

Gospel Meditation:

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (*1 Kings 3:9*). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "*both the new and the old*" (*Matthew 13:52*).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (*e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized*) and other times like conservatives (*e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom*). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. ***Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.***

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Nuestra cultura parece más polarizada y dividida que nunca. En esta situación herida, nuestra fe católica tiene un remedio curativo que ofrecer: el don de la sabiduría. Cuando el Señor ofrece darle al rey Salomón cualquier cosa que el monarca desee, pide "un corazón comprensivo" (*1 Reyes 3:9*). En su situación polarizada, el Rey no pide poder para derrotar a sus enemigos. Pide un corazón sabio y comprensivo para juzgar el bien del mal. Esta sabiduría se eleva y se cumple en Jesús, quien nos enseña a dar a luz "*tanto lo nuevo como lo viejo*" (*Mateo 13:52*).

En nuestra sociedad fracturada, los cristianos debemos dejar de anhelar el poder político para aplastar a nuestros enemigos percibidos. Eso a menudo solo empeora las cosas. Más bien, es mucho más útil suplicar por la gracia de la verdadera sabiduría que trasciende ambos lados del pasillo. Esto nos coloca en una nueva posición desde la cual podemos ayudar a nuestra cultura a ver lo que es verdadero y bueno en todo el espectro ideológico. A veces nos veremos como liberales (*por ejemplo, en nuestro amor por los pobres y marginados*) y otras veces como conservadores (*por ejemplo, en nuestra ética sexual y puntos de vista sobre la libertad religiosa*). Debido a que esta sabiduría está libre de estrechez ideológica, ayudará a sanar estas dolorosas fracturas. ***Señor Jesús, esta semana, derrama en nosotros tu sabiduría sanadora.***

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 23, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,056.64
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 109.16
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 162.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 125.00
Raffle Ticket Sales.....	\$ 5,353.00
Donation (<i>festival</i>).....	\$ 1,000.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
School.....	\$ 625.00

Second Collection August 5 - 6:

Facilities Improvement Fund



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?

(mark your calendar)

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's Annual

PURSE BINGO

*WIN DESIGNER PURSES * SILENT AUCTION

Friday, August 4, 2023
5:00 PM Doors Open 6:30 PM Bingo Starts

TICKETS: \$40 Individual Ticket
(Includes 12 games and food)
Reserved table: \$500 (Includes reserved seating
for 10 guests, 12 games, special game pack, and food)

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include name and number of tickets for
"will call" when purchasing on PayPal.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION and LECTORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, August 25, 2023 at 6 pm

The Archdiocese has provided an updated copy of their Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Deacon Tim will recap and review the guidelines with those serving as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and / or Lector.

Those who desire to be part of these ministries please join us to learn how you can serve God and your community.

Friday, August 25th at 6 pm, in the Church.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord" (1 Cor. 12:4-5)



MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Gilbert Duran

Who died recently

(Brother of Parishioner Emilio Duran)

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to Emilio and to the Duran family...

May He Rest in Peace.

DEACON'S CORNER / Side-Bar: *What We Believe:* -

We should all know this... but... I don't think everyone does. So, bear with me. If you would like to delve into this or any other topic more deeply... contact Fr Mike or one of your Deacons.

First and foremost... and paramount to our faith is the concept of the '*Real Presence*...' The fact that the hosts and cup(s) of wine are changed during their consecration into the Body and Blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ himself!

They are not simply 'symbolic reminders' of Him.

They **ARE**, in fact, the body and blood of Christ! Unfortunately, some of our more '*intellectual??*' brothers and sisters have decided that Christ's words and 2000 years of Tradition (*remember the Capital-T means Teaching from the Apostles*) were wrong...

When Jesus gave His Bread of Life Discourse (*John 6*) and said that His body was real food and his blood true drink... and we must eat and drink of it... and many of His disciples left him because what he was saying was '*too hard*...' They know that Jesus really chased after them and told them... *I'm sorry... I was speaking figuratively... when I speak of my flesh and blood... change that to bread and wine... as long as you think of me when you eat and drink it!*

They figure some Catholic probably changed a sentence or two to make our version of the story the final one. **WRONG!** Jesus was speaking literally... during his Bread of Life Discourse he told his disciples what he was going to do... and when they left because it was too hard, he let them go and asked the 12, "*Do you also want to leave?*" He was not backing down or watering down what he was saying! Then, finally, at the Last Supper Jesus **GAVE** them His Body (*in the bread*) and His Blood (*in the cup*). But, *They* know what Jesus really meant when he said '*This is my body...*' and '*This is my blood...*' He meant to say... '*Think of this bread as my body... think of this wine as my blood...*' **WRONG** - Again! He said, "***This IS my body... This IS my blood.***"

And, when we receive the Eucharist... the minister says "The Body / Blood of Christ..." not "***THIS IS*** the body/blood of Christ." The statement is purposely a little vague... because Christ, present in the eucharistic elements, is also now *really* present in the person receiving communion... and we are sent to bring Him into the world. We have to get back to our Faith! We have to believe! **He is REAL... he is PRESENT!** How sad for those who don't believe... instead of kneeling in adoration before Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament... they might just as well sitting at HEB, aisle 4... in the Saltine section! I know this doesn't '*clear up*' this mystery... but then again I'm only a deacon... I'll understand it better the same time you do... when we meet with Our Lord in eternity.

Until then I'll accept it on faith and do the best I can. God Bless- DT

Registration for our Religious Education Classes is coming soon!!

Registration will begin August 1st and continue through August 31, 2023
at the parish office,
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows:

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

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 llegará pronto!**

La inscripción comenzará el 1 de agosto y 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, DER,
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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



Oops, no.



Yes!



In case you haven't noticed...
Summer is here and it's HOT!!

Si no te has dado cuenta ...
¡El verano está aquí y hace CALOR !!

Oops, no.



Yes!



**This is the Lord's House
and should be entered with Reverence and Respect**

Whatever we wear to Mass should be modest and reverent.
Our clothes should not draw attention to ourselves and our
bodies... We come together as community to pray, give
thanks, and praise our God.

Our attention should be on our love and worship God!

No skin-tight or see-through clothes.
No low cleavage or strapless tops or droopy pants
No short-shorts or pant-skirts, or skirts or dresses that are
way to short!

This dress code is for everyone who attends Mass...
but more importantly for those who minister in the Mass
(Music Ministry, LEM, Lectors, Altar Serves, Ushers, etc.)

Please... be respectful of the Lord's home...

And... of one another... in what you wear.

Thank you-

**Esta es la Casa del Señor
y debe ingresarse con Reverencia y Respeto**

Lo que usemos para la Misa debe ser modesto y reverente.
Nuestra ropa no debe llamar la atención sobre nosotros
mismos y nuestros cuerpos... Nos reunimos como
comunidad para orar, dar gracias y alabar a nuestro Dios.

Nuestra atención debe estar puesta en nuestro amor y adoración a Dios.

No se permite ropa ceñida o transparente.
Sin escote bajo o blusas sin tirantes o pantalones caídos
¡Nada de shorts-cortos o faldas-pantalón, ni faldas o
vestidos **demasiado cortos!**

Este código de vestimenta es para todos... pero es más
importante para aquellos que ministran en la Misa (Ministerio
de Música, MEL, Lectores, Acolitos, Acomodadores)

Por favor... sea respetuoso de la casa del Señor...
y... el uno del otro... en lo que usas.

Gracias-

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday,	July 30, 2023
Monday,	July 31, 2023
Tuesday,	August 1, 2023
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - <i>Church</i>
Wednesday,	August 2, 2023
10:30 am	Charismatic Core Grp Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
1:00 pm	Porter Loring Grief Seminar - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
6:30 pm	KC 3rd Degree Officer's Mtg - <i>Carolann Hall</i>
Thursday,	August 3, 2023
10:00 am	STMCS Purse BINGO Setup - <i>Carolann Hall</i>
6:00 pm	Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Grp - <i>Church</i>
Friday,	August 4, 2023
5:00 pm	STMCS Purse BINGO - <i>Carolann Hall</i>
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria (Guitar Practice)- <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
7:00 pm	La Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
Saturday,	August 5, 2023
4:00 pm	Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
Sunday,	August 6, 2023
10:00 am	KC Corporate Mass - <i>Church</i>

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**Lecturas de la Semana del 31 julio - 6 agosto**

Lunes:	Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Sal 105:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Martes:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9,28; Sal 102:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles:	Ex 34:29-35; Sal 98:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46
Jueves:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Sal 83:3-6,8,11; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes:	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Sal 80:3-6,10-11; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado:	Lv 25:1,8-17; Sal 66:2-3,5,7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Domingo:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Sal 96:1-2,5-6,9; 2Pe 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Readings for the week of July 31 - Aug 6

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5,6,7,9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84:3-6,8a,11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Ps 81:3-6,10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Mass Intentions**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

8:00 am	Birthday - James S. Menchaca	by Mom
	All Souls	by Kim Nguyen
5:00 pm	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased	
	Spec Int - Olga Weich Continued Good Health	by Pat Weinert

Sunday, July 30, 2023

8:00 am	†Vicente Khanh	by Kim Nguyen
	†Augustin Mora, Jr	by Rosa Saldiva
10:00 am	†Lupe Villa	by Villa Family
	†Steven Lee Waldron	by Martha Arredondo
12:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory	by Villegas Family

Monday, July 31, 2023

8:00 am	†Karen Finstuen	by Joan Henson
	†Souls in Purgatory	by Villegas Family

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

8:00 am	†Deceased STM Parish Founders	by Ramon & Doris Cook
	†All Souls	by Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

8:00 am	†Jovita Sanchez	by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
	†Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller	by Eddie Reyes

Thursday, August 3, 2023 (Communion Service)

8:00 am	Ordained Clergy and Religious
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Friday, August 4, 2023

8:00 am	†Al Weinheimer	by Carolyn Weinheimer
	†Rudy & Mary Ellen Oswald	by Oswald Family

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:00 am	†Baldemar Saldiva	by Rosa Saldiva
	In Thanksgiving	by Kim Nguyen
5:00 pm	†Christina C. Dominguez	by Dominguez Family
	†Steven Lee Waldron	by Mom

Sunday, August 6, 2023

8:00 am	†Dean Lansing	by Volpenhein Family
	†Barbara Ballew	by Sanchez Family
10:00 am	†Bruce E. St.Laurent	by Mother
	†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales	by Morales & Briseno Families
12:00 pm	†Kathryn Maria Sweet	by Maria T. Sweet
	STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased	

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

Baby Dawn, Misty Dawn, Jeremy & Roxanne Espinoza

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

5 pm	Altar Servers - (None)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, S.chapa, R.Saldiva, T.S.Garza, T.G.Garza
	Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, August 6, 2023

8 am	Altar Servers - (None)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Davila, R.Alvarado, M.Nguyen, (+1 Vol)
	Lector - E.Sandoval
10 am	Altar Servers - Z.Ramirez, A.Mata, (Vol)
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, E+M.Cantu, P+R.Mendoza, J+And.Perez
	Lector - M.Torres
12 pm	Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, Volunteer
	Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Borrogo, A.Chavez, H.Gomez, M.Pina, I.Hernandez
	Lector - D+F.Malacara