

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

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ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.

Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.

Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.

A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén



St Pius X - STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential care during difficult times such as coping with the loss of a loved one, illness, or any challenge in life.

If you, or some you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, contact:

*Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096
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YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 14, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,248.22
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 85.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 610.00
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 132.44
Mother's Day Novena.....	\$ 98.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 80.00

Second Collection Jan 27 - 28:

To Support the Church in Latin America



THINGS TO DO FOR THE NEW YEAR

Well, here we are... 2024! *Happy New Year!!*
Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?
Here's an easy one for you...

Does the Parish Office have your (*your family's*) most current information?

Are you new to the parish and maybe haven't yet registered?

Have you moved?

Have you changed phone numbers?

Are there any new members to the family?

Has anybody moved out?

If any of these things apply to you / your family...

Now is a good time to bring your Registration info up to date.

Please call the Parish Office (210) 655-5070 and Update your family record. It won't take long.

Once again... *Happy New Year* and... *God Bless-*

Gospel Meditation:

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Empezamos a decir mentiras alrededor de los tres años, nos dicen los expertos. Es comprensible. La mentira es un poder divino. Lo que quiera, sólo tengo que decirlo, y el mundo se reorganiza en consecuencia. Es increíble al principio. Pero pronto la realidad vuelve a aparecer y me enfrento a un dilema. Si sigo comprometido con mi mentira, empiezo a fracturarme en pedazos. Mis palabras y mi realidad se separan, y me encuentro perdido en un mundo solitario de más falsedades y miedo a ser descubierto.

¡Qué maravilloso, entonces, que Jesús comience su ministerio proclamando: "¡Arrepentíos!" Tendemos a pensar que significa "dejar de hacer cosas malas", pero no es así. Literalmente significa "ve más allá de la mente que tienes". Piensa de una manera nueva. Es doloroso admitirlo, pero una parte de mi mente es adicta a decir mentiras, generalmente para proteger mi ego o hacer la vida más fácil. Arrepentirse significa admitir esta tendencia, decir: "Ya terminé de mentir" y avanzar más allá de mi mente dividida hacia un compromiso completo con la verdad. Tal vez por eso en la Misa proclamamos juntos: "He pecado en mis pensamientos y en mis palabras..." El arrepentimiento y decir la verdad van de la mano.

Aquellos que conocen el proceso de doce pasos de la recuperación de la adicción conocen bien este proceso. El cuarto paso requiere decir la verdad radicalmente: enumerar nuestros defectos morales. Esto no es ser escrupuloso. Más bien es la libertad de la falsedad y la entrada en el mundo real. Esta semana, te invito a unirme a mí en esta práctica. Consigue tu teléfono o un pedazo de papel. Responde a la pregunta: ¿cuáles son tus verdaderos defectos morales? Escríbelos. Recuerda, el Señor ya los conoce y te ama. Tenemos un sacramento donde se celebra esta verdad: la Confesión. Tal vez sea el momento de ir más allá de nuestras mentiras infantiles.

— Father John Muir

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of
Our Dear Friend

Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez

Who died this past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to
Irma, Kathleen, Elizabeth and
the Sanchez Family

May he Rest in Peace.

HOLY HOUR PARKING

If you attend our Friday adoration...
Please park near the rectory and enter the
church on rectory side
as the parking lot behind church will be
closed for the safety of our
school children.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**PRAY FOR PEACE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND
IN THE WORLD!**



***** FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. ED *****

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray the recent holiday celebrations among your families were festive and joyful! As your new shepherd, I wanted to keep you informed regarding the projects that Fr. Mike began with Andalé On the Way. Security for the school and hall were addressed with the installation of cameras. The four rooms behind the sanctuary received new flooring. WiFi and lighting were installed in the church. Many curbs and sidewalks were repaired. Fr. Mike also had a new air conditioner installed in the church.

I continued his projects with the repair of another sidewalk, repairs for our double doors in the church, and we recently received a new wireless microphone system for the church. The sound system is still receiving attention so that popping and static are eliminated.

So far, we have used \$50,000 of our Andalé money. We have about \$59,000 left to use. When I moved in, I immediately noted the presence of mold in the living quarters of the rectory. After consultation with the Pastoral and Finance Councils, it has been determined that the remaining funds are needed to address the discovered asbestos and mold in the rectory, along with related repairs in the walls and floors. I invited representatives from the Archdiocese to help us discern this decision as well. After consulting with the Archdiocesan representatives, we are doubtful that any of the work will be covered by insurance. The bishops have approved our request for this project.

The recent raffle has an estimated result of \$98,312.16, and the festival's result is \$5,008.97. All tickets were sold! I am grateful for the participation we received in both endeavors! Thank you to those who sold tickets, volunteered in the festival, and promoted our activities. I am currently consulting with the Pastoral and Finance Committees about projects for our parish. We are gathering information about many potential improvements. Suggestions can be made to Pastoral Council members.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email frgonzales.stmc@gmail.com

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you all,

Fr. Ed Gonzales

***** De NUESTRO PASTOR, PADRE ED *****

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Espero que las recientes celebraciones navideñas entre sus familias hayan sido festivas y alegres!. Como su nuevo pastor, deseo mantenerlos informados acerca de los proyectos que el Padre Mike inició con Andalé On the Way. Se abordó la seguridad de la escuela y el salón con la instalación de cámaras. Se colocó nuevo piso en las cuatro habitaciones detrás del santuario. Se instaló WiFi y lámparas nuevas en la iglesia. Se realizaron reparaciones en muchas aceras y banquetas. El Padre Mike también hizo instalar un nuevo aire acondicionado en la iglesia.

He continuado con sus proyectos, reparando otra acera, realizando reparaciones en nuestras puertas dobles de la iglesia y recientemente recibimos un nuevo sistema de micrófono inalámbrico para la iglesia. El sistema de sonido aún está recibiendo atención para eliminar cualquier ruido molesto y estático.

Hasta ahora, hemos utilizado \$50,000 de nuestros fondos de Andalé. Nos quedan aproximadamente \$59,000 para utilizar. Cuando me mudé, noté de inmediato la presencia de moho en las áreas de vivienda de la rectoría. Después de consultar con los Consejos Pastoral y Financiero, se determinó que los fondos restantes son necesarios para abordar el asbesto y el moho descubiertos en la rectoría, junto con las reparaciones relacionadas en paredes y pisos. También he invitado a representantes de la Arquidiócesis para que nos ayuden a discernir esta decisión. Después de consultar con los representantes arquidiocesanos, tenemos dudas de que alguno de los trabajos esté cubierto por el seguro. Los obispos han aprobado nuestra solicitud para este proyecto.

La reciente rifa tiene un resultado estimado de \$98,312.16, y el resultado del festival es de \$5,008.97.

¡Todas las entradas se vendieron! ¡Estoy agradecido por la participación que recibimos en ambas iniciativas! Gracias a aquellos que vendieron boletos, se ofrecieron como voluntarios en el festival y promocionaron nuestras actividades. Actualmente, estoy consultando con los Comités Pastoral y Financiero acerca de proyectos para nuestra parroquia. Estamos recopilando información sobre muchas posibles mejoras. Se pueden hacer sugerencias a los miembros del Consejo Pastoral.

Si alguien tiene preguntas o inquietudes, no duden en ponerse en contacto conmigo a través del correo electrónico frgonzales.stmc@gmail.com.

Que la paz y la alegría de Cristo estén con todos ustedes,

Padre Ed Gonzales

This Week at Our Parish

****STM School - Catholic Life Insurance Raffle Sales All Masses****
Sunday, January 21, 2024
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Gen Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall

Monday, January 22, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
 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, January 24, 2024
 6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - Carolan Hall

Thursday, January 25, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - Church
 7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, January 26, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church
 6:00 pm KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall Kitchen
 STM School Dance - Carolan Hall
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, January 27, 2024
***** Catholic School's Week 'Kick-Off' *****

Sunday, January 28, 2024
 8:00 am KC 3 Degree Breakfast - Carolan Hall
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church



**Sanctuary Light Intention:
James Manning**

Lecturas de la Semana del 22 - 28 enero

Lunes: 2Sm 5:1-7,10; Sal 88:20,21-22,25-26;
Mc 3:22-30

Martes: 2Sm 6:12-15,17-19; Sal 23:7-10;
Mc 3:31-35

Miércoles: 2Sm 7:4-17; Sal 88:4-5,27-30;
Mc 4:1-20

Jueves: Hch 22:3-16; Sal 116:1,2; Mc 16:15-18

Viernes: 2Tim 1:1-8; Sal 95:1-3,7-8,10;
Mc 4:26-34

Sábado: 2Sm 12:1-7,10-17; Sal 50:12-17;
Mc 4:35-41

Domingo: Dt 18:15-20; Sal 94:1-2,6-9;
1Cor 7:32-35; Mc 1:21-28

Readings for the week of 22 - 28 Jan

Monday: 2Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20-22,25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc,2;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51:17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 1Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20, 2024
 8:00 am †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family
 †Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez
 5:00 pm †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family
 †Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez by Rand Family
In Thanksgiving

Sunday, January 21, 2024
 8:00 am †Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez by Elda Garcia
 †Ralph W. Garcia by Gloria Villa
 †Ruben P. Villa by Mom
 10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron
 †Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
 †Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez
Anniversary - Emilio & Maria del Pilar Chavira by Daughter

Monday, January 22, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimms

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
 8:00 am †Andres & Olivia Flores by Jose & Stella Lopez
 †Olivia Lopez by Jose & Stella Lopez

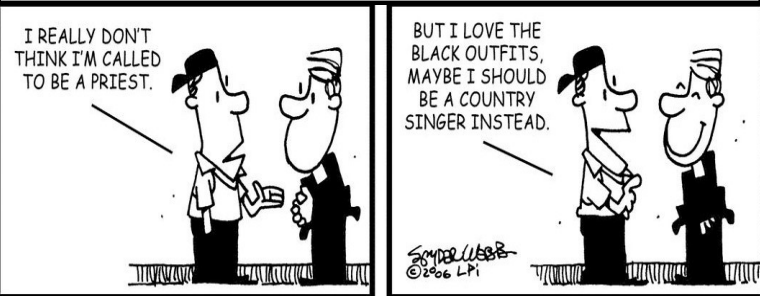
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
 8:00 am Henk Family - Living & †Deceased by Ramona Yglesias

Thursday, January 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Horace Cardenas by Theresa Garza
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, January 26, 2024
 8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen

Saturday, January 27, 2024
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Albina Vahalik by Richard & Dorothy Perez
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, January 28, 2024
 8:00 am †Felipe Gonzales, Jr. by Nora, Lorraine & Mateo
 10:00 am †Joe Robles & Lupe Villa by Family
 †Annemarie Oswald by Evancho Family
 12:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory by Rosa Maria Reyes



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 27, 2024
 5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.Garza, E.Guerrero, R.Saldiva,
 C.Lang
 Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, January 28, 2024
 8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, Y.Cione, P.Klar, M.Nguyen, R.Saldiva
 Lector - L.Trimm

10 am Altar Servers - L.McCaffery, A.McCaffery, M.Pereida
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA
 Lector - CDA

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