



Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

In the first reading, from Isaiah, we hear the voice of the “Suffering Servant” — prophetic words of Jesus Christ. “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb.” *How beautiful!* Even from the first moment of his conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Jesus’ saving mission had begun. This is true for each one of us. The Father has called each of us from the moment of our conception for a unique mission to further His kingdom on the earth. Each one of us can truly say the Father has “formed me as his servant from the womb.”

To be his servant is all that truly matters in this life, for ourselves and for our children. Career paths, athletic accomplishments, the school we attend or the city in which we live — all are secondary to the thing that matters most — that we have been called from the womb for the privilege of being God’s servants. Do our daily lives reflect this high calling? Do we use the gifts of our time, talents and treasure in service of God’s kingdom, and do we guide our children to do the same, for that is why God has entrusted these things to us?

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, gives us another reminder of our true identity as God’s servants and the high calling we have as Christian stewards. St. Paul greets the Corinthians, and us as well, with this description: “To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy...” We are called to nothing less than holiness. After all, only the holy can enter heaven.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was. “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does “rank ahead” of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Again, let us examine our daily lives, and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family “rank ahead” of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God’s kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom.

What will our response be?

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 8, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,288.25
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 169.45
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 145.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 823.53
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 55.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 158.00
Donations.....	\$ 205.00

*Second Collection - January 21-22:
Church in Latin America*



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of
Dean Lansing and Charlene Petsch
who died this past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to:

Joan and the Lansing Family;
Tom, Sherry and the Petsch Family,

May they Rest in Peace

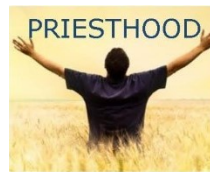
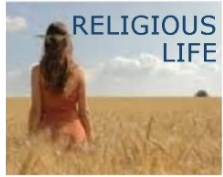
LIFE AWARENESS

Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend

Life Awareness is a retreat event that provides time and space for single men and women to discern a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

The event brings participants (ages 18-40) together with priests and religious brothers and sisters, for a weekend of lectures, group discussions, private consultations and prayer.

The objective of the retreat is to help participants develop a realistic view of what it's like to serve God and the Church in today's world.



The 2023 Life Awareness Retreat will take place at the Cordi-Marian Retreat Center on **February 3 - 5, 2023**

If you are a person who is:

- Looking for an opportunity to provide service to others,
 - Wondering if the religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister might be what you're looking for, or...
 - Even if you haven't reached that point, but you have that quiet, subtle, nagging feeling that this is something you should know more about...
- Then... ***This is for YOU!***

This retreat is sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Vocation Office
The Archbishop's appeal is generously covering all expenses for this retreat.

Therefore, it is free for participants.

Register Today!



Life Awareness es un evento de retiro que proporciona tiempo y espacio para que hombres y mujeres solteros discernan una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada.

El evento reúne a los participantes (de 18 a 40 años) con sacerdotes y hermanos y hermanas religiosos, para un fin de semana de conferencias, discusiones grupales, consultas privadas y oración.

El objetivo del retiro es ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar una visión realista de lo que es servir a Dios y a la Iglesia en el mundo de hoy.



El Retiro de Life Awareness 2023 tendrá lugar en el Centro de Retiros Cordi-Marian ***el Febrero 3 - 5, 2023***

Si usted es una persona que:

- Buscando una oportunidad para prestar servicio a los demás,
 - Preguntarse si la vida religiosa como sacerdote, hermano o hermana podría ser lo que estás buscando, o...
 - Incluso si no has llegado a ese punto, pero tienes esa sensación tranquila, sutil y persistente de que esto es algo sobre lo que deberías saber más ...
- Entonces... ***¡Esto es para ti!***

Este retiro es patrocinado por la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Vocaciones de San Antonio. La petición del arzobispo cubre generosamente todos los gastos de este retiro.

Por lo tanto, es gratuito para los participantes.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 365

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

With 40 Days for Life 365, you can sign up to pray on the sidewalk any day of the year! Abortion may be gone here in San Antonio, but our prayers are still needed to change the hearts and minds of the abortion-minded.

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood abortion clinic; 2140 Babcock Rd. San Antonio, TX

To Sign up, Visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sanantonio>

JUNTA: Estado de la Parroquial**Cuándo: 5 de febrero; 3 - 4:30 pm****Dónde: Carolan Hall**

- Ven a ser parte de la creación de un cuerpo vibrante y renovado de Cristo que estará presente para nuestras familias y nuestra comunidad

Repasaremos / Platicaremos de la:

- demografía de la comunidad y
- oportunidades para transformar nuestra parroquia.

Esperamos verlos allí.**State of the Parish Meeting****When: February 5th; 3 - 4:30 pm****Where: Carolan Hall**

Come be a part of building a vibrant, renewed Body of Christ to be present for our families and our neighborhood.

**We will review / discuss the:
demographics of the community
and opportunities to transform our parish.**

Hope to see you there.**Altar Society****HELP!! Ayudame!! S.O.S.!!!**

I... we... the parish... need your help.

As you look around the church you may come to the realization that we are an aging parish.

The reality is... We need some "new blood" to keep our parish alive and vibrant.

Many of our faithful servants have had to step down because of age... health... or other reasons.

We need people (*we need you*) to step up and replace them otherwise we may find we'll have to do without.

Our Altar Society is an integral part of our Parish 'Team'... and They Need Help!!

They meet on Fridays - after our morning Mass and ensure the Sanctuary area and altar are prepared for our weekend liturgies. But, they are down to just 2 members!

If you can help... just a few hours a week... we (*your fellow parishioners*) would greatly appreciate it.

Call the Parish Office (210-655-5070) with your contact information - or - just come in Friday morning after Mass.

Thank you-

Join us on Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm to stand for life, liberty and each person's right to breath so they can pursue happiness.

This will be the first March For Life since Roe v. Wade Decision was OVERTURNED. This will be a Year of Jubilee! Celebrate with us!

This remains a critical time to remember the importance of every human life as we never forget the damaging effects of Roe v. Wade when the Supreme Court decided that abortion should be legal

throughout all nine months of pregnancy. With inaccurate scientific information, incomplete medical data and false records, the SCOTUS made Jan 23, 1973 a day of infamy! A *Day of Infamy*... until all human life, born and unborn, is protected across the United States of America!

The day's events include an Exhibitor Expo beginning at 12:30 pm, the SA March For Life at 1 pm and the Rally For Life at 2 pm. All are invited to participate. It's time to stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

We need you, your prayers, and your presence to share the truth with them.



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SAN ANTONIO MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

MARCH FOR LIFE @ 1 PM
RALLY FOR LIFE @ 2 PMMAIN PLAZA
SAN ANTONIO, TEXASTO REMEMBER AND PEACEFULLY
BEAR WITNESS TO THE BEAUTY OF LIFE.
WE CAN LOVE THEM BOTH.@SAMARCHFORLIFE
#SAMFLSPONSORS: ALLIED WOMEN'S CENTER,
SAN ANTONIO RIGHT TO LIFE,
TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR LIFE AND
SAN ANTONIO FAMILY ASSOCIATION

**CELEBRATE HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION
WITHOUT EXCEPTION IN TEXAS**

This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, January 15, 2023
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - *Church*
 9:00 am Guadalupanos General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Monday, January 16, 2023
 *** **Parish Offices Closed - MLK Day** ***
 4:00 pm Finance Council Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting - *Rectory Dining Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 CDA General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Thursday, January 19, 2023
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *Church*
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, January 20, 2023
 6:30 pm Guitar / Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, January 21, 2023
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*
 Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordis - *RMR*

Sunday, January 22, 2023
 8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolán Hall*
 CDA Mass - *Church*



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Kathryn Marie Sweet

Lecturas de la Semana del 16 - 22 enero

Lunes: Heb 9:15,24-28; Sal 97:1-6; Mc 3:22-30
Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 39:2,4,7-8,10,11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: Hch 22:3-16; Sal 116:1,2; Mc 16:15-18
Jueves: 2Tim 1:1-8; Sal 131:1-5,11-14; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes: Heb 10:32-39; Sal 36:3-6,23-24,39-40;
 Mc 4:26-34
Sábado: Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo: Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 145:6-10; 1Co 1:26-31;
 Mt 5:1-12

Readings for the week of Jan 16 - 22

Monday: Heb 9:15,24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2,4ab,7,8a,10,11;
 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2Tm 1:1-8; Ps 132:1-5,11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40;
 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31;
 Mt 5:1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14, 2023
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Kathryn Sweet by Volpenhein Family
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased

Sunday, January 15, 2023
 8:00 am †Jovita & Leandro Palacios by Palacios Family
 †Deacon Paul Charron by Guadalupanos
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
 †Bob, Gloria, and Inga Garcia by Vicky Smith
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Health - Marisol Atilano by Teresa Monrreal

Monday, January 16, 2023
 8:00 am †Carmen Chapa Mata by Elda T. Garcia
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
 8:00 am †Charlene Pretsch

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
 8:00 am †Rogelio Gomez

Thursday, January 19, 2023 (Communion Svc)
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

Friday, January 20, 2023
 8:00 am †Jim Rivas

Saturday, January 21, 2023
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 5:00 pm †Ruben P. Villa by Gloria Villa
 †Will Larson by Volpenhein Family

Sunday, January 22, 2023
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
 †Maria del Carmen Atilano by Teresa Monrreal
 10:00 am †Mary Monteverdi by Catholic Daughters
 †Roxanne & Jeremy Espinoza by Pablo & Irene Negrete
 12:00 pm †Juan Nieto Gavan by Maria de la Luz Nieto
 †Jose Dolores Reyes by Reyes Family



St. Thomas More
Charismatic Prayer Group



Jan 19 "Night-Light" - *Matthew 4:16*
 Jan 26 "Which Desire Consumes You" - *2Tim 1:6-7*

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

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - T.G.Garza, T.Guerrero, J+B.Hernandez
 Lector - R.Alvarado

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - P.Klar, B.McQueen, R.Saldiva, S.Chapa
 Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, L.McCarthy, T.Alcoces
 Eucharistic Ministers - (+6 CDA Volunteers)
 Lector - Abi.Perez

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
 Eucharistic Ministers - DC John, D+F.Malacara, M.Pina,
 R.Borrego, A.Chavez
 Lector - A.Martinez / N.Obregon