



Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name
who can at the same time speak ill of me.
For whoever is not against us is for us."

Mk 9:39-40



"No hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre,
que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí. Todo aquel que no
está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor."

Mc 9, 39-40

26° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. Psalm 119
Los mandatos del Señor alegran el corazón. Salmo 119

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

October 1—October 6, 2024

Tuesday/martes—October 1, 12:15pm

- † David Wesneski
- † Hugh (Buddy) & Bernice Thiel (sent off)
- † Lee Thomas Horak (sent off)
- † Steve Kasprowicz (sent off)
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—October 2, 12:15pm

- † Mark Kubeckza
- † Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary Libbon/Nestor Families (sent off)
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)
- † Ronald Haren (sent off)
- † Joseph Arceneaux (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - October 3, 12:15pm

- † John & Lucy Spoede, Sr.
- † Eleanor Howard & Vita Steen (sent off)
- † David Januszewski (sent off)
- † Conversion of Samantha Pelletier (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - October 4, 5:30pm

- † Margaret Ann (Peggy) Lee
- Fabiola Romero on her birthday (sent off)
- † Wilbert Faldyn (sent off)
- † David & Annie Leibham (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—October 5, 5:00 pm

- Andrew Bolin on his birthday
- Living & deceased members of the Rybarski Family Reunion (sent off)
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

Sunday/Domingo – October 6, 8:00 am.

- Grego & Veronica Kubeckza
- † Johnnie & Angie Kluck (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Sister Patricia Zuñiga on her birthday

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

Pro Life

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 21-22

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

Weekend collection\$17,708.74

St. Mary's CCE Program.....\$3,142.96



The Brenham Knights of Columbus #3287 are now accepting scholarship applications for students in college. To be eligible students must have been in college for at least one full year, and have family members active in the Knights of Columbus.

Applications can be picked up from the parish office. Please mail all applications to the address at the bottom of the application.

Deadline for mailing applications is Thursday Oct. 10th, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact David Chovanec at 979-421-0308, Pat Chovanec at 979-251-1493, or Bobby Posinski at 281-798-1372

Los Caballeros de Colón de Brenham #3287 ahora están aceptando solicitudes de becas para estudiantes universitarios.

Para ser elegibles, los estudiantes deben haber estado en la universidad durante al menos un año completo y tener familiares activos en Caballeros de Colón.

Las solicitudes se pueden recoger en la oficina parroquial. Envíe todas las solicitudes por correo a la dirección que viene en la parte inferior de la solicitud.

La fecha límite para enviar solicitudes por correo es el jueves 10 de octubre de 2024.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con David Chovanec al 979-421-0308, Pat Chovanec al 979-251-1493, o Bobby Posinski al 281-798-1372

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.



TWENTY-SIXTH 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 30 thru October 6, 2024

09/30 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, 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

10/01 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
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
6:00pm PCCW Meeting, PAC Large Room
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop, Cornerstone Meeting Room
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

10/02 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Little Rock Bible Study, RE AV Room
11:45 am Confessions, Church
12:15 pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus
5:15pm English Altar Server Training, Church
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

10/03 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Staff Meeting, Office Choir/Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations, Church
6:00pm English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202
6:30pm Evangelization Groups Meeting, RE AV Room

10/04 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church

10/05 Saturday

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
10:00am Baptisms, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Mass
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Spanish Mass

10/06 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
2:00pm Evangelization Mission, All PAC
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



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

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

Saturday Fr. Everardo will be serving in the Diocese of Beaumont.

Let us continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priestly life.

There is still a big difference between: “Jesus belonging to us” and “us belonging to Jesus”.



The Gospel this week continues the reflection from last week, where the main issue was that the disciples did not listen attentively to Jesus when He revealed the depths of His heart. In this passage, the conflict arises when the disciples, specifically John, speak hastily upon seeing others casting out demons in Jesus' name and prohibiting them because they were not part of their group. Jesus corrects this attitude, reminding them that whoever is not against them is for them.

This episode highlights a recurring issue among the disciples: the tendency to treat Jesus' name and mission as though they are exclusive to their community. Jesus clarifies that His message and power are not proprietary, and His mission is universal. It is not a closed club where only a select few can use His name. Anyone acting in His name, as long as they are not working against Him, is part of the divine purpose.

The reflection also touches on the human tendency to create divisions and exclude those who do not belong to our "team." This behavior is compared to sports, where divisions between teams are natural but can lead to violence and exclusion when the broader goal is lost. Similarly, in the spiritual life, when people cling to the belief that they alone possess the truth, they end up isolating themselves from others.

Jesus teaches His disciples that if they truly love God, they must love all people without exception. It is not about tolerating sin but about embracing the sinner. The differences between people are minor compared to what unites us, which is God's love. Constantly excluding those who do not think or act like us will eventually lead to complete isolation, even from those within our own circle.

The Gospel also warns about attitudes that lead to sin. Jesus uses strong metaphors such as "cutting off the hand or foot" to illustrate the need to eliminate behaviors that pull us away from the community and the truth. This is not meant literally but emphasizes the importance of stopping actions that harm unity and fraternity, to avoid spiritual self-destruction.

Ultimately, the message of this Gospel is to examine our actions and attitudes, ensuring they are aimed at building community and brotherhood. Jesus calls us to open our hearts, stop discriminating, and learn to engage with those who are different. Only by doing this can we avoid isolating ourselves and diminishing our capacity to love and be loved.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

Hay una gran diferencia entre: “que Jesús nos pertenezca” y “que nosotros le pertenezcamos a Jesús”.



El evangelio de esta semana continúa la reflexión iniciada en el evangelio anterior, donde el problema principal era que los discípulos no escuchaban con atención a Jesús cuando les revelaba lo más profundo de su corazón. En este nuevo pasaje, el conflicto radica en que los discípulos, específicamente Juan, hablan apresuradamente al ver a otros expulsando demonios en el nombre de Jesús, prohibiéndoles hacerlo porque no pertenecían a su grupo. Jesús corrige esta actitud, recordándoles que quien no está en contra de ellos, está a su favor.

Este episodio resalta un problema recurrente entre los discípulos: la tendencia a apropiarse del nombre y la misión de Jesús como si fueran exclusivos de su comunidad. Jesús les aclara que su mensaje y poder no tienen "derechos de autor" y que su misión es universal. No se trata de un club cerrado donde solo algunos tienen acceso a usar su nombre, sino que cualquiera que actúe en su nombre, sin estar en su contra, forma parte del propósito divino.

En la reflexión, se aborda también la tendencia humana a crear divisiones y excluir a los que no pertenecen a nuestro "equipo". Este comportamiento es comparado con los deportes, donde las divisiones entre equipos son naturales, pero pueden llevar a la violencia y la exclusión cuando se pierde de vista el objetivo común. De manera similar, en la vida espiritual, cuando las personas se aferran a la idea de ser los únicos que poseen la verdad, terminan por aislarse y alejarse de los demás.

Jesús enseña a sus discípulos que, si realmente aman a Dios, deben amar a todos sin excepción. No se trata de tolerar el pecado, pero sí de acoger al pecador. Las diferencias entre las personas son pequeñas en comparación con lo que nos une, que es el amor de Dios. Si excluimos constantemente a quienes no piensan o actúan como nosotros, terminaremos aislándonos completamente, incluso de aquellos que están en nuestro propio círculo.

El evangelio también hace una advertencia sobre las actitudes que llevan al pecado. Jesús utiliza metáforas fuertes como "cortar la mano o el pie" para ilustrar la necesidad de eliminar las actitudes que nos alejan de la comunidad y de la verdad. No se refiere a un acto literal, sino a la necesidad de detener cualquier comportamiento que esté dañando la unidad y la fraternidad, para evitar la autodestrucción espiritual.

Finalmente, la invitación de este evangelio es a revisar nuestras acciones y actitudes, asegurándonos de que estén orientadas a la construcción de la comunidad y la fraternidad. Jesús nos pide abrir nuestros corazones, dejar de discriminar y aprender a dialogar con quienes son diferentes. Solo así evitaremos aislarnos y mutilar nuestra propia capacidad de amar y ser amados.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



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Office of the Bishop

September 28, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

October is Respect Life and World Missions Month. During these next several weeks, your participation in acts of generosity is not just a blessing but a significant contribution to the Body of Christ. This is a distinctive time of the year when the Church promotes the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death and cultivates awareness and support for the mission territories of the Catholic Church. Your participation makes a difference.

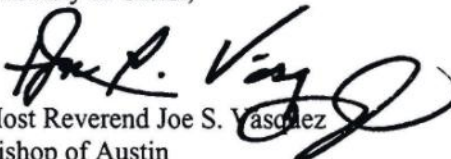
The 2024-2025 Respect Life Program begins on October 1. The program complements and continues the work of the National Eucharistic Revival, highlighting Jesus' message in John 10:10: "I came so that they might have life." Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not essential.

World Mission Sunday is October 20, and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet." This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of mission, inviting all to partake in the Lord's feast of love and salvation. The second collection on World Mission Sunday is not merely a canonically mandatory tradition but a vital lifeline. It supports over 1,150 mission territories in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. Every donation is a testament to our collective commitment to the Great Commission (cf. Mt 28:19-20), a commitment of which you are an integral part. These funds are entirely devoted to evangelization efforts, including the support of seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools, and healthcare centers that offer life-changing education and care to those most in need.

I invite you to be generous in supporting this annual collection. As we approach our work of evangelization, we are reminded that the Church of God is universal, not alien to any people. Evangelization is the Church's deepest identity, a particular grace and vocation proper to the People of God, as the Church exists to evangelize. Your prayers are a vital part of our shared mission, and I deeply value your spiritual support. We can continue to build heaven on earth by our love for Jesus and humanity, authenticated through your prayers and actions.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin



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28 de septiembre de 2024

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas:

Octubre es el Mes del Respeto a la Vida y Mes Mundial de las Misiones. Durante las próximas semanas, su participación en actos de generosidad no es solo una bendición, sino una contribución significativa al Cuerpo de Cristo. Este es un momento distintivo del año en el que la Iglesia promueve la dignidad de toda vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural y cultiva la conciencia y el apoyo a los territorios de misión de la Iglesia Católica. Su participación marca la diferencia.

El Programa Respetemos la Vida 2024-2025 comienza el 1 de octubre. El programa complementa y continúa el trabajo del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, destacando el mensaje de Jesús en Juan 10:10: "Yo he venido para que tengan vida". Parte del impulso para el Avivamiento Eucarístico fue la preocupación de que algunos católicos no creen, o al menos no entienden, que Jesús está realmente presente en la Eucaristía. De manera similar, muchas personas no se dan cuenta o no reconocen la santidad de la vida humana cuando está escondida en el útero. Ambos momentos nos exigen que ayudemos a otros a reconocer estos dones sagrados que pueden no ser perceptibles a través de nuestros sentidos humanos. Necesitamos ayudar a otros a entender que el hecho de que algo no sea evidente a nuestros ojos no significa que no esté allí o que no sea esencial.

El Domingo Mundial de las Misiones es el 20 de octubre, y el tema elegido por el Papa Francisco es "Vayan e inviten a todos al banquete". Este mensaje, arraigado en la parábola del banquete de bodas, nos llama a un renovado sentido de misión, invitando a todos a participar en la fiesta de amor y salvación del Señor. La segunda colecta del Domingo Mundial de las Misiones no es simplemente una tradición canónicamente obligatoria, sino un sustento vital. Apoya a más de 1.150 territorios de misión en Asia, África, América Latina, las Islas del Pacífico y Oriente Medio. Cada donación es un testimonio de nuestro compromiso colectivo con la Gran Comisión (cf. Mt 28:19-20), un compromiso del que usted es parte integral. Estos fondos se destinan en su totalidad a los esfuerzos de evangelización, incluido el apoyo a seminarios, futuras hermanas religiosas, catequistas, escuelas católicas y centros de atención médica que ofrecen educación y atención que cambian la vida a los más necesitados.

Los invito a ser generosos al apoyar esta colecta anual. Al abordar nuestra labor de evangelización, recordamos que la Iglesia de Dios es universal, no ajena a ningún pueblo. La evangelización es la identidad más profunda de la Iglesia, una gracia y vocación particular propia del Pueblo de Dios, ya que la Iglesia existe para evangelizar. Sus oraciones son una parte vital de nuestra misión compartida, y valoro profundamente su apoyo espiritual. Podemos seguir construyendo el cielo en la tierra por nuestro amor a Jesús y a la humanidad, autenticado a través de sus oraciones y acciones.

Tengan la seguridad de mis oraciones por ustedes y sus familias.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Monseñor José S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin

BAILE DEL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

RHD
Y SU RESIA DE TEJUPILCO

Sábado 26 de Octubre 2024

Lugar PAC de St. Mary
101 Dallas St, Brenham, TX
Tel. (979) 836-4441
Preventa \$20.00
En Puerta \$25.00
De 7:00pm a media noche
Habrá venta de comida y bebidas

Habrá concurso de Catrinas

Guarda la fecha para nuestra semana **Misionera de Evangelización** que será del 5 al 12 de Octubre!

Acompáñenos en el PAC de Domingo a Viernes a las 7pm para escuchar sobre el mensaje de la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo en el PAC a las 7pm.

El Retiro de Evangelización será el fin de semana del 19-20 de Octubre y esta abierto para hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años.

Para mas información puede llamar a la oficina parroquial al 979-836-4441



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

Catalina Avalos

Who received the sacrament of Baptism on September 21, 2024

Quien recibió el Sacramento del Bautismo el día 21 de Septiembre del 2024

We also congratulate their parents and godparents.

También felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.

October Altar care ladies are:

Shawn Richards*
Shelly-Ann James-Perelion
Mary Weiman
Selia Garcia

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.



After being behind the scenes for over a decade, Mark Hartfiel will finally take the TMIY stage. Every TMIY session that has ever been created, Mark was the one pushing

“next” on Steve’s slides. He now serves as the Vice President of Paradisus Dei. As he prepared for this week’s presentation, Mark wrote the script and help produced “The Door”.

Get ready, this week is going to be incredible! This week we take a major step in our journey as we aim to express our spiritual freedom. If we are truly free to choose the good, what is the good that we should choose as men? Join us this Saturday at 7:00 in the PAC to enter into the very heart, aspirations and dreams of TMIY and hopefully walk away with a new insight and understanding of God the Father. In doing so, you will enter into a new insight into your own identity and calling as a man.

Join us this week and invite a friend!
Contact Yaseen Owen at 832-686-5984 for more information.



Save the Date!

Saturday, December 7, 10:00-1:00, KC Hall



Women's Christmas Brunch

Speaker: Sr. Teresa

St. Mary's Women Share Stories of Jesus' Touch

"Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

RSVP: call or text 713.501.0663 (Kathy)

Bring a small, wrapped gift...old or new to exchange!

(No Cost. Men welcome)

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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*

Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual SOCCER CHALLENGE

October 12

Registration 9am
Competition 10 am

Ages 7-14

Contact Yaseen Owen for more info
832-686-5984

Hotdogs
&
Snacks

Bring a
friend!

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills- the Penalty Kick. Each player will be allowed a number of shots at the goal from the designated penalty line for their age group. The goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones with points for each zone. Highest score wins.

Altar Flowers are:

In thanksgiving to God for blessing us with 50 years of marriage. Also, for the many gifts of love, faith and family we have received over the years and that God continues to give us.

We are so thankful!

Given by Kenneth and Tricia Lange

Las Flores del Altar son:

En acción de gracias a Dios por bendecirnos con 50 años de matrimonio. También, por los muchos regalos de amor, fe y familia que hemos recibido a lo largo de los años y que Dios nos sigue dando. ¡Estamos muy agradecidos!

Donadas por Kenneth & Tricia Lange

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **John Watts (Father of Lisa Foltyn)**. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de **John Watts (Padre de Lisa Foltyn)**. Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.



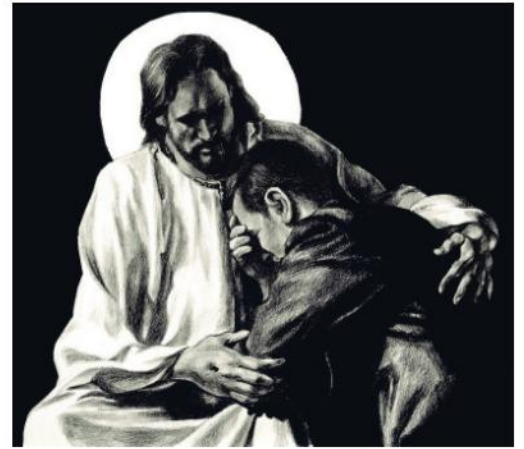
DEACON'S CORNER

In today's Gospel Jesus warns about hell and the possibility of going there. He mentions Gehenna, a place just outside of Jerusalem where in the Old Testament the Jewish Kings offered human sacrifice to a pagan god.

The prophets condemned this terrible practice and it stopped about 600 BC. In Jesus' day Gehenna was a garbage dump **always on fire** outside Jerusalem. It had become another word for hell. **Hell is real.** The Catechism devotes five paragraphs to hell (1033 to 1037) saying: *the teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity* (1035). In Eucharistic Prayer 1 for the Easter Vigil the priest prays: *Lord....command we be delivered from final damnation and counted among the flock you have chosen through Christ Our Lord....Amen.* Many saints mention hell. Perhaps the best-known private revelation of hell occurred in Fatima Portugal in 1913. The Blessed Virgin showed three children a vision of hell. She asked the children to pray this prayer after each decade of the rosary: *Oh my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those most in need of Thy mercy.* Today's message: **1) Hell exists and the possibility of going there also exists. 2) God's great mercy also exists!** Jesus says: *Whatever causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away.* If we need to go to confession go! In Jesus we can avoid the tragedy of going to hell and live forever with Him in love, peace and joy. That's what God wants for us...why He created us...why he saved us!!

Peace and all good

Deacon John



RINCON DEL DIACONO

En el evangelio de hoy Jesús advierte sobre el infierno y la posibilidad de ir allí. El menciona Gehenna, un lugar en las afueras de Jerusalén donde en el Antiguo Testamento los reyes judíos ofrecían sacrificios humanos a un dios pagano.

Los profetas condenaron esta terrible práctica y cesaron alrededor del año 600 a.C. En los días de Jesús la Gehena era un vertedero de basura **siempre en llamas** en las afueras de Jerusalén. Se había convertido en otra palabra para el infierno. **El infierno es real.** El Catecismo dedica cinco párrafos al infierno (1033 a 1037) diciendo: *La enseñanza de la Iglesia afirma la existencia del infierno y su eternidad* (1035). En la Plegaria Eucarística 1 para la Vigilia Pascual el sacerdote reza: *Señor... ordena que seamos librados de la condenación final y contados entre el rebaño que habéis escogido por Cristo Nuestro Señor....Amén.* Muchos santos mencionan el infierno. Quizás la revelación privada más conocida del infierno ocurrió en Fátima Portugal en 1913. La Santísima Virgen mostró a tres niños una visión del infierno. Ella les pidió a los niños rezar esta oración después de cada decena del rosario: *Oh Jesús mío, perdónanos nuestros pecados, líbranos del fuego del infierno, lleva a todas las almas al cielo, especialmente a las más necesitadas de Tu misericordia.* Mensaje de hoy: **1) El infierno existe y la posibilidad de ir allí también existe. 2) ¡También existe la gran misericordia de Dios!** Jesús dice: *Cualquier cosa que os haga pecar, córtala y échala.* Si necesitamos confesarnos, ¡vamos! En Jesús podemos evitar la tragedia de ir al infierno y vivir para siempre con Él en amor, paz y alegría. Eso es lo que Dios quiere para nosotros... por eso nos creó...por eso nos salvó!!

Diacono John



Brenham and surrounding areas
 Aaron Roshto TMPL #40427

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