Gospel Meditation:

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Tradicionalmente, los cuatro escritores de los Evangelios están simbolizados por cuatro criaturas que se abren camino en el arte y la arquitectura de la Iglesia: Mateo, un ángel; Mark, un león; Lucas, un buey; y John, un águila. Estas imágenes se pueden encontrar en iglesias de todo el mundo, un reconocimiento a aquellos que documentaron las historias de Jesús para nosotros, hace miles de años.

El Evangelio de hoy fue escrito por Juan. Hay algunas razones por las que Juan está simbolizado por un águila, pero mi explicación favorita es que sus escrituras se elevan como un águila hacia el cielo con su hermoso y poético lenguaje. La oración que escuchamos hoy *no* es diferente: Jesús invoca a Dios en un largo discurso que a veces puede parecer desconcertante, de la misma manera que un poema puede ser desconcertante de entender cuando no estamos familiarizados con el ritmo o el formato.

Considere aferrarse a la frase más corta de esta oración: "Ruego por ellos".

Jesús ora por nosotros. Para mí. Para tí.

Deje que eso se sumerja profundamente entre su ser.

Jesús está de su lado. Él es consciente de lo que estás sosteniendo en este momento. Él es consciente de su dolor, de su fe, de su misión. Y Él lo está apoyando. Esta oración fue escrita hace miles de años, mucho antes de que nacieran. Desde antes de que nacieran, fueron sostenidos en oración. Con esa certeza, vivimos.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
May 14, 2023

Sunday Collection ……...……..	$	5,063.40
Vigil Candles……...……	$	249.11
STM School…..…….	$	611.45
Mother's Day…..…….	$	140.00
Mass Intentions……	$	5.00
Donations…….	$	115.00

Second Collection May 27 - 28:
Helping Hands Fund

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.

F avor de incribirse con Martha Guerra
al (210) 655-5070 o
MGuerra.st.thomas@gmail.com

St. Thomas More Catholic School
Where "EXCELLENCE IS AFFORDABLE."

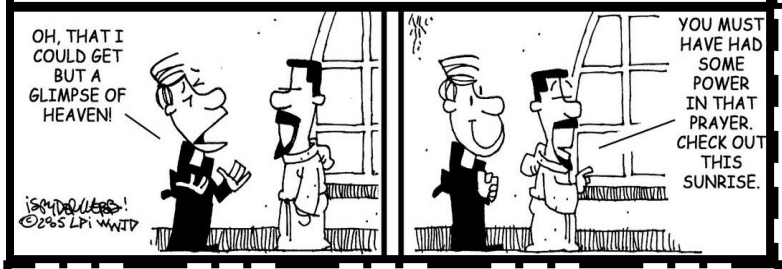
St. Thomas More Child Development Center has space available for children 18 months and up and St. Thomas More School is now enrolling children 3 years old through 8th grade.

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 available too. Call the school or stop in, see the bulletin for the website and phone number or just Google us! We look forward to showing off our school and welcoming your child.

An affordable tuition and GREAT Education are within your reach! *CALL TODAY 210-655-2882 or APPLY AT WWW.ST-THOMAS-MORE-SCHOOL.ORG*

Scholarships are still available up to $1500 off tuition.



A SINCERE THANK YOU

To each and everyone for the support given to our School's Casino Night.

IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you… Thank you… Thank you!

Adopt - a - Senior

Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.

Are you over 50 and in need of Assistance?
We can help!

Seniors deserve compassion and companionship. Catholic Charities can help by visiting you and delivering basic needs. If you cannot come to us, *We can come to you!*

Do you feel called to serve others?
You can help!

Together, Catholic Charities volunteers can become family to seniors living in isolation.

Join us in offering hope and service with dignity!

¿Tiene 50 años (o más) y necesita ayuda?
¡Le Podemos ayudar!

Todos merecemos compasión y compañía. Caridades Católicas te puede ayudar a acceder necesidades básicas.
Si no puede venir a nuestras oficinas, *Nosotros Podemos ir a visitarte!*

¿Te sientes llamado a ayudar a los demas?
¡Puedes ayudar!

Únete a nuestros voluntarios.
Juntos, podemos convertirnos en la familia de personas mayores de edad que viven en aislamiento.

Únete a nosotros para ofrecer esperanza y servicio con dignidad.

For More Information / Para obtener mas informacion:
Lupe Morin - lmorin@ccaosa.org (210) 502-9598
Or: Emily Bustamante - ebustamante@ccaosa.org (210) 309-9661
Or: Nora Zurita - (210) 222-1294

Catholic VBS

Living in God's Kingdom

This year's VBS will be immersing your child into God's Kingdom. Each day we will gather to enter Catholic Castle for a fun-filled five-day event that includes active participation through scripture readings, group discussion, songs, crafts, snacks and games all related to the theme of life in a medieval castle.

Join the quest and volunteer for an adventure this summer. Volunteers must be 18+. Junior Volunteers must be 12+.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JUNE 27TH, 2023 FOR AGE 5 - 11.

Roy Hirchak: roy.hirchak@gmail.com

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.

The clean-up will consist of trimming trees, painting curbs, removing shrubs in front of the rectory, and sprucing up our flower beds.

All parishioners and friends *(young and old)* 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 21, 2023
***** Grupo de Oracion Chicharrones Fundraiser *****
***** After All Masses - Church Carport *****
8:00 am Guadalupanos Corporate Mass - *Church*
9:00 am Guadalupanos General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*
1:30 pm VBS General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Monday, May 22, 2023
9:30 am School Graduation Practice - *Church*

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
9:30 am School Graduation Practice - *Church*
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 24, 2023
9:30 am School Graduation Practice - *Church*
6:30 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Thursday, May 25, 2023
9:30 am School Graduation Practice - *Church*
6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp Fellowship - *RMR*

Friday, May 26, 2023
8:00 am School Kinder/8th Graduation Mass - *Church*
9:00 am School Kinder Graduation - *Church*
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, May 27, 2023
10:00 am School Graduation Graduation - *Church*
11:00 am School 8th Grade Reception - *Carolan Hall*
4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

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

Sanctuary Light Intention:

Baby Dawn, Misty Dawn, Jeremy and Roxanne Espinoza

Lecturas de la Semana del 22 - 28 mayo

Lunes: Hch 19:1-8; Sal 67:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
Martes: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 67:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11
Miércoles: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 67:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19
Jueves: Hch 22:30,23:6-11; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes: Hch 25:13-21; Sal 102:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado: **Vigilia**: Gn 11:1-9; Sal 103:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Domingo: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 103:1,24,29-31,34; 1Co 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Readings for the week of May 22 - 28

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30,23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday - Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 104:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34; 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20, 2023
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen
STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
5:00 pm †Rebecca Perez by Richard & Dorothy Perez
†Mrs. Annie Lopez by Rand Family

Sunday, May 21, 2023
8:00 am †Yolanda Reyes by Diana Ramirez
†Baldemar Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva
10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
Birthday - Maria Mata by Mata Family
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Souls in Purgatory by Villegas Family

Monday, May 22, 2023
8:00 am †Michael Minh
†Sister Caroline, SJI by Sister Gomba

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
8:00 am ***Special Intention: Fr Stephen Arabadjis***
All Souls by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes
†Joseph J. Weich by Pat Weinert

Thursday, May 25, 2023 *(Communion Service)*
8:00 am ***Ordained Clergy and Religious***

Friday, May 26, 2023
8:00 am †Ralph W.Garcia by Elda Garcia
†Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
†Samuel Orozco by Pereida Family
†Diana Ramirez by Aguirre Family
†Ruben Villa by Aguirre Family

Saturday, May 27, 2023
8:00 am †Michael Minh
†Roberto Espiritu by Linda Cocadiz
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

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 27, 2023
5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, E.Guerrero, R.Saldiva, (+1 Vol)
Lector - T.S.Garza

Sunday, May 28, 2023
8 am Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, M.Nguyen, R.Davila, P.Klar, (+! Vol)
Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, Z.Ramirez, J.Cantu
Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Tim, CDA Vol
Lector - CDA

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, L.Lopez, D+F.Malacara, H.Gomez, I.Hernandez, E.Boregon
Lector - M.Pina / M.Rivera