

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ’s triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the “launch day” of our commissioning as Christ’s disciples. Both the First Reading and today’s Gospel draw our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples just before ascending to the Father. In the First Reading, from Acts, He tells them (and us) “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Then in the Gospel, from Luke, we read, “Jesus said to his disciples: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

In the use of Time, we can ask ourselves if we are keeping the particular prayer commitments we have made. If so, have I noticed a deepened closeness to our Lord and an increase in virtue in my daily life? Perhaps I have let one or two of my “holy habits” go by the wayside. Then simply re-commit to them. Or maybe my prayer commitments have become routine and I could carry them out more intentionally once again. Maybe my schedule has changed and I need to establish a new time to pray.

In the use of Talent, have I stayed faithful to the ministry commitments I made? How is my attitude towards serving? Am I joyful and humble about the work I am doing? How has my serving of others changed and blessed me?

Finally, let’s take a look at our use of Treasure. Have I been generous in my financial giving? If so, have I noticed a deepening trust in God’s care for me? Have I become a little more detached from the pull of materialism that surrounds us all in this day and age?

A stewardship way of life is challenging because it is counter-cultural to put God and others before ourselves. But that is precisely why this way of life is such a powerful witness to the message of the Gospel. And we can embrace this way of life with great confidence and joy because we are not expected to do this on our own. Our Gospel passage today tells us we are “clothed with power from on high.” Whether it is as small a detail as finding a new prayer time, or as big as changing career paths to be more available to loved ones, we have the power of the Holy Spirit to show us the way,

On this Feast of the Ascension, take the time to celebrate your victories as Christ’s disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**May 22, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,895.92
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 92.09
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 165.44
Helping Hands.....	\$ 728.99
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 72.00
Father’s Day Novena.....	\$ 22.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 70.00
Misc. Donations.....	\$ 1,020.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 75.00

*Second Collection - June 4 - 5:  
Priest’s Pension Fund*



Happy Birthday to our friend  
and fellow Parishioner

***Fernando Aguirre***

99 years young today!

Happy Birthday, Fernando...  
*God Bless-*

**CATHOLIC RADIO**

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Parts of the Mass (continued). Well, we ‘talked about What the Mass ISN’T, What the Mass IS, We talked about the Mass introduction and the Liturgy of the Word. Today, we will continue with the highlight of the Mass... **Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist **Re-presents** (not represents... but **presents again**... as in happening for the first time) the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) and Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross (Good Friday).*

It begins with the **reception and preparation of the gifts.**

Members of the congregation bring forward the bread, wine, and the sacrificial offerings (contributions) made by the people. We, ourselves, are included symbolically as part of our sacrificial offerings to God. The gifts are brought to and prepared on the altar... you may notice a drop of water is poured into the chalice / wine... *(this signifies the divine and human nature of Christ joined together in His Incarnation as well as the blood and water that flowed from His side).*

The priest then **blesses the gifts, washes his hands** *(as a sign of purification)*, and **invites the people to pray** that the sacrifice will be acceptable to God.

We then continue with what is called the **Preface.** The Preface is more like an overture to the Eucharistic liturgy and is oftentimes sung. It gives praise and thanksgiving to God, and, based on the Liturgical Season, Saint-of-the-Day or Special Feast. It commemorates various events in God’s plan of salvation, the life of Jesus, the Saints, or His people. The Preface concludes with the recitation or singing of the **Holy, Holy, Holy.**

Then begins the **Eucharistic Prayer** itself. The Eucharistic Prayer contains many elements but the most important is the consecration of the Eucharist, which uses Jesus’ words of institution at the Last Supper.

When the priest invokes these words of **consecration**, a miracle occurs... the bread and wine are changed (**transubstantiated**) into the Body and Blood of Our Lord just as happened at the Last Supper!

*Oh, if only we could see this with our spiritual eyes instead of just our physical! We would see Jesus Himself (standing with Father) calling on the Holy Spirit to make the change. We’d see the bread and wine transubstantiated into His body and blood!* Listen to the prayers being prayed... pray them with your heart... they are beautiful! Remember... **Participate! Don’t just be there!**

We make a profession of the **Mystery of Our Faith**... and respond with a **Great Amen** where we say ‘**YES-We Believe!**’ to our prayers!

We then pray the **Lord’s Prayer** and offer each other a **Sign of Peace**... after which we all sing or recite the **Lamb of God** prayer and Father **Breaks the Bread.**

He **presents** Our Lord to us in the form of Transubstantiated Host and Cup of Wine.

He says, “**Behold, the Lamb of God...**” to which we respond, “*Lord, I am not worthy...*”.

The **Communion Rite** follows.

Well... that’s about it for today. Next time... We will continue with the Communion and Concluding Rites. ‘till then’... God Bless-DT

\*\*\* **Important Notice** \*\*\*

**Our Daily Adoration (Noon - 3 pm) will be suspended Effective Friday, June 3rd...**

It will be reinstated during the Advent season beginning Monday, November 28th,

Until then, please feel free to visit with Our Lord during our monthly Holy Hours:

First Thursday @ 6 pm in English /

First Friday @ 7 pm in Spanish

or anytime in front of the Tabernacle



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



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**



June 1 Core Mtg - 10:30 am - Rectory Mtg Room  
June 9 “Holy, Holy, Holy” “I tell you unless your holiness Surpasses that of the scribes... “ Mt 5:20  
June 23 Happy Birthday and Deathday  
“She gave birth to a son.” Lk 1:57

Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or

## MEMORIAL DAY

A lot of people ask about the upcoming civil holiday... *Monday - Memorial Day.*

Why is everything closed? What's the big deal? "What's the difference between it and Veterans Day? Aren't they the same?" Once again... that's one of those "**yes-and-no**" answers that I love so much!

Yes... they both honor veterans. All veterans are honored on Veterans day...

But... not all veterans are honored on Memorial Day. That sounds more complicated than it is.

First of all we have to define exactly what we consider a veteran (Vet) to be.

A veteran is someone who has served in the armed forces and was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. Additionally, current members of the military are considered to be a Vet.

**Veterans Day** was originally known as **Armistice Day** - to commemorate the end of WWI.

It's a federal holiday observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans.

**Memorial Day**, on the other hand, is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and honored those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But the United States found itself embroiled in other major conflicts, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, Memorial Day was observed on May 30, but in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May; the change went into effect in 1971.

Just a little FYI Memorial Day trivia:

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

So... Being a Vet is a great thing... Thank you all for your service to our country, and us!

Most people don't stop and think that each and every Vet... when they signed their name to their enlistment papers and took their oath of allegiance... were putting their life on the line in defense of our country... in defense of you and me! I don't care what kind of job they held in the military... whether it was front-line combat, medical, supply-clerk, or whatever... first and foremost all vets were trained in combat and were '**on the line**' for duty - for us!

Know a Vet? Thank them... thank their family (*sometimes it's actually more difficult for them to be left behind*).

Buy her / him a cup of coffee.

Know / know-of someone who paid the ultimate price for us?

Honor-them / Remember-them in prayer this Memorial Day... and don't forget that moment of remembrance 3 o'clock.

### Happy Memorial Day!



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



When: July 24, 2022 (Sunday)  
Where: Carolan Hall, 4427 Moana, SA Tx 78218  
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.



**Fr. Mike-  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**On the Four-Year Anniversary of  
Ordination!** (June 2, 2018)

**May God continue to bless you and your ministry  
For many, many years to come.  
Our prayers are with you.**

**Your STM flock.**

**Holy Hour** THIS THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet 'one-on-one' time with Our Lord... present in the **Most Blessed Sacrament.**

**Hope to see you there.**



**la Hora Santa** ESTE VIERNES a las 7 pm.

Ven... Pasa un rato tranquilo 'uno-a-uno' tiempo con Nuestro Señor... presente en **el Santísimo**

**Espero verte allí.**

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022** - *Ascension of the Lord*  
**Monday, May 30, 2022** - *Memorial Day*  
 \*\*\* **Parish Offices Closed** \*\*\*  
 Eucharistic Adoration - *Cancelled*

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**  
 10:30 am English Prayer Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*

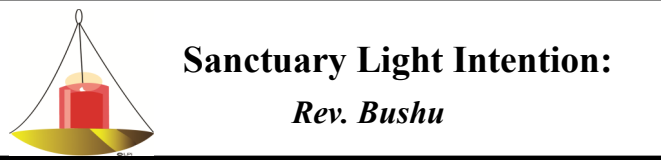
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*  
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*

**Friday, June 3, 2022**  
 Eucharistic Adoration - *Cancelled*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria (Guitar Lessons) - *RMR*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion / la Hora Santa - *Church*

\*\*\* *Religious Articles from Holy Land on Sale this Weekend* \*\*\*

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, June 5, 2022** - *Pentecost*  
 10:00 am KC Corporate Mass



**Lecturas de la Semana del 30 mayo - 5 junio**

**Lunes:** Hch 19:1-8; Sal 67:2-7; Jn 16:29-33  
**Martes:** Sof 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Lc 1:39-56  
**Miércoles:** Hch 20:28-38; Sal 67:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11-19  
**Jueves:** Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Viernes:** Hch 25:13-21; Sal 102:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19  
**Sábado:** *Mañana:* Hch 28:16-20,30-31; Sal 10:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25  
**Domingo - Vigilia:** Gn 11:1-9; Sal 103:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
*(Pentecostes)*  
**Domingo - Día:** Hch 2:1-11; Sal 103:1,24,29-31,34; 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Readings for the week of May 30 - June 5**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,33-36; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Ps 11:4,5,7; Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday - Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9; Ps 104:1-2,24,35,27-30; Rom 8:22-27; *(Pentecost)* Jn 7:37-39  
**Sunday - Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34; 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Alicia & Agustin Mora *All Souls* by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Homer Byington by Phyllis Byington  
 †Michael Boudreaux, Sr by Family

**Sunday, May 29, 2022** - *Ascension of the Lord*  
 8:00 am †Margarita Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family  
**Special Intention** by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan  
 †All Souls by Kim Nguyen

**Monday, May 30, 2022**  
 8:00 am †David Kraus by Family  
 †Special Intention by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Juaquin Bazan by Anita Gaytan  
**All Souls** by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Jeremy Rodriguez by Mary Ann Dillin  
 †All Aborted by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, June 2, 2022** (*Communion Svc*)  
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**  
 †Noe Rodriguez  
 †Ruben Benavides

**Friday, June 3, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Carl and Anny Oswald by Oswald Family  
 †All Souls by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, June 4, 2022** - *Pentecost*  
 8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
**For Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
**In thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Alice Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
 †John Evancho by Evancho Family  
 12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan  
 †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, (+2 Vol - If Needed)  
**Lector** - R.Davis

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Roalndo, (+2 Vol - If Needed)  
**Lector** - E.Sandoval

10 am **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John, L.Gifford  
**Lector** - R.Ellis

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, L.Lopez, E.Marshall  
**Lector** - M.Pina / M.Cisneros