



# *Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception*

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

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

(979) 836-4441

## **MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday** 12:15 pm

**Wednesday** 12:15 pm

**Thursday** 12:15 pm

**Friday** 5:30 pm

### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

7:00pm (Español)

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Español)

### **Extraordinary Form Latin**

4:00 pm

At Pax Christi Retreat Center - 9300 Hwy  
105, Brenham, TX 77833

## **CONFESSIONS**

**Weekdays, 30 minutes before Mass.**

**Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

## **CLERGY**

Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday **CLOSED**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

**Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:**

(979) 451-9824



GO YOUR WAY,  
**YOUR  
FAITH**  
HAS SAVED YOU

VETE;  
**TU FE  
TE HA**  
SALVADO

The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.  
El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres.

Psalm 126

Salmo 126

# MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

## HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

October 29—November 3, 2024

### Tuesday/martes—October 29, 12:15pm

- † All Souls
- † Leonard & Pauline Krotofil (sent off)
- † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)
- † Ronald Haren (sent off)

### Wednesday/miercoles—October 30, 12:15pm

- † All Souls
- † Gabina Espinos (sent off)
- † David Januszewski (sent off)

### Thursday/jueves - October 31, 12:15pm

- † All Souls
- Hugo Romero on his birthday (sent off)
- † Clara Wesneski (sent off)

### Friday/Viernes - November 1, All Saints Day

#### 7:00am—English

- † Leon & Curtis Konieczny

#### 12:15pm—English

- † Raymond Kenjura

#### 5:30pm—English

- † All Souls (sent off)

#### 7:00pm—Spanish

- † Onesimo Gonzalez & Merenciana Toro
- † Maria Santana Cerda (sent off)

### Saturday/sábado—November 2,

#### 12:15pm

- † All Souls

#### 5:00 pm

- † All Souls
- † Stanley & Nancy Rybarski (sent off)
- † Elaine Jankowski (sent off)
- † Steve Przyborski (sent off)

#### 7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

### Sunday/Domingo – November 3, 8:00 am.

- † Billie Jasinski
- † Frankie Edwards (sent off)
- Well-being of Nancy McCracken Family (sent off)

#### 10:30 a.m.

- Pro Populo
- † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

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

- Pax Christi Sisters
- † Jose Gamboa (sent off)

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

- † Jarrett Russell Halfmann

## 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)*

### October 19-20

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

Weekend collection .....\$17,836.19

Propagation of Faith .....\$2,117.75

### **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**

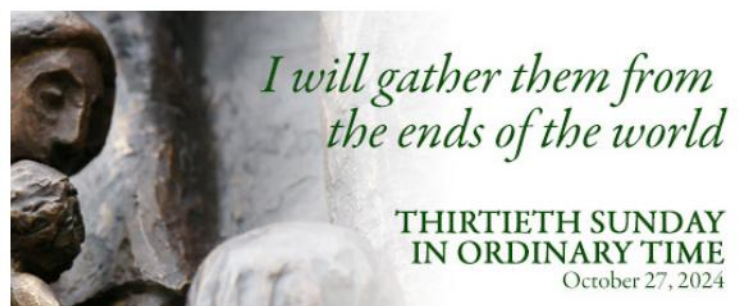
### **Adoración Perpetua**

*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**





# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar November



All Saint's Day



Spanish CRHP  
Retreat



Age of Perfection  
Luncheon



Thanksgiving Day  
Mass



### November 1, 2024

All Saint's Day

### November 2-3, 2024

Spanish CRHP Retreat

### November 18, 2024

Age of Perfection Luncheon

### November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Day Mass

## This week on St. Mary's campus. October 28 thru November 3, 2024

### 10/28 Monday

8:00am 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 Evangelization Retreat Follow up, PAC Large Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep Classes, RE AV Room  
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

### 10/29 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  
7:00pm Prayer and Life Workshop, Cornerstone Meeting Room  
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203

### 10/30 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 All Saints Festival, PAC All Rooms  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Church  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

### 10/31 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 English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202

### 11/01 Friday

7:00am All Saints English Mass, Church  
8:00am All Saints Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center  
12:15pm All Saints English Mass, Church  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
5:00pm Confessions, Church  
5:30pm All Saints English Mass, Church  
6:00pm CRHP Retreat set up, PAC All Rooms  
7:00pm All Saints Spanish Mass,

### 11/02 Saturday

6:00 am Men's Prayer Group, Church  
7:00 am CRHP Retreat, PAC all Rooms  
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, KC Hall  
10:00am Baptisms, Church  
12:15pm All Souls Mass, Church  
1:30pm Graves Blessing, Calvary Cemetery  
3:30pm Confessions, Church  
5:00pm English Mass  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Spanish Mass

### 11/03 Sunday

6:00am CRHP Retreat, PAC all rooms  
8:00am English Mass, Church  
9:15am Religious Education, 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



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

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





### **Life as a Path**

The Gospel recounts the story of a blind man who, although unable to see, perceived more clearly than many others, as he saw with his heart. This blind man was beside the road, living off alms, which serves as a metaphor for those who, while alive, do not enjoy the fullness of life they could have. The initial lesson is that life is like a path upon which we must walk, not linger on the sidelines. Many live on mere scraps rather than fully entering the road of life.

### **Hearing and Seeing with the Heart**

This blind man, despite his physical condition, had an exceptional ability to hear and see beyond what others could perceive. Upon hearing that Jesus was passing by, he called out to Him: "Son of David," a recognition no one else had made. His blindness did not prevent him from seeing the most important thing, as his vision came from the heart. This teaches us that sometimes true vision does not depend on the eyes but on faith and the heart.

### **Faith in the Face of Obstacles**

When he cried out, "Son of David, have mercy on me," the blind man was initially rebuked by some, but instead of being discouraged, he shouted even louder. This illustrates the importance of perseverance in faith, even when faced with obstacles. We must not be swayed by voices seeking to discourage us, nor should we rely solely on those who encourage us, for the true guide must be Jesus. Following Jesus is what

gives meaning to our journey, regardless of the circumstances.

### **Responding to Jesus' Call**

When Jesus called him, the blind man, Bartimaeus, responded with enthusiasm, casting aside his cloak, a symbol of his past life. By throwing off his cloak, he was renouncing his old identity and embracing the new life that awaited him. This gesture represents the transformation that occurs when we allow ourselves to be led by faith in Jesus, who not only grants us physical sight but also spiritual vision, showing us the path we must follow.

### **The Importance of Having a Clear Goal**

The key question that Jesus posed to the blind man, "What do you want me to do?" becomes a personal reflection. If we do not know what we want in life, any path may seem suitable, but without a clear goal, we may lose our way. The blind man knew what he wanted: he wanted to see, and Jesus not only restored his sight but also saved him by giving him purpose. In the end, the blind man followed Jesus along the road, ceasing to be a mere spectator and becoming someone who lives his faith and purpose to the fullest.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*





### **La vida como un camino**

El evangelio relata la historia de un ciego que, aunque no podía ver, veía mejor que muchos otros, pues percibía con el corazón. Este ciego estaba al lado del camino, viviendo de las limosnas, lo cual es una metáfora de quienes, aunque vivos, no disfrutaban de la vida plena que podrían tener. La enseñanza inicial es que nuestra vida es como un camino, en el que debemos caminar y no quedarnos al margen. Muchos viven de las migajas en lugar de adentrarse en el camino de la vida.

### **Escuchar y ver con el corazón**

Este ciego, a pesar de su condición física, tenía una gran capacidad de escuchar y de ver más allá de lo que otros veían. Cuando oyó que Jesús pasaba cerca, lo llamó por su nombre: "Hijo de David", un reconocimiento que nadie más había hecho. Su ceguera no le impedía ver lo más importante, porque su visión provenía del corazón, lo cual nos enseña que a veces la verdadera visión no depende de los ojos, sino de la fe y del corazón.

### **La fe frente a los obstáculos**

Al gritar "Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí", el ciego fue inicialmente reprimido por algunos, pero lejos de desanimarse, gritó más fuerte. Aquí se nos muestra la importancia de perseverar en la fe, incluso cuando encontramos obstáculos. No debemos dejarnos llevar por las voces que buscan desalentarnos, ni depender únicamente de aquellos

que nos animan, porque la verdadera guía debe ser Jesús. Seguir a Jesús es lo que da sentido a nuestro camino, independientemente de las circunstancias.

### **La respuesta a la llamada de Jesús**

Cuando Jesús lo llamó, el ciego Bartimeo respondió con entusiasmo, arrojando su manto, un símbolo de su vida pasada. Al tirar el manto, renunciaba a su antigua identidad y abrazaba la nueva vida que le esperaba. Este gesto representa la transformación que ocurre cuando nos dejamos guiar por la fe en Jesús, quien no solo nos da visión física, sino también espiritual, mostrándonos el rumbo que debemos seguir.

### **La importancia de tener una meta clara**

La pregunta clave que Jesús le hizo al ciego, "¿Qué quieres que haga?", se convierte en una reflexión personal. Si no sabemos qué queremos en la vida, cualquier camino puede parecer adecuado, pero sin una meta clara, podemos perdernos. El ciego sabía lo que quería: quería ver, y Jesús no solo le devolvió la vista, sino que lo salvó al darle propósito. Al final, el ciego siguió a Jesús por el camino, dejando de ser un espectador para convertirse en alguien que vive plenamente su fe y propósito.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*



# Subsidiarity

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 **Subsidiarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The principle of Subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society (such as the state or federal government) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as the family, local schools, or the Church community). Yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, or advance the common good.<sup>1</sup> Subsidiarity reflects the essential freedom and innate human dignity of each person while also recognizing the role higher authorities, such as government, can play to ensure that all people are able to thrive.

Respecting this principle promotes the flourishing of each individual person and the realization of the common good. As Pope Francis has explained, the principle of Subsidiarity “allows everyone to assume his or her own role in the healing and destiny of society.”<sup>2</sup> By participating in public life locally, each person and the voluntary associations of civil society to which they belong can be “leaven,” bringing “enrichment” to neighbors, to communities, and to society as a whole.<sup>3</sup>

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**“Respecting Subsidiarity promotes the flourishing of each individual and the realization of the common good.”**  
 ———★

As we assist the faithful to take up the call to be “leaven” in society, we seek policies that allow individuals and communities to flourish.

- As the bishops teach in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “Family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and most fundamental unit



of society: a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted.”<sup>4</sup>

- It is important to uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to direct their children’s education in accordance with their convictions, with support rather than interference from the state.<sup>5</sup> These include the rights of parents to send their child to the school of their choice, and to protect their child from “gender ideology” at school.
- Moreover, laws, programs, and initiatives should strengthen the social safety net and improve family stability. For example, parents should receive support through work, training, assistance with childcare, health-care, housing and transportation.<sup>6</sup> The Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credits continue to be important vehicles to help low-income families out of poverty.
- The Church’s special concern for the poor requires the pursuit of social and economic policies which foster jobs with decent working conditions and just wages, and which support the rights of workers, including the ability to organize and bargain collectively without reprisal.<sup>7</sup>

As we pursue the principle of Subsidiarity in our public policies, we pray for all families and for those in poverty, and we support their efforts to exercise their rights and responsibilities in society.



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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 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 47-48. See also: *Centesimus Annus* (*The Hundredth Year*), no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae* (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*), nos. 4-6, and *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.

2 Pope Francis, General Audience, “Catechesis ‘Healing the World’: 8. Subsidiarity and the Virtue of Hope,” Sept. 23, 2020. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 57.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 142.

4 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 46.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), no. 84.

6 See Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, nos. 25, 44, on the need for family support through dignified employment, education, health-care and housing.

7 St. John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, nos. 7-8, 35. See also: *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, nos. 301-309.



**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

*By contributing to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), you have the extraordinary opportunity to be someone's miracle. Your gift benefits thousands of men, women, and children from all walks of life across our diocese. What we do collectively as one family of faith makes a significant difference in the lives of so many. When you extend a helping hand to the poor and vulnerable you are the miracle that brings hope to those who need it most.*

*Gratefully in Christ,*

**Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez  
Bishop of Austin**



***TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

The proceeds benefit thousands of men, women, and children from all walks of life across our diocese. We serve the poor, hungry, and homeless, we help educate our youth, provide religious education programs, minister to the sick and elderly, and so much more. The CSA is an opportunity for you to be a make a difference in the lives of others by supporting more than 100 programs and ministries that reach beyond the scope of individual parishes, drawing all communities together in a common mission.





## **November**

**18**

### **Age of Perfection Lunch**

You should have to be over 75 years old to attend this celebration.

In the PAC

Mass at 11:00am

Free Lunch at the end of Mass

Please confirm your attendance at the office

(979) 836-4441



## *Happy Birthday*

### **Sister Teresa Diaz**

Director of religious  
Education.

### **Mass of all saints**

Friday November 1st

7:00am English

8:00am Latin at Pax Christi Retreat Center

12:15 English

5:30pm English

7:00pm Spanish



## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

## **All Souls' Day**

*November 2nd*

12:15pm Mass English

1:30pm Blessing graves at Calvary  
Cemetery

8:00pm Oración y convivencia,  
altar de muertos y pan. PAC  
(traer fotos de los seres queridos a  
recordar, opcional)





Together, we make a difference.  
Juntos, hacemos la diferencia.

Today we come together as a community of faith to generously give to the **Catholic Services Appeal**, which supports the important mission and ministries of our diocese. This year's theme is Together, we make a difference. With your gift, you will be providing the light and hope of Christ to thousands of people. The CSA allows us to care for active and retired priests, help those in need, promote a culture of life, encourage vocations, educate our youth and so much more. Our goal is 100% participation. Your gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference in the lives of those who Christ calls us to love most. Please complete and return your pledge card or make a secure gift online at [austindiocese.org/csa/give](http://austindiocese.org/csa/give)

*Hoy nos unimos como una comunidad de fe para dar generosamente al **Llamado Para Los Servicios Católicos (CSA por sus siglas en inglés)**, el cual apoya la importante misión y los ministerios de nuestra diócesis. El tema de este año es Juntos, hacemos la diferencia. Con tu don, estarás proporcionando la luz y la esperanza de Cristo a miles de personas. El CSA nos permite cuidar de sacerdotes activos y retirados, ayudar a aquellos necesitados, promover una cultura de vida, animar las vocaciones, educar a nuestra juventud y mucho más. Nuestra meta es el 100% de participación. Su donativo, no importa si es grande o pequeño, hace una diferencia en las vidas de aquellos a quienes Cristo nos llama a amar más. Por favor, completen y regresen su tarjeta compromiso o hagan una donación segura en línea en [austindiocese.org/csa/give](http://austindiocese.org/csa/give).*



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**Adult Formation**  
*Approaching Advent....  
"His Type of Holiness"*

*Dr. Scott Hahn, DVD, discussion, & prayer  
intention (no cost)*

***Bella Brigata, beautiful brigade of women. Inspired by St. Catherine of Siena.***

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

*Welcome New Parishioners! Creating  
Community!  
(questions: call or text 713.501.0663  
Kathy)*

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Society**  
helps those in need.

For assistance phone **979-525-0090**.  
Calls remain confidential.

***La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcuta*** 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*

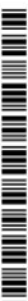


Join us this week as Dr. Cavadini shares deep insights from the Gospel of Mark. Along with Dr. Cavadini's humor, we will discover a wisdom of God that surpasses the wisdom of any PhD and by the end we will ask ourselves the question, "Is seeing really believing?"

Pope Benedict XVI selected Dr. John Cavadini as one of 30 to **The International Theological Commission**. He currently stands as a Consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (**USCCB**) and was recently awarded a **Vatican Foundation Award for the McGrath Institute's Science & Religion Initiative**.

This is special that we have Dr. Cavadini with us this week and for several Additional weeks to open up the Scriptures for us. Therefore, we move into our second Spiritual Food, the Word of God. If you have an opportunity to read the Gospel of Mark before coming, it will enhance the session even more!

Please join us and invite a friend! See you Saturday at 7:00 in the PAC!  
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)

The KJT District VIII Fall social and meeting will be held at Frenstat Recreation Center for all District VIII members, their families and guests on Sunday, November 10, 2024 beginning with registration at 11:30 AM. The wonderful turkey and dressing meal will be served at 12:00 noon. We will require a charge of \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for 12 and under for the meal. A short meeting will follow.

Donations of door prizes from your society are welcome. District VIII will provide all the food, drink and dessert. It is important that you notify your Society President at 979-676-7990 one or two weeks before if you will be attending as the District needs a head count to order the food. All are welcome!

#### 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.**

#### Age of Perfection

November is just around the corner and it is time for St. Mary's staff's favorite event. Mark your calendars, **November 18th** is our annual "Age of Perfection" Mass and luncheon.

St. Mary's staff will have the honor of serving our parishioners who are 75 years old or older.

The event will be in the PAC and begins with a Mass (11:00am) and followed with lunch, friendship and fun.

If you would like to join us, please contact the office at (979)836-4441.

Reservation not required, but we would like a head count for the food.

We look forward to serving you.



#### NEXT AVAILABLE

**BAPTISMS/**

**SIGUIENTES**

**BAUTIZOS**

**DISPONIBLES**

November 2 -  
English—10:00 a.m.

2 de Noviembre -  
Español—11:00 a.m.

#### Next available class/ Siguiente clase disponible

Tuesday, November 19- English  
6:30 p.m.

Jueves, 21 de Noviembre - Español  
6:00 p.m.

For more information and requirements, please call the church office.

Para mas información y obtener los requisitos, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial

Please call Church Office at (979) 836-4441 to register for classes and baptisms

## **Mass Intentions for 2025 - Calendar Opens November 5, 2024**

We will begin taking bookings for 2025 Mass intentions on November 5, 2024.

Please fill out your form(s) and mail, drop off or put them in the Offertory, with payment attached - \$5.00 per Mass. We will book the intentions at a later date and will call to confirm your booking, so please be sure a current phone number is listed.

Mass intentions are on a first come, first serve basis. **Forms will not be accepted before the open date.**

There is no restriction on the number of Masses you can book, but please remember that 4 Masses per person can be said here, with the remainder being sent off. Of those 4 Masses, only 1 can be a Saturday or Sunday, please.

We send off our extra Mass Intentions to:

- Fr. Benny Thekkumkattil in India – he is a Cancer Hospital Priest whose Order has no Parishes. Fr. Benny made a Mission trip to the Diocese of Austin many years ago and came to Brenham as part of his trip. He is very grateful for the continued support he receives from St. Mary's.
- Fr. Jay Polisetty in Gatesville and Hamilton, who served with us for a few years, and still comes back to Celebrate Mass and visit. He remembers many of the folks whose Intention he receives.
- The Retired Priests home in Georgetown, Tx – these wonderful Priests enjoy assisting us with our extra Intentions, and the funds go to their support.

## **Intenciones de Misa para 2025 - El calendario se abre el 5 de noviembre de 2024**

*Comenzaremos a aceptar reservaciones para las intenciones de Misa de 2025 el 5 de noviembre de 2024.*

*Complete la(s) forma(s) y envíelas por correo, entréguelas o colóquelas en el ofertorio, con el pago adjunto: \$5.00 por Misa. Haremos las reservas de las intenciones en una fecha posterior y lo llamaremos para confirmar sus fechas, así que asegúrese de incluir un número de teléfono actual.*

*Las intenciones de Misa se asignan por orden de llegada. **No se aceptarán formas antes de la fecha de apertura.***

*No hay ninguna restricción en la cantidad de Misas que puede reservar, pero recuerde que aquí se pueden decir 4 Misas por persona y el resto se enviarán a otros sacerdotes. De esas 4 Misas, solo 1 puede ser sábado o domingo, por favor.*

*Enviamos nuestras intenciones de Misa adicionales a:*

- *El padre Benny Thekkumkattil en India: es un sacerdote del Hospital del Cáncer cuya Orden no tiene parroquias. El padre Benny hizo un viaje misionero a la diócesis de Austin hace muchos años y vino a Brenham como parte de su viaje. Está muy agradecido por el apoyo continuo que recibe de St. Mary's.*
- *El padre Jay Polisetty en Gatesville y Hamilton, que sirvió con nosotros durante algunos años y todavía regresa para celebrar la misa y visitarnos. Recuerda a muchas de las personas cuyas intenciones recibe.*
- *La casa de los sacerdotes jubilados en Georgetown, Texas: estos maravillosos sacerdotes disfrutan de ayudarnos con nuestras intenciones adicionales y los fondos se destinan a su apoyo.*

Come pray the Rosary with us every  
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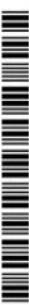
*Acompañenos a rezar el Rosario en  
inglés todos los viernes a las  
12:10 pm en la Iglesia.*



### **November Altar care ladies are:**

Vicky Kenjura\*  
Shirley Rowan  
Joann Johnson  
Sissi Wellmann

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





## MASS INTENTIONS FORM for 2025

- **Note: 4 Masses will be said here (only 1 can be a Sat/Sun Mass); remainder will be sent off**

Please read and complete all areas:

- Mass intention for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) (max 2, and of the same family), family, name of group, name of organization, etc.

- Please Mark: ☐ Living or ☐ Deceased

- If the Mass is for a person, please mark **ONLY ONE**:

☐ For the repose of the soul

☐ For the (type) \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary

☐ For the well-being

☐ For the birthday (living persons only; use repose of the soul for deceased persons)

☐ For the (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

- Date of Mass intention preferred, depending on availability:

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- What preferred Mass time, depending on availability

☐ Tues: 12:15 p.m. ☐ Wed: 12:15 p.m. ☐ Thur: 12:15 p.m. ☐ Fri: 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: ☐ 5 p.m. (English) ☐ 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday: ☐ 8:00 a.m. ☐ 10:30 a.m. ☐ 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) ☐ 4:00 p.m. (Latin)

**Note: When a Mass is canceled, the Mass Intention will be sent off**

**If the date you requested is not available, please mark your preference:**

☐ I would like to have my Mass sent off ☐ I would like a different date/time

\$5.00 per Mass donation: ☐ Cash ☐ Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

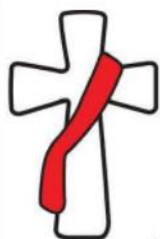
Please give your donation when scheduling the Mass.

**Person requesting Mass – Please Print:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass intention accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded on: \_\_\_\_\_



St. Lucy is the patron of eyesight. Her eyes were taken from her as part of her martyrdom. I saw a painting of St. Lucy and saw that she has eyelids covering her eyes as well as a plate holding her eyes. The caption explained that she was seeing with God's eyes. Bartimaeus saw with the Lord's eyes even before the Lord healed him. He called out, "Son of David, have mercy on me." He saw with the eyes of faith. His faith resulted in his seeing with his physical eyes. Then, Bartimaeus followed Jesus. The blind cannot follow someone. Can you imagine the joy that Bartimaeus must have had to be able to follow someone on his own, without being led? But the reading has a deeper level. Those whose souls are blind to the Presence of God cannot follow him. Only those who are willing to take a step of faith, a leap of faith, and seek out the Lord can follow Him. At the conclusion of the long reflection on the healing of the Man Born Blind in the Ninth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I came so that those who are blind may see" So, can you imagine the joy of those whose lives seemed to have no direction, who lived in darkness, when they find a path to life, a light to guide them? Wait a minute. We are those people. We are the ones who had been in darkness and who now have light. "I need direction in life" you may ask. "I don't know what I am doing or why I am doing the things I do." Perhaps, we have all had times that we have felt the same way. Why do we do that? Why do we look for direction, when all that we need is right in front of us? We have been entrusted with a treasure, the very presence of the Lord. When we feel we are lost, then, we need to get back to basics. "You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever," the Psalmist proclaims in Psalm 16 vs 11. . Jesus has brought profound joy to our lives. He has given us sight. We can see where we need to go. We can follow Him. We can go to that place where all happiness dwells. Our joy is realizing that like Bartimaeus we are not blind any more. We can follow the One who gives Light to our lives.

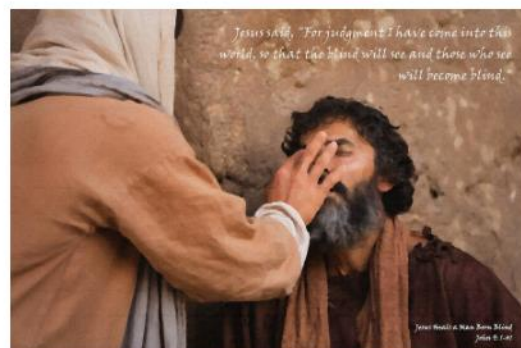
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## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*Santa Lucía es la patrona de la vista. Sus ojos le fueron arrebatados como parte de su martirio. Vi una pintura de Santa Lucía y vi que tiene párpados que cubren sus ojos, así como un plato que sostiene sus ojos.*

*El subtítulo explicaba que ella estaba viendo con los ojos de Dios. Bartimeo vio con los ojos del Señor incluso antes de que el Señor lo sanara. Gritó: "Hijo de David, ten misericordia de mí". Vio con los ojos de la fe. Su fe resultó en que viera con sus ojos físicos. Entonces, Bartimeo siguió a Jesús. Los ciegos no pueden seguir a alguien. ¿Puedes imaginar la alegría que debe haber tenido Bartimeo al poder seguir a alguien por su cuenta, sin ser guiado? Pero la lectura tiene un nivel más profundo. Aquellos cuyas almas están ciegas a la Presencia de Dios no pueden seguirlo. Solo aquellos que están dispuestos a dar un paso de fe, un salto de fe y buscar al Señor pueden seguirlo. Al concluir la larga reflexión sobre la curación del ciego de nacimiento en el capítulo 9 del Evangelio de Juan, Jesús dice: "He venido para que los ciegos puedan ver". Entonces, ¿pueden imaginar la alegría de aquellos cuyas vidas parecían no tener dirección, que vivían en la oscuridad, cuando encuentran un camino hacia la vida, una luz que los guía? Esperen un momento. Nosotros somos esas personas. Somos los que hemos estado en la oscuridad y ahora tenemos luz. "Necesito dirección en la vida", se preguntarán. "No sé lo que estoy haciendo o por qué estoy haciendo las cosas que hago". Tal vez, todos hemos tenido momentos en los que nos hemos sentido de la misma manera. ¿Por qué hacemos eso? ¿Por qué buscamos dirección, cuando todo lo que necesitamos está frente a nosotros? Se nos ha confiado un tesoro, la presencia misma del Señor. Cuando sentimos que estamos perdidos, entonces, necesitamos volver a lo básico. "Me mostrarás el camino de la vida, alegría abundante en tu presencia, delicias a tu diestra para siempre", proclama el salmista en el Salmo 16:11. Jesús ha traído un gozo profundo a nuestras vidas. Nos ha dado la vista. Podemos ver a dónde debemos ir. Podemos seguirlo. Podemos ir a ese lugar donde habita toda la felicidad. Nuestro gozo es darnos cuenta de que, como Bartimeo, ya no estamos ciegos. Podemos seguir a Aquel que da luz a nuestras vidas.*

*Diacono Al*





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