



# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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## MASS TIMES

Monday	5:30pm
Tuesday	12:15 pm
Wednesday	12:15 pm
Thursday	12:15 pm
Friday	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
	7:00pm (Español)
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:30 am
	12:30 pm (Español)

## Extraordinary Form Latin

4:00 pm

At Pax Christi Retreat Center - 9300 Hwy  
105, Brenham, TX 77833

## CONFESSIONS

Weekdays, 30 minutes before Mass.  
Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## CLERGY

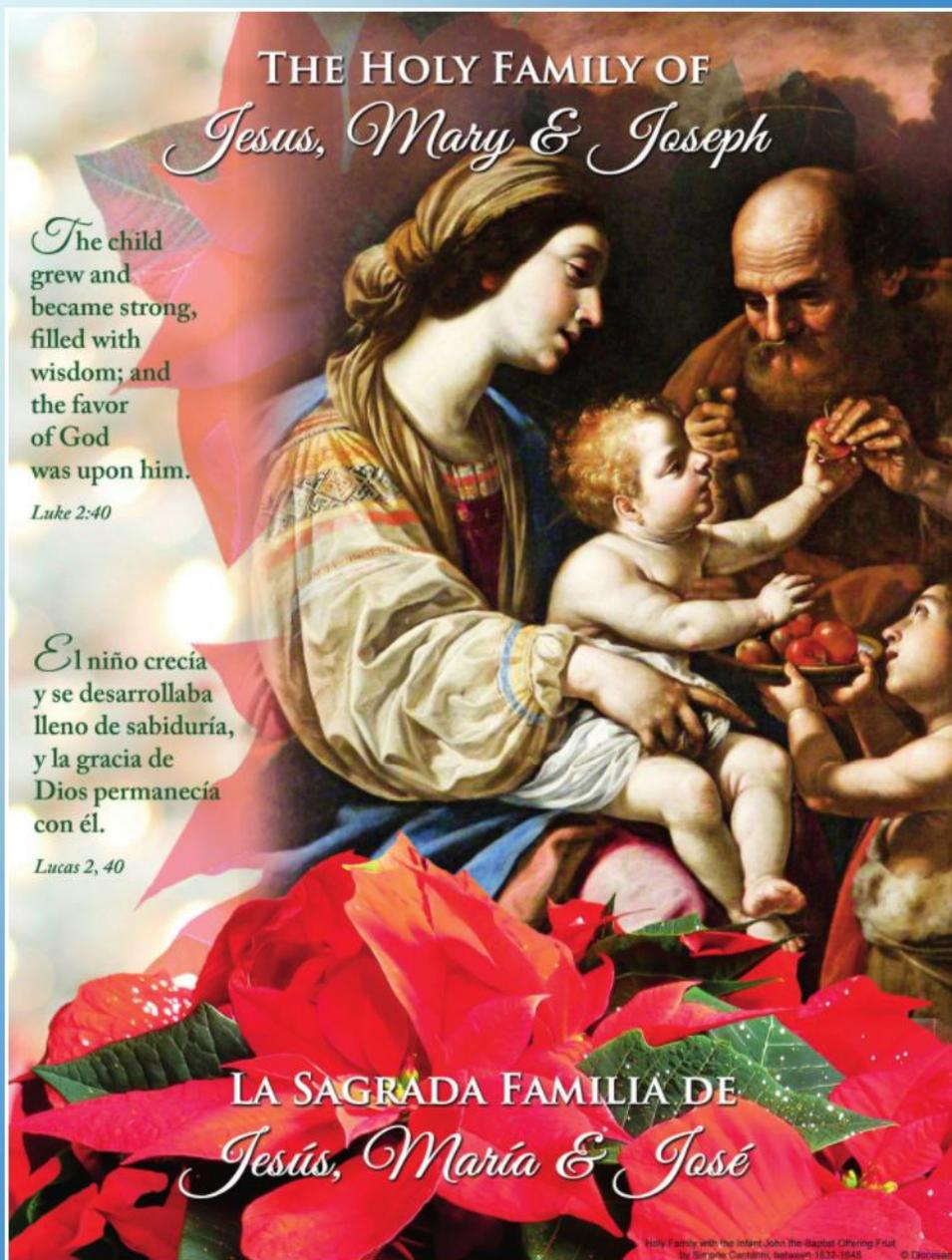
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Juan Jose Diaz, DJ—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier  
Deacon Matthew Jewell

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED  
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

**Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:**

(979) 451-9824



The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.

Luke 2:40

El niño crecía  
y se desarrollaba  
lleno de sabiduría,  
y la gracia de  
Dios permanecía  
con él.

Lucas 2, 40

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his way

Psalm 128

Dichosos los que temen al Señor y siguen sus caminos.

Salmo 128

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

January 1 – January 7, 2024

**Monday/lunes—January 1, 5:30 pm**

† Joyce Hellmann

**Tuesday/martes—January 2, 12:15pm**

† Well-being of Evelyn Roper

**Wednesday/miercoles-January 3, 12:15 pm**

Living & deceased members of the Chambers Family

**Thursday/jueves - January 4, 12:15 pm**

† Edwin Seidel

**Friday/Viernes - January 5, 5:30pm**

† June Sparks Clark

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

† Enrique Bocanegra

**Saturday/sábado—January 6, 5:00 pm**

† Collette & Tommie Lewis Waters

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

Pro Populo

**Sunday/Domingo – January 7, 8:00 am.**

† Lumir and Kevin Vacha

**10:30 a.m.**

† Cary Link

**12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish**

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

**4:00 p.m. - Latin @ Pax Christi Retreat Center**

† Ray Januszewski

Thank you for your generosity! This is how we are doing:  
**Collection Report**  
July - September

	1st Quarter	October	November		To Date
Offertory	\$228,496	\$77,612	\$77,965	\$	\$384,073
Expenses	\$343,858	\$92,027	\$91,491	\$	\$527,376
	-\$115,362	-\$14,415	-\$13,526	\$	-\$143,303

Offertory is Sunday and Holy Day collection, does not include fundraising, gifts, bequest, Encountering Christ



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*“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” - St. Teresa of Calcutta*

*“No siempre podemos hacer grandescosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas*

**January altar care ladies**

are:

Elizabeth Nutt\*

Patsy Kasprovicz

Louise Kessel

Tammy Brauner



Come pray the Rosary with us every Friday at 12:10 pm in the Church.

**Acompañenos a rezar el Rosario en ingles con nosotros todos los viernes a las 12:10 pm en la Iglesia.**

**Perpetual Adoration**

*Spend time with the Blessed Sacrament 24/7*

*“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with him and make your soul everlasting more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth.*

*“Blessed Teresa of Calcutta”*

**For more information or to sign up please contact the office at 979-836-4441**

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



## Calendar, January



Blood Drive



PCCW Women's Retreat

## February



Spanish Couples Dinner



English Date Night Out

### January 7, 2024

Blood Drive

### January 27, 2024

PCCW Women's Retreat

### February 3

Spanish Couples Dinner

### February 10

English Date Night Out

### February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

### February 17, 2024

CRHP Retreat

### February 26-28, 2024

Lenten Mission

## This week on St. Mary's campus. January 1 thru January 7, 2024

### 01/01 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church

### 01/02 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
11:00am Bible study, PAC Small Meeting Room  
11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
5:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym  
6:30pm Choir Practice, Church

### 01/03 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
10:30am Staff Meeting, Office  
Choir/Meeting Room  
11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15 pm Mass, Church  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Church  
5:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

### 01/04 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym

11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15 pm Mass, Church  
5:30 pm Spanish Altar Server Training, Church  
6:00 pm Holy Hour for vacations, Church  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym

### 01/05 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church

### 01/06 Saturday

6:00am Men's Spanish group, Church  
3:30pm Confessions, Church  
5:00pm English Mass, Church  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Mass, Church

### 01/07 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church  
8:00am Blood Drive, Gym  
9:15am Religious Education, All Campus  
10:30am English Mass, Church  
10:30am RCIA Prep, RE Room  
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
2:30pm PCCW Christmas Party, KofC Hall  
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center  
4:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym

Join us in praying for vocations.

January 4, and every first Thursday of the month a

**Holy Hour**

at 6:00pm in the parish church.



Oh Lord, give us holy and abundant vocations according to your heart

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary and Joseph are shown in a stable, with the infant Jesus lying in a manger. The background features a starry night sky with a bright star and a landscape with trees and a path leading to the stable.

# Difference between House and Home...

As a continuation of last week's reflection, on how God the Father provided everything necessary for his son, not only to live well on earth, but also to be able to fulfill the greatest mission in history, our salvation - and that what God provided is the love of a family. This fact makes me reflect deeply on the difference between a house and a home, between a luxury house and a real home.

It is easy to identify a house and evaluate it... the size, number of rooms, bathrooms, whether it has a garage and for how many cars, the type of kitchen, does it have a pool, game room, etc. What is the house of your dreams? What color and how many floors? However we imagine it, we must not lose sight of the objective of having a house. Houses serve to protect us from the weather, such as rain or cold, they help us sleep peacefully without the danger of being attacked by animals, they exist so we can rest there and feed ourselves. It is always good to have some food in the refrigerator, and that is the goal of a house.

But a home is different... the house is built with physical materials, bricks and wood... a home is built with trust and conversation. In a house you protect yourself from the cold, but in a home you protect yourself from the evil and loneliness of a cruel world. In a house the body rests, in a home the **heart** rests. In a house the body is fed, in a home the **soul** is fed... with the hopes, the dreams, the goals.

Today we celebrate the Sagrada Familia – The Holy Family – and it makes me realize **this is the most important thing**. The Holy Family may have had the worst house, but without a doubt they had the best home. And having a good home is much more valuable than a huge mansion (house). Many houses today are more like hotels, where they house unknown people who only come to sleep. What we need is real homes, where our hearts are protected and our dreams are nourished.

You could win the lottery today and have the house of your dreams tomorrow, but a home is never built overnight... **a home absolutely requires day-to-day commitments**.

This is what makes the Holy Family – Holy – without a doubt it is the presence of Jesus in their midst. If you want your family to live in a solid and stable home, you also need to have the presence of Jesus in your midst, and that is thru listening to, and obeying, his word.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



# Diferencia entre casa y hogar...



A manera de continuación de la reflexión de la semana pasada, sobre que Dios Padre proveyó de todo lo necesario para que su hijo no solo viviera bien en la tierra, sino para que fuera capaz de cumplir la misión más grande de la historia, nuestra salvación, y que eso que Dios le proveyó es el amor de una familia. Ese hecho me hace reflexionar profundamente en la diferencia entre una casa y un hogar, entre una casa de lujo y un verdadero hogar.

Es fácil identificar una casa y evaluarla... el tamaño, número de cuartos, de baños, si tiene cochera y para cuantos carros, el tipo de cocina, cuenta con alberca, salón de juegos... ¿Cuál es la casa de tus sueños? De qué color y de cuantos pisos... la tengamos como la tengamos, no debemos de perder de vista el objetivo de tener una casa. Las casas sirven para protegernos del clima, como lo es la lluvia o el frío, nos sirven para dormir tranquilos sin el peligro de ser atacados por animales, sirve para poder llegar y alimentarnos, siempre es bueno tener algo de comida en el refri, y ese es el objetivo de una casa.

Pero un hogar es diferente... la casa se construye con material físico, ladrillos y madera, un hogar se construye con confianza y dialogo. En una casa se protege del frío pero en un hogar se protege de la maldad y soledad de un mundo cruel. En una casa se descansa el cuerpo, en un hogar se descansa el corazón. En la casa se alimenta el cuerpo, en el hogar se alimenta el alma, las ilusiones, los sueños las metas...

Hoy que celebramos la Sagrada Familia, me hace darme cuenta de lo más importante. Ella, la Sagrada Familia es posible que haya tenido la peor casa, pero sin dudarlo tuvieron el mejor hogar. Y tener un buen hogar es mucho más valioso que cuáquer mansión. Muchas casas el día de hoy son más como hoteles, donde albergan gente desconocida y solo llegan a dormir... nosotros lo que necesitamos es verdaderos hogares, donde nuestros corazones estén protegidos y nuestros sueños se vean alimentados.



Te pudieras ganar la lotería el día de hoy y mañana tener la casa de tus sueños, pero un hogar jamás se construye de la noche a la mañana... un hogar realmente requiere del compromiso de día a día...

¿Que es lo que hace a la Sagrada Familia ser Sagrada... sin dudarlo la presencia de Jesús en medio de ellos. Si tú quieres que tu familia viva en un hogar sólido y estable, tú también necesitas tener la presencia de Jesús en medio de ustedes, y eso es escuchando y obedeciendo su palabra.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*



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Office of the Bishop

January 14, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in our Lord, Jesus Christ!

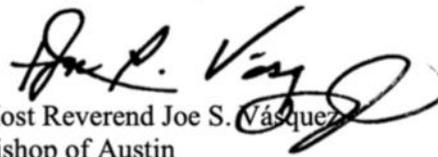
On January 20-21, I have asked our parish priests to participate in our third annual, *Called by Name Sunday*. From all eternity, God has known each one of us by name and has a particular calling for us to follow. *Called by Name Sunday* is about listening and responding to God's call.

Next Sunday's readings center on the theme of vocation, and I have asked our priests to share their own vocation story during the homily. As you listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass and reflect upon the vocation story shared by your priest, please consider the following:

1. For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous and open to his call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full – do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.
2. Please think of the men and women you know and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices. Please help us reach out to these individuals and come next weekend prepared to share their name(s) and contact information so that a letter of encouragement can be sent to them.

Brothers and sisters, with God's blessing and your help, we can make *Called by Name Sunday* a great success. May all of us listen to God's call and follow where he leads. Be assured of my prayers for you as we continue to build a culture of vocations in our diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez  
Bishop of Austin

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Enero 14 de 2024

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas:

¡Saludos en nuestro Señor, Jesucristo!

El 20-21 de enero, les he pedido a nuestros sacerdotes parroquiales que participen en nuestro tercer anual *Domingo del Llamado*. Desde la eternidad, Dios nos conoce a cada uno de nosotros por nuestro nombre y tiene un llamado particular para que lo sigamos. El *Domingo del Llamado* se trata de escuchar y responder al llamado de Dios.

Las lecturas del próximo domingo se centran en el tema de la vocación, y he pedido a nuestros sacerdotes que compartan su propia historia de vocación durante la homilía. Mientras escuchan la Palabra de Dios proclamada en la Misa y reflexionan sobre la historia de vocación compartida por su sacerdote, por favor, consideren lo siguiente:

1. Para aquellos de ustedes discerniendo la vocación de su vida, estén abiertos al llamado de Dios al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa. El llamado de Dios es un don maravilloso – ¡Sean valientes y abiertos a su llamado! Jesús vino para que tengamos vida y la tengamos en abundancia – no tengan miedo. Si Dios los está llamando al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa, entonces nada menos que eso los satisfará.
2. Por favor, piensen en los hombres y mujeres que conozcan y que crean que podrían tener un llamado al sacerdocio o la vida religiosa. Mientras que Dios es quien llama, con frecuencia usa nuestra voz. Por favor, ayúdenos a alcanzar a aquellos individuos y vengán el próximo fin de semana preparados para compartir su(s) nombre(s) e información de contacto para que una carta de ánimo les sea enviada.

Hermanos y hermanas, con la bendición de Dios y su ayuda, podemos hacer del *Domingo del Llamado* un gran éxito. Que todos escuchemos el llamado de Dios y lo sigamos a donde nos guíe. Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes mientras continuamos construyendo una cultura de vocaciones en nuestra diócesis.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Monseñor José S. Vásquez  
Obispo de Austin

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**Marriage Recognition Certificates Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women  
and signed by Bishop Vásquez**

Marriage recognition certificates are available for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between February 14, 2023 and February 14, 2024. If you have been married 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more, please call the Church office and give us your names, the date of your marriage, and your phone number and email. The deadline to turn this is January 29th, 2024.



**Certificados de Reconocimiento para Matrimonios Patrocinados por el Consejo  
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Los certificados de reconocimiento de matrimonio están disponibles para las parejas que celebran aniversarios de bodas entre el 14 de febrero de 2023 y el 14 de febrero de 2024. Si ha estado casado 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 años o más, por favor llame a la oficina de la Iglesia y dénos sus nombres, la fecha de su matrimonio y su número de Teléfono y correo electrónico. La fecha límite para llamar es el 29 de Enero del 2024.

**Pastoral Council**

If you have any comments, questions or concerns that you would like the Pastoral Council to go over during our monthly meetings, please send them to our email [pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)  
We will be monitoring the email constantly!

**Consejo Pastoral**

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupación que le gustaría que se comentara en nuestras reuniones mensuales del consejo pastoral por favor mándelas a nuestro correo electrónico  
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Estaremos checando el correo constantemente

**St. Mary's Prayer Line**

*If you or a loved one needs prayers, call, text, or email:*

**Shirley Rowan at 979-421-3332 or**

**Shirley.rowan@att.net**

***If you would like to become a Prayer Warrior please contact Shirley Rowan.***

**Linea de Oración de St. Mary's**

*Si usted o un ser querido necesita oraciones, llame, mande un mensaje de texto o correo electrónico:*

**Shirley Rowan al 979-421-3332 ó**

**Shirley.rowan@att.net**

***Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración  
Por favor contacte a Shirley Rowan.***

**Called By Name**

**SUNDAY**

**DOMINGO**

**Del Llamado**

**Do you know  
someone who may  
be called to the  
priesthood or  
religious life?**



**¿Conoces a alguien  
en quien podría  
ser llamado al  
sacerdocio o a la  
vida religiosa?**

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# BLOOD DRIVE

## St. Mary's Catholic Church of Brenham

Sunday, January 7  
8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Parish Activity Center

Contact Larry Alexander (281) 948-9117  
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Bella Brigata - Winter  
Scripture~Inspiration~Support (S.I.S.)

Wednesdays, starting Jan. 10,  
9:30-11:30, KC Hall

St. Ignatius Study Bible, New Testament, RSVCE  
Topics: Behold His Glory (Jan.), Christ in Me (Feb.), Spiritual Gifts (March)

(No prep necessary. Please order from your favorite publisher or Amazon)

Saint inspirations and confidential prayer intentions

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.” I Peter 1:22

(rsvp: Kathy 713.501.0663)



### Marriage Banns

Third Bann of Marriage for

Flor Camacena & Juan Carlos Garay

### Amonestaciones de Matrimonio

Primera Amonestación de Matrimonio

para Flor Camacena & Juan Carlos Garay

If you know of any impediments please call the Church office.

Si usted sabe de algún impedimento por favor comuníquese a la oficina Parroquial

## DEACON'S CORNER



On Monday we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This doesn't mean that Mary caused God to come into existence, but rather that the child born to her was God and man through the power of God.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Do we have difficulty relating to the Holy Family: a perfect Son, a sinless wife and mother and a saint for a husband both of whom conversed with an angel? Who of us can claim such a family? How do they apply to our lives? Sometimes our family life is difficult. It was also difficult for the Holy Family.

Mary's pregnancy likely resulted in gossip and possible death by stoning. Joseph decided to put her away quietly. They endure the difficult trip to Bethlehem and birth in a stable. They hear Simeon's and Anna's prophecy of great things for their Son and suffering for Mary. They escape to Egypt so their Son will not be killed. Then they return to Nazareth and the cleaning, cooking, earning a living, with no electricity, central heat, air conditioning, running water or plumbing. They lose Jesus in the temple for three days prefiguring his three days in the tomb. Mary and Joseph live a life of continence and chastity; believing that God's will would be accomplished. They remain faithful to their religious duties. Jesus lived in obedience to His human parents. Finally Mary loses her husband. Tradition says she became a widow. As a widow she sees her Son Jesus leave on his mission. She sees her only Son endure his passion and death and He is crucified before her eyes. Sound difficult?

In spite of all this the Holy Family maintained their trust in God and fulfilled God's will for them with God's help. In doing this they changed the world forever and so can we if we submit in faith and trust to God. Yes sometimes we experience difficulties and disappointments in our families. But in spite of difficulties, with God's help our families can be a crucible of holiness where we learn and experience mercy, compassion, forgiveness, patience and trust and faith in God. Our families can become Holy Families. Good and holy families can change the world. May it be so in our families.



**Deacon John**

### RINCÓN DEL DIÁCONO

El lunes celebramos la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios. Esto no significa que María hizo que Dios existiera, sino que el niño que nació de ella era Dios y hombre por el poder de Dios.

Este fin de semana celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. ¿Tenemos alguna dificultad para relacionarnos con la Sagrada Familia: un Hijo perfecto, una esposa y madre sin pecado y un santo por esposo, quienes conversaron con un ángel? ¿Quién de nosotros puede reclamar una familia así? ¿Cómo se aplican a nuestras vidas? A veces nuestra vida familiar es difícil. También fue difícil para la Sagrada Familia.

El embarazo de María probablemente dio lugar a chismes y una posible muerte al poder haber sido apedreada. José decidió tomarla en silencio. Soportan el difícil viaje a Belén y el nacimiento en un establo. Escuchan la profecía de Simeón y Ana sobre grandes cosas para su Hijo y sufrimiento para María. Se escapan a Egipto para que su Hijo no sea asesinado. Luego regresan a Nazaret y a limpiar, cocinar, ganarse la vida, sin electricidad, calefacción central, aire acondicionado, agua corriente ni fontanería. Pierden a Jesús en el templo durante tres días prefigurando sus tres días en la tumba. María y José viven una vida de continencia y castidad; creyendo que la voluntad de Dios se cumpliría. Se mantienen fieles a sus deberes religiosos. Jesús vivió en obediencia a sus padres humanos. Finalmente María pierde a su marido. La tradición dice que quedó viuda. Como viuda ve a su Hijo Jesús partir en misión. Ella ve a su único Hijo sufrir su pasión y muerte y es crucificado ante sus ojos. ¿Suena difícil?

A pesar de todo esto, la Sagrada Familia mantuvo su confianza en Dios y cumplió la voluntad de Dios para ellos con la ayuda de Dios. Al hacer esto, cambiaron el mundo para siempre y nosotros también podemos hacerlo si nos sometemos con fe y confianza a Dios. Sí, a veces experimentamos dificultades y decepciones en nuestras familias. Pero a pesar de las dificultades, con la ayuda de Dios nuestras familias pueden ser un crisol de santidad donde aprendemos y experimentamos misericordia, compasión, perdón, paciencia, confianza y fe en Dios. Nuestras familias pueden convertirse en Sagradas Familias. Las familias buenas y santas pueden cambiar el mundo. Que así sea en nuestras familias.

**Diacono John**



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