

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

ORACIÓN POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre nuestro, te damos gracias por llamar a hombres y mujeres a servir en el Reino de tu Hijo como sacerdotes, diáconos y personas consagradas.

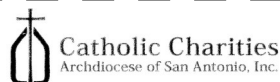
Envía tu Espíritu Santo para ayudar a otros a responder generosa y valientemente a tu llamado.

Que nuestra comunidad de fe apoye vocaciones de amor sacrificial en nuestros jóvenes y jóvenes adultos.

A través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén

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PARISH LENTEN CHALLENGE:
40 Cans for Lent

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

-Proverbs 22:9

Catholic Charities Food Pantry is accepting your generous donation of canned goods... cereal, pasta and other non-perishable food items.

Donate one can of food for each day of Lent as a reminder of the penance we should be doing as we prepare for the passion of our Lord. Your donation feeds our neighbors throughout the year.

We have a collection bin in the back of the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!.. And... God Bless-

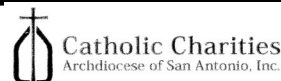


YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

February 18, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,819.31
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 234.52
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 3.00
STM School.....	\$ 2.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 15.00
Cath Charities Black/Native Amer..	\$ 418.68
Ash Wed / 1st Coll.....	\$ 1,811.12
Ash Wed / 2d Coll - Cath Charities..	\$ 173.00

*Second Collection Mar 2 - 3:
to Support our Facilities Improvement Fund*



40 DAYS OF SERVICE


February 15 - March 26, 2024

Join the volunteer movement that is transforming our community!

During 40 Days of Service, our community comes together to serve our most vulnerable with love, respect, and dignity.

Join the thousands of volunteers who have served our neighbors!

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Gospel Meditation:

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Cuando era estudiante universitario, mi posesión más preciada era un estéreo de automóvil del mercado de accesorios. Era mi orgullo y alegría: un audio glorioso, una pantalla llamativa y un cambiador de CD de varios discos.

Agotó los dólares que tanto me costó ganar, pero valió la pena. Me empapó de música dondequiera que condujera.

El Miércoles de Ceniza de mi último año de universidad, el padre Tom, el sacerdote jesuita de mi universidad, dijo:

"Reza para que Dios te diga lo que quiere que sacrifiques durante la Cuaresma". Así es. En mi corazón, la respuesta llegó: "Deja de escuchar el estéreo de tu auto durante cuarenta días". Hice una mueca. No es posible, pensé.

No puedo hacerlo. Hice otros planes. A la mañana siguiente, me quedé atónito al descubrir que habían entrado a robar en mi coche y que habían arrancado y robado mi estéreo de lujo.

El mandamiento de Dios de sacrificar lo que amamos no es una broma. Esta semana en Génesis 22, Dios dice:

"¡Abraham!" "Aquí estoy", respondió. Entonces Dios dijo: "Toma a tu hijo, a tu único hijo, a quien amas, Isaac, y vete a la región de Morías. Sacrificalo allí como holocausto en un monte, yo te lo mostraré". Créeme, lo sé.

Nos gusta tener el control. Nos molesta que Dios establezca los términos de lo que debemos sacrificar y cómo.

Pero no se trata de un proceso impersonal y tiránico. Recuerde que Dios usa sus nombres, Abraham e Isaac.

Dios conoce a cada uno de nosotros y los preciosos dones que nos manda ofrecer. Finalmente, nuestros sacrificios son por nuestro propio bien. ¿Confiamos en esto lo suficiente como para hacer lo que el Padre Tom me pidió que hiciera?

Desafío de Cuaresma: Esta semana, te reto a que le preguntes a Dios: "¿A qué quieres que renuncie?"

Él puede pedir lo que más amas. Será algo precioso para ti: tiempo, dinero, una relación, un sueño, una oportunidad.

Lo que importa es que confiemos en Él y actuemos sacrificialmente de acuerdo con Su mandato. Lo que sea que sacrifiquemos, por supuesto, volverá a nosotros con la misma seguridad que Jesús resucitado, pero eso no lo hace fácil.

— Father John Muir

Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis

Join us for this special Lenten Devotion
Friday evenings during Lent:

- 6 pm / English

- 7 pm / Spanish

(with a Special Presentation / Re-Enactment
by our {STM} School Children on
Friday, March 22nd.)

**Lenten Penance Service**

Lent is a time of Fasting, Spiritual Discipline and Repentance! It is a time to reflect on the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord. A time to prepare for Easter!

One way to prepare for the Easter season is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation... Our Parish Penance Service will be Monday, March 11th with an Examination of Conscience at 6:30 pm followed by Individual Confessions.

Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Easter and let our Savior show His mercy and love for you.

Hope to see you there!



Greetings brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

In my first experience of Adoration many years ago, I asked myself,
"What am I supposed to do right now?"



This is a question that is based on the very notion of prayer. Our silent Adoration time gives us many avenues to discover how we like to pray. Some pray a Rosary, others pray with Sacred Scripture, still others meditate on the life of Christ or our Blessed Mother Mary. What we do in Adoration is up to our exploration of the richness of Christian Spirituality. Often, we will see that what we DO in Adoration flows from who we ARE.

We are God's beloved children, in whom he is well pleased. It took me years to realize that when I look upon Jesus' Eucharistic face in Adoration, He is looking INTO me. The same is true for all of us. Adoration can be a time of conversation with Jesus, or a time of inner silence, like being with a friend and enjoying their company. It can be a time to simply be in our Lord's presence with that sense of awe and thanksgiving for his life and his grace. Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives us some keys to prayer in his book **Prayer: Our Deepest Longing**: prayer is a relationship; Prayer, like love, is a decision, not a feeling; Prayer is not about thinking, but about loving; The test of prayer is how we treat others.

Adoration begins on Fridays, after the Mass with our school, and ends at 5pm (*unless the office is closed for a holiday*). If you feel called to join the adorers who commit to a *scheduled time frame* to ensure Jesus will not be left alone, please email, or call the parish office and our Adoration coordinator will reach out to you. Signing up is not necessary to pray, it just gives us assurance that someone will be with Jesus throughout the entire day.

A blessed Lenten Season to you all,

Fr. Ed Gonzales

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Jesucristo,

En mi primera experiencia de Adoración hace muchos años, me pregunté:
"¿Qué debo hacer en este momento?"

Esta es una pregunta que se basa en la noción misma de oración. Nuestro tiempo de adoración silenciosa nos da muchas maneras para descubrir cómo nos gusta orar. Algunos rezan un Rosario, otros rezan con las Sagradas Escrituras, otros meditan sobre la vida de Cristo o de nuestra Santísima Madre María. Lo que hacemos en la Adoración depende de nuestra exploración de la riqueza de la Espiritualidad Cristiana. A menudo, veremos que lo que HACEMOS en la Adoración fluye de quienes SOMOS.

Somos hijos amados de Dios, en quienes Él se complace mucho. Me tomó años darme cuenta de que cuando contemplo el rostro Eucarístico de Jesús en la adoración, Él está mirando DENTRO de mí. Lo mismo es cierto para todos nosotros. La adoración puede ser un momento de conversación con Jesús, o un tiempo de silencio íntimo, como estar con un amigo y disfrutar de su compañía. Puede ser un momento para simplemente estar en la presencia de nuestro Señor con ese sentido de asombro y acción de gracias por su vida y su gracia.

El P. Ron Rolheiser nos da algunas claves para la oración en su libro **Prayer: Our Deepest Longing** (*Oración: Nuestro Anhelo Más Profundo*): La oración es una relación; La oración, como el amor, es una decisión, no un sentimiento; La oración no se trata de pensar, sino de amar; La evidencia de la oración es cómo tratamos a los demás.

Adoración comienza los viernes, después de la misa con nuestra escuela, y termina a las 5 p.m. (*a menos que la oficina esté cerrada por un día festivo*). Si se siente llamado a unirse a los adoradores que se comprometen a un marco de tiempo programado para asegurarse de que Jesús no se quede solo, envíe un correo electrónico o llame a la oficina parroquial y nuestro coordinador de Adoración se comunicará con usted. No es necesario inscribirse para orar, solo nos da la seguridad de que alguien estará con Jesús durante todo el día

Bendita Cuaresma para todos ustedes,

P. Ed Gonzales

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - St. Thomas More

March 23 - 24, Palm Sunday:

Regular Weekend / Sunday Schedule

March 25 - 27, Mon-Wed:

Regular Daily Masses (8 am)

March 28, Holy Thursday:

7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (*no morning Mass*)
 Eucharistic Adoration (*begins after Mass until midnight*)

March 29, Good Friday:

12 pm - Live Way of the Cross / el Via Crucis en Vivo

3 pm - Passion Liturgy (*English*)

7 pm - Passion Liturgy (*Español*)

5:30 pm - Divine Mercy Novena Begins - *in Church*

March 30 - 31, Easter:

Holy Saturday - 8 pm / Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - Regular Sunday Schedule

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, February 25, 2024
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*

Monday, February 26 2024

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 Guadalupanos Retreat Planning Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*
 Grupo de Oración Choir Practice - *Church*
 7:00 pm CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
 6:00 pm KC4 Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
 6:30 pm 40 Days of Lent - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oración (*Via Crucis practice*) - *Parking Lot*

Thursday, February 29, 2024
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, March 1, 2024
 8:00 am School Bingo Setup - *Carolán Hall*
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - *Church*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oración (*la Hora Santa / Via Crucis*) - *Church*

Saturday, March 2, 2024
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 6:00 pm School BINGO Event - *Carolán Hall*

Sunday, March 3, 2024
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 24, 2024
 8:00 am **All Homebound Parishioners**
 5:00 pm †Alfredo Sanchez by Roger & Josh Barrett
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 25, 2024
 8:00 am †Diana Ramirez & Ruben Villa by Family
Baca Family - Living and Deceased by Ramona Yglesia
 10:00 am †Sonia Hernandez by Family
 †Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family
 12:00 pm †Eva Garcia & Jeremias Reyes by Rosa Maria Reyes
 †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen

Monday, February 26, 2024
 8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis
Special Intention - Lisana Alcalá by Alcalá Family

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
 8:00 am †Helen Manning by Hortencia Morales
Spec Intention - Conversion & Spirituality - Katherin Alcalá

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
 8:00 am **Birthday - Theresa Garza** by Virginia Rabel
 †Baldemar Saldiva and Alicia D. Mora by Rosa Saldiva

Thursday, February 29 2024
 8:00 am **Spec Intention - Healing & Fast Recovery** - Kevin Lopez
 by Kevin Lopez, Jr
Spec Intention - Carmen Martinez by Rosa Saldiva
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, March 1, 2024
 8:00 am †Hector Roman by Sylvia Roman
Spec Intention - Melanie Alcalá by Alcalá Family

Saturday, March 2, 2024
 8:00 am **All Homebound Parishioners**
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
Thanksgiving - Olga Weich

Sunday, March 3, 2024
 8:00 am †Helen Manning by Hortencia Morales
STM Parishioners - Living & Deceased
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Family Families
 †Carl & Amy Oswald by Oswald Family
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Kevin Lopez

Lecturas de la Semana del 26 febrero - 3 marzo

Lunes: Dn 9:4-10; Sal 78:8,9,11,13;
 Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10,16-20; Sal 49:8-9,16-17,21,23;
 Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jr 18:18-20; Sal 30:5-6,14-16;
 Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jr 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-4,6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Sal 104:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Sábado: Miq 7:14-15,18-20; Sal 102:1-4,9-12;
 Lc 15:1-3,11-32

Domingo: Ex 20:1-17; Sal 18:8-11; 1Cor 1:22-25;
 Jn 2:13-25

Readings for the week of 26 Feb - 3 Mar

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8,9,11,13;
 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;
 Mt 23:1-12

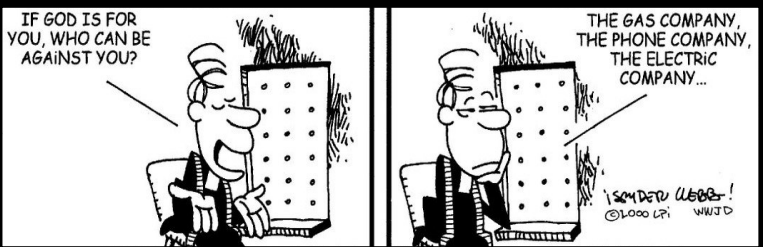
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16;
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12;
 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1Cor 1:22-25;
 Jn 2:13-25



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 2, 2024
 5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Alvarado, S.Chapa, C.Lang,
 M.Fisher
 Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, March 3, 2024
 8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, M.Ngyen, P.Klar,
 Y.Cione
 Lector - Y.Cione

10 am Altar Servers - J.Cantu, M.Pereida, B.Pereida
 Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Tim, H.Rodriguea, N.Lawson, L.Gifford,
 A.Fuentes, D.Bernal, V.Smith
 Lector - Ali.Perez

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, A.Chavez,
 H.Gomez, R.Gomez, C.Martinez, I.Hernandez