

Gospel Meditation:

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir

Meditación del Evangelio:

¿No es fácil relacionarse con Pedro? En un momento Jesús anuncia la profunda comunión de Pedro con Dios Padre. Al siguiente, cuando rechaza la lógica del sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús, Jesús llama a Pedro satanás. Nosotros los cristianos no debemos sorprendernos demasiado cuando experimentamos altibajos espirituales, cuando percibimos contradicciones impresionantes en nuestros corazones.

Como el gran apóstol, tú y yo somos receptores de gracias insondables. Dios mora en nosotros, llama a sus hijos amados y se ocupa de todas nuestras necesidades. Y también fallamos continuamente en abrazar nuestros sufrimientos con confianza en Jesús. Conocemos la verdad del credo, pero fácilmente despreciamos el peso de la cruz.

La buena noticia es que, como Pedro, nunca somos abandonados por el Señor, incluso en nuestros peores momentos. Pedro eventualmente aprenderá la belleza de la cruz cuando sea crucificado voluntariamente. Pero le tomó tiempo llegar allí. Y también lleva tiempo para nosotros. Esta semana no nos sorprendamos demasiado por estas divisiones en nuestros corazones, sino que las aceptemos y busquemos pacientemente ser más obedientes al plan en forma de cruz de Jesús para nosotros.

— Father John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 27, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,313.94
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 254.29
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 50.00
STM School.....	\$ 10.00
Raffle.....	\$ 6,252.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 30.00
Donations.....	\$ 1,010.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$ 2,053.88

Second Collection September 9 - 10:

Helping Hands Fund



**St. Thomas More Guadalupanos
Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino
Bus Trip**

\$50 per person

Monday, September 4, 2023

Meet at Carolan Hall Parking Lot

Be here by 6 am - Bus departs at 6:30 am

For more information contact:

Clem Davila @ (210) 723-7985

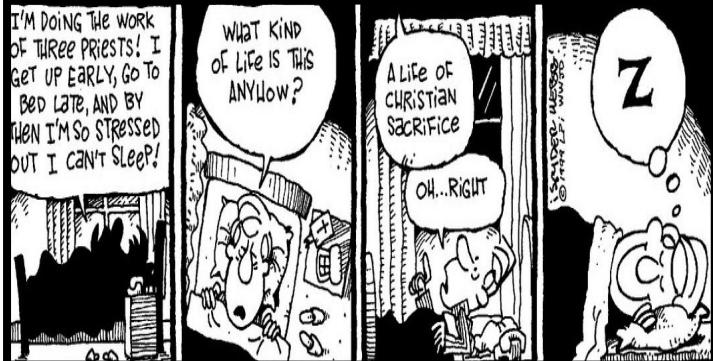


JOB OPENING

St. Thomas More School is hiring!

We are in need of After School Care personnel!
Monday-Friday 3-6 pm.

Interested? Call the school at (210) 655-2882 or
email: KGutierrez@stmcs62.org

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of

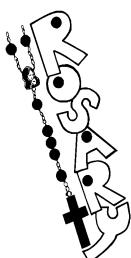
Margarita Velasquez
(Mother of parishioner Esperanza Alvarado)

Cecilia Torres
(Mother of parishioner Gilberto Torres)

Both of whom died during the past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers
are extended to
Esperanza, Ruben and the Alvarado Family... and to
Gilberto and the Torres Family

May They Rest in Peace.

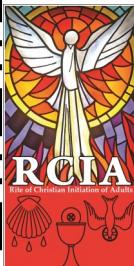
**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY**

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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- RCIA -

If you, or someone you know, are a non-Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or possibly *become* a Catholic?...
(no pressure)... or -

If you are a Baptized Catholic adult... but have not made your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed... or -

Maybe you are you a practicing Catholic (*or not*)... and just want to learn more about our faith?

— *Or maybe you know someone like this —*

If so... I would like to invite you / them to our RCIA sessions.

We meet in the Rectory Meeting Room...

Thursday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm.
Beginning this Thursday, September 7th.

Sessions are very informal...

We learn about Church, it's teachings, sacraments, and so much more!... and answer any questions you have.

For more information - call the parish office or talk to Dcn Tim... or simply come to our first meeting.

Hope to see you there.

A Woman's Haven™

Pregnancy Crisis Center

**"Are you passionately Pro-Life"
and**

looking for a job with GREAT meaning?
AWoman's Haven Pregnancy Crisis Center
is hiring again!

Counselor, Nurse, & Receptionist positions
are available.

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."



Registration for our Religious Education Classes has Closed!!



Classes Begin as follows:

English	- September 10 th
Spanish	- September 16 th
Confirmation	- September 24 th

**For more information, required documentation, or general questions, please contact
Martha Guerra, DRE,
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070**

Note: Masks in the classroom will be optional, however, for the safety of your children temperature checks will still be required at the door.

¡La inscripción para nuestras clases de educación religiosa ha cerrado!

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera:

Inglés	- 10 ^{de} septiembre
Español	- 16 ^{de} septiembre
Confirmación	- 24 ^{de} septiembre

**Para más información, documentación requerida, o preguntas generales, por favor contate a
Martha Guerra, DRE,
en la oficina parroquial al (210) 655-5070**



Nota: Las máscaras faciales en el salón serán opcionales. Sin embargo, para la seguridad de sus hijos, Todavía se requerirán verificaciones de temperatura en la entrada



A while back, a parishioner asked me the lyrics to the song we sing just before Communion... He said... you know... the song that begins "On This *Daay-eee...*" *you know the one...*

Well, we talked and I explained the tune to him. No problem.

Case closed... or so I thought. Then several other parishioners started asking the same question and it has 'surfaced' again... so I thought I'd try to explain it here. First of all... the song lyrics does NOT go "On This Daay-eee..."



The song they are referring to that we sing just before Holy Communion is the "*Lamb of God*"... but we sometimes sing it in Latin. In Latin it is translated... "*Agnus Dei*."

The lyrics go: **ENGLISH**

LATIN

ROUGH PRONUNCIATION

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Miserere nobis.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Miseray-ray nobeese
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Miserere nobis.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Miseray-ray nobeese
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us peace.	Agnus Dei, qui tollis pecata mundi, Dona nobis pachem.	Annyuse Dayee Qwee tollis paycata mundi, Donna nobeese pachem

I hope this helps.

Any other question... any other songs that "sound funny" to you...

please bring them to my attention.

Until next time... God Bless- DT

This Week at Our Parish

KoC -Festival BBQ Plate Ticket Sales after 8 & 10 Masses	
Sunday,	September 3, 2023
10:00 am	KoC Mass - Church
Monday,	September 4, 2023
*** Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday ***	
Tuesday,	September 5, 2023
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
Wednesday,	September 6, 2023
10:30 am	Charismatic Core Grp Mtg - Rectory Mtg Room
1:00 pm	Porter Loring Grief Seminar - Rectory Mtg Room
6:30 pm	KC 3rd Degree Officer's Mtg - Carolan Hall
7:00 pm	Guadalupanos Chori Practice - Church
Thursday,	September 7, 2023
6:00 pm	Holy Hour / Charismatic Prayer Grp - Church
Friday,	September 8, 2023
7:00 pm	Grupo de Oracion - Church
Saturday,	September 9, 2023
8:00 am	ACTS Team Mtg - Carolan Hall
2:00 pm	Coro Alegria Fundraiser Prep - Carolan Hall
Sunday,	September 10, 2023
8:00 am	Coro Alegria Fundraiser - Church Outside



Sanctuary Light Intention:
*Estella Esquivel
by Hector & Diana Herrera*

Holy Hour

Thursday, September 7th, beginning at 6 pm.

Come... Spend some quiet one-on-one time
with Our Lord...



Hope to see you there.

**Lecturas de la Semana del 4 - 10 septiembre**

Lunes:	1Tes 4:13-18; Sal 95:1,3-5,11-13; Lc 4:16-30
Martes:	1Tes 5:1-6,9-11; Sal 26:1,4,13-14; Lc 4:31-37
Miércoles:	Col 1:1-8; Sal 51:10,11; Lc 4:38-44
Jueves:	Col 1:9-14; Sal 97:2-6; Lc 5:1-11
Viernes:	Miq 5:1-4; Sal 12:6,6; Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Sábado:	Col 1:21-23; Sal 53:3-4,6,8; Lc 6:1-5
Domingo:	Ez 33:7-9; Sal 94:1-2,6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Readings for the week of Sept 4 - 10

Monday:	1Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10,11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,6,8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Mass Intentions**Saturday, September 2, 2023**

8:00 am †Joaquin Bazan
Birthday - Tony Saldiva
†Christina C. Dominguez
Special Intention - Olga Weich

by Isela Bazan
by Rosa Saldiva
by Dominguez Family
by Pat Weinert

Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:00 am †Fr. Gil Pansza
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
10:00 am †Connie Polanco
†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet
†Florentina Gutierrez

by Norberto & Jeanette Pansza
by Martha Arredondo
by Morales & Briseno Families
by Maria T. Sweet
by Isela Bazan

Monday, September 4, 2023

8:00 am †Al Weinheimer
†Baldemar Saldiva
In Thanksgiving

by Carolyn Weinheimer
by Rosa Saldiva
by Kim Nguyen

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

8:00 am †Geri & Ray Wiater
Souls in Purgatory

by Villegas Family

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

8:00 am †Ed McCarthy
†Olivia Lopez

by Jose & Stella Lopez

Thursday, September 7, 2023 (Communion Service)

Ordained Clergy and Religious

8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller
In Thanksgiving

by Eddie Reyes
by Kim Nguyen

Saturday, September 9, 2023

8:00 am †Blasé & Ann Pantuso
STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased
5:00 pm †Helen Manning
Special Intention - Olga Weich Continued Good Health and Blessings

by Joyce CoCo
by Pat Weinert

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8:00 am †AnneMarie Oswald
†Charlene Petsch
†Ruben Villa
†Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B. Briseno
10:00 am †Miguel Fuentes Ramirez
†Ramona Moorman

by Evancho Family
by Volpenhein Family
by Gloria Villa
by Morales & Briseno Families
by Fuentes Family
by Isela Bazan

Liturgical Roles**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim, R.Alvarado, S.Chapa, (+2 Vol)
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, September 10, 2023

8 am Altar Servers - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, R.Saldiva, P.Klar, (+2 vol)
Lector - P.Klar
10 am Altar Servers - ,A.Mata, C.Lawson, M.Lawson
Eucharistic Ministers – Dcn Tim, Sr.Eucharia, A.Fuentes,
P+R.Mendoza, M+W.Torres
Lector - M.Torres
12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando, C.Martinez, H.Gomez,
F.Hernandez, I.Hernandez, E.Obregon, H.Hernandez,
Lector - M.Rivera / E.Licon