

## 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*

*Pray for*  
**VOCATIONS**

### Parish Offices Will Be Closed

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23, and

Friday, November 24

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

Offices will reopen at the normal time on Monday

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### November 12, 2023

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,738.42
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 133.70
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,008.02
Helping Hands.....	\$ 50.00
Easter Offering.....	\$ 2.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 235.00
Donations.....	\$ 2,510.00

*Second Collection Nov 25 - 26:  
To Support Our Own STM School*



## 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. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving and Christmas are rapidly approaching!



St Vincent de Paul at St. Pius X is once again collecting food items for its Annual Dinner Programs.

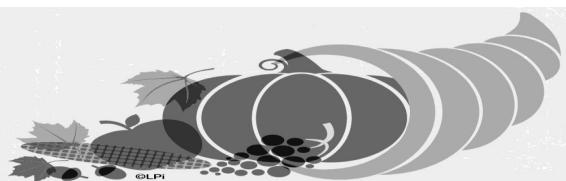
The following items are needed to help feed needy families:

Stuffing Mix, Jars or Packages of Turkey Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned: Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Corn, Fruit, Chicken Broth

*Cash and gift cards are also welcome and can be dropped off at the St. Pius X Rectory or their St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.*

Thank you for your generosity and support to this ministry!

May God Bless You Abundantly!



**Gospel Meditation:**

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Cuando era niño, odiaba jugar al Monopoly porque mis hermanos y amigos siempre parecían ganar. Pero peor fue como sucedió. Asustado de arriesgar mi dinero falso en la compra de propiedades, me aferraba a él. Mis oponentes compraron con avidez las diversas casillas de bienes raíces en el tablero. Entonces, inevitablemente, mi yo pobre y de baja equidad aterrizaría en sus lugares, les pagaría el alquiler y mi dinero se agotaría a cero. Parecía tan injusto. Los ricos se hacen más ricos y los pobres más pobres. Tuve que aprender que el dinero de los monopolios está hecho para gastarse. Tenía miedo de perder algo de eso. Así que lo perdí todo.

¿Cómo vemos lo que poseemos? La parábola de Jesús sobre los talentos no tiene que ver realmente con la economía, sino con la capacidad de inversión de todo lo que nos confía. Qué maravilla que todos los de la fábula que colocan talentos en el mercado dupliquen su inversión. El único que no lo hace es el hombre que entierra temerosamente su único talento. La estrategia de éxito de Jesús para nosotros parece ser, lo que sea que tengamos, sáquelo de nuestra posesión. Arriesgarnos lo más rápido y tan completo como podamos.

Tú y yo tenemos dones preciosos. Tenemos cosas valiosas para invertir: tiempo, talentos, tesoros. El Señor nos invita a ser valientes e incluso un poco temerarios, a dar todo lo posible. Si lo entregamos en la dirección del amor y la verdad, crecerá. Si nos aferramos a ella con miedo, nos quitarán lo poco que tenemos. Déjame desafiarte esta semana: encuentra algo en tu vida a lo que te aferres y arriégate regalándolo. No se duplicará si te aferras a él.

— Father John Muir

**Question:** *If it isn't only for people who are dying,  
when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?*

**Answer:** One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage.

And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).



Please Join Us for  
**In the Beginning...  
 Coping with Life Alone**

**Presented by  
 Beginning Experience of San Antonio**

In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone is a one-day introductory program designed to help those who are grieving the loss of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. The program helps the participants begin to deal with the loss and focus on what lies ahead. It is a day of support for those who are seeking hope and healing. While it is intended to assist those newly grieving; all are welcome to attend.

**When**

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Where**

Providence Catholic School at the Najim Campus Center  
 1215 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX 78215

**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**

Moving Forward with Hope...Coping with Life Alone (multi-week), ONLINE

Beginning Experience© Weekend

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

**The STM Knights of Columbus**

are taking orders for their Christmas Tamales.

*The last day to order is Wednesday, December 6th*

Pick up on Sunday, December 10th, from 9:00am until 2:00pm

\$10.00 per dozen

Tamales are Pork - available in regular or Jalapeño.

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**Los caballeros de Colon**

están tomando ordenes para sus tamales navideños

*El ultimo día para ordenar es el 6 de diciembre*

Recoger el 10 de diciembre de 9:00am a 2:00pm

Tamales de puerco- Regular o Jalapeño.

\$10.00 la dozana

Contact / Contacto: Roberto (210) 860-3789 o  
 Frank (210) 287-1907



**Order Forms**

May be found at  
 the Church entrances.

**Los formularios de pedido**

se pueden encontrar  
 en las entradas  
 de la iglesia.



**Advent Morning of Reflection**

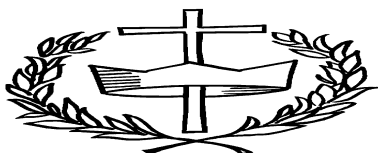
*Jesus, Prince of Peace*

Join us after the 8 a.m. Mass for an opportunity  
 to reflect on the Peace of Jesus in our lives  
 and in the world as we reflect on the  
 Scripture Readings of Advent

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
 in the Church

Presenter: Fr. Jim Schellenberg

*(This morning reflection will basically be in English)*



**You are Invited**

Please join the Guadalupanos in  
 Our Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3 to December 11

at 6:15 pm in the Church

*(by the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe)*

**EXCEPTION:** December 8<sup>th</sup>

*(the Feast of the Immaculate Conception)*

*When the Novena will be begin at 5:30 pm*

**December 12**

*Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Mass at 6:30 pm

Reception to follow in Carolan Hall

*Hope to see you there!!*





**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - Church / Carolan Hall

**Monday, November 20, 2023**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**  
5:00 pm KC Turkey Prep - Carolan Hall  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room  
CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**  
\*\*\* Parish Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday \*\*\*  
9:00pm KC 3 Degree Turkey Cookoff - Carolan Hall

**Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving**  
\*\*\* Parish Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday \*\*\*

**Friday, November 24, 2023**  
\*\*\* Parish Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday \*\*\*

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**  
8:00 am **All Deceased** by Kim Nguyen  
*Thanksgiving: Evelia Alcala & Family* by Husband  
5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
*Olga Weich - Continued Good Health* by Pat Weinert

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia  
†Deceased Guadalupanos by Elda T. Garcia  
10:00 am †Larry Evancho by Evancho Family  
†Helen Manning by Dorothy & Richard Perez  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
†Emelia & Jose Guadalupe Cisneros Zavala

**Monday, November 20, 2023**  
8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza  
†Maria Reyes by Maria T. Sweet

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**  
8:00 am †Stevie & Gilda Flores by Joes & Stella Lopez  
*Souls in Purgatory* by Isela Bazan

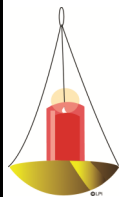
**Wednesday, November 22, 2023**  
8:00 am †Teresa Casillas by Alcala Family  
**All Deceased** by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving Day**  
8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen  
*Special Intention - Emmanuel Cantu* by Alcala Family  
*All Ordained Clergy and Religious*

**Friday, November 24, 2023**  
8:00 am **All Deceased** by Kim Nguyen  
*Special Intention - Enrique Alcala* by Alcala Family

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**  
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia  
**All Deceased** by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Joseph J. Weich by Pat Weinert  
*Homebound Parishioners* by Volpenhein Family

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**  
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family  
†Charles Oswald by Olswald Family  
12:00 pm †Maria Hernandez and Jesus Ortiz by Imelda Ortiz  
†Rosa Vargas Orozco by Rebecca Cisneros



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Olga Weich -*  
*Continued Good Health and Blessings*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 20 - 26 nov**

**Lunes:** 1Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64;  
Sal 118:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lc 18:35-43

**Martes:** 2Mac 6:18-31; Sal 3:2-7; Lc 19:1-10

**Miércoles:** 2Mac 7:1,20-31; Sal 16:1,5-6,8,15;  
Lc 19:11-28

**Jueves:** 1Mac 2:15-29; Sal 49:1-2,5-6,14-15;  
Lc 19:41-44

**Viernes:** 1Mac 4:36-37,52-59; 1Cr 29:10-12;  
Lc 19:45-48

**Sábado:** 1Mac 6:1-13; Sal 9:2-4,6,16,19; Lc 20:27-40

**Domingo:** Ez 34:11-12,15-17; Sal 22:1-6;  
1Co 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

**Readings for the week of Nov 20 - 26**

**Monday:** 1Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63;  
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

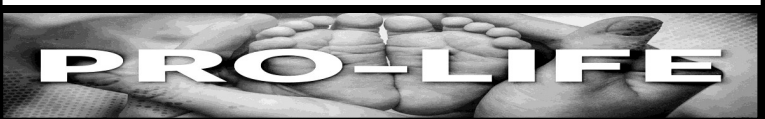
**Wednesday:** 2Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1bcd,5-6,8b,15;  
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15;  
Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1Mc 4:36-37,52-59; 1Chr 29:10b-12;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12,15-17; Ps 23:1-6;  
1Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, November 25, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, R.Alvarado, T.Guerrero,  
(+1 Vol)  
Lector - T.Guerrero

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, P.Klar, Y.Cione,  
(+1 Vol)  
Lector - P.Klar

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

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, H+R.Gomez,  
F.Hernandez, E.Obregon, M.Pina  
Lector - R.Borrego / E.Licon