



# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

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

(979) 836-4441

## MASS TIMES

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. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
 Deacon Steve Medina  
 Deacon Allen Prescott  
 Deacon John Pelletier

## OFFICE HOURS

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

Emergencies after office hours phone  
 number:

(979) 451-9824

## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor  
 except in his native place and among his own kin  
 and in his own house."

Lk 6:4



Pero Jesús les dijo: "Todos honran a un profeta,  
 menos los de su tierra, sus parientes  
 y los de su casa".

Lk 6, 4

## 14° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. Psalm 92*

*Es bueno darte gracias, Señor. Salmo 92*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**  
**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**  
**July 9-July 14, 2024**

**Monday/lunes**

† Regina Konieczny Kubeczka (sent off)  
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

**Tuesday/martes—July 9, 12:15pm**

† Father Moffit  
 † Eleanor Howard & Vita Steen (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—July 10, 12:15pm**

† Nancy Manfre  
 † Nancy Manfre (sent off)  
 † Jesusa & Jose Esparza (sent off)  
 † Raymond & Evelyn Nowak (sent off)

**Thursday/ jueves - July 11, 12:15pm**

† Mickael Muth  
 † Leonard & Pauline Krotofil (sent off)  
 † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

**Friday/Viernes - July 12, 5:30pm**

Well-being of Annette 'Fries' Phelps Family  
 † Nancy Catherine Shepherd (sent off)  
 † Lumir & Kevin Vacha (sent off)

**Saturday/sábado—July 13, 5:00 pm**

† Stanley & Mary Januszewski  
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

Justo Vargas on his birthday  
 † Alberto Basquez (sent off)

**Sunday/Domingo – July 14, 8:00 am.**

Pro Populo  
 † Johnny Esparza (sent off)

**10:30 a.m.**

Francis A. Fries on his birthday  
 † Anna Jacob (sent off)

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

Well-being of the Romero-Navarrete Family  
 † Theresa Hernandez (sent off)

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

† Mary Ann Parkhurst

**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)*

**June 29-30**

**Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00**  
**Weekend collection .....\$13,024.88**  
**Peter’s Pence Collection.....\$1,672.07**

**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](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.***





# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### July



**Marvelous  
Mystery VBS**

**July 22-25, 2024**

Marvelous Mystery VBS

### August



**Catechist  
Retreat**



**Youth Group  
Family Picnic**

**August 17, 2024**

Catechist Retreat

**August 18, 2024**

Youth Group Family Picnic

**August 24, 2024**

Spanish Men's Retreat



**Spanish Men's  
Retreat**

## This week on St. Mary's campus. July 8 thru July 14, 2024

### 07/08 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
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

### 07/09 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

### 07/10 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 Choir Practice, Choir  
6:45pm Wellness Committee Meeting, Office Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

### 07/11 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the Gym  
11:45am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church

### 07/12 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church

### 07/13 Saturday

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

### 07/14 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church  
10:30am English Mass, Church  
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center

# When Faith is a Matter of Taste or Novelty...



In the gospel we meditate on this Sunday, I am very surprised by how it begins and how it ends. Jesus comes to his own land, where everyone receives him, and they listen to him with astonishment. It seems that the first step, the first impression that Jesus gives, is so great that people are amazed. Usually, when we hear the message of the gospel, it can also surprise us, please us, or cause us some astonishment. But these feelings have only one purpose: to help us take a step of faith. Receiving the gospel with joy or astonishment does not necessarily mean that you have faith. It is when you take the step of commitment, when that astonishment and joy take root in our hearts and change us. In the gospel we hear, we see that people receive him with joy and astonishment, but they immediately begin to question in a negative way. It is precisely this astonishment that begins to lead them to a kind of skepticism and a kind of dissatisfaction. We could imagine what people were asking: if we know his family, if we know his history, if we know where he

comes from, then why does he speak in that way? Why him and not us? You realize that the joy and astonishment they had at the beginning changed to a point where they began to reject Jesus' message.

That astonishment, that joy, and that liking did not lead them to take the step of commitment and to accept the message of love in their lives. By considering him equal to them, they disqualified him, and sadly, the gospel tells us that Jesus could not perform many miracles there and that he went to other places to preach.

Dear brothers and sisters, how many times does this happen to us? We can hear the gospel with joy, get excited, or want to hear something we like, but if the gospel remained at that level, we would fall into the same error as the contemporaries of Jesus: only being amazed and not putting it into practice. The gospel is not only to console us, the gospel is not only a word of hope. In such a case, consolation and hope are fruits of receiving the gospel. The gospel is indeed the preaching of the cross, it is indeed the

preaching of the death and resurrection of Christ. It should lead us to a change of life, a change of behavior, a change of attitude. I think it is what we need most at this time: to be grateful to God, to be grateful to those who provide a service to us, to be grateful simply with an interior attitude. In the gospel, it is clear how at first people are amazed, but by asking wrong questions, they end up closing their hearts. Today, let the preaching of the gospel lead us to open our hearts and let the astonishment of hearing his word help us grow in humility and gratitude so that we can take the step of faith that is needed. Rather than asking why things are happening, we should be thankful that we still have the gospel and the sacraments. If we should ask anything, let the question not be towards Jesus or towards those who serve us, but rather, how can I serve? How can I respond to this message that the gospel has to me?

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*





## Cuando la fe es cuestión de gustos o novedades...

En el evangelio que meditamos este domingo, me sorprende mucho la forma en cómo empieza y cómo termina. Jesús llega a su propia tierra, donde todo el mundo lo recibe, y lo escuchan sorprendidos. Pareciese que el primer paso, la primera impresión que Jesús da, es tan grande que la gente se sorprende.

Usualmente, cuando nosotros escuchamos el mensaje del evangelio, también puede sorprendernos, gustarnos o causarnos algún asombro. Pero estos sentimientos no tienen más que un solo propósito: ayudarnos a dar un paso de fe.

Recibir el evangelio con alegría o con asombro no necesariamente significa que tienes fe. Fe es cuando das el paso de compromiso, cuando ese asombro y esa alegría echan raíces en nuestro corazón y nos cambian. En el evangelio que escuchamos, vemos que la gente lo recibe con alegría y asombro, pero inmediatamente empiezan a cuestionar de una manera negativa. Es precisamente ese asombro el que les empieza a llevar a una especie de escepticismo y a una especie de inconformidad. Imaginemos un poco lo que la gente preguntaba: si conocemos su familia, si conocemos su historia, si sabemos de dónde viene, entonces, ¿por qué habla de esa manera? Te das cuenta de que la alegría y el asombro que tenían al principio fue cambiando a un punto en donde empiezan a rechazar el mensaje de Jesús.

Ese asombro, esa alegría y ese gusto no les llevaron a dar el paso de compromiso y de aceptar en sus vidas el mensaje de amor. Por considerarlo igual a ellos, lo descalificaron, y tristemente el evangelio nos dice que Jesús no pudo realizar muchos milagros allí y que se fue a otros lugares a predicar.

Queridos hermanos, ¿cuántas veces no nos sucede esto a nosotros? Podemos escuchar el evangelio con alegría, emocionarnos o querer escuchar algo que nos guste, pero si el evangelio se quedara en ese nivel, caeríamos en el mismo error de los contemporáneos de Jesús: solamente asombrarnos y no llevarlo a la práctica.

El evangelio no es únicamente para consolarnos, el evangelio no es únicamente una palabra de esperanza. En tal caso, el consuelo y la esperanza son frutos de recibir el evangelio. El evangelio es la predicación de la cruz, es la predicación de la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Nos debe llevar a un cambio de vida, a un cambio de comportamiento, a un cambio de actitud. Pienso que es lo que más necesitamos en este tiempo: ser agradecidos con Dios, ser agradecidos con aquellos que prestan un servicio a nosotros, ser agradecidos sencillamente con una actitud interior.

En el evangelio se ve claramente cómo al principio la gente se sorprende, pero por hacerse preguntas equivocadas terminan cerrando su corazón. Hoy, que la lectura de este evangelio nos lleve a abrir nuestro corazón y que el asombro de escuchar su palabra nos ayude a crecer en humildad y agradecimiento para poder dar el paso de fe que se necesita.

Más que preguntarnos por qué están sucediendo las cosas, deberíamos agradecer que aún tenemos el evangelio y los sacramentos. Si debiéramos preguntarnos algo, que la pregunta no sea hacia Jesús o hacia quien nos sirve, sino más bien, ¿y yo, cómo puedo servir? ¿Cómo puedo responder a este mensaje del evangelio?

*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**



### Preparación Pre-Matrimonial

Las platicas requeridas para la preparación matrimonial comenzaran este Agosto. Para mas información y para inscribirse a las platicas favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial para obtener los requisitos al 979-836-4441 de martes a viernes de 8am—5pm.



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.**

### Pastoral Council

If you have any comments, questions or concerns that you would like the Pastoral Council to go over during our monthly meetings, please send them to our email [pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)  
We will be monitoring the email constantly!

### Consejo Pastoral

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupación que le gustaría que se comentara en nuestras reuniones mensuales del consejo pastoral por favor mándelas a nuestro correo electrónico [Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)  
Estaremos checando el correo constantemente



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**AUGUST 3, 2024 | 10:45 AM - 6:00 PM**  
**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**AUSTIN, TX**

### REGISTRATION

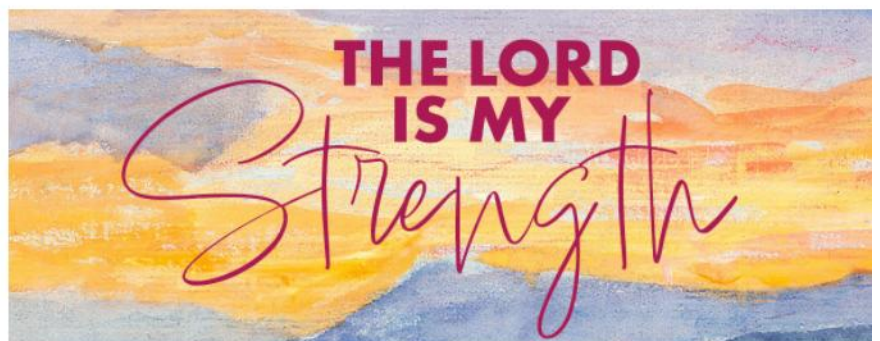
Couple \$64 | Childcare \$5/child

Register by June 17 to grab an Early Bird discount!

For more information or to register, visit:

**TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG/AUSTIN**

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**REGISTRATION  
OPEN!**



***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.



***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," produced by The Knights of Columbus. This week we will be looking at "Why family life is under attack. Come join out small group discussions over breakfast and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Coming: The "That Man Is You Series will start up again on September 7th".

For more information, contact  
Yaseen Owen at  
(832) 686-5984

Quick Join QR Code:



***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***

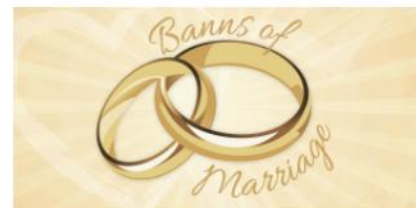
La ley del estado de Texas requiere que cualquier ciudadano adulto informe sobre sospechas de abuso y/o negligencia a la policía o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de protección de Texas.

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**

**KJT State Family Day, July 21<sup>st</sup>** at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 1031 Church Lane, New Ulm, Texas 78950. All members and their families are invited to enjoy a meal and a day of fun. Family activities and attendance prizes throughout the day. Registration begins @ 11:30 a.m., Mass @ 12:00 noon and meal served from 1:00 –2:00 p.m. RSVP by July 11<sup>th</sup> at 968-5877 or [info@kjtnet.org](mailto:info@kjtnet.org).



***Marriage Banns***

**First Bann of Marriage** for Jeremy Supak & Katie Scott

***Amonestaciones de Matrimonio***

**Primera Amonestación de Matrimonio** para Jeremy Supak & Katie Scott

If you know of any impediments please call the Church office.

**Si usted sabe de algún impedimento por favor comuníquese a la oficina Parroquial**



**July Altar care ladies are:**

Shirley Kwiatkowski\*  
Katy Stelter  
Susan Wheeler

If you would like to help with the Altar Cleaning, please contact the church office.

Si le gustaria ayudar con la limpieza del altar, por favor llame a la oficina.



*Altar Flowers are:*

*In thanksgiving to God for all blessings received on our 50th wedding anniversary.*

*Given by James and Barbara Chovanec*

*Las Flores del Altar son:*

*En acción de gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones recibidas en nuestro 50 aniversario de bodas.*

*Donadas por James & Barbara Chovanec*



**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.



Join us for Bella Brigata Summer... Pray, Read, Act.

Journey Through Scripture by St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

July 11-Aug. 22: **Athirst for the Spirit: Biblical Wisdom for Desert Times**

"The Spirit-bearing mission of woman and how the Bible provides a path thru the time of tribulation we are graced to live in."

Aug. 29-Sept. 19: **HOLY IS HIS NAME**

"How God is transforming us thru sharing His divine life."

Coffee, Conversation, & Catechesis for Women  
PAC Small Meeting Room, Thursdays, 10-11:45 am.  
Rsvp: Kathy 713.501.



**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*





## STRIVE

Strength Through Restoration, Independence, Vision and Empowerment

**STRIVE** is a prison ministry designed to give female inmates the tools they need to be successful when they re-enter life outside prison. The next class will be graduating soon and are in need of the following toiletry items. Collection boxes will be in the church and PAC for the next few weeks.

For more information, call Debbie Skinner at 979-353-2483.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

**STRIVE** es un ministerio penitenciario diseñado para brindarles a las reclusas las herramientas que necesitan para tener éxito cuando reingresen a la vida fuera de prisión. La próxima clase se graduará pronto y necesita los siguientes artículos de tocador. Las cajas de colecta estarán en la iglesia y en el PAC durante las próximas semanas. Para obtener más información, llame a Debbie Skinner al 979-353-2483. Gracias por tu generosidad y apoyo.

**Bars of soap (Barras de Jabon) - Purple Dial**

**Lotion (Loción) - Jergens**

**Shampoo & Conditioner (Shampoo & Acondicionador) - VO5**

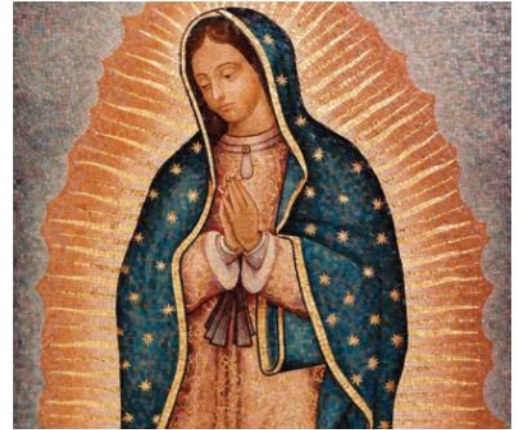
**Deodorant (Desodorante) - Secret or Dial**

**Razors (Rastrillos)**

**Body Wash (Jabon de baño) - Suave Cherry Blossom or Dial**

## Devoción a la Virgen de Guadalupe

El Movimiento Familiar Cristiano aún tiene semanas disponibles para las familias que gusten llevarse la Virgen de Guadalupe a su hogar. Si gusta apuntarse para alguna semana favor de comunicarse con Mauricio y Macaria Olivarez o en la oficina parroquial.



*Fijos En El Señor Están*  
**NUESTROS OJOS**

## BAPTISMS

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

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

Baptismal classes are offered monthly.

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

## MARRIAGE

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

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

Please contact the Parish office.

## QUINCEANERAS

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

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

## BAUTISMOS

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

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

Las platicas bautismales son ofrecidas mensualmente.

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

## MATRIMONIO

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

## UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS/COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial

## QUINCEAÑERAS

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



## DEACON'S CORNER

*O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

*God created us in His own image. God created us to be free.*

*Free to worship without fear. Jesus's death and resurrection give us hope.*

*Jesus by reason of this hope, compels us to be brave. Be brave in the face of adversity.*

*Be brave in the face of disappointments. Be brave when others seek to hurt us.*

*Be brave when we face struggles of life. Be brave when a love one dies.*

*Be brave when we suffer serious illness. Be Brave, Be Brave, my brothers and sisters.*

*Because we are free. Because of the faith our God gives us.*

*Because of the love God showers upon us. Be free and be brave.*

*Citizens of America.*

*Citizens of the Kingdom of God!*

*Give thanks for our freedom.*

*Deacon Al*

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*¿Sobre la tierra de los libres y el hogar de los valientes?*

*Dios nos creó a su propia imagen. Dios nos creó para ser libres.*

*Libre para adorar sin miedo. La muerte y resurrección de Jesús nos dan esperanza.*

*Jesús, por esta esperanza, nos obliga a ser valientes. Sé valiente ante la adversidad.*

*Sé valiente ante las decepciones. Seamos valientes cuando otros busquen hacernos daño.*

*Sea valiente cuando enfrentemos las luchas de la vida. Sé valiente cuando muera un ser querido.*

*Seamos valientes cuando padezcamos una enfermedad grave. Sed valientes, sed valientes, hermanos y hermanas míos.*

*Porque somos libres. Por la fe que nos da nuestro Dios.*

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