

Today’s readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817).”

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord.

“Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste.” Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green.”

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another’s. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. “Its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit.”

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an “earthly” vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.” To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

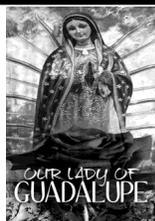
In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**February 6, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,466.68
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 236.17
Facilities Improvement fund.....	\$ 1,275.44
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 100.00
Misc Donations.....	\$ 5,697.90
Helping Hands.....	\$ 2.00

***Second Collection - February 19 - 20:  
No Second Collection Next Week***



**LENTEN RETREAT**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Society is sponsoring a Lenten Retreat on**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022  
from 8 am to 12 pm  
in Carolan Hall.**

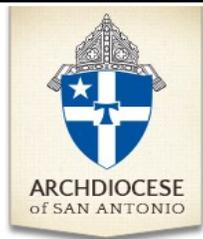
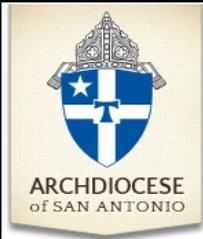
**Father David Garcia will be our speaker.**

**Contact: Belinda Trevino (210) 275-6529 or  
Irene Negrete (210) 219-1130  
to make a reservation.**

**Space is limited to 50 attendees.**

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

**Get the best in Catholic programming!  
‘Tune-In’ to the Guadalupe Radio Network!  
1380 AM – Spanish or 89.7 FM - English**



**"Porque tenía hambre, y me diste algo de comer, tuve sed, y me diste algo de beber, era más extraño, y me acogiste, estaba desnudo, y me viste, estaba enfermo, y me cuidaste, estabas en prisión y me visitaste". (Mateo 25:36-37)**

En nombre del Arzobispo Gustavo y del Padre Michael English, los invito a ustedes y a su familia a participar en el Llamamiento del Arzobispo para Ministerios Compartidos de este año.

Nuestro tema para el Llamamiento de este año es: **Nuestro Viaje Juntos.**

**¿Cuál es el Llamamiento de nuestro Arzobispo para Ministerios Compartidos?**

Es el amor transformador lo que es tan crítico para la vida de nuestra iglesia local. Es el ministerio compartido entre la Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro y la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, entre el Padre Michael English y el Arzobispo Gustavo.

Es un amor compasivo para los más necesitados.

Caminemos juntos para apoyar financieramente la formación de sacerdotes y diáconos que servirán a nuestra parroquia.

Su apoyo financiero ayuda a preparar a los líderes laicos para servir como catequistas, capellanes y lectores.

Ofrece una educación católica a las familias necesitadas.

Transmite misas televisadas y ayuda a expandir nuestro alcance a través de otros medios digitales.

Su apoyo financiero a este Llamamiento compartirá el amor de Cristo mientras alimenta, viste, alberga y cuida a los más vulnerables.

Todos estos ministerios compartidos apoyan a nuestros vecinos necesitados y promueven la misión de la Iglesia.

**Nuestra meta parroquial es la plena participación.**

**Para lograr esto, necesitamos su apoyo.**

**Cada familia debe participar haciendo un regalo a este llamamiento.**

**Cualquier regalo, cualquier cantidad hará una diferencia en la vida de alguien.**

Los invito a orar y encontrar en su corazón hacer un don sacrificial al llamamiento de este año.

Se pueden dar regalos: • Texto para dar: (210) 750-6712; palabra clave APPEAL

- En línea en <http://www.archsa.org/appeal>
- O usando el sobre de apelación de la parroquia

Todas estas formas de dar son seguras y rápidas. Si necesita ayuda con él, por favor háganoslo saber, estaremos encantados de ayudarle.

Que Dios los bendiga por su disposición a compartir sus oraciones y apoyo financiero a este Llamamiento.

Tu hermano en Cristo... Alfredo (Fred) Sánchez,

Coordinador de Apelación del Arzobispo para Santo Tomás More



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



18 de febrero - La Misión del hijo y del Espíritu Santo  
25 de febrero - Los apelativos y Símbolos del Espíritu Santo

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

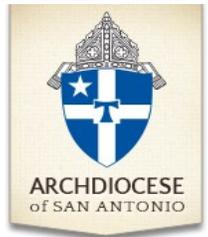
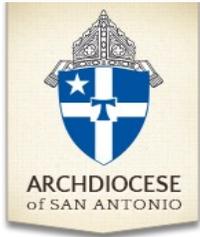


**St. Thomas More English**  
**Prayer Group**



Feb 24 7 pm Main-Line "If your foot is your undoing, cut it off." Mark 9:45

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



**"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat,  
I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink,  
I was stranger, and you took Me in,  
I was naked, and you clothed Me,  
I was sick, and you looked after Me,  
I was in prison, and you visited Me."** (Matthew 25: 36-37)

On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Michael English,  
I invite you and your family to participate in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries

Our theme for this year's Appeal is: ***Our Journey Together.***

***What is our Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries?***

It is the transformative love that is so critical to the life of our local church.  
It is the ministry shared between St. Thomas More Parish and the Archdiocese of San Antonio,  
between Father Michael English and Archbishop Gustavo.

It is a compassionate love for those most in need.  
Let us journey together to financially support the formation of priests and deacons who will serve our parish.

Your financial support helps prepare lay leaders to serve as catechists, chaplains, and lectors.

It offers a Catholic education to families in need.

It broadcasts televised Masses and helps expand our reach through other digital media.

Your financial support to this Appeal will share Christ's love as it  
feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable.

All these shared ministries support our neighbors in need and further the mission of the Catholic Church.

***Our parish goal is full participation.***

***To accomplish this, we need your support.***

***Every family should participate by making a gift to this appeal.***

***Any gift, any amount will make a difference in somebody's life.***

I invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal.

Gifts can be given: • Text-To-Give: (210) 750-6712; keyword APPEAL

• Online at <http://www.archsa.org/appeal>

• Or using the parish Appeal envelope

All these ways of giving are safe and fast. If you need help with it, please let us know, we will be happy to assist you.  
May God bless you for your willingness to share your prayers and financial support to this Appeal.

Your Brother in Christ... Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez,  
Archbishop's Appeal Coordinator for St. Thomas More



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



- When:** March 27, 2022 (Sunday)
- Where:** Carolan Hall
- Plate:** 1/4 chicken, 1 sausage link, beans, rice jalapeño, pickles, bread, & bottle of water
- Cost:** \$10/Plate (*curbside pickup only*)
- Serving:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Contact:** Noah Carrizales - (210) 459-9270  
*or any Knight.*

Over the course of this COVID Pandemic we, (STM Parish) have had many of our parishioners stay home in an effort to avoid infection. We have tried to keep-up (*in touch*) with them but it has been difficult... little staff... many people...

We miss them all and don't want them to feel they have been forgotten. They are still part of our '*family*.'

We are trying to set up a Calling-Tree ministry where we can contact our home-bound parishioners on a regular (*weekly??*) basis... but we need a support staff.

- Two things:**
1. If you would be willing to call and talk with some of our home-bound parishioners; -or-
  2. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a call... just to check on you / them...



Please call the Parish Office with your / their contact information. (210) 655-5070 (*more to follow...*)

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**  
 9:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*  
 CDA Bakesale - *Playground / Breezeway*  
 3:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

**Monday, February 14, 2021**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

**Tuesday, February 15, 2021**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 CDA General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, February 16, 2021**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg- *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, February 17, 2021**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 RCIA - *Rectory Mtg. Room*  
 Guadalupanos Retreat Mtg = *RDR*

**Friday, February 18, 2021**  
 12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**  
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass- *Church*  
 9:00 am Guadalupano General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
 6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 12, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
 †Homer Byington by Phyllis Byington  
 5:00 pm †Chicho Camacho & Victor Rojas & Mike Gonzalez  
 by Rojas Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Donald Rand By Rand Family  
 †Teresa Hoi and †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Fr. Thomas Saina  
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales  
 By Morales / Briseno Families  
 12:00 pm †Ramiro Gonzalez Montoya de su Esposa, Hijos y  
 Nietos  
 †All Souls in Purgatory by Catalina Reyes

**Monday, February 14, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
 †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, February 15, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
 †Joseph John Weich by Family

**Wednesday, February 16, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
 †Cecilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

**Thursday, February 17, 2021 (Communion Service)**  
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious  
 Health / Recovery of Deacon Paul Charron**

**Friday, February 18, 2021**  
 8:00 am †Jay Dotson by Bill & Linda Volpenhein  
 †Teresa Hoi and Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
 †Cecilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Fr. Joe Uvietta by Melba Fisher  
 †Ramon Mata, Sr by Mata Family  
 †George Omar & George Christopher Garcia  
 By Anna and Jonathan Garcia

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Benjamin Rodriguez By Guadalupanos  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 10:00 am †Fr. Arnold Maninge  
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno  
 By Morales / Briseno Families  
 12:00 pm †Acension Torres Flores by Torres Family  
 †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
 †Fr. Gilbert Pansza and  
 †Richard Pansza, Jr

**Lecturas de la Semana del 14 - 20 febrero**

**Lunes:** Sant 1:1-11; Sal 118:67,68,71,72,75,76;  
 Mc 8:11-13

**Martes:** Sant 1:12-18; Sal 93:15,18-19; Mc 8:14-21

**Miércoles:** Sant 1:19-27; Sal 14:2-5; Mc 8:22-26

**Jueves:** Sant 2:1-9; Sal 33:2-7; Mc 8:27-33

**Viernes:** Sant 2:14-24,26; Sal 111:1-6; Mc 8:34-9:1

**Sábado:** Sant 3:1-10; Sal 11:2-5,7-8; Mc 9:2-13

**Domingo:** 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Sal 102:1-4,8,  
 10, 12-13; 1Co 15:45-49; Lc 6:27-38

**Readings for the week of Feb 14 - 20**

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76;  
 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15,18-19;  
 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-5; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24,26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-5,7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Ps 103:1-4,8,10,  
 12-13; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, February 19, 2021**  
 5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+ 2 Vol if needed)  
**Lector** - M.Fisher

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**  
 8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John, (+1 Vol IN)  
**Lector** - O.Weich

10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, Sr.Eucharia, L.Gifford  
**Lector** - M.Briseno

12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, A.Martinez, A.Chavez  
**Lector** - D+F.Malacara