



# *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**

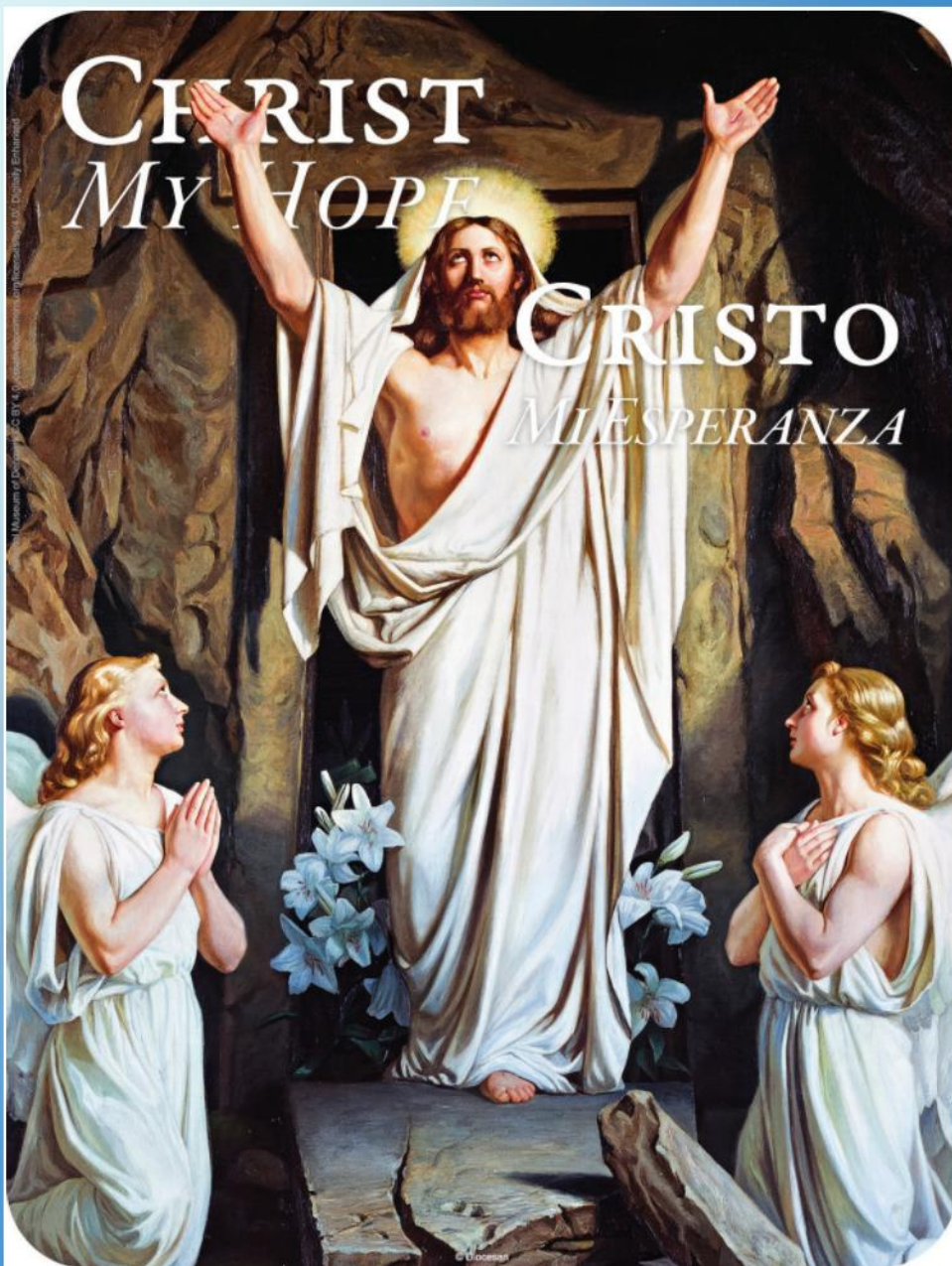
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Juan Jose Diaz, DJ—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier  
Deacon Matthew Jewell

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:**

(979) 451-9824



*This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad*  
*Este es el día en que actuó el Señor: sea nuestra alegría y*  
*nuestro gozo. Salmo 118*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

**April 1—April 7, 2024**

**Monday/lunes—April 1, 5:30 pm**

Rogelio Manzano on his birthday  
† Clara Wesneski (sent off)

**Tuesday/martes—April 2, 12:15pm**

† Leonard & Pauline Krotofil  
† John Bolcerak (sent off)  
James & Linda Lemon & Family (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—April 3, 12:15pm**

† Patricia Hajek  
Well-being of Gerald & Sherry Fries Family (sent off)

**Thursday/jueves - April 4, 7:00 pm**

† Tom Morton  
† Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski (sent off)

**Friday/Viernes - April 5, 3:00pm**

† David & Annie Leibham

**7:00 pm - En Español / In Spanish**

Well-being of Margarita Luna

**Saturday/sábado—April 6, 5:00 pm**

† Deborah Schneider

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

† Jennifer Bejar on her birthday

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

Well-being of Annie Bell

**10:30 a.m.**

Pro Populo

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

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

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

† Ron Eisel



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

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

**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 23-24**

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

**Weekend collection .....\$18,638.05**

**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.



**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.***

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Calendar



### April

- 6** Bilingual Kids Retreat
- 14** Food Sale for Deacon Matthew
- 21** Confirmation Mass
- 27-28** CRHP Women's Retreat

### May

- 5** KC's Pancake Breakfast and Blood drive + Senior's Breakfast
- 11** Spanish Women's Retreat
- 13-15** Eucharistic Revival
- 25** Spanish Music Retreat

- April 6, 2024**  
Bilingual Kids Retreat
- April 14, 2024**  
Food Sale for Deacon Matthew
- April 21, 2024**  
Confirmation Mass
- April 27-28, 2024**  
CRHP Women's Retreat

- May 5, 2024**  
KC's Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive + Seniors Breakfast
- May 11, 2024**  
Spanish Women's Retreat
- May 13-15, 2024**  
Eucharistic Revival
- May 25, 2024**  
Spanish Music Retreat

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

#### 04/01 Monday

- 8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
- 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

#### 04/02 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
- 1:00pm St. Pauls PE, Gym
- 5:30pm Derkowski Little League Practice, Softball Field
- 6:00pm PCCW Meeting, KofC Hall
- 6:30pm Choir Practice, Church
- 7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, RE RM 103

#### 04/03 Wednesday

- 6:00am Rental, KofC Hall
- 8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
- 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
- 5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
- 7:00pm Spanish RCIA, Cor. Rm 101
- 7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

#### 04/04 Thursday

- 6:00am Rental, KofC Hall
- 8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
- 8:00am AARP Tax Service, PAC Large Meeting Room
- 11:00am St. Paul's PE, Gym
- 11:45am Confessions, Church
- 12:15pm Mass, Church
- 1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
- 6:00pm Holy Hour, Church

#### 04/05 Friday

- 6:00am Rental, KofC Hall
- 10:00am St. Paul's PE, Gym
- 12:10pm Rosary, Church
- 5:00pm Confessions, Church
- 5:30pm Mass, Church
- 7:00pm Spanish Healing Mass, Church

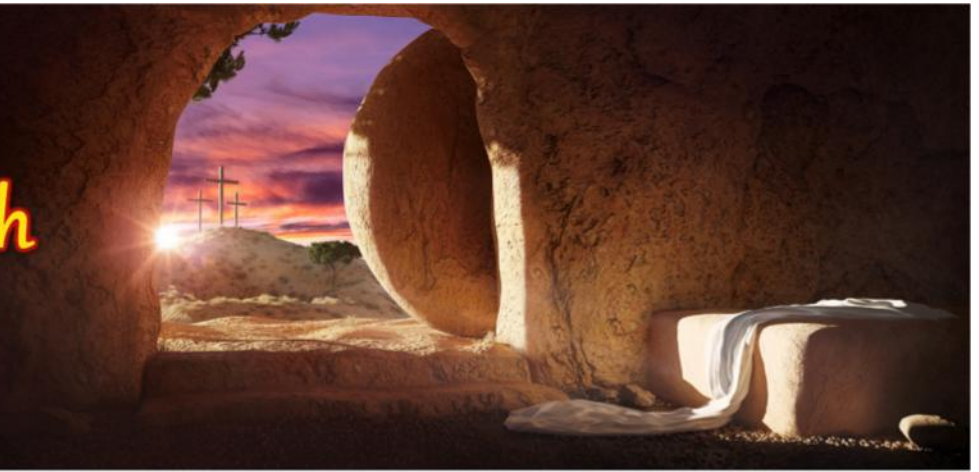
#### 04/06 Saturday

- 6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church
- 6:00am Rental, KofC Hall
- 7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
- 9:00am Kid's Retreat, All PAC
- 10:00am Baptisms, Church
- 3:30pm Confessions, Church
- 5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
- 5:30pm English Mass
- 7:00pm Spanish Mass

#### 04/07 Sunday

- 6:00am Rental, KofC Hall
- 8:00am English Mass, Church
- 9:15am Religious Education, All Campus
- 9:15am Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary Study, KofC Hall
- 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
- 5:00pm Youth Group, PAC

# If we really knew how much God loves us.



Holy Week is a week of much reflection. Those of us who had the opportunity to participate in all the services were able to realize that every detail of the liturgy, of the biblical texts, of the symbols, speak to us of a single reality: God tells us He loves, and he loves us very much, to the point of paying for our guilt and giving us the opportunity to experience his love.

But many, even knowing that God loves us, live begging for love, and there seems little difference between those who say they believe in God and those who openly confess themselves to be atheists. Everything that God has done for us, everything that Jesus suffered and even especially his resurrection has as its purpose so that we live better, so that we enjoy life, so that we live in holiness. And not only so that it remains as an intellectual sentence in our memory, but this has to affect our daily lives: God really loves us!

Let me tell you a story that I heard a long time ago, like many of the stories I know, this one is said to be true but I am not completely sure of it . . . however, it is worth telling.

Around the year 1940, near the end of the Spanish Civil War, a young man, the son of bakers, had the opportunity to leave Spain and arrived in Mexico City, where he began a new stage in his life. There he met a young woman who became his wife and the mother of his children. This young Spaniard living in Mexico had the idea of starting a bakery, as it was the trade that his parents had taught him, and he was very successful. Soon his bakery became very famous and he was even able to open several branches.

In Mexico, there was a contest among bakeries to find out which one had the sweetest and best quality bread, and as expected this Spaniard, no longer so young at that time, won the prize. Apart from giving more fame to his bakery, they also gave him a boat trip to Europe with a destination in Spain. The trip was all paid for. He refused to go to Spain again . . . he claimed that he no longer had any family to visit and that Spain only brought him very bad memories of the war. However, his wife and children insisted strongly, saying that they would never have an opportunity

like this again and that in reality, they wanted to get to know Spain. They did not want to be deprived of this opportunity. They convinced him with only one promise... that they were not going to spend a single peso on the trip.

The man's great defect was that, traumatized by the scarcity of his childhood during the war period, he was not able to spend a single cent. He saved everything. So in order not to spend a single peso on the trip, they decided to bring bread and cheese, since it did not need to be refrigerated. The trip was going to last 28 days. . . . to cross the ocean by boat and then arrive in Spain.

They had breakfast, lunch, and dinner, bread with cheese, or cheese with bread. The first week was difficult but they endured it with the hope of getting to know Europe. The second week, they were already wondering if it this a good idea or not. The third week it was very common for them to skip one or two meals because they could no longer tolerate cheese or bread, it was torture to eat that.

The 27th arrived and the wife and children, with a terrible smell of cheese that came out through the pores of their skin, approached and begged the man to please have mercy on them, and that on the last night on the ship let them go to the ship's restaurant. It wasn't very difficult to convince him, because in reality, he didn't want to eat more cheese and bread. So they went to the restaurant and arrived at the reception. They were surprised to see the buffet bar from afar, smell the different aromas coming out of the kitchen, and the incredible elegance of the restaurant. The young man at the reception asked for their name, looked for them on the list, was surprised, and asked if they please have the ticket that they used to board the boat. The slightly uncomfortable man shows him the ticket and the receptionist goes to the manager of the restaurant. The two return and ask for identification. This man, a little uncomfortable and upset because he feels a little discriminated against, answers them: "I have enough money to pay for any dinner here, why so much trouble"? To which the restaurant manager, apologetically and very surprised, answers: "Sorry for the inconvenience, what happens is that your boat ticket includes free food for you and your entire family. Since you never came down to the restaurant, we assumed that. . . You didn't get on the boat"!



that God has prepared for us. It is not enough to know that we have been saved if we do not dare to live in freedom, in love, in happiness, in peace, in holiness.

It is sad to see many Christians, who, having received the salvation gained by Jesus Christ, continue begging for love, or only eating bread and cheese, when in reality they can

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*

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

La Semana Santa es una semana de mucha reflexión, los que tuvimos la oportunidad de participar en todos los servicios, pudimos darnos cuenta que cada detalle de la liturgia, de los textos bíblicos, de los símbolos, nos hablan de una sola realidad, Dios nos ama, y nos ama mucho hasta el punto de pagar por nuestra culpa y darnos la oportunidad de poder experimentar su amor.

Pero muchos aun sabiendo que Dios nos ama, vivimos mendigando amor, y pareciera poca diferencia entre los que dicen creer en Dios y entre los que abiertamente se confiesan ateos. Todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros, todo lo que Jesús sufrió e incluso especialmente su resurrección tiene como propósito el que vivamos mejor, el que disfrutemos la vida, el que vivamos en santidad, y no solamente para que se quede como una sentencia intelectual en nuestra memoria, esto tiene que afectar nuestro diario vivir, ¡Dios realmente nos ama!

escuché hace mucho tiempo, como muchas de las historias que sé, ésta se dice que es verdadera pero no estoy completamente seguro de ello, sin embargo, es digna de ser contada.

Alrededor del año 1940, cerca del final de la guerra civil española un joven, hijo de panaderos, tuvo la oportunidad de salir de España y llegar a la Ciudad de México, donde iniciaría una nueva etapa en su vida, ahí conoció a una joven la que se convertiría en su esposa y madre de sus hijos. Este joven español viviendo en México tuvo la idea de hacer una panadería, pues era el oficio que sus padres le habían enseñado, y tuvo mucho éxito. Pronto su panadería cobró mucha fama y pudo incluso abrir varias sucursales.

En México hubo un concurso entre las panaderías para saber cuál era la que tenía el pan más dulce y de mejor calidad, y como era de esperarse este español, ya

el premio. Aparte de darle más fama a su panadería también le dieron un viaje por barco a Europa con destino en España, el viaje era todo pagado. El se negaba a ir de nuevo a España, alegaba que ya no tenía ningún familiar que visitar y que España solo le traía muy malos recuerdos de guerra. Por el contrario, su esposa e hijos le insistieron mucho diciendo que una oportunidad como esa no la volverían a tener y que en realidad ellos querían conocer España, que no les privara de esa oportunidad. Lo convencieron con una sola condición, que no iban a gastar ni un peso en el viaje, el gran defecto del hombre era que traumatizado por la escasez de su infancia durante el periodo de la guerra él no era capaz de gastar ni un solo centavo, todo lo ahorra. Así que para no gastar ni un peso en el viaje decidieron llevar pan y queso, pues no necesitaba refrigerarse, el viaje iba a durar 28 días para cruzar el transatlántico en barco y después llegar a España.



A lo que el gerente del restaurante disculpándose y muy sorprendido le contesta: “Disculpe la molestia, lo que pasa es que su boleto de barco incluye comida gratis para usted y toda su familia, y como usted nunca bajo al restaurante nosotros asumimos ¡que usted no venía en el barco!”

Desayunaban, comían y cenaban, pan con queso, o queso con pan... la primera semana fue difícil pero sobrellevada con la ilusión de conocer Europa. La segunda semana, ya se preguntaban si habría sido buena idea o no.... La tercera semana era muy común que se saltaran una o dos comidas, pues ya no toleraban ni el queso ni el pan, ya era una tortura comer eso... Llego el día 27 y todos la esposa y los hijos, con un terrible olor a queso que les salía por los poros de la piel, se acercan y le suplican a su papá, que por favor se apiade de ellos y que esa última noche en el barco vayan al restaurante del barco, no fue muy difícil convencerlo pues en realidad el tampoco podía comer mas queso y pan.

Así que fueron al restaurante, llegaron a la recepción, sorprendidos al ver de lejos la barra del bufé, los diferentes aromas que salían de la cocina y la increíble elegancia del restaurante. El joven de la recepción les pide su nombre, los busca en la lista, se sorprende y le pide que si por favor tienen el ticket que uso para abordar el barco, el señor un poco incomodo se le enseña y el recepcionista va con el gerente del restaurante, los dos regresan y le piden una identificación, este señor un poco incomodo y molesto por sentirse un poco discriminado les responde: “yo tengo suficiente dinero para pagar cualquier cena aquí, ¿por qué tanto problema? –

**Da pena ver muchos cristianos, que habiendo recibido la salvación ganada por Jesucristo, siguen mendigando amor, o solo comiendo pan y queso, cuando en realidad pueden acercarse al banquete de amor que Dios a preparado por nosotros... no es suficiente saber que hemos sido salvados, si no nos atrevemos a vivir en libertad, en amor, en felicidad en paz, en santidad.**

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*

**Join us in praying for vocations.**

April 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**





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.

KJT District VIII will hold its annual Family Day Sunday April 14, 2024 at Bowers Lake, near Caldwell, with festivities beginning at 1:00. We will be having fishing and other fun activities. We will also have a short district meeting. Bait will be available and drinks will be furnished. Bring a desert and a meal will be provided and served at 4:00pm.

The district wants everyone to come out and enjoy themselves. Guests are welcome.

**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*

**SUN. APRIL 7**

**SUN. 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." I TIM 4:12

**For More Information**  
www.brenhamcatholic.org  
**Email Contact**  
youth@brenhamcatholic.org



**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**

**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**





# BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Mary's Catholic  
Church of Brenham**

**Sunday, May 5  
8:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Parish Activity Center**

Contact Larry Alexander (281) 948-9117  
(l.alexander1955@gmail.com)

**PROMOTION: APRIL SHOWERS BRING...  
A LIMITED EDITION UMBRELLA!!**

CLAIM YOURS HERE:



Keeghan, blood donor

Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.

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donation story



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Mark your calendar for the pancake breakfast on May 5th  
from 8:00am to 10:30am.

Bring your family and have a FREE breakfast visit with other  
parishioners.

Marque su calendario para el desayuno  
de panqueques el

5 de mayo de 8:00 a.m. a 10:30 a.m.

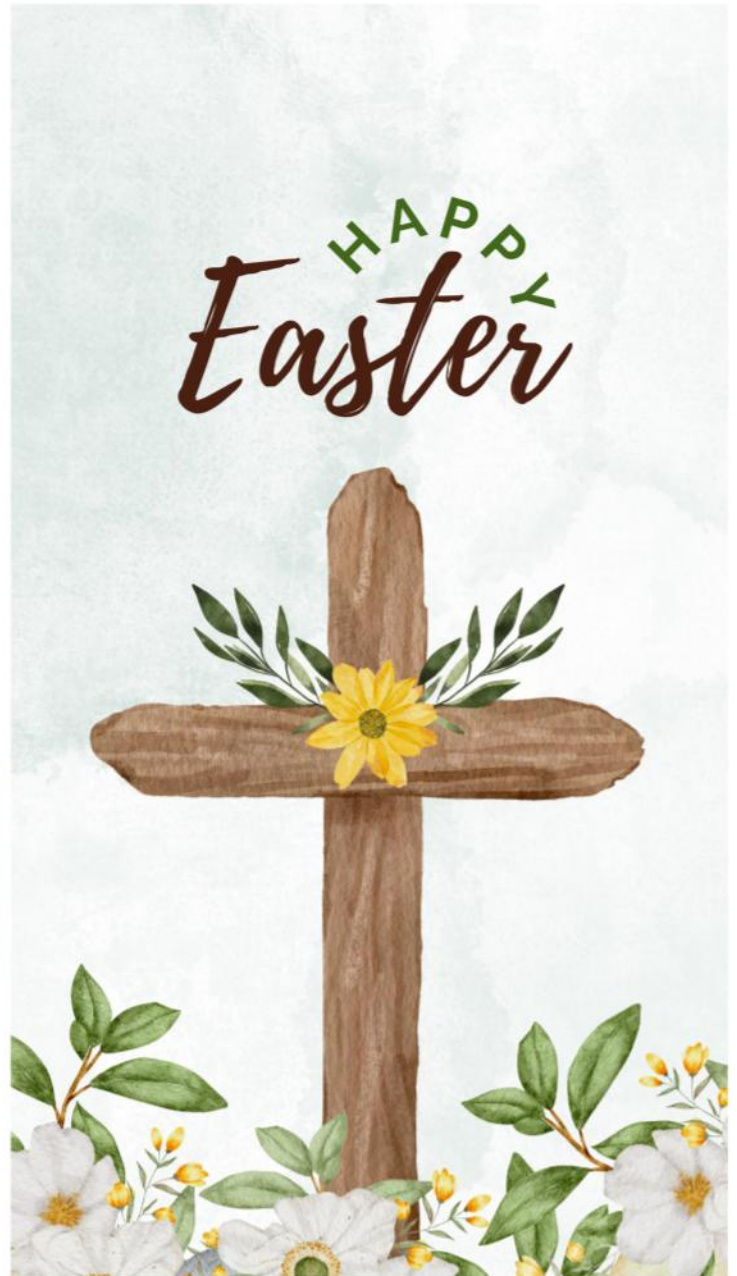
Traiga a su familia y disfrute de una visita  
de desayuno GRATIS con otros  
feligreses.



**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.

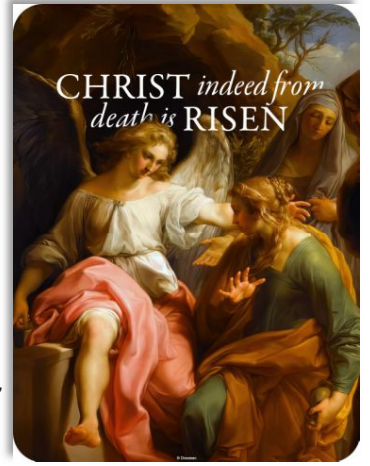
Para recibir ayuda llame al **979-525-0090.**  
Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

*"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*



## DEACON'S CORNER

*On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Jn. 20: 1-9*



Mary Magdalene did not expect to see an empty tomb and wondered who would roll away the stone Mk. 16:3. Arriving at the empty tomb she thinks someone removed Jesus' body Jn: 20-2. An angel tells her that Jesus had been raised and to go and tell the apostles Mk 16:6-8. And so belief in the resurrection begins to spread. Unfortunately some continue to deny the resurrection thinking that Jesus' followers stole Jesus' body. This is unlikely as the Roman guards would be subject death for dereliction of duty. Others surmised that Jesus recovered from His injuries enough to get out of the tomb himself. No one has every recovered from crucifixion especially since Jesus side and heart had been opened by a Roman lance. How then could he have survived and roll away the stone in the presence of the Roman guards? What about his appearances to Mary Magdalene and his disciples, including Thomas who first doubted Jesus' resurrection; and Jesus' later appearances to 500 people? Could they all be lying or mistaken? No they were not. So we can proclaim: **Alleluia: he has risen just as he said! Matt. 28:6**

Deacon John

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*El primer día después del sábado, estando todavía oscuro, fue María Magdalena al sepulcro y vio removida la Piedra que lo cerraba. Echó a correr, llegó a la casa donde estaban Simón Pedro y el otro discípulo, a quien Jesús amaba, y les dijo: "Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor y no sabemos dónde lo habrán puesto". Salieron Pedro y el otro discípulo camino del sepulcro. Los dos iban corriendo juntos, pero el otro discípulo corrió más aprisa que Pedro y llegó primero al sepulcro, e inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró. En eso llegó también Simón Pedro, que lo venía siguiendo, y entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en sitio aparte. Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro, y vio y creyó, porque hasta entonces no habían entendido las Escrituras, según las cuales Jesús debía resucitar de entre los muertos. Jn. 20:1-9*

María Magdalena no esperaba ver una tumba vacía y se preguntó quién quitaría la piedra Mk. 16:3. Al llegar al sepulcro vacío cree que alguien sacó el cuerpo de Jesús Jn: 20-2. Un ángel le dice que Jesús había resucitado y que fuera a contárselo a los apóstoles Mc 16,6-8. Y así comienza a extenderse la creencia en la resurrección. Desafortunadamente algunos continúan negando la resurrección pensando que los seguidores de Jesús robaron el cuerpo de Jesús. Esto es poco probable ya que los guardias romanos serían condenados a muerte por incumplimiento del deber. Otros supusieron que Jesús se recuperó lo suficiente de sus heridas como para salir él mismo de la tumba. Nadie se ha recuperado de una crucifixión, especialmente porque el costado y el corazón de Jesús habían sido abiertos por una lanza romana. ¿Cómo entonces pudo haber sobrevivido y haber quitado la piedra en presencia de los guardias romanos? ¿Qué pasa con sus apariciones a María Magdalena y sus discípulos, incluido Tomás, quien fue el primero en dudar de la resurrección de Jesús; y más tarde las apariciones ante 500 personas? ¿Podrían estar todos mintiendo o equivocados? No no lo hicieron. Entonces podemos proclamar: **Alেলা: ¡ha resucitado tal como dijo! Mateo 28:6**



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