



# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

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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

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor  
 and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Fr. 10, 21



"Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres  
 y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme".

Fr. 10, 21

## 28° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for you!  
 Sáncanos de tu misericordia, Señor, y toda nuestra vida será  
 alegría. Salmo 90

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

October 15—October 20, 2024

Tuesday/martes—October 15, 12:15pm

Sister Teresa on her birthday
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
† T.J Krolczyk (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—October 16, 12:15pm

† Max, Martha & Clem Baranowski
† Clara Wesneski (sent off)
Well-being of Stephen Pelletier Family (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - October 17, 12:15pm

† Brandon Benson
† Raymond Kenjura (sent off)
† Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - October 18, 5:30pm

† Bill & Lucille Hendman
† Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)
† David Januszewski (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—October 19, 5:00 pm

† Jannie & Bruno Gorzycki
† John Bolcerek (sent off)
† Ronald Haren (sent off)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – October 20, 8:00 am.

Kubeczka & Kwiatkowski Family October birthdays
† Patricia Hajek (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

† William John Riley
† Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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

† Aaron David Markizer
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

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.



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

October 5-6

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$18,475.00
Weekend collection .....\$21,321.59
Purple bag collection.....\$4,514.77

Advertisement for CSA with text 'Together, we make a difference.' and '...encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do. 1 Thessalonians 5:11'.

Advertisement for CSA with text 'Juntos, hacemos la diferencia.' and '...ánimense mutuamente y edifíquense juntos, como ya lo están haciendo. 1 Tesalonicenses 5:11'.



# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### October



**Spanish Evangelization Retreat**



**Day of the Dead Dance**

### November



**All Saint's Day**



**Spanish CRHP Retreat**

#### October 19-20, 2024

Spanish Evangelization Retreat

#### October 26, 2024

Day of the Dead Dance

#### November 1, 2024

All Saint's Day

#### November 2-3, 2024

Spanish CRHP Retreat

## This week on St. Mary's campus. October 14 thru October 20, 2024

#### 10/14 Monday

8:00am 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

#### 10/15 Tuesday

8:00am 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  
6:30pm English Baptism Class, Cornerstone  
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop, Cornerstone Meeting Room  
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

#### 10/16 Wednesday

8:00am 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  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Choir  
6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting, Office Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

#### 10/17 Thursday

8:00am 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  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
6:00pm Spanish Baptism Class, RE AV Room  
6:00pm English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202

#### 10/18 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
3:30pm AM, PAC All Rooms  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm Mass, Church  
6:15pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church  
7:00pm Evangelization Groups Meeting, RE AV Room

#### 10/19 Saturday

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church  
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room  
8:00am Spanish Evangelization Retreat, PAC All Rooms  
1:30pm Wedding, Church  
3:30pm Confessions, Church  
5:00pm English Mass  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Spanish Mass


#### 10/20 Sunday

8:00am Spanish Evangelization Retreat, PAC All Rooms  
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  
5:00pm Jr. High Youth Group, PAC All Rooms



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

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



# Wisdom, happiness, and freedom always come together

## **Introduction to Wisdom**

The central theme of today's reflection is wisdom. Wisdom is distinct from memory and intelligence. While memory allows us to recall information and intelligence enables us to produce new ideas, wisdom goes further. It is about living a happy and fulfilling life. A wise person knows how to savor life, appreciating the best of everything. The Scriptures emphasize that wisdom is more valuable than wealth, health, or beauty because it brings lasting fulfillment and joy.

## **Wisdom as a Divine Gift**

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, the author describes how he asked for and received wisdom. He valued wisdom above all else, even above gold, silver, or health. This passage teaches us that true wisdom leads to happiness and contentment in life. The author acknowledges that with wisdom came numerous blessings, proving that a wise person, though possibly lacking in material wealth or perfect health, can still lead a joyful and meaningful life.

## **Seeking Wisdom in Life**

The reflection moves to a practical question: where can we find wisdom? In modern society, there are plenty of resources that teach memory techniques or how to enhance intelligence. But for wisdom, we must turn to something deeper—the Word of God. The Bible serves as a manual for living a wise and happy life. It teaches us how to live according to God's will, which is the key to true joy. The reflection emphasizes that reading and practicing the teachings of Scripture can spare us from many unnecessary struggles and mistakes.

## **The Power of God's Word**

The second reading highlights the penetrating power of God's Word. It is described as being sharper than a two-edged sword, capable of discerning the thoughts

and intentions of the heart. The reflection points out that God's Word reveals the truth about our lives and provides the guidance we need to live in harmony with His will. It is through the Scriptures that we can understand God's plan for us—a plan that ultimately leads to happiness.

## **The Gospel's Call to True Fulfillment**

In the Gospel, we hear the story of a young man who approaches Jesus, eager to learn what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus, knowing the man's heart, instructs him to sell all his possessions and follow Him. The man leaves saddened because he cannot let go of his material wealth. The reflection underscores that true happiness and eternal life are found not in accumulating possessions, but in surrendering ourselves to God's will. Material things can enslave us, preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

## **Choosing Freedom and Happiness**

The reflection concludes with a call to freedom. To truly follow Jesus and attain happiness, we must be willing to let go of anything that holds us back—whether material possessions, pride, or fear. Only when we are free from these attachments can we fully experience the joy that comes from a life lived in communion with God and in service to others. This is the essence of wisdom: the ability to discern what truly matters and to live a life that reflects God's love and purpose.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*





# La sabiduría, la felicidad y la libertad siempre van juntas.

## **Introducción a la Sabiduría**

El tema central de la reflexión de hoy es la sabiduría. La sabiduría es diferente de la memoria y la inteligencia. Mientras que la memoria nos permite recordar información y la inteligencia nos ayuda a generar nuevas ideas, la sabiduría va más allá. La persona sabia sabe cómo vivir una vida feliz y plena. Sabe cómo disfrutar y "saborear" la vida. A través de la Escritura, se nos enseña que la sabiduría nos permite seleccionar lo mejor de lo bueno y vivir de una manera que nos trae verdadera felicidad.

## **La Sabiduría como Don Divino**

En la primera lectura del Libro de la Sabiduría, el autor describe cómo pidió la sabiduría y se le concedió. La consideró más valiosa que el oro, la plata e incluso la salud. Este pasaje nos enseña que la verdadera sabiduría conduce a la felicidad y a una vida plena. Con la sabiduría vienen innumerables bendiciones, demostrando que una persona sabia, aunque no tenga riquezas materiales o salud perfecta, puede llevar una vida llena de gozo.

## **Buscar Sabiduría en la Vida**

La reflexión plantea la pregunta práctica: ¿dónde podemos encontrar la sabiduría? Mientras que existen recursos para mejorar la memoria o la inteligencia, la verdadera sabiduría solo se puede encontrar en algo más profundo: la Palabra de Dios. La Biblia actúa como un manual para vivir con sabiduría y felicidad. En sus enseñanzas, encontramos las claves para evitar muchos problemas si la leemos y la ponemos en práctica. La sabiduría divina se encuentra en las Escrituras, que nos enseñan a vivir conforme a la voluntad de Dios.

## **El Poder de la Palabra de Dios**

La segunda lectura nos recuerda el poder de la

Palabra de Dios, que es más penetrante que una espada de dos filos, capaz de discernir los pensamientos y las intenciones del corazón. La reflexión destaca que la Palabra de Dios revela la verdad sobre nuestra vida y nos guía hacia la felicidad verdadera. Nos muestra el plan de Dios, cuyo propósito es que vivamos con alegría y plenitud, de acuerdo con Su voluntad.

## **El Evangelio y el Llamado a la Verdadera Plenitud**

El Evangelio cuenta la historia de un joven que se acerca a Jesús en busca de la vida eterna. Jesús, conociendo su corazón, le pide que venda todo lo que posee y lo siga. El joven se va triste porque no puede deshacerse de sus bienes. La reflexión nos enseña que la verdadera felicidad y la vida eterna no se encuentran en acumular riquezas materiales, sino en entregarnos completamente a Dios. Para ser felices, debemos liberarnos de los apegos que nos atan y vivir en libertad para amar y servir.

## **Eligiendo la Libertad y la Felicidad**

La reflexión concluye con un llamado a la libertad. Para seguir a Jesús y alcanzar la felicidad, debemos desprendernos de lo que nos ata, ya sean bienes materiales, orgullo o miedo. Solo siendo libres podemos experimentar la verdadera plenitud que Dios nos ofrece. La verdadera sabiduría está en elegir a Dios por encima de todo y en amar a los demás a través del servicio. Así, encontraremos el verdadero "sabor" de la vida y la felicidad duradera.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*



# Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church’s social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God’s truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are “brothers and sisters all.”<sup>1</sup>

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“The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society.”  
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*Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.*<sup>2</sup>

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.<sup>3</sup> Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.



- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.<sup>4</sup>
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.<sup>5</sup>
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.<sup>6</sup>
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.<sup>7</sup>
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”<sup>8</sup> which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”<sup>9</sup> and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.<sup>10</sup>

“Social friendship and universal fraternity” Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.*”<sup>11</sup> Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 8.

2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 45.

3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), no. 56.

6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*), no. 53.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception  
Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Unrestricted Cash	
Parish Operating Account	\$ 32,100
Consecrated Life	996
Church AC Maint. Acct.	20,716
Blessed to Be a Mom	closed
Social Services	6,035
St. Teresa of Calcutta Society	5,605
Other	8,727
Total Unrestricted Cash	\$74,179
Restricted Cash	
Special Building Fund	\$239,718
Holding Account <small>(savings)</small>	146,562
Our Faith Our Legacy Account / Encountering Christ	70,287
Cemetery <small>(savings &amp; Checking)</small>	161,098
Other	300
Total Restricted Cash	617,965
Fixed Assets (at cost)	
Church, Education Bldg., PAC & contents	3,100,251
Priest Rectories	156,048
Rental Properties	1,123,635
Total Fixed Assets	4,379,934
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,072,078

LIABILITIES

Funds Held In Trust	\$ 4,922
Other Current Liabilities	39,420
Debt	
Debt - Properties	347,028
TOTAL LIABILITIES	391,369

NET ASSETS

\$ 4,680,709

St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Perpetual Endowment:

\$54,851

St. Mary's Cemetery Perpetual Endowment :

\$85,862



**St. Mary's Immaculate Conception**

**Statement of Revenue & Expenses**

**Jul-23**

**Jun-24**

Revenue	Administrative	Ministries	Pastoral	Facility Maintenance	Religious Ed	Cemetery	Rental Properties	Total
Regular Offertory	\$786,150	\$775		\$950				\$ 787,875.00
Online Giving	\$218,052							\$ 218,052.00
Purple Bag		\$72,088						\$ 72,088.00
Fundraisers	\$2,252	\$7,712	\$9,163		\$6,002			\$ 25,129.00
Air Conditioning	\$10,560							\$ 10,560.00
Other	\$73,554	\$4,624	\$5,396		\$6,892		\$46,685	\$ 137,151.00
Non-Assesable	\$23,155	\$2,524	\$11,993	\$11,993	\$25,035	\$39,308		\$ 114,008.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,113,723</b>	<b>\$87,723</b>	<b>\$26,552</b>	<b>\$12,943</b>	<b>\$37,929</b>	<b>\$39,308</b>	<b>\$46,685</b>	<b>\$ 1,364,863.00</b>
Expense	Administrative	Ministries	Pastoral	Facility Maintenance	Religious Ed	Cemetery	Rental Properties	Total
Salary & Wages	\$156,030		\$62,940	\$37,689	\$17,839			\$ 274,498.00
Employee Benefits	\$46,848		\$44,400		\$1,267			\$ 92,515.00
Employer Taxes	\$10,987		\$41	\$2,883	\$1,747			\$ 15,658.00
Professional Services	\$3,824	\$21,650	\$38,416	\$3,693	\$50,737			\$ 118,320.00
Insurance	\$2,904		\$3,750	\$63,660	\$1,248			\$ 71,562.00
Supplies & Services	\$35,237	\$23,439	\$56,942	\$13,134	\$44,732	\$902		\$ 174,386.00
Furniture / Equipment	\$2,130		\$1,167	\$7,404	875			\$ 11,576.00
Repairs / Maintenance	\$1,007	939	\$39,257	\$230,589	\$2,681	\$19,812	\$197	\$ 294,482.00
Utilities	\$11,521		\$9,883	\$60,209	\$600	\$40	\$5,237	\$ 87,490.00
Charity / Contributions		\$78,442	\$300					\$ 78,742.00
Parish Assessment	\$111,252							\$ 111,252.00
Interest Expense							\$11,393	\$ 11,393.00
Taxes								\$ -
Admin. Expenses	\$12,058		\$1,843	\$43	\$510			\$ 14,454.00
Other			\$					\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$393,798</b>	<b>\$124,470</b>	<b>\$258,939</b>	<b>\$419,304</b>	<b>\$122,236</b>	<b>\$20,754</b>	<b>\$16,827</b>	<b>\$ 1,356,328.00</b>
<b>Revenues Over /(Under) Expenses</b>								<b>\$8,535.00</b>

Statement does not include Capital Campaign revenues or expenditures



**St. Mary's Prayer Line**

*If you or a loved one needs prayers, call, text, or email:*

**Shirley Rowan at 979-421-3332**

**or Shirley.rowan@att.net**

***If you would like to become a Prayer Warrior please contact Shirley Rowan.***

**Linea de Oración de St. Mary's**

*Si usted o un ser querido necesita oraciones, llame, mande un mensaje de texto o correo electrónico:*

**Shirley Rowan al 979-421-3332 ó**

**Shirley.rowan@att.net**

***Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración Por favor contacte a Shirley Rowan.***



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Willie Kubezka**. 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 **Willie Kubezka** Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.*



## PROJECT STEPHEN

Come and explore your call  
to serve God as a deacon.

Contact Deacon Barry  
in the Office of Diaconate Formation  
at 512-949-2459 or email  
[diaconateformation@austindiocese.org](mailto:diaconateformation@austindiocese.org)

### MEN, DISCERNING GOD'S CALL?

*“So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task.’ They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The Word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.” (Acts 6:2-3; 6-7)*

Project Stephen invites men to discern the call to serve God and his people as a deacon. This is a time of prayer and reflection, and an opportunity to discuss one's call with others. Join an upcoming session:

**Oct 20: 3 to 5 p.m. | St. Joseph in Bryan. Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

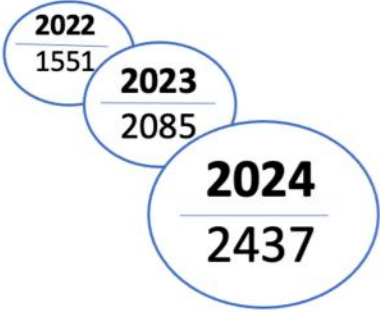
Deacon Information Sessions provide an opportunity to actively engage men who are discerning their call to a deeper relationship with God through service as a deacon. Hear witness from a deacon about his own sense of call and life of service, and learn about the qualities, characteristics, charisms, and aspects of the diaconate and of formation. The requirements for application to formation will also be discussed.

Please visit the Diocese of Austin's Deacon Information Sessions website to register to attend at <https://www.austindiocese.org/diaconal-formation>





# MY PARISH



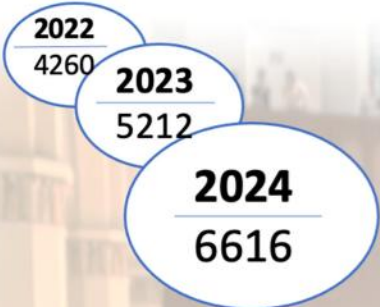
## Registered Families

**Have you noticed new faces in our community?**

It would not come as a surprise, as we are experiencing significant growth among Catholics in Brenham.

We warmly welcome all those who have been joining and registering with our parish, eager to become part of this spiritual community.

In a simple manner, I would like to present to you the numbers reflecting how we have been growing over these past few years. This growth is a sign of the good work we are doing together as a community united in the love that God has for us.



## Individual Parishioners

Let us all continue bearing witness to peace, kindness, cordiality, service, and commitment.

Plus in the last 3 months we have register 90 new parishioners

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*





**BAILE DEL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS**

**RHS**  
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**



**Adult Formation.** *"We are each to become holy, to become saints. But we cannot do this by ourselves. We need the Church."* (Dr. Scott Hahn)

**Join Bella Brigata...** beautiful brigade of women, inspired by St. Catherine of Siena (Scripture, Inspiration, & Support...S.I.S.)

**Holy is His Name** (dvd, discussion, & prayer intentions. No cost)

Thursdays, 10-11:45am, small Meeting Room PAC, thru Nov. 21 (Lunch after noon Mass)

~ **Creating Community at St. Mary's** ~  
(questions: call or text 713.501.0663 Kathy)



*"Sacrifice without love is pain. Pain with love is sacrifice. Pain without love is misery. Love without pain is Heaven. Love with pain is purgatory. Pain without love is hell."* -  
*Venerable Fulton Sheen*

This week, we enter into the third expression of our freedom to choose the good; loving sacrifice. We told you this year would be completely new and unlike anything we had ever done before! This week is our 7th session and we get to hear from our 6th presenter already! It's new, it's fresh, and yet it all ties in together so beautifully.

John Sablan, aka the Man on Fire, will be our presenter this week. John is another TMIY brother that has fearlessly led his TMIY group of men for many years in Modesto, CA. John has a deep passion and calling to men's ministry! See you this Saturday at 7:00 in the PAC for another session you won't want to miss!

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

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*Save the Date!*

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



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*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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*podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor." - Santa Teresa de Calcutta*



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Whom received the sacrament of Baptism on October 5, 2024

Quienes recibieron el Sacramento del Bautismo el dia 5 de Octubre del 2024

We also congratulate their parents and godparents.

Tambien felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.

**ST. MARY'S JH YOUTH NIGHTS** Fall 2024

Join us for fellowship with friends as we seek to know, serve, and love the Lord together. Meet up at the PAC Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00pm.

**OCTOBER 20** 6th-8th grade  
**NOVEMBER 10**

There will be... **DINNER - COMMUNITY - PRAYER - FUN**  
(Bring a friend!)

**"LET NO ONE HAVE CONTEMPT FOR YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE, IN SPEECH, CONDUCT, LOVE, FAITH AND PURITY." | 1 TIM 4:12**

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## DEACON'S CORNER



In my 21 plus years as an ordained Deacon I have been asked many questions about Faith, why's, what is a Deacon, my paycheck and what are my duties as a Deacon. I would like to address the question about duties and the definition of the word "duties."

Being a Deacon is not a job, it is a ministry. We are called to serve others as read for the first time from the Acts of the Apostles in Chapter six. St. Stephen and six other Faith filled men were ordained to minister to the widows. A ministry of service to God and others. That was the beginning of the diaconate in our church and our ministry to others has grown abundantly throughout the years.

"In Roman Catholicism, deacons are the link between the church and the world. They are men who, for the most part, are **married and hold full-time jobs** in the secular world. But they are also ordained clergy who perform every function in the church except consecrating the Eucharist, anointing of the sick and hearing confessions." Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez bishop of the Diocese of Austin has granted to me and all of the Deacons of St. Mary Immaculate Conception the following faculties.

To Baptize children under the age of seven, To distribute the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and outside of Mass, To exercise the office of Deacon in liturgical celebrations, To deliver the homily at Mass and to preach at other religious services, To preach the Gospel at Mass and to conduct Scripture Services, To administer the rite of the sacrament of Matrimony, To conduct vigil services at wakes and to preside at a funeral service.

Through all of these faculties we Deacons fulfill the link between the church and the world. You will see us facilitating scripture studies, visiting the sick and homebound, guiding our community in outreach to others, welcoming those who are seeking our Faith, quietly assisting our pastor and many other ways of being a service to our community.

Our paycheck consists of the many blessings we receive as we serve the needs of the church. And the many blessings we have received from God.

Humbly serving the needs of our parish.

*Deacon Al*

### RINCON DEL DIACONO

*En mis más de 21 años como diácono ordenado, me han hecho muchas preguntas sobre la fe, por qué, qué es un diácono, mi sueldo y cuáles son mis deberes como diácono. Me gustaría abordar la cuestión de los deberes y la definición de la palabra "deberes".*

*Ser diácono no es un trabajo, es un ministerio. Estamos llamados a servir a los demás, como leí por primera vez en los Hechos de los Apóstoles en el capítulo seis. San Esteban y otros seis hombres llenos de fe fueron ordenados para ministrar a las viudas. Un ministerio de servicio a Dios y a los demás. Ese fue el comienzo del diaconado en nuestra iglesia y nuestro ministerio a los demás ha crecido abundantemente a lo largo de los años.*

*"En el catolicismo romano, los diáconos son el vínculo entre la iglesia y el mundo. Son hombres que, en su mayoría, están **casados y tienen trabajos de tiempo completo** en el mundo secular. Pero también son clérigos ordenados que realizan todas las funciones en la iglesia, excepto consagrar la Eucaristía, ungir a los enfermos y escuchar confesiones".*

*El Reverendísimo Joe S. Vasquez, obispo de la Diócesis de Austin, me ha concedido a mí y a todos los Diáconos de Santa María Inmaculada Concepción las siguientes facultades.*

*Bautizar a niños menores de siete años, Distribuir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en la Misa y fuera de ella, Ejercer el oficio de Diácono en las celebraciones litúrgicas, Pronunciar la homilía en la Misa y predicar en otros servicios religiosos, Predicar el Evangelio en la Misa y dirigir los Servicios Bíblicos, Administrar el rito del sacramento del Matrimonio, Dirigir los servicios de vigilia en los velorios y presidir un servicio fúnebre.*

*A través de todas estas facultades, los Diáconos cumplimos el vínculo entre la Iglesia y el mundo. Nos verá facilitando estudios de las Sagradas Escrituras, visitando a los enfermos y confinados en sus hogares, guiando a nuestra comunidad en la ayuda a los demás, dando la bienvenida a quienes buscan nuestra fe, ayudando silenciosamente a nuestro pastor y de muchas otras maneras de brindar servicio a nuestra comunidad.*

*Nuestro salario consiste en las muchas bendiciones que recibimos al atender las necesidades de la iglesia. Y las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido de Dios.*

*Sirviendo humildemente las necesidades de nuestra parroquia.*

*Diacono Al*





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