

### **Gospel Meditation:**

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

### **Meditación del Evangelio:**

De todos los milagros de Jesús, el más inquietante podría ser cuando dio vida a una persona muerta. Sabemos de tres veces cuando lo hizo: una niña, un joven y Lázaro. El milagro nos enseña que tiene el poder de la vida y la muerte. Él anticipa su resurrección. El pecado nos duele. Algunos pecados nos matan, espiritualmente. Los tres milagros nos revelan que no importa nuestras circunstancias, Jesús puede darnos vida.

Los tres milagros son instructivos de las tres formas en que nos sentimos muertos. La niña muerta simboliza el pecado antes de que tenga tiempo de madurar. Está en la cama y, una vez viva, vuelve a su vida. El joven yace en su ataúd en una procesión fúnebre. Este es el pecado que se permite que se infecte, crezca y se normalice un poco. Una vez criado, tiene un corto paseo de regreso a casa. Lázaro, un hombre muerto adulto, yace envuelto en bandas funerarias en la tumba. Una vez que se levanta, queda mucho por hacer. Tendrá que quitarse esas bandas, encontrar ropa nueva y viajar todo el camino de regreso a casa. Ese es el pecado permitido para ir hasta el final, sin control durante meses o años. Es el más espectacular de los tres y revela la gloria de Jesús más que los demás.

¡Qué esperanza debería darnos eso, para nosotros y para aquellos a quienes amamos! Jesús sabe que nuestro pecado nos lastima e incluso puede matarnos espiritualmente. No importa la magnitud del daño, siempre está listo para el milagro de hacer que los muertos estén completamente vivos. .

— Father John Muir

### **YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

#### **March 19, 2023**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,255.65
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 206.75
Holy Thursday Prayer Candles.....	\$ 56.00
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 12.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 731.69
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 135.00
STM School.....	\$ 122.00
Donations.....	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 60.35

**Second Collection - April 1 - 2:  
Facilities Improvement Fund**



PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE INVITES MEN of ALL FAITH JOURNEYS

**CMC**  
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE  
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51  
SAT., APR. 29, 2023 1/2 DAY EVENT  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 8500 Cross Mountain Trl.

Bishop Gary J. Nak, LPC-S  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio

Fellow Men Like You

SET YOUR COMPASS

Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM  
The Father of Mercy

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BEGIN ANEW IN CHRIST.



To Continue our discusion...

**Q: Why do we “have to” to Mass?**

We know that going to Mass is a Good thing... but, we can talk ourselves out of going by focusing on the negatives! At first we may feel a little guilty but eventually we can justify our decision by convincing ourselves that we are just too busy... too tired... to bored... or too frustrated. When that happens, we miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist.

But... What if we changed our attitude... our mind-set... about going to Mass?

What if we begin to think of Mass as the time of the day when we can connect with God and others in a special way?

What if we concentrate on the things we like about our Parish instead of what we don't like?

What if we make Mass a priority?

The effects of these kinds of positive attitudes may surprise you.

Research studies show that people who regularly participate in the Mass are:

- Less likely to suffer from depression,
- Less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol,
- More likely to have a solid sense of right and wrong,
- More likely to live a longer and happier life.

***To reiterate... Some Good reasons to go to Mass:***

- ***God asks us to make one day holy!*** God asks us to set aside one day to refocus physically, mentally and spiritually. We live in a secular world. Going to Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge. We can let go of our own agenda because we know that God will inspire us, guide us, and strengthen us for the week ahead.
- ***We need to experience something BIGGER than ourselves.*** When we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Our Lord! When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world! We are strengthened by the Eucharist and sent out into the world to bring the Gospel message to all people. The Mass gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It gives us a sense of destiny and offers the kind of peace that the world cannot give. It helps us develop a sense of wonder and awe! It helps us to see that there is something ***BIGGER*** than ourselves.
- Jesus gives us the gift of himself. ***When we go to Mass, we are doing what He commanded his followers to do.*** It is a command to love and to be loved by God. Jesus offers Himself to us in the Word of God that we hear and in His Real Presence, offered to us in the Blessed Sacrament at Communion
- ***We need to be part of a community.*** When we come together at Mass to pray and worship God, we fulfill a deep need inside us to be in communion with other people. The other parishioners - even if we don't know all of them - give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are all part of the *Body of Christ*.
- ***God has a special message for us!*** When we listen to the readings, the homily and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We should come away from each Mass with at least one inspiration that will impact our lives in some way. We just have to pay attention and be open to that the Lord is trying to tell us.

There are hundreds of other reasons to attend / participate-in Mass. These are just a few...  
I'd be interested in hearing yours.

'till next time... God Bless- DT



**EASTER EGG HUNT**


Our Confirmation Class is organizing an Easter egg hunt for the parish. We are in need of individually wrapped candy or trinkets such as stickers, to fill the Easter eggs with!

A donation box is in the back of the church or you can drop off your candy donations in the parish office.

We will also take monetary Donations and will purchase the candy on your behalf.

Thank you in advance for your donations.





APRIL  
**14-15**  
2023

## RECOGNIZING THE STRANGER





### *Parish Leadership Training*

Friday, April 14, 6 PM - 9 PM  
Saturday, April 15, 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
Central Catholic High School, 1403 N St Mary's St.

THIS TRAINING WILL SERVE TO:


- REBUILD IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC
- REFLECT MORE DEEPLY ON OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
- LEARN HOW TO LISTEN AND TO TAKE ACTION ON THE NEEDS OF YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY

IN COLLABORATION WITH

TO REGISTER:  
THERE IS NO COST, ALL MATERIALS AND MEALS PROVIDED. TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE REGISTER AT THIS QR CODE, OR GO TO [WWW.COPSMETRO.COM](http://WWW.COPSMETRO.COM), OR CALL 708-369-8115.

RSVP



## PRAYER CANDLES

Time is running out to purchase your Prayer Candle!  
(orders will be taken only thru this Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>).

The Cost is \$6.00 per candle... and **must be pre-paid.**

Candles will be lit and displayed on the altar during our Holy Thursday Holy Hour... and will be available for pick-up after Easter Sunday.

Envelopes are available at all of the Church entrances.



## VELAS DE ORACIÓN

¡Se está acabando el tiempo para comprar tu Vela de Oración!  
(Los pedidos se tomarán solo hasta este viernes 31 de marzo).

El costo es de \$ 6.00 por vela ... y **debe ser pre-pagado.**

Las velas se encenderán y se exhibirán en el altar durante nuestra Hora Santa del Jueves Santo ... y estará disponible para recoger después del Domingo de Pascua.

Los sobres están disponibles en las entradas de la Iglesia.



A Big "Thank You"  
to  
**Sr Eucharía Gomba, SJI**



- Thank You Sr Gomba for leading our "Lenten Faith Group" these "40 Days of Lent".
- Your guidance and interpretation of scriptures each week helped us to see/learn more clearly what Jesus is asking of us - to listen to Him and to grow as apostles of his by spreading his message to all.

**THANK YOU! GRACIAS!**

A **Reminder** of our next meeting  
**"Moving Forward Together"**  
April 30 from 3 - 4:30 pm  
at Carolan Hall.

Please RSVP by contacting Mrs. Martha Guerra by phone or email: (210) 655-5071 / [mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com)

May God Bless You-

Queremos recordarles nuestra próxima reunion  
**"Avanzando Juntos"** el 30 de abril de 3 a 4:30 pm  
en Carolan Hall.

Por favor confirme su asistencia contactando a la Señora Martha Guerra por teléfono o correo electrónico: (210) 650-5070 / [mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mguerra.st.thomas@gmail.com).

Que Dios los Bendiga-



## **MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of

***Viola de la Rosa***

who died this past week

***.(Daughter of Parishioner Sylvia Roman)***

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers  
are extended to Sylvia:  
and the de la Rosa / Roman Families;

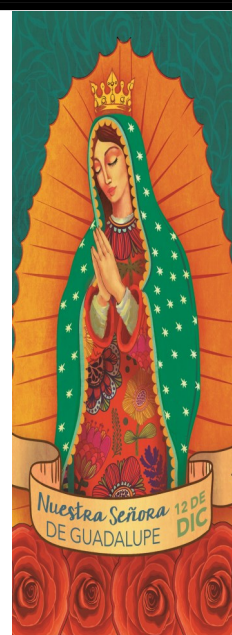
***May She Rest in Peace***

## Thank You

The Guadalupano Society would like to thank the parishioners and friends of St. Thomas More who attended this past weenend's Lenten Retreat .  
Despite the weather we had a fantastic turnout.

***Thank You, Thank You Thank You!***

Belinda Trevino  
First vice President





**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
 8:00 am KC BBQ Sale - *Carolán Hall*  
 CDA Basket Raffle - *Carolán Hall*  
 9:00 am KC Webinar Registration - *Playground*  
 10:00 am CDA Mass - *Church*

**Monday, March 27, 2023**  
 12:00 pm Daily Holy Hour (12 - 1p) - *Church*

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
 12:00 pm Daily Holy Hour (12 - 1p) - *Church*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
 12:00 pm Daily Holy Hour (12 - 1p) - *Church*

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
 12:00 pm Daily Holy Hour (12 - 1p) - *Church*  
 6:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Gp - *Church*  
 6:30 pm Lenten Faith Sharing - *Carolán Hall*  
 7:00 pm RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 Grupo de Oracion (*Via Crucis Practice*) - *Outside*

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
 12:00 pm Daily Holy Hour (12 - 1p) - *Church*  
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - *Church*  
 6:45 pm Grupo de Oracion / 40 dias de Cuersma - *Church*

\*\*\* Holy Week Begins \*\*\*

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*  
 Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

**Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday**  
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Bake Sale - *Playground*  
 10:00 am KC Mass - *Church*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Michael Lê  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
 5:00 pm †Rev Paul McDonald  
 †Roxanne Espinoza by Robert & Laura Ortiz

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Susie & Fred Davis by Rosa Saldiva  
 †Refugio and Paula Gutierrez by Isidro Gutierrez Family  
 †Viola De la Rosa by Sylvia Roman  
 10:00 am †Genevieve Oswald by Volpenhein Family  
 †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Urbano Family  
 12:00 pm †Ralph Garcia by Mrs T.S.Garza  
 †Gilberto Mendita by Clara Trevino

**Monday, March 27, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Edward & Lorena Shortner by Fabian & Ana Biemer  
 †Vernon Fenner by Fabian & Ana Biemer

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
 8:00 am †David Guerrero  
 †Michael Lê

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes  
 †Viola de la Rosa by Sylvia Roman

**Thursday, March 30, 2023 (Communion Svc)**  
 8:00 am **Ordained Clergy and Religious**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Michael Minh  
**HEALTH - Joseph Davis** by Rita Davis

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Viola De la Rosa by Sylvia Roman  
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
 †Al Schulta by Volpenhein Family

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**  
 8:00 am †Cecilia Nguyen by Nguyen Family  
 †Donald Rand by Rand Family  
 10:00 am †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Briseno Families  
 †Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera  
 12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Maria T. Sweet  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Health - Ramon Mata, Jr*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 27 marzo - 2 abril**

**Lunes:** Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Sal 22:1-6;  
 Jn 8:1-11

**Martes:** Nm 21:4-9; Sal 101:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Miércoles:** Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56;  
 Jn 8:31-42

**Jueves:** Gn 17:3-9; Sal 104:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Viernes:** Jr 20:10-13; Sal 17:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37:21-28; Jr 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Domingo:** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Sal 21:8-9,17-20,23-24;  
 Flp 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

**Readings for the week of Mar 27 - Apr 2**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Dn 3:52-56;  
 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24;  
 Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, April 1, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, (+4 Vol)  
 Lector - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

8 am Altar Servers - (None)  
 Eucharistic Ministers-Dcn Tim, (+4 Vol)  
 Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - Z.Ramirez, J.Cantu, Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Rolando, M.Briseno, (+5 Vol)  
 Lector - W.Torres

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer  
 Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, DC John, (+4 Vol)  
 (DC John is V-Voice)  
 Lector - G.Torres / M.Rodriguez