



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

www.brenhamcatholic.org

(979) 836-4441

MASS TIMES

Monday	5:30pm
Tuesday	12:15 pm
Wednesday	12:15 pm
Thursday	12:15 pm
Friday	5:30 pm

Sunday Mass

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42



Jesús fijando en él la mirada, le dijo: "Tú eres Simón, hijo de Juan.
Tú te llamarás Kefás" (que significa Pedro, es decir 'roca').

Jn 1, 42

2º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will. Psalm 40

Aquí estoy Señor, para hacer tu voluntad. Salmo 40

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

January 15 – January 21, 2024

Monday/Lunes—January 15, 5:30 pm

† Janie Majewski

Tuesday/martes—January 16, 12:15pm

Cathey Bolin on her birthday

Wednesday/miercoles—January 17, 12:15 pm

† Louis & Frances Bolcerek

Thursday/jueves - January 18, 12:15 pm

Well-being of Audrey Bishop

† Ora Nell Murski (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - January 19, 5:30pm

† Rybarski Brothers

† Nancy Catherine Shepherd (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—January 20, 5:00 pm

† Vincent Pham

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – January 21, 8:00 am.

† Curtis Konieczny

10:30 a.m.

† Velma & Alfred Muegge

† Aaron David Markizer (sent off)

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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

† Mike & Florence Derkowski

COLLECTION/COLECTA

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at www.brenhamcatholic.org

Donación electrónica—para hacer su contribución automáticamente visitar www.brenhamcatholic.org

January 6-7

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00

Weekend collection\$19,899.78

Purple bag.....\$4,036.63

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

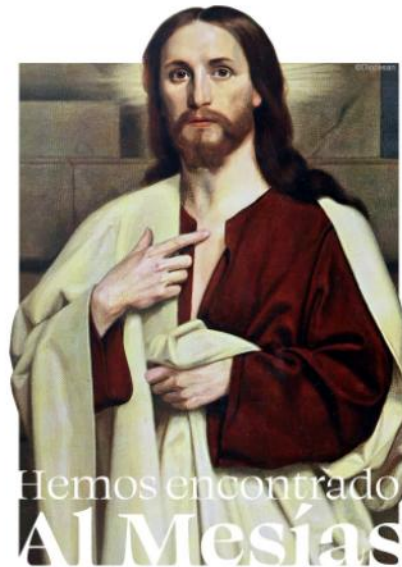
	1st Quarter	October	November		To Date
Offertory	\$228,496	\$77,612	\$77,965	\$	\$384,073
Expenses	\$343,858	\$92,027	\$91,491	\$	\$527,376
	-\$115,362	-\$14,415	-\$13,526	\$	-\$143,303

Offertory is Sunday and Holy Day collection, does not include fundraising, gifts, bequest, Encountering Christ Campaign, or contributions from our ministries.

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Louis Frank Kenjura, Jr.** May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de **Louis Frank Kenjura, Jr.** Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.



JUAN 1, 41

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calendar, January



PCCW Women's
Retreat

February



Spanish Couples
Dinner



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 15 thru January 21, 2024

01/15 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
5:30pm St. Teresa's Epiphany Party, KofC Hall
7:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow Up, PAC Large Meeting Room
7:00pm Seguidoras de Jesus Community Meeting, RE Room 103
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

01/16 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
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose Community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
6:30pm English Baptism Class, Cornerstone RM 101
6:30pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, RE RM 103

01/17 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
9:30 Bella Brigata Bible Study, KofC Hall
10:30am Staff Meeting, Office
Choir/Meeting Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus
5:30pm Choir Practice, Church
6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting, Office
Choir/Meeting Room
6:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting, Gym
6:45pm Wellness Committee, Meeting Room in Office
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

01/18 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
10:00am Scripture Study – Rosary, KofC Hall
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
5:30 pm Spanish Altar Server Training, Church
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym
6:00pm Spanish Baptism Class, RE Room 106

01/19 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:15pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church

01/20 Saturday

6:00am Men's Spanish group, Church
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room.
7:00am Rental, KofC Hall
10:00am First Penance, Church
1:30pm Wedding, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Mass, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room
7:00pm Spanish Mass, Church

01/21 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
9:15am Religious Education, All Campus
9:15am KJT Meeting, PAC Small Meeting Room
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am RCIA Prep, RE Room
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church
1:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym
3:30pm High School Youth, PAC
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



This is the first question that Jesus asks his disciples... and that he most likely also asks us... What are you looking for? The question can be very interesting today, because today we find many people who do things without thinking, without having clear motives or intentions for their actions or commitments. Let me tell you an anecdote that I heard and that, although at first those of us who heard it couldn't stop laughing, because of how funny it was, today it is cause for reflection.

It was a marriage of two old people. The man, already advanced in years, was opening and closing the drawers and cabinet doors in the kitchen. His wife heard all the noise from her room came over to see what her husband was preparing, and seeing that he was only opening and closing the doors she asked: "What are you looking for?" The husband pauses and answers that he is looking for the keys to his car. The wife, a little surprised by the answer, asks him another question: "And where did you lose them?" To which he responds: "in the garage". The wife asks him another question: "If you lost them in the garage, why are you looking for them in the kitchen?" The husband answers: Because there is more light here!!!

Just because a place is easier to search does not mean that we will find what we seek. We have to be clear about what we are looking for, and then be able to ask ourselves: where should we look? Although it may seem strange, there are people who look for love in the wrong places, such as in jealousy, in possessions, or in toxic relationships. People also look for peace, in attachments, or in discord. . we could continue with a list of failed places for things so noble.

In your life, what are you seeking? Where are you looking? Remember: just because the place is the easiest does not mean it is the right place.

I share with you a fraction of this poem that is one of my favorites, the author San Juan de la Cruz:

*To come to enjoy everything seek enjoyment in nothing.
 To come to possess everything seek to possess nothing.
 To come to be everything seek to be nothing.
 To come to know everything seek to know nothing.
 To come to what you do not taste go to where you taste nothing.
 To come to what you do not know go to where you know nothing.
 To come to what you do not own go to where you own nothing.
 To become what you are not go to where you are nothing.
 If you linger somewhere
 you will never conquer the whole.
 To come wholly to the whole you must leave the whole.
 And if you come to where you can grasp the whole, have it without wanting to have it.*

*For if you want to hold fast to only something of the whole,
 so you will not have your treasure purely in God.*

Jr. Everardo Cázares

¿Qué buscan?



La primera pregunta que Jesús le hace a sus discípulos... y que muy seguramente también nos la hace a nosotros... ¿Qué buscas? La pregunta puede ser muy interesante el día de hoy, porque hoy encontramos a muchas personas que hacen las cosas sin pensar, sin tener motivos o intenciones claras de sus actos o compromisos. Permíteme contarte una anécdota que escuché y que, aunque en un principio los que la escuchamos, no parábamos de reír por lo cómica que resulta, hoy me es motivo de reflexión.

Era un matrimonio de dos viejitos. El señor ya avanzado en años, estaba abriendo y cerrando los cajones y puertas de la cocina... la señora que desde su cuarto escuchaba todo el ruido se acerca para ver qué es lo que estaba preparando su marido, y al ver que sólo estaba abriendo y cerrando las puertas le pregunta: "¿Qué buscas?" el marido hace una pausa y le responde que las llaves de su carro. La señora un poco extrañada por la respuesta le hace otra pregunta: "¿y dónde las perdiste?" a lo que él le responde que en la cochera... la señora le hace otra pregunta: "¿y si las perdiste en la cochera porqué las estas buscando aquí?" El marido le responde: Por qué aquí hay más luz...

No porque el lugar sea más fácil de buscar, quiere decir que ahí encontraremos lo que andamos buscando... tenemos que tener una claridad en que es lo que buscamos para después poder preguntarnos en donde debemos buscar. Aunque parezca extraño hay gente que busca el amor en lugares equivocados, como en los celos, en las posesiones o en relaciones tóxicas... gente que busca paz, en apegos, o en discordias... y así pudiéramos seguir con la lista de lugares fallidos para cosas tan nobles...

En tu vida ¿qué es lo que estas buscando? Y ¿dónde estás buscando eso? Recuerda, que no porque el lugar sea más fácil, significa que sea el lugar correcto.

Te comparto una fracción de este poema que es uno de mis favoritos, el autor San Juan de la Cruz.

Para venir a gustarlo todo
no quieras tener gusto en nada.
Para venir a saberlo todo
no quieras saber algo en nada.
Para venir a poseerlo todo
no quieras poseer algo en nada.
Para venir a serlo todo
no quieras ser algo en nada.

Cuando reparas en algo
dejas de arrojarte al todo.
Para venir del todo al todo
has de dejarte del todo en todo,
y cuando lo vengas del todo a tener
has de tenerlo sin nada querer.



Jr. Everardo Cázares



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Office of the Bishop

January 14, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in our Lord, Jesus Christ!

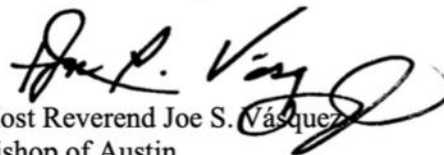
On January 20-21, I have asked our parish priests to participate in our third annual, *Called by Name Sunday*. From all eternity, God has known each one of us by name and has a particular calling for us to follow. *Called by Name Sunday* is about listening and responding to God's call.

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. Vásquez
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 el 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 vengan 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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Cena-Conferencia para *Matrimonios*

Sábado, 3 de Febrero 2024
6:00pm en el PAC de St. Mary
\$50.00 por pareja



Tema: *Mejorando la comunicación.*

Ayudara a las parejas a mejorar su relación, pasando de la comunicación a un mejor dialogo.

Padre Everardo Cázares Acosta

Called By Name

SUNDAY
DOMINGO

Del Llamado

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



¿Conoces a algui-
en quien podría
ser llamado al
sacerdocio o a la
vida religiosa?

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www.austinvocations.com





Join us for Date Night Out this year!
 Taking place in a transformed PAC, guests can enjoy an exceptional meal and fine fellowship. This is an opportunity for our youth to model servant leadership within the parish, by selling tickets, set-up and take down, and acting as servers for the evening.
 Tickets can be purchased online at www.brenhamcatholic.org or in the church office. Any questions please email dnostrmarys@gmail.com.

Do You Hunger for Holiness?

We are starting a new semester on January 20th that will help prepare us for Lent and Easter.
 Come join fellow Catholic men that have a similar desire to be better husbands, fathers, friends, and authentic holy men of God. Join us in the PAC on Saturday from 7:00—8:30 am for free breakfast! Click on the QR code to register. Contact Yaseen Owen at 832-686-5984 for information.



Knights of Columbus will be traveling by carpool or individually to the **Texas Rally for Life** on **January 27, 2024**.

They will be compiling a list of those interested in attending to send a detailed itinerary closer to the rally.
 Spouses, friends, and family are welcome.
 If interested, please let Garrison Schulze know at gschulze2014@gmail.com or 979-551-0618.



Los Caballeros de Colón viajarán en caravana o individualmente al **Rally por la Vida de Texas** el **27 de enero de 2024**.

Estarán compilando una lista de aquellos interesados en asistir para enviar un itinerario detallado más cerca de la fecha. Los cónyuges, amigos y familiares son bienvenidos. Si está interesado, comuníquese a Garrison Schulze en gschulze2014@gmail.com o al 979-551-0618.

Brenham Knights of Columbus will hold their annual free throw contest on Sunday, January 28th, at St. Mary's Gym (the PAC).

Registration begins at 12:30 PM with the contest at 1:00 PM for boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1st. **Please bring a copy of birth certificate.**

The District contest follows immediately at 2 PM.
 Prizes awarded in 6 age divisions for both boys and girls.

Los Caballeros de Colón de Brenham celebrarán su concurso anual de tiros libres el domingo 28 de enero en el Gym de St. Mary's (el PAC).

La inscripción comienza a las 12:30 pm con el concurso a la 1:00 pm para niños y niñas de 9 a 14 años a partir del 1 de enero. **Por favor traiga una copia del acta de nacimiento.**

El concurso del Distrito sigue inmediatamente a las 2 p.m.
 Premios otorgados en 6 divisiones de edad tanto para niños como para niñas.



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

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

ST. MARY'S YOUTH NIGHTS

Spring
2024

Join us for teen fellowship as we seek to know, serve, and love the Lord. Meet up at the PAC from 6:00-8:00pm.

**HIGH SCHOOL
NIGHTS**

9th-12th

**JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL NIGHTS**

6th-8th

**JANUARY 21
FEBRUARY 25
APRIL 7**

**FEBRUARY 4
MARCH 3
APRIL 21**

There will be...

DINNER – COMMUNITY – PRAYER – FUN

(Bring a friend!)

**"LET NO ONE HAVE
CONTEMPT FOR YOUR
YOUTH, BUT SET AN
EXAMPLE FOR THOSE
WHO BELIEVE,
IN SPEECH, CONDUCT,
LOVE, FAITH AND
PURITY." 1 TIM 4:12**

For More Information

www.brenhamcatholic.org

Email Contact

youth@brenhamcatholic.org



**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
de Mujeres Católicas y firmados por el Obispo Joe Vásquez**

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
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
Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org
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.***

Congratulations to the newest member of the Body of Christ / Felicidades al nuevo miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

Owen Rubio Suastegui
Jaden Noah Rubio Suastegui

Who received the sacrament
of Baptism on January 6,
2024

Quien recibio el Sacramento
del Bautismo el dia 6 de
Enero del 2024

We also congratulate their parents and
godparents.

Tambien felicitamos a sus padres y
padrinos.

Congratulations

Fr. Juan, our Deacons, the staff and the parishioners of St. Mary's, congratulate **Father Everardo Cazares** on his 8th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

Your dedicated service over the past 8 years has been a source of comfort, inspiration, and strength for the people of God.

Felicidades

El Padre Juan, los Diaconos, el personal y los feligreses de St. Mary's felicitan al **Padre Everardo Cazares** en su 8vo aniversario de su ordenación sacerdotal.

*Su dedicado servicio
durante los últimos 8 años
ha sido una fuente de
consuelo, inspiración y
fortaleza para el pueblo de
Dios.*



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

Adoración Perpetua

Pasa tiempo con el Santísimo Sacramento 24/7

El tiempo que pasas con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento es el mejor tiempo que pasarás en la tierra. Cada momento que pases con Jesús profundizará tu unión con él y hará que tu alma sea eternamente más gloriosa y hermosa en el Cielo, y ayudará a lograr la paz eterna en la tierra.

"Santa Teresa de Calcutta"

Para mas información o para registrarse por favor comuníquese con la oficina al 979-836-4441



This year AARP Tax-Aide will again be providing free local tax preparation at St. Mary's church in Brenham.

The appointment dates include **Feb 8, 15 & 29, March 7 & 21 and April 4** from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

Please call St. Mary's office to schedule your appointment at (979) 836-4441.

Forms and additional information for the tax preparation appointment are available ahead of time at the Church office.

Este año, AARP Tax-Aide volverá a ofrecer preparación de impuestos locales gratuita en la iglesia de St. Mary en Brenham.

Las fechas de las cita incluyen el **8, 15 y 29 de febrero, el 7 y 21 de marzo y el 4 de abril** de 9:30 a.m. a 2:30 p.m.

Llame a la oficina de St. Mary para programar su cita al (979) 836-4441.

Los formularios y la información adicional para la cita de preparación de impuestos están disponibles con anticipación en la oficina de la Iglesia.



Marriage Banns

Third Bann of Marriage for
Flor Camacena & Juan Carlos Garay

Amonestaciones de Matrimonio

Tercera 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



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)



St. Teresa of Calcutta Society

helps those in need.

For assistance phone

979-525-0090.

Calls remain confidential.

La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcutta

ayuda a esos en necesidad.

Para recibir ayuda llame al **979-525-0090.**

Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

"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 grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor." - Santa Teresa de Calcutta



DEACON'S CORNER



When we contemplate a new year starting, it's common to begin thinking about the resolutions we have for ourselves and what we would like to pursue thanks to this "clean slate." We can choose where to set our goals of how many cups of water we want to drink each day, how often we'd like to exercise, and the number of books we're aiming to read before the following January. Yet, as we all know, much of life is not in our grasp of control—which is where faith comes in. Many people write down New Year's resolutions. Another popular commemoration of the turn of the calendar involves choosing one specific word to focus on throughout the next twelve months (such as "abundance," "hospitality," "courage," etc.). Normally, these resolutions and words revolve around making better choices and being purposeful with the way we spend our time. However, it's not always easy to maintain our momentum as life gets chaotic and disrupts our carefully-curated plans. So, what's the answer? Prayer.

Frequent prayer is already a significant, impactful New Year's resolution in and of itself (1 Thessalonians 5:17 does instruct us to "pray without ceasing," after all). Prayer brings us closer to God and forces us to become comfortable with fully relying on Him and not being in control ourselves—instead, having peace in His all-powerfulness.

This intentional spiritual habit is also transformative by its very nature. In the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, Tish Harrison Warren writes, "The kind of spiritual life and disciplines needed to sustain the Christian life are quiet, repetitive, and ordinary. I often want to skip the boring, daily stuff to get to the thrill of an edgy faith. But it's in the dailiness of the Christian faith—the making the bed, the doing the dishes, the praying for our enemies, the reading the Bible, the quiet, the small—that God's transformation takes root and grows."

Praying provides moments to appreciate our blessings, as well as consider our aspirations. Our time in prayer also encourages us to reflect on where we have been immoral and wrong, feel God's grace and mercy, and ask for His guidance in every step of our days/lives. And what could be better than prioritizing this conscious practice as we start the new year?

Deacon Al

RINCÓN DEL DIÁCONO

Cuando contemplamos el inicio de un Nuevo Año, es común comenzar a pensar en los propósitos que tenemos para nosotros mismos y en lo que nos gustaría perseguir gracias a este "borrón y cuenta nueva". Podemos elegir dónde establecer nuestros objetivos de cuántos vasos de agua queremos beber cada día, con qué frecuencia nos gustaría hacer ejercicio y la cantidad de libros que pretendemos leer antes del siguiente enero. Sin embargo, como todos sabemos, gran parte de la vida no está bajo nuestro control, y ahí es donde entra en juego la fe. Mucha gente escribe sus propósitos de Año Nuevo. Otra conmemoración popular del cambio de calendario implica elegir una palabra específica en la que centrarse durante los próximos doce meses (como "abundancia", "hospitalidad", "valor", etc.). Normalmente, estas resoluciones y palabras giran en torno a tomar mejores decisiones y tener un propósito en la forma en que empleamos nuestro tiempo. Sin embargo, no siempre es fácil mantener nuestro impulso a medida que la vida se vuelve caótica e interrumpe nuestros planes cuidadosamente seleccionados. Entonces, ¿cuál es la respuesta? Oración.

La oración frecuente ya es una resolución de Año Nuevo significativa e impactante en sí misma (después de todo, 1 Tesalonicenses 5:17 nos instruye a "orar sin cesar"). La oración nos acerca a Dios y nos obliga a sentirnos cómodos confiando plenamente en Él y sin tener el control de nosotros mismos, sino que tenemos paz en Su todopoderoso.

Este hábito espiritual intencional también es transformador por su propia naturaleza. En el libro *Liturgia del Ordinario*, Tish Harrison Warren escribe: "El tipo de vida espiritual y las disciplinas necesarias para sostener la vida cristiana son tranquilas, repetitivas y ordinarias. A menudo quiero saltarme las cosas aburridas y cotidianas para llegar a la emoción de una fe nerviosa. Pero es en la cotidianidad de la fe cristiana (hacer la cama, lavar los platos, orar por nuestros enemigos, leer la Biblia, el silencio, lo pequeño) donde la transformación de Dios echa raíces y crece".

La oración brinda momentos para apreciar nuestras bendiciones, así como para considerar nuestras aspiraciones. Nuestro tiempo en oración también nos anima a reflexionar sobre dónde hemos sido inmorales y equivocados, a sentir la gracia y la misericordia de Dios y a pedir Su guía en cada paso de nuestros días/vidas. ¿Y qué mejor que priorizar esta práctica consciente al comenzar el nuevo año?

Diácono Al





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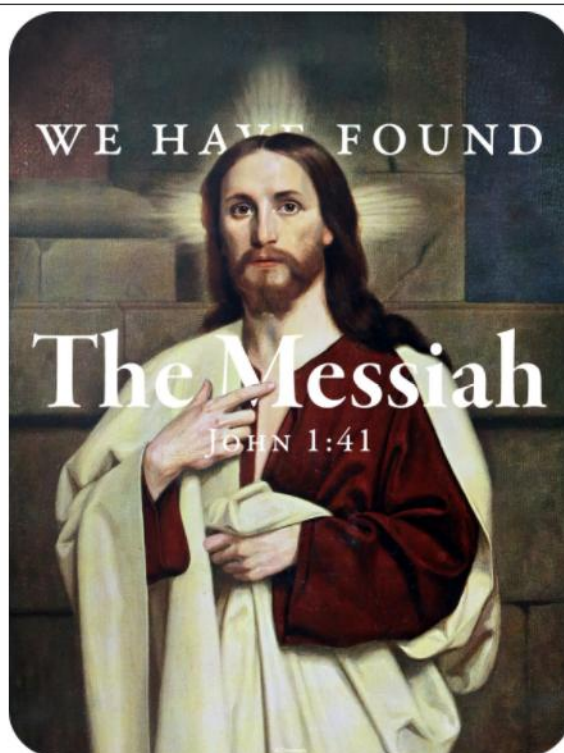
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