



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

www.brenhamcatholic.org

(979) 836-4441

MASS TIMES

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| 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

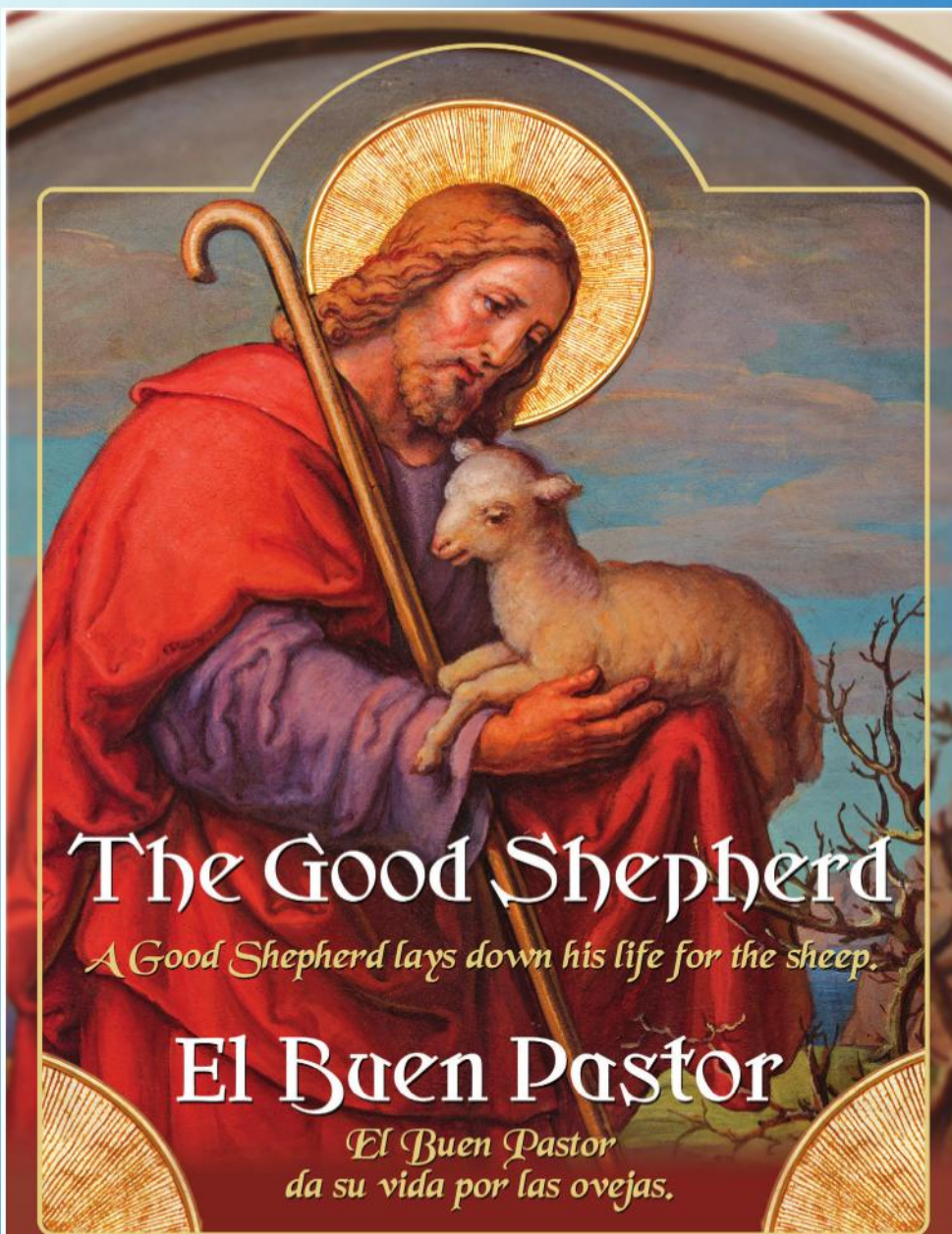
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor
Fr. Juan Jose Diaz, DJ—Parochial Vicar
Deacon Steve Medina
Deacon Allen Prescott
Deacon John Pelletier
Deacon Matthew Jewell

OFFICE HOURS

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

**Emergencies after office hours phone
number:**

(979) 451-9824



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The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

*La piedra que desecharon los arquitectos es ahora la piedra
angular*

Psalm 118

Salmo 118

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

April 22—April 28, 2024

Monday/lunes—April 22, 5:30 pm

Kristin Velazquez on her birthday
† Clara Wesneski (sent off)

Tuesday/martes—April 23, 12:15pm

† Hugh (Buddy) & Bernice Thiel
† Raymond Kenjura (sent off)
† Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—April 24, 12:15pm

† Agnes Marie Sophek Sparks
† Leon & Frances Manfre (sent off)
† Gregory Zuniga (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - April 25, 12:15 pm

† Robert Murski
† Nancy Catherine Shepherd (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - April 26, 5:30pm

† Glenn B. Harvey
† Ora Nell Murski (sent off)
† Bill & Barbara Paskie (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—April 27, 5:00 pm

† Theodore, Sr. & Gale Kwiatkowski

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – April 28, 8:00 am.

† Frances Faldyn

10:30 a.m.

Living & deceased members of the JJ Libbon & Thornburg Family

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

† Raul Mendiola Romero

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

Well-being of Angelica Castillo

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

April 13-14

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

Weekend collection\$23,359.06

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

**Collection Report
July 2023-June 2024**

| | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | January | February | To Date |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Offertory | \$228,496 | \$261,072 | \$98,820 | \$81,404 | \$669,792 |
| Expenses | \$343,858 | \$275,252 | \$95,521 | \$82,429 | \$797,060 |
| | -\$115,362 | -\$14,180 | \$3,299 | -\$1,025 | -\$127,268 |

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**

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.



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Louise Bolcerek**. 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 Louise Bolcerek. Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Calendar



May



KC's Pancake Breakfast and Blood drive + Senior's Breakfast



Spanish Women's Retreat



Eucharistic Revival



Fr. Ernesto's Farewell Reception



Spanish Music 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 17, 2024

Fr. Ernesto's Farewell Reception

May 25, 2024

Spanish Music Retreat

This week on St. Mary's campus. April 22 thru April 28, 2024

04/22 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
5:00pm WCJ Volleyball, 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

04/23 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
5:00pm WCJ Volleyball, 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

04/24 Wednesday

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
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
6:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, KofC Hall
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

04/25 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata, 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 First Communion Practice, Church

04/26 Friday

10:00am St. Paul's PE, Gym
12:10pm Rosary, Church
4:00pm Women's CRHP Retreat Set up
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:30pm First Communion Practice, Church

04/27 Saturday

6:00am Women's CRHP Retreat
6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
2:00pm Quinceanera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
5:30pm English Mass
7:00pm Spanish Mass

04/28 Sunday

6:00am Women's CRHP Retreat
8:00am English Mass, Church
9:00am KJT Meeting, Cornerstone Room 101
10:30am English Mass, Church
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church,
3:30pm Wunderlich Little League, Softball Field.
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center

The most defenseless animal, is also the strongest and the safest.



In the gospel we heard, Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd, and he himself explains that the Good Shepherd gives his life for his sheep. It is not difficult to understand that, if Jesus is the Shepherd, then we are the sheep. This is a very beautiful analogy, and I remember that there was one occasion when when I was reading it, that it made me a little uncomfortable, thinking that Jesus would compare me with a sheep. . . . Let's think about this:

The sheep is an animal that **depends on the care of the shepherd** because its wool can grow so much, that it can even prevent it from walking, eating, not to mention being able to see where it is going. The sheep also depends on the shepherd for its care, because by having wool, it is very possible that many insects and parasites can enter the skin and hurt it or even damage its bloodstream, causing illness and death. So the shepherd, to avoid that, has to anoint them with aromatic oils that act as repellents. To eat, if the sheep does not have good eyesight, it is unable to find green fields or water, so it needs the shepherd to find its food.

Furthermore, **the sheep is a totally harmless animal**, it has no means of defending itself in danger, it is not capable of running to escape, much less of flying. It has no claws with which to defend itself, nor fangs with which to attack. They do not have any kind of poison, let alone the strength to defeat their opponents. Well, given so many possible bad outcomes, we have to say that what the sheep does have is a great virtue: it has very fine hearing! The sheep is capable of distinguishing and memorizing any tone of voice, melody or intonation. So much so that, although

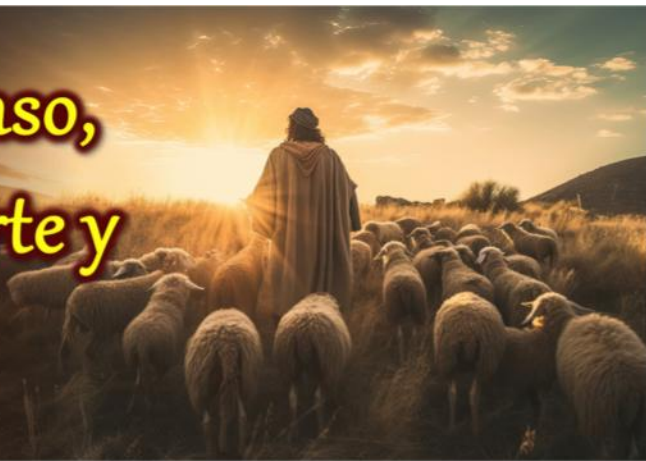
not having good eyesight, since they have very good hearing, they are able to recognize the shepherd's voice and follow him.

I remember that on one occasion, while meditating on this gospel, I said to myself, what a harmless and unprotected animal. While I kept this thought of the life of the sheep and the relationship it has with its shepherd, I then realized, with a great feeling of joy: **"the sheep is as strong as its shepherd because its shepherd is the one who defends it"**. I realized that, in fact, in the face of sin, we are the weakest. Considering the forces of the enemy and the seductions of the world, we would be defeated, if it were not for the fact that we have someone to defend us, Jesus, our good shepherd. He, who even gives his life for his sheep.

At this point, we only have to ask ourselves this question: are we capable of hearing and recognizing the voice of Jesus? Are we following the voice of our pastor? If so, we should not have any fear, as we are the luckiest, because, we are the strongest in Christ who strengthens us! But if we do not recognize his voice and do not follow him, let us be aware that we are the weakest and defenseless against our enemies. Brothers and Sisters, we have a very good Shepherd who even gives his life for each of us. Let us listen to his voice. He is the Good Shepherd . . . now it is our turn to be good sheep.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

El animalito más indefenso, pero también el más fuerte y seguro.



En el evangelio que escuchamos, Jesús se presenta como el Buen Pastor, y él mismo explica que el Buen Pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. No es difícil entender, que, si Jesús es el Pastor, pues nosotros somos las ovejas, esta analogía es muy hermosa, y aun así recuerdo que hubo una ocasión que cuando la leía me costaba un poco de incomodidad, el pensar que Jesús me comparara con una oveja. Pensemos en esto:

La oveja es un animal que depende del cuidado del pastor, pues la lana le puede crecer tanto, que le puede impedir incluso el caminar, comer y ni se diga el ver.

La oveja también depende del pastor en su cuidado, pues al tener lana, es muy posible que muchos insectos y parásitos entren a la piel la lastimen o que incluso dañen su torrente sanguíneo provocándole enfermedades y muerte, entonces el pastor para evitar eso, tiene que estarla ungiendo con aceites aromáticos que le funcionaran como repelentes.

Para comer, pues **la oveja no tiene buena vista**, es incapaz de poder encontrar verdes campos o agua, así que también para encontrar comida necesita del pastor.

Además, **la oveja es un animal totalmente inofensivo**, no tiene con que defenderse en el peligro, no es capaz de correr para escaparse, mucho menos de volar, no tiene garras con que defenderse, ni colmillos con que atacar, no tienen ninguna clase de veneno y mucho menos la fuerza para vencer al oponente. Bueno, ante tanta posible mala descripción, tenemos que decir que lo que si tiene la oveja es una gran virtud es su oído muy fino, capaz de

distinguir y memorizar cualquier tono de voz, melodía, entonación... de tal manera que, aunque no tenga buena vista, si tiene muy buen oído para poder reconocer la voz del pastor y seguirlo. Aun así, recuerdo que en una ocasión meditando en este evangelio me decía a mis adentros, que animal tan inofensivo y desprotegido, y mientras mantenía este pensamiento entre la debilidad de la oveja y la relación que tenía con su Pastor, me sobrevino este pensamiento con un gran sentimiento de alegría: "la oveja es tan fuerte como lo es su pastor, pues su pastor es quien la defiende" cuando ese pensamiento llegó a mi mente, me di cuenta que efectivamente nosotros ante el pecado, como los más débiles, ante las fuerzas del enemigo y las seducciones del mundo, estaríamos derrotados si no es porque tenemos quien nos defienda, Jesús, nuestro Buen Pastor, que incluso da la vida por sus ovejas.

Aquí solo nos quedaría hacernos esta pregunta, ¿nosotros somos capaces de escuchar y reconocer la voz de Jesús? ¿estamos siguiendo la voz de nuestro Pastor? De ser así, no deberíamos tener ningún miedo, somos los más afortunados, pues ¡somos los más fuertes en Cristo que nos fortalece! Pero si no reconocemos su voz y no lo seguimos, seamos conscientes que somos los más débiles e indefensos ante nuestros enemigos. Hermanos, tenemos un muy Buen Pastor que incluso da la vida por cada uno de nosotros, escuchemos su voz. Él es el Buen Pastor ahora nos toca a nosotros ser buenas ovejas.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Witnesses of the Gospel, Witnesses of the Holy Spirit, Witnesses of the Catholic Church.



Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Mt 28: 18-20



Hi, my name is **Moserrat Mendez – Sanchez**, and this is my journey to my first communion and Confirmation. I was an afternoon when Sister told me to write my experience or journey for my First Communion and Confirmation; when she told me, it had me really thinking. I was confused on what to write at first, but one thing I for sure wanted to do was thank God for keeping my friends and family alive and healthy. Last year in April I lost an uncle in an accident, this made me question God like: "why him?" "or why my family?" We were all happy, it was always us against the world. They say "everything happens for a reason," so I say "What was the reason?" my uncle was a good and respectful man and didn't desire to go away early.

As I continue to go to church, I realized that maybe it wasn't God's work, maybe it was all the evil and hatred that he was receiving. There was a day in Church when I heard someone say "If God takes someone, it's because he seen something that someone shouldn't have to suffer or live through." This made me requestion everything. However, I did see him in faith, maybe God wanted something better for him. He may have been taken, but he is never forgotten. This life lesson taught me to never take life for granted, because you never know when it's your last. As I continue to grow mentally with the Spirit of God, I realized that I will also be getting my Confirmation the same day as my Communion. I feel eager and excited about it. I will have all my sacraments, and will continue to be a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Another life lesson I learned while attending Mass and Wednesday class is that if the Holy Spirit is showing you a sign, then take it and listen, God the Father almighty will always have a plan for you.

Anissa Talmore Statement:

It has been a blessing growing up in St. Mary's Church going to mass, religion education classes and VBS. I have grown in my faith at this church by watching and following in the footsteps of my family and the wonderful mothers in this church. I have learned that praying is action and brings me closer to God. I am a CCE Pre-K aide, I can share Jesus' love with others while increasing my own faith. I have chosen Mary the Blessed Virgin as my confirmation name. I chose the name Mary as she is the patron of young women and a good example of unyielding faith. I am ready to renew my baptismal vows as I become confirmed with God by my side, guiding and protecting my journey.





The gift of the sacrament of Confirmation is important to us because it completes Baptismal grace through sealing in the Holy Spirit, allowing us to fully receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and completes our initiation into the Catholic Church. To prepare for Confirmation we attended religious education classes and Mass where we learned about our Catholic faith and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We also volunteered in our community and attended a retreat at the Pax Christi Retreat Center. We really enjoyed the retreat. It provided us an opportunity to make new friends who share our Catholic values and beliefs.

Caleb: I chose Saint Francis of Assisi as my Saint because of his ministry to the poor and his care for nature and animals. He had great love for God's creation. I also love nature and animals, so he is very relatable to me.

Antonie: Saint Christopher's story really stuck out to me when I researched Saints for my confirmation. I like that Saint Christopher was so determined and trusted his faith in Jesus. He never gave up when things felt impossible when he was carrying a baby, baby Jesus, across the river to safety. That is very admirable. He was seen to be strong, courageous, and large. I am also seen to be strong and courageous at times. I feel a connection with Saint Christopher. It's almost like he is a part of me. His dedication and love for Christ are beautiful and I wish to have that same drive and love for him.



We want to thank our priests, parents, godparents, sponsors, and religious education teachers for sharing their faith with us and encouraging our spiritual growth. Our faith would not be as strong without their guidance and prayers.



Casey DuPont

Since my family joined this parish several years ago, the people at St. Mary's have made me feel so welcome, and I am especially grateful for all of them. As I spend more time with the people in our faith community, I have found that my faith has grown. I have become closer to God on my Confirmation journey the past two years. For this, I have to thank my family, my friends, and my confirmation teacher, Mr. Mark Asmussen.

I was able to find a patron saint that I am able to connect with, thanks to the help and encouragement of my teacher and parents. Saint Medard is the patron saint of weather and agriculture, and since I am very fond and attentive of weather, I felt like Saint Medard was the perfect patron saint for me. I look forward to seeing what God has planned for my future and how I can continue to grow closer to Him after my Confirmation.



Confirmation Retreat

2024



moments of
reflection...



moments of
teaching and
silence...



A candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith, be in the state of grace, have the intention of receiving the sacrament, and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both within the ecclesial community and in temporal affairs.

CIC 1319

The essential rite of Confirmation is anointing the forehead of the baptized with sacred chrism (in the East other sense-organs as well), together with the laying on of the minister's hand and the words: "Accipe signaculum doni Spiritus Sancti" (Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.) in the Roman Rite, or "The seal of the gift that is the Holy Spirit" in the Byzantine rite. CIC 1320

**moments of
brotherhood
and fun...**



**moments of
encounter and**

prayer...



Congratulations

We are very proud of all of you. We believe that you will be true witnesses of the Gospel. You will continue to be in our prayers.

High School Confirmation

Valentin Alarcon
Kolbe Asmussen
April Avalos
Henry Aviles
Bailey Bolcerek
Kaylee Brown
Wyatt Byrd
Bridgit Cales
Valentina Canales Ponce
Jordy Cuevas
Yoshio De Los Rios
Emily Dimos

Avery DuPont
Levi DuPont
Caleb Espinoza
Mia Espinoza
Chelsea Fernandes
Benton Guillory
Izak Hranicky
Hailee Klekar
Haileigh Lange
Jesus Lopez
Alexander Mendez
Sanchez
Miley Mendoza
Vanessa Montoya

Antonie Najera
Reese Ortiz
Marissa Panko
Ricardo Perez
Austin Pustejovsky
Analee Rodriguez
Preston Rodriguez
Sabina Rodriguez
John Rodriquez
Isabella Romero
Anissa Talmore
Anthony Vasquez
Hebber Velazquez
Calvin Wunderlich

First Communion / Confirmation

Ares Camacena
Diego Guzman
Hayden Hartstack
Hudson Hartstack
Juan Manzano Monjaras
Monserrat Mendez Sanchez
Lucas Nguyen
Giselle Ruiz
Efrain Sanchez

Adults

First Communion

Alejandro Soto

First Communion / Confirmation

Stephanie Martinez

Confirmation

Oscar Galvan
Alex Kwiatkowski
Jennifer Prieto
Roberto Sanchez

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1302-1305

The Effects of Confirmation

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross: Recall then that

you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. This "character" perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and "the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially."

Thank you so much!!!

Catechists and Aids

Sheryl Malinowski

Mark Asmussen

Joseph Herr

Jena Brown

Michelle Panko

Lydia Delgado

Sr. Josephine Pajaro

Deacon Matthew Jewell

Petra Smith

Michael Derkowski

Emmanuel Hernandez

With very sincere and deep gratitude I ask God to bless you. Without your help, commitment and effort this would have been impossible.

I know how difficult it can be to have a commitment like the one you have shown. Young people in middle school and high school usually represent many challenges, but you have made us have some of the best years in the history of this parish. The attendance and commitment that the young people showed are the result of the effort that you have given.

I know with complete certainty that they will not go unrewarded.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

TIME TO VOTE SOON!!!



April 28 Voter Registration Deadline

May 4 Municipal and School District elections

May 20-24 Early voting

May 28 Runoff election to finalize which Democratic and Republican primary candidates will be on the November general election ballot.



General voting information/registration:

www.votetexas.gov

Who is on the ballot: www.Texas Tribune.org

Local election information:

www.co.washington.tx.us

www.austincounty.com

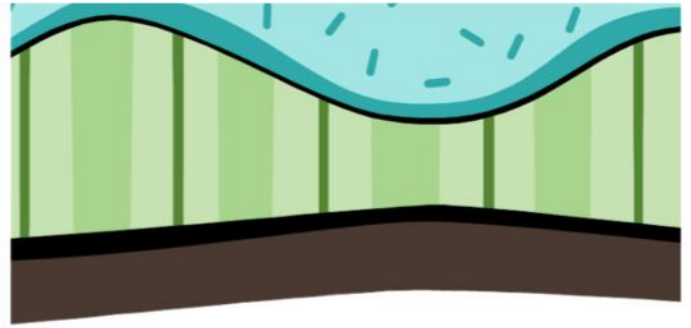
www.co.fayette.tx.us



Remember! It is our Catholic duty to **VOTE**. The *USCCB* reminds us of our political responsibility to vote in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic church.

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

The *Catechism* states: "A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. Everyone must avail himself of the means to form his conscience." (1798)



PCCW MY GRANDMA'S OF NEW ENGLAND COFFEE CAKE SALE

Great Mother's Day Gift

May 11th \$12th

\$20 Each

Flavors Available: Cinnamon, Cinnamon Walnut, Lemon Poppy seed, Blueberry, Apple & Cranberry



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 or 1-800-252-5400 **Diócesis de Austin** austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447



¡¡¡HORA DE VOTAR PRONTO!!!



28 de abril Fecha límite para la inscripción de votantes

4 de mayo Elecciones municipales y de distrito escolar

20-24 de mayo Votación anticipada

28 de mayo Elección de segunda vuelta para determinar qué candidatos primarios demócratas y republicanos estarán en la boleta de las elecciones generales de noviembre.



Información general de votación/registro:

www.votetexas.gov

Quién está en la boleta electoral:

www.Texastribune.org

Información sobre elecciones locales:

www.co.washington.tx.us

www.austincounty.com

www.co.fayette.tx.us



¡Recordar! Es nuestro deber católico **VOTAR**. La USCCB nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad política de votar de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la iglesia católica. www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

El *Catecismo* afirma: "Una conciencia bien formada es recta y veraz. Formula sus juicios según la razón, conforme al verdadero bien querido por la sabiduría del Creador. Cada uno debe valerse de los medios para formar su conciencia". (1798)



CARNITAS SALE
VENTA DE CARNITAS

We thank everyone who collaborated in this activity.

Donations \$ 3157.00

Sale \$ 5052.96

Total : \$ 8209.96

Soon we will tell you what the gift for Deacon Matthew will be.



Jesus, en Gloria y Majestad! Retiro para Mujeres



Fr. Everardo Cazares

*¡Aleluya!
Alegrémonos, regocijémonos
démosle honor y gloria.
La salvación, la gloria y el poder
son de nuestro Dios.
Apocalipsis 19, 2-7*



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Ministerio de Evangelización

DONACION: \$40

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**St. Mary's Catholic Church
High School Graduating Class of 2024**

Please join us on Sunday, May 5

9:00 am: Breakfast in PAC Large Meeting Room
High School Graduates and their families

10:30 am: Sunday Mass, Recognition and Blessing
High School Graduates will process
into the church and sit together

It is a privilege to congratulate and honor you on
the occasion of your high school graduation.
As your parish family and members of the Body of
Christ, please remember that St. Mary's will always be
home.

*For I know the plans I have for you; plans for prosperity and well-being,
plans for good and not evil, plans that give you hope and a future.
Paraphrased from Jeremiah 29:11*

Please RSVP to Cindy in the church office (979)836-4441



**Iglesia Catolica de Santa Maria
Clase de graduación de High School de 2024**

Porfavor compaños el Domingo, 5 de Mayo

9:00 am: Desayuno en el salon grande del PAC
Graduados de High School y familias

10:30 am: Misa Dominical, Reconocimiento y Bendición
Graduados entraran en procesion a la Iglesia y se
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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 grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor." - Santa Teresa de Calcutta



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.

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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

Our Mission

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

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

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

That is why I state the mission this way:

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

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

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

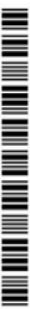
MAKING DISCIPLES is, undoubtedly, the most difficult task, since it consists in making Jesus the teacher in our lives and learning from Him how to live His teaching faithfully in every area of our life. This we will aim for through a continuous catechesis. The parish seeks to be a place of growth in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

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

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



St. Mary Immaculate Conception



Nuestra Misión

No es difícil saber cual es nuestra misión, pues es la misión misma de la Iglesia, que esta expresada en la sagrada escritura, especialmente en los evangelios.

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

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

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

Por eso enuncio la misión de esta manera:

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

EVANGELIZAR, DISCIPULAR y FORMAR LA COMUNIAD CRISTIANA”.

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

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

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

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



St. Mary Immaculate Conception



DEACON'S CORNER

To be a disciple of Jesus demands that we respond to every person the same way the Good Shepherd responds to all. Every person possesses the sacred dignity of being a child of God. Just as every baby born is the most important baby ever born, every person is a unique reflection of the God and deserving of the love and care of the Lord's presence on earth through us. This is the reason why the charity of the Christian must reach beyond his or her own family and friends, beyond the parish family and even beyond the family of citizens of their country. We have to be concerned about those who are hurt, starving, suffering or dying throughout the world. Our charity cannot be limited by anything including the parameters of our faith community.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, for example, reached out to the poor of Calcutta and throughout the world. Most of these people were Hindu, not Christian. All of these people are made in the images and likeness of God. All of this is easy to say, but difficult to do.

I know that sometimes I am worse at this than anybody. My mind often flies with too many things to do. I often block out everything around me as I scamper from one task to another. Perhaps you do this too. You might be on the run and totally oblivious to a neighbor who is rather down in the dumps. Or you might be so caught up in the hectic schedule that your kids have, bringing this one to baseball, that one to karate, dance, school meetings, etc., that you might not notice that one of your children has needs far greater than all the activities you provide for him or her. Following the Good Shepherd requires our never being too busy to be aware of and to respond to those around us who need help.

The Good Shepherd is the Risen Lord. He is with us. He will never leave us alone. Today we ask this Lord to allow us to slow down and hear his voice.

Deacon Al

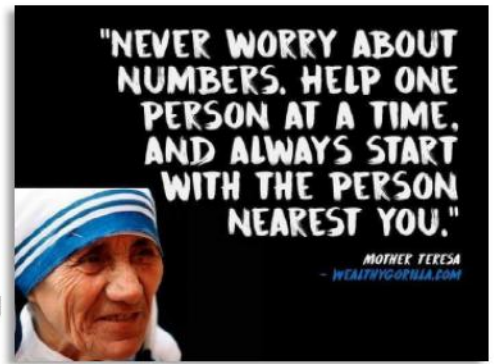
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Ser discípulo de Jesús exige que respondamos a cada persona de la misma manera que responde el Buen Pastor a todos. Toda persona posee la sagrada dignidad de ser hijo de Dios. Así como cada bebé que nace es el más importante, cada persona es un reflejo único de Dios y merecedor del amor y cuidado de la presencia del Señor en la tierra a través de nosotros. Ésta es la razón por la que la caridad del cristiano debe ir más allá de su propia familia y amigos, más allá de la familia parroquial e incluso más allá de la familia de los ciudadanos de su país. Tenemos que preocuparnos sobre aquellos que están heridos, pasando hambre, sufriendo o muriendo en todo el mundo. Nuestra caridad no puede estar limitada por nada, incluyendo los parámetros de nuestra comunidad de fe. Santa Teresa de Calcuta, por ejemplo, tendió la mano a los pobres de Calcuta y en todo el mundo. La mayoría de estas personas eran hindúes, no cristianas. Todas estas personas están hechas en la imagen y semejanza de Dios. Todo esto es fácil de decir, pero difícil de hacer.

Sé que a veces soy peor en esto que nadie. Mi mente a menudo vuela con demasiadas cosas que hacer. A menudo bloqueo todo lo que me rodea mientras corro de una tarea a otra. Quizás tú también hagas esto. Usted podría estar en la carrera y totalmente ajeno a un vecino que está bastante deprimido. O puede que estés tan atrapado en el ajetreado horario que tienen tus hijos, llevar a este al béisbol, aquel al karate, baile, reuniones escolares, etc, que Es posible que no se dé cuenta de que uno de sus hijos tiene necesidades mucho mayores que todas las actividades que usted le proporciona. Seguir al Buen Pastor requiere que nunca estemos demasiado ocupados para ser conscientes y responder a quienes nos rodean que necesitan ayuda.

El Buen Pastor es el Señor Resucitado. Él está con nosotros. Él nunca nos dejará solos. Hoy le pedimos a este Señor que nos permita frenar y escuchar su voz.

Diacono Al



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