



Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design.

We can all relate to the frustration expressed in the First Reading from Habakuk.

“How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!” “Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?” The Lord knows that the life of a steward is not easy. When we look around us it can seem as if all our efforts are in vain. We spend time praying but nothing happens. We are faithful to our ministry but no one seems to notice. We give generously of our financial resources but the needs around us remain great. Despite all this, the Lord urges us to remain faithful. “For the vision [the fulfillment of His kingdom] still has its time, presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint.”

Our Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy offers encouragement on the difficult path of discipleship, reminding us that we have all the tools we need to remain faithful. Paul says to “stir into flame the gift of God that you have....” Through the sacraments, the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church, we have every possible grace and blessing needed to continue moving forward on the stewardship path. We simply need to return to them over and over so as to stir these gifts into flame. Paul instructs us to “guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.” Relying on the abundant spiritual gifts God has given to us, and relying on the Holy Spirit’s strength, we can bear our share of hardship well for the sake of the Gospel. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today’s Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. It is a true privilege to cooperate as servants in the work of building His Kingdom.

Living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master’s affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable. The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God’s.

Our very lives belong to God. Whatever we do on God’s behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**September 25, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,953.63
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 168.50
Helping Hands.....	\$ 90.00
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 52.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 180.00
Festival Deposits.....	\$ 1,570.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 10.00
Donations.....	\$ 20.00
School.....	\$ 349.25

***Second Collection - October 8 - 9:  
Facilities Improvement Fund***



**TRASH & TREASURE / ESTATE-SALE  
DONATIONS**

**PODS for the Estate Sale and Trash & Treasure are now available and accepting donations on Sundays from 11 am until 2 pm.**

**Weekday donation drop-off Contacts:**

**Estate-Sale - Mary Johnson - (210) 473-5742  
Trash + Treasure: Flo Rojas - (210) 687-7895**

**\*\*\* LOST \*\*\***

**One of our Catholic Daughters lost her CD-Ribbon with medals last weekend. She went back to look for it but it was not there. It means a lot to her.**

**If found, please bring it to the Parish Office or give it to Father or a Deacon.**

**\*\*\* a modest reward is offered for its return \*\*\***



I have been asked this question on more than one occasion... so I thought I would try to explain the differences here in the 'Corner.'

**Q:** What is the difference between Feast Days, Solemnities, and Memorials on the Church Calendar?

**A:** First of all, when we say *Feast*, we are not talking about 'feasting'... as in a large meal. A better definition would probably be a *Festival*... or *Celebration*.

**Feast days** in the Church Year commemorate certain events in Salvation History. They include Sacred Mysteries or events pertaining to God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother, Angels and/or the Saints.

A **Solemnity** is the highest rank of celebration and is identified on the calendar with an "S".

Easter, Christmas, All Saints Day, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in Our Lord's life as well as for certain Saints are **Solemnities** and **MUST BE CELEBRATED**. The Gloria and Creed are always said on Solemnities. Solemnities are like Sundays, but most of them are **NOT Holy Days of Obligation**.

**Feasts** are the next rank down and are identified with an "F" on the Calendar. They consist of celebrations of certain saints like the Feast of the Archangels and many of the *more prominent* Saints. The Gloria is required / said on these days, but not the Creed.

**Memorials** are the lowest rank and include celebrations of most of the saints. The Gloria is not said on these days. Some memorials **MUST be observed / celebrated**. These are called "**Obligatory**" memorials and are identified on the calendar with a capital "M". Some are **Optional** Memorials and are identified with a lower-case "m". Optional Memorials may be observed / celebrated but not required.

Hope this helps a bit...

Until next time... God Bless- Dcn Tim

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

**The power of the Rosary is BEYOND DESCRIPTION!** *ArchBishop Fulton Scheen*

Join us as we pray for: **God and Our Lady to save America from today's chaos, immorality, social upheaval... and so much more!**

Our Public Square Rosary will take place Saturday, October 15th, at Noon  
at the grotto in front of the rectory...

**Everyone is invited to participate!**  
**Let's make this the biggest Crusade Event that STM has ever seen!!**

For More Information: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

*"Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."*  
*St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

## Sanación Durante Los Días Festivos - Haciendo que su pena cuente

- El dolor durante los días festivos siempre son un reto, y aún más en estos últimos años.
- La temporada de los días festivos renueva los recuerdos, lazos familiares y tradiciones. Nos volvemos dolorosamente conscientes de que nuestro ser querido ya no está presente, y el dolor de la pérdida se confunde con el espíritu de la temporada, lo que dificulta su navegación para las familias.
- Actualmente vivimos con una capa adicional de dolor colectivo y vulnerabilidad.
- Aprender a navegar por un mundo cambiante combinado con el dolor de nuestra pérdida nos hace pensar en varios niveles. ¿Cómo nos permitimos, en estos tiempos, "*hacer que nuestra pena cuente*" y encontrar nuestra base interna y resiliencia?
- Este taller ayudará a identificar los recursos internos y externos que contribuyen a la autocompasión y mejoran la resiliencia. Ayudará a las familias a aceptar su pena mismo tiempo que fortalece las características de la resiliencia.
- Los participantes usarán la temporada de los días festivos para descubrir cómo su ser querido puede seguir viviendo en la historia de su vida, utilizando este tiempo especial para continuar sanando.

**Cuándo:** Miércoles, 19 de octubre de 2022

**Dónde:** St Thomas More Catholic Church

**Hora:** 10:00 - 11:30 am

**Presentadora:** Chaplin Harry Miller B.Div

**Contacto (RSVP):** Oficina de la Iglesia (210) 655-5070

**Costo:** \$0. - gratis

*Esta será una presentación bilingüe*



**St. Thomas More Fall Festival 2022**

**Help us coordinate our biggest event of the year!  
To Volunteer, Ask Questions, or make a Donation  
CONTACT: Roland and Sylvia Rodriguez at  
(210)669-8161**



**40 DAYS for LIFE  
September 28 - November 6**

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!**



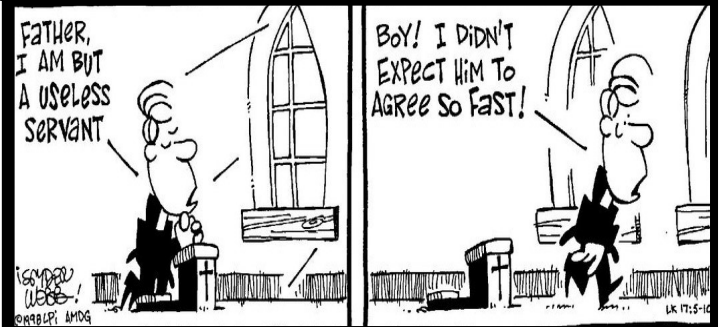
You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!  
Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach  
40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!



**St. Thomas More  
English Prayer Group**



Oct 5 Core Mtg - 10:30a - Rectory Mtg Room  
Oct 13 World Word - WAR  
"As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,  
Israel had the better of the fight." (Ex 17:11)  
Oct 27 MY SAVIOR - "The Son of Man has come to search  
out and save what was lost." (Lk 19:10)  
Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of  
**Viola Murray**  
who died recently  
Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are  
extended to:  
The Murray and Sprague Families



**Mark Your Calendars!!**

The St. Thomas More Guadalupanos  
are sponsoring a  
**Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino  
Bus Trip**

\$40 per person

Monday, October 10, 2022

We will meet at Carolan Hall Parking Lot  
Arrive by 6 am - Bus departs at 6:30 am  
For more information contact:  
**Elda Garcia @ (210) 421-3040**

**Healing Holidays - Making your Grief Count**

Grief during the Holidays is always challenging, and even more so in these past several years. The holidays renew memories, family ties, and traditions. We become painfully aware that our loved one is no longer present, and the pain of the loss is confused with the spirit of the season making it difficult for families to navigate. Currently we are living with an added layer of collective grief and vulnerability. Learning to navigate a changing world combined with the sorrow of our loss causes us to grieve on many levels. How do we allow ourselves, in these times, to "make our grief count" and find our internal grounding and resilience? This workshop will help identify internal and external resources that contribute to self-compassion and enhance resiliency. It will help families to embrace their grief while strengthening characteristics of resilience. Participants will use the holidays to discover how their loved one can live on into their life story, using this special time to continue to heal.

**When:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
**Where:** St Thomas More Catholic Church  
**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30 am  
**Presenter:** Chaplain Harry Miller B.Div

**Contact (RSVP):** Church Office (210) 655-5070  
**Cost:** \$0. - no charge

*This will be a Bilingual Presentation*

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
 10:00 am KC Corporate Mass - *Church*  
 2:00 pm Parish Assembly Planning Mtg - (Spanish)  
*Carolán Hall*

**Monday, October 3, 2022**  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*  
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - *RMR*

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
 10:30 am English Prayer Grp Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolán Hall*  
 7:00 pm Cuento de Navidad Practice - *Rectory Mtg Rm*  
 Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**  
 5:00 pm KC BBQ Prep for Festival - *Carolán Hall*  
 6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*  
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, October 7, 2022**  
 6:30 pm Guitar / Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg. Rm*  
 7:00 pm La Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**  
**\*\*\* PARISH FESTIVAL - Church Grounds \*\*\***  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Esperanza Hernandez by Flor Mata  
 †Deceased Mbrs - *Nguyen Family* by Thuy Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Baby Dawn Espinoza by Mom & Dad  
 †Lucy Cardoza Jackson  
 by Espinoza Family & Grand Child

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes  
 †Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 12:00 pm †Ulysses Francisco Cortez by Cortez Family  
**Health - Maria Elena Mena** by Family

**Monday, October 3, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Mary Monteverdi by Parish Friends  
**In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
 †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Vicente Nghiep by Kim Nguyen  
**†Deceased Mbrs - Nguyen Family** by Thuy Nguyen

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 (Communion Service)**  
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, October 7, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Deceased Mbrs - *Nguyen Family* by Thuy Nguyen  
**In Thanksgiving** by Rebecca McMurtry

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**  
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 †Deceased Mbrs - *Nguyen Family* by Thuy Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Adeline Richardson by Mary Ann Dillin  
 †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Deceased Mbrs - *Nguyen Family* by Thuy Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Charlie Schleigh by Theresa Schleigh  
 †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales  
 by Morales & Briseno Families  
 12:00 pm †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
**Family Blessings - Joe & Flo Tobar**  
 by Janie Vela Cavazos



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Michael Skeldon*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 3 - 9 Octubre**

**Lunes:** Gal 1:6-12; Sal 110:1-2,7-10;  
 Lc 10:25-37

**Martes:** Gal 1:13-24; Sal 138:1-3,13-15;  
 Lc 10:38-42

**Miércoles:** Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Sal 116:1,2; Lc 11:1-4

**Jueves:** Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lc 11:5-13

**Viernes:** Gal 3:7-14; Sal 110:1-6; Lc 11:15-26

**Sábado:** Gal 3:21-29; Sal 104:2-7; Lc 11:27-28

**Domingo:** 2Kgs 5:14-17; Sal 97:1-4; 2Tim 2:8-13;  
 Lc 17:11-19

**Readings for the week of Oct 3 - 9**

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2,7-10; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3,13-15;  
 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 117:1bc,2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lc 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** 2Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2Tm 2:8-13;  
 Lk 17:11-19

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim. (+2 Vol - IN)  
**Lector** - R.Davis

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John, (+1 Vol - IN)  
**Lector** - S.McCarthy

10 am **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, P+R.Mendoza  
**Lector** - Ali.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, Gil.Torres, Guad.Torres  
**Lector** - F.tobar / C.Torres