

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

Walking United in Christ

Make a gift to the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries and support our community from conception to natural death



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March 24, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,572.82
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 170.00
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 7.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 12.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 315.00
STM School.....	\$ 924.00
Holy Thursday Candles.....	\$ 336.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 40.00
Holy Land.....	\$ 35.00
Easter Offering.....	\$ 10.00
Donations.....	\$ 210.00

*Second Collection April 6 - 7:
Facilities Improvement Fund*



La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios

La Campaña del Arzobispo para los Ministerios es una campaña anual que apoya a más de **30 ministerios**

compartidos que promueven la misión de la Iglesia Católica en nuestra área.

Considere realizar un donativo, de manera que ***Caminando Unidos en Cristo***, podamos cuidar constantemente de aquellos que dependen de la Arquidiócesis y de nuestros programas para sustentar la vida y la fe.

¡Visite archsa.org/archbishops-appeal para donar hoy!

¿Tiene preguntas?
Por favor llame al (210) 734-1910.

June Jamboree
Friday, June 7th, 2024
6:00 - 11:00 pm

Honoring
Msgr. Patrick Ragsdale
Rev. James Conway

Sponsored By:
Friends of Padua
and
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San Antonio Chapter

Benefiting:
Padua Place
Retirement Home for Priests & Deacons

Benefiting:
Pedrotti's North Wind Ranch
13715 FM1560, Helotes, Texas

SAVE THE DATE
YOU ARE INVITED

Gospel Meditation:

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me.

I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue.

I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame.

Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future.

Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

A las afueras de Chicago, hay un pequeño cementerio en el bosque detrás del Seminario Mundelein, donde yo estudiaba. Una noche lo estaba explorando. Miré hacia arriba y me sorprendió ver a un imponente ángel de diecisiete pies que se elevaba sobre mí y se preparaba para tocar una trompeta. La adrenalina me recorrió.

Me quedé sin aliento y pronuncié: "¡Oh, Dios mío!" Rápidamente me di cuenta de que en realidad era una enorme estatua de bronce. Traté de calmarme. Pero aún así me asustó.

A medida que comenzamos a celebrar la Pascua hoy, esta imagen puede parecer un poco desconcertante.

Pero, por favor, recuerden que para los primeros discípulos en la mañana de la resurrección, fue precisamente eso. Al principio no era alegre, era aterrador. No era pacífico, era inquietante. En ese cementerio de Jerusalén había sucedido algo de otro mundo. Los ángeles anunciaron que ya no estaba muerto, sino vivo.

Habían tocado sus trompetas, por así decirlo, y Jesús había resucitado. Pronto la conmoción de los discípulos en aquel oscuro cementerio se convertiría en alegría.

Todos tenemos nuestros propios lugares de muertos, ¿no es así? Seres queridos fallecidos.

Nuestros cansados patrones de culpa. Relaciones estancadas en el resentimiento. Indiferencia hacia los pobres. Sueños perdidos. Desesperación por nuestro futuro. Miedo a la enfermedad y a la muerte.

Estos son nuestros "cementérios" donde no esperamos que suceda mucho. Hoy entramos —si nos atrevemos— en esos lugares con los discípulos. ¡Vean al poderoso ángel parado allí, con la trompeta lista para sonar!

— Father John Muir

Holy Hour

Our English Holy Hour is scheduled for this THURSDAY at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet 'one-on-one' time with Our Lord...

ever present in the

Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hope to see you there.

**la Hora Santa**

Nuestra Hora Santa (español) será ESTE VIERNES a las 7 pm.

Ven... Pasa un rato tranquilo 'uno-a-uno' tiempo con Nuestro Señor...

siempre presente en

el Santísimo

Espero verte allí.

DIVINE MERCY: Today... Easter... the holiest day of the year!
 I don't want to belittle its importance, but I'm going to fast-forward to next Sunday - *Mercy Sunday*.
 Another special day where graces abound! A day that Jesus, himself, asked for!
 A day where we have an opportunity to remove all punishment due for forgiven sins!

On this day... With this devotion... we celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy...
 I don't think it's a coincidence that Jesus asked for the inscription "*Jesus, I Trust in You*"
 to be put on His picture of Divine Mercy... Hopefully... you joined us in our Divine Mercy Novena...
 If not, don't worry. The ocean of graces flowing on Mercy Sunday are still available to you...

Everyone is invited to join us on Mercy Sunday at 3 o'clock to celebrate Jesus' Divine Mercy!!
 At that time we will:

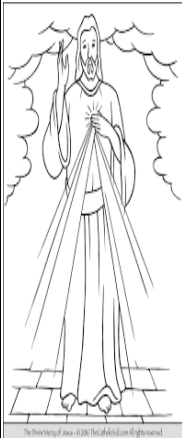
- Bless, Enthroned, and Venerate our Divine Mercy Image.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet... *hopefully in song...*
1st, 3rd, and 5th decades in English... 2nd and 4th in Spanish.
- Be Inducted as Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy



We pray that we will continue to deepen our understanding of the Mercy of God...
 and work to build up the local church and spread the Good news!

Hope to see you there! 'till then... God Bless- DT.

DIVINA MISERICORDIA: Hoy... Pascua... ¡El día más sagrado del año!
 No quiero menospreciar su importancia, pero voy a avanzar rápidamente hasta el próximo domingo:
el Domingo de la Misericordia.



¡Otro día especial donde abundan las gracias! ¡Un día que Jesús mismo pidió!
 ¡Un día en el que tenemos la oportunidad de eliminar todo castigo debido por los pecados perdonados!

En este día... Con esta devoción... celebramos la Divina Misericordia de Jesús...
 No creo que sea una coincidencia que Jesús pidiera que la inscripción "*Jesus, confío en tí*"
 se pusiera en su imagen de la Divina Misericordia ...

Ojalá... te uniste a nosotros en nuestra Novena de la Divina Misericordia. Si no, no te preocupes.
 El océano de gracias que fluye en el Domingo de la Misericordia todavía está disponible para ti...

¡Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros el Domingo de la Misericordia a las 5 en punto para celebrar la
 Divina Misericordia de Jesús! En ese momento:

- bendeciremos y veneraremos nuestra Imagen de la Divina Misericordia.
- Reza la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia... *ojalá en canción...*

Oramos para que continuemos profundizando nuestra comprensión de la Misericordia de Dios...
 y trabajar para edificar la iglesia local y difundir las Buenas Nuevas !

¡Espero verte allí! "Hasta entonces... Dios los bendiga- DT.



*Thank you! Thank you!
 Thank you!*

The Guadalupanos Society would like to thank the parish for the generous donations of baked goods and craft items that were made toward our bake sale.

We thank everyone that came and purchased these items.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
 Pray for us*

**St. Thomas More
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We have begun planning for this year's VBS -
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We need your help to make it a success!

It is to be held: 17-21 June 2024.

This years' theme is:

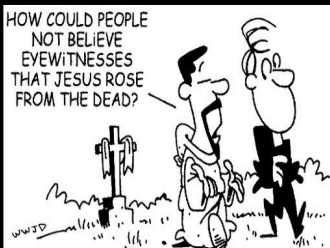
Come to the Table

and is focused on the Eucharist.

The program is for Kinder through 5th grade.
(teenagers are welcome to help and earn volunteer hours)

Please come to our next planning meeting -
 Saturday, April 6th, at 10 a.m.
 in Carolan Hall

Hope to see you there!



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, March 31, 2024
 11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt - *Parish Grounds*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena 3 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Cenaculo Novena 3 - *Church*

Monday, April 1 2024
 5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 Divine Mercy Novena 4 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Cenaculo Novena 4 - *Church*

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Cancelled - for Novena*
 Divine Mercy Novena 5 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Cenaculo Novena 5 - *Church*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
 10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Gp Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena 6 - *Church*
 6:00 pm KC 3d Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolann Hall*
 Cenaculo Novena 6 - *Church*
 6:30 pm CDA Spiritual Retreat Prep - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Thursday, April 4, 2024
 5:00 pm Cenaculo Novena 7 - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena 7 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, April 5, 2024
 9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Novena 8 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Cenaculo Divina Misericordia Novena 8 - *Church*
 Coro Alegria Guitar Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 Grupo de Oracion / la Hora Santa - *Church*
 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 6, 2024
 10:00 am VBS Planning Mtg - *Carolann Hall*
 3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordis - *RMR*
 4:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena 9 - *Church*
 6:00 pm Cenaculo Novena 9 - *Church*

Sunday, April 7, 2024
 10:00 am KC 3 Degree Mass - *Church*
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour - *Church*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30, 2024 - Easter Vigil
 8:00 am *** No Morning Mass ***
 8:00 pm No Intentions - *Easter Vigil*

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday
 8:00 am **Hernandez Family - Living and Deceased** by Ramona Yglesias
STM Parishioners - Living & Deceased
 10:00 am †Steven Lee & Steven Dale Waldron by Family
 †Alfredo G. Sanchez by Irma Martinez Family
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

Monday, April 1, 2024
 8:00 am Mercedes Peres by Reyes Family
In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 8:00 am †Olivia Lopez by Jose & Stella Lopez
In an Act of Joyful Thanksgiving

Wednesday, April 3, 2024
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer
 †Donald Rand by the Rand Family

Thursday, April 4, 2024
 8:00 am †Baldemar Saldiva & Alicia D. Mora by Rosa Saldiva
All Ordained Clergy and Religious

Friday, April 5, 2024
 8:00 am †Paul Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen
 †Angie Zavala by Ramirez Family

Saturday, April 6, 2024
 8:00 am †Paul & Rebecca Becker
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family
STM Parishioners - Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 7, 2024 - Mercy Sunday
 8:00 am †Carlos & Olivia Rodriguez by Elda Garcia
 10:00 am †Martha Oconnor by Evancho Family
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families
 12:00 pm †Jose Guadalupe Cisneros and Emelia Zavala by Guadalupe Soria

Lecturas de la Semana del 1 - 7 apr

Lunes: Hch 2:14,22-33; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Martes: Hch 2:36-41; Sal 32:4-5,18-20,22; Jn 20:11-18

Miércoles: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 104:1-9; Lc 24:13-35

Jueves: Hch 3:11-26; Sal 8:2,5-9; Lc 24:35-48

Viernes: Hch 4:1-12; Sal 117:1-2,4,22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Sábado: Hch 4:13-21; Sal 117:1,14-21; Mc 16:9-15

Domingo: Hch 4:32-35; Sal 117:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Readings for the week of Apr 1 - 7

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab,5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Sanctuary Light Intention:
Rafael Garza

Liturgical Roles

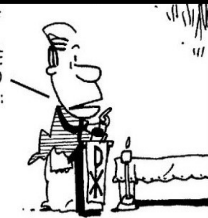
Saturday, April 6, 2023
 8:00 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, R.Saldiva, C.Lang, E.Guerrero, S.Chapa
Lector - T.Guerrero

Sunday, April 7, 2023 - Mercy Sunday
 8 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, R.Davila, R.Castaneda, P.Klar, Y.Cione
Lector - Y.Cione

10 am **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, J+And.Perez, N.Lawson, T.Garza, E+M.Cantu
Lector - V.Smith

12 pm **Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, C.Martinez, E.Obregon, M.Pina, I.Hernandez, R.Borrego
Lector - M.Pina / M.Rivera

WHEN I THINK OF THE EMPTY TOMB, THERE'S JUST ONE THING I WANT TO SAY TO THE DEVIL:



BUSTED!!!

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