

## *A Walk Through the Lenten Season*



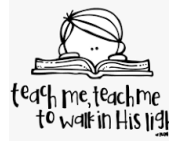
Lent is a gift that our Catholic faith gives us to take time to reflect on the love God has for each of us and to prepare ourselves for the joyous Easter season.

You are invited to join us and share our Catholic faith through prayer and discussion of the Scriptures for the upcoming Lenten Sundays.

Fr. Jim Schellenberg and Mary Farr will lead us as we talk, learn, and look at the meaning of scripture in our daily lives. By discussing and sharing what these scriptures bring to us - we hope to learn and see them with fresh eyes that will bring us closer to Jesus and help us deepen our relationship with him.

Make plans to come share our Catholic faith during this special time with our parish community and

***BRING A FRIEND!***



Sessions will begin  
Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p  
in Carolan Hall and

will continue on Wednesdays thereafter,  
at 6:30p in Carolan Hall, through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

A special thanks to Fr. Schellenberg and Mary Farr for leading us and sharing their faith with our parish community.

Please inform us if you plan to attend.  
*(This will help us to have sufficient materials)*

E-mail to Flo Tobar [jtobar@swbell.net](mailto:jtobar@swbell.net) or  
call or text to: **210.313.8825.**

***COME JOIN US!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE***

### \*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*

Fr. Ed will be out of the Parish most of next week. He will be attending a mandatory Retreat for Priests. As there will be no priest available to celebrate Mass next *Tuesday through Friday*... we will celebrate with Communion Services. However, we will not be alone... Our Lord, the *Eternal High Priest*, will be with us in our celebration...

*Hope to see you there.*



### **SPONSOR-a-KNIGHT**

The average cost to educate a child in a Catholic school is \$7,000 per year. We, at STM, charge a tuition of \$4,600.

While we educate children from a variety of backgrounds, many families share a common denominator... lower income. Many of our parents work 2 or 3 jobs to finance tuition... but half of our students still need financial aid.

We need your help so that we can continue to provide a Catholic Education to our families! STM families, parishioners, alumni, and friends have been invaluable in helping assist families touched by difficulties by making contributions to the Guardian Angel and/or Sponsor-a-Knight programs.

What better way than to provide for our own! Please consider making a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation to our *Guardian Angel* or *Sponsor-a-Knight* programs.

Contact the School Office (210) 655-2882 for more information.

### **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**January 28, 2024**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,191.36
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 103.11
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 45.00
STM School.....	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 330.00
Donations.....	\$ 4.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 392.00

*Second Collection Feb 10 - 11:*

***NO SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK***



**Gospel Meditation:**

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— Father John Muir

**Meditación del Evangelio:**

Tal vez soy raro, pero me gusta pasar tiempo en consultorios médicos, colas de confesión en iglesias, talleres de reparación de automóviles, celdas de prisión y grupos de apoyo de varios tipos. Es refrescante estar con personas que admiten humildemente que algo anda mal y emprenden un camino directo hacia una solución. Cuando ignoramos lo que está fuera de lugar, nos volvemos solos y frágiles. En los lugares donde las personas son honestas y tienen esperanzas acerca del quebrantamiento, por lo general se produce una comunión sólida, aunque sutil.

Consideremos la imagen que vemos de Jesús en el Evangelio de Marcos. "... Le trajeron a todos los enfermos o poseídos por un demonio. Todo el pueblo estaba reunido a la puerta". Toda la comunidad humana está afligida de diversas maneras, por lo que poco a poco forma una nueva y extraña comunidad en torno a Jesús. El sanador de Nazaret es como un sol de salud alrededor del cual orbita una multitud de humanidad que absorbe sus rayos curativos. Estas almas benditas no pueden arreglarse a sí mismas y volverse saludables, y lo saben. Pero han encontrado en él la fuente viva de toda curación imaginable.

Es la Iglesia, ¿no es así? Una comunidad enferma de pecado reunida y sanada es lo que sucede al comienzo de cada Misa. Entramos por la puerta desde todas partes y anunciamos que no estamos bien y que no podemos arreglarlo. Al hacerlo, somos atraídos a la órbita del poder sanador de Cristo, y a una comunidad renovada con toda la familia humana. No hay nada que temer ni apresurarse. Tal vez incluso podamos aprender a disfrutar más de lo bueno que es estar en un lugar tan feliz.

— Father John Muir

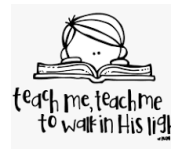
**Un paseo por la temporada de Cuaresma**

La Cuaresma es un regalo que nuestra fe católica nos da para tomarnos un tiempo para reflexionar sobre el amor que Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros y prepararnos para la alegre temporada de Pascua.

Te invitamos a unirse a nosotros y compartir nuestra fe católica a través de la oración y la discusión de las Escrituras para los próximos domingos de Cuaresma.

Deacono Rolando Guerra y el Grupo de Oración nos guiarán mientras hablamos, aprendemos y miramos el significado de las Escrituras en nuestra vida diaria. Al discutir y compartir lo que estas escrituras nos traen, esperamos aprender y verlas con nuevos ojos que nos acerquen a Jesús y nos ayuden a profundizar nuestra relación con él.

Haga planes para venir a compartir nuestra fe católica durante este tiempo especial con nuestra comunidad parroquial y  
**¡TRAE A UN AMIGO!**



Las sesiones comenzarán  
el Viernes 16 de febrero a las 6:30p.m.  
en La Iglesia de St. Thomas More  
y continuarán hasta el 21 de marzo.

Un agradecimiento especial al  
Deacono Rolando Guerra  
por guiarnos y compartir su fe  
con nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Por favor, contacte a la Oficina Parroquial si tiene  
preguntas o inquietudes a el: (210) 655-5070

**¡VEN Y ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!  
¡ESPERAMOS VERTE ALLÍ!**

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

**Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto**  
**Feast Day: Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Francisco and Jacinta are the youngest non-martyrs to be canonized in the history of the Church!

They, along with their cousin, Lucia Santo, witnessed the apparitions of Mary now commonly known as Our Lady of Fatima.

Pope Francis canonized them on May 13, 2017 - teaching us that even young children can become saints.

**You are invited to join us as we pray:**

*The Holy Rosary*  
**at the Grotto Outside the Rectory Office**  
**Saturday, February 17, 2021 @ Noon**

Want More Information?  
 Contact: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794

### *A "BLAST From the Past" - the Miraculous Medal*



One of our Parishioners brought me a copy of a "Deacon's Corner" from 11 years ago!!! (Thanks Melba)

I thought it might be a good time to refresh some memories... just in case you forgot... lol~!

I know many of you are aware of this devotion...

I've seen a number of parishioners wearing the Miraculous Medal... but I also know that many parishioners, while they may have heard the title, '*Miraculous Medal*', don't really know what it is or represents.

Likewise, some may wear the medal simply as jewelry and don't understand its significance.

So, I thought I'd take a minute or two today and share its background.

The Miraculous Medal goes back to July of 1830; and to Paris, France.

A young religious, Catherine, (*now Saint*), Labouré of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was awakened on the night of July 18<sup>th</sup> by the voice of a child calling her to the sisters' chapel (*located in the Rue du Bac, Paris*). She went to the chapel and heard the Blessed Virgin Mary say to her, "**God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world.**"

On November 27<sup>th</sup> the Blessed Mother returned. She displayed herself to Catherine inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe wearing rings of many colors. Around the margin of the frame the words "**O Mary, Conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee**" appeared. As she (*Catherine*) watched, the frame rotated showing a circle of 12 stars, a large letter 'M' surmounted by a cross with a crossbar beneath it. Under all was an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – crowned with thorns, and an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – pierced with a sword (*as prophesied by Simeon*).

Her fingers each had three rings and the largest stones emitted the most brilliant rays over the globe. Catherine noticed that some of the gems did not give off rays. When asked, Our Lady explained that the rays were symbols of the graces which would be bestowed on all who asked for them... those with no rays symbolized those graces for which people forget to ask.

A command was given to have a medal struck after the model revealed, and a promise of great graces was made to those who wear it when blessed. After 2 years of careful investigation, and with the approval of the Archbishop of Paris, the first medals were struck in June of 1832. The devotion spread rapidly.

There are literally hundreds – if not thousands - of divine intervention/assistance associated with the wearing of this medal. Miracles of conversion... miracles of healing... miracles of protections... and more!

Too many to list here. I invite you to Google '*miraculous medal miracles*' to see some of them for yourself.

So... pray to our Holy Mother... ask for her intercession...

But remember... the Miraculous Medal itself is not magical... it's nothing more than a piece of metal.

What holds the power is what / who it represents.

Light up those rings / graces that up to now have been unused (*those graces for which people forget to ask*)!

'till next time... God Bless- DT

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

**Monday, February 5 2024**  
5:30 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
6:00 pm Guadalupanos Celadoras Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
Guadalupanos Retreat Planning Mtg - *Rect Dining Rm*  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion Choir Practice - *Church*

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Grp Core Mtg - *RMR*  
6:00 pm KC 3Degree Officers Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - *Church*

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
6:00 pm Cantor Practice - *Church*  
CDA Board Mtg - *Rectory Dining Room*  
7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

**Friday, February 9, 2024**  
9:00 am Friday Adoration - *Church*  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Fellowship) - *Carolan Hall*

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
8:00 am KC Breakfast - *Carolan Hall*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 5 - 11 febrero**

**Lunes:** 1Re 8:1-7,9-13; Sal 131:6-10; Mc 6:53-56

**Martes:** 1Re 8:22-23,27-30; Sal 83:3-5,10,11;  
Mc 7:1-13

**Miércoles:** 1Re 10:1-10; Sal 36:5-6,30-31,39-40;  
Mc 7:14-23

**Jueves:** 1Re 11:4-13; Sal 105:3-4,35-37,40;  
Mc 7:24-30

**Viernes:** 1Re 11:29-32; 12:19; Sal 80:10-15;  
Mc 7:31-37

**Sábado:** 1Re 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Sal 105:6-7,19-22; Mc 8:1-10

**Domingo:** Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Sal 31:1-2,5,11;  
1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mc 1:40-45

**Readings for the week of 5 - 11 Feb**

**Monday:** 1Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Ps 132:6-10;  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10,11;  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40;  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40;  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15;  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;  
Ps 106:6-7,19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11;  
1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**  
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
†Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer  
5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
†Al Weinheimer by Carolyn Weinheimer

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**  
8:00 am †Tiodulo Sanchez. by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez  
†Viola de la Rosa by Sylvia Roman  
10:00 am †Steven Lee Waldron by Mom  
†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales / Briseno Families  
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Monday, February 5, 2024**  
8:00 am †Olivia Lopez by Jose & Stella Lopez  
**In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024**  
8:00 am (*Communion Service*)

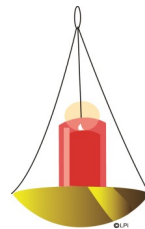
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
8:00 am (*Communion Service*)

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
8:00 am (*Communion Service*)  
**All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, February 9,**  
8:00 am (*Communion Service*)

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
†Alicia Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez  
5:00 pm †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza  
**In Thanksgiving** by Olga Weich

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
8:00 am †Donald Rand by Rand Family  
10:00 am †Rafael Garza by Theresa Garza  
†Virginia Moan by Evancho Family  
†Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno by Morales / Briseno Families  
12:00 pm †Adriana Lemus by Maria T. Sweet  
**All Persons with Cancer** by Rosa Maria Reyes



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Steven Lee Waldron*

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**  
5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, K.Ball, T.S.Garza, T.Guerrero,  
R.Saldiva  
Lector - M.Fisher

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, M.Nguyen, R.Castaneda, P.Klar,  
S.Trimm  
Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - E.Hartsfield, A.Hartsfield, C.Hartsfield  
Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Rolando, M.Aguirre, Sr.Eucharía,  
W+M.Torres, A.Fuentes, M.Briseno  
Lector - M.Briseno

12 pm Altar Servers - S.Obregon, A.Gomez, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Hernandez, H.Gomez,  
R.Gomez, M.Pina, D+F.Malacara  
Lector - R.Borrego / A.Chavez