

### **Gospel Meditation:**

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love.

That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— Father John Muir

### **Meditación del Evangelio:**

Cuando estaba en la escuela secundaria, había momentos en que no quería que mis compañeros vieran a mis padres dejarme o recogerme en el estacionamiento de la escuela. Estaba avergonzado de mis padres.

¿Por qué? Ni idea. Tal vez era nuestra camioneta. O no quería parecer un niño pequeño.

Pero en retrospectiva, eso fue una tontería. Yo era un niño. Y tenía dos padres que me amaban y habían construido una familia maravillosa. Tenía miedo del criterio de los otros niños. ¡Qué tontería! Debería haber tenido miedo de olvidar o minimizar a mi familia, que es donde mi identidad tenía sus raíces profundas.

Esta es una manera de entender las palabras de Jesús a sus discípulos este domingo, cuando dice: "No tengan miedo de los que matan el cuerpo pero no pueden matar el alma; más bien, ten miedo del que puede destruir tanto el alma como el cuerpo en Gehenna". El miedo, en este sentido, se refiere a dónde encontramos nuestra identidad más profunda y nuestro amor más elevado. Es por eso que Jesús dice a continuación que cuando lo reconocemos ante los demás, él nos reconocerá ante el Padre. No significa que seamos descarados o presumidos. Sino que sin dudar y humildemente aceptamos nuestra identidad como seguidores de Jesús e hijos de Dios el Padre. Después de todo, si amamos quiénes somos y de dónde venimos, ¿a quién le importa lo que los otros niños piensen de nosotros?

— Father John Muir

### **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**June 18, 2023**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection .....     | \$ 5,101.90 |
| Vigil Candles.....          | \$ 127.99   |
| Facilities Improvement..... | \$ 30.00    |
| Helping Hands.....          | \$ 475.00   |
| Church in Africa.....       | \$ 352.39   |
| STM School.....             | \$ 2.00     |
| Father's Day.....           | \$ 5.00     |
| Mass Intentions.....        | \$ 35.00    |
| Donations.....              | \$ 500.00   |
| VBS Donations.....          | \$ 250.00   |

***Second Collection July 1 - 2:***

***Peter's Pence***



### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of  
Our Fellow Parishioners

***Dolores (Dee) McGlocklin***  
***and***  
***Benito Munoz***

Both died during the past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers  
are extended to the  
McGlocklin and Munoz families and friends...

***May They Rest in Peace.***



**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)

**Carolan Hall 4427 Moana Dr. San Antonio, TX 78218**

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Call: 210-655-2882

Scan QR Code to purchase tickets, be sure to include name and number of tickets for "will call" when purchasing on PayPal.



## 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.

An affordable tuition and GREAT Education are within your reach! **CALL TODAY 210-655-2882 or APPLY AT WWW.ST-THOMAS-MORE-SCHOOL.ORG**

*Scholarships are still available up to \$1500 off tuition.*



No real Deacon's Corner this week... just a plea for your assistance.

For those of you who know me... you probably know I like making / using pamphlets in my RCIA classes... and elsewhere. I've made pamphlets talking about: Jesus, God and Trinity, the Bible, Angels, the Sacraments, the Mass, the Last Things (death, heaven, hell, purgatory), Indulgences, Divine Mercy, Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross... and others. Needless to say... they're not professionally done but I think (I hope) they help people understand the topic material a bit.

### *Here's where I ask for your help!*

We all, at one time or another, have had questions about our faith... or... in discussion have been asked questions by family members or friends that we have a hard time answering...

*I'm looking for those questions!*

I would like to make a short "*Apologetics*" pamphlet with some of those questions we are asked and may have a hard time answering. Some of those questions / answers will, in all probability, make good "*Deacon's Corner*" material as well.

Please... help me on this. Ask around... find those questions... and pass them along!

You can email them to the parish ([STMParish@live.com](mailto:STMParish@live.com)), write them down and drop them in the collection basket or drop them at the office. Just make sure they have my name on them.

Thanks in advance...

'till next time... God Bless- DT

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Summer is here! Fall is right around the corner!

Interested in: Joining the Catholic Faith?

Completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion / Confirmation)?

Just knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 7th at 7 pm (*mark your calendar*)

***More to come...***

## Actualización de la Campaña del Arzobispo para Ministerios

para la parroquia de St. Thomas More - a partir del 1 de junio de 2023

- *Dios amó tanto al mundo que dio a su único Hijo para que todo el que cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo al mundo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por medio de él. Jn 3:16-17*

¡Gracias por apoyar nuestra misión compartida! ¡Ahora, más que nunca, el mundo necesita escuchar Juan 3: 16-17! Las donaciones a la Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios ayudan a apoyar los ministerios arquidiocesanos que tienen como objetivo compartir este mensaje. Apoyan la formación del ministerio sacerdotal y laico, los servicios sociales y muchas más actividades clave que lo apoyan a nosotros y a nuestra comunidad parroquial en nuestra misión compartida.

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| Meta:            | \$16,426. |
| Nro Regalos:     | 115       |
| Regalo promedio: | \$235     |
| Nro Donantes:    | 70        |

**70 donantes??!!** ¡Podemos hacerlo mejor que eso! Cada poquito ayuda...  
No tienes que dar MILES... o incluso CIENTOS... Incluso \$ 10 o \$ 20 ayuda ...

¡Si todos tiramos juntos!

Si ya has dado... Gracias y que Dios los bendiga. Si aún no lo has hecho...

Por favor, considere en oración su regalo.

Es fácil de dar: vaya al sitio web de la Arquidiócesis (Archsa.org) y haga clic en el botón **Donar**. Así de fácil.

## Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries Update

*For St. Thomas More Parish - as of June 1, 2023*

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Jn 3: 16-17*

Thank you for supporting our shared mission! Now, more than ever, the world needs to hear John 3: 16 –17! Donations to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries help support archdiocesan ministries that aim to share this message. They support priestly and lay ministry formation, social services, and many more key activities that support us and our parish community in our shared mission.

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| Parish Goal: | \$16,426. |
| Nbr Gifts:   | 115       |
| Avg Gift:    | \$235     |
| Nbr Donors:  | 70        |

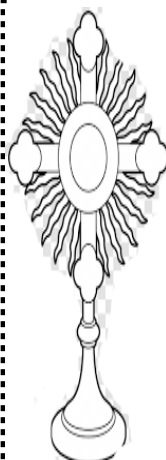
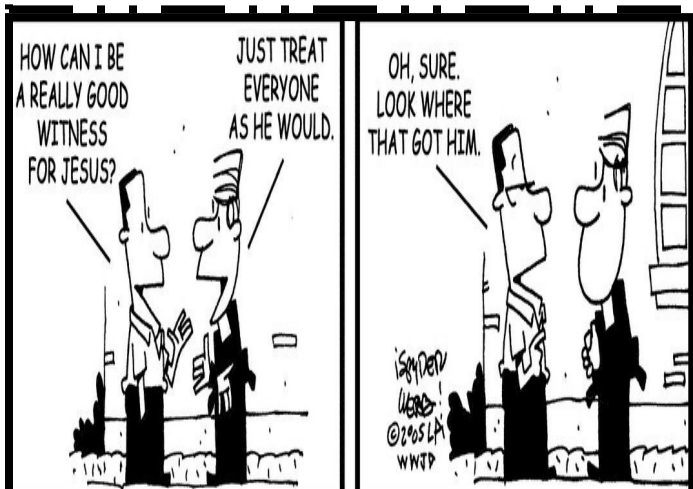
**70 Donors??!!** We can do better than that! Every little bit helps...

You don't have to give THOUSANDS... or even HUNDREDS... even \$10 or \$20 helps... if we all pull together!

If you have already given... Thank you and God Bless. If you haven't gotten around to it yet...

Please, prayerfully consider your gift.

It's easy to give: go to the Archdiocesan website (Archsa.org) and click the **Donate** button. It's that easy.



*As you prepare to celebrate the 4th of July - Independence Day*

Come... and join us in our  
“**Dependence**” Celebration!  
as we celebrate our “**Dependence on the Lord**”

Join us for our Holy Hour:

Thursday - July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (English) or  
Friday - July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Spanish)

Enjoy the Spiritual / Heavenly Fire-Works  
as you visit with Our Risen Lord!

Invite a family member or friend to join you!

Hope to see you there...



**This Week at Our Parish**

\*\*\* VBS Registration after All Masses This Weekend \*\*\*  
(In Carolan Hall on Sunday)

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

\*\*\* KC BBQ Ticket Sales - Outside Church \*\*\*

10:00 am STM Feast Day Celebration - Carolan Hall  
CDA Mass - Church  
3:00 pm Leadership Training Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

6:00 pm Festival Planning Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room  
VBS Set Painting Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room  
6:00 pm VBS Set Painting Mtg - Carolan Hall  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

6:30 pm KC 4th Degree Monthly Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Men's Retreat Prep) - RMR

**Friday, June 30, 2023**

6:00 pm VBS Set Painting Mtg - Carolan Hall  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

8:30 am ACTS Team Mtg - Carolan Hall  
4:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - RMR

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

\*\*\* KC BBQ Ticket Sales - Outside Church \*\*\*

10:00 am KC Mass - Church  
1:30 pm VBS General Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Mass Intentions****Saturday, June 24, 2023**

8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Nguyen Family  
†Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Gertrud Tolman by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
†Rafael Garza

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

8:00 am †Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza  
†Domingo Delgado by Volpenhein Family  
10:00 am †Estrella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera  
†Juan Mendoza by Jesse Perez and Family  
12:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**  
Souls in Purgatory by Villegas Family

**Monday, June 26, 2023**

8:00 am †Eva Pansza by Norberto & Jeanette Pansza  
†Eloy Hernandez by Nancy Hernandez

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

8:00 am †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen  
†Eloy Hernandez by Nancy Hernandez

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

8:00 am †Ed & Marguerite McCoy by Nancy Hernandez  
†Eloy Hernandez

**Thursday, June 29, 2023 (Communion Service)**

8:00 am **Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, June 30, 2023**

8:00 am †Paul Nguyen by Nguyen Family  
**All Souls** by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

8:00 am †Thuy Duong by Volpenhein  
**In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

8:00 am †Arturo Cuellar by Gloria Villa  
†Donald Dotson by Volpenhein Family  
10:00 am †Alice Ramirez by Her Children  
†Medardo E. Morales and Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Brisenio Families  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
†Enrique Orozoco Luevano

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

*Anna Maria G. Castillo*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 26 junio - 2 julio**

**Lunes:** Gn 12:1-9; Sal 32:12-13,18-20,22; Mt 7:1-5

**Martes:** Gn 13:2,5-18; Sal 14:2-5; Mt 7:6,12-14

**Miércoles:** Gn 15:1-12,17-18; 105:1-4,6-9; Mt 7:15-20

**Jueves:** Hch 12:1-11; Sal 33:2-9; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19

**Viernes:** Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Sal 127:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

**Sábado:** Gn 18:1-15; Lc 1:46-50,53-55; Mt 8:5-17

**Domingo:** 2Re 4:8-11,14-16a; Sal 88:2-3,16-19;  
Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**Readings for the week of June 26 - July 2**

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2,5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6,12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12,17-18; 105:1-4,6-9;  
Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50,53-55; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday:** 2Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a; Ps 89:2-3,16-19;  
Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, July 1, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, S.Chapa, E.Guerrero,  
W.Volpenhein, (+1 Vol)  
Lector - M.Fisher

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Davila, R.Alvarado, P.Klar,  
(+1 Vol)  
Lector - P.Klar  
10 am Altar Servers - Z.Ramirez, A.Mata, (Vol)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, E+M.Cantu, P+R.Mendoza,  
H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez  
Lector - Ali.Perez  
12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, I.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, M.Pina,  
R.Borrego, F.Hernandez  
Lector - A.Chavez / M.Rivera