



In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

En la habitación de mis padres había en la pared dos fotos, de mi mamá y mi papá de sus primeros años adultos. La foto de mi madre me fascinaba cuando era niño.

Me encantaba mirarla, a pesar de que la veía en la vida diaria. Algo sobre esa imagen la capturó perfectamente. Era una imagen de la alegría, la sabiduría, la belleza y la fuerza que me envolvía desde el comienzo de mi vida. Era un icono de la mujer que me alimentaba, enseñaba y animaba. Sentía un profundo orgullo de venir de tanta belleza.

Las bienaventuranzas de Jesús son una especie de autorretrato. Pero es una imagen extraña. Al principio, las bendiciones de ser pobre, llorar, tener hambre y sed de justicia pueden parecer extrañas o, peor aún, una ilusión religiosa.

¿Quién quiere verse así? Pero si miramos de nuevo, comenzamos a ver las características de la forma de Jesús. Se hace pobre y la llena con sus riquezas por nosotros, llora y llora por nosotros, y la llena con su alegría, tiene hambre y sed de que seamos justos, y así nos satisface. Y así sucesivamente. Es la forma en que aparece en la cruz.

Tal vez deberíamos poner en las paredes de nuestro dormitorio las palabras de las bienaventuranzas junto a un crucifijo del Señor Jesús. Entonces podemos hacer para lo que están diseñadas las bienaventuranzas, contemplar la alegría, la sabiduría, la belleza y la fuerza de Aquel que es nuestro origen y que está con nosotros todos los días. Y poco a poco, comenzaremos a parecernos a él.

— Padre John Muir

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

January 22, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,381.97
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 173.92
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 35.00
Helping Hands.....	\$ 15.00
STM School.....	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 228.00
Bulletin Ads.....	\$ 230.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 298.44

Second Collection - February 4-5:

Facilities Improvement Fund



ATTENTION

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We serve 2 Nursing / Rehab Centers in our area:
The North East Rehab Center on Corrine and
The Heritage Center on Eisenhower Rd.

They were 'shut down' to us during the COVID pandemic but are beginning to 'open up' again. The residents have been asking us to come back. **(They miss receiving Our Lord and our weekly visits.)**

I'm trying to set up at least 4 teams (2 per location) of 2 persons each (so they may alternate weekends and not have to go every week).

It's a simple process:

Pick-up hosts Saturday morning after the daily Mass (about 8:30). Go to the Nursing / Rehab Center at 9 am. (The staff will have the residents in a 'common area'.)

Lead them in a Communion Service (we have a Communion-Service Pamphlet for you to use/follow).

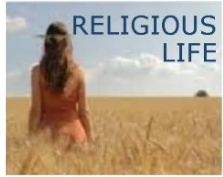
Time / Circumstances permitting... visit for a minute or 2.

Please... Call the Parish Office with your Contact Information and your Center-Preference, if any.

Thank you and... God Bless- DT

LIFE AWARENESS

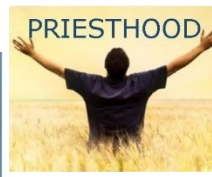
Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend



Life Awareness is a retreat event that provides time and space for single men and women to discern a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

The event brings participants (ages 18-40) together with priests and religious brothers and sisters, for a weekend of lectures, group discussions, private consultations and prayer.

The objective of the retreat is to help participants develop a realistic view of what it's like to serve God and the Church in today's world.



The 2023 Life Awareness Retreat will take place at the Cordi-Marian Retreat Center on **February 3 - 5, 2023**

If you are a person who is:

- Looking for an opportunity to provide service to others,
- Wondering if the religious life as a Priest, Brother or Sister might be what you're looking for, or...
- Even if you haven't reached that point, but you have that quiet, subtle, nagging feeling that this is something you should know more about... Then... ***This is for YOU!***

This retreat is sponsored by the San Antonio Archdiocesan Vocation Office. The Archbishop's appeal is generously covering all expenses for this retreat.

Therefore, it is free for participants.



Register Today!



Life Awareness es un evento de retiro que proporciona tiempo y espacio para que hombres y mujeres solteros discernan una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada.



El evento reúne a los participantes (de 18 a 40 años) con sacerdotes y hermanos y hermanas religiosos, para un fin de semana de conferencias, discusiones grupales, consultas privadas y oración.

El objetivo del retiro es ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar una visión realista de lo que es servir a Dios y a la Iglesia en el mundo de hoy.



El Retiro de Life Awareness 2023 tendrá lugar en el Centro de Retiros Cordi-Marian ***el Febrero 3 - 5, 2023***

Si usted es una persona que:

- Buscando una oportunidad para prestar servicio a los demás,
- Preguntarse si la vida religiosa como sacerdote, hermano o hermana podría ser lo que estás buscando, o...
- Incluso si no has llegado a ese punto, pero tienes esa sensación tranquila, sutil y persistente de que esto es algo sobre lo que deberías saber más ... Entonces... ***¡Esto es para ti!***

Este retiro es patrocinado por la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Vocaciones de San Antonio. La petición del arzobispo cubre generosamente todos los gastos de este retiro.

Por lo tanto, es gratuito para los participantes.



40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

With 40 Days for Life 365, you can sign up to pray on the sidewalk any day of the year! Abortion may be gone here in San Antonio, but our prayers are still needed to change the hearts and minds of the abortion-minded.

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood abortion clinic; 2140 Babcock Rd. San Antonio, TX

To Sign up, Visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sanantonio>

JUNTA: Estado de la Parroquial

Cuándo: 5 de febrero; 3 - 4:30 pm

Dónde: Carolan Hall

Ven a ser parte de la creación de un cuerpo vibrante y renovado de Cristo que estará presente para nuestras familias y nuestra comunidad

Repasaremos / Platicaremos de la: demografía de la comunidad y oportunidades para transformar nuestra parroquia.

Esperamos verlos allí.

State of the Parish Meeting

When: February 5th; 3 - 4:30 pm

Where: Carolan Hall

Come be a part of building a vibrant, renewed Body of Christ to be present for our families and our neighborhood.

We will review / discuss the: demographics of the community and opportunities to transform our parish.

Hope to see you there.



HELP!! Ayudame!! S.O.S.!!!

I... we... the parish... need your help.

As you look around the church you may come to the realization that we are an aging parish.

Looking at the various ministries within the parish, it's an eye opener to realize that you are the "young guy" of the group... especially when you're in your 70's! Many of our faithful servants have had to step down because of age... or health reasons.

The reality is.... We need some "new blood" to keep our parish alive and vibrant. We need people (*we need you*) to step up and replace those leaving the different ministries. Otherwise we may find we'll have to do without.

We are recruiting Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and people to help with the Altar Society.

Volunteers are needed at all Masses... English AND Spanish! (Especially our Sat-5pm, Sun-8am and Noon Masses.)

We can't do it without you! Please, prayerfully reflect on this and...

If you feel Our Lord is calling you... call the Office @ (210) 655-5070

Thank you and God Bless-



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The Stephen Ministry

A distinctively Christian ministry providing one-to-one encouragement for people in need.

Through these caring relationships, Stephen ministers, in love and care, meet with those who are hurting and in need of support during difficult circumstances.

Would you benefit from having a Stephen Minister?

- If you:
- Feel like life is more than you can handle right now.
 - Never thought you'd be going through something like this
 - Are struggling through grief, divorce, or job loss.
 - Feel your health, attitude, and relationships are suffering.
 - Are suffering with illness, hospitalization, or other challenges.
 - Are dealing with relocation, empty nest, or retirement.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you - usually once a week - to listen and support in a completely confidential Christian manner. Life can throw tough situations our way and God does not ask that we carry our load alone. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide support for you as long as your need exists.

If you are hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

A Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, they listen, care, pray for/with, and help their care receiver find their path to healing and wholeness.

Contact: **Steve Greefkens at (210) 852-6096 or Joyce Dobrowolski at (210) 240-7388** for information.

The St. Pius X Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

This Week at Our Parish



Sunday, January 29, 2023
10:00 am Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass
(Donuts & Coffee after the 8 and 10 o'clock Masses)

Monday, January 30, 2023
6:00 pm KC 3rd Degree Officers Mtg - Carolan Hall

Tuesday, January 31, 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, February 1, 2023
10:30 am Charismatic Prayer Gp Core Mtg - *Rectory Mtg Rm*

Thursday, February 2, 2023
1:00 pm STM School Grand Day Practice- *Church*
6:00 pm Holy Hour - *Church*
7:00 pm Charismatic Pryr Grp (Attend Holy Hr) – *Church*
RCIA - *Rectory Mtg Room*

Friday, February 3, 2023
8:00 am Grand Day Mass - *Church*
11:00 am School Grand Day Performance - *Carolan Hall*
6:30 pm Guitar and Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*
7:00 pm La Hora Santa / Grupo de Oracion - *Church*

Saturday, February 4, 2023
4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*
Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordis - *RMR*

Sunday, February 5, 2023
10:00 am KC Corporate Mass - *Church*
3:00 pm State of the Parish Mtg - *Carolan Hall*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28, 2023
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
5:00 pm †Roxanne & Jeremy Espinoza
by Carson / Espinoza Families
†Albina Vahalik by Richard & Dorothy Perez

Sunday, January 29, 2023
8:00 am †Sr. Mary Angelee Kowalik by Volpenhein Family
†Deacon Paul Charon by Klar Family
10:00 am †Patricia E. Butts by Sisters
†Joe Robles & Lupe Villa by Family
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Marie T. Sweet
† Miguel Raul Rojas Leyva by Roberto & Maria Rojas

Monday, January 30, 2023
8:00 am †Anne Marie Oswald by Oswald Family
†Olivia Lopez by Jose & Stella Lopez

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
8:00 am †Sr. Clementia Chiwenga, SJ by Sr. Gomba

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
8:00 am †Castulo Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
†Anne Bonge

Thursday, February 2, 2023 (Mass)
8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**

Friday, February 3, 2023
8:00 am †Estella Esquivel by Hector & Diana Herrera

Saturday, February 4, 2023
8:00 am †Tiodulo Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez
†Al Weinheimer by Carol Weinheimer
5:00 pm †Maria & Gregoria Saldiva by Rosa Saldiva
†Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family

Sunday, February 5, 2023
8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**
†Henry Kalinec by Volpenhein Family
10:00 am †Richard Ramirez by His Children
†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales
By Morales & Briseno Families
12:00 pm †Kathryn Marie Sweet by Marie T. Sweet
† Miguel Raul Rojas Leyva by Roberto & Maria Rojas

Sanctuary Light Intention:
Kathryn Marie Sweet

Lecturas de la Semana del 30 enero - 5 febrero

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 30:20-24; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Heb 12:1-4; Sal 21:26-28,30-32; Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Sal 102:1-2,13-14,17-18;
 Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 23:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lc 2:22-40
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 26:1,3,5,8-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Sal 22:1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Is 58:7-10; Sal 111:4-9; 1Co 2:1-5;
 Mt 5:13-16

Readings for the week of Jan 30 - Feb 5

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28,30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18;
 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
 Lk 2:22-40
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1Co 2:1-5;
 Mt 5:13-16

CATHOLIC RADIO

Get the best in Catholic programming!
'Tune-In' to the Guadalupe Radio Network!
1380 AM – Spanish or 89.7 FM - English

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 4, 2023
 5 pm Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - R.Alvarado, S.Chapa, M.Fisher, T.G.Garza
 Lector - T.Garza

Sunday, February 5, 2023
 8 am Altar Servers - (None)
 Eucharistic Ministers - Sr.Eucharia, R.Saldiva, K.Ball, B.Dausin
 Lector - P.Klar

10 am Altar Servers - T.Alcoces, Z.Ramirez, J.Cantu
 Eucharistic Ministers – E.Garcia, L.Gifford, A.Fuentes, M.Briseno,
 B.McQueen, +1 Vol
 Lector - W.Torres

12 pm Altar Servers - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer
 Eucharistic Ministers - D+F.Malacara, M.Pina, T.Sweet,
 R.Gomez, R.Borrego
 Lector - M.Rodriguez / F.Tobar