



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

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

24TH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

The Conditions
of Discipleship

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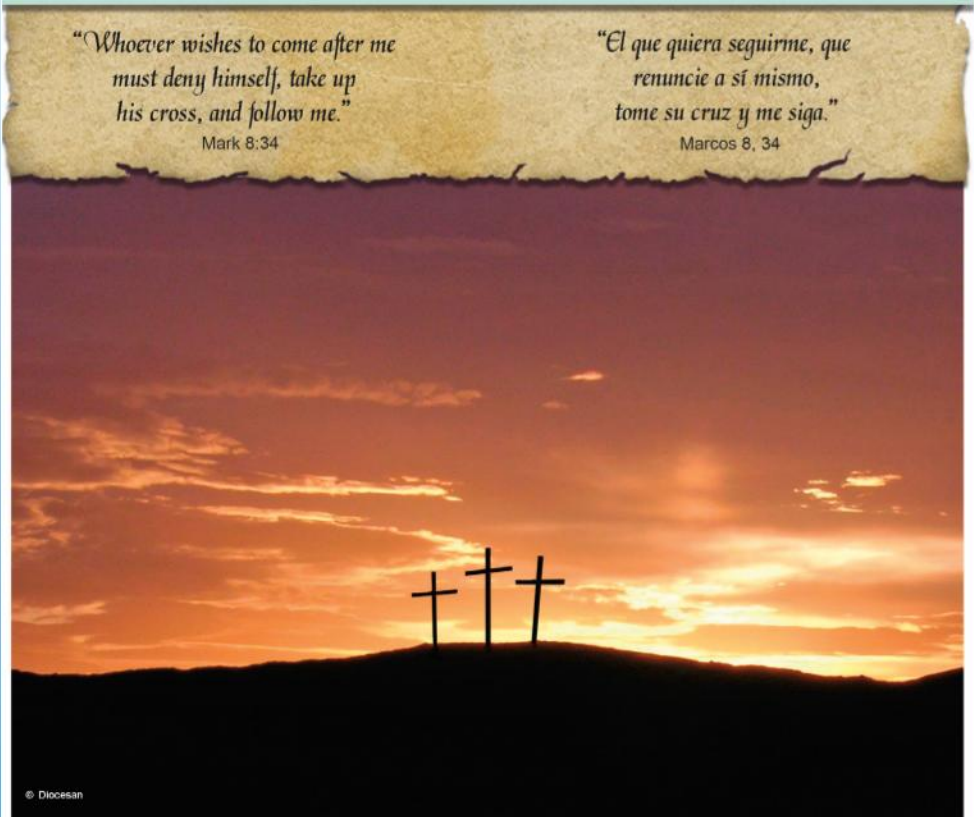
El Que Quiera
Seguirme, Tome su Cruz

*"Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself, take up
his cross, and follow me."*

Mark 8:34

*"El que quiera seguirme, que
renuncie a sí mismo,
tome su cruz y me siga."*

Marcos 8, 34



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I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Caminaré en presencia del Señor en el país de la vida.

Psalm 116

Salmo 116

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES
September 17—September 23, 2024**

Tuesday/martes—September 17, 12:15pm

- † Nancy Catherine Shepherd
- † Robert Murski (sent off)
- † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—September 18, 12:15pm

- † Jarrett Russell Halfmann
- † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
- Conversion of Samantha Pelletier (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - September 19, 12:15pm

- † Hugh (Buddy) & Bernice Thiel
- Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary Libbon / Nestor Families (sent off)
- † Ronald Haren (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - September 20, 5:30pm

- † John & Martha Kasproicz
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)
- † David Januszewski (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—September 21, 5:00 pm

- † Ed & Lucille Steinmann Jr.
- Eva Studer on her birthday (sent off)
- † Aaron David Markizer (sent off)
- † Lillian Antkowiak (sent of)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

- Pro Populo
- † Silvia Suarez (sent off)

Sunday/Domingo – September 22, 8:00 am.

- † Johnnie Kubeczka
- † Kristee Krotofil (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

- † Ed & Lucille Steinmann, Sr.

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

- † Antonio Diaz

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

- † Johnnie & Angie Kluck



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

September 7-8

- Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00**
- Weekend collection\$20,958.02**
- Purple bag collection.....\$4,313.57**

**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.



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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar



October



**Holy Hour
for Vocations**



**Evangelization
Mission**



**Evangelization
Retreat**



**Day of the Dead
Dance**

October 3, 2024

Holy Hour for Vocations

October 5-12, 2024

Evangelization Mission Week

October 19, 2024

Evangelization Retreat

October 26, 2024

Day of the Dead Dance

This week on St. Mary's campus. September 16 thru September 22, 2024

09/16 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

09/17 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:00 am Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
6:30 English Baptism Class, Cornerstone Meeting Room
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop, Cornerstone Meeting Room
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

09/18 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

09/19 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
6:00pm Spanish Baptism Class, RE AV Room

09/20 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
7:00pm Evangelization Groups Meeting, RE AV Room

09/21 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

09/22 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
9:15am Religious Education, All Campus
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. Everardo
	7:00pm Fr. Everardo
Sunday	8:00am Fr. Edwin
	10:30am Fr. Everardo
	12:30pm Fr. Everardo
	4:00pm Fr. Everardo



The Gospel for this Sunday is one that is frequently used during retreats due to its profound message of reflection and meditation. In this passage, Jesus asks His disciples about what people think of Him, and then He questions them personally: "Who do you say that I am?" This distinction between what others believe and what the disciples think is fundamental, not only in words but also in how we live our lives. Our testimony as believers must be distinct, reflecting a genuine experience with Jesus, while those who do not know Him may have a different perception.

As I read this Gospel, I noticed several deeply impactful moments that invite profound reflection. Jesus and His disciples were in a remote region, Caesarea Philippi, a city neither religious nor connected to Hebrew tradition. It is in this context, far from the miracles and signs that often accompanied His ministry, that Jesus asks who they believe He is. This scene invites us to meditate on how we respond when we are not surrounded by miracles or tangible evidence of God's presence. Who is Jesus to us in moments of silence or difficulty?

The most significant moment occurs when Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, but immediately after hearing that Jesus will suffer and be rejected, Peter tries to dissuade Him. Jesus sternly rebukes him, saying, "Get behind me, Satan." This rebuke teaches us that our human thoughts, which seek to avoid suffering, are not God's thoughts. Suffering, in the life of believers, does not mean the absence of God; on

the contrary, it is part of the path to redemption and eternal life. Following Jesus involves carrying our cross daily, even in the most difficult times.

It is easy to fall into the error of thinking that if we follow God, everything in life will be easy or perfect. However, the reality is that spiritual life involves challenges, trials, and sacrifices. We must not confuse believing with having faith. Faith leads us to follow Jesus in every step, even during times of trial. Many modern teachings promote a "prosperity gospel," where it is promised that everything will be perfect if we believe. But true discipleship demands walking with Jesus in both the highs and lows, trusting that resurrection and eternal life are the final destination.

Finally, the Gospel reminds us that life is a journey filled with contrasts, with moments of light and darkness, but always with the promise that if we walk with Jesus, we will find meaning even in suffering. He invites us to move forward, without being stuck in difficulties or moments of success, but to continue walking toward the fullness of eternal life. Each day, we must remember who Jesus is to us, especially in the most challenging moments.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



El Evangelio de este domingo es uno que se utiliza frecuentemente en retiros debido a su profundo mensaje de reflexión y meditación. En este pasaje, Jesús pregunta a sus discípulos sobre lo que la gente piensa de él, y también les interroga personalmente: "¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?". Esta diferencia entre lo que la gente opina y lo que los discípulos creen es fundamental, no solo en palabras, sino también en cómo vivimos nuestras vidas. Nuestro testimonio como creyentes debe ser distinto, reflejando una experiencia genuina con Jesús, mientras que aquellos que no lo conocen pueden tener una percepción diferente.

Al leer este Evangelio, noté algunos momentos muy impactantes que invitan a una profunda reflexión. Jesús y sus discípulos se encontraban en una región alejada, Cesarea de Filipo, una ciudad no religiosa ni vinculada a la tradición hebrea. Es en ese contexto, lejos de los milagros y señales que solían acompañar su ministerio, que Jesús pregunta quién creen ellos que es. Esta escena nos invita a meditar sobre cómo respondemos cuando no estamos rodeados de milagros o evidencias tangibles de la presencia de Dios. ¿Quién es Jesús para nosotros en los momentos de silencio o dificultad?

El momento más significativo ocurre cuando Pedro reconoce a Jesús como el Mesías, pero inmediatamente después, al escuchar que Jesús sufrirá y será rechazado, trata de disuadirlo. Jesús lo reprende fuertemente, diciendo: "Apártate de mí, Satanás". Esta reprimenda nos enseña que nuestros pensamientos humanos, que buscan evitar el sufrimiento, no son los pensamientos de Dios. El

sufrimiento, en la vida de los creyentes, no significa la ausencia de Dios; al contrario, es parte del camino hacia la redención y la vida eterna. El hecho de seguir a Jesús implica llevar nuestra cruz diariamente, incluso en los momentos más difíciles.

Es fácil caer en el error de pensar que si seguimos a Dios, todo en la vida será fácil o perfecto. Sin embargo, la realidad es que la vida espiritual implica desafíos, pruebas y sacrificios. No debemos confundir el creer con tener fe. La fe nos lleva a seguir a Jesús en cada paso, incluso en los momentos de prueba. Muchas veces, las enseñanzas actuales promueven un "evangelio de la prosperidad", donde se promete que todo será perfecto si creemos. Pero el verdadero discipulado exige caminar con Jesús en los momentos altos y bajos, confiando en que la resurrección y la vida eterna son el destino final.

Finalmente, el Evangelio nos recuerda que la vida es un viaje lleno de contrastes, de momentos de luz y oscuridad, pero siempre con la promesa de que si caminamos con Jesús, encontraremos sentido incluso en el sufrimiento. Él nos invita a seguir adelante, sin estancarnos en las dificultades ni en los momentos de éxito, sino a continuar caminando hacia la plenitud de la vida eterna. Así, cada día debemos recordar quién es Jesús para nosotros, especialmente en los momentos más desafiantes.

Jr. Everardo Cázares



"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

Pope Francis

Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote. But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite worth and

dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? **We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.**

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70.) Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to "genuine dialogue and openness to others," by which we may "be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together" (*Fratelli tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates' positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on "the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity's responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and

varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is "a judgment of reason" by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling." Conscience—properly formed according to God's revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds. May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

PORQUE YO SOY EL SEÑOR
TU DIOS, QUE SOSTIENE TU
DIESTRA, QUE TE DICE: "NO
TEMAS, YO TE AYUDARÉ".

Isaias 41:13

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

Roy Anthony Heaton
Ava Lynne Esquibel

Whom received the sacrament of
Baptism on September 7, 2024



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

Quienes recibieron el
Sacramento del Bautismo el
día 7 de Septiembre del 2024

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

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

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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





Altar Flowers are:

*In honor of Kim Kaliszewski and Karen Cooper on their birthday and in thanksgiving for the blessings received.
Given by Shirley & Mark Alford*

Las Flores del Altar son:

*En honor a Kim Kaliszewski y Karen Cooper en su cumpleaños y en acción de gracias por las bendiciones recibidas.
Donadas por Shirley & Mark Alford*



St. Teresa of Calcutta Society
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For assistance phone **979-525-0090**.
Calls remain confidential.

La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcutta ayuda a esos en necesidad.
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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



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)



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)
No Cost

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.





DEACON'S CORNER

The Lord God opens my ear that I may hear and I have rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. This passage is part of what bible scholars call the Servant Songs of Isaiah. They describe a faithful servant of God, who though innocent, suffers and dies for the sins of God's people, but whom God will vindicate in the end. The Jews debated who this servant was but they did not think that it referred to the messiah. That's why in today's Gospel Peter rebukes Jesus and tries to turn Jesus away from suffering and death. In strong language Jesus calls Peter Satan. Remember it was Satan who tried to tempt Jesus away from the cross during Jesus 40 day fast in the desert. Why did Jesus have to die? A single tear shed by Jesus the Son of God would make up for all the sins of the world. Why the cross? Several reasons.

- 1) God wanted to show us how serious sin is.
 - 2) God wanted to show us the depth of his love for us that he would endure the cross to save us.
 - 3) God wanted to enkindle our love for Him that God would go to the cross for us.
 - 4) To show us how to live life of obedience to the Father even in difficult times.
 - 5) Jesus' suffering and death Jesus won the victory over evil and death.
- Death does not have the final word and by enduring human suffering He made all human suffering, when united to His suffering, redemptive. By uniting our sufferings to His, by carrying our cross, we call down His grace upon the Body Of Christ (Col 1:24).

Deacon John

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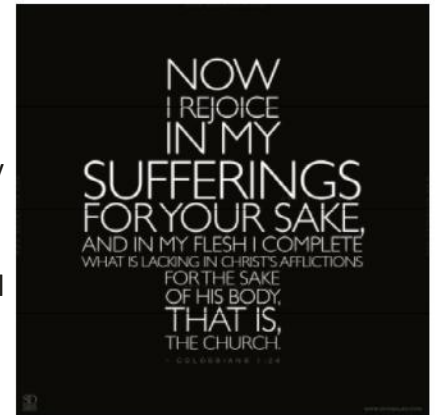
El Señor Dios abre mi oído para que oiga y me he rebelado, no he vuelto atrás. Di mi espalda a los que me golpeaban, mis mejillas a los que me arrancaban la barba; No me protegí la cara de los golpes ni de los escupitajos. Este pasaje es parte de lo que los estudiosos de la Biblia llaman los Cantos del Siervo de Isaías. Describen a un siervo fiel de Dios, que aunque inocente, sufre y muere por los pecados del pueblo de Dios, pero a quien Dios al final justificará. Los judíos debatieron quién era este siervo pero no pensaron que se refería al mesías. Por eso, en el evangelio de hoy, Pedro reprende a Jesús y trata de apartarlo del sufrimiento y de la muerte. En lenguaje fuerte Jesús llama a Pedro Satán. Recuerde que fue Satanás quien trató de tentar a Jesús para que se alejara de la cruz durante los 40 días de ayuno de Jesús en el desierto. ¿Por qué Jesús tuvo que morir? Una sola lágrima derramada por Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, compensaría todos los pecados del mundo. ¿Por qué la cruz? Varias razones.

- 1) Dios quería mostrarnos cuán grave es el pecado.
- 2) Dios quería mostrarnos la profundidad de su amor por nosotros que soportaría la cruz para salvarnos.
- 3) Dios quería encender nuestro amor por Él para que Dios fuera a la cruz por nosotros.
- 4) Para mostrarnos cómo vivir una vida de obediencia al Padre incluso en tiempos difíciles.
- 5) El sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús Jesús obtuvo la victoria sobre el mal y la muerte.

La muerte no tiene la última palabra y, al soportar el sufrimiento humano, Él hizo que todo sufrimiento humano, unido a Su sufrimiento, fuera redentor. Al unir nuestros sufrimientos a los suyos, al llevar nuestra cruz, invocamos su gracia sobre el Cuerpo de Cristo (Col 1:24).



Diacono John



Brenham and surrounding areas
 Aaron Roshto TMPL #40427

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