

Gospel Meditation:

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "we, though many, are one body." Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion.

The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Hace años, una mujer en la misa diaria se me acercó en la procesión de la comunión. Ella tenía los brazos cruzados, indicando que quería una bendición en lugar de la Sagrada Hostia. Tenía lágrimas en los ojos.

Le di una pequeña bendición. Ella regresó al día siguiente. Y la siguiente. Lo mismo se repitió. Después de unas semanas, le pregunté por qué no recibía la Sagrada Comunión. Ella dijo que aún no era católica y que se estaba preparando para serlo. Le pregunté por qué quería ser católica. Ella dijo: "Porque anhelo estar en una verdadera comunión con Cristo y con todos los que amo". Eso, sostengo, es una muy buena razón. Unos meses más tarde, se convirtió al catolicismo y recibió el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo con una alegría indescriptiblemente grande y todavía lo hace hasta el día de hoy.

San Pablo dice del pan eucarístico: "¿No es una participación en el cuerpo de Cristo?" Para Pablo, la respuesta es obvia. Sí, es exactamente eso. Es por eso que puede decir: "nosotros, aunque muchos, somos un solo cuerpo".

Jesús está verdadera, real y sustancialmente presente en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Esto no es un truco de magia, sino un misterio de nuestra salvación. Él nos alimenta con el sacramento de su cuerpo para que nuestra comunión con él, y con los demás miembros de su cuerpo, se construya y madure. Por eso la Eucaristía sacia nuestra profunda sed de amor y comunión. El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo es la mejor razón para ser católico.

Es nuestra participación del amor en la persona que amamos.

— Father John Muir

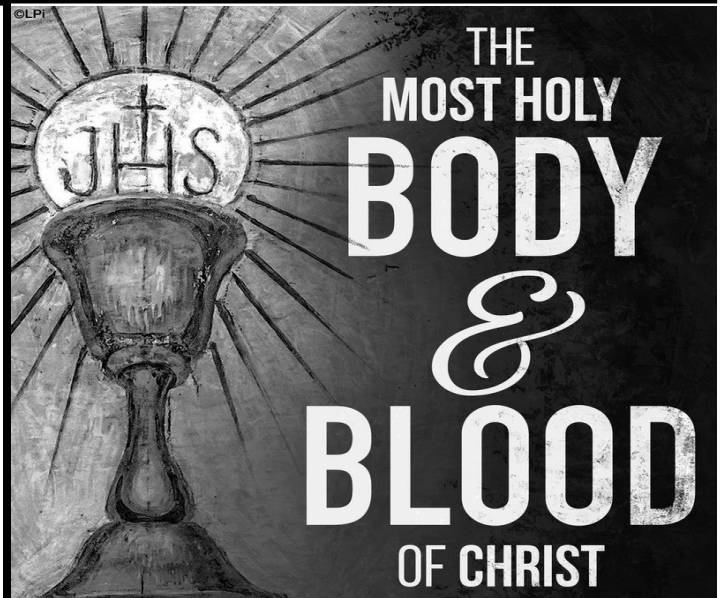
YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 4, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,195.44
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 108.97
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 30.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 62.00
STM School.....	\$ 20.00
Father's Day.....	\$ 310.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 110.00
Priest's Pension Fund.....	\$ 383.00
VBS.....	\$ 100.00

Second Collection June 17 - 18:

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MEETING

On June 25, 2023 we will have a Parish Meeting /
Leadership Development from 3 - 5 pm at Carolan Hall.

Please RSVP with Martha Guerra
at (210) 655-5070 or
MGuerra.st.thomas@gmail.com

REUNIÓN DE DESARROLLO DE LIDERAZGO

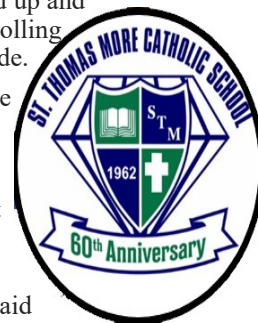
El 25 de junio del 2023 tendremos una junta parroquial
(Desarrollo de liderazgo) a las 3 - 5 pm
en el Salon de Carolan.

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Pray the Rosary!

Join us in prayer and celebrate the 350th
Anniversary of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus... We will pray for Family, Friends...
Parish and Faith Community... our City, State,
Nation and the World.

We will come together in prayer on Saturday,
June 24th at 2 pm at our Guadalupano grotto in
front of the Rectory.

Everyone will receive a Sacred Heart Medal.

Hope to see you there! *God Bless.*

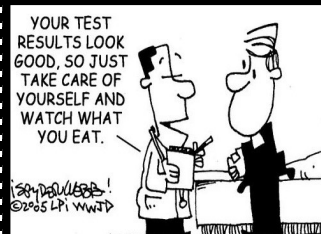
¡Reza el Rosario!

Únete a nosotros en oración y celebra el 350
aniversario de la devoción al Sagrado
Corazón de Jesús... Oremos por la familia,
los amigos... Parroquia y Comunidad de Fe...
nuestra Ciudad, Estado, Nación y el Mundo.

Nos reuniremos en oración el sábado, 24 de junio
a las 2 pm en nuestra gruta guadalupana frente a la
Rectoría.

Todos recibirán una Medalla del Sagrado Corazón.

¡Esperamos verte allí! *Dios los bendiga.*

CATHOLIC CROSSWORDS**American Organization for Citizenship**
CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

DATE: Saturday, June 24, 2023
10 am – 2 pm

WHERE: 702 Donaldson Ave
San Antonio, TX 78201
(located across from Jefferson High School)

COST: No Cost.
This is a free workshop.

**Organización Americana para Ciudadanía**
TALLER DE CIUDADANÍA

FECHA: Sábado, 24 de junio de 2023
10 am – 2 pm

DÓNDE: 702 Donaldson Ave
San Antonio, TX 78201
(ubicado frente a Jefferson High School)

COSTO: Sin costo.
Este es un taller gratuito.



Today we celebrate the Feast of the ***Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)***. Something that we all *kind of* take for granted... So I thought I'd step back... 'take it down a notch'... and look at it with fresh / younger eyes. So...

Question: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer: Look at a first Communion class... It's filled with excitement... to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastor / priests, and deacon(s).

Of course, they know Jesus can do *anything* because he's God. He comes to us in Holy Communion because He loves us! He loves us so much that he wants to be with us.

And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. And, ***We really receive him in the Eucharist.***

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults.

Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how He does it.

Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: ***love.***

Jesus wants to be with us because he loves us!

Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or the philosophical reasoning or symbolic references come close.

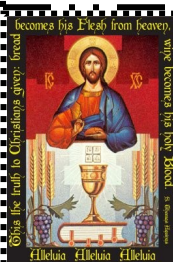
Jesus takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. ***His love for us is complete and total!***

We try to love Him the same way in return.

For a child, it is simple... For us adults... we keep trying.

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

'till next time... God Bless- DT



This week, in addition to celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*)... This coming Wednesday we celebrate 'Flag Day' and being a patriotic American, who has served our country honorably... I can truly appreciate this day...



Amidst all the problems, protests and everything else facing our country today... There will also be celebrations, newspaper and magazine articles, television newscasts and shows telling us about 'Old Glory.' What it symbolizes, how it should be honored, cared for, etc.

Again... being a patriotic American... it's all well and good. *But then it hit me...*

No disrespect to our country, No disrespect to our flag, and what it represents but...

We have all this 'hoopla' for a flag... but we let the concept of what we call the '*Real Presence*' of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, slip away... We take it for granted! What's wrong with this picture?

Our country's motto is '*In God We Trust!*' When we pledge allegiance... we do so to 'one nation ***under God!***'

We have to wake up and realize that... that God we are Trusting in... that God we are pledging our country to... is ***here!*** at ***St Thomas More***... and every other Catholic Church in the world... Not just symbolically... but physically and '***Really Present***' in the tabernacles and on the altar during Mass!

Let's not forget Him! Let's not take Him for granted! Bow / genuflect to our Lord... Pray to Him... Treat Him and His '*house*' with reverence.

Unlike the flag... which is only a symbol and has no special powers in and of itself...

The host we see in the tabernacle ***IS GOD! Jesus...*** the 2nd person in the Holy Trinity (and since they are 3 persons in one God, we know that where the Son is there also are the Father and the Holy Spirit).

Re-Affirm His ***Real Presence*** in your heart and share that information with your children... your grandchildren... your friends... and neighbors.

Enjoy a Glorious Feast of Corpus Christi... and... Happy Flag-Day, too.

This Week at Our Parish

*** Holy Land Wood Crafts after all Masses this weekend ***

Sunday, June 11, 2023

1:00 pm CDA Tea Party - *Carolán Hall*
 1:30 pm VBS General Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:15 pm Guadalupeanos Monthly Rosary - *Church*
 7:00 pm KC 3Degree Council Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 Ministry Groups Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

6:30 pm Flag Retirement Ceremony - *School Parking Lot*
 7:00 pm Guadalupeanos Choir Practice - *Church*

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

Friday, June 16, 2023

6:30 pm Guitar / Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*
 5:30 pm VBS - On Site Registration - *Church Outside*

Sunday, June 18, 2023

VBS - On Site Registration (After All Masses)

8:00 am Guadalupeanos Mass - *Church*
 Followed by General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*
 1:30 pm VBS General Mtg - *Carolán Hall*

**Sanctuary Light Intention:***Anna Maria G. Castillo***Lecturas de la Semana del 12 - 18 junio**

Lunes: 2Co 1:1-7; Sal 33:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Martes: 2Co 1:18-22; Sal 118:129-133,135;
 Mt 5:13-16
Miércoles: 2Co 3:4-11; Sal 98:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: 2Co 3:15-4:1,3-6; Sal 84:9-14; Mt 5:20-26
Viernes: Dt 7:6-11; Sal 102:1-4,6-8,10; 1Jn 4:7-16;
 Mt 11:25-30
Sábado: 2Co 5:14-21; Sal 102:1-4,9-12; Lc 2:41-51
Domingo: Ex 19:2-6; Sal 99:1-3,5; Rom 5:6-11;
 Mt 9:36-10:8

Readings for the week of June 12 - 18

Monday: 2Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133,135;
 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10; 1Jn 4:7-16;
 Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-3,5; Rom 5:6-11;
 Mt 9:36-10:8

Mass Intentions**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

8:00 am †Joaquin de la Sancha by Norma Aguirre
 †Mr. Thephtuan by Volpenhein Family
 5:00 pm †Rafael D. Garza by Richard & Dorothy Perez
Continued Good Health - Olga Weich

Sunday, June 11, 2023

8:00 am †Viola de la Rosa by Sylvia Roman
 †Rafael Garza by Klar Family
 10:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
 †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
 by Morales & Briseno Families
Special Intention for Fernando Aguirre
 12:00 pm †Elisa and Jose Valencia by Maria Rojas
Souls in Purgatory by Villegas Family

Monday, June 12, 2023

8:00 am †Lourdes Flores by Flores Family
Continued Good Health and Blessings- Olga Weich

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

8:00 am †Olivia Lopez by Jose & Stella Lopez

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:00 am †Phyllis and Keith Stensland

Thursday, June 15, 2023 (Communion Service)

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

Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 am †John Duong by Nguyen Family

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and †Deceased**
All Souls by Kim Nguyen
 5:00 pm †Joe Canales by Canales Family
 †Rafael Garza by Mrs T.S.Garza

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda T. Garcia
 †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family
 †Richard Ramirez by his Children
 †Tony Lemus by Maria T. Sweet
 †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet
Deacon Rolando R Guerra Ordination Anniversary
 by Volpenhein Family

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, June 17, 2023**

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

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn John, P.Klar, R.Davila, R.Saldiva,
 (+1 Vol)
 Lector - S.McCarthy
 10 am Altar Servers - A.Mata, Z.Ramirez, J.Cantu
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, E.Garcia, V.Smith, Y.Aguilar,
 J+And.Perez, A.Fuentes
 Lector - M.Briseno
 12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, D+F.Malacara, F.Hernandez,
 M.Pina, N.Obregon, T.Sweet
 Lector - M.Cisneros / S.Garcia