

## 5TH SUNDAY of LENT

Once again this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent: First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St. Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

Then the verse before the Gospel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses — when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." "Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. This tells us that Our Lord is not at all distant and aloof from His children. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," He bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple - to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith - because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus.

### YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 27, 2022

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,870.01
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 92.04
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 2.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 45.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 80.00
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 100.00
CRS (Bishop Over Seas Appeal)....	\$ 454.44

*Second Collection - April 9- 10:*

*No Second Collection Next Week*



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022, also known as "*Good Shepherd Sunday*."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

\*\*\* *PRAY FOR VOCATIONS* \*\*\*

### CATHOLIC RADIO

Get the best in Catholic programming!  
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 1380 AM – Spanish or 89.7 FM - English

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 9 - 10, Palm Sunday: Regular Weekend / Sunday Schedule

April 11 - 13, Mon-Wed: Normal Daily Masses (8 am)

April 14, Holy Thursday: 7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Eucharistic Adoration (*begins after Mass until midnight*)

April 15, 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 - 5:30 pm - *in Church*

April 16 - 17, Easter: Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm  
Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Schedule

**PRAYER CANDLES**

Keep your prayers for your Loved-Ones and other Special Intentions alive!

Our Pastoral Council will be selling Prayer Candles again this year.

The Cost is \$6.00 per candle... and **must be pre-paid.**

(orders will be taken thru April 13th).

Candles will be lit and displayed on the altar during our Holy Thursday Holy Hour...

Candles will be available for pick-up after Easter Sunday.

Envelopes are available at all of the entrances.

**VELAS DE ORACION**

Mantenga sus oraciones por sus seres queridos y otros Intenciones Especiales vivas!

Nuestra Consejo Pastoral venderá Velas de Oración de nuevo este año.

El costo es de \$6.00 por vela... y **debe pagado por adelantado.**

(los pedidos se realizarán hasta el 13 de abril).

Las velas se encenderán y se exhibirán en el altar en nuestra Hora Santa del Jueves Santo...

y estarán disponibles para recogerlas después del Pascua.

Los sobres estan disponibles en todas las entradas.

**Holy Hour**

Our English Holy Hour is scheduled for this THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet 'one-on-one' time with Our Lord... ever present in the ***Most Blessed Sacrament.***

***Hope to see you there.***

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of

**Anne Geiger**  
who died recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to the Kristen and the Geiger Family  
***May she Rest in Peace***



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



4/8 El Espíritu y Tu (*Palabra de Dios en el Tiempo de las Promesas*)  
4/15 Via Crucis (*1 pm - afuera de la iglesia - grupo cancelado*)  
4/22 La Espera del Mesías y de Su Espíritu  
4/29 El Espíritu de Cristo en la Plenitud de Los Tiempos

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



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



The English Prayer Group will not be meeting in the church during the Lenten Season.

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



## Please Join Us for Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning

Presented by  
**Beginning Experience of San Antonio**

"Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning" is an in-person, one-day grief support program. It is intended for those whose loss is new, and/or for those not yet ready for a Beginning Experience Weekend. The session focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of the deceased spouse or dealing with the former spouse.

### When

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Where

St. Monica Catholic Church-Steuben Hall  
501 North St., Converse, TX 78109

### Cost

\$40 (includes workbook)

Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided.

### Contact

Barbara (210)256-2859  
(If no answer, please leave a message)

### Additional Programs Offered

(Subject to change due to Covid restrictions)

Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning (1-day program) –7/30/22

Beginning Experience Weekend at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine – 10/14-10/16/22

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13*



### School News

**We are NOW ENROLLING for the 2022-2023 school Year!**  
for 18 months—8th Grades

Here are ways to get more info about enrolling your child:

1. Call us! (210) 655-2882
2. Visit our website at: [www.st-thomas-more-school.org](http://www.st-thomas-more-school.org)
3. Come by the school during normal school hours 7:30 am - 4 pm

***An excellent Catholic Education is affordable!***

Financial aid is available at: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>  
***Apply As Soon As Possible! Time is running out!***



## YOU ARE INVITED TO

***St. Thomas More School's  
60th Anniversary Gala***  
Dinner, Casino Gaming,  
Silent Auction.  
*Semi-Formal Attire*



Sat, April 23, 2022  
6 - 11 pm  
Morgan's Wonderland  
Event Center  
5223 David Edwards Dr.  
San Antonio, TX



\$50 Ticket  
Tickets and Sponsorships available  
Online at [www.givecentral.org/60thgala](http://www.givecentral.org/60thgala)  
Or Scan QR Code

**This Week at Our Parish**

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 3, 2022</b>
8:00 am	Confirmation Mini Retreat - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
10:00 am	KC Corporate Mass - <i>Church</i>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 4, 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
5:00 pm	Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - <i>RMR</i>
7:00 pm	Guadalupano Board Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 5, 2021</b>
9:00 am	School Reconciliation - <i>Church</i>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
7:00 pm	Grupo Choir Practice - <i>Church</i>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 6, 2021</b>
9:00 am	School Reconciliation - <i>Church</i>
10:30 am	English Prayer Grp Core Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 7, 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	Holy Hour - <i>Church</i>
6:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
7:00 pm	RCIA - <i>Rectory Mtg. Room</i>
	CDA Board Mtg - <i>Rectory Dining Rm</i>
	Grupo Via Crucis Practice - <i>School Playground</i>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 8, 2021 - Offices Closed</b>
12:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - <i>Church</i>
6:45 pm	Camino de la Cruz / Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 9, 2022</b>
4:00 pm	Reconciliation - <i>Church</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday</b>
8:30 am	KC Breakfast - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
9:00 am	Guadalupano Bake Sale - <i>Carolan Hall</i>

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and  
†Richard Pansza, Jr

**Lecturas de la Semana del 4 - 10 abril**

<b>Lunes:</b>	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Sal 22:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
<b>Martes:</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Sal 101:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Jueves:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Sal 104:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Viernes:</b>	Jr 20:10-13; Sal 17:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Sábado:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jr 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Domingo:</b>	Lc 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Sal 21:8-9,17-20,23-24; Flp 2:6-11; Lc 22:14-23:56

**Readings for the week of Apr 4 - 10**

<b>Monday:</b>	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday:</b>	Jr 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday:</b>	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday, April 2, 2022</b>	
8:00 am	<b>All Souls</b> by Kim Nguyen
	<b>For Orphans</b> by Kim Nguyen
5:00 pm	†Fr. Joe Uvietta by Melba Fisher
	†Christina Dominguez by Dominguez Family
<b>Sunday, April 3, 2022</b>	
8:00 am	†Fr. Joseph Tran by Kim Nguyen
	<b>STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased</b>
10:00 am	†Ignacio Perez, Sr by Jesse Perez
	†Homer Byington by Phyllis Byington
12:00 pm	†Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
	<b>†Those Who Have Been Aborted</b> by Kim Nguyen
<b>Monday, April 4, 2021</b>	
8:00 am	†John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen
	<b>†All Souls in Purgatory</b> by Catalina Reyes
<b>Tuesday, April 5, 2021</b>	
8:00 am	†Mary Piarowski by Phyllis Byington
	<b>†Deceased Priests</b> by Kim Nguyen
<b>Wednesday, April 6, 2021</b>	
8:00 am	<b>Prayer for Orphans</b> by Kim Nguyen
	<b>†All Souls</b> by Kim Nguyen
<b>Thursday, April 7, 2021 (Communion Service)</b>	
8:00 am	<b>All Ordained Clergy and Religious</b>
	†John Sublouski and †Baldemar Saldiva
<b>Friday, April 8, 2021</b>	
8:00 am	†John TV Duong by Thuy Nguyen
	†Seminarian Tariro Keith Samusodza by Sister Gomba
<b>Saturday, April 9, 2022</b>	
8:00 am	<b>All Souls</b> by Kim Nguyen
	<b>Health - Angie Willingham</b> by Margie Murray
5:00 pm	†Jeremy Moses Espinoza by Mom, Dad & Espinoza Family
	<b>STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased</b>
<b>Sunday, April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday</b>	
8:00 am	†Al Weinheimer by Richard & Dorothy Perez
	†Barbara Piarowski by Phyllis Byington
10:00 am	<b>Active Duty - Eric &amp; Joshua Espinoza</b>
	by Espinoza Family
	†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Briseno Families
12:00 pm	†Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
	<b>†Those Who Have Been Aborted</b> by Kim Nguyen

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, April 9, 2021**

5:00 pm	<b>Altar Servers - (None)</b>
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, (+ 2 Vol-IN)</b>
	<b>Lector - M.Fisher</b>

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

8:00 am	<b>Altar Servers - (None)</b>
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol - If Needed)</b>
	<b>Lector - P.Klar</b>
10:00 am	<b>Altar Servers - (None)</b>
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Briseno, A.Garza</b>
	<b>Lector - W.Torres</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Altar Servers - (None)</b>
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, DC John, V.Serrano</b>
	<b>Lector - G.Torres / M.Rodriguez</b>