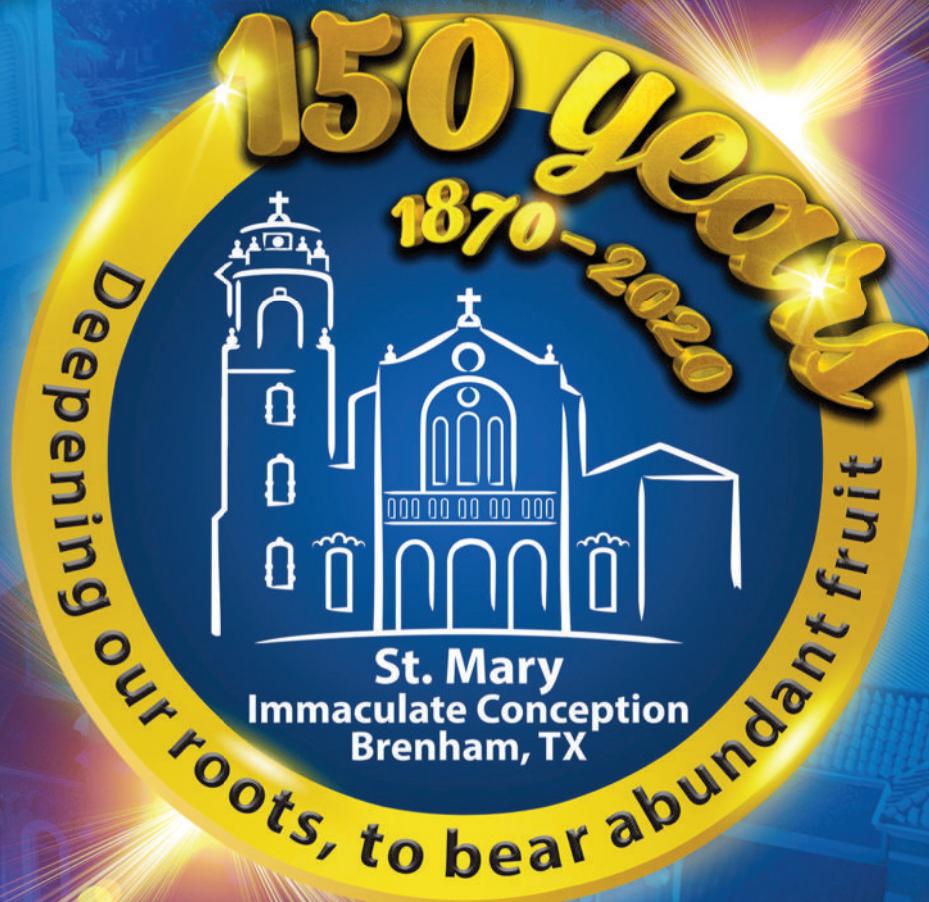


Jubilee Guide



Celebrating our history, our Faith

History of St. Mary's Catholic Church

150 years of Catholic faith in Brenham. Walking together towards the kingdom of heaven.

Core Values

We will intentionally reflect in this time of renewal on specific values.

Our Vision / Plan

We seek to evangelize, make disciples and form the christian community.

CALENDAR

Indulgences

Our Mission

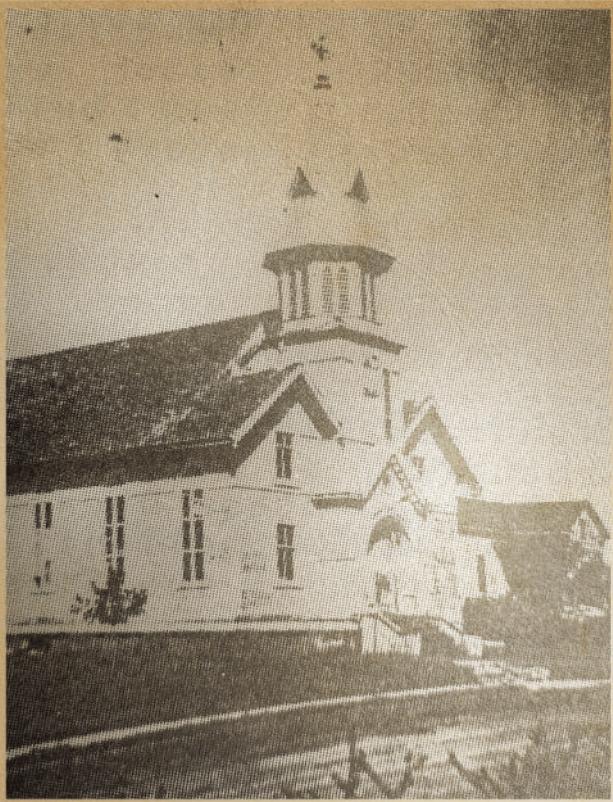
We have trace a direction following the liturgical year. We have intentionally put activities for everyone.

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Celebrating our History



Presentation of *Father Everardo*

Although I don't really consider myself a young or new priest, I recognize that I am still learning new areas and dimensions of the Faith. In this adventure of saying yes" to the Lord and following Him wherever He calls me, I continue to discover that our God is the God of the impossible and that He continues to make all things new.

On an otherwise typical evening at the Cathedral parish, where I was serving as associate pastor, I was getting ready for bed when I received a call that would deprive me of sleep that night and give me new-found strength at dawn. The call was on behalf of my bishop, who after the conventional greeting asked the unexpected question that was the reason for the call: "The bishop, in consultation with the presbyteral council, has decided to entrust you with the pastoral care of St. Mary Parish in Brenham. Do you accept the role of pastor?"

I must admit that my first reaction was: Where is Brenham? My next thought came immediately as I began to feel in my heart that unmistakable fire of the presence of God confirming His will. It was a familiar feeling, the same one that accompanied me in many moments of my life. It was that sense I had when I made my First Communion, when I entered the seminary, when I was ordained a priest. Now that sense of God's presence came to me as I looked forward to becoming pastor in Brenham – wherever that would be! After a few seconds of memorable reflection, I was brought back to the moment as I heard: "Father Everardo, are you there? Do you accept?"

With great joy and without hesitation I responded: "Yes, of course I accept!"

After a brief conversation in which we finalized some details, I hung up and realized I still didn't know where Brenham was located!

There are no words to describe all the feelings that went through my heart as the GPS directed me on my drive here. Nor can I fully express the joy and gratitude I experienced as I entered the church for the first time.

To paraphrase Saint Paul, I presented myself to you weak and trembling with fear; My word and my preaching were not with persuasive human wisdom (and I would add, and with very bad English), but in the manifestation and power of the Spirit, so that your faith is not based on the wisdom of men, but on the

power of God (yes, with my feet firmly on the Rock of my faith and my heart on fire in the love of God). 1 Corinthians 2:4 With deep humility I am gradually discovering the great blessing that has been given me in becoming part of this parish and its history. I consider the celebration of the 150th anniversary Jubilee, commemorating its foundation, to be a wonderful opportunity.

This occasion is a chance to discover the richness of this community, to deepen the roots of our faith and to project our future. Receiving the blessing from the Holy Father Pope Francis to be able to bless the church door, along with the promulgation of a Jubilee year and access to the plenary indulgence every day of the year, gives us the opportunity to remember that we are pilgrims on this earth, and that our destiny is in God's presence.

To answer who we are as pilgrims, we have to look inside ourselves. And to answer where we are going, we have to look at where we come from. It is my deepest wish that the celebration of this jubilee will honor our roots, renewing our present and clarifying our future. I pray that it be an opportunity not only for our parish, but for all those who approach us who also want to receive the plenary indulgence.

Time is one of the greatest gifts we have. We know that every minute that passes will never return. For this reason, we do not want to miss any opportunity to live it intensely in accomplishing the will of God. Even with the abundant resources at our disposal, even with many wonderful activities in our plan, the only way to encounter God is with an open heart. Plans alone do not accomplish that. Instead, God waits for each of us to respond freely to His invitation. Are we willing to grow closer to Him? To have an encounter with Him during this time of grace? If we are, then let us prepare not only outwardly but also in the depths of our hearts to live each activity, so that as a spiritual family we can go on pilgrimage together to the house of our loving Father, God Himself.



In the following pages you will find the planning of a year full of celebrations and events. We don't want them to be just activities, but opportunities to renew ourselves in Christ. That is why at the beginning of this plan, you will find the direction we want to take as a parish. We are mapping out our Mission and Values along with our Plan.



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Fridays at 4:30 pm



Padre Everardo Cazares



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Presentación del Padre Everardo

Aunque nunca me he considerado un sacerdote joven o nuevo, reconozco que aún sigo aprendiendo y conociendo nuevas áreas y dimensiones de la fe. En esta aventura de decirle “si” al Señor y de seguirlo a donde quiera que me llame, sigo descubriendo que Dios es el Dios de lo imposible y que sigue haciendo nuevas todas las cosas.

En un día que lucía completamente ordinario en la vida de Catedral, que era el lugar donde estaba sirviendo como pastor asociado, ya avanzada la tarde y preparándome para dormir recibí una llamada que me quitaría el sueño esa noche y me daría nuevas fuerzas al amanecer.

La llamada era de parte de mi obispo, que después del saludo convencional se realiza la pregunta inesperada, la que era el motivo de esa llamada:

“el obispo consultando al Consejo Presbiteral ha tomado a bien confiarle el cuidado pastoral de la Parroquia St. Mary en Brenham como el pastor de ella, ¿Aceptas?”

En ese momento lo primero que brincó a mi mente fué:

¿Dónde está Brenham?

E inmediatamente empecé a sentir en mi corazón ese fuego inconfundible de la presencia de Dios confirmando su voluntad, mismo sentimiento que me acompañando en muchos momentos de mi vida, cuando realicé mi primera comunión, cuando entré al seminario, cuando me ordené y ahora ir a Brenham donde quiera que eso sea... Después de unos segundos que para mí se hicieron memorias marcadas en mi corazón, se escuchó una voz del teléfono que rompió el momento tan íntimo que estaba viviendo...

Padre Everardo, ¿está ahí? ¿acepta?

-Sí, por supuesto que aceptó. Contesté sin titubear.

Finalizamos algunos detalles y al colgar la llamada me volvió ese pensamiento...

¿Dónde está Brenham?

No existen palabras para poder describir todos los sentimientos que pasaban por mi corazón cuando iba manejando rumbo a Brenham y mucho menos existirán palabras para poder expresar lo que sentí al entrar a la iglesia a la que llegué ya que mi GPS sí que conocía donde estaba Brenham.

Como dice San Pablo, Me presenté a ustedes débil y temblando de miedo; mi palabra y mi predicación no fué con persuasiva sabiduría humana (y yo agregaría, y con un muy mal inglés), sino en la manifestación y el poder del Espíritu, para que su fe no se apoye en la sabiduría de los hombres, sino en el poder de Dios (eso si, con mis pies bien firmes en la Roca de mi fe y mi corazón encendido en el amor a Dios)

Con mucha humildad he ido descubriendo la gran bendición que se me ha otorgado al ser parte de esta historia, celebrar el Jubileo de los 150 años de fundación es una gran oportunidad para descubrir la riqueza de esta comunidad, para profundizar en las raíces de nuestra fe y para proyectar nuestro futuro.

El recibir la bendición de parte del Santo Padre el Papa Francisco de poder bendecir la puerta y la promulgación de un año Jubilar además de tener acceso a la indulgencia plenaria todos los días del año, nos da la oportunidad de recordar que somos peregrinos en esta tierra y que nuestro destino está en su presencia.

Para responder quiénes somos, tenemos que mirar nuestro interior. Pero para responder a dónde vamos tenemos que mirar de donde venimos.

Es mi más profundo deseo que la celebración de este jubileo sea un honrar nuestras raíces, renovar nuestro presente y clarificar nuestro futuro. Una oportunidad no solo para nuestra parroquia, sino para todos aquellos que acercándose a nosotros quieran recibir la indulgencia plenaria.

En las siguientes páginas encontrarás la planificación de un año lleno de celebraciones y eventos. No queremos que sean solo actividades, sino oportunidades para renovarnos en Cristo. Es por eso que al principio se presenta la dirección que queremos tomar como parroquia, nuestra Misión, Valores y el Plan que seguiremos.

El tiempo es uno de los regalos más grandes que tenemos y que sabemos que jamás regresará. Por ello queremos aprovechar cada oportunidad para vivirla intensamente en la voluntad de Dios.



Podremos disponer todos los recursos a nuestro alcance para llevar acabo las mejores actividades, pero de algo estoy seguro, que para tener un encuentro con Dios solo se requieren 2 personas. Dios y un corazón disponible. Sin dudarlo, Dios está aquí esperándonos a cada uno, la pregunta es: ¿y nosotros estamos dispuestos a tener un encuentro con El? Dispongamos nuestro corazón para vivir cada actividad, y que como familia espiritual podremos juntos ir peregrinando a la casa del buen Padre Dios.



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Viernes a las 4:30 pm



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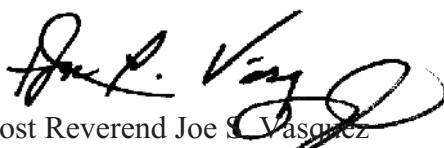
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Congratulations! As you begin a jubilee year celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, I pray that your community will be renewed in spirit and grow stronger in your love for Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith. Christ, who is ever-present, shows us his love at every time of tribulation, every joyful moment, and especially in the celebration of the sacraments. As you participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, may you find unity with Jesus Christ and one another.

For 150 years, many people, including dedicated clergy and men and women religious, have shared their gifts of time, talent and treasure to build this strong and vibrant faith community. I thank God for these faithful men and women. You should be proud to be a part of the legacy of St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. I assure you of my prayers and affection as you journey during this jubilee year.

May God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, bless you and may his love flow through you as you continue your journey of faith.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin



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19 de noviembre de 2020

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¡Felicitaciones! Al comenzar el jubileo celebrando el 150 aniversario de la Iglesia de St. Mary, Inmaculada Concepción, pido por su comunidad para que el espíritu de ustedes sea renovado y crezcan más fuertes en su amor por Jesucristo y en nuestra fe católica. Cristo, omnipresente, nos muestra su amor en cada momento de tribulación, en cada momento de alegría y especialmente en la celebración de los sacramentos. Que, al participar en la celebración de la Eucaristía, ustedes puedan encontrarse en unidad con Jesucristo y el uno con el otro.

Durante 150 años, muchas personas, incluyendo clérigos y hombres y mujeres religiosos con dedicación, han compartido sus dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro para construir esta fuerte y vibrante comunidad de fe. Doy gracias a Dios por estos hombres y mujeres fieles. Deben sentirse orgullosos de formar parte del legado de la Iglesia de St. Mary, Inmaculada Concepción. Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones y afecto durante su jornada en este jubileo.

Que Dios, por la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María, los bendiga y que su amor propague en ustedes mientras continúan su jornada de fe.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Monseñor José S. Vásquez
Obispo de Austin

Why is it important to celebrate the 150th anniversary for an entire year?



¿Por qué es importante celebrar el 150 aniversario durante todo un año?

When we nurture our existence at the roots of our history, it provides for us, the opportunity to build firmly towards a secure future.

Celebrating the 150th dedication of the Parish with solemnity, is an opportunity to honor our ancestors, recognize their efforts and at the same time renew our commitment to spiritual wealth, not only in tradition but by inherited witness.

Spending a year in these celebrations will give us the opportunity to review the direction we are taking and to make a deep evaluation of our commitment as children of God. We are a spiritual family that is building the kingdom of God among us and also living the blessing of the evangelization entrusted to us by our baptism.

Cuando nutrimos nuestra existencia desde las raíces de la historia, nos permite construir con firmeza hacia un futuro seguro. Celebrar la 150^a dedicación de la Parroquia con solemnidad, es una oportunidad para honrar a nuestros antepasados, reconocer sus esfuerzos y al mismo tiempo renovar nuestro compromiso con la riqueza espiritual, no solo en la tradición sino por el testimonio heredado.

Pasar un año en estas celebraciones nos dará la oportunidad de repasar el rumbo que estamos tomando y hacer una valoración profunda de nuestro compromiso como hijos de Dios. Somos una familia espiritual que está construyendo el reino de Dios entre nosotros y viviendo también la bendición de la evangelización que nos ha confiado nuestro bautismo.





Why ask Holy Father Francis for a jubilee year with the possibility of acquiring plenary indulgences?

Given the situation we are experiencing, due to the havoc, difficulties and challenges that COVID 19 has caused us, being able to have a Jubilee year with the possibility of acquiring plenary indulgences, represents a great opportunity for us. We can heal our wounds, pray for our deceased brothers and sisters, and assure that all the celebrations throughout the year have the firm purpose of reminding us of the importance of looking towards the sky, remembering that our life here is a pilgrimage. Remembering the wonders that God has done in the past will help us look for him in the present and be able to wait for him in the future.

The possibility of being able to acquire plenary indulgences for a whole year, is not only a great spiritual blessing, which they themselves grant; but also, at this time it represents a great opportunity to heal our spiritual wounds caused by these moments of uncertainty and pain when losing our loved ones.

¿Por qué pedir al Santo Padre Francisco un año jubilar con la posibilidad de adquirir indulgencias plenarias?

Poder tener un año jubilar con la posibilidad de adquirir indulgencias plenarias, representa una gran oportunidad para nosotros en la situación que estamos viviendo, debido a los estragos, dificultades y desafíos que nos ha causado el COVID19. Podemos curarnuestras heridas, rezar por nuestros hermanos y hermanas fallecidos, y asegurar que todas las celebraciones a lo largo del año tengan el firme propósito de recordarnos la importancia de mirar hacia el cielo, recordando que nuestra vida aquí es una peregrinación. Recordar las maravillas que Dios ha hecho en el pasado nos ayudará a buscarlo en el presente y poder esperarlo en el futuro.

La posibilidad de poder adquirir indulgencias plenarias durante todo un año, no es sólo una gran bendición espiritual, que ellos mismos otorgan; también en este momento representa una gran oportunidad para sanar nuestras heridas espirituales, provocadas por estos momentos de incertidumbre y dolor al perder a nuestros seres queridos.



Will this put people's health at risk?

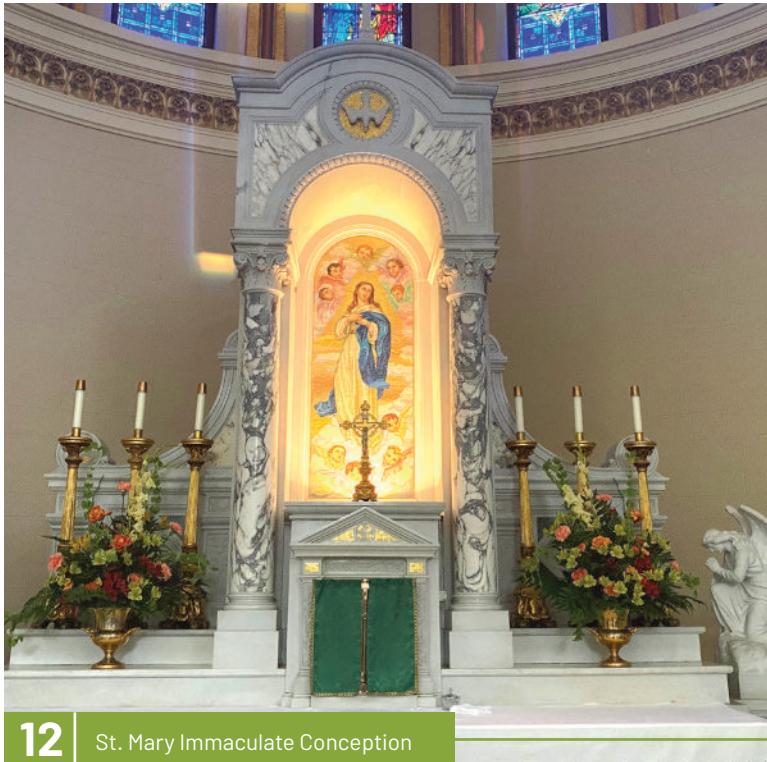
We do not believe so, because it will not be a matter of a specific day with one event, but of an entire year, that will avoid any crowding. The Parish community will be committed to following all the protocols that the diocese and the government periodically issue. Believing in faith that a solution or a vaccine will soon be found – once it is open as a jubilee year, will give us the possibility of thinking about a great closure to our year in 2021.

Therefore, we ask that you be aware of the updates that will be made to the calendar on the parish website. In it we will announce if the event is suspended or if it will be held with a certain capacity.

¿Pondrá esto en riesgo la salud de las personas?

No lo creemos, porque no será cuestión de un día concreto con un evento, sino de todo un año, que evitará aglomeraciones. La comunidad parroquial se compromete a seguir todos los protocolos que la diócesis y el gobierno emitan periódicamente. Creer en la fe de que pronto se encontrará una solución o una vacuna, una vez abierto como año jubilar, nos dará la posibilidad de pensar en un gran cierre de nuestro año en 2021.

Por ello pedimos que estén al pendiente de las actualizaciones que se estarán realizando al calendario en la página Web de la parroquia, en ella anunciaremos si el evento se suspende o si se realizará con una capacidad determinada.



Why those dates?

Everything is based on the date of the anniversary of the foundation- November 19, 2020 - but being under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception we want to close the year on December 8, 2021.

¿Por qué esas fechas?

Todo se basa en la fecha del aniversario de la fundación - 19 de noviembre de 2020 - pero estando bajo el patrocinio de la Inmaculada Concepción queremos cerrar el año el 8 de diciembre de 2021.

Times Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday

5:30 pm

Wednesday

12:15 pm

Tuesday

12:15 pm

Thursday

12:15 pm

Friday

5:30 pm

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 pm
7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday

8:00 am
10:30 am
12:30 pm Spanish
4:00 pm Latin

CONFESIONS

Saturday

3:30-4:30 p.m.
30 minutes before 12:15 and 5:30 Masses

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History of St. Mary's Catholic Church

by Michael Derkowski



The official beginning of St. Mary's Parish is traced back to November 19, 1870 when the Bassett brothers of Brenham deeded one acre of land to the Most Reverend Claude Marie Dubuis, second Bishop of Galveston to be used as parish grounds. Prior to the establishment of the parish, members of the catholic faith met to celebrate Mass at the residence of Thomas Dwyer.

His home was located where the Brenham City Municipal Building now stands. Parish records for Baptisms from 1881, records the parish name as "St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. William McSweeny was the first pastor; however Fr. Vincent Williamowicz was the first to actually live in Brenham.

The first church was built in 1871 under the guidance of Fr. William Mc Sweeney. The church was located on the west side of Church St. and faced north. As the congregation grew, a larger church was built in 1896. The first church was moved and was converted into a school. The new church built on the original building's location, now faced east not north.

Our current church was built by Fr. Charles Weisnerowski. Construction began in 1935 as Father Charles obtained a ten year loan of \$50,000 on July 12, 1935. The loan was obtained in the midst of the Great Depression a feat in itself, and was paid in full November 1, 1945. The new church was completed and blessed

by Bishop Byrne on May 3, 1936. Father Charles also celebrated his Silver Jubilee at the same time of the Dedication of the new church building. Mr. Bruno Gorzycki believed the building cost \$75,000, while the three marble altars and marble communion rail (imported from Italy) cost of \$22,000. With the 48 solid oak pews costing an additional \$3,000, cost for the project combined to total \$100,000. Adjusting for inflation, the cost would be near \$2,000,000 by today's standards. Considering this was all accomplished during the Great Depression, reflects the love and dedication of our ancestors.

The church buildings were not the only improvements the parish and Pastors embarked upon in the early history of the parish. In

A collage of historical photographs and maps related to St. Mary's Catholic Church. It includes:

- Birds Eye View Of Brenham, 1881:** A detailed map of Brenham showing street grids and early buildings. An arrow points to the location of the first church.
- Ross-Carroll-Bennett House:** A large, two-story Victorian-style house with a prominent front porch and multiple gables.
- Father Charles Standing in Front of St. Mary's White Under Construction:** A black and white photograph of Father Charles standing on the steps of a large, white, Gothic Revival church under construction.
- Church built in 1896, picket fence built in 1882 by Fr. Williamowicz:** A black and white photograph of the original church building, which was a smaller structure with a prominent steeple.
- When Father McSweeney Left Brenham He Went to Tular:** A small inset photograph showing a man, identified as Father McSweeney, walking away from the camera.

1886 Fr. James Grabinger erected a one and a half story frame home which served as a rectory until 1942. On November 24, 1925, the Most Reverend Bishop Byrne blessed a new two story brick school building. The building to this day is being used by the parish for CCE and ministry functions. At the time it was built it consisted of five classrooms on the first floor and a large auditorium and stage upstairs. Today the second floor has been converted into classrooms. In 1942, during World War II and a shortage of building materials, the old church building built in 1896 along with the old rectory built in 1886 were taken apart and reconstructed into a new two story brick rectory. This building is still used today and is named "Cornerstone".

Cornerstone today is used for CCE classes, meeting for ministries, and houses our beautiful Adoration Chapel. Utilizing the materials from the old buildings, Fr. Charles proudly remarked upon its completion, that it only cost the parish \$14,000. In 1950 Fr. Charles built another two story building (Providence Hall) also currently being used for CCE classes as well as community classes for our Brenham community. At the time, it was constructed as a new home for the Sisters of Divine Providence, who had been teaching at St. Mary's since 1915.

Fr. Floyd Biel arrived in Brenham in 1965 and wasted little time in renovating its current facilities along with building a new rectory. Construction began in October of 1967 and was completed and blessed by Bishop Reicher on Sunday, September 29, 1968. Today the rectory houses the parish offices and gift shop. Fr. Biel appointed a six man building committee, and with their help the parking lot was blacktopped, the church was air conditioned, carpet and new kneelers were installed, the pews were refinished and padded, and the interior of the church was painted. Outside the churched was cleaned and sealed, trees were removed, sidewalks added, and restrooms added to the back of the church building.

Fr. Ralph Brennan was appointed as Pastor of St. Mary's on June of 1985. Under his guidance our Parish Activity Center

was constructed, the church's roof was repaired, the doors refinished, and the exterior cleaned and sealed. The second floor of the school was also remodeled to add more CCE classrooms.

Fr. David Ivey arriving in July 2003 supervised the refurbishing of the Stations of the Cross along with many other statues in the church. He commissioned "Murals By Jericho" to Dutchleaf the dome over the Sanctuary and add the grape vine along with the three Marion symbols. All the pews were removed and refinished, new kneelers installed, and the entire church was scaffold to allow the ceiling to be scrapped and painted. It was affectionately known as the dance floor. The mural above the arch was added at that time.

Fr. Ernesto Elizondo, soon after his arrival in July of 2012, initiated an Evangelization ministry that has parishioners taking a week every year to go door to door spreading the "Good News" of Jesus' plan of salvation to those living in the boundaries of the parish. Under Fr. Ernesto's leadership, the old church air conditioning was replaced, the roofs over the church building, the school, and the PAC were replaced, and once again the exterior of the church was water blasted and sealed.

Fr. Everardo Cazares arrived July 2, 2020 with the challenge of celebrating the 150 year history in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. One hundred and fifty years of the rich love, dedication, and sacrifices made by our ancestors, will be on display for all to see. Our campus is a collection of buildings, statues, and stained glass which represent the perseverance, the dedication, the sacrifices, and the love for Our Lord, through all of the generations. Our love of Christ shines brightly in a world needing to see that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is alive in our hearts, in our minds, and in our actions. We proudly celebrate our Past, our Present, and our Future.

We invite you to make a pilgrimage to St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. We would be honored to have you as our guest.



St. Mary's students with two Sisters and Father Dykal in center. Photo taken on south side of old school which was converted from the first Church. Taken prior to 1924.

Wednesday, October 18, 1967 MODERN ST. MARY'S RECTORY AWARDED TO \$77,591 BIDDER

By WILLIAM O'SHEA

A contract to build the new Rectory of St. Mary's Catholic Church was awarded to local contractor Odell Lueckemeyer Thursday by the building committee. It was announced by Father Floyd Biel, pastor of St. Mary's.

The rectory will be erected on the corner of Church and Azer Streets on the property that formerly housed the W.M. Wren estate, by St. Mary's Parish and will be joined to the Church by an arched passageway.

Lueckemeyer's low bid of \$77,591 was accepted on the terms of the base bid and two alternates submitted by the three contractors. The other two included the Chappell Hill Construction Company, whose bid was \$78,154, and J. Murphy & Sons, William of Dallas, Texas, with a bid of \$77,921.

Architect Walter Cocke Jr., A.I.A., of Waco, has designed the modern one story home to fit the needs of the pastor. The bids submitted were the closest he had ever seen figured on a structure of this type.

The new rectory will be completely air-conditioned and centrally heated with electric power throughout. It will contain 4 bedrooms and 4 and one half bath rooms, 4 offices, a living room, kitchen and dining room, a sunroom, a porch and a sunporch. It will also have a three car garage joining the rectory.

The covered walkway connecting the rectory to the church is being built primarily for the convenience of the priests and parishioners by providing a means of going from their cars to the church during inclement weather.

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Historia de la Iglesia Católica de Santa María

por Michael Derkowski



El comienzo oficial de la parroquia de St. Mary se remonta al 19 de noviembre de 1870, cuando los hermanos Bassett de Brenham cedieron un acre de tierra al Reverendísimo Claude Marie Dubuis, segundo obispo de Galveston, para ser utilizado como terreno parroquial. Antes del establecimiento de la parroquia, los feligreses de la fe católica se reunían para celebrar la misa en la residencia de Thomas Dwyer.

Su casa estaba ubicada donde ahora se encuentra el edificio municipal de la ciudad de Brenham. Los registros parroquiales de bautismos de 1881, registran el nombre de la parroquia como "St. Iglesia de María, Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María". El Padre William McSweeny fué el primer pastor; sin embargo el P. Vincent Williamowicz fué el primero en vivir en Brenham.

La primera iglesia fué construida en 1871 bajo la dirección del P. William Mc Sweeney. La iglesia estaba ubicada en el lado oeste de Church St. y miraba al norte. A medida que la congregación creció, se construyó una iglesia más grande en 1896. La primera iglesia se trasladó y se convirtió en una escuela. La nueva iglesia construida en la ubicación del edificio original, ahora miraba al este, no al norte.

Nuestra iglesia actual fué construida por el P. Charles Weisnerowski. La construcción comenzó en 1935 cuando el padre Charles obtuvo un préstamo de diez años de \$ 50,000 el 12 de julio de 1935. El préstamo se obtuvo en medio de la Gran Depresión, una hazaña en sí misma, y se pagó en su totalidad el 1 de noviembre de 1945. La nueva iglesia fué completada y bendecida por el Obispo Byrne el 3 de mayo de 1936. El Padre Charles también celebró su Jubileo de Plata al mismo

tiempo de la Dedicación del nuevo edificio de la iglesia. Bruno Gorzycki creía que el edificio costaba \$ 75,000, mientras que los tres altares de mármol y el riel de comunión de mármol (importados de Italia) costaban \$ 22,000. Con las 48 bancas de roble macizo que cuestan \$ 3,000 adicionales, el costo del proyecto combinado totaliza \$ 100,000. Ajustando la inflación, el costo estaría cerca de \$ 2,000,000 según los estándares actuales. Teniendo en cuenta que todo esto se logró durante la Gran Depresión, refleja el amor y la dedicación de nuestros antepasados.

Los edificios de la iglesia no fueron las únicas mejoras en las que la parroquia y los párocos se embarcaron en la historia temprana de la parroquia. En 1886 el P. James Grabinger erigió una casa de un piso y medio que sirvió como rectoría hasta 1942. El 24 de noviembre de 1925, el Reverendísimo Obispo Byrne bendijo un nuevo edificio escolar de ladrillo de dos

Birds Eye View Of Brenham, 1881
Arrow points to St. Mary's first church.
According to a birdseye view of Brenham drawn by Augustus Koch in 1881, the little church was located just to the south of where the old rectory (Parish Center) now stands. It faced north toward what is now Houston Street. There is no mention of a rectory or where the priest lived up to the year 1886, but the birds-eye view shows a very small house just to the rear of the first church building and it is likely that this building served as the living quarters for the first priests here.

Ross-Carroll-Bennett House
315 East Main
A classic example of the rich clayed brick homes in Victorian style houses is one of Brenham's most remarkable landmarks. The house was built in 1893 by descendants of Thomas Cleve.

Father Charles Standing in Front of St. Mary's White Under Construction - Photo Courtesy of Franklin Rodenbeck

When Father McSweeney Left Ranchon He Went to Tular.
Church built in 1896, picket fence built in 1892 by Fr. McSweeney. Here will enter lower at far right.

pisos. El edificio hasta el día de hoy está siendo utilizado por la parroquia para CCE y funciones pastorales. En el momento en que se construyó, constaba de cinco aulas en el primer piso y un gran auditorio y un escenario en el piso de arriba. Hoy el segundo piso se ha convertido en aulas. En 1942, durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial y la escasez de materiales de construcción, el antiguo edificio de la iglesia construido en 1896 junto con la antigua rectoría construida en 1886 fueron desarmados y reconstruidos en una nueva rectoría de ladrillo de dos pisos. Este edificio todavía se utiliza hoy y se llama "Piedra angular (Corner Stone)". Corner Stone hoy se usa para clases de CCE, reuniones para ministerios y alberga nuestra hermosa Capilla de Adoración. Utilizando los materiales de los edificios antiguos, el P. Charles comentó con orgullo sobre su finalización, que solo le costó a la parroquia \$ 14,000. En 1950 el P. Charles construyó otro edificio de dos pisos (Providence Hall) que también se utiliza actualmente para las clases de CCE y para las clases comunitarias de nuestra comunidad de Brenham. En ese momento, se construyó como un nuevo hogar para las Hermanas de la Divina Providencia, que habían estado enseñando en St. Mary's desde 1915.

P. Floyd Biel llegó a Brenham en 1965 e invirtió poco tiempo renovando sus instalaciones actuales junto con la construcción de una nueva rectoría. La construcción comenzó en octubre de 1967 y fue terminada y bendecida por el obispo Reicher el domingo 29 de septiembre de 1968. Hoy en día, la rectoría alberga las oficinas parroquiales y la tienda de regalos. P. Biel nombró un comité de construcción de seis personas y, con su ayuda, se tapó el estacionamiento con asfalto, se acondicionó la iglesia con aire acondicionado, se instalaron alfombras y reclinatorios nuevos, se renovaron y acolcharon las bancas y se pintó el interior de la iglesia. En el exterior, se limpió y selló la iglesia, se quitaron los árboles, se agregaron aceras y se agregaron baños en la parte trasera del edificio de la iglesia.

P. Ralph Brennan fué nombrado párroco de St. Mary en junio de 1985. Bajo su dirección, se construyó nuestro Centro de Actividades Parroquiales, se reparó el techo de la iglesia, se

renovaron las puertas y se limpió y selló el exterior. El segundo piso de la escuela también fue remodelado para agregar más salones de clases de CCE.

P. David Ivey, que llegó en julio de 2003, supervisó la restauración de las Estaciones de la Cruz junto con muchas otras estatuas de la iglesia. Encargó a "Murals By Jericho" to Dutch-leaf la cúpula sobre el Santuario y agregar la vid junto con los tres símbolos de María. Todos los bancos fueron removidos y re acabados, se instalaron nuevos reclinatorios y el techo fuera desguazado y pintado. El mural sobre el arco se agregó en ese momento.

P. Ernesto Elizondo, poco después de su llegada en julio de 2012, inició un ministerio de evangelización que hace que los feligreses se tomen una semana cada año para ir de puerta en puerta difundiendo las "Buenas Nuevas" del plan de salvación de Jesús a quienes viven en los límites de la parroquia. Bajo el liderazgo del P. Ernesto, el viejo aire acondicionado de la iglesia fue reemplazado, los techos sobre el edificio de la iglesia, la escuela y el PAC fueron reemplazados, y una vez más el exterior de la iglesia recibió mantenimiento.

P. Everardo Cazares llegó el 2 de julio de 2020 con el desafío de celebrar los 150 años de historia en medio de una pandemia mundial. Ciento cincuenta años del amor, la dedicación y los sacrificios hechos por nuestros antepasados están en exhibición para que todos los vean. Nuestro campus es una colección de edificios, estatuas y vitrales que representan la perseverancia, la dedicación, los sacrificios y el amor por Nuestro Señor, a través de todas las generaciones. Nuestro amor por Cristo brilla intensamente en un mundo que necesita ver que nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo está vivo en nuestro corazón, en nuestra mente y en nuestras acciones. Celebramos con orgullo nuestro pasado, nuestro presente y nuestro futuro.

Te invitamos a hacer una peregrinación a Santa María, Iglesia Católica de la Inmaculada Concepción. Sería un honor para nosotros tenerlo como nuestro invitado.



St. Mary's students with two Sisters and Father Dykal in center. Photo taken on south side of old school which was converted from the first Church. Taken prior to 1924.

Wednesday, October 18, 1967

Modern St. Mary's Rectory Awarded To \$77,591 Bidder

By WILLIAM O'SHEA

A contract to build the new Rectory of St. Mary's Catholic Church was awarded to local contractor Odell Lueckemeyer Thursday by the building committee. It was announced by Father Floyd Biel, pastor of St. Mary's.

The rectory will be erected on the corner of Church and Aker Streets on the property that formerly housed the old schoolhouse owned by St. Mary's Parish and will be joined to the Church by an arched passageway.

Lueckemeyer's low bid of \$77,591 was accepted on the terms of the basic bid and two alternates submitted by the three contractors. The other two included the Chappell Hill Construction Company, whose bid was \$78,154, and J. Murphy & Sons, William of Eddin, Texas, with a bid of \$77,982.

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Indulgences

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church



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What is an indulgence?

A "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."⁸¹

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin."⁸² The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead.⁸³

The punishments of sin

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is

called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.⁸⁴

1473 The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man."

Las indulgencias

Tomado del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica



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¿Qué son las indulgencias?

La indulgencia es la remisión ante Dios de la pena temporal por los pecados, ya perdonados en cuanto a la culpa, que un fiel dispuesto y cumpliendo determinadas condiciones consigue por mediación de la Iglesia, la cual, como administradora de la redención, distribuye y aplica con autoridad el tesoro de las satisfacciones de Cristo y de los santos" (Pablo VI, Const. ap. Indulgentiarum doctrina, normas 1).

"La indulgencia es parcial o plenaria según libere de la pena temporal debida por los pecados en parte o totalmente" (Indulgentiarum doctrina, normas 2). "Todo fiel puede lucrar para sí mismo o aplicar por los difuntos, a manera de sufragio, las indulgencias tanto parciales como plenarias" (CIC can 994).

Las penas del pecado

1472 Para entender esta doctrina y esta práctica de la Iglesia es preciso recordar que el pecado tiene una doble consecuencia. El pecado grave nos priva de la comunión con Dios y por ello

nos hace incapaces de la vida eterna, cuya privación se llama la "pena eterna" del pecado. Por otra parte, todo pecado, incluso venial, entraña apego desordenado a las criaturas que es necesario purificar, sea aquí abajo, sea después de la muerte, en el estado que se llama Purgatorio. Esta purificación libera de lo que se llama la "pena temporal" del pecado. Estas dos penas no deben ser concebidas como una especie de venganza, infligida por Dios desde el exterior, sino como algo que brota de la naturaleza misma del pecado. Una conversión que procede de una ferviente caridad puede llegar a la total purificación del pecador, de modo que no subsistiría ninguna pena (cf Concilio de Trento: DS 1712-13; 1820).

1473 El perdón del pecado y la restauración de la comunión con Dios entrañan la remisión de las penas eternas del pecado sin embargo las penas temporales del pecado permanecen. El cristiano debe esforzarse, soportando pacientemente los sufrimientos y las pruebas de toda clase y, llegado el día, enfrentándose serenamente con la muerte, por aceptar como una gracia estas penas temporales del pecado; debe aplicarse, tanto mediante las obras de misericordia y de caridad, como mediante la oración y las distintas prácticas de penitencia, a despojarse completamente del "hombre viejo" y a revestirse del "hombre nuevo" (cf. Ef 4,24).



Let's pray Oremos

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings granted our parish during these 150 years.

We are grateful for the faith of those who have gone before us, who committed themselves to you in the building of this church on its pilgrimage to you.

We want to deepen our roots by listening, living and spreading the Gospel in our faith community and to then reap abundant fruit.

We know that you are the same yesterday, today and forever; that you make all things new. We seek to renew ourselves in your love.

We want to continue to be a missionary church dedicated to evangelization, fostering discipleship and forming our Christian community today, and for future generations.

Grant us, Lord, to be faithful to the anointing and calling we received through our baptism.

We entrust ourselves to the intercession and assistance of our Blessed Mother Mary, knowing that with her help we can achieve all the graces promised to us.
Amen.

Te damos gracias, Señor, por todas las bendiciones otorgadas a nuestra parroquia durante estos 150 años.

Estamos agradecidos por la fe de quienes nos han precedido, que se comprometieron contigo en la construcción de esta iglesia en su peregrinar hacia ti.

Queremos profundizar nuestras raíces escuchando, viviendo y difundiendo el Evangelio en nuestra comunidad de fe para poder cosechar abundantes frutos.

Sabemos que eres el mismo ayer, hoy y siempre; que haces nuevas todas las cosas. Buscamos renovarnos en tu amor.

Queremos seguir siendo una iglesia misionera dedicada a la evangelización, fomentando el discipulado y formando nuestra comunidad cristiana hoy y para las generaciones futuras.

Concédenos, Señor, ser fieles a la unción y al llamado que recibimos a través de nuestro bautismo.

Nos encomendamos a la intercesión y asistencia de nuestra Santísima Madre María, sabiendo que con su ayuda podemos alcanzar todas las gracias prometidas.

Amén.

Our Mission

It is not difficult to know what our mission is, since it is the very mission of the Church. This mission is expressed in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Gospels.

"Jesus approached them and spoke thus: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, then, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world" (MT 28: 18-20).

This mission entrusted directly to the Apostles, today to the Bishops, extends to all baptized people. What we have received, we have to announce. Since I became aware of my being a Christian, I have assumed this task as my own. I have embraced it even more closely since being ordained a priest, and I rejoice that my bishop, Bishop Joe Vázquez, has directly entrusted to me this same ministry to be performed here in our parish.

That is why I state the mission this way:

"In unity with our Diocesan Church of Austin, following the

guidelines issued by our bishop, we seek to **EVANGELIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES, and FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**"

EVANGELIZATION seeks to provoke the encounter with a God lived and real, through the basic preaching of the Kerygma (Greek for "proclamation" and refers to the Gospel) and prayer. This will take place through initiatives of the pastoral groups and others in the parish.

MAKING DISCIPLES is, undoubtedly, the most difficult task, since it consists in making Jesus the teacher in our lives and learning from Him how to live His teaching faithfully in every area of our life. This we will aim for through a continuous catechesis. The parish seeks to be a place of growth in faith.

FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY This goal is the natural fruit of living a personal encounter with God and seeking His kingdom in our lives. We cannot live our faith alone. Rather, we need a community where we can share our experiences and nourish ourselves with the testimony of other brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Mary Immaculate Concepción wants to be a place where faith is lived. We intentionally live this way in the Liturgical assembly, in the ministry and service groups and in our own moments of coexistence and spirituality, koinonia (Christian fellowship or communion) and mystagogy (led through the mysteries of faith).

We are a church on the move that is renewed in the love of God and guided by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.



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Nuestra Misión

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o es difícil saber cual es nuestra misión, pues es la misión misma de la Iglesia, que esta expresada en la sagrada escritura, especialmente en los evangelios.

"Jesús se acercó a ellos y les habló así: «Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las gentes bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que yo os he mandado. Y he aquí que yo estoy con vosotros todos los días hasta el fin del mundo.»" Mt 28, 18-20

Esta misión encomendada directamente a los Apóstoles, hoy a los Obispos, se extiende a todo bautizado. Lo que hemos recibido lo tenemos que anunciar.

Desde que adquirí conciencia de mi ser cristiano, he asumido esta tarea como algo propio, e indudablemente al ser ordenado sacerdote, mi obispo Joe Vázquez me ha encomendado de manera directa y expresa esta misma tarea.

Por eso enuncio la misión de esta manera:

"En unidad con nuestra Iglesia Diocesana de Austin siguiendo los lineamientos emitidos por nuestro obispo buscamos

EVANGELIZAR busca provocar el encuentro con un Dios vivo y real, mediante la predicación básica del Kerigma y la oración. Esto se llevará a cabo a través de iniciativas de los grupos pastorales, como de momentos propios provocados por la misma Parroquia.

DISCIPULAR sin duda quizá la tarea más difícil, pues consiste en lograr que Jesús sea el maestro en nuestras vidas y aprender de él como vivir en cada área de nuestra vida. Esto lo llevaremos a cabo a través de una catequesis continua. La parroquia busca ser un lugar de crecimiento en la fe.

FORMAR LA COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA Fruto natural de vivir un encuentro personal con Dios y de buscar su reino en nuestras vidas. Solos no podemos vivir nuestra fe, necesitamos de una comunidad donde podamos compartir nuestras experiencias y nutrirnos del testimonio de otros hermanos. St. Mary Immaculate Concepción quiere ser un lugar donde se viva la fe, de manera intencional esto lo vivimos en la asamblea Litúrgica, en los grupos de Apostolado y servicio y en los momentos propios de convivencia y espiritualidad, **KOINONIA Y MISTAGOGIA**.

Somos una iglesia en movimiento que se renueva en el amor de Dios y es guiada por el impulso del Espíritu Santo.



Core Values



We want to live all the evangelical (Gospel) values and the fruits of the Spirit. We will intentionally reflect in this time of renewal on the following values.

UNITY. We know that without it, all evangelization efforts would be useless. The more open we are to diversity, the more docile we will be to unity.

As Jesus said, "So that they may all be one. Like you, Father, in me and I in you, may they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John, 17, 20).

THANKFULNESS. We are able to recognize and be grateful in all circumstances for the blessings that God gives us.

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

HUMILITY. This virtue enables us to acknowledge the gifts we have received from God and to use them for Him with prudential judgment.

"Do nothing out of rivalry, or out of vainglory, but with humility, each considering the others as superior to himself, each seeking not his own interest but that of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

FAITH. The gift we have received from God through the Church to be exercised in our lives through good works.

"For you have been saved by grace through faith; and this does not come from you, but is a gift of God; it does not come from works, so that no one can boast. Indeed, we are his workmanship: created in Christ Jesus, in order for the good works that God ordained beforehand that we are to practice" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

SUSTAINABILITY. Protect and grow the legacy handed down to us and pass that legacy on to our children.

"So that neither the one who plants is something, nor the one who waters, but God who makes it grow. And the one who plants and the one who waters are the same thing; although each one will receive the salary according to his own work, since we are God's co-workers and you, God's field, God's edification. According to the grace of God that was given me, I, as a good architect, laid the foundation, and someone else builds on it. Look how each one builds!" (1 Corinthians 3:7-10).

SPIRITUALITY. We recognize that without Him we are nothing, and that with Him we can witness even miracles in our lives and in our community.

"Abide in me, as I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, if it does not remain in the vine; so neither can you if you do not remain in me" (John, 15:4).

Valores Fundamentales



Queremos vivir todos los valores evangélicos y los frutos del Espíritu. De manera intencional reflexionaremos en este tiempo de renovación en los siguientes valores.

UNIDAD. Sabemos que sin ella todo esfuerzo de evangelización sería inútil. Mientras más abiertos estemos a la diversidad mas dóciles seremos a la unidad.

"para que todos sean uno. Como tú, Padre, en mí y yo en ti, que ellos también sean uno en nosotros, para que el mundo crea que tú me has enviado." Juan, 17, 20

GRATITUD. Somos capaces de reconocer y agradecer en todas las circunstancias las bendiciones que Dios nos da.

"En todo dad gracias, pues esto es lo que Dios, en Cristo Jesús, quiere de vosotros." 1 Tesalonicenses 5, 18

HUMILDAD. Reconozcamos los dones que hemos recibido de Dios y utilicémoslos para Él con juicio prudencial.

"Nada hagáis por rivalidad, ni por vanagloria, sino con humildad, considerando cada cual a los demás como superiores a sí mismo, buscando cada cual no su propio interés sino el de los demás." Filipenses, 2 3-4

FE. El don que hemos recibido de Dios a través de la Iglesia para ser ejercido en nuestra vida a través de buenas obras.

"Pues habéis sido salvados por la gracia mediante la fe; y esto no viene de vosotros, sino que es un don de Dios; tampoco viene de las obras, para que nadie se gloríe. En efecto, hechura suya somos: creados en Cristo Jesús, en orden a las buenas obras que de antemano dispuso Dios que practicáramos." Efesios, 2, 8-10

SUSTENTABILIDAD. Proteger y hacer crecer el legado que nos ha sido transmitido, transmitir ese legado a nuestros hijos.

"De modo que ni el que planta es algo, ni el que riega, sino Dios que hace crecer. Y el que planta y el que riega son una misma cosa; si bien cada cual recibirá el salario según su propio trabajo, ya que somos colaboradores de Dios y vosotros, campo de Dios, edificación de Dios. Conforme a la gracia de Dios que me fue dada, yo, como buen arquitecto, puse el cimiento, y otro construye encima. ¡Mire cada cual cómo construye!" I Corintios, 3, 7-10

ESPIRITUALIDAD Nuestro reconocimiento de que sin Él no somos nada, y que con Él podemos ser testigos de incluso milagros en nuestra vida y en nuestra comunidad.

"Permaneced en mí, como yo en vosotros. Lo mismo que el sarmiento no puede dar fruto por sí mismo, si no permanece en la vid; así tampoco vosotros si no permanecéis en mí." Juan, 15, 4

Our Vision / Plan

During this year, we want to deepen our roots in the Gospel. We want to rediscover the essentials. We want to nurture our spiritual lives to then bear abundant fruit.

How will we accomplish this?

We have traced a direction following the liturgical year, in such a way that reflecting on the Gospel presented in the liturgy in the light of our daily lives and the joy of the jubilee that we live, we can be born with Christ and grow with Him, in order to bear witness to Him in our lives. It is our goal to live with Him, share in His cross and rise with Him. We turn with confidence to ask the help of the Holy Spirit. We entrust ourselves to Mary, and we accompany her as we meditate on the mysteries she lived with her Son, as we move towards the house of the Father in heaven.

At the same time each month, we will announce a particular topic to meditate on, and we will also recommend various activities. We want to honor all who have made this community possible and those who continue to work in it. We will have spaces to pray, learn, practice, and celebrate our lives together.

We have intentionally put activities for everyone: children, youth, adults, couples, women and men and of course those of the age of perfection, our grandparents. There will be Activities in English and Spanish without neglecting the Latin community that also enriches our parish.

Be ready to enjoy this journey!

Nuestra Visión / Plan

En este año, queremos profundizar nuestras raíces en el evangelio. Descubrir lo esencial y alimentarlo para dar fruto.

¿Como lo haremos?

Hemos trazado una dirección siguiendo el año litúrgico, de tal manera que reflexionando el evangelio presentado en la liturgia a la luz de nuestro diario vivir y la alegría del jubileo que vivimos podamos nacer con Cristo, crecer con él para dar testimonio de su presencia en nuestra vida y poder resucitar con él. Con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo y acompañados de María, iremos meditando en estos misterios, avanzando hacia la casa del Buen Padre Dios.

Al mismo tiempo cada mes tendrá un tema particular a meditar con algunas actividades propias. Queremos honrar a todos los que han hecho posible esta comunidad y a quienes siguen trabajando en ella.

Tendremos espacios para orar y convivir, aprender y practicar, celebrar y vivir.

Intencionalmente hemos puesto actividades para todos, niños, jóvenes, adultos, matrimonios, mujeres y hombres y por supuesto los de la edad de la perfección, nuestros adultos mayores. Actividades en Ingles como en español sin descuidar la comunidad latina que enriquece también nuestra parroquia.

¡Prepárate para disfrutar de este viaje!



The vine and the branches



I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes* so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

John 15: 1-12

Join one of our Ministries

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Julie Kenjura	KJZT Society	



In addition to all the activities that we already have on the calendar, we have added some additional ones that will engage us in our celebration of the jubilee year. We invite you to check the parish website for additional updates



NOVEMB ER 2020

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7:30pm **Conference and presentation of the Pastoral Plan,
"Jubilee Year, Deepening our roots, to bear
abundant fruit"**

6:00 pm **Blessing of the door and opening of Jubilee year**

Mass presided by Bishop Joe S. Vasquez

1:30pm **Opening ceremony with civil authorities, ribbon cutting**

7:30 pm **Conference about the history of
the parish and Tour by Michael D**

9:00 am **Mass, Thanksgiving Day**



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DECEMBER 2020

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5:30 pm **Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception**
7:00 pm **Spanish Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception**



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12:15 pm **Mass, Immaculate Conception**
6:00 pm **Mass and Rosary, Kids bringing flowers to Mary**

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6:30 pm **Procession in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe from Blinn Collage to the parish**
7:30 pm **Matachines Dance**
8:00 pm **Spanish Mass**
9:00 pm **Representation of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe**
9:30 pm **Matachines dance**
9:30 pm **Dinner**
10:00 pm **Dance presentation by Grupo Folklórico Tonatzin**

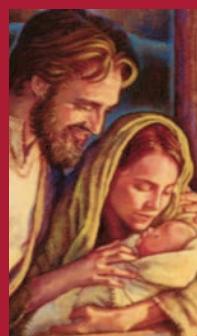


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5:00 am **Mañanitas, Mariachi**
6:30 am **Spanish Mass**
8:30 am **Breakfast**
12:00 pm **English Mass of our Lady of Guadalupe**

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4:00 pm **Christmas Mass (Children Mass)**
6:30 pm **Spanish Mass**
11:45 pm **Midnight Mass**



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10:00 am **Mass**
12:00 pm **Spanish Mass**
4:00 pm **Latin Mass**

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12:15 pm **Mass**

JANUARY 2021

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10:00am Mass, Mary Mother of God
12:00pm Spanish Mass

11:30am After Mass, Epiphany Songs and potluck
1:30pm Después de Misa, Rosca de Reyes

12:00pm Bless the living Rosary walk by the Grotto, with reception

7:00pm Conference: The importance of resolutions and how to fulfill them



Pastoral Council

Our mission is to elicit the spiritual concerns and ideas within the St. Mary's community and, through constructive dialogue and prayerful reflection, identify solutions and feedback to be presented as recommendations to the Pastor, in order to help align the needs of our ever-changing community with the offerings of our parish.

FEBRUARY 2021

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Called to holiness

Facilitator: Rev. Froy Jerez
Date: February 1
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

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6:00pm-7:00pm English conference: **Be Holy for Fr. Fray**

6:00pm-7:00pm English conference: **Theology of the body**
7:30pm-8:30pm Spanish Conference: **Teología del cuerpo**

Date Night

Ash Wednesday

7:00am **Mass** (with imposition of ash)
9:00am **Ash service**
12:15pm **Mass** (with imposition of ash)
3:00pm **Ash service**
4:30pm **CCA Ash service**
7:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

A large image showing a sunset or sunrise over a range of mountains, with a circular inset portrait of Rev. Froy Jerez overlaid.

A large image showing two hands holding a small flame, with a circular inset portrait of Deacon Al Prescott overlaid.

Flower Calendar Ministry

Allows donors to honor living and deceased loved ones and to celebrate other important milestones by donating flowers for the altar during weekend Masses.



MARCH 2021

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6:00 pm English Lenten Mission, Topic: Kerygma

7:30 pm Spanish Lenten Mission, Tema: Kerygma

Palm Sunday

**Lenten Mission,
Topic: Kerygma**
Facilitator: Rev. Uche Andeh
Date: March 8-10
Time: 6:00pm



Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization founded as the right-hand of the Catholic Church in which Catholic men are challenged to enhance their everyday lives through the pillars of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

EVANGELIZING MISSION MINISTRY

Everyday, every moment of our lives we are called to be witnesses. We, the Catholic laity, are called to go out and preach the Good News to all with the hope of bringing people to God or drawing our fellow Catholics to a deeper encounter with Christ.

APRIL 2021

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Holy Thursday
7:00pm Mass

Good Friday
12:00 pm Living Via Crucis
3:00 pm Adoration of the Cross

Holy Saturday
At sundown, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Regular Schedule Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday
2:30 pm Mass, with the Chaplet

Retiro de Evangelización (Spanish)



Retiro de Evangelización en Español

Date: April 23-25

"TUESDAY NOON LADIES'
STUDY GROUP"

EVENT: EVERY TUESDAY, 12:00-1:00

LOCATION: PAC LARGE MEETING
ROOM

TOPIC: METANOIA

METANOIA:
A JOURNEY WITH
CHRIST INTO
CONVERSION

MAY 2021

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- 6:00 pm **Conference: The importance to have a relationship with the blessed Virgin Mary**
7:30pm **Conferencia sobre la importancia de nuestra relación con la Virgen María**

12:00pm **Rosary Walk, Prayer and Pot Luck Lunch**

Retiro de Mujeres en Español



The importance to have a relationship with the blessed Virgin Mary

Facilitator: Rev. Henry Finch
Date: May 5-7
Time: 6:00pm



**Mujer, Imagen de Dios
Retiro de Mujeres (Español)**

Facilitator: Carisma y Misiones
Date: Mayo 22
Donation: \$15.00 (includes launch)
Pre-registration required



The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

Is an affiliated organization whose goal is to enrich and evangelize the lives of our parish and community through Christian works such as nursing home visits, supporting parish youth programs and altar care.

June 2021
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6:00 pm **Conference of the Eucharist, real presence of Jesus**



7:30pm **Conferencia sobre la precencia Real de Jesús Eucaristía**

6:00 pm **Movie Eucharistic miracles**



7:30 pm **Pelicula Milagros Eucaristicos**

7:00 pm **Tridentine High Mass (Latin Mass) Corpus Christi**



7:00 pm **Corpus Christi procession around the Campus**



Dad BBQ Celebration

10:00 am **Oremus A Guide & 7:00 pm to Catholic Prayers**

Retiro de Niños Kids Retreat (bilingual)



**Retiro de Niños
Kids Retreat (bilingual)**

Facilitator: **Carisma y Misiones**
Este Ministerio es parte de la Diócesis de Austin desde el 2013 llevan a cabo retiros para toda la familia. Su misión es compartir la alegría del Evangelio y dar testimonio del poder de Dios.

Date: **June 26**

Donation: **\$15.00 (includes launch)**
Pre-registration required

Oremus
A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER
Reinvigorate Your Prayer Life

Oremus a Guide to Catholic Prayers

Facilitator: **Rev. Joven Saavedra**
Date: **June 21 - 24** Time: **10am or 7pm**
Material Fee: **\$20.00**
Pre-registration required

JULY 2021

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6:00 pm Conference:
We all have a vocation, testimony
and questions session



**"I know well the plans
I have for you, says the Lord"
Jeremiah 29:11**

Facilitator: Variety of speakers with the
participation of Fr. Greg Gerhart Vocation
Director of the Diocese of Austin
Date: July 6 - 11 Time: 6:00pm

6:00 pm Fisher of Men movie
and questions session



Velada / Concierto en Español

He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las
cosas. Apocalipsis 21, 5

Facilitator: Ivan Molina
y Abba Padre Band
Date: July 11 Time: 7:00pm

6:00 pm The biggest project,
to be Holy, to be happy

6:00 pm Testimony of family with vocation

6:00 pm Do not be afraid to suffer, conquering
your dreams. Holy hour and alliance



Retiro en Español, Historia de la Salvación

Facilitator: Carisma y Misiones
Date: July 17
Donation: \$15.00 (includes launch)
Pre-registration required

Retiro en Español, Historia de la Salvación.

AUGUST 2021

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6:00 pm
Marian Dogmas today

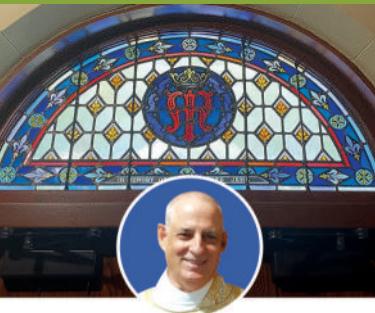
12:15 pm
Mass for "the Age of Perfection" (our Grandparents)
Lunch for them, serving by
the staff

Retiro de Envagalizacíon Spanish

8:00 am
Retreat for Catechists



"Sé, pues, valiente y muy firme"
Josué, 1, 7
Retiro de Hombres (Español)
Facilitator: Carisma y Misiones
Date: Agosto 7
Donation: \$15.00 (includes launch)
Pre-registration required



Marian Dogmas Today
Facilitator: Deacon Steve Medina
Date: August 9-12
Time: 6:00pm



**"the Age of Perfection"
(our Grandparents)**
Day: August 18 Time: 12:15 pm
Mass and Lunch for them,
serving by the staff



Retreat for Catechists
Facilitator: Ms. Anna-Bertha Halfmann
Date: August 28
Time: 8:00am

SEPTEMBER 2021

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6:30 pm
Conference: The importance of the Word of God in our Lives

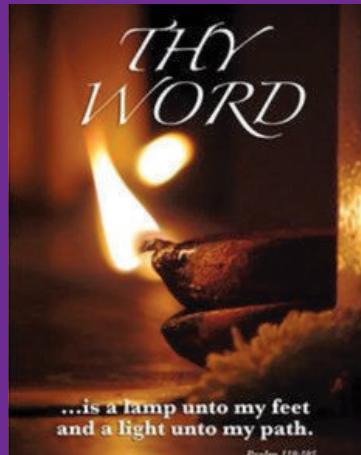
6:00 pm
Stars the Bible reading Marathon



St. Mary's Tuesday Ladies' Study Group

Along the way, He (Jesus) asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"
MK 8:27

As we gather weekly to pray, study and reflect on Holy Scripture and/or Catholic teaching, we especially focus our attention on the person of Jesus Christ, and who He is to each of us, striving always to grow in faith, foster community and to become the light of Christ to a world in need.



Lectors proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture "so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture." USCCB.

OCTOBER 2021

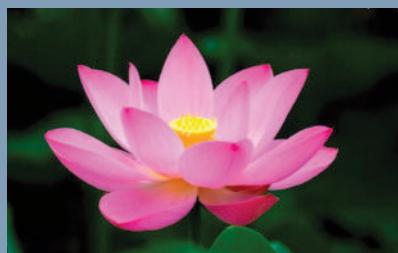
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1:00 pm **Conference of the Rosary and Living Rosary Walk**

12:15 pm **Mass our Lady of Rosary**
7:30 pm **Spanish Mass Virgen del Rosario**



Adult Faith Formation offers “a comprehensive and systematic presentation and exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice—a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life, through an integration of actual life experience, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church’s tradition. “Adult Faith Formation,” USCCB.



Funeral Ministry

Supporting our fellow parishioners in their time of grief and sharing fellowship with their family and friends at a luncheon provided by the funeral ministry.



Pro-Life Activities

To affirm the dignity of human life, embracing the certain reality that society must respect, defend, and promote life at every moment and in every condition, without regard to distinction.

“You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!

My very self you know.” – Psalm 139:13-14

NOVEMBER 2021

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All Saints Day

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The souls, the faithful departed.

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12:15 pm Mass, Founders day.
7:00 pm Spanish -mass

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6:00pm St. Mary's Choir Concert under direction
of Linda Armstrong



I will sing of your mercy forever,
LORD proclaim your faithfulness through
all ages. Psalms 89: 2
Facilitator: St. Mary's Choir Concert
under direction of Linda Armstrong
Date: November 21
Time: 6:00pm



St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee is devoted to the dignified, respectful, preservation of our sacred grounds where we lay our fellow parishioners and loved ones to rest.

DECEMBER 2021

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7:00 pm **Spanish Vigil Mass**

12:15 pm **Mass**

6:00 pm **Rosary bringing Flowers**

7:00 pm **Mass and the Closing of the Jubilee Year**



Sister Maria Eleazar Casas, PCI (Local Superior) y Sister Arcelia Martinez; Through our Spiritual Apostolate: We lead the People of God to a more profound understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. *Through the sharing of the Pax Christi Spirituality enable the effecting of the salvific love mission of Jesus Christ our Peace, "That all may be one." *Through the Apostolic: We share truth and love to all those whom we serve both young and old through Parish Programs, Religious Education, Retreats and Evangelization here in Brenham Convent.



Music ministers are called to minister to God's people, from among them; it's not just about "providing music for the liturgy." It's about entering into that sacred space of the music, that experience that helps us to share more and know more and feel more about who we are as Christians, and makes us want to share in the mission and witness of Christ in our lives.



Wellness Ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church offers education, health screenings, resources and activity to promote good physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health for all parishioners. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from GOD, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify GOD in your body. 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

To Be Continued...

2021
Celebrate, Jubilee Year

Celebrar, Año Jubilar



2023

**Living our Mission,
Share the gifts**

Viviendo nuestra misión.
Compartir los dones. 2023



2022

**Discovering our Vocation,
Look at the Eternal**

Descubriendo nuestra vocación.
Mirar a lo eterno. 2022



2024

Firm in FE, Catechesis

Firmes en la FE, Catequesis 2024

I Thank God for these 150 years of Blessings at Brenham.

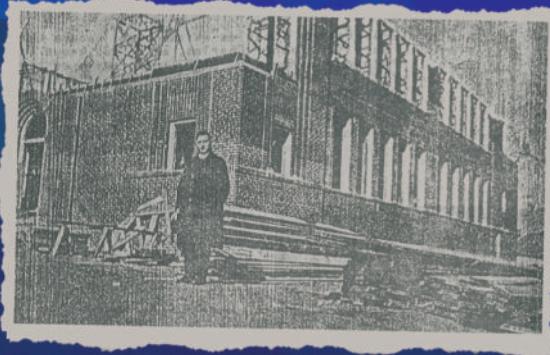
I am deeply grateful to our Pope Francis for granting us the blessing of a Jubilee Year and for the acquisition of plenary indulgences. In a very special way, I Thank our Bishop Joe Vazquez for his accompaniment in the pastoral care of the people of God, and, in a very special way, for the trust he placed in me by entrusting me with the pastoral care of this blessed town of Brenham.

I Thank the Staff of the Parish of Saint Mary, Immaculate Conception - united we give witness to a living God.

I Thank the entire community of Brenham, for in just a few days you made me fall in love with you.

I appreciate the help and donation of Dorothy Kitowski. In her last wish, she wanted to help this community with new projects and so made this publication possible -our Thanks go to her for her love for St. Mary Immaculate Conception in Brenham.

St. Mary's students with two Sisters and Father Dykel in center. Photo taken on south side of old school which was converted from the first Church. Taken prior to 1924.



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1870 - 2020



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