



# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

[www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://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
<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

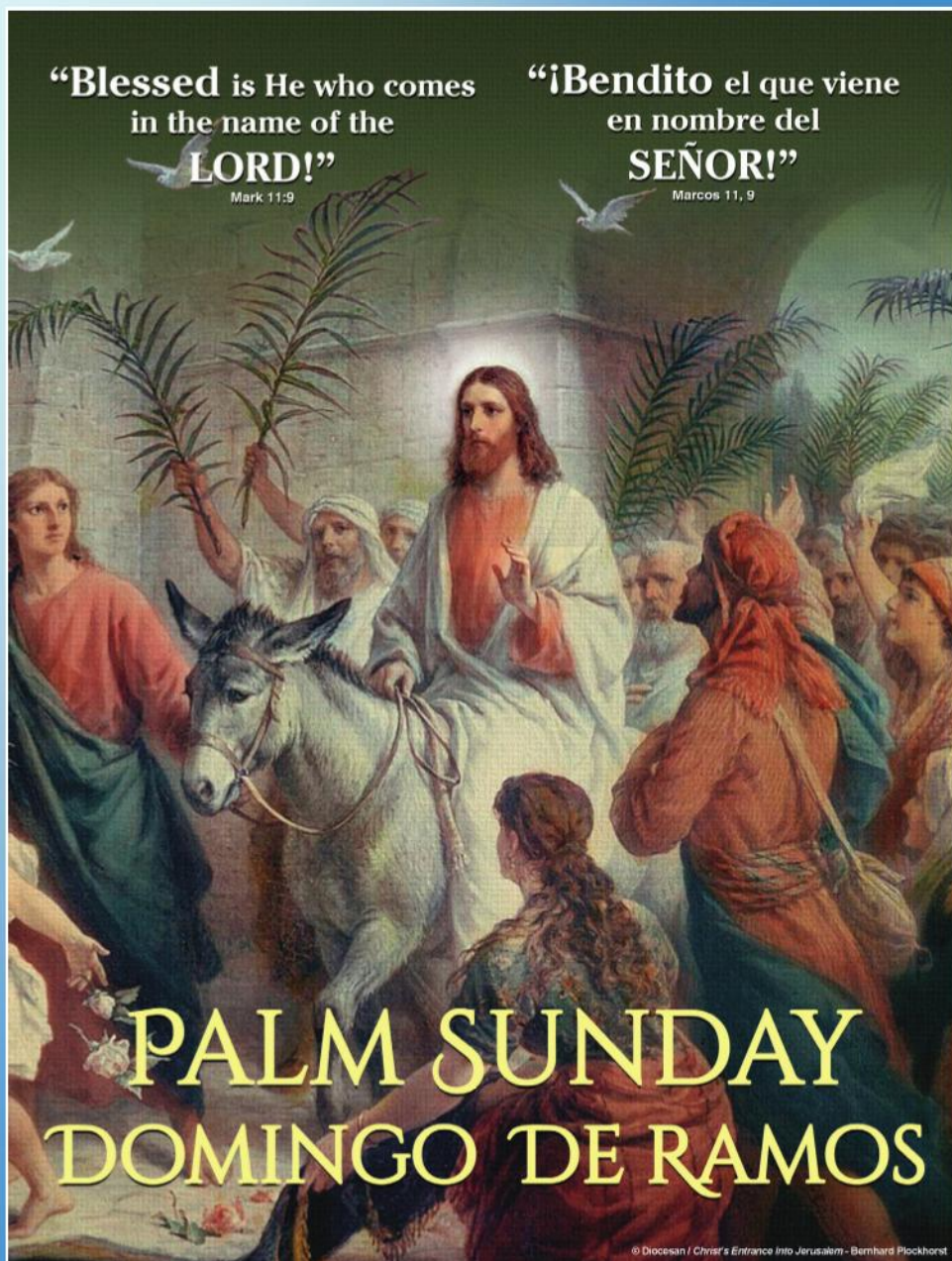
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Juan Jose Diaz, DJ—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier  
Deacon Matthew Jewell

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:**

(979) 451-9824



*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*  
Psalm 22

*Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?*  
Salmo 22

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

**March 25 – March 31, 2024**

**Monday/lunes—March 25, 5:30 pm**

† Johnnie & Angie Kluck  
† Patricia Hajek (sent off)

**Tuesday/martes—March 26, 12:15pm**

Well-being of Jensek Family  
† Eugene Kloesel (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—March 27, 12:15pm**

† Jarrett Russell Halfmann

**Thursday/jueves - March 28, 7:00 pm**

**The Lord’s Supper—Bilingual**

Pro Populo  
† Larry Wahrmond (sent off)

**Friday/Viernes - March 29, 3:00pm**

**Passion of the Lord—Bilingual**

**Saturday/sábado—March 30, 8:30 pm**

**Easter Vigil—Bilingual**

Pro Populo  
† Robert W. Fries (sent off)

**Sunday/Domingo – March 31, 8:00 am.**

† Nancy & Stanley Rybarski

**10:30 a.m.**

Pro Populo  
† John Bolcerek (sent off)

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

Bruno Ivan Romero Guerra on his birthday

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

Diaz Caranza Family

**COLLECTION/COLECTA**

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at [www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://www.brenhamcatholic.org)

*Donación electrónica—para hacer su contribución automáticamente visitar [www.brenhamcatholic.org](http://www.brenhamcatholic.org)*

**March 16-17**

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

**Weekend collection .....\$18,328.53**

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

**Collection Report  
July 2023-June 2024**

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter		To Date
Offertory	\$228,496	\$261,072	\$	\$489,568
Expenses	\$343,858	\$275,252	\$	\$619,110
	-\$115,362	-\$14,180	\$	-\$129,542

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



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Clara Wesneski (Cynthia Kubeczka’s mom)** May she rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

**El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de Clara Wesneski (Mamá de Cynthia Kubeczka). Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:Shirley.rowan@att.net)**

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



# PALM SUNDAY

## Calendar March



### March

<b>28</b>	<b>Holy Thursday - Last Supper</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Good Friday - Live Way of the Cross</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Easter</b>

### April

<b>6</b>	<b>Bilingual Kids Retreat</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Food Sale</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	<b>27-28</b>	<b>CRHP Women's Retreat</b>

#### March 28-30, 2024

Easter Triduum

**April 6, 2024**

Bilingual Kids Retreat

**April 14, 2024**

Fundraising activity for Dcn Matthew

**April 21, 2024**

Confirmation Mass

**April 27-28, 2024**

Women's Retreat in Spanish

## This week on St. Mary's campus. March 25 thru March 31, 2024

#### **03/25 Monday**

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
4:30pm Rental, KofC Hall  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church  
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose Community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow Up, PAC Large Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep Classes, RE Room 106  
7:00pm Seguidoras de Jesus Community Meeting, RE Room 103  
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

#### **03/26 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  
1:00pm St. Pauls PE, Gym  
5:30pm Derkowski Little League Practice, Softball Field  
6:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, KofC Hall  
6:30pm Choir Practice, Church  
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, RE RM 103

#### **03/27 Wednesday**

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
9:30am Bella Brigata Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room  
10:00am St. Paul's PE, Gym  
10:30am Staff Meeting, Office Choir/Meeting Room  
11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15 pm Mass, Church  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir  
6:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, KofC Hall  
7:00pm Spanish RCIA, Cor. Rm 101  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

#### **03/28 Thursday**

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
11:00am St. Paul's PE, Gym  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Church

#### **03/29 Friday**

12:30pm Live Stations of the Cross, Outside Education Building  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Church

#### **03/30 Saturday**

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church  
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room  
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass, Church

#### **03/31 Sunday**

8:00am English Mass, Church  
10:30am English Mass, Church  
10:30am Spanish RCIA Prep, RE AV Room  
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church,  
3:30pm Wunderlich Little League, Softball Field.  
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



**P**alm Sunday is perhaps the most colorful Sunday of the entire year. It is also the longest Sunday celebration. I have been able to preserve several memories of this celebration from my childhood.

We were in the atrium of the church, almost on the street. I was very young, and I remember that because of the crowd I couldn't see, so my father carried me in his arms, so that I could see the beginning of the procession and the blessing of bouquets. There were many people who, in my opinion, were dressed up (they were the ones who represented the apostles). There was also the one who was the center of my attention, the little donkey that would carry Jesus. Afterwards they gave us a long palm leaf. . . for me it was the best toy and it would entertain me throughout the mass. With that long and pointed leaf I would tickle my brothers and from time to time the person who was sitting in front of us. Of course, the challenge was that my parents didn't notice, because if they realized, the game would be over.

Years later, I was no longer very interested in seeing the donkey or playing with the palm. The liturgy seemed excessively long, especially the readings. I would have begun my first years as a teenager, but I remember that from time to time during the readings My parents would read aloud: "Crucify him, crucify him." Those words made me afraid and ashamed - why did my parents read that out loud?



I definitely didn't pay much attention to everything I heard, but I do remember very well, that on that Sunday we started it with great joy and suddenly everything took on a very funeral atmosphere.

A few years later, I think that I had managed to understand the entire celebration, the meaning of the procession, the use of the palm and especially the gospel. The sad thing is that in daily life I often forget that this celebration is not a performance, or a mere memory of something old worth remembering. No, this celebration is still a reality today. Especially for us who call ourselves Christians. Well, it is easy in the temple to carry the palms and proclaim Jesus as our Messiah and Lord. When later, seduced by temptations, we shout from our sin "crucify him, crucify him."

The palms in our hands symbolize the good deeds that make us worthy of the Christian name. But when our hands are empty of good actions, then these hands close like hard fists to fight. And that is when, instead of

building good deeds, these deeds are destroyed. . . when sin comes into our life.

When was the last time your hands built a good deed? When was it that you released the palm that proclaimed Jesus as your Lord? And then what happened...? Surely I still have much more to understand about the love that God has had for us and how to respond to Him better.

Today, how did you experience this celebration? Could it be that we have already been maturing and going deeper, not only in its meaning, but in our lives? Could it be that our hands are willing to build and help instead of criticize and destroy? Could it be that today it is clear to us which group we belong to, those who proclaim Jesus as Lord or those who, seduced by temptation, seek his crucifixion? Think for a moment, what your actions, your feelings, your efforts have said . . . . are you accompanying Jesus?

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



El domingo de Ramos es quizá el domingo más lleno de color de todo el año. Es también la celebración dominical más larga. Yo he podido conservar varios recuerdos de esta celebración desde mi niñez.

Estábamos en el atrio de la iglesia, casi en la calle, yo tendría muy pocos años, pues recuerdo que a causa de la multitud no podía ver y mi papá me cargaba en sus brazos para que yo viera el inicio de la procesión y la bendición de los ramos. Ahí estaban muchas personas que a mi parecer estaban disfrazados (eran los que representaban a los apóstoles) y también estaba quien era el centro de mi atención el burrito que llevaría a Jesús. Después nos daban una hoja larga de palma, para mí era el mejor juguete y quien me entretendría a lo largo de la misa, pues con esa hoja larga y puntiaguda les provocaba cosquillas a mis hermanos y de vez en cuando a la persona que estaba sentada frente a nosotros; eso sí, el reto era que mis papás no se dieran cuenta, pues de darse cuenta se acababa el juguete.

Años más adelante, ya no me interesaba mucho ni ver el burrito ni jugar con la palma, la liturgia se me hacía excesivamente larga, especialmente las lecturas, estaría iniciado mis primeros años de adolescente, pero recuerdo que dentro de las lecturas de vez en cuando mis papás leían en voz alta: "Crucifícalo, crucifícalo". Esas palabras me daban miedo y



vergüenza, - ¿por qué mis papás leían eso en voz alta? -

Definitivamente no prestaba mucha atención a todo lo que escuchaba, pero si recuerdo muy bien que ese domingo lo iniciábamos con mucha alegría y de repente se ponía todo con un ambiente muy fúnebre.

Pocos años después, creo que ahora si he logrado entender toda la celebración, el significado de la procesión, el uso de la palma y el especialmente el evangelio. Lo triste es que en el diario vivir se me olvida seguido que esta celebración no es una actuación, o un mero recuerdo de algo antiguo digno de recordarse, no, esta celebración es aún hoy una realidad. Especialmente para nosotros que nos llamamos cristianos. Pues es fácil en el templo cargar la palma y proclamar a Jesús como nuestro Mesías y Señor; cuando después, seducidos por las tentaciones gritamos desde nuestro pecado "crucifícalo, crucifícalo".

Las palmas en nuestras manos simbolizan las buenas acciones que nos hacen dignos del nombre cristiano. Pero cuando nuestras

manos están vacías de buenas acciones, entonces estas manos se cierran como puños duros para pelear y es ahí cuando en lugar de construir se destruye, cuando viene el pecado a nuestra vida.

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que tus manos construyeron una buena acción? ¿Cuándo fue cuando soltaste la palma que proclamaba a Jesús como tu Señor? Y después ¿qué ha pasado...? Seguro que aún me falta a mi mucho más por entender del amor que Dios nos ha tenido y de cómo responderle mejor.

Hoy, ¿cómo viviste esta celebración? ¿Será que ya hemos ido madurando y profundizado más, no solo en su significado, sino en nuestra vida? ¿será que nuestras manos están dispuestas a construir y a ayudar en vez de criticar y destruir? ¿será que hoy nos queda claro de que grupo somos, de los que proclaman a Jesús como Señor o de los que seducidos por la tentación buscan su crucifixión? Piensa por un momento, que han dicho tus acciones, tus sentimientos, tus esfuerzos, ¿estas acompañando a Jesús?



*Have a blessed*

## **PALM SUNDAY**



*Que tenga un bendecido*

## **DOMINGO DE RAMOS**

# thank you

As you may have all noticed, our new vestments have arrived. To have suitable fitting vestments for Easter is a blessing.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the purchase of the new vestments.

In no particular order, thank you to:

Patricia & Anthony Caporina, Shirley & Bill Rowan, Dcn. Al & Sandy Prescott, Evelyn Krolezyk, Joni Kloesel, Joeline Geick, The PCCW, Jamie & Mary Rowe, Lee & Kathy Pardue, Mr. & Mrs. McNutt, Freddie & Rita Hugo, Barbara Wahrmund, Dorothy & Debbie Wehmeyer

*Como ya se habran dado cuenta, han llegado nuestras nuevas vestimentas. Tener vestimentas adecuadas para la Pascua es una bendición.*

*Gracias a todos los que contribuyeron a la compra de las nuevas vestimentas.*

*Sin ningún orden en particular, gracias a: Patricia y Anthony Caporina, Shirley y Bill Rowan, Dcn. Al y Sandy Prescott, Evelyn Krolezyk, Joni Kloesel, Joeline Geick, The PCCW, Jamie y Mary Rowe, Lee y Kathy Pardue, Sr. y Sra. McNutt, Freddie y Rita Hugo, Barbara Wahrmund, Dorothy y Debbie Wehmeyer*



### **Do You Hunger for Holiness?**

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.



**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*



**Holy Thursday**  
**Mass of the Lord's  
 last supper**

**March 28, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m. (bilingual)**

**Jueves Santo**



**Good Friday**  
 March 29, 2024

**12:30 p.m. (bilingual) Live  
 Stations of the Cross. Starts at  
 Education Budling.  
 Viacrucis viviente**

**3:00 p.m. (bilingual)  
 Celebration of the Lord's  
 Passion**

**Viernes Santo**



**Holy Saturday**  
**Easter Vigil Mass**

**March 30, 2024**

**8:30 p.m.  
 (bilingual)**

**Sabado Santo  
 Vigilia de Resureccion**



**Children's Retreat**  
**Retiro de Niños** 

**Age/Edades 5-12 años**

**"Mi Alegría es Jesús"**  
**"My Joy is Jesus"**

**Sabado, 6 de Abril, 2024**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m. APRIL 6** 



**Temas Bíblicos, Dinámicas, Alabanza, Oración, Juegos y Premios**  
**Bible themes, activities, prayer, singing, games and prizes.**

**PAC de St. Mary**  
 701 Church St.  
 Brenham, TX 77833

**Para mas información- Call for more info:**  
**979-836-4441**  
**Donación \$35 Donation**  
 (Incluye desayuno y almuerzo)  
 \*Cupo limitado favor (breakfast and lunch included)  
 de pre-registrarse \*limited seats please register.

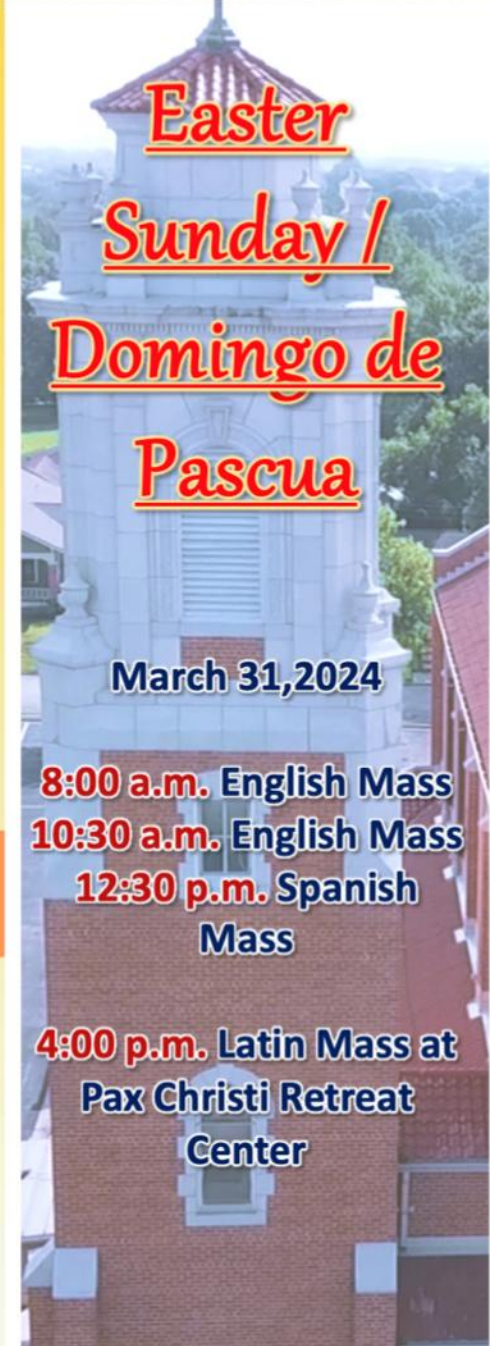
**In Collaborating with**  **En Colaboracion con**

**Easter**  
**Sunday /**  
**Domingo de**  
**Pascua**

**March 31, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. English Mass**  
**10:30 a.m. English Mass**  
**12:30 p.m. Spanish  
 Mass**

**4:00 p.m. Latin Mass at  
 Pax Christi Retreat  
 Center**







Our Funeral Luncheon Ministry is looking for additional persons to help with working funeral lunch receptions, or provide desserts to the receptions. If you are interested please call the office and leave your contact information.

**Nuestro Ministerio de Almuerzos Funerarios está buscando personas adicionales para ayudar con las recepciones de almuerzos funerarios o proporcionar postres para los almuerzos.**

**Si está interesado, llame a la oficina y deje su información de contacto.**

### **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**



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.**



The **Brenham KofC council #3287** are now accepting scholarship applications for students graduating from high school this May.

Applications can be picked up from the parish office. Once filled out please mail the application to the address on the last page of the application.

Deadline for mailing in applications is Monday, March 25th.

If you have any questions please contact **Bill Boer** at 979-421-3355, **Pat Chovanec** at 979-251-1493 or **David Chovanec** at 979-421-0308.

**El consejo Brenham KofC #3287** ahora está aceptando solicitudes de becas para estudiantes que se gradúan de la High School este mes de mayo.

Las solicitudes se pueden recoger en la oficina parroquial.

Una vez completada, envíe la solicitud por correo a la dirección que figura en la última página de la solicitud.

La fecha límite para enviar las solicitudes por correo es el lunes 25 de marzo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con **Bill Boer** al 979-421-3355, **Pat Chovanec** al 979-251-1493 o **David Chovanec** al 979-421-0308.



### **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 [Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)

Estaremos checando el correo constantemente







### BAPTISMS

All forms and required paperwork should be turned in a week before the baptism.

Application can be picked up at Parish office or downloaded from our website.

Classes are offered monthly.

Please contact the Parish office to register or for more information.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish office at least six months prior to desired date.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish office.

### QUINCEANERAS

Please contact the Parish office at least 4 months prior to desired date.

Have the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and be enrolled in the Confirmation program.

Quinceanera must participate in a Quinceanera's retreat

### BAUTISMOS

Todos los formularios y el papeleo requerido deben entregarse una semana antes del bautismo.

La solicitud puede recogerse en la oficina parroquial o descargarse de nuestro sitio web.

Las clases son ofrecidas mensualmente.

Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para registrarse o para más información.

### MATRIMONIO

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.

### UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS/COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial

### QUINCEAÑERAS

Contacte a la oficina Parroquial al menos 4 meses antes de la fecha deseada. Tener los Sacramentos de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y estar inscrita en el programa de Confirmación.

La quinceañera debe participar en un retiro para Quinceañeras

### **Mandatory Reporting of Abuse**

Texas State law **requires** any adult citizen to report suspicions of abuse and-or neglect to the police or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. If church personnel are involved, also notify the church and/or use the Notice of Concern so the appropriate steps can be taken to protect and to heal.

**Child Protective Services (CPS)** [txacusehotline.org](http://txacusehotline.org) or **1-800-252-5400**

**Diocese of Austin** [austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or **(512) 949-2447**

### **Reporte Obligatorio de Abuso**

La ley del estado de Texas requiere que cualquier ciudadano adulto informe sobre sospechas de abuso y/o negligencia a la policía o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de protección de Texas.

Si el personal de la Iglesia esta involucrado, también notifique a la iglesia y/o use el Aviso de Preocupación para que se puedan tomar los pasos correspondientes para proteger y sanar.

**Servicios de Protección Infantil (CPS)** [txacusehotline.org](http://txacusehotline.org) or **1-800-252-5400**

**Diócesis de Austin** [austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or **(512) 949-2447**







## DEACON'S CORNER

Today we begin the celebration of the Church's most solemn and joyful week. We begin today by remembering Christ's triumphant entry in Jerusalem. His arrival fulfills a prophecy of the prophet Zechariah which says that Israel's savior would come to the people riding a young donkey.

The people lay their cloaks before him .. a sign that they welcomed him as their conquering King (2 Kings). The people cry *Hosanna (save us) to the Son of David...Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord* they acclaim him King, messiah and savior.

But by Friday the cries of Hosanna to the King and Blessed be He will turn to cries of we have no king but Caesar and crucify him... Palm branches of welcome and homage become spears and nails of rejection and pain. Today they lay their cloaks before him...on Friday others will strip his cloak from him. Our King will mount not a throne of gold but a throne of a wood the wood of the cross. What began in triumph seems to end in utter defeat as we witness Jesus' suffering death for our salvation.

But we know that the story does not end there..... the desolation and apparent defeat of Good Friday will give way to the victorious joy of Easter when Jesus rises triumphant from the grave.....death cannot hold him captive...nor will it hold his followers captive....The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will raise us on the last day making our mortal bodies incorruptible. Amazing is our God!

So now Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him into Jerusalem. Keeping in mind that the ultimate victory he experienced will one day be ours.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

**Deacon John**

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

Hoy comenzamos la celebración de la semana más solemne y alegre de la Iglesia. Empezamos hoy por recordando la entrada triunfal de Cristo en Jerusalén. Su llegada cumple una profecía del profeta Zacarías que dice que El Salvador de Israel vendría al pueblo montado en un burro.

El pueblo puso sus mantos delante de él... una señal de que lo recibieron como su Rey conquistador (2 Reyes). La gente clama *Hosanna (sálvanos) al Hijo de David...Bendito sea el que viene en el nombre del Señor*, ellos aclamado Rey, Mesías y Salvador.

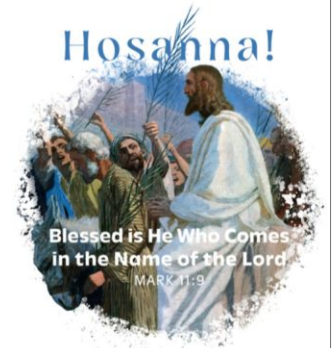
Pero el viernes los gritos de Hosanna al Rey y Bendito sea se convertirán en gritos de No tenemos más rey que el César y crucifiquenlo... Las ramas de palma de bienvenida y homenaje se convierten en lanzas y clavos de rechazo y dolor. Hoy pondrán sus mantos delante de él... el viernes otros le quitarán su manto. Nuestro Rey no montado en un trono de oro, sino en un trono de madera, el madero de la cruz. Lo que empezó triunfalmente parece termina en una derrota total cuando somos testigos de la muerte sufriente de Jesús por nuestra salvación.

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Así que ahora salgamos en paz, alabando a Jesús nuestro Mesías, como lo hicieron las multitudes que lo recibieron en Jerusalén. Teniendo en cuenta que la victoria definitiva que experimentó, algún día será nuestra

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