

Gospel Meditation:

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Una pareja joven y comprometida se sentó en el sofá frente a mí mientras conversábamos sobre su próximo matrimonio. La joven estaba luchando por confiar en su futuro esposo. Me dijo que su padre le había sido infiel a su madre. Ella dijo de su prometido: "Quiero que me demuestre que no me engañará". El joven me miró impotente, arqueó las cejas y se encogió de hombros. ¿Qué evidencia podría dar para validar tal prueba? Nada. Todo lo que podía hacer era invitarla a confiar en él.

Todos estamos heridos por experiencias de amor imperfecto. También estamos tentados a exigir de Dios una prueba de su fidelidad y bondad. Somos como Santo Tomás Apóstol que, en ese segundo domingo de Pascua, exige pruebas de la resurrección del Señor. "A menos que vea la marca del clavo... No voy a creer". Nuestra ciencia, tecnología y matemáticas pueden demostrar mucho. Pero hay algunas cosas que confiar en otra persona. Demostramos promesas de amor sólo confiando.

Santo Tomás ciertamente vio las heridas de Jesús y creyó. Pero hay una bendición aún mayor para nosotros que simplemente confiamos en Él, y en todas las verdades que la Iglesia proclama, debido a la confiabilidad del Resucitado que habla. Esta semana confiemos en Jesús sin verlo.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 9, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,027.36
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 186.50
Holy Thursday Prayer Candles.....	\$ 78.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 402.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 245.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$ 418.82
Holy Thursday.....	\$ 749.50
Good Friday.....	\$ 764.00
Easter Offering.....	\$ 1,071.00
Other.....	\$ 27.00

Second Collection April 22 - 23:
STM School



PILGRIM CENTER OF HOPE INVITES MEN OF ALL FAITH JOURNEYS

CMC
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51

SAT., APR. 29, 2023 1/2 DAY EVENT
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 8500 Cross Mountain Trl.

Bishop Gary J. Nak, LPC-S
Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

Fellow Men Like You

SET YOUR COMPASS

Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM
The Fathers of Mercy

Taco Music

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BEGIN ANEW IN CHRIST.



ATTENTION



The St Thomas More Church email was recently compromised by a cyber-attack in the form of a “Phishing” Email requesting a “quick favor” from parishioners.

While there are several types of Phishing scams, this is the most common. They come from scammers disguised as a trustworthy source and can provide hackers to all types of sensitive information.

Please know... Fr. Mike, our Deacons, or Staff **WILL NEVER** - *under any circumstances* - request monetary donations, loans, gift cards, funds transfers, or favors from you!!

Should you receive any suspicious emails, do not open the email but if you do open it, do not click on any links or attachments. Mark the email as junk / spam and block the sender.

Contact the parish office if you need assistance in following these steps.

Things to look for: - No personalization or contact information

The email contains a generic salutation but no contact info.

- Spelling and Grammar errors.

Emails from legitimate companies are normally proof-read before sending.

- The email requests personal information or requests you follow a link to login.

- The email creates a high sense of urgency... or threatens consequences for inaction.

- The sender's name and email address do not match the purported company
look for slight mis-spellings.

Be Careful! Stay Safe! Please direct any questions or concerns to the Parish Office.

Intent to promote to Orders

This is a public announcement presented as prescribed by Canon 1051,2.

Our Deacon Candidate, **John Lee Rodriguez**, is to be promoted to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

If anyone is aware of any reason why this individual should not be ordained, please contact the Director of the Diaconate Program at
(210) 734-1658.

2023 Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries

Pledge Update - as of April 4, 2023

Parish Goal:

Total Pledged: \$17,564.00

Collected: \$ 9,900.00

Outstanding: \$ 7,664.00

Number Donors: 56

Parish Participation Level: Approx 12%

IN THE SPIRIT
OF THE EARLY
CHURCH, I
WOULD LIKE
TO SHARE
WHAT I HAVE
WITH YOU!



BILLS...



A Woman's Haven™

Pregnancy Crisis Center

*“Are you passionately Pro-Life?
and looking for a job with GREAT meaning?”*

A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center is hiring!

Counselor, LVN & Receptionist positions available.

No specific education or experience is required.

We provide all training.

Full & Part time positions available.

*“Be the change you wish to see in the world and
light up the darkness.”*

Email me at: Susan.perez@awomanshaven.org

June Jamboree

Friday, June 2nd, 2023

6:00 - 11:00 pm

Honoring

Msgr. Albert Hubertus

Sponsored By:

Friends of Padua

and

Knights of Columbus

San Antonio Council Chapter

Benefiting:

Padua Place

Retirement Home for Priests & Deacons

Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch

13715 FM1560, Helotes, Texas





St. Vincent de Paul needs your help in 2023!

Our need for food is great and it is on-going!

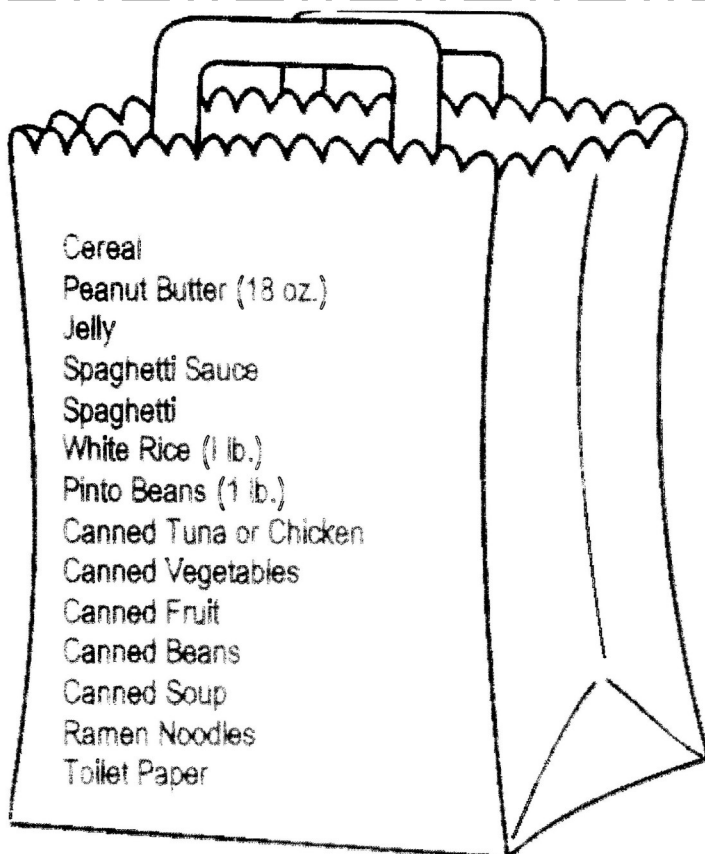
Your donations of food allow us to keep our shelves stocked.

In addition, money donated can then be used for financial assistance for rent and utilities.

By purchasing a few extra food items each week, you can make a difference in the lives of those who need help! The items listed are placed in food bags which those in need can get once every 30 days.

Food can be dropped off at SVDP on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10am to 1pm. Or you can drop food off in the blue bins in the breezeway during the week or on your way to Mass.

Every donation (big or small) is appreciated!



SCHOOL NEWS

We are NOW ENROLLING for the 2023-2024 school Year!
for 18 months - 8th Grade

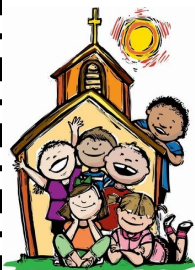
Here are ways to get more info about enrolling your child:

1. Call us! (210) 655-2882
2. Visit our website at: www.st-thomas-more-school.org
3. Come by the school during normal school hours 7:30 am - 4 pm

An excellent Catholic Education is affordable!

Financial aid is available at: <https://archsa.org/hope/apply-now>

Apply As Soon As Possible!



A Reminder of our next meeting
"Moving Forward Together"

April 30 from 3 - 4:30 pm
at Carolan Hall.

Please RSVP by contacting Mrs. Martha Guerra by
phone or email: (210) 655-5071 /
mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com

May God Bless You-

Queremos recordarles nuestra próxima reunion
"Avanzando Juntos" el 30 de abril de 3 a 4:30 pm
en Carolan Hall.

Por favor confirme su asistencia contactando a la
Señora Martha Guerra por teléfono o correo
electronico: (210) 650-5070 /
mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com.

Que Dios los Bendiga-



School Casino Night

Saturday, April 22
Carolan Hall



Feeling lucky but havent made it to a casino yet?
You don't have to travel far...

St. Thomas More School is having their Casino Night,
Saturday, April 22nd here in Carolan Hall.

Get your tickets at the school office or scan the QR
code on the flyers on the doors of the church.

There will be delicious food, drinks and of course
casino gaming where you can win fabulous prizes.

We hope to see you there!

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday,	April 16, 2023 - Mercy Sunday
8:00 am	Guadalupanos Mass / General Mtg
3:00 pm	Mercy Sunday Celebration - Church
Monday,	April 17, 2023
Tuesday,	April 18, 2023
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
	CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	
6:00 pm	KC 3 Degree Council Mtg - Carolan Hall
Thursday, April 20, 2023	
6:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
7:00 pm	RCIA - Rectory Mtg room
Friday, April 21, 2023	
6:00 pm	KC Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall
6:30 pm	Guitar & Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion - Church
Saturday, April 22, 2023	
10:00 am	STM School First Communion - Church
4:00 pm	Reconciliation - Church
6:00 pm	Casino Night - Carolan Hall
Sunday, April 23, 2023	
9:00 am	KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall
10:00 am	CDA Mass - Church
3:00 pm	Festival Planning Mtg - Carolan Hall

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15, 2023	
8:00 am	†Paul Nguyen by Nguyen Family
	†Pablo Atilano by Elda Garcia
5:00 pm	†Mary Monteverdi by Volpenhein Family
	†Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
Sunday, April 16, 2023 - Mercy Sunday	
8:00 am	†Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
10:00 am	†Ray DuMenil by Volpenhein Family
	†Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera
12:00 pm	†Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
	†Inez Quiroga and Linda Houy
Monday, April 17, 2023	
8:00 am	†Michael Minh by Joe & Annabelle Garza
	†Ralph Garcia
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	
8:00 am	†Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
	†Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	
8:00 am	†Mary Liz & Jack O'Keefe by Norberto & Jeanette Pansza
	†Angela Jimenez
Thursday, April 20, 2023 (Communion Service)	
8:00 am	Ordained Clergy and Religious
Friday, April 21, 2023	
8:00 am	†Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza
	†Michael Lê
Saturday, April 22, 2023	
8:00 am	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased
5:00 pm	†Nell DuMenil by Volpenhein Family
	†Steven Lee Waldron by Mom
Sunday, April 23, 2023	
8:00 am	†Felipe Salazar by Volpenhein Family
	†Linda Fuentes by Fuentes Family
10:00 am	†Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
	†Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera
12:00 pm	†Andrew Garza by Joe & Annabelle Garza

**Sanctuary Light Intention:***Health - Ramon Mata, Jr***Lecturas de la Semana del 17 - 23 abril**

Lunes:	Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes:	Hch 4:32-37; Sal 92:1-2,5; Jn 3:7-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5:17-26; Sal 33:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5:27-33; Sal 33:2,9,17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5:34-42; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado:	Hch 6:1-7; Sal 32:1-2,4-5,18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo:	Hch 2:14,22-33; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11; 1Pe 1:17-21; Lc 24:13-35

Readings for the week of Apr 17 - 23

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,9,17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11; 1Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

5 pm	Altar Servers - (None)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, T.S.Garza, T+E.Guerrero,
	Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8 am	Altar Servers - (None)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Ed, P.Klar, B.McQueen, M.Nguyen,
	R.Saldiva
	Lector - E.Sandoval
10 am	Altar Servers - J.Cantu, Z.Ramirez, (Volunteer)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Ed, CDA
	Lector - CDA
12 pm	Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, D+F.Malacara, N.Obregon,
	M.Pina, T.Sweet, I.Hernandez
	Lector - R.Borrego / A.Chavez