

Gospel Meditation:

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you?

You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (*probably online*) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. ***What to do?***

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "*If your brother sins against you...*" Notice the italicized words.

Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you?

If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world.

Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

¿Qué se supone que debes hacer con el mal comportamiento de las personas que te rodean?

Sabes de quién estoy hablando. Ese miembro de la familia, amigo, compañero de trabajo o conocido que es bastante inmoral. En este frente hay dos opciones animadas en nuestra cultura: golpear a la persona a los demás (probablemente en línea) o fingir que todo está bien.

El primero daña a la persona. Este último ignora la realidad. ***¿Qué hacer?***

La estrategia de Jesús en el Evangelio de Mateo es tan sabia como difícil: ir directamente a la persona, y luego ampliar gradualmente el círculo de intervención. Simple, a menudo efectivo y difícil.

Pero lo que a menudo pasamos por alto es el contexto de la estrategia del Señor: "*Si tu hermano peca contra ti...*" Observe las palabras en cursiva. ¿Está la persona en un vínculo familiar cristiano contigo?

¿Y fue la acción en cuestión contra usted? Si es así, proceda con el plan. Multa. Pero con qué frecuencia nos preocupamos por los pecados de aquellos que no son nuestros hermanos espirituales o que no nos han hecho nada directamente. Esto no es una invitación a ignorar la injusticia en el mundo. Más bien, debemos construir lazos de amor fraterno y discernir cuidadosamente cuándo y cómo los pecados de los demás son realmente nuestra preocupación. A veces lo son. Otras veces, con frecuencia, tal vez, simplemente no lo son.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 3, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,365.75
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 102.51
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 1,252.59
STM School.....	\$ 70.00
Raffle.....	\$ 5,700.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 20.00

Second Collection September 16 - 17:
Our St. Thomas More School



A Prayer of Blessing for the Fallen of 9/11

God of mercy,

In your word of Scripture, you instruct us to
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Give us today, the courage to assist those around us
who may need our assistance.

Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on:

United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,
And those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart
thankful for those who gave their lives
as first responders, as did the men and women
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One
who first responded to our need for a savior,
Jesus the Christ.

Amen.



40 DAYS for LIFE
September 27 - November 5
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!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

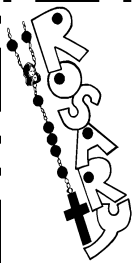
Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil Location: Outside the Planned Parenthood; 2140 Babcock Rd. 78229
Vigil Hours: 7 am to 7 pm, Mon - Sat
Local Contact: Cindi Serna - San Antonio Coalition for Life (210) 410-9424 or Cindi@sacfl.org
Learn More: *Get Involved* - Sign up for prayer times by visiting our web address shown below.
Visit: 40DaysForLife.com/SanAntonio ; www.sacfl.org



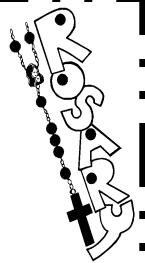
PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Sponsored by: STM Knights of Columbus, Council 7386

Join us as we pray for: An End to Abortion, The Conversion of America,
 Peace in America... and the World

Saturday, September 16, 2023 @ Noon at the Grotto outside the Rectory Office

For more information: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794



Question: *After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?*

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does.

An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate.

An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage.

In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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Pregnancy Crisis Center

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 and
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 A Woman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center
 is hiring again!**

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We provide all training.

**For more information, Email me at:
Susan.perez@awomanshaven.org**

**"Be the change you wish to see in the world and
 light up the darkness."**



Senior Appreciation Afternoon

Join Us in Carolan Hall
Sunday, September 17th
Doors Open at 2:00pm
No Cover Charge!

*Come Enjoy Live Music, Refreshments,
Door Prizes, Fellowship, & FUN!*

RSVP by September 15th!

To RSVP Contact:

Olga Weich (210) 219-9639
Frances Botello (210) 650-0252
Maria Elena Cantu (210) 218-3039



Are you
or someone you know
Divorced, Widowed, or Separated
and hurting?

The October 13-15, 2023
**Beginning Experience
Weekend Retreat**

will help you move through the
grieving process.

It offers an opportunity for turning the
pain of loss into a growth experience.

For more information on how we can help:

Visit: <http://www.sanantoniobe.org/>,

Call: 210-724-9269, or

E-mail: sanantoniobe@yahoo.com.



Healing Holidays Making your Grief Count



Grief during the Holidays is always challenging, and even more so in these past few years.

The holiday season 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.

We live with 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 difficult times, to “make our grief count” and find our grounding?

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 11, 2023
Where: St Thomas More Catholic Church
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am

Presenter: Chaplin Harry Miller B.Div
Contact (RSVP): Church Office (210) 655-5070
Cost: \$0. - no charge



This Week at Our Parish

Sunday, 8:00 am	September 10, 2023 Coro Alegria Fundraiser - <i>Church Outside</i>
Monday, 7:00 pm	September 11, 2023 Guadalupanos Board Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> KC 3Degree Council Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
Tuesday, 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	September 12, 2023 Divine Mercy - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> Guadalupanos Monthly Rosary - <i>Church</i> Coro Alegria Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - <i>Church</i>
Wednesday, 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	September 13, 2023 Pastoral Council Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> Organizational Follow-up Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i> Guadalupanos Chori Practice - <i>Church</i>
Thursday, 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	September 14, 2023 Charismatic Prayer Grp - <i>Church</i> RCIA - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
Friday, 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	September 15, 2023 Guitar & Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i> Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
Saturday, 8:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm	September 16, 2023 ACTS Team Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i> Senior Sunday Setup - <i>Carolan Hall</i> Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
Sunday, 8:00 am 2:00 pm	September 17, 2023 Guadalupanos Mass & Meeting - <i>Church / Carolan Hall</i> Senior Appreciation Sunday - <i>Carolan Hall</i>

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

*Arcenio Esquivel & Albert Villalobos
by Ana Villalobos*

Lecturas de la Semana del 11 - 17 septiembre

Lunes:	Col 1:24-2:3; Sal 61:6-7,9; Lc 6:6-11
Martes:	Col 2:6-15; Sal 144:1-2,8-11; Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles:	Col 3:1-11; Sal 144:2-3,10-13; Lc 6:20-26
Jueves:	Nm 21:4-9; Sal 77:1-2,34-38; Flp 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Viernes:	1Tim 1:1-2,12-14; Sal 15:1-2,5,7-8,11; Jn 19:25-27
Sábado:	1Tim 1:15-17; Sal 112:1-7; Lc 6:43-49
Domingo:	Eccl 27:30-28:7; Sal 102:1-4,9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Readings for the week of Sept 11 - 17

Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,10-13; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1,2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday:	1Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9, 2023 8:00 am 5:00 pm	†Blasé & Ann Pantuso STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased †Helen Manning by Joyce CoCo Special Intention - Olga Weich Continued Good Health and Blessings by Pat Weinert
Sunday, September 10, 2023 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	†AnneMarie Oswald by Evancho Family †Charlene Petsch by Volpenhein Family †Ruben Villa by Gloria Villa †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales & Briseno Families †Miguel Fuentes Ramirez by Fuentes Family †Ramona Moorman by Isela Bazan
Monday, September 11, 2023 8:00 am	†Dean Lansing In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:00 am	†Jeff Moorman by Isela Bazan †Theodore Willingham by Margie Murray
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8:00 am	†Enrique Orozco Luevano by Eddie Reyes †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller
Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:00 am	Ordained Clergy and Religious
Friday, September 15, 2023 8:00 am	†Anna Maria G. Castillo by Castillo Family In Thanksgiving by Kim Nguyen
Saturday, September 16, 2023 8:00 am 5:00 pm	†Al Weinheimer by Kim Nguyen In Thanksgiving †Helen Manning by Joyce CoCo †Joseph J. Weich by Pat Weinert
Sunday, September 17, 2023 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	†Frances Cuellar by Gloria Villa †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia †Al Weinheimer by Volpenhein Family STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased †Kathryn maria Sweet by Maria T. Sweet †Rafael Soria Anguiano & Jose Cisneros Cisneros by Guadalupe Soria

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

5 pm	Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.G.Garza, E.Guerrero, J.Garcia, (+1 Vol) Lector - T.Guerrero
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Sunday, September 17, 2023

8 am	Altar Servers - (None) Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, E+M.Cantu, E.Garcia, R.Mendoza, (+1 vol) Lector - O.Weich
10 am	Altar Servers - J.Cantu, B.Pereida, M.Pereida Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando , J+And.Perez, H+N.Rodriguea, M.Briseno, V.Gifford Lector - Ali.Perez
12 pm	Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando , C.Hernandez, A.Chavez, H+R.gomez, D+F.Malacara, M.Pina Lector - L.Lopez / R.Borrego