



The teachings of our Catholic faith are inexhaustibly deep, but they are also amazingly simple. Today’s readings take us back to the basics, reminding us how we as Christian stewards are to approach our relationship with God and others.

The First Reading gives us an early glimpse of the extravagance of God’s mercy revealed in the very first book of the Old Testament. In this passage from Genesis, we find Abraham testing the limits of God’s kindness and patience with His people. God tells Abraham that despite the terrible depravity in Sodom and Gomorrah, for the sake of just a handful of innocent people, He would spare them all. This passage

illustrates two basic truths of Christian stewardship: what an infinitely loving God we serve and what a privilege we have in our gift of faith, a gift that we must share for the sake of others.

The Second Reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, reminds us of this stewardship basic: Christ “brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us... nailing it to the cross.” Jesus loves us so much that he took on our sins to free us from death and offer us eternal life. What a generous Savior we have who gives us the gift of eternal life. This truth should fill us with overwhelming gratitude, inspiring us to share our lives generously with others as faithful disciples of our Lord.

The Gospel reading from Luke takes us back to the basics of prayer, offering us both a method of prayer from Jesus Himself and the encouragement to persist in prayer. In this passage, some of His disciples ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father. This prayer is so rich that it still forms the basis of our approach to God the Father over 2,000 years later. At the same time, it is so simple, we teach it as a first prayer to young children.

The Our Father is truly a steward’s prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim that we trust completely in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

After giving us the Our Father, Jesus shares the funny little story of the man who bugs his neighbor for bread in the middle of the night. The man’s persistence pays off. How much more perfectly the Father will answer the prayers of His children when we persist in going to Him with our needs.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus offers one more “basic” for us stewards about our relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door! He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 17, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$	4868.40
Vigil Candles.....	\$	133.95
Helping Hands.....	\$	722.50
Mass Intentions.....	\$	5.00

*Second Collection - July 30 - 31:
Mission Co-op Plan Appeals*



**St. Thomas More
Knights of Columbus
Council 7386
BBQ Plate**



***DON'T FORGET TO
PICKUP YOUR PLATES!
CURBSIDE PICKUP ONLY***

**When: TODAY! July 24TH
Where: Carolan Hall
Serving: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

For more info call Rick Briseno at (210) 834-7017

Faith Formation News / Noticias de Formación de Fe

Registration is coming soon for the 2022 - 2023 school year!!

**Registration will begin August 1, 2022 and continue through August 31, 2022
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.**



Classes Begin as follows,

**English – September 11th
Spanish – September 24th
Confirmation – September 25th**

**For more information, required documentation, or
general questions, please contact
Martha Guerra, DRE,
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070**

**Note: Face Masks will be worn by all students in the
classroom for the safety of your children.**

Las inscripciones empiezan pronto para el año escolar 2022-2023!!

**La inscripción comenzará el 1 de agosto de 2022 y continuará hasta el 31 de agosto de 2022
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm**

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera,

**Inglés – 11^{de} septiembre
Español – 24^{de} septiembre
Confirmación – 25^{de} septiembre**



**Para más información, documentación requerida,
o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a
Martha Guerra, DRE,
en la oficina parroquial al (210) 655-5070**

**Nota: Las máscaras faciales serán usadas por todos los estudiantes en
el salón de clase para la seguridad de sus hijos.**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Summer is here! Fall is right around the corner!

Interested in: Joining the Catholic Faith?

Completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion / Confirmation)?

Just knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 8th at 7 pm (*mark your calendar*)

More to come...



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



29 julio La Iglesia Manifestada por el Espíritu Santo

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***



July 28 THE ULTIMATE QUALITY CONTROL
Whenever the object of clay which he was making turned out badly in his hand, he tried again, making of the clay another object of whatever sort he pleased."

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



St. Thomas More Fall Festival 2022

We are looking for Festival Volunteers

Come help us coordinate our biggest event of the year!

To Volunteer, For Questions, or to make a Donation

please contact our Festival Chairpersons

Roland and Sylvia Rodriguez at (210)669-8161



FATHER MIKE IS INVITING YOU TO AN IMPORTANT PLANNING PARISH ASSEMBLY MEETING
AUGUST 14TH FROM 2 TO 4 PM IN CAROLAN HALL. *EVERYONE IS INVITED.*
PLEASE RSVP WITH MARTHA GUERRA AT THE RECTORY OFFICE (210) 655-5070, AND
HELP EFFECT CHANGE! THANK YOU.

EL PADRE MIKE LOS INVITA A UNA IMPORTANTE JUNTA DE LA ASAMBLEA PARROQUIAL DE PLANIFICACIÓN EL 14 DE AGOSTO DE 2 A 4 PM EN CAROLAN HALL. *TODOS ESTÁN INVITADOS.* POR FAVOR, CONFIRME SU ASISTENCIA CON MARTHA GUERRA EN LA OFICINA DE LA RECTORÍA (210-655-5070) Y AYUDE A EFECTUAR EL CAMBIO! GRACIAS.



Patty Breen (+more speakers TBA)
Bishop Michael J. Boulette
2022 Saint: Elizabeth Ann Seton
wife, mother, widow, socialite, convert, educator, caregiver, religious sister

July 29-30, 2022 in San Antonio Healing Renewal Joy

Virtual or In-Person!

210-521-3377

CWCSanAntonio.com



Beginning Experience Please Join Us for

Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning

Saturday, July 30, 2022 - 8:30 am - 4 pm

“Coping with Life Alone in the beginning” is an in-person, one-day grief support program to help participants come to terms with the loss of a spouse. 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.

Where: St. Peter Upon the Water Spiritual Direction Center
234 Indian Creek Rd, Ingram, TX 78025

Cost: \$40 (includes activity supplies - Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided)

Contact: Barbara @ (210) 724-9269
(If no answer, please leave a message)

Additional Programs Offered

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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, July 24, 2022
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*
 11:00 am KC BBQ Plate Sale - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, July 25, 2022
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion - *Church*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, July 27, 2022
 6:00 pm KC 4th Monthly Meeting- *Carolán Hall*

Thursday, July 28, 2022
 6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Semi-Annual Audit - *Carolán Hall*
 7:00 pm English Prayer Group - *Church*

Friday, July 29, 2022
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, July 30, 2022
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

Sunday, July 31, 2022
 10:30 am STM 8th Grade Paleta Sale - *Church*
(front entrance)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23, 2022
 8:00 am †Maria Ortega and Raul Zavala by Laura Armijo
All Souls by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Antonio Cortez by Debra Cortez
 †Carmen Yanez by Edward Ramirez

Sunday, July 24, 2022
 8:00 am †Adeline and Edgar Richardson by Mary Ann Dillin
 10:00 am †Yolanda Faz by Jesse Perez & Family
All Souls by Kim Nguyen
 12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Monday, July 25, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
 †Marge Gola by Fred & Helen Manning

Tuesday, July 26, 2022
 8:00 am †Carol McGuire by Becki Mcqueen
 †Thomas Adams by Irene Kaschak

Wednesday, July 27, 2022
 8:00 am †Felipe Gaytan by Anita Gaytan
Unborn Souls by Kim Nguyen

Thursday, July 28, 2022
 8:00 am *All Ordained Clergy and Religious*

Friday, July 29, 2022
 8:00 am †Mary Monteverdi
 †Alejandro & Sylvia Hernandez

Saturday, July 30, 2022
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen
All Souls by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †David Krause by Krause Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 31, 2022
 8:00 am †Lupe & Laura Vargas by Family of Joseph Vargas
 † Veronica Villarreal by Irene Negrete
 10:00 am †Ignacio Perez Sr. by Jesse Perez & Family
 Thanksgiving to Analisa, Steven, Bella Gomez
 by Carloz Gomez Fam.
 12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan
All Souls in Purgatory by Albertina Rios



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Abigail Rovayo

Lecturas de la Semana del 25 - 31 julio

Lunes: 2Co 4:7-15; Sal 125:1-6; Mt 20:20-28
Martes: Jr 14:17-22; Sal 78:8,9,11,13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles: Jr 15:10,16-21; Sal 58:2-4,10-11,17-18;
 Mt 13:44-46
Jueves: Jr 18:1-6; Sal 145:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes: Jr 26:1-9; Sal 68:5,8-10,14; Jn 11:19-27
Sábado: Jr 26:11-16,24; Sal 68:15-16,30-31,33-34;
 Mt 14:1-12
Domingo: Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23; Sal 89:3-6,12-14,17;
 Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lc 12:13-21

Readings for the week of July 25 - 31

Monday: 2Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8,9,11,13;
 Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18;
 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5,8-10,14; Jn 11:19-27
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34;
 Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17;
 Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 23, 2022
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol - IN)
Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, July 24, 2022
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol - IN)
Lector - S.McCarthy

10 am **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, P+R.Mendoza
Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, DC John, I.Hernandez
Lector - D+F.Malacara