



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

www.brenhamcatholic.org

(979) 836-4441

MASS TIMES

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

Extraordinary Form Latin

4:00 pm

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

CONFESSIONS

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

CLERGY

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

**Emergencies after office hours phone
number:**

(979) 451-9824

10TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

Jesus and
His Family

10^º
DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO
ORDINARIO

La Verdadera
Familia de Jesús



*"Whoever does the will of God is
my brother and sister and mother."*

Mark 3:35

*"Porque todo el que hace voluntad de
Dios es hermano mío y hermana y madre."*

Marcos 3. 35

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Del Señor viene la misericordia, la redención copiosa

Psalm 130

Salmo 130

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

June 10-June 16, 2024

Monday/lunes—June 10, 5:30 pm

- † Victor & Elizabeth Kubecka
- † Nancy Manfre (sent off)
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

Tuesday/martes—June 11, 12:15pm

- † Rudy & Lillian Janik
- † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—June 12, 12:15pm

- † Milton Peters
- † Lillian Antkowiak (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - June 13, 12:15 pm

- Luis Velazquez on his birthday
- † Cary Link (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - June 14, 5:30pm

- † Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski

Saturday/sábado—June 15, 5:00 pm

Well-being of Pham Family

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Sunday/Domingo – June 16, 8:00 am.

- † Bennie Wesneski
- † Nancy Catherine Shepherd (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Jesus Vargas on his birthday

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

- † Louise Bolcerek

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

June 1-2

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

Weekend collection\$19,431.82

Purple bag collection.....\$2,699.83

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

**Collection Report
July 2023-June 2024**

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	April	To Date
Offertory	\$228,496	\$261,072	\$266,974	\$96,864	\$853,406
Expenses	\$343,858	\$275,252	\$274,134	\$106,544	\$999,788
	-\$115,362	-\$14,180	-\$7160	-\$9,680	-\$146,382

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 families of **Crispin Martin & Cecelia Fisk**. May they rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a las familias de Crispin Martin & Cecelia Fisk. Que descansen en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calendar

June



**Deacon Matthew
Ordination Reception**



**CRHP Spanish
Men Retreat**

June 16, 2024

Deacon Matthew Ordination Reception

June 28-30

CRHP Spanish Men Retreat

July



**Holy Hour for
Vocations**



**Marvelous
Mystery VBS**

July 4, 2024

Holy Hour for Vocations

July 22-25, 2024

Marvelous Mystery VBS

This week on St. Mary's campus. June 10 thru June 16, 2024

06/10 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 Seguidoras de Jesus Community Meeting, RE Room 103
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

06/11 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
5:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, KofC Hall
6:30pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

06/12 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
10:30am Staff Meeting, Office Choir/Meeting Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
5:30pm Finance Council Meeting, Office Choir/ Meeting Room
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym
6:45pm Wellness Committee Meeting, Office Choir/Meeting Room
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

06/13 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata, PAC Small Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church

06/14 Friday

12:00pm Funeral, Church
1:00pm Funeral Luncheon, KofC Hall
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:15pm Quinceanera Rehearsal

06/15 Saturday

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

06/16 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
10:30am English Mass, Church
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church,
1:30pm Deacon Matthew's Ordination Reception, Gym
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center

Who is my mother?



Although it is clear that in the gospel we heard this weekend the central theme is unity, I would like to stop at the last paragraph we hear, when Jesus himself asks: "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Then, looking at those who were sitting around him, he says: "These are my mother and my brothers because the one who fulfills the will of God is my brother, my sister, and my mother." I have the conviction that, if all of us sought to do the will of God, we would be living in unity.

It is clear that throughout the history of salvation and sacred writing, we find how God seeks out human beings and invites them to live in unity with him, to form a family with him. Even in the Old Testament, the banquet is depicted. The wedding banquet is depicted as a personal relationship you have with God. We have no doubt that many of the parables that speak of the banquet speak precisely of God, who invites us to have a communion with him. In the apocalypse where they talk about the wedding of the lamb, it is precisely the relationship that God wants to have with us, a very intimate relationship, a relationship of being family.

The text of this gospel might be read in a very superficial and wrong way. We might think that Jesus rejects Mary as his mother when he asks the question: "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" First of all, thinking like that is completely wrong, because it would be like failing to comply with the fourth commandment of honoring

your father and mother. We know that Jesus never committed sin, so he would never reject Mary as his mother! On the contrary, when asked who is my mother and who are my brothers, he introduces a new family relationship on a spiritual level. These will be the ones who fulfill the will of the Father, these become Jesus' family in a close way . . . they can be and are called to be his brothers, his sisters and even his mother.

Thinking in this way, the Virgin Mary is both the Mother of Jesus, one, because she is the only one who engendered him and gave birth to him in her human nature, and two, because she has fulfilled the will of God in an irreproachable way. Perhaps many of us would like to be close to Jesus, to be able to live with him, to be his family, and we can become that spiritually, although biologically, we cannot. Jesus invites us to truly be united to him in a spiritual way with family ties. Today we can ask ourselves, how close are we to Jesus, that he presents us as his family? This is not only good intentions, but, for the fact of fulfilling God's will in our lives. One of the aspects that we can see in the context of this gospel is that God's will is for us to remain united, so that among ourselves, we feel and call ourselves a family, the family of Christ.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



¿Quién es mi madre ...?

Aunque es claro que en el evangelio que escuchamos este fin de semana, el tema central es la unidad, quisiera detenerme en el último párrafo que escuchamos cuando Jesús mismo pregunta: ¿quién es mi madre y quiénes son mis hermanos? y luego mirando a los que estaban sentados a su alrededor, dice: “estos son mi madre y mis hermanos, porque el que cumple la voluntad de Dios ese es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre”. Tengo la convicción que, si todos nosotros buscáramos hacer la voluntad de Dios, estaríamos viviendo en la unidad.

Es claro que en toda la historia de la salvación y en toda la Sagrada Escritura encontramos como Dios busca al ser humano y lo invita a vivir en unidad con él, a formar una familia con él, incluso desde el Antiguo Testamento, se figura el banquete de bodas como una relación personal que se tiene con Dios.

No nos cabe la duda que muchas de las parábolas que hablan del banquete hablan precisamente de Dios que nos invita a tener una comunión con él y en el apocalipsis donde se hablan de las bodas del Cordero, es precisamente la relación que Dios quiere tener con nosotros, una relación muy íntima, una relación de ser familia.

El texto de este evangelio, leído de una manera muy superficial y equivocada. Podríamos pensar que Jesús rechaza a María como su madre al lanzar la pregunta ¿quién es mi madre y quiénes son mis hermanos? Primero, pensar así es completamente erróneo, porque sería tanto como faltar al cuarto mandamiento de honrar a tu padre y a tu madre y sabemos que Jesús nunca cometió pecado, así que él

nunca rechazaría a María como su madre, al contrario cuando se le pregunta ¿quién es mi madre y quiénes son mis hermanos?, introduce una nueva relación familiar en un nivel espiritual, estos serán aquellos que cumplen la voluntad del Padre, estos se convierten en familia de Jesús de una manera estrecha pueden ser y son llamados a ser sus hermanos, su hermana e incluso hasta su madre.

Pensando de esta manera la Virgen María es doblemente Madre de Jesús, una por ser la única que lo engendró y lo dio a luz en su naturaleza humana, y segunda, porque ella ha cumplido la voluntad de Dios de una manera irreprochable.

Quizás muchos de nosotros deseáramos estar cerca de Jesús poder vivir con él ser su familia y podemos llegar a serlo, aunque biológicamente no podamos, Jesús nos invita a que de una manera espiritual realmente estemos unidos a él con unos lazos familiares. Hoy podríamos preguntarnos, ¿qué tan cercanos somos a Jesús como para que nos presente como su familia? Esto no es solamente por un deseo buenas intenciones, sino por el hecho de cumplir la voluntad de Dios en nuestra vida. Uno de los aspectos que sencillamente podríamos ver en el contexto de este evangelio es que la voluntad de Dios es que permanezcamos unidos que entre nosotros, nos sintamos y nos llamemos una familia, la familia de Cristo.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

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

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 or **1-800-252-5400**

Diocese of Austin 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 or **1-800-252-5400**

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

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

Congratulations to the newest member of the Body of Christ / Felicidades a los nuevos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo



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

Miguel Jose Avalos Diosdado
Adriel Cruz Gallardo
Jonathan Cruz Gallardo
Edwin Jared Cruz Gallardo

Who received the sacrament of Baptism on June 1, 2024

Quien recibio el Sacramento del Bautismo el dia 1ro de Junio del 2024

We also congratulate her parents and godparents.
Tambien felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.



Altar Flowers this weekend are:

In thanksgiving to God for all blessings received on our 37th Wedding Anniversary, given by the Romero Family

Las Flores de Altar este fin de semana son:

En accion de gracias por todas las bendiciones recibidas en nuestro 37 Aniversario de Bodas. Donadas por la familia Romero



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



You're Invited to St. Mary's Women's Ministry!
Scripture, Saints, & Support
Bella Brigata ~Summer~

June 13, 10-11:30am,
PAC Small Meeting Room
Fr. Euerardo Q&A

July 11 - Sept. 19, 10-11:30am,
PAC Small Meeting Room
Athirst for the Spirit: Biblical Wisdom for Desert Times (no purchase)

Inspired by St. Catherine of Siena: "Love follows Knowledge"
"...make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, knowledge, ...and brotherly affection with love." (II Peter 1:5-8)

(Coming: Surprise a Soul, Emmaus Academy, Christmas Brunch)
Coffee & Cookies

(Questions: call or text Kathy 713.501.0663)



Religious education would like to invite all the children of the Parish to **Vacation Bible School**. The theme this year is **the Marvelous Mystery, The Mass Comes Alive**.

It will teach the children the meanings of the actions we do in Church like genuflect and the items used during the mass like the chalice in the Church. The children will go into the Church to see things up close. All this will lead them to an understanding and deeper love of the Eucharist.

VBS will take place July 22nd -25th from 5:15 pm to 8:00pm with the cost of \$10 per child. Registration forms can be found in the Parish office on our Website at brenhamcatholic.org

Dinner will be provided for the registered families and volunteers.

Religious Education is also looking for help with volunteering to work VBS or donate cookies and fruit during that week.

Educación Religiosa desea invitar a todos los niños de la Parroquia a la **Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones**. El tema de este año es **el Misterio Maravilloso, La Misa cobra vida**.

Enseñará a los niños el significado de las acciones que hacemos en la Iglesia como la genuflexión y los elementos utilizados durante la misa como el cáliz en la Iglesia. Los niños entrarán en la Iglesia para ver las cosas de cerca. Todo esto les conducirá a una comprensión y un amor más profundo por la Eucaristía.

VBS se llevará a cabo del 22 al 25 de julio de 5:15 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. con un costo de \$10 por niño. Las formas de registración las puede encontrar en la oficina parroquial o en nuestro sitio web brenhamcatholic.org

La cena será proporcionada para las familias y voluntarios registrados.

Educación Religiosa también está buscando ayuda de voluntarios para trabajar VBS o donar galletas y frutas durante esa semana.



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.

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





For whoever does
the will of God

IS MY BROTHER & SISTER & MOTHER

Mark 3:35



Into the Breach - You're Invited

Men of St. Mary's, join us in the PAC at 7:00am on Saturdays as we watch and discuss **Into the Breach**. Through small group discussions over breakfast and coffee, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. We must enter into the breach. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced *Into the Breach*, a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**REGISTRATION
OPEN!**



Parishioner Registration

Welcome to St. Mary's.

We are so happy that you have chosen St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish as your faith community and spiritual home.

To become a registered parishioner, please complete a registration form on our website or in person in the Parish Office. Please inform the parish office of any changes to your contact information.

Registro de feligreses

Bienvenido a St. Mary's.

Estamos muy contentos de que haya elegido la Parroquia de Santa María Inmaculada Concepción como su comunidad de fe y hogar espiritual. Para convertirse en un feligrés registrado, complete un formulario de registro en nuestro sitio web o en persona en la oficina parroquial. Informe a la oficina parroquial de cualquier cambio en su información de contacto.

CCE Registration is now open!

Registration Packets can be found in the back of the Church by the restrooms. Pick up one per family depending on your child's grade and turn it in to the office.

Deadline to turn in registration is August 8th.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the Church office at 979-836-4441 and talk to Sister Teresa.

¡Las inscripciones para el Catecismo ya comenzarán!

Los paquetes de inscripción se pueden encontrar en la parte trasera de la Iglesia, junto a los baños. Tome uno por familia según el grado de su(s) hijo(s) y entréguelo a la oficina.

La fecha límite para entregar la inscripción es el 8 de agosto.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, llame a la oficina de la Iglesia al 979-836-4441 y hable con la Hermana Teresa.



DEACON'S CORNER

In the Gospel Jesus speaks to a crowd of people. Suddenly his relatives arrive because some of them think that Jesus is out of his mind. The scribes say that Jesus is possessed by a demon and that his exorcisms are the work of demons.

Jesus tells them why this is not true and that anyone who says this is blaspheming against the Holy Spirit and has committed an unforgivable sin by interpreting God's work in Jesus as demonic. *But can't any sin be forgiven?* There is no limit to God's mercy. But one commentor notes that the sin is unforgivable because it can blind people to their need for forgiveness. Someone who refuses to accept God's mercy by not repenting rejects the forgiveness of sins offered by the Holy Spirit. This can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss (CCC 1864).

The crowd tells Jesus your family, including your mother is outside asking for you. Looking around at the people near him Jesus says: *Who are my mother and my brothers? Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother.* In other words those who do God's will by believing in Jesus are part of the God's family. As members of the covenant brought by Christ we are spiritual relatives with each other and with God in the Holy Spirit.

Final point. Some believe that Jesus excludes or considers His mother unimportant by not going out to see her. Not so! She is the ultimate example of someone who did God's will her entire life. Remember her response to the angel at the annunciation: *Let it be done to me according to your word and to her cousin Elizabeth all generations will call me blessed.... the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name.* Let us always strive to do God's will as she did.

Deacon John

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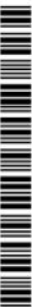
En el Evangelio Jesús habla a una multitud de personas. De repente llegan sus familiares porque algunos piensan que Jesús está loco. Los escribas dicen que Jesús está poseído por un demonio y que sus exorcismos son obra de demonios.

Jesús les dice por qué esto no es cierto y que cualquiera que diga esto está blasfemando contra el Espíritu Santo y ha cometido un pecado imperdonable al interpretar la obra de Dios en Jesús como demoníaca. *¿Pero no se puede perdonar ningún pecado?* No hay límite para la misericordia de Dios. Pero un comentarista señala que el pecado es imperdonable porque puede cegar a las personas ante su necesidad de perdón. Alguien que se niega a aceptar la misericordia de Dios al no arrepentirse rechaza el perdón de los pecados que ofrece el Espíritu Santo. Esto puede conducir a la impenitencia final y a la pérdida eterna (CIC 1864).

La multitud le dice a Jesús que tu familia, incluida tu madre, está afuera preguntando por ti. Jesús, mirando a las personas que están cerca de él, dice: *¿Quiénes son mi madre y mis hermanos?* Quien hace la voluntad de Dios es mi hermano, mi hermana y mi madre. En otras palabras, aquellos que hacen la voluntad de Dios al creer en Jesús son parte de la familia de Dios. Como miembros del pacto traído por Cristo, somos parientes espirituales entre nosotros y con Dios en el Espíritu Santo.

Punto final. Algunos creen que Jesús excluye o considera poco importante a su madre al no salir a verla. ¡No tan! Ella es el máximo ejemplo de alguien que hizo la voluntad de Dios durante toda su vida. Recuerda su respuesta al ángel en la anunciación: *Hágase en mí según tu palabra y a su prima Isabel me llamarán bienaventurada todas las generaciones... el Todopoderoso ha hecho grandes cosas en mí y santo es su nombre.* Esforcémonos siempre en hacer la voluntad de Dios como ella la hizo.

Diácono John



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 Aaron Roshto TMPL #40427

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