

Gospel Meditation:

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love.

The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Un hombre en mi parroquia estaba luchando para vencer un pecado habitual. Él me dijo: "Padre, sé que la posibilidad de que vuelva a cometer pecado es realmente alta. ¿Por qué debo seguir confesando mis pecados? ¿No es eso deshonesto?" ¿Alguien que haya sentido el poder tiránico del pecado, y quién no? — ha reflexionado sobre este tipo de preguntas.

Le respondí: "¿Cuál era la probabilidad de que Pedro caminara sobre el agua tormentosa?"

Después de un poco de silencio, dijo: "Cero. Pero cuando Jesús llamó, lo hizo". Me di cuenta de que mi amigo penitente estaba reformulando la pregunta de su propia debilidad a la grandeza del amor del Señor por él. La pregunta para nosotros no debe ser una de probabilidades humanas acerca de nuestro pecado, sino más bien si confiaremos o no en la gracia del Señor en nuestras vidas.

Esta semana el Señor nos llama a ti y a mí a hacer lo imposible: vencer el pecado con amor. La única manera de hacerlo es confiar en que él está llamando, y luego caminar con los ojos de la fe fijos en él.

Y si nos hundimos, él nos levantará una y otra vez. De eso, podemos estar 100% seguros.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 6, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,906.36
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 259.66
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 978.40
STM School.....	\$ 2.00
Raffle.....	\$ 6,775.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 175.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 211.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 430.00
Donations.....	\$ 23.00

***Second Collection August 19 - 20:
To Support Our STM School***



SEMINARIO de vida en el Espíritu

**Sábado 26 de Agosto y Domingo 27 de Agosto
8:00am - 6:00pm 8:00am - 4:00pm**

**“Mira que estoy a la puerta y llamo”
(Ap. 3,20)**

**Grupo de Oracion te Invita
Todos son bienvenidos!!**

**Inf: Isabel Hernandez
Tel: (210) 843-9756**

**Iglesia: St. Thomas More
4411 Moana Drive
San Antonio, TX 78218**



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Fall is right around the corner!

- Interested in:
- Joining the Catholic Faith?
 - Completing your Sacraments of Initiation (*Holy Communion and / or Confirmation*)?
 - Just knowing more about our Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings
beginning Sept 7th at 7 pm

We will meet in the Rectory Meeting Room.
All you have to bring is yourself!
We will supply everything else.

Questions? Contact Deacon Tim or
Call the parish office

Hope to see you there! DT

St. Thomas More Catholic School **Where "EXCELLENCE IS AFFORDABLE."**

St. Thomas More Child Development Center has space available for children 18 months and up and St. Thomas More School is now enrolling children 3 years old through 8th grade.

If you are looking for a school where Christ is present and prayer is important, where your child is challenged academically and spiritually, come take a tour of what our parish school and child development center has to offer.

We have scholarships and financial aid available too. Call the school or stop in, see the bulletin for the website and phone number or just Google us!

We look forward to showing off our school and welcoming your child.

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The Stephen Ministry

**a one-on-one confidential Christian caring service for
individuals experiencing a rough situation in their lives such as
divorce, grief, loss of job, illness, loneliness, etc.**

Stephen Ministers have completed 50 hours of training and are assigned a care receiver to meet with for about an hour a week for as long as the care receiver needs support.

A Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems;
rather, they listen, care, pray for/with, and help their care receiver find their path to healing and wholeness.

St. Pius X Catholic Church has over 20 Stephen Ministers ready to serve anyone in our geographic area

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

Steve Greefkens at 210-852-6096 or
Joyce Dobrowolski at 210-240-7388 for information.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th

This day is a Holy Day of Obligation... which means that we, the faithful, are "obliged" to attend Mass under penalty of grave (*mortal*) sin.

The first precept ("*You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor*") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord (*Sunday*) as well as the feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and saints by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days

Mass Times are as follow:

8 a.m.	(English)
Noon	(English)
6:30 pm	(Spanish / Bilingual)

Registration for our Religious Education Classes is Here!!

Registration will continue through August 31, 2023
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

English	– September 10 th
Spanish	– September 16 th
Confirmation	– September 24 th

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

Note: Masks in the classroom will be optional, however, for the safety
of your children temperature checks will still be required at the door.



¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa está aquí!

La inscripción continuará hasta el 31 de agosto de 2023
en la oficina parroquial,
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

Inglés	– 10 ^{de} septiembre
Español	– 16 ^{de} septiembre
Confirmación	– 24 ^{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 en el salón serán opcionales. Sin embargo, para la seguridad
de sus hijos, Todavía se requerirán verificaciones de temperatura en la entrada

Question: *Why do we use incense at Mass?*

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition.

In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (*the Funeral Mass*).

This Week at Our Parish

*** Back Pack Blessings - All Masses This Weekend ***

Sunday, August 13, 20231:00 pm Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Recruiting -
Outside Church**Monday, August 14, 2023**8:00 am **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

7:00 pm KC 3 Degree Council Mtg - Carolan Hall

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - Holy Day of Obligation

*** Parish Offices Closed - All Meetings Cancelled ***

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

1:00 pm Porter Loring Grief Seminar - Rectory Mtg Room

6:00 pm School Parent Information Night - Carolan Hall

7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church

7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Retreat Prep - Rectory Mtg Room

Friday, August 18, 2023

6:30 pm Guitar and Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room

7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:30 am ACTS Team Mtg - Carolan Hall

4:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - RMR

Grupo de Oracion Chicharrones Fundraiser - after all Masses

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - Church / Carolan Hall

**Sanctuary Light Intention:***Estella Esquivel
by Hector & Diana Herrera***Lecturas de la Semana del 14 - 20 agosto****Lunes:** Dt 10:12-22; Sal 147:12-15,19-20; Mt 17:22-27**Martes:** Ap 11:19; 12:1-6,10; Sal 44:10-12,16;

1Co 15:20-27; Lc 1:39-56

Miércoles: Dt 34:1-12; Sal 65:1-3,5,8,16-17; Mt 18:15-20**Jueves:** Jos 3:7-10,11,13-17; Sal 113:1-6;

Mt 18:21-19:1

Viernes: Jos 24:1-13; Sal 135:1-3,16-18,21-22,24;

Mt 19:3-12

Sábado: Jos 24:14-29; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15**Domingo:** Is 56:1,6-7; Sal 66:2-3,5,6,8;

Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Readings for the week of August 14 - 20**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Mt 17:22-27**Tuesday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Ps 45:10-12,16;

1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a,5,8,16-17;

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Ps 114:1-6;

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15**Sunday:** Is 56:1,6-7; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8;

Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions**Saturday, August 12, 2023**8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**

5:00 pm †Christine Haskell by Grandmother

Spec Int - Olga Weich Continued Good Health

by Pat Weinert

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Volpenhein Family

†Helen Manning by Richard & Dorothy Perrez

10:00 am †Connie Polanco by Martha Arredondo

†Salome H. Briseno and Carolina B. Briseno

by Morales & Briseno Families

12:00 pm †Juan Manuel Ortiz and Jesus Manuel Ortiz

by Amalia G. Ortiz

Monday, August 14, 2023

8:00 am †Deceased members of the Mora Family

by Rosa Saldiva

†Souls in Purgatory

by Villegas Family

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 - HDO - Feast of the Assumption

8:00 am †Thomas Harris by Oswald Family

†Deceased members of Diaz Family

by Rosa Saldiva

12:00 pm †Alejaandro Hernandez

by Flor Mata

6:30 pm †Steven Lee Waldron

by Mom

Blessings & Strength - Kristal Lopez & Family

by Mom

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:00 am †Sonia Hernandez

by Hernandez Family

†Rosie Reyes and Suzell Waller

by Eddie Reyes

Thursday, August 17, 2023 (Mass)8:00 am **Ordained Clergy and Religious****Friday, August 18, 2023**

8:00 am †Greg and Melba Tatum

†Olivia Lopez

by Jose and Stella Lopez

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:00 am †Horace Cardenas

5:00 pm †Joseph J. Weich

by Pat Weinert

Birthday—Richard T. Perez

by Richard & Dorothy Perez

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 am †Pilar Aguillon

by Diana Ramirez

†Ralph W. Garcia

by Elda T. Garcia

10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano

by Urbano Family

STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased

12:00 pm †Kathryn Maria Sweet

by Maria T. Sweet

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Alvarado, S.Chapa, (+2 Vol)

Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8 am Altar Servers - (None)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Saldiva, E+M.Cantu, E.Garcia

Lector - O.Weich

10 am Altar Servers - J.Cantu, Z.Ramirez, (Vol)

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez, V.Smith,

Sr.Eucharia, Y.Aguilar, M.Briseno

Lector - Ali.Perez

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, H.Gomez, R.gomez, F.Hernandez,

I.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara

Lector - N.Obregon / M.Pina