



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:

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds'
with great power and glory...

1Th 1:26



Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre sobre las nubes
con gran poder y majestad.

1Th 1:26

33° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

You are my inheritance, O Lord. Psalm 16

Protégeme, Dios mío, que me refugio en ti. Salmo 16

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

November 19 —November 24, 2024

Tuesday/martes—November 19, 12:15pm

- † Don & Cookie Barnett
- † Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski (sent off)
- Well-beig of Chris & Trisha Steinmann Family (sent off)
- † David W. Januszewski (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—November 20, 12:15pm

- † June Sparks Clark
- † Kristee Krotofil (sent off)
- † Willie Kubeczka (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - November 21, 12:15pm

- † Aaron David Markizer
- † Hugh (Buddy) & Bernice Thiel (sent off)
- † Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - November 22, 12:15pm

- † Juan Vicente Hernandez
- † David Januszewski (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—November 23, 5:00 pm

- Healing & Health of Joseph Chovanec
- † Ron Haren (sent off)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

- † Silvia Suarez

Sunday/Domingo – November 24, 8:00 am.

- † Mary Ann Parkhurst
- † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

- Sue Steinabugh
- † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Pro Populo

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

- † David & Annie Leibham

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

November 9-10

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

Weekend collection\$20,851.62



Altar Flowers are:

In thanksgiving for the 28th Wedding Anniversary of Elizabeth & Francis Fries.

Given by Francis & Elizabeth Fries.

Las Flores del Altar son:

En acción de gracias por el 28 aniversario de bodas de Elizabeth & Francis Fries.

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

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Shirley.rowan@att.net

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



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Shirley.rowan@att.net

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calendar November



**Thanksgiving Day
Mass**



November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Day Mass

December



**Holy Hour for
Vocations**



**Our Lady of
Guadalupe Festivity**

December 5, 2024

Holy Hour for Vocations

December 12, 2024

Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivity

This week on St. Mary's campus. November 18 thru November 24, 2024

11/18 Monday

11:00am Age of Perfection Luncheon, PAC All Rooms
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Field
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm OLG Practice, PAC Large Meeting Room
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

11/19 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
5:30pm WCJ Volleyball, 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
7:30pm OLG Matachines, Gym

11/20 Wednesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
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, Church
5:30pm OLG Practice, KofC Hall
5:30pm High School Youth, PAC All Rooms
6:00pm Youth Group Holy Hour, Church
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Church

11/21 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
5:30pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm Spanish Baptismal Class, RE AV Room
6:00pm English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202
7:30pm OLG Matachines, Gym

11/22 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
1:00pm PCCW Bazaar Set Up, PAC All Rooms
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church

11/23 Saturday

6:00 am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
7:00am PCCW Bazaar, PAC All Rooms
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, KC Hall
2:00pm Quinceañera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Mass
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Spanish Mass

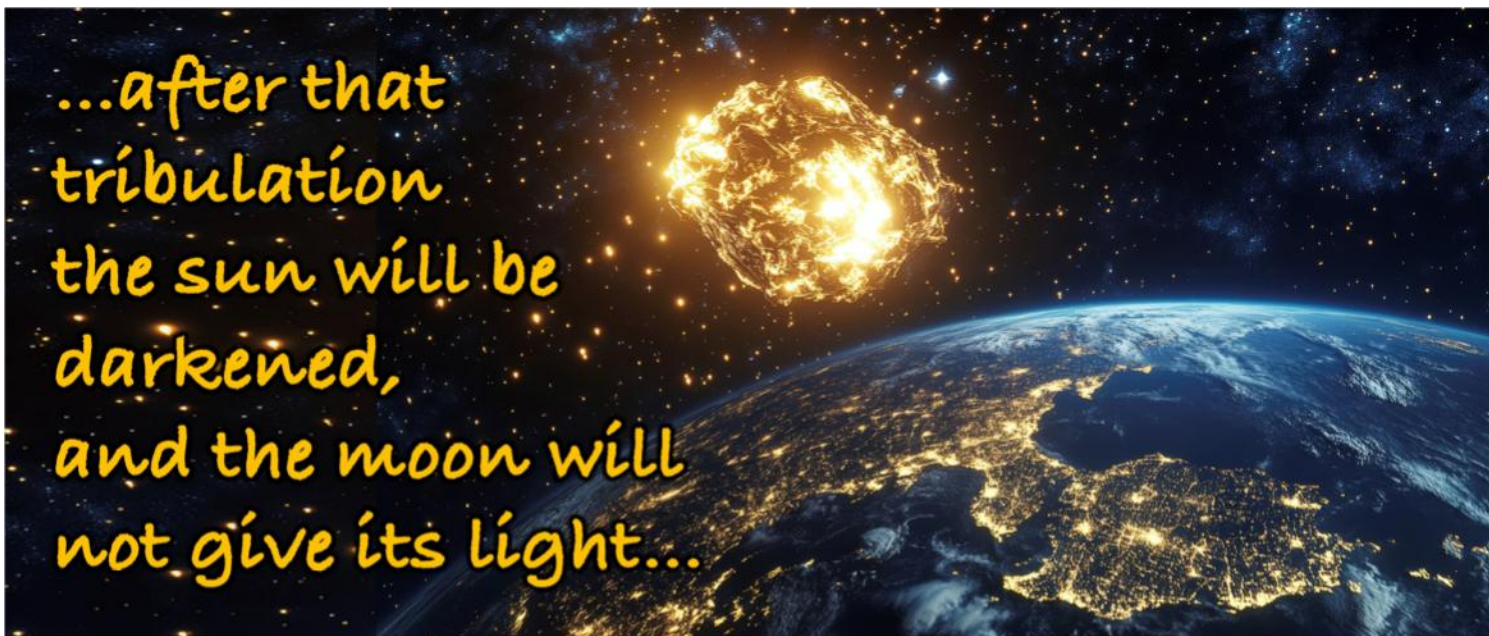
11/24 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
9:15am Religious Education, All Campus
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106
12:00pm WCJ Volleyball, PAC Gym
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church
2:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow up, RE Av Room
4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center



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

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



A Poetic and Figurative Language

The gospel reading from Mark, chapter 13, employs poetic and figurative language that can be unsettling if not understood correctly. This section, often titled the “Eschatological Discourse,” uses apocalyptic literature to convey a profound message, reaching beyond a literal lesson. Jesus uses these images to capture attention and open us to a crucial reflection on our present life, moving away from technicalities or fear of the end of the world.

The End of the World: Reality and Figurative Sense

Jesus speaks of the end of the world, but not in a literal sense of catastrophic predictions. He mentions the sun darkening and stars falling, employing language often used by the prophets to announce a significant divine intervention. This symbolism emphasizes God’s presence and love, not as a terrifying end but as an invitation to be mindful of the present and our relationship with the divine. This message calls us to live in love rather than in fear of future events.

Living in the Present Moment

Jesus invites us to observe “the fig tree” and recognize the signs of the present time. Although the world will end one day, we do not know when that will be; the only certainty is now. Jesus stresses the importance of living each day as an opportunity to find joy, express love, and seek God. Each day is unique, and our lives should focus on embracing the

present rather than worrying about tomorrow or dwelling on the past.

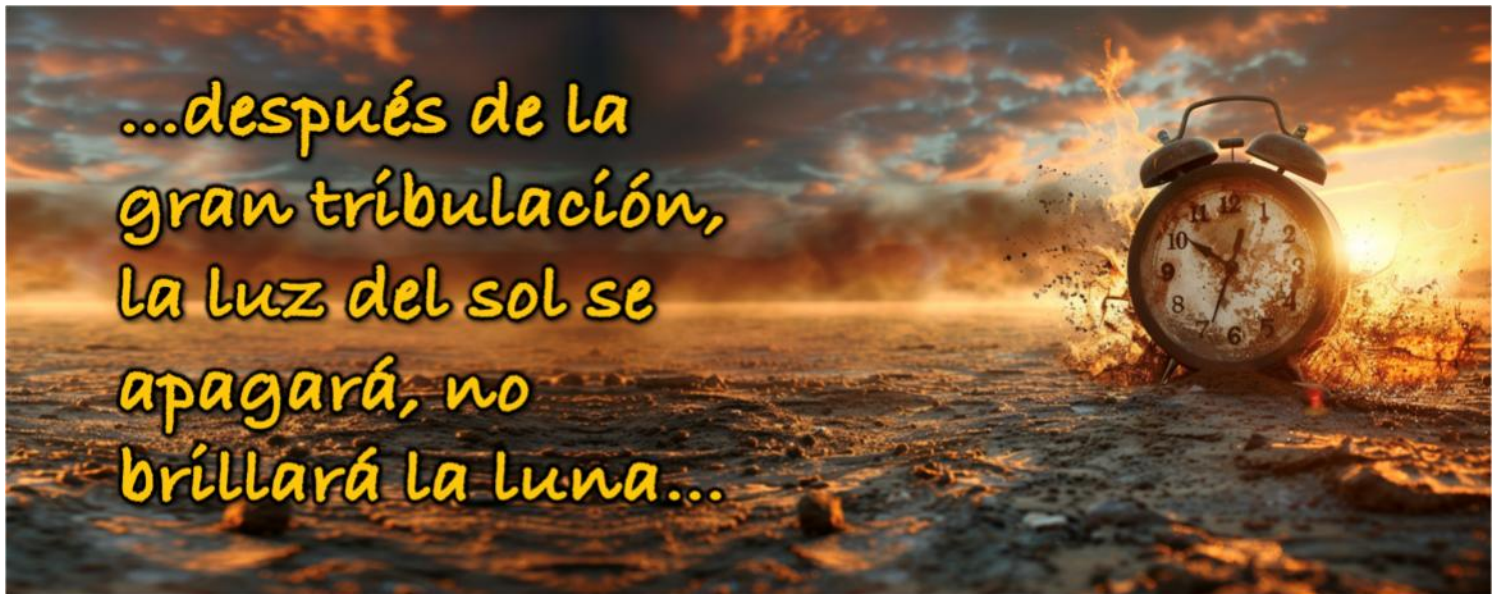
Reflection on Love and Time

The gospel teaches us that time is limited, and we must use it wisely to build an eternity in love. Living in constant concern over when the stars will fall or when the end will come is to lose sight of our life’s purpose. Jesus reminds us that each act of love in the present is a step toward building eternity. Our focus should be on loving those around us and making the most of the time God has given us to live fully.

The Present as a Reflection of Eternity

Jesus, the eternal God who enters our time, invites us to view the present as a glimpse of eternity. The final reflection of the gospel reminds us not to dwell solely on poetic symbolism but to look beyond it and recognize the value of each moment. Living today in fullness and compassion is what truly matters, as eternity is a continuous present. Let us live each day with love and dedication, building a fulfilling life.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



...después de la
gran tribulación,
la luz del sol se
apagará, no
brillará la luna...

Un Lenguaje Poético y Figurado

El evangelio que leemos en el capítulo 13 de Marcos usa un lenguaje poético y figurado que puede asustar si no lo comprendemos correctamente. Esta sección, a menudo llamada "discurso escatológico," emplea una literatura apocalíptica para transmitir un mensaje profundo, más allá de una lección literal. Jesús usa estas imágenes para captar la atención y abrirnos a una reflexión importante sobre nuestra vida actual, sin enfocarnos en tecnicismos o miedo sobre el fin del mundo.

El Fin del Mundo: Realidad y Sentido Figurativo

Jesús menciona el fin del mundo, pero no en el sentido literal de predicciones catastróficas. Habla del sol apagándose y de las estrellas cayendo, usando un lenguaje común entre los profetas para anunciar una intervención divina significativa. Este simbolismo destaca la presencia y amor de Dios, no como un fin terrorífico, sino como una invitación a estar conscientes del presente y de nuestra relación con lo divino. Este mensaje nos llama a vivir en el amor y no en el temor de eventos futuros.

Vivir el Momento Presente

Jesús nos invita a observar "la higuera" y darnos cuenta de los signos del tiempo presente. Aunque un día el mundo se acabará, no sabemos cuándo será eso; lo único cierto es el ahora. Jesús recalca la importancia de vivir el día de hoy como una oportunidad para ser felices, expresar amor, y buscar a Dios. Cada día es único, y nuestra vida debe

enfocarse en aprovechar el presente en lugar de preocuparnos por el mañana o el pasado.

La Reflexión sobre el Amor y el Tiempo

El evangelio nos enseña que el tiempo es limitado y debemos usarlo sabiamente para construir una eternidad en amor. Vivir preocupados por cuándo caerán las estrellas o cuándo llegará el fin es perder de vista el propósito de nuestras vidas. Jesús nos recuerda que cada acto de amor en el presente es una construcción hacia la eternidad. Nuestro enfoque debe ser amar a quienes nos rodean y aprovechar el tiempo que Dios nos da para vivir plenamente.

El Presente como un Reflejo de la Eternidad

Jesús, Dios eterno que entra en nuestro tiempo, nos invita a contemplar el presente como una pequeña muestra de la eternidad. La reflexión final del evangelio nos recuerda no quedarnos solo en la simbología poética, sino mirar más allá y reconocer el valor de cada momento. Vivir en plenitud y compasión hoy es lo que en verdad importa, pues la eternidad es un presente continuo. Vivamos el día con amor y dedicación, construyendo una vida plena.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Did you know?

The Presider's Chair (Sede) as a Liturgical Place

The chair, like the ambo or altar, is one of the necessary liturgical places for the Eucharist and other liturgical offices. From the chair, the presider leads, prays, directs prayer, and delivers the homily. The chair signifies the office of Christ as Head, Shepherd, and Teacher, elevating it beyond the simple utility of sitting during hymns or being seated on equal chairs with others. A visit to ancient basilicas (such as San Vitale or San Clemente) reveals the prominent placement of the chair in the apse (where the presider is positioned above the continuous stone bench reserved for priests).

As a liturgical place, the chair should be set up wherever the Holy Mass is celebrated, not only in parish churches but also in any oratory, chapel, or church for contemplatives. It's not really appropriate to start Mass directly from the altar, which is reserved for the sacrifice; thus, the priest approaches the altar to deposit the offering and recite the Eucharistic prayer. Other parts of the Mass (such as the initial rites, the homily, and the final blessing) are led from the presider's chair. "The celebrant's chair signifies the role of presiding over the liturgical assembly and directing the prayer of the holy people" (Bend 982).

The Missal prescribes the characteristics of the chair: "The celebrant's chair should signify his ministry as president of the assembly and moderator of prayer. Therefore, its most suitable place is turned towards the people, at the back of the sanctuary, unless the building's structure or other circumstances prevent this—for example, if a great distance makes communication between the priest and the gathered assembly difficult, or if the tabernacle is located in the middle behind the altar. In addition, chairs should be arranged in the sanctuary for concelebrating priests and also for vested presbyters present at the celebration, even if they are not concelebrating. The deacon's seat should be near the celebrant's chair. For other ministers, chairs should be placed in such a way that they are clearly distinguished from the clergy's seats and allow them to easily perform their designated ministry (IGMR 310).

The liturgical symbolism of the chair is highlighted



when inaugurating a new chair; it is then blessed to be dedicated to liturgical use. The blessing prayer contemplates Christ's ministry as Pastor who continues shepherding from the liturgical chair: "We praise your Name, Lord, united in one voice, and humbly ask you, who came as the Good Shepherd to gather your scattered flock into one fold through those whom you have chosen as collaborators in the spread of truth. Shepherd your faithful and lead them on the path of holiness so that, one day, shepherds and sheep may enter together with joy into the eternal pastures" (Bend 987).

Or also: "Lord Jesus Christ, who taught the pastors of your Church to serve their brothers and not to be served, we ask that by your grace, all who come to this chair proclaim your word always and administer your sacraments worthily, so that, along with the people entrusted to them, they may ceaselessly praise you in the eternal seat of heaven" (Bend 999).

This highlights the liturgical importance of a bishop's installation in his diocese. When the Metropolitan presides, after reading the Apostolic Letters, "the Metropolitan invites the Bishop to sit in the chair. Then the Bishop stands, and the Gloria is sung" (CE 1145).

The same applies to the inauguration of a parish priest's ministry in his parish; the Bishop hands over to the new parish priest the various liturgical places (baptismal font, penitential seat...) and also the presider's chair (Cf. Entry of the new parish priest, n. 12).

The chair should have dignity, be visible, elevated, and suitable for leading prayer and delivering the homily from there.

In the Gospel, the eagle is the symbol of John, one of the four evangelists. The connection between the eagle and the Gospel of John arises because the prologue of this Gospel speaks of the Word, which is God, and drives away darkness to bring light. This is compared to the eagle, which flies and fixes its gaze on the sun's light without being blinded.

In general, the eagle is a symbol of majesty, courage, spiritual inspiration, power, and speed. In the Bible, in Isaiah 40:31, it says that: "those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and shall mount up with wings like eagles."

The four evangelists are represented by four symbols, known as the Tetramorph. The other three symbols are:

- The angel or man of Matthew, which represents the humanity of Christ and symbolizes the Nativity.
- The lion of Mark, which refers to the Baptist and signifies the resurrection.
- The ox of Luke, which symbolizes the passion of Jesus.



Alongside the Presider's Chair (Sede), the preferred place for the homily, there is often an eagle, symbolizing Saint John the Evangelist, the apostle who was the first to see the empty tomb and understand that Christ had risen. Additionally, the message proclaimed from the chair is a paschal message, meaning the homily will always be Christ-centered, a message of hope that inspires us to look to things above.





MOST REVEREND JOE S. VÁSQUEZ

by the grace of God

and authority of the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF AUSTIN

RESCRIPT

Granted *motu proprio*

Concerning the Obligation to Attend Mass on December 9, 2024

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which would ordinarily be celebrated on December 8, is transferred to the following day, December 9, since December 8 will be dedicated to the celebration of the second Sunday of Advent.

Considering the difficulties that may be posed to the faithful and to parishes by the obligation to attend Mass on two consecutive days, and considering also that many of the faithful will be engaged in celebrations of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, I hereby dispense the faithful of the Diocese of Austin from the obligation of attending Mass on December 9, 2024, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This dispensation is valid for all the faithful of the Diocese of Austin, wherever they may be, as well as for all those actually present within the territory of the Diocese of Austin on December 9.

The faithful who are able are encouraged to attend Mass on December 9 of their own free will, and I warmly invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Austin to join with me in invoking the intercession of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our Diocese and of our country.

Given at Austin, at the seat of the Diocesan Curia, the 30th day of the month of October, in the year of the Lord 2024.

Deacon Ron Walker, Chancellor

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of Austin



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



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the families of **Maria Prieto de Hernandez, Richard Jares and John Kenjura**.
May they rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

*El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a las familia de **Maria Prieto de Hernandez, Richard Jares y John Kenjura**. Que descansen en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.*



So many men pass through this world seeking fame, fortune and glory. We seek to perform mighty works, accomplish incredible feats, make a name for ourselves and build a legacy. Even our modern social media and Facebook accounts seek to glorify particular moments in our daily lives. And so we ask the question, "When was Jesus Christ's ultimate moment of glory?"

Was it the countless miracles? Was it his earth-shattering preaching and teaching? Was it his charisma, leadership and ability to influence men and women to follow him?

Join us this week as we enter into The Book of Glory from John's Gospel and seek to follow the true "way" of God.

See you Saturday at 7:00. **We will be meeting in the Knights hall for November!**

Contact Yaseen Owen at 832-686-5984 for more information.



St. Mary's PCCW

PRE-HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

9:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON

PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER (PAC)

CORNER OF GERMANIA AND PARK ST.

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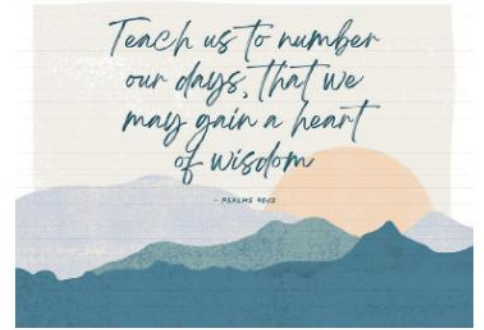
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HOLIDAY GOODIES



DEACON'S CORNER

End Times

Once a priest was giving a lecture to a class of fifth-graders and explained to them that Muslims believed that one day God would come and it would be the end of the world; that Jews believed in a Messiah who had not come yet, but when he did it would be the end of the world, and Christians believed the Messiah had already come and when he came again it would be the end of the world. At this point the children started looking at each other since none of this sounded very optimistic.



Our readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the second coming of Jesus and remind us that this world will indeed end. Just as with all the other promises of God, this one is trustworthy. There are numerous passages in scripture that remind us to be prepared for either our end in death or our end at the end of the world when Jesus comes again. There's a great temptation to ignore the reality of death and to live our lives as if we are going to live forever. The Church helps us to avoid this temptation by reminding us from time to time that this life will end.

Once I was complaining to a good friend of mine (also a deacon), about all the spacing and disinfecting that was going on during Covid-19. He said: "Well, we want people to feel safe." I laughed and replied that I didn't want people to feel safe. That I worked very hard in my homilies to make them feel as unsafe as possible.

"Teach us to number our days that we may gain wisdom." Ps 90:12

In life we should strive to strike a balance between being overly focused on death and ignoring its reality. When we do, we make much better decisions.

Blessings and peace, Deacon Steve

RINCON DEL DIACONO

El fin de los tiempos

Una vez, un sacerdote estaba dando una conferencia a una clase de quinto grado y les explicó que los musulmanes creían que un día Dios vendría y sería el fin del mundo; que los judíos creían en un Mesías que aún no había venido, pero que cuando lo hiciera sería el fin del mundo, y los cristianos creían que el Mesías ya había venido y que cuando volviera sería el fin del mundo. En ese momento, los niños comenzaron a mirarse entre sí, ya que nada de esto sonaba muy optimista.

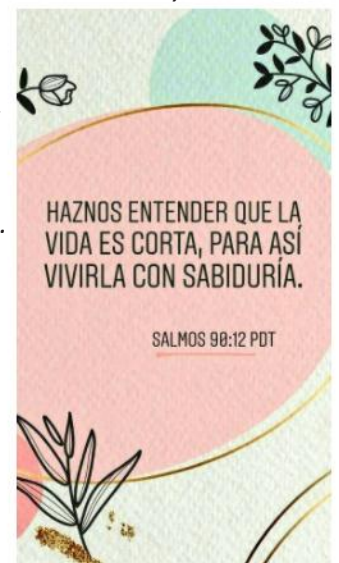
Nuestras lecturas para el 33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se centran en la segunda venida de Jesús y nos recuerdan que este mundo ciertamente terminará. Al igual que con todas las demás promesas de Dios, esta es confiable. Hay numerosos pasajes en las Escrituras que nos recuerdan que debemos estar preparados para nuestro fin en la muerte o nuestro fin en el fin del mundo cuando Jesús venga nuevamente. Existe una gran tentación de ignorar la realidad de la muerte y vivir nuestras vidas como si fuéramos a vivir para siempre. La Iglesia nos ayuda a evitar esta tentación recordándonos de vez en cuando que esta vida terminará.

Una vez me quejaba con un buen amigo mío (también diácono) sobre todo el distanciamiento y la desinfección que se estaba llevando a cabo durante el Covid-19. Él dijo: "Bueno, queremos que la gente se sienta segura". Me reí y le respondí que no quería que la gente se sintiera segura. Que trabajaba muy duro en mis homilias para que se sintieran lo más inseguros posible.

"Enseñanos a contar bien nuestros días para que adquiramos sabiduría". Salmo 90:12

En la vida debemos esforzarnos por lograr un equilibrio entre centrarnos demasiado en la muerte e ignorar su realidad. Cuando lo hacemos, tomamos decisiones mucho mejores.

Bendiciones y paz, Diácono Steve



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