



# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Iglesia San Gregorio Magno

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 1, 2023 ♦ 1º de octubre del 2023*

*Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*



*At the name of Jesus every knee  
shall bend...and every tongue con-  
fess that **JESUS CHRIST** is **LORD**.*

*~Philippians 2:9-11*

*Al nombre de Jesús se doble toda  
rodilla...y toda lengua proclamé  
que **CRISTO JESUS** es el Señor.*

*~Filipenses 2:9-11*



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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil  
Sunday 8:00am Mass  
10:00am Mass  
12:00pm Misa

### DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 8:15am  
*(Thurs. are communion service &  
Weds. are school masses)*

### CONFESSIONS

4pm - 6pm Fridays - *Chapel*

### ADORATION CHAPEL

7am - 9pm Mon.- Fri.  
*All times are subject to change for certain  
liturgical celebrations.*

### BAPTISM, FUNERALS & HOMEBOUND

Parish Office 210-342-5271

### LAST RITES & WEDDINGS

Fr. Miguel ext.312

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### MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

**Monday October 2**  
Vanessa López -Health  
†Hellen Pollok

**Tuesday October 3**  
Lupita Alcala -Birthday

**Wednesday October 4**  
Paul Canales -Birthday  
†Andy Lopez  
†Howard Freeman

**Thursday October 5**  
Priestly & Religious Vocations

**Friday October 6**  
†Magdaleno Betancur

**Sat. Vigil October 7**  
†Bonnie Groff  
†Epifanio & Juanita Arreaga  
†Johnny Arreaga  
†Roland & Thelma Neaves  
†Raul Contreras

**Sunday October 8**  
**8:00am**  
Holy Name Society  
†Henry McCann  
†Dora Ponce

**10:00am**  
People of the Parish  
St. Vincent de Paul

**12:00pm**  
†Esteban Hernandez Jr.  
†Daniel Facundo Blanco

**BLESSED MOTHER LAMP**  
Sr. Josepha Feeney

**ADORATION CHAPEL LAMP**  
Elaine Koch



### THIS WEEK / ESTA SEMANA

**Monday October 2**  
6:30pm Altar Society Board -Mary's H.

**Tuesday October 3**  
6pm Legion de Maria -Mary's House  
6:30pm Pastoral Council -St. Joseph's  
6:30p Adult Confirmation -Rectorry

**Wednesday October 4**  
12pm Sewing Group -Mary's House  
3pm Blessing of Pets -Sch. Courtyard  
6pm YA Bible Study -Youth Room  
6:30pm Mass  
7pm Faith Night/Noche de Fe -Hall

**Thursday October 5**  
9:30am Legion of Mary -Rectorry  
6pm Shields of Christ -Mary's House  
6:30pm RCIA -St. Joseph

**Friday October 6**  
4pm Confessions -*Chapel*

**Saturday October 7**  
10am Council of Ministries -St. Joseph's  
6:30pm Living Rosary -After Mass

### EVANGELIZATION

A.C.T.S.	Chuck Brayden
Altar Society	Susan Janysek
Divine Mercy	Mary Ann Maldonado
Fishers of Men	Jesse Tello
Faith Night	Augie Morales
Gardening	Christina DeLa Garza
Holy Name Society	Jesse Tello
Hospital & Homebound	Ezekiel O'Campo
Legion of Mary	Delma Campos
Legión de Maria	Ana María Mendoza
LifeTeen & Egde	Gloria Silva
Guadalupanos	Monica Flores
RCIA	Liz, Oz, Daniel, Jose
Spanish Ministry	Sr. Luz Doñez
Women of Faith	Delma Campos
YA Bible Study	Victoria & Miguel

### Stewardship /Corresponsabilidad

**Weekend of September 24, 2023**

Regular Collection	\$9,505.00
Second Collection	\$1,377.00

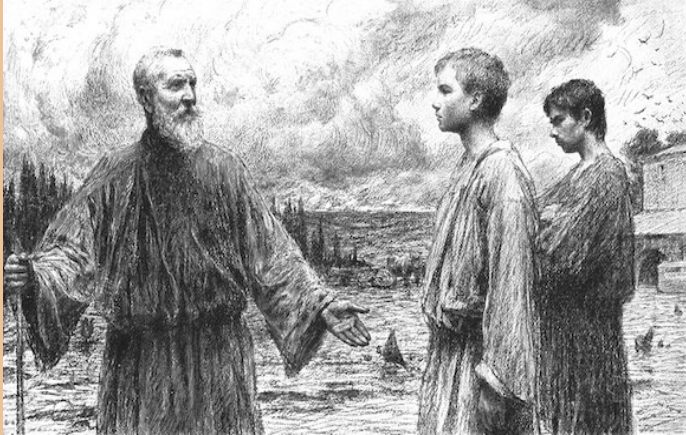
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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Understanding Father

Jesus is saying something important in today's Gospel. He talks about tax collectors and prostitutes who repented after hearing John the Baptist preach. He must have shocked the priests and elders when he said those prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. Yet Jesus was saying that sinners who repented will enter God's kingdom first. Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.



Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? The priests and elders said all the right things about obeying God's laws, but they were more interested in looking important than living a holy life. Are we like that—telling everyone I am a good Christian, going to church every Sunday (or at least on Christmas and Easter), and yet never making any effort to be loving, forgiving, patient, honest, or any of the difficult things that Jesus calls us to be?

The tax collectors and sinners knew that they were unworthy, but they listened to the call to repentance and let God make them worthy. Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.

Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

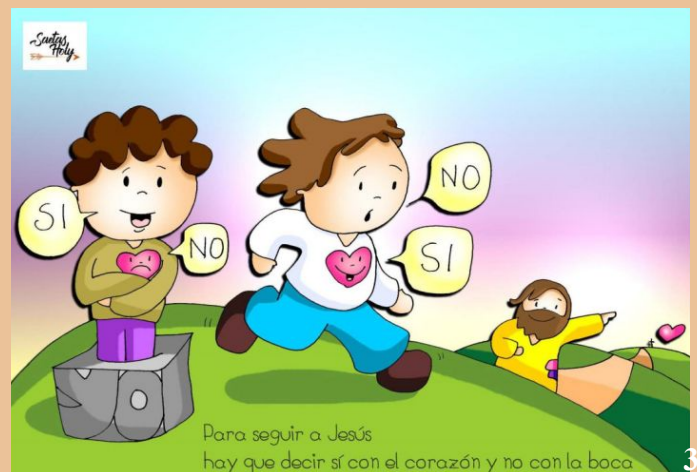
## El padre comprensivo

Jesús está diciendo algo importante en el Evangelio de hoy. Habla de recaudadores de impuestos y prostitutas que se arrepintieron después de escuchar predicar a Juan el Bautista. Debe haber sorprendido a los sacerdotes y ancianos cuando dijo que esas prostitutas entrarían al reino de Dios antes que ellos. Después de todo, sus oyentes habían estado fieles a la Ley por toda la vida. Sin embargo, Jesús estaba diciendo que los pecadores que se arrepientan entrarán primero al reino de Dios. El punto de Jesús no era tanto la salvación final sino nuestras decisiones diarias.

Recuerda la parábola de los dos hijos. El segundo hijo dijo lo que su padre quería oír, sin intenciones de hacerlo. El primero fue sincero sobre no querer ir a la viña, pero luego decidió hacerlo de todos modos. Sospecho que el padre de esos hombres sabía lo que cada uno haría o dejaría de hacer.

¿Y a quién queremos imitar? Los sacerdotes y los ancianos dijeron todas las cosas correctas acerca de obedecer las leyes de Dios, pero estaban más interesados en verse importantes que en vivir una vida santa. ¿Nosotros también somos así? ¿Les digo a todos que soy un buen cristiano, voy a la iglesia todos los domingos (o al menos en Navidad y Semana Santa) y, sin embargo, nunca hago ningún esfuerzo por ser amoroso, perdonador, paciente, honesto o cualquiera de las cosas difíciles que Jesús nos llama a ser?

Los recaudadores de impuestos y los pecadores sabían que eran indignos, pero escucharon el llamado al arrepentimiento y dejaron que Dios los hiciera dignos. ¿Somos lo suficientemente honestos para mirar nuestras vidas y arrepentirnos del odio, del egoísmo o lo que sea que nos mantiene en el pecado, y luego seguir a Jesús con todo el corazón? Puede que no siempre nos guste hacer lo que Dios nos pide, pero Dios es un Padre comprensivo que puede aceptar nuestras debilidades y perdonarlas cuando estamos listos para volver a él.







# FAITH FORMATION | FORMACIÓN DE LA FE

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## FAITH FORMATION:

Life Teen 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation students have a day retreat with their parent(s) on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 8:00am (7:45am check in) to 1:30pm in the parish hall.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4, 2018 | 3:00 PM | School Courtyard

Bring your pets for a blessing this coming Wednesday. For the safety of all animals, please bring them on a leash or in a carrier.  
All are Welcome!



## OCTOBER Month of the Holy Rosary

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses," that is to say that ever time people say the Rosary devoutly they place a crown of...roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. Being heavenly flowers these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty.

## HISTORY OF THE ROSARY

DOMINGO OF GUZMAN WAS A HOLY SPANISH PRIEST, THAT WENT TO SOUTHERN FRANCE TO CONVERT THOSE WHO HAD LEFT THE CHURCH DUE TO ALBIGENSIAN HERESY.

HE CONVERTED A FEW SOULS, BUT OFTEN, FOR FEAR OF BEING RIDICULED BY THE ALBIGENSIANS, THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS.

DOMINGO PRAYED TO THE HOLY VIRGIN FOR HELP, SINCE HE FELT HIS EFFORTS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS.

THE HOLY VIRGIN APPEARED TO HIM HOLDING A ROSARY IN HER HANDS. SHE TAUGHT HIM HOW TO PRAY IT, AND ASKED HIM TO PREACH IT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TODAY, THE ROSARY IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND POPULAR MARIAN PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH.

Join us to pray the Living Rosary on  
Saturday, October 7th after the  
Vigil Mass at the steps of the Church.

Acompañanos a rezar el Rosario Viviente  
el 7 de octubre después de la Misa  
a la entrada de la iglesia.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

**Saint Francis of Assisi** was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God's call and went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

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## 4 REASONS TO PRAY THE ROSARY

**IT'S BIBLICAL**  
The Rosary contemplates the great mysteries of the Christian Faith; each mystery has its source in the Holy Scriptures.

**IT HELPS US BE HOLIER**  
This prayer has been a great help to many in their path to holiness when prayed with devotion.

**THE VIRGIN HAS ASKED US TO**  
In several Marian apparitions (as Fatima), our Mother has asked us to pray the Rosary for the world's salvation.

**IT WEAKENS THE DEVIL**  
The Rosary has the effect of weakening the action of the devil in the world and in our lives.

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES / ACTIVIDADES PARROQUIALES



St. Gregory the Great  
**Holy Name Society**  
*brings you the...*  
**Chicken & Sausage Sale**  
October 1, 2023  
After all Sunday Masses

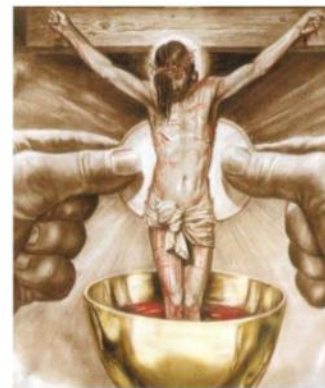


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**Faith Night**  
Wednesdays from September 6 - October 25  
Begins with Mass at 6:30pm followed by  
Dinner & Faith Night. All are Welcome!

**Altar Society  
General  
Meeting**  
Monday, October 9  
at 7 pm in the  
Parish Hall  
A Memorial Service for  
our deceased members  
will take place.

### MI ENCUENTRO CON JESUS



La Eucaristía es el corazón de la Iglesia, el misterio más sublime de la fe católica, el punto más alto de unión con el Señor al que el alma puede aspirar. Es la presencia del mismo Cristo en medio de nosotros y con nosotros.

El mismo Señor se nos presenta bajo la especie del pan: "Yo soy el pan vivo bajado del cielo. Si uno come de este pan vivirá para siempre. El pan que le voy a dar es mi carne por la vida del mundo" (Jn. 6, 51). El nos solicita a reconocerle, a acogerle y a alimentarnos de El para que no nos falte la alegría de vivir y la fuerza de servir.

El 4 de Octubre a las 3:00pm  
en el patio de la escuela

### BENDICIÓN DE ANIMALES DOMÉSTICOS

Celebrando la Fiesta de  
San Francisco de Asís.

Para mayor seguridad, favor  
de traer sus mascotas con  
correa o un transportador.

Ven con tu  
mascota,  
¡te esperamos!



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Respect Life Month  
Mes del  
Respeto a la Vida



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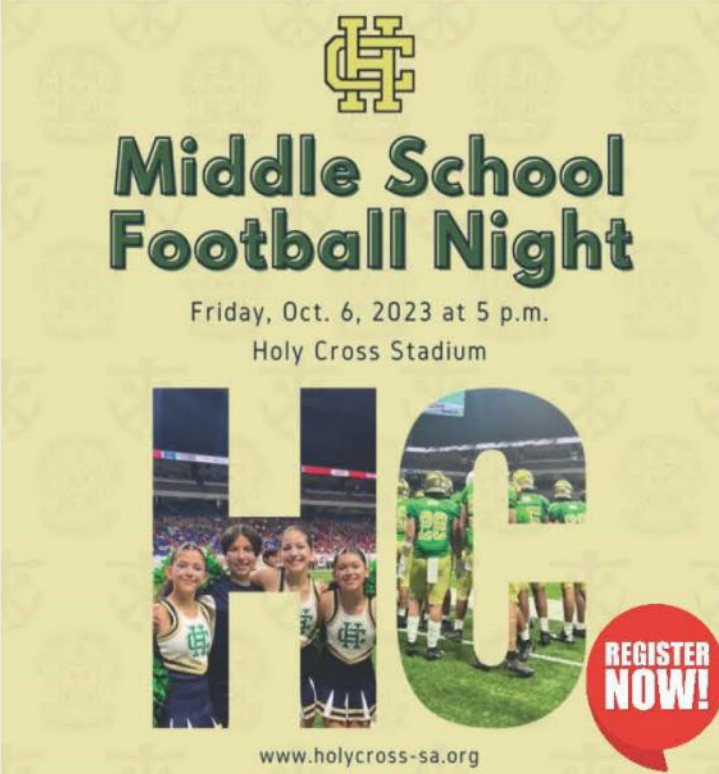
*Saturday, October 7th*  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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you!**

**HC**

**Middle School  
Football Night**

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 at 5 p.m.  
Holy Cross Stadium



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# ARCHDIOCESE ACTIVITIES / ACTIVIDADES ARCHIDOCESANAS

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## Who needs healing *right now?* We all do.

Gather as one family in need of the healing nourishment found only in the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ. This November, come together at the largest gathering of our local Church in 3 years, then go forth and share His nourishment in the world!

**ASSEMBLY 2023  
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**NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2023**



Participation is free but registration is required. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER: [WWW.ASSEMBLYSA.ORG](http://WWW.ASSEMBLYSA.ORG)**  
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## Morning of Reflection

**Join Us! Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 @ 10am-12:30pm**

This morning's retreat will be on Our Lady of the Rosary - a powerful gift from heaven. Deepen your understanding of this Gospel Prayer.

Hear about God's plan for our hope and conversion through Our Lady of Fatima.

### Presentation

You are welcomed and encouraged to bring your Bible and a journal or notebook to take notes.

### Time for Prayer & Reflection

Beginning with communal Morning Prayer in Gethsemane Chapel, this event will include time for silent reflection after hearing the presentation.

We will conclude by praying the Gospel Prayer of the Rosary, with guided meditations to enrich your morning experience.

### Live with Hope

Participants will go forth equipped with spiritual tools for daily living in hope and walking with God!

Medals from Fatima, Portugal, site of Marian apparitions, will be provided to participants.

*There is no fee to attend; donations are welcomed.*



**Mary Jane Fox**  
Presenter

With over 35 years of experience in full-time ministry to ordinary people, and with theological & philosophical formation, Mary Jane Fox will guide you through this morning retreat in a way that is relevant to you, based in prayer, and rooted in Scripture and the ancient wisdom of the Church.

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October 2023

RESPECT LIFE

## radical solidarity



The 2023 Respect Life theme from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is *Radical Solidarity*, which invites Catholics to be deeply transformed by Christ's example of love. We are called to embrace human life, come alongside the vulnerable, and move in compassion to contribute to a culture of life.

Join the Archdiocese of San Antonio at an upcoming initiative in support of human life.

### ► Mass and Panel Discussion

**Saturday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Helotes** (13715 Riggs Rd., Helotes, Texas 78023)

All are invited to gather for a celebration of the Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Michael Boulette at 4:30 p.m. in the Church followed by a panel discussion lead by speakers Mardi Baron, Karl Stewart, MPH, LCCA, and Father Donald Rank, OFM Cap., at 5:45 p.m. in the parish hall. This Mass and discussion will be held in English. Please RSVP to help us plan accommodations.



Bishop Michael Boulette, O.M.V.  
Helotes and Helotes

### ► Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, October 8 at 8 a.m.**

**San Fernando Cathedral** (115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205)

All are invited to gather for a celebration of the Mass in Spanish for Respect Life Month with Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.



Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller,  
M.Sp.S.  
Cabrero and Harland

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life—  
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do  
the will of God in all things.  
Amen.



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