



And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord’s Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy.

The First Reading, from Deuteronomy, presents a beautiful and positive way to approach Lent. The passage begins with Moses speaking to the people. He reminds them that the Lord saw their affliction and responded mercifully to their cry by delivering them from oppression in Egypt, and by bringing them to a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses teaches the people how they should respond to such a wonderful God. He instructs them to approach the Lord with these words: “Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me.” In other words, Moses teaches the people to respond as grateful stewards for all that God has done for them.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as “soil” that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of these days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His own Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

Jesus, by His own example in today’s Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is “led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.” In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow interiorly and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these forty days of growth.

We may discover we are weak in our knowledge of the faith and can devote these Lenten days to spiritual reading or Bible study. We may discover our prayer life has gone by the wayside and we must discipline ourselves anew and commit to a regular, daily time for prayer. Perhaps we have given in to selfishness and comfort-seeking and we can determine to give up our favorite coffee drink or social media “fix” and find a project that serves the poor in our community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! It means we will have some wonderful “first fruits” to present to our Lord at the close of this season; we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**February 27, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,630.37
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 170.44
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 190.00
Misc Donations.....	\$ 2,900.00

***Second Collection - Weekend, March 12 - 13:  
Black and Indian Mission Collection***



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**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

God's marriage and the traditional family are being attacked and need our prayers!

*God's Marriage: 1 Man + 1 Woman*

WHEN: **Saturday, March 19th** at Noon

WHERE: In front of the STM Rectory

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

**PLAZA PÚBLICA CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO**

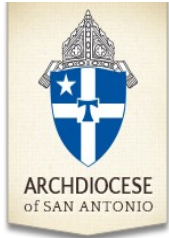
El matrimonio de Dios y la familia tradicional están siendo atacados y necesitan nuestras oraciones!

*El matrimonio de Dios: 1 hombre + 1 mujer*

CUÁNDO: **Sábado, 19 de marzo** al mediodía

DÓNDE: Frente a la Rectoría de STM

Más información: David Barrera @ (210) 793-0794



**St Thomas More Synod of Synodality**

Synodality is defined as "the way the entire Church (*all baptized*) seeks to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us *right now*."

Pope Francis began the Synod on Synodality in August of 2021 and will end in July of 2023. This two-year process allows the Holy Spirit to guide us as we "journey together" in our parish, the Archdiocese and the entire Catholic Church.

The synod process is simple.

There are only two questions the Pope has asked us to answer - and there are no right or wrong answers.

The synod sessions will be led by a facilitator who will guide a small group as they reflect on and come to consensus on the answers as a group. The sessions will last approximately 1.5 hours and will be scheduled with announcements in the church's Weekly Bulletin.

We encourage your *Holy Spirit Lead Voice* be heard as we journey together on our way to heaven with our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

**St Thomas More Synod Training - 8 & 9 March**

Come join your fellow STM parishioners as we dive into the *Synod on Synodality*.

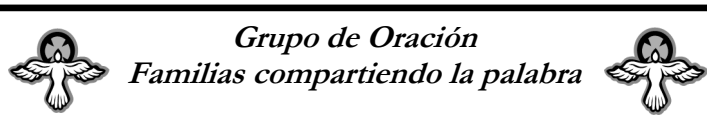
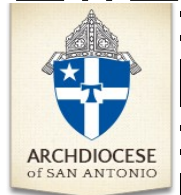
The synod process allows all member to have a voice in the church.

The timeline for the Archdiocese of San Antonio Synod process has already begun and will continue through 30 May 2022.

We are inviting parishioners to attend a 1.5 hour Synod Training meeting to help small groups encounter the synod process. This training will equip you as a facilitator to help an assigned small group answer the two questions the Pope has asked. It will also be a great way to introduce yourself to your fellow STM parishioners as we "*journey together*" in the synod process.

We will meet in Carolan Hall at 6:30 pm. There will be a Spanish translator at the meeting.

For more information - or - If you would like to sign-up, please call Martha Guerra at (210) 655-5070



11 de marzo Los símbolos del Espíritu Santo  
 18 de marzo El Espíritu y la palabra de Dios  
 25 de marzo La espera del mesías y de su Espíritu

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
 Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

The English Prayer Group will not be meeting in the church during the Lenten Season.

Members are asked to attend the 6 weeks of scripture readings at 7 pm every Thursday during the Lenten Season in Carolan Hall.

Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
 Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



Just a short Corner today...

Over the past couple of weeks there has been some confusion regarding "Deacon Statuses." Let me try to clarify... Currently we (STM Parish) have:

1 "Deacon Candidate (DC)," Candidate John Rodriguez. DC John is currently enjoying the Archdiocese's Deaconate Formation program. He has been studying for nearly 4 years now and is scheduled to be ordained as a Permanent Deacon next spring (2023).

1 "Transitional" Deacon - Deacon Andres. 'Transitional' as in the position of deacon for him is a temporary thing... he will transition from Deacon and be ordained Priest in few months. Deacon Andres is from California and after his ordination to the priesthood will be returning there.

2 "Permanent" Deacons - Deacon Rolando and Deacon Tim. We were ordained deacon as a permanent position... Our 'boss' is actually the Archbishop but have been assigned to this parish to serve and assist Fr. Mike and you, our fellow parishioners.

Hope this helps clarify who / what we are... 'till next time... God Bless- DT



MAY HE REST IN PEACE:

May God comfort the family and friends of

Hector Medina, Sr

who died this past week

(father of parishioner Hector Medina, Jr)

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to

Hector and the Medina Family

May he Rest in Peace

Spaghetti Dinner

8th Grade Fundraiser



Includes: Salad and Garlic Bread \$8.00 per plate

Wednesday, March 23rd

From 3 - 6 pm

Carolan Hall

To Order your plate: Call the School Office (210) 655-2882

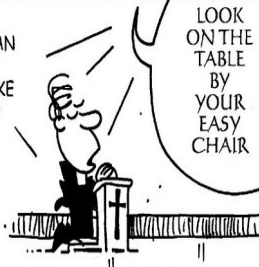
THESE STANDARDS JESUS HOLDS UP ARE IMPOSSIBLE! WHAT DOES HE EXPECT US TO BE - SAINTS?



DONT ANSWER THAT.



LORD, WHERE CAN I FIND FAITH LIKE YOURS?



LOOK ON THE TABLE BY YOUR EASY CHAIR

MY BIBLE...



ACTS

LOOK WHAT'S COMING!!

There will be an ACTS Teen Missions Retreat Open to High School Teens

Thursday, March 17 - Sunday, March 20

at: Slumber Falls Retreat Center New Braunfels, TX

Cost: \$170.00 (Scholarships available)

Registration Forms - available at the back of the Church

Questions: Kristin Avitua (210) 771-2908 Skavitua@yahoo.com

or: Sam Avitua (210) 274-4646 SamAvitua@Yahoo.com



ACTS

MIRA LO QUE VIENE!!

Habrá un Retiro de Misiones de ACTS Abierto a adolescentes de secundaria

Jueves, Marzo 17 - Domingo, Marzo 20

en: Slumber Falls Retreat Center New Braunfels, TX

Costo: \$170.00 (Becas disponibles)

Formularios de inscripción - disponibles en la parte posterior de la Iglesia

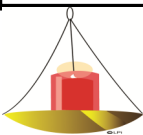
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**This Week at Our Parish**

<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 6, 2022</b>
10:00am	KC Corporate Mass - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	ACTS Team Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
<b>STM School Selling Spaghetti Dinner Tickets After 10 &amp; 12 Mass</b>	
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 7 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
5:00 pm	Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - <i>RMR</i>
7:00 pm	Guadalupano Board Mtg - <i>RMR</i>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 8, 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
5:30 pm	Divine Mercy - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
6:30 pm	Coro Alegria Choir Practice - <i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>
	Synod Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
7:00 pm	Grupo Choir Practice - <i>Church</i>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 9, 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	Pastoral Council Mtg - <i>Rectory Mtg Room</i>
6:30 pm	Synod Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 10, 2021</b>
12:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
7:00 pm	RCIA - <i>Rectory Mtg. Room</i>
	CDA Board Mtg - <i>Dining Room</i>
	Lenten Bible Study - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
	Grupo Via Crucis Practice - <i>School Playground</i>
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 11, 2021</b>
12:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration - <i>Church</i>
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - <i>Church</i>
6:45 pm	Camino de la Cruz / Grupo de Oracion - <i>Church</i>
<b>STM School Selling Spaghetti Dinner Tickets After 5pm, 10am, &amp; 12pm Weekend Masses</b>	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 12, 2022</b>
4:00 pm	Reconciliation - <i>Church</i>
6:30 pm	Guadalupanos Rosary - <i>Church</i>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 13, 2022</b>
8:30 am	KC Breakfast - <i>Carolan Hall</i>
6:00 pm	ACTS Team Mtg - <i>Carolan Hall</i>

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†Fr. Gilbert Pansza and  
†Richard Pansza, Jr

**Lecturas de la Semana del 7 - 13 marzo**

**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:** Est 14:1,3-5,12-14; Sal 137:1-3,7-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**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 15:5-12,17-18; Sal 26:1,7-9,13-14;  
Flp 3:17-4:1; Lc9:28-36

**Readings for the week of Mar 7 - 13**

**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:** Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14;  
Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 5, 2022</b>
8:00 am	†Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen †Barbara Piarowski by Phyllis Byington
5:00 pm	†Anthony Sanchez by Alfredo & Irma Sanchez †Christina Dominguez by Dominguez Family
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 6, 2022</b>
8:00 am	†Al Weinheimer by Klar Family †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
10:00 am	†Juan Mendoza Sr. by Jesse Perez
12:00 pm	<b>STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased</b> †Deceased Priests by Kim Nguyen
	<b>Health - Ramon Mata, Jr</b>
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>March 7, 2021</b>
8:00 am	†Alice Piarowski by Phyllis Byington †Teresa Hoi & Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 8, 2021</b>
8:00 am	†Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen <b>In Thanksgiving</b> by Kim Nguyen
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 9, 2021</b>
8:00 am	†Daniel S. Menchaca, Jr by Martha Menchaca †Rodolfo M. Segovia by Martha Menchaca
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 10, 2021 (Communion Service)</b>
8:00 am	<b>All Ordained Clergy and Religious</b> †Hugh and Agnes Tate, Jr
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 11, 2021</b>
8:00 am	†Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen †Robert Piarowski by Phyllis Byington
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 12, 2022</b>
8:00 am	†Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen †Linda Fuentes by Fuentes Family
5:00 pm	†Fr. Joe Uvietta by Melba Fisher
	<b>STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased</b>
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>March 13, 2022</b>
8:00 am	†Ruben Villa by Ralph & Elda Garcia †Teresa Hoi & †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen
10:00 am	†Vernon Wilson by Jesse Perez †Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina Morales by Morales & Briseno Families
12:00 pm	<b>Thanksgiving for the Camarillo Family</b> BY Felipa Camarillo †All Unborn (aborted) souls by Kim Nguyen

**Liturgical Roles****Saturday, March 12, 2021**

5:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John,, (+ 1 Vol-IN)  
**Lector** - M.Fisher

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

8:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, (+2 Vol - If Needed)  
**Lector** - C.Brown

10:00 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, And+J.Perez  
**Lector** - Abi.Perez

12:00 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, R.Borrego, G.Martinez  
**Lector** - A.Chavez / M.Cisneros