

**Gospel Meditation:**

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Espero que reconozcas conmigo un hecho simple: no es normal que las lenguas de fuego "se separen y descansan" en las personas. En realidad es bastante extraño. Sin embargo, eso es precisamente lo que celebramos en esta fiesta de Pentecostés. ¿Cómo puede esto significar algo para nosotros en nuestra vida diaria?

Los judíos tenían la tradición de que el cielo es un templo hecho de ladrillos de fuego. Entonces, a través de los apóstoles, el templo celestial viene a la tierra. Pero este fuego parece lenguas, no ladrillos. Eso significa que el habla celestial será crucial para construir una morada para Dios en la tierra entre hombres y mujeres. Por lo tanto, no es sorprendente cuando los apóstoles comienzan a hablar de una manera milagrosa que es entendida por todos los grupos lingüísticos. Están hablando de lo que Dios ha hecho en y a través de Jesús: traer el cielo a la tierra y unir a todos los pueblos a Dios y entre sí.

Con qué frecuencia nuestro discurso se divide: chismes, calumnias, insultos, etc. Qué extraño y raro es cuando las personas hablan de maneras que realmente unen en lugar de dividir. Imagínese lo poderoso que sería si usted y yo comenzáramos a hablar en casa, en el trabajo y en nuestra comunidad de una manera que hiciera que la gente escuchara el habla celestial. Imagínese si hablara de las poderosas obras de Dios de una manera que todos pudieran entender. Eso es precisamente lo que el Espíritu Santo descende sobre nosotros para hacer. Pídele que venga como lengua de fuego a ti una vez más, y Él lo hará. ¡Entonces habla!

— Father John Muir

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**May 21, 2023**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,435.01
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 128.01
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,160.44
Helping Hands.....	\$ 25.00
STM School.....	\$ 10.00
Mother's Day.....	\$ 15.00
Father's Day.....	\$ 10.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 130.00
Donations.....	\$ 50.00

*Second Collection June 3 - 4:  
Helping Hands Fund*



Happy Birthday to our friend  
and fellow Parishioner

**Fernando Aguirre**

**100 years young!**

Happy Birthday, Fernando...  
God Bless-

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

On June 25, 2023 we will have a Parish Meeting /  
Leadership Development from 3 - 5 pm at Carolan Hall.

Please RSVP with Martha Guerra  
at (210) 655-5070 or  
MGuerra.st.thomas@gmail.com

**REUNIÓN DE DESARROLLO DE LIDERAZGO**

El 25 de junio del 2023 tendremos una junta parroquial  
(Desarrollo de liderazgo) a las 3 - 5 pm  
en el Salon de Carolan.

Favor de inscribirse con Martha Guerra  
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**St. Thomas More Catholic School**  
**Where "EXCELLENCE IS AFFORDABLE."**

St. Thomas More Child Development Center has space  
available for children 18 months and up and  
St. Thomas More School is now enrolling  
children 3 years old through 8th grade.

If you are looking for a school where  
Christ is present and prayer is  
important, where your child is  
challenged academically and  
spiritually, come take a tour of what  
our parish school and child  
development center has to offer.



We have scholarships and financial aid  
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We look forward to showing off our school and welcoming  
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An affordable tuition and GREAT Education are within  
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*WWW.ST-THOMAS-MORE-SCHOOL.ORG*

*Scholarships are still available up to \$1500 off tuition.*

**What a great time of year we are in right now!**

- Last week we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord...
- Next week... the Holy Trinity! The week after... Corpus Christi!
- And, today we celebrate **Pentecost...** The **Birthday of the Church!**
- The day the Holy Spirit made it's presence known to those first disciples!
- And, with that, we see the Sacrament of Confirmation being celebrated throughout the Archdiocese.
- Confirmation - The Sacrament where we receive the same Holy Spirit received by St. Peter, St. Paul, St. John, St. James, and all the rest! Confirmation - the sacrament that unleashes the Holy Spirit in our life; just as it did in the lives of those first disciples at Pentecost. How fantastic is that!
- I'd like to address those soon to be confirmed - actually, all of us who have been blessed with this wonderful gift. At our Baptism we became a Temple of the Holy Spirit. But, our parents and godparents spoke for us. In Confirmation, we receive the Fullness of the Holy Spirit and now, It is our (**your**) turn to stand up for our (**your**)-self and make that commitment to become an Intentional Disciple of Our Lord, Jesus!
- We receive the graces necessary to stand-up and speak-out for God! God has called each of us...
- ***We have been chosen by Him!***
- It's not a coincidence we are where we are at today. God has a plan for you, a plan for me, for each of us. But, as I've said before and I know you've heard this time and time again: God will never force us to do anything. We have the free will to make the choice... If we choose to **NOT** use this precious gift... it will sit there (*unused*) as if in a closet someplace. It's our choice...
- We literally make hundreds of choices each and every day: what to eat, what to wear, where to go, when to arrive, who to hang-out with, and on, and on, and on. Many of our choices seem to be inconsequential but many of them build on each other. Good choices... good results... we reap the benefits. Bad choices... bad results... we suffer the consequences... And don't think it's just the big choices of life that are important! Little choices matter, too, because they become the foundation for our bigger decisions!
- Bottom line... make good choices! God has given us everything we need to make good choices. Everything we need to lead a good and holy life. Everything we need to be happy with Him forever!

***Happy Birthday! Happy Pentecost!***

God Bless-

**MEMORIAL DAY**

A lot of people ask about the upcoming civil holiday... **Monday - Memorial Day.**

Why is everything closed? What's the big deal? "What's the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? Aren't they the same?" Once again... that's one of those "yes-and-no" answers that I love so much!

Both honor veterans and all veterans are honored on Veterans day... But, not all veterans are honored on Memorial Day. That sounds more complicated than it is.

First, we have to define exactly what a veteran (Vet) is. A veteran is someone who has served in the armed forces and was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. Current military members are considered to be Veterans.

So... Being a Vet is a great thing... Thank you all for your service to our country, and us!

Most people don't stop and think that each and every Vet... when they signed their name to their enlistment papers and took their oath of allegiance... were putting their life on the line in defense of our country... in defense of you and me! I don't care what kind of job they held in the military... whether it was front-line combat, medical, supply-clerk, company-clerk, or whatever... first and foremost all vets were trained in combat and were 'on the line' for duty!

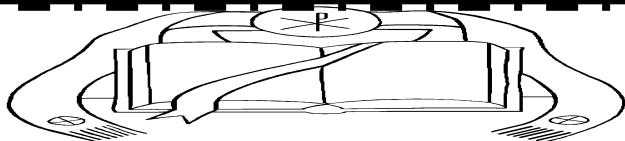
**Veterans Day** was originally known as **Armistice Day** - to commemorate the end of World War I. It's a federal holiday observed annually on November 11, for honoring **all** military veterans.

**Memorial Day**, on the other hand, is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who **died** while serving in the U.S. military.

Memorial Day originally honored those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But the United States found itself embroiled in other major conflicts, and the holiday evolved to commemorate all who died in war.

Know a Vet? Thank them... thank their family (*sometimes it's actually more difficult for them to be left behind*). Buy her / him a cup of coffee.

Know / know-of someone who paid the ultimate price for us? Honor-them / Remember-them in prayer...



**Fr. Mike,  
Deacons Tim and Rolando-  
CONGRATULATIONS**

***On the Anniversary of your Ordination!***

***Father Mike: June 2, 2018***

***Deacon Tim: June 11, 2004***

***Deacon Rolando: June 16, 2018***

*and to our Deacon Candidate, John Rodriguez who is to be Ordained on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**May God continue to bless you and your ministry  
For many, many years to come.  
Our prayers are with you.**

***Your STM flock.***



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Holy Hour / la Hora Santa**

Thursday, June 1st  
Beginning at 6 pm

Come...  
spend some quiet,  
quality time with  
Our Lord in the  
Most Blessed  
Sacrament.

Hope to see you  
There.



Viernes, 2 de junio  
a las 7 pm.

Ven...  
Pasa un rato  
tranquilo 'uno-a-  
uno' tiempo con  
Nuestro Señor  
Siempre presente en  
el Santísimo.

Espero verte allí.

**LIMPIEZA de  
Primavera**



**La Limpieza Anual de Primavera de Saint Thomas More** es programada para el sábado, 3 de junio, de 8:30 am a 12 del mediodía.

La limpieza consistirá en podar árboles, pintar bordillos, quitar matas frente a la rectoría y arreglar nuestros jardines de flores.

Todos los feligreses y amigos (*jóvenes y viejos*) son bienvenidos a ayudar. Traiga sus herramientas de jardinería, azadas, podadoras y guantes de trabajo.

Se proporcionarán bebidas y aperitivos.

¿Necesita información adicional?

Contacte a Fred Sanchez @ (210) 912-5931

**Spring  
CLEANUP**

The **Annual St. Thomas More Spring Clean-Up** is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12 Noon.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to help. Bring your gardening tools, hoes, trimmers, and work gloves.

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Need additional information?

Contact Fred Sanchez @ (210) 912-5931

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**KC 3rd Degree - BBQ Ticket Sales (after 8am & 10am Masses)**  
 10:00 am CDA Corporate Mass  
 2:00 pm CDA Fundraiser (Citizen CPR) - *Carolán Hall*

**Monday, May 29, 2023 - Memorial Day**  
 \*\*\* Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day \*\*\*

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**  
 10:00 am School Mass & Awards (*Last Day of School*) - *Church*

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**  
 6:00 pm Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (*Men's Retreat Prep*) - *RMR*

**Friday, June 2, 2023**  
 6:30 pm Guitar & Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm La Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
 8:30 am Spring Parish Cleanup - *Parish Grounds*  
 ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolán Hall*  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*  
 Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
**KC 3rd Degree - BBQ Ticket Sales (after 8am & 10am Masses)**  
 10:00 am KC Corporate Mass  
 1:30 pm VBS General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*  
 3:00 pm Festival Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Michael Minh by Linda Cocadiz  
 †Roberto Espiritu by Hector & Diana Herrera  
 5:00 pm †Steven Dale & Steven Lee Waldron by Argie  
**Special Intention - 100th Birthday - Fernando Aguirre**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 - Pentecost**  
 8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza  
**STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**  
 10:00 am †Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera  
 †Vernon Wilson by Jesse Perez and Family  
 12:00 pm †Citlaly Albino by Arvizu Family  
 †Beatriz Gonzalez by Arvizu Family

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Marie Willingham by Margie Murray  
 †Brother Lorin Faria

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Ysidra Cocadiz by Linda Cocadiz  
**Special Intention: Rick & Angie Willingham** by Margie Murray

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**  
 8:00 am **Special Intention: Walter Green**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023 (Communion Service)**  
 8:00 am **Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, June 2, 2023**  
 8:00 am **In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Deacon Jerome & Maura Ciarrocchi by Volpenhein Family  
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza  
 †John Evancho by Evancho Family  
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family  
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Briseno Families  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**Souls in Purgatory** by Villegas Family



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Anna Maria G. Castillo*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 29 mayo - 4 junio**

**Lunes:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Sal 86:1-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Martes:** Eclo 35:1-12; Sal 49:5-8,14,23;  
 Mc 10:28-31  
**Miércoles:** Sof 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Lc 1:39-56  
**Jueves:** Eclo 42:15-25; Sal 32:2-9; Mc 10:46-52  
**Viernes:** Eclo 44:1,9-13; Sal 95:10-13; Mc 11:11-26  
**Sábado:** Eclo 51:12-20; Sal 18:8-11; Mc 11:27-33  
**Domingo:** Ex 34:4-6,8-9; Dn 3:52-56; 2Co 13:11-13;  
 Jn 3:16-18

**Readings for the week of May 28 - June 4**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8,14,23;  
 Mk 10:28-31  
**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56  
**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52  
**Friday:** Sir 44:1,9-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26  
**Saturday:** Sir 51:12-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33  
**Sunday:** Ex 34:4-6,8-9; Dn 3:52-56; 2Cor 13:11-13;  
 Jn 3:16-18



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
 5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, T.Guerrero, T.S.Garza,  
 T.Sweet, (+1 Vol)  
 Lector - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
 8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, R.Davila, M.Nguyen,  
 (+1 Vol)  
 Lector - E.Sandoval

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, Z.Ramirez, J.Cantu  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, P+R.Mendoza, Y.Aguilar,  
 J+And.Perez  
 Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Oregon, Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Pina, R.Gomez, I.Hernandez,  
 D+F.Malacara, L.Lopez  
 Lector - R.Borrego / A.Chavez