



# 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
<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. 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

# 21<sup>ST</sup>

SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME

The Words of  
Eternal Life

# 21<sup>º</sup>

DOMINGO  
DEL TIEMPO  
ORDINARIO

¿Quieren Marcharse  
También Ustedes?

*"It is the spirit that gives life, while the  
flesh is of no avail. The words I have  
spoken to you are spirit and life."*

John 6:63

*"El espíritu es el que da vida, la carne  
no sirve para nada. Las palabras  
que les he dicho son espíritu y vida."*

Juan 6, 63



*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 34*  
*Prueben y vean qué bueno es el Señor Salmo 34*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

**August 27—September 1, 2024**

**Tuesday/martes—August 27, 12:15pm**

† Billie Jasinski  
 † David Januszewski (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—August 28, 12:15pm**

† Tommy Tucker  
 † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)

**Thursday/jueves - August 29, 12:15pm**

† Victor & Louise Joswiack  
 † Nancy Catherine Shepherd (sent off)  
 † Gregory Zuniga, Jr. (sent off)

**Friday/Viernes - August 30, 5:30pm**

† Patricia Hajek  
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

**Saturday/sábado—August 31, 5:00 pm**

† Don & Joan Bolin  
 † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

† Ross Everett Nutt

**Sunday/Domingo – September 1 8:00 am.**

† Dorothy Button

**10:30 a.m.**

† Louise Bolcerek

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

Pro Populo  
 Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

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

† Roberta Bell

**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)*

**August 17-18**

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

**Weekend collection .....\$16,923.49**

**Assumption of Mary.....\$2,371.86**

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

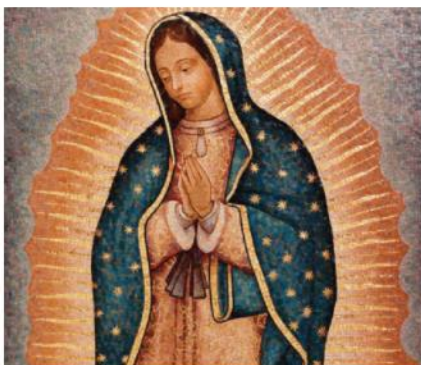
**Collection Report  
 July 2023-June 2024**

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	2023-2024
Offertory	\$228,496	\$261,072	\$266,974	\$245,622	\$1,002,164
Expenses	\$343,858	\$275,252	\$274,134	\$300,308	\$1,193,552
	-\$115,362	-\$14,180	-\$7160	-\$54,686	-\$191,388

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

**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.



**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.***



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### September



**Holy Hour  
for Vocations**



**KC's Blood  
Drive**

**September 5, 2024**

Holy Hour for Vocations

**September 8, 2024**

KC's Blood Drive

## This week on St. Mary's campus. August 26 thru September 1, 2024

### 08/26 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, 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 Spanish Marriage Prep Classes, RE AV Room  
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

### 08/27 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym  
11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church  
6:00pm Evangelization Music Ministry, RE AV Room  
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

### 08/28 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym  
11:45 am Confessions, Church  
12:15 pm Mass, Church  
4:15 pm Religious Education, All Campus  
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting, KofC Hall  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

### 08/29 Thursday

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

### 08/30 Friday

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

### 08/31 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 English Mass  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Spanish Mass

### 09/01 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church  
9:15am Religious Education, All Facilities  
10:30am English Mass, Church  
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106  
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



The possible presiding priest for this Sunday's masses is:

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm Fr. Richard Dee Du
	7:00pm Fr. Everardo
Sunday	8:00am Fr. Richard Dee Du
	10:30am Fr. Richard Dee Du
	12:30pm Fr. Everardo
	4:00pm Fr. Everardo

# "Do you also want to leave me?"

## **Abandonment of the Disciples:**

Many disciples and followers of Jesus abandoned Him because they found His teachings too difficult to accept. This occurred after the multiplication of the loaves, when the crowd followed Him for the miracles and not out of true faith in Him.

## **Jesus and the Bread of Eternal Life:**

Jesus called their attention, urging them not to labor for the perishable food, but for the food of eternal life that He offers: His body and His blood. This led to the rejection by many, as they neither understood nor accepted the truth He was teaching.

## **The Crowd's Reaction:**

The crowd fled from these teachings because they preferred a religion based on spectacles and miracles rather than a commitment to the eternal. Jesus offers them eternal life, but many rejected Him because they did not like the message that transcended earthly comforts.

## **The Two Dimensions of the Gospel:**

Jesus presents two dimensions: working for the food of eternal life or focusing solely on the earthly. This is often seen in the Gospel, for instance, in His dialogue with the Samaritan woman, where she seeks physical water, but Jesus offers her living water, which eternally satisfies.

## **True Discipleship:**

Jesus prefers to have a few quality followers rather than many who only seek the superficial. He invites His followers to labor for the eternal and not to be deceived by idols and temporary pleasures.

## **Peter's Response:**

Peter recognizes that only Jesus has the words of eternal life, affirming that there is no other place to go to find satisfaction in the deepest parts of the heart.

## **Final Reflection:**

The message concludes by reminding us that only Jesus, the God of love and peace, can satisfy the deepest aspirations of the human heart. It is to Him that we should turn in search of eternal life, not to the fleeting things of this world.



*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



# "¿También ustedes quieren dejarme?"



## Resumen del Mensaje:

### 1. Abandono de los Discípulos:

Muchos discípulos y seguidores de Jesús lo abandonaron porque consideraron que su enseñanza era muy difícil de aceptar. Esto ocurrió después de la multiplicación de los panes, cuando la multitud lo seguía por los milagros y no por una verdadera fe en Él.

### 2. Jesús y el Alimento de Vida Eterna:

Jesús les llamó la atención, instándolos a no trabajar por el alimento perecedero, sino por el alimento de vida eterna que Él ofrece: su cuerpo y su sangre.

Esto provocó el rechazo de muchos, pues no comprendían ni aceptaban la verdad que Él estaba enseñando.

### 3. La Reacción de la Multitud:

La multitud huye ante estas enseñanzas porque prefieren una religión basada en espectáculos y milagros en lugar de en el compromiso con lo eterno. Jesús les ofrece la vida eterna, pero muchos lo rechazan porque no les gusta el mensaje que va más allá de las comodidades terrenales.

### 4. Las Dos Dimensiones del Evangelio:

Jesús presenta dos dimensiones: trabajar por el alimento de vida eterna o enfocarse solo en lo terrenal. Esto lo encontramos seguido en el evangelio, por ejemplo, con su diálogo con la samaritana, donde ella busca agua física, pero Jesús le ofrece agua viva, la que sacia eternamente.

### 5. El Verdadero Seguimiento:

Jesús prefiere tener pocos seguidores de calidad que muchos que solo busquen lo superficial. Invita a sus seguidores a trabajar por lo eterno y no dejarse engañar por los ídolos y placeres temporales.

### 6. La Respuesta de Pedro:


Pedro reconoce que solo Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna, afirmando que no hay otro lugar al cual ir para encontrar satisfacción en lo más profundo del corazón.

### 7. Reflexión Final:

El mensaje concluye recordando que solo Jesús, el Dios del amor y de la paz, puede saciar las aspiraciones más profundas del corazón humano. Es a Él a quien debemos acudir en búsqueda de vida eterna y no a las cosas pasajeras de este mundo.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*





Public service is exhausting in the best of times. People who hold, or are running for, positions of power expose themselves to high levels of scrutiny. It's easy to become discouraged and lose sight of what inspired them to run for office in the first place. As Christians, we can encourage our leaders even when we don't agree with them, and even when we didn't vote for them. We show Christ's love when we choose to say a prayer for the leaders of our country — no matter what.

*Holy Father, thank You for creating each of us with unique gifts, and for gifting some with leadership abilities to help guide our country. For everyone running for office, whether they win or lose, refresh their spirits and encourage them. Give them the strength to make good decisions both in and out of the public eye. Help them readily give grace — and receive it. Protect their families from sickness, bitterness, and discouragement. May every leader be encouraged by the truth that Your love is always stronger than hate.*



**Fr. Richard Dee Du is a priest of the Missionaries of Faith (MF). He will be at St. Mary's Parish in Brenham on August 31/September 1 weekend to appeal for the needs of the MF Missions in India, Myanmar, Samoa, The Philippines, and Vietnam, especially for the education, formation and maintenance of seminarians studying for the religious life and the priesthood. Please welcome Fr. Richard with generosity in your heart. Every penny goes a long way in the missions. Thank You and God speed!**





## Sponsor Ads and Memorials in our Bulletin

Our Sunday bulletin has expanded! Our 12 page bulletin now features a cover page, two pages from Fr. Everardo, one page from the Deacons and two pages for advertisements. The remaining pages are for articles, ministry items and event information. This may sound like a lot, but keep in mind almost everything is in English and Spanish.

The bulletins are free to the parish, as they are paid for by the ad income. We still have some ad spaces open on our 12 page bulletin, and we have a new goal to expand to 16 pages. Ads can be for local businesses advertising their services, or for memorials for a deceased loved one.

See below the ad size and cost. Ads run for 12 months. If you are interested please contact our Diocesan Bulletin Contact: **Rich Suarez: (361-585-0882)** or email: [rsuarez@diocesan.com](mailto:rsuarez@diocesan.com)

Thank You for your support for our Parish.

### Anuncios de patrocinadores y memoriales en nuestro boletín

*¡Nuestro boletín dominical se ha ampliado!* Nuestro boletín de 12 páginas ahora incluye una portada, dos páginas del Padre Everardo, una página de los Diáconos y dos páginas para anuncios. Las páginas restantes son para artículos, artículos ministeriales e información de eventos. Puede parecer mucho, pero tenga en cuenta que casi todo está en inglés y español.

Los boletines son gratuitos para la parroquia, ya que se pagan con los ingresos publicitarios. Todavía tenemos algunos espacios publicitarios abiertos en nuestro boletín de 12 páginas y tenemos el nuevo objetivo de ampliarlo a 16 páginas. Los anuncios pueden ser para empresas locales que anuncien sus servicios o para memoriales conmemorativos de un ser querido fallecido.

Vea a continuación el tamaño y el costo del anuncio. Los anuncios se publican durante 12 meses. Si está interesado por favor comuníquese con nuestro Contacto de la compañía Diocesana: **Rich Suarez: (361-585-0882)** o correo electrónico: [rsuarez@diocesan.com](mailto:rsuarez@diocesan.com)

Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra Parroquia.

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<p><b>CONNOR PLUMBING, INC.</b> Service Specialist <a href="http://www.connor-plumbing.com">www.connor-plumbing.com</a> <b>833-6433</b> M5077</p>	<p><b>SIDNEY A. "SAM" MARCHAND IV, MD</b> Board Certified in Family Practice <b>NATHAN R. MARCHAND, MD</b> Board Certified in Family Practice Accepting New Patients <b>899-2500</b> 3030 North St., Suite 200, The Wellness Center</p>	<p><b>KEG REKTALS SAMS PACKAGE STORE</b> <b>David Fertitta Gerard Parigi</b> 4350 E. Lucas @ Eastex Frwy. <b>898-2114</b></p>
<p><b>#EC 2x2</b> B&amp;W \$887.00 per Year 3 Payments of \$295.66 COLOR \$1,087.00 per Year 3 Payments of \$362.33</p>	<p><b>Jason's deli</b> <b>DOWLEN 866-9015</b> <b>Jason's deli</b> <b>GATEWAY 833-5914</b></p>	<p><b>#AA 1x1</b> B&amp;W \$369.00 per Year 3 Payments of \$123.00 COLOR \$569.00 per Year 3 Payments of \$189.66</p> <p><b>CA Carrier &amp; Allison</b> THE GROUP, P.C. 505 Orleans St. Ste. 505 Beaumont, Texas 77701 409-835-8330</p> <p><b>WEAVER + JAYNES</b> FAMILY &amp; COSMETIC DENTISTRY Richard Weaver, DDS • Brian Jaynes, DDS Kim Argoelles, DDS 3500 Blackmon Ln. #1 <b>409-898-8602</b></p>
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**THAT MAN IS YOU!**

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!

St. Mary's TMIY Registration



**THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE**

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- The path to authentic spiritual freedom, the beauty of the Eucharist, and the power of the Holy Spirit in action from a passionate and dynamic Franciscan Friar.
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- The secrets of superabundant relationships from one of the world's experts on purity and chastity.
- The meaning of manhood through the example of Jesus Christ.
- The personal journeys and spiritual implementation from three men who have over 25 years of combined TMIY experience and contemplation.
- A systematic and yet uniquely personal plan to every man, no matter where they are in their spiritual life.

**SPEAKERS:**



**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

Saturday mornings  
Starting September 7th  
St. Mary Immaculate Conception  
701 Church St., Brenham, TX  
Parish activity Center (PAC)  
(E. Germania @ S. Park St.)

**SCHEDULE:**

7:00 Breakfast  
7:30 Presentation  
8:00 Small Group  
8:30 Dismissal

**REGISTRATION:**

For more information, please reach out to Yaseen Owen at 832-686-5984 yaseenowen@yahoo.com. Scan the QR Code above to register.

WWW.TMIY.ORG

PARADISUS DEI



**How does our parish attract inquires each year who consider Becoming Catholic?**

The short answer is you! When any parish has many inquiries year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gathering of friends and neighbors, and in our everyday contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do His will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith.

Do you know someone that is interested in the Catholic faith? Sessions will be starting in September, for more information please call the office at (979) 836-4441; ask for Michael or email : mike@brenhamcatholic.org

*"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)*

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

Darian Avalos  
Daniela Avalos

Whom received the sacrament of Baptism on August 17, 2024

*Quienes recibieron el Sacramento del Bautismo el dia 17 de Agosto del 2024*



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

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

WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of **Annette Vogel and Gilbert Motl**. 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 Annette Vogel y Gilbert Motl** Que descansen en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.







**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*



***Mysterium Tremendum!***

Join Us for *Bella Brigata* ~Fall~  
(A Beautiful Brigade)  
Scripture ~ Inspiration ~ Support

Thursdays, Sept. 5 – Nov. 14  
10:00-11:45, PAC Small Meeting Room

***Holy is His Name*** DVD series by  
Dr. Scott Hahn

(St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology)  
Catechesis, Coffee, & Conversation for  
Women

Questions: 713.501.0663 (Kathy)

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

# BLOOD DRIVE

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

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

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

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## DEACON'S CORNER



### What is an apology?

When we behave badly and thereby offend someone, we should apologize. We are taught this as small children when we are told by our parents: "Say you're sorry!" However, just using the words "I'm sorry" does not an apology make.

The first step in apologizing is to acknowledge you did something. That's why "I'm sorry it happened" doesn't cut it. Notice the passive voice. I was just walking down the street, and "it" happened. I'm sorry the rock went through the window. No acknowledgement that you threw it. You need to say: "I'm sorry I threw a rock through your window".

The second step is to acknowledge that it was wrong. Even just admitting that you did something isn't an apology unless you also admit that it was wrong. That's why saying "I'm sorry you were offended" is not an apology. If you're only sorry that someone took offense, you're saying the problem is with them.

The third step is to express contrition for your act. That you feel bad about it and regret your actions.

Lastly, we should express the intent not to do it again. All of this is required for a full apology.

You find all of this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We start with "Bless me Father for I have sinned". We then acknowledge what we did. We end by expressing regret and promising to sin no more. A full apology to God for having offended him. Use that as a model for apologizing to others.

*Blessings and peace, Deacon Steve*

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

### ¿Qué es una disculpa?

Cuando nos comportamos mal y con ello ofendemos a alguien, debemos disculparnos. Nos enseñan esto desde pequeños cuando nuestros padres nos dicen: "¡Di que lo sientes!" Sin embargo, el simple hecho de usar las palabras "lo siento" no hace una disculpa.

El primer paso para disculparse es reconocer que hiciste algo. Por eso "lamento lo sucedido" no es suficiente. Note la voz pasiva. Estaba caminando por la calle y "eso" sucedió. Lamento que la roca se haya ido a través de la ventana. No hay reconocimiento de que lo arrojaste. Necesitas decir: "Lo siento, tiré una piedra por tu ventana".

El segundo paso es reconocer que estuvo mal. Incluso simplemente admitir que hiciste algo no es una disculpa a menos que también admitas que estuvo mal. Por eso decir "lamento que te hayas ofendido" no es una disculpa. Si solo lamentas que alguien se haya ofendido, estás diciendo que el problema está en esa persona.

El tercer paso es expresar arrepentimiento por tu acto. Que te sientes mal por ello y te arrepientes de tus acciones.

Por último, debemos expresar la intención de no volver a hacerlo. Todo esto es necesario para una disculpa completa.



Todo esto lo encuentras en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Empezamos con "Bendíceme Padre porque he pecado". Luego reconocemos lo que hicimos. Terminamos expresando arrepentimiento y prometiendo no pecar más. Una disculpa completa para Dios por haberlo ofendido. Úselo como modelo para disculparse ante los demás.

*Bendiciones y paz, Diácono Steve.*





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