

**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*

*Pray for*  
**VOCATIONS**



**PARISH LENTEN CHALLENGE:**  
*40 Cans for Lent*

*Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.*

-Proverbs 22:9

Catholic Charities Food Pantry is accepting your generous donation of canned goods... cereal, pasta and other non-perishable food items.

Donate one can of food for each day of Lent as a reminder of the penance we should be doing as we prepare for the passion of our Lord. Your donation feeds our neighbors throughout the year.

We have a collection bin in the back of the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!.. And... God Bless-

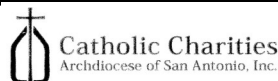


**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**February 11, 2024**

|                             |    |          |
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| Sunday Collection .....     | \$ | 6,174.41 |
| Vigil Candles.....          | \$ | 100.00   |
| Facilities Improvement..... | \$ | 70.00    |
| Helping Hands.....          | \$ | 112.00   |
| STM School.....             | \$ | 40.00    |
| Mass Intentions.....        | \$ | 210.00   |
| Donations.....              | \$ | 200.00   |

*Second Collection Feb 24 - 25:  
to Support our St. Thomas More School*




**40 DAYS OF SERVICE**


*February 15 - March 26, 2024*

*Join the volunteer movement that is transforming our community!*

**During 40 Days of Service, our community comes together to serve our most vulnerable with love, respect, and dignity.**

**Join the thousands of volunteers who have served our neighbors!**

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**Gospel Meditation:**

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it mean?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “*Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.*” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Cuando me siento deprimido, a veces veo el famoso video "Double Rainbow" en YouTube para sentirme mejor. Es divertidísimo. Un joven que acampa en el parque Yosemite ve dos arcoíris que se extienden por el cielo. Estalla en una especie de éxtasis. "¡Doble arco iris, hasta el final! ¡Dios mío!", anuncia. Entonces se pone a llorar. Grita: "¿Qué significa esto?" Debajo del humor de su gloriosa reacción exagerada está la profunda intuición que todos tenemos, creo, cuando vemos el colorido arco en el cielo. Este domingo, Dios envía un arco iris a Noé y a nosotros. ¿Qué significa?

Mucho antes de que YouTube tuviera el doble arcoíris, el poema medieval de Dante, *La Divina Comedia*, presentaba uno a su imagen y semejanza del paraíso. Al ver dos arcoíris, reflexiona que uno nace del otro. El arco es la promesa de paz de Dios. Para Dante, es aún más: la imagen encriptada del Dios Trinitario por parte de la naturaleza. Un arco iris visible (Dios el Hijo) es engendrado de otro usualmente invisible (Dios el Padre) unido por una luz invisible entre ellos (Dios el Espíritu). Como la luz invisible, la gloria trinitaria nos rodea en todo momento, pero Jesús la ha hecho visible en su cuerpo glorioso.

**Desafío de la Cuaresma:** Esto puede parecer una tontería, pero en esta Cuaresma te invito a encontrar un arco iris y meditar en él. Es posible que tengas que hacer uno tú mismo, como lo hará este habitante del desierto actual. Míralo. Vean allí un regalo natural del Creador, diciéndoles:

*"¡Aquí estoy! Te amaré y te protegeré, rodeándote en Mi gloria".*

En esta Cuaresma, abracemos eso con confianza, llueva o truene.

— Father John Muir

**Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis**

Join us for this special Lenten Devotion  
Friday evenings during Lent - 6 pm / English  
7 pm / Spanish  
(with a Special Presentation / Re-Enactment by  
our {STM} School Children on Friday, March 22nd.)



— Also —

Mark your Calendar for our  
Parish Penance Service / Servicio de Penitencia!  
Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Examination of Conscience beginning at 6:30 pm  
Followed by Individual Confessions



TODAY  
YOU WILL  
BE WITH ME IN  
PARADISE

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of  
Long-time Parishioner and Friend

***Aurora Martinez***

Who died recently

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers  
are extended to

Pete and the Martinez Family

***May she Rest in Peace.***

## LUMEN GENTIUM AWARD - 2023



The **Lumen Gentium** (*Light to the Nations*) Award is bestowed upon an individual or married couple who have demonstrated by their life, service, and ministry - participation in the mission of Christ Jesus and His Church. As explained by the documents of the Second Vatican Council. (*"You are the light of the world... your light must shine in the sight of all, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven"* Mt 5:14,16)

The Lumen Gentium recipient must be someone who lives their Baptismal Call in an extraordinary way through stewardship and leadership. To quote from The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*):

*"The laity are given this special vocation: to make the Church present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that she can become the salt of the earth."*

**Carlos and Maria Isabel Hernandez**  
are this year's recipients of this award.

Carlos and Maria Isabel have been members of STM for 10 years... humbly serving the parish, striving to bring all those whose lives they touch to the Lord. They are the leaders of the Spanish Charismatic prayer group (*Grupo de Oracion*), where they lead a Spanish choir and ministry for our Spanish Masses and community.

They host a monthly Holy Hour (*Hora Santa*) and an annual live "*Passion of the Christ*" procession through the church grounds and local community.

They support and contribute to our church community through their fundraising, helping with the STM annual festival, supporting other parish ministries in their projects and endeavors, and annually hosting a men's retreat and a family retreat. They also assist the Pastor with our Marriage Preparation program.

Maria Isabel serves as treasurer of the Centro Carismático Hispano, a ministry that puts together retreats for various church communities. She also serves as a Eucharistic minister, and usher at STM.

Carlos has completed a two-year Pastoral Lay Formation Certificate Program from the Oblate School of Theology; and has begun the process for becoming an instituted Acolyte through MACC.

He serves as an altar server and eucharistic minister and is a member of the Centro Carismático Hispano.

***Congratulations Carlos and Maria Isabel***  
***Keep up the good work!***

El **Premio Lumen Gentium** (*Luz para las Naciones*) se otorga a una persona o pareja casada que ha demostrado con su vida, servicio y ministerio, su participación en la misión de Cristo Jesús y Su Iglesia. Como explican los documentos del Concilio Vaticano II. (*"Vosotros sois la luz del mundo... Es necesario que tu luz brille a la vista de todos, para que, viendo tus buenas obras, alaben a tu Padre que está en los cielos"* Mt 5, 14.16)

El recipiente de el Lumen Gentium debe ser alguien que viva su llamado bautismal de una manera extraordinaria a través de su discipulado y el liderazgo. Citando la Constitución dogmática sobre la Iglesia (*Lumen gentium*):

*"A los laicos se les da esta vocación especial: hacer presente y fecunda a la Iglesia en aquellos lugares y circunstancias en los que sólo a través de ellos puede llegar a ser la sal de la tierra".*

**Carlos y Maria Isabel Hernandez**  
son los galardonados este año con este premio.

Carlos y María Isabel son miembros de STM desde hace 10 años... sirviendo humildemente a la parroquia, esforzándose por llevar al Señor a todos aquellos cuyas vidas tocan. Son los líderes del Grupo de Oración Carismático en Español, donde dirigen un coro en español y un ministerio para nuestras Misas en español y la comunidad. Organizan una Hora Santa mensual y una procesión anual en vivo de la "*Pasión de Cristo*" a través de los terrenos de la iglesia y la comunidad local.

Apoyan y contribuyen a nuestra comunidad eclesial a través de su recaudación de fondos, ayudando con el festival anual de STM, apoyando a otros ministerios parroquiales en sus proyectos y esfuerzos, y organizando anualmente un retiro para hombres y un retiro familiar. También ayudan al Pastor con nuestro programa de Preparación Matrimonial.

Maria Isabel se desempeña como tesorera del Centro Carismático Hispano, un ministerio que organiza retiros para varias comunidades eclesiales. También se desempeña como ministra de la Eucaristía y acomodadora en STM.

Carlos ha completado un Programa de Certificación de Formación Pastoral Laica de dos años de la Escuela Oblata de Teología; y ha comenzado el proceso para convertirse en un Acólito instituido a través de MACC. Se desempeña como monaguillo y ministro de la Eucaristía y es miembro del Centro Carismático Hispano.

***Enhorabuena Carlos y María Isabel***  
***¡Siguan con el buen trabajo!***

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass / Mtg - Church / Carolan Hall

**Monday, February 19 2024**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Room  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - Church  
CDA General Mtg - Carolan Hall

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
6:30 pm 40 Days of Lent - Carolan Hall  
Guadalupanos Retreat Planning Mtg - Rectory Dining Room  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Via Crucis practice) - Parking Lot

**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
6:30 pm Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church  
7:00 pm RCIA - Rectory Mtg Room

**Friday, February 23, 2024**  
9:00 am Friday Adoration - Church  
6:00 pm KC3 Breakfast Prep - Carolan Hall  
Stations of the Cross - Church  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Via Crucis) - Church

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
8:00 am KC Breakfast - Carolan Hall  
10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**  
8:00 am †Abigail Rovayo by Acosta Family  
†Douglas Rabel by Virginia Rabel  
5:00 pm †Fred Sanchez by Guadalupanos Society  
**Healing & Recovery - Kevin Lopez** by Kevin Lopez, Jr

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
8:00 am †Ralph W. Garcia by Elda Garcia  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom  
**Spec Intention to St. Jude for Larry's Health** by Martha Arredondo  
by Maria T. Sweet

**Monday, February 19, 2024**  
8:00 am **Special Intention - Evelia Alcalá** by Alcalá Family  
†Ramon Mata, Sr by Mata Family

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
8:00 am **Healing & Fast Recovery - Kevin Lopez** by Kevin Lopez, Jr

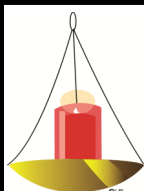
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
8:00 am **Special Intention - Conversion & Spirituality** - Melannye Alcalá

**Thursday, February 22 2024**  
8:00 am †Michael McDonald by the Trimmis  
†Juan & Rita Segovia by Theresa Garza  
**All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, February 23, 2024**  
8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
8:00 am **All Homebound Parishioners**  
5:00 pm †Alfredo Sanchez by Roger & Josh Barrett  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
8:00 am †Diana Ramirez & Ruben Villa by Family  
**Baca Family - Living and Deceased** by Ramona Yglesia  
10:00 am †Sonia Hernandez by Family  
†Genevieve Oswald by Oswald Family  
12:00 pm †Eva Garcia & Jeremias Reyes by Rosa Maria Reyes  
†Theresa Hoi by Kim Nguyen



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
**Kevin Lopez**

**Lecturas de la Semana del 19 - 25 febrero**

**Lunes:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Sal 18:8-10,15;  
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:** 1Pe 5:1-4; Sal 22:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

**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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Sal 115:10,15-19;  
Rom 8:31-34; Mc 9:2-10

**Readings for the week of 19 - 25 Feb**

**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:** 1Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-5,7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19;  
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**  
5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, T.S.Garza, E.Guerrero, R.Saldiva, K.Ball  
Lector - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Aguirre, R.Castaneda, R.Davila, S.Trimm  
Lector - S.Trimm

10 am Altar Servers - L.McCaffery, A.McCaffery, M.Pereida  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, CDA  
Lector - CDA

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, D+F.Malacara, C.Martinez, C.Martinez, M.Pina, E.Obregon  
Lector - I.Hernandez / E.Licon