

Today's Second Reading, from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, picks up where we left off last week and continues with a similar theme. The message is that we are each unique in the gifts and talents God has given to us, and therefore, we all have different tasks to fulfill as members of the Body of Christ.

What is further developed this week is the truth that, though different in our roles, every single individual is equally important and needed in the Church, from the freshly baptized newborn to the teenager sitting reluctantly by his parents, to the elderly shut-in who can no longer attend Sunday Mass. "God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body."

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other! This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now.

And just what are we, as Christian stewards, aiming to achieve by sharing our gifts and talents? We are aiming to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, furthering with His grace the mission He began 2,000 years ago. He declares in the Gospel reading from St. Luke today what this mission is: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...."

What a noble purpose! What great dignity has been bestowed upon us, modern-day disciples, that we are called to this same task.

In the week ahead, let's take this mission to heart, examining the way we can use our gifts and talents for this mission and asking ourselves what it looks like in our unique circumstances to "bring glad tidings to the poor," "liberty to captives," "sight to the blind" and "freedom to the oppressed."

It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news is you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.



Happy New Year!!

You may request your Contribution Statement for
 - Tax Year 2021-
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YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 16, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,702.00
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 132.75
Misc Donations.....	\$ 150.00
Facilities Improvement fund.....	\$ 230.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 280.00

Second Collection - January 29 - 30:
No 2nd Collection Next Week



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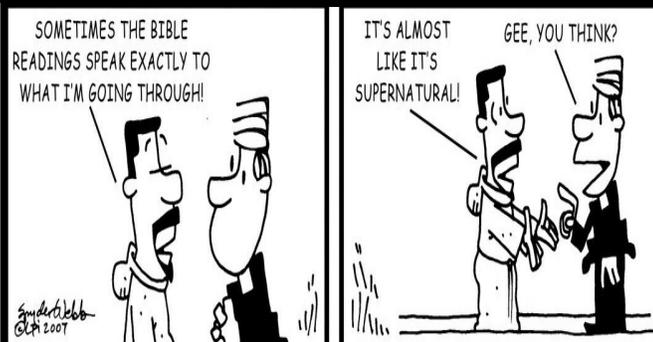
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**St. Thomas More
Knights of Columbus
Council 7386
BBQ Plate**



When: March 27, 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.



Faithful Departed

Question: How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on Nov 2nd. However, we can **and should** continue to pray for the dead always.

Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is "**Purgatory**."

It's *heaven's antechamber* so to speak...
We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that our parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died.

It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten... those who have no one else to pray for them. **Only God knows who they are!**



**St. Thomas More English
Prayer Group**



Jan 27 6p 2Sam 7:29 - "By your blessing the house of yourservant it shall be blessed forever" - Church

Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977

Catholic Life Truck Raffle

Catholic Life is sponsoring a Truck Raffle again this year.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each... and Each ticket has a chance to win:
- a 2022 Ford F-150 Truck,
- a 2022 Ford Focus Sedan or
- a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Card

This is a "**WIN-WIN**" situation! With your raffle ticket you have a chance to win one of these fabulous prizes... and... 100% of the monies collected comes back to our school!

Thank you for supporting our school and...

God Bless-

**El Dia de la Candelaria / Candlemas
La Levantada**

On February 2nd. we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ**, the Light of the World!

On that day... candles that represent Christ as the Light of the World... are often blessed and are used in the church and in homes. That day is often called **Candlemas Day**...

In Spanish... el "**Día de la Candelaria**." Along with this celebration another Christmas Tradition known as "**la Levantada del Niño Dios**" is often celebrated.

In this celebration the image of Baby Jesus is dressed up with clothing (dress, shoes, socks, hat, etc.) and is lifted from the Nativity Cradle to an upright / seated position and then is reposed until the following Christmas.

Three blessings are usually associated with this special day:

1. Blessing of Candles
2. Blessing of Infants born in the last 12 months.
3. Blessing of Statues of the Infant Jesus.

All are invited to bring their candles, children, and statues of the Infant Jesus to the weekend Masses on 5 - 6 February to receive these blessings.

El 2 de febrero. ¡Celebramos la **Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor Jesucristo**, la Luz del Mundo!

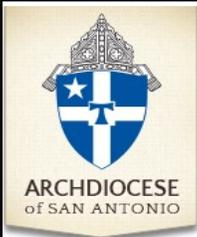
También celebramos otra Tradición Navideña conocida como "**la Levantada del Niño Dios**".

En esta celebración la imagen del Niño Jesús se viste con ropa y se levanta de la Cuna de la Natividad a una posición erguida / sentada y luego se reposa hasta la navidad siguiente.

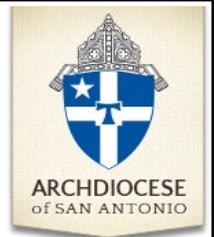
Tres bendiciones generalmente se asocian con este día especial:

1. Bendición de las Velas
2. Bendición de los bebés nacidos en los últimos 12 meses.
3. Bendición de las estatuas del Niño Jesús.

Todos están invitados a llevar sus velas, niños y estatuas del Niño Jesús a las misas de fin de semana del 5 al 6 de febrero para recibir estas bendiciones.



***"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat,
I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink,
I was stranger, and you took Me in,
I was naked, and you clothed Me,
I was sick, and you looked after Me,
I was in prison, and you visited Me." (Matthew 25: 36-37)***



On behalf of Archbishop Gustavo and Father Michael English,
I invite you and your family to participate in this year's Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries
Our theme for this year's Appeal is: ***Our Journey Together.***

What is our Archbishop's Appeal for Shared Ministries?

It is the transformative love that is so critical to the life of our local church.
It is the ministry shared between St. Thomas More Parish and the Archdiocese of San Antonio,
between Father Michael English and Archbishop Gustavo.

It is a compassionate love for those most in need.
Let us journey together to financially support the formation of priests and deacons who will serve our parish.

Your financial support helps prepare lay leaders to serve as catechists, chaplains, and lectors.

It offers a Catholic education to families in need.

It broadcasts televised Masses and helps expand our reach through other digital media.

Your financial support to this Appeal will share Christ's love as it
feeds, clothes, shelters, and cares for the most vulnerable.

All these shared ministries support our neighbors in need and further the mission of the Catholic Church.

Our parish goal is full participation.

To accomplish this, we need your support.

Every family should participate by making a gift to this appeal.

Any gift, any amount will make a difference in somebody's life.

I invite you to pray and find it in your heart to make a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal.

Gifts can be given: • Text-To-Give: (210) 750-6712; keyword APPEAL

• Online at <http://www.archsa.org/appeal>

• Or using the parish Appeal envelope

All these ways of giving are safe and fast. If you need help with it, please let us know, we will be happy to assist you.
May God bless you for your willingness to share your prayers and financial support to this Appeal.

Your Brother in Christ... Alfredo (Fred) Sanchez,
Archbishop's Appeal Coordinator for St. Thomas More

CMC - Catholic Men's Conference

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME

Sat, Feb 26th from 8 am- 4 pm

St. Matthew's Athletic Ctr

(10703 Wurzbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230)

Have a powerful transformative experience in a spiritually- charged environment

Speakers Include: **Most Rev. Gary Janak, LPC-S** (Auxiliary Bishop of S.A.)

Mark Houck (The King's Men), and

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This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, January 23, 2022
 8:30 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*
 6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, January 24 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

Tuesday, January 25, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, January 26, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 6:00 pm KC 4th Degree Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Thursday, January 27, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm English Prayer Gp - *Church*
 RCIA - *Rectory Mtg. Room*

Friday, January 28, 2021
 12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - *Church*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, January 29, 2022
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

Sunday, January 30, 2022
 8:30 am Catholic Schools Week Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 6:00 pm ACTS Team Mtg - *Carolán Hall*



Lecturas de la Semana del 24 - 30 enero

Lunes: 2Sm 5:1-7,10; Sal 88:20-22,25-26; Mc 3:22-30
Martes: Hch 22:3-16; Sal 116:1,2; Mc 16:15-18
Miércoles: 2Tim 1:1-8; Sal 88:4-5,27-30; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves: 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Sal 131:1-5,11-14;
 Mc 4:21-25
Viernes: 2Sm 11:1-10,13-17; Sal 50:3-7,10-11;
 Mc 4:26-34
Sábado: 2Sm 12:1-7,10-17; Sal 50:12-17; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo: Jr 1:4-5,17-19; Sal 70:1-6,15-17;
 1Co 12:31-13:13; Lc 4:21-30

Readings for the week of Jan 24 - 30

Monday: 2Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20,21-22,25-26;
 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117: 1,2; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2Tm 1:1-8; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Ps 132:1-5,11-14;
 Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2Sm 11:1-10,13-17; Ps 51:3-7,10-11;
 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51:17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-6,15-17;
 1Co 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 22, 2022
 8:00 am †Fr. Joseph Uvietta, S.M.
 5:00 pm †Al Weinheimer by Rand Family
 †Albina Vahalik by Richard & Dorothy Perez

Sunday, January 23, 2022
 8:00 am †Rudy Negrete by Negrete Family
 †Daniel, Sabella & Ezra Acosta by Lorenzo & Diana Acosta
 10:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oswald Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 12:00 pm †Jose Doleres Reyes de la Luz by Family
 †Juan Nieto Galvan by Maria Nieto

Monday, January 24, 2021
 8:00 am †Daniel G. Menchaca by Martha Menchaca
 †Al Weinheimer by Mr & Mrs Hilbig

Tuesday, January 25, 2021
 8:00 am †Ramon Mata, Sr.
 8:00 am † Al Weinheimer by Adrian Zaiontz

Wednesday, January 26, 2021
 8:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oswald Family

Thursday, January 27, 2021 (Communion Service)
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**
 †Phoebe Stensland

Friday, January 28, 2021
 8:00 am †Hugh and †Agnes Tate

Saturday, January 29, 2022
 8:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oswald Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
 5:00 pm †Antonio Cortez & Isaias Gutierrez by Debra Cortez

Sunday, January 30, 2022
 8:00 am **In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered** - STM Parish
 10:00 am †Guadalupe & Lidia Melendez, and
 Mary Louise Brown by the Brown / Melendez Families
 †Juan Urbano by Teresa Clark
 12:00 pm **Health - Ramon Mata, Jr.**



Sanctuary Light Intention:

**†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and
 †Richard Pansza, Jr**

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 29, 2021

5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, (+ 2 Vol - if needed)
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, DC John, (+1 Vol if needed)
Lector - C.Brown

10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, B.McQueen, V.Smith
Lector - Abi.Perez

12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, A.Martinez,
 G.Martinez
Lector - C.Torres / F.Tobar