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,14,24,35;
 Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6,17-18; Ez 36:16-28;
 Ps 42:3,5; 43:3,4; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23;
 Lk 12:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34,37-43; Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23; Col 3:1-4;
 Jn 20:1-9

Liturgical Roles

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Holy Thursday
 7:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John, (+3 Vol)
Lector - M.Briseno

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday
 3:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol-if needed)
Lector / Voice - M.Fisher
 7:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John (*Voice*),
 (+1 Vol-if needed)
Lector - R.Borrego

Saturday, April 8, 2023 - Easter Vigil
 8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, J+And.Perez, Y.Aguilar,
 (+3 Vol - if needed)
Lector / Voice - Abi.Perez

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol-if needed)
Lector / Voice - S.McCarthy
 10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John, (+4 Vol-if needed)
Lector / Voice - O.Weich
 12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, (+4 Vol-if needed)
Lector / Voice - N.Obregon / E.Licon