

**First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025**

Welcome to St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Thank you for celebrating with us today! We warmly welcome you to our humble place of worship, where we hope you have a loving experience of God. Our Lord Jesus comes to us in word and sacrament as we celebrate his life, death, and resurrection at Holy Mass. If this is your first time visiting, we hope you find a new spiritual home away from home! Founded in 1964, our parish has a long tradition of proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sustainable only by your contributions, your generosity is sincerely appreciated. We welcome you, again, and thank you for celebrating with us.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Friday (STM School Mass)	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 p.m.
	(Español)

"The parish does not ask for favors either by email or text to parishioners asking to purchase gift cards of any sort."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Maggie Briseño - Coordinator
Gilbert Cantú, Alli Fuentes, Alicia Perez,
Cesar Paez & Vicky Smith.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

David Allen - Coordinator
RoseMarie Evancho, Michele Allen &
Rita Davis

St. Thomas More Catholic School

Our school offers excellent Academic opportunities for children beginning at 18 months up to 8th grade. Tuition assistance programs are available for families that qualify. For more information please call 210-655-2882 or visit our website: www.St-Thomas-More-School.org

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS

Holy Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. or by Appointment

Baptism

Parents and God-Parents must attend class prior to the Baptism.

Celebrated on:

The 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (Spanish)

The 4th Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (English)

Marriage & Quinceañera's

CONTACT THE PASTOR AT LEAST 9 MONTHS PRIOR TO DESIRED CEREMONY DATE.

Anointing of the Sick

Those facing hospitalization, surgery or have a significant illness and desire physical & spiritual healing are asked to call the office to schedule an anointing.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday Adoration after Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Monthly English Holy Hour is the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

La Hora Santa Mensual es el primer Viernes del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education Office

We offer Religious Education (including Sacramental Preparation) in English & Spanish for children in grades 1 through 12.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

PASTOR - REV. ED GONZALES.....
EMAIL.....FRGONZALES.STMC@GMAIL.COM

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE -

DEACON (RET) TIMOTHY M. TATE SR. EXT. 106

DEACON - ROLANDO GUERRA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-MONICA AGUIRRE.. EXT. 100

BOOKKEEPER - RHONDA VILLALOBOS

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

/SACRAMENTAL RECORDS - MARTHA GUERRA. . . EXT. 101

FACILITIES MANAGER - JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ

4411 Moana Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78218

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

CONTACT US

210.655.5070 (Office)

EMAIL :

STMPARISH@LIVE.COM
WEBSITE:

Gospel Meditation:

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (*in this example*), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

Uno de los momentos más fascinantes de la historia de Estados Unidos es cuando George Washington podría haberse convertido en el rey de los Estados Unidos recién liberados y no lo hizo. En el apogeo de su poder y fama, el 23 de diciembre de 1783, renunció a su comisión como Comandante en Jefe y se fue a casa. El asombrado rey de Inglaterra comentó que, al hacerlo, Washington era "el hombre más grande del mundo". La grandeza a menudo se define por lo que podríamos hacer pero no lo hacemos. La grandeza se mide por las tentaciones que vencemos.

La grandeza de Jesús también se revela en su victoria sobre las tentaciones. Los tres que le ofrece el diablo contienen, podríamos decir, todas las tentaciones posibles: alimento, poder y fama. Corresponden a las tres necesidades humanas de cuerpo, alma y espíritu. Al vencer estos tres, dice "no" en esencia a todas y cada una de las tentaciones más grandes. Vemos que todos los deseos de su humanidad —cuerpo, alma y espíritu— están perfectamente unidos a Dios, al amor. Este es un poder disponible para cada miembro de su cuerpo. Es el camino hacia la verdadera grandeza. ¿Cómo podemos nosotros, que caemos tan fácilmente incluso en tentaciones pequeñas, encontrar el poder para vencer las grandes? Entrando en la gran dinámica de las tentaciones de Jesús.

Desafío de la Cuaresma: Esta primera semana de Cuaresma, haz una lista de algunas formas concretas en las que puedes superar las tentaciones que corresponden a tus deseos. Por ejemplo, puede renunciar a los bocadillos entre comidas, optar por no participar en una actividad en la que es un experto y decidir reducir las publicaciones en las redes sociales en un 50%. Puede que no parezca mucho, pero al decir "no" a la tiranía de la comida, el poder y la fama (*en este ejemplo*), descubrirás la verdadera grandeza.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,421.25
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 268.41
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 45.00
Giving Tree Doations.....	\$ 295.00

**Second Collection March 15 - 16:
There is no 2nd Collection Next Week**



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

GUADALUPANOS' LENTEN RETREAT***Friends, Family, and Members of St. Thomas More:*****You are cordially invited to our Guadalupanos' Lenten Retreat*****A Journey through Lent with Our Lady of Guadalupe!*****Join us for this inspiring event!*****(This is a Free Event)******Saturday, March 15th******8 am to Noon*****We begin with Mass at 8 am
followed a light breakfast
and****the Retreat in Carolan Hall*****Guest Speaker: Transitional Deacon Jim Craig******Hope to See You There!!*****All are Welcome!****PRICE INCREASE*****Well, Inflation is finally catching up with us!!***

Our supplier has significantly raised the price of our devotion candles. We are absorbing the price increase of the smaller candles but the increase in the larger candles is significantly more and presents a problem.

While we are constantly looking for more reasonable prices / suppliers... unfortunately, we are forced to raise the price of the larger prayer candles from \$3. to \$4 per candle... *effective immediately.*

We apologize for any hardship this may cause.

Lenten Penance Opportunities

As we enter the Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we offer the following opportunities to reconcile to God, Church, and each other.

In addition to our normal Penance opportunities,
(Saturday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:45 pm),

Fr. Ed is offering the following:

Fri, March 14, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Fri, March 21, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Fri, March 28, from 3:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of this opportunity!

**Additional Penance Opportunities**

Penance services in our surrounding area:

Thurs, Mar 13 - St Patricks 7:00 pm

Mon, Mar 17 - St John Neuman 6:00 pm

Thurs, Mar 25 - St. Pius X 6:00 pm

Fri/Sat, Mar 28-29 - St. Helena 9:30 am / 24 hrs

Tues, Apr 1 - Our Lady of Grace 6:00 pm

Wed, Apr 2 - Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm

St. Joan of Arc 6:30 pm

Thurs, Apr 10 - St. Monicas 6:30 pm

Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries**Ways to Give:**

Visit archsa.org/aafm_giveasa/

Call (210) 734-1910

Mail to PO Box 7374 Kensington, CT 06037

Scan the QR code:

**YOU ARE INVITED!****ACTS**

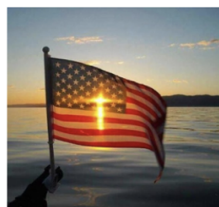
*"Father, into your hands
I commit my spirit!"*

Luke 23:46



For Electronic
Registration Form

ACTS Missions Military
Women's Retreat 2025



For Partial or Full
Retreat Fee Payments
*3% fee required

ACTS Missions Military
Women's Retreat 2025

We invite you to join us on a special spiritual retreat for military women by military women.

The retreat is hosted by St Monica's Catholic Church and will take place **April 10 - 13, 2025** at the St Anthony de Padua Retreat Center.

The cost of the retreat is \$220. To guarantee your spot, a deposit of \$50 is required. **PLEASE NOTE: Confidential scholarships** are available because financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending- contact one of the leadership team for details.

Director:

Monica Weidner- 817.823.3612

Monica.L.Weidner@gmail.com

Co-Directors:

Rachel Aldaz- 210.240.7249 RchAldaz@gmail.com

Kirsten Verkamp- 702.202.8077 KMVerkamp@gmail.com

HOLY THURSDAY PRAYER CANDLES

Our Catholic Daughters will be selling Prayer Candles this year. Cost will be \$6 per candle and must be pre-paid. (*cash, check, or Zelle will be accepted*).

You may order your candle(s) on the following dates:

- Sunday, Mar 9 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and in front of the church after the Noon Mass.
- Saturday, Mar 15 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, Mar 16 - in front of the Church after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and by the School Playground after the Noon Mass.
- Saturday, Mar 22 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, Mar 23 - in Carolan Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses; and in front of the church after the Noon Mass.
- Saturday, Mar 29 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, Mar 30 - by the School playground after all Masses
- Saturday, Apr 5 - by the School playground after the 5 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, Apr 6 - by the School playground after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses only
- Saturday, Apr 12 - in front of the church after the 5 o'clock Mass
- Sunday, Apr 13 - in front of the church after all Masses

April 13th is the last day to order candles.

**Plant Sale**

The Catholic Daughters are having a plant sale on Sunday - April 6 after all the masses.

We are asking for donations of plants and any gardening items (*new or used*).
(*We could use plants, tools, pots, and decorative garden items*)

We will be collect items on Saturday, April 5 between 5 and 7 pm on the school playground

Contact:

Belinda Trevino 210-275-6529

Lupe Gifford 210-355-3562



MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Edward Ramirez

(*father of parishioner Monica Aguirre*)

who passed away this past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to Monica and the Ramirez / Aguirre Families

May he Rest in Peace.

Lenten reflections

Our English Prayer Group is hosting a Lenten Lecture Series

to assist us in our Lenten Journey.

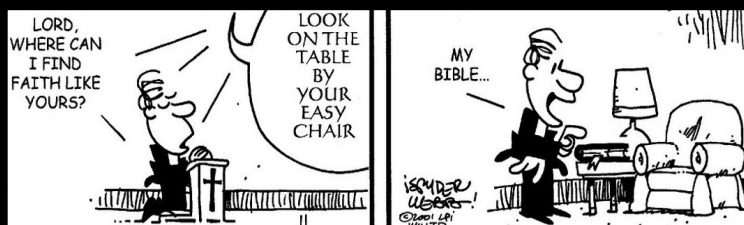
all are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

(*These are Free Events - but there will be a "Love Offering"*)

Guest Presenter will be our own Deacon Rolando

Thursdays: March 13, 20, and 27th at 6 pm, in the Church.

**So... Mark your calendars!
You don't want to miss this!**

**2025 Lenten Schedule****Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday: 6 pm - English

7 pm - Spanish

(Friday, April 11, the School Children will lead)

KC Fish Fry

Fridays, March 21, and 28 @ 5 pm
in Carolan Hall

Holy Week

Palm Sunday / April 12-13: Regular Schedule

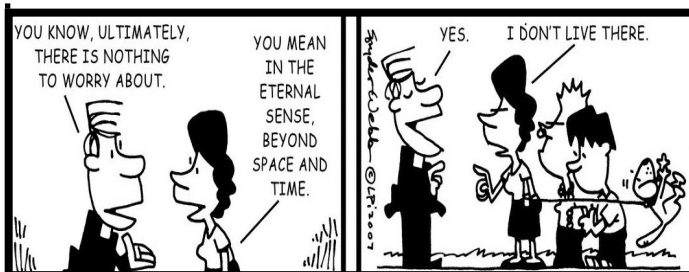
Mon - Wed / April 14-16: Regular Schedule (8 am Mass)

Holy Thursday / April 17: 7 pm only (*no morning Mass*)

Good Friday / April 18: 1 pm - via Crucis - Outside Church
3 pm - Passion of Our Lord (*bilingual*)

Holy Saturday / April 19: 6 pm - Pesame Bilingual Prayer Svc
8 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday / April 20: Regular Schedule



This Week at Our Parish*** Daylight Saving Time Begins - **SPRING FORWARD** ***

*** KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses ***

Sunday, March 9, 20258:00 am KoC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall***Monday, March 10, 2024**5:30 pm Guadalupanos Retreat Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*6:00 pm KC 3Degree Mtg - *Carolan Hall*6:30 pm Homebound Ministry Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-1***Tuesday, March 11, 2024**5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room-1*7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Cancelled***Wednesday, March 12, 2025**6:15 pm Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - *Church***Thursday, March 13, 2025**6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - *Church*6:30 pm CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Room-2*7:00 pm OCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*Grupo de Oracion Via Crucis Practice - *Outside church***Friday, March 14, 2025**9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*Guadalupanos Retreat Setup - *Carolan Hall*6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - *Church*7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion / Via Crucis - *Church***Saturday, March 15, 2025**8:00 am Guadalupanos Retreat - *Carolan Hall*3:30 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

*** KCs selling BBQ Tickets After Masses ***

Sunday, March 16, 20258:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Meeting - *Church / Carolan Hall***Lecturas de la Semana del 10 - 16 mar****Lunes:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Sal 18:810,15;
Mt 25:31-46**Martes:** Is 55:10-11; Sal 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15**Miércoles:** Jon 3:1-10; Sal 50:3-4,12-13,18-19;
Lc 11:29-32**Jueves:** Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Sal 137:1-3,7-8;
Mt 7:7-12**Viernes:** Ez 18:21-28; Sal 129:1-8; Mt 5:20-26**Sábado:** Dt 26:16-19; Sal 118:1-2,4-5,7-8;
Mt 5:43-48**Domingo:** Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Sal 26:1,7-9,13-14;
Flp 3:17-4:1; Lc 9:28-36**Readings for the week of Mar 10 - 16****Monday:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15;
Mt 25:31-46**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19;
Lk 11:29-32**Thursday:** Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7-8;
Mt 7:7-12**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8;
Mt 5:43-48**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14;
Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36**Mass Intentions****Saturday, March 8, 2025** - *St. John of God, Religious*5:00 pm **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased***** Daylight Saving Time Begins - **SPRING FORWARD** *****Sunday, March 9, 2025** - *1st Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am	†Jovita Alaniz Palacios	by Palacios Family
	†Cecilia Nguyen	by Thuy Nguyen
	†Stevie Flores	by Brothers & Sisters
	†Lary Ding	by Maria Nguyen
	†Carmen Ortega	by Elena Martinez, Olivia Santiago, and Andrea Lopez
10:00 am	†Salome H. & Carolina B. Brisen	By Morales / Brisen Family
12:00 pm	†Animas del Purgatorio	by Cisneros Family
	†Samuel Orozco Perez	by Peredia Orozco Family

Monday, March 10, 2024 - *Monday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am †Deceased Mbrs - Aguillon Family by Family

Tuesday, March 11, 2024 - *Tuesday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am †Ray & Geri Wiater

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - *Wednesday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am †Martha Rivera by Rosas Family

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - *Thursday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am †Michael Gutierrez by Rita Davis

Friday, March 14, 2025 - *Friday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am †Margarita Velasquez by Hope Alvarado

Saturday, March 15, 2025 - *Saturday in First Week of Lent*

8:00 am	†Arturo & Frances Cuellar	by Family
8:00 am	†Deceased Mbrs of the Sprencel & Biemer Famil	by Biemer Family
5:00 pm	†Jose Gilberto Cantu	by Juanita Cantu
	†Dustin Rinehart	by Carol
	†Alicia Palomo	by Family
	Birthday - Raquel A. Cantu	by Juanita Cantu

Sunday, March 16, 2025 - *2nd Sunday of Lent*8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

10:00 am	†Ignacio Perez	by Perez Family
	†Carmen Ortega	by Elena Martinez, Olivia Santiago, and Andrea Lopez
	Boudreaux Family	by Gladys Boudreaux
	David & Michele Allen & Family	by Sr. M.Cabrini
	Birthday - Atticus Mata	by Flor Mata
12:00 pm	†Animas del Purgatorio	by Cisneros Family

**Sanctuary Light Intention:*****Isidro & Dolores Martinez*****Liturgical Roles****Saturday, March 15, 2025**5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - Volunteers**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, C.Lange, R.Saldiva,
S.Trimm, L.Adams**Lector** - T.Guerrero**Sunday, March 16, 2025**8 am **Altar Servers** - Mem.Planchon, Max.Planchon**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Jim, T.Garza, M.Aguirre,
R.Castaneda, Y.Cione**Lector** - S.Castaneda10 am **Altar Servers** - M.Pereida, L.McCaffery, B.Pereida
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, V.Smith, A.Fuentes,
N.Lawson, H.Rodriguez, N.Rodriguez, Sr.Eucharía**Lector** - Ali.Perez12 pm **Altar Servers** - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, A.Llanas
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, M.Pina,
F.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, D.Llanas**Lector** - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. THOMAS MORE
Knights of Columbus Council # 7386
meets 2nd Monday of each month
at 7:00 p.m. For more information call
Rick Briseño at 210-834-7017

Catholic Daughters of America #2683



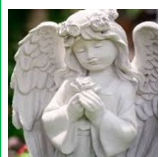
Monthly Meeting:

3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m

Contact Regent

Belinda Treviño at 210-275-6529

**In Memory of
The Leo Oswald &
The Fred Lansing
Families**



**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF REX A. BRIEN**

&

**MR. & MRS.
HILDO CASTELLÓN**

**PRAY FOR THE 3 MOST
FORGOTTEN SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

**In Memory of
Christina C. Dominguez
on behalf of
The Dominguez Family**



**In Memory of
Dr. Steven D. Sprague
on behalf of
The Sprague Family**



**In Memory
of
Jose (Joe) Galvan,
Joseph (Joe) Galvan
&**

**Billy Sheridan
on behalf of**

The Family

St. Thomas More Guadalupanos Society

Invite all men & women to our group.
Out Monthly Meeting & Fellowship Meets
The 3rd Sunday of the month, after the
8:00 a.m. Mass. For more information call
Will Torres at 210.620.2745

**Archdiocese of San Antonio
Procedures for Reporting Abuse**

If you or someone you know has been a
victim of sexual abuse by a priest,
deacon, or other church personnel and
you wish to file a complaint:
Contact the Office of Victim

**Assistance & Safe Environment at
(210) 734-7786 OR (877) 700-1888
or email: ovase@archsa.org.**

**You have the right to contact law
enforcement or CPS at any time.**



**In Loving Memory
of Joe Canales
On behalf of
The Canales Family**



**In Loving Memory
Of
Florencio Baiza,
Louise Baiza Garza,
Robert Garza
&
Ruben Sr. & Beatrice
Rodriguez**

**Music
Spectrum
Publishing Company**

ASE

LAW OFFICE OF
ADRIANA SEGUNDO EL-FARRAH, PLLC.

- Immigration
Inmigración
- Wills & Estate
Planning
Testamentos

☎ (210) 596-9984

Call or Text • Por Teléfono o Texto

www.segundoelfarrah.com



**KAPS
ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION**

Residential & Commercial
5510 FM 78
Kirby, Texas 78219
210-753-5158

**Free Estimates
Licensed & Insured**

**www.kapsrc.com
Email: larry@kapsrc.com**

**PREGNANT AND NEED
HELP?**

**Allied Women's Cent
SAVING BABIES
SINCE 1994
210-224-7077**

INFO@

**ALLIEDWOMENSCENTER.ORG
HURTING AFTER AN ABORTION?**

hopeafterabortion.com

210-342-4673

rachel@anewchoice.com



**In Loving Memory
of
Santiago G. Garcia Sr.
on behalf of
The Garcia Family**

Low Cost Dental Cleaning

FREE DENTAL CLEANING FOR SENIORS

- Supervised by licensed Dentists and dental hygienists in Palo Alto College
- Possibility of 2-7 appointments
- One time payment

Make an appointment
Dental Hygiene
Student
Alma Navarro
☎ 210 799-0570

Seniors	60 +	FREE
Adults	20-59	\$30
Adolescents	12-19	\$20
Children	5-11	\$10

Address: 1400 W Villaret Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78224