



# 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

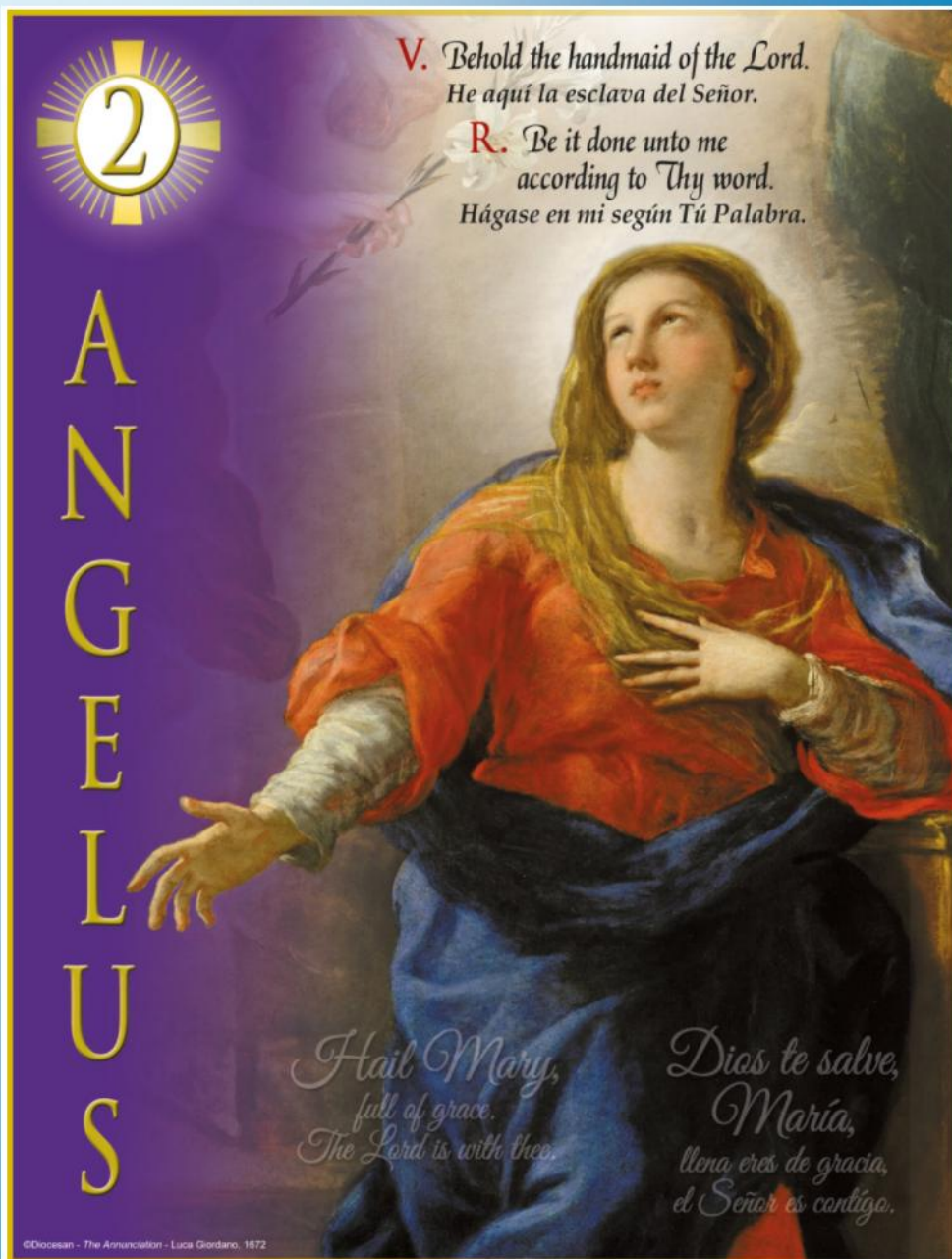
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
 Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
 Deacon Steve Medina  
 Deacon Allen Prescott  
 Deacon John Pelletier

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED  
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Emergencies after office hours phone  
 number:

(979) 451-9824



©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1872

*The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy.  
 Psalm 126*  
*El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros y estamos alegres.  
 Salmo 126*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**

**December 9 —December 15, 2024**

**Monday/Lunes—December 9, 5:30pm**

Pro Populo  
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)  
 † David Januszewski (sent off)

**Tuesday/martes—December 10, 12:15pm**

† Lillian Antkowiak  
 † Raymond Kenjura (sent off)  
 † Nancy Manfre (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—December 11, 12:15pm**

† Patricia Hajek  
 † Robert Murski (sent off)  
 † Ronald Haren (sent off)

**Thursday/jueves - December 12,**

**6:00 am—Our Lady of Guadalupe—Spanish**

Pro Populo

**12:15pm**

† Evelyn Kloesel  
 † Bill & Barbara Paskie (sent off)

**7:00pm—Our Lady of Guadalupe—Spanish**

St Mary's Hispanic Ministry

**Friday/Viernes - December 13, 5:30pm**

† Gene & Dennis Maynard  
 † John Bolcerek (sent off)  
 † Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

**Saturday/sábado—December 14, 5:00 pm**

Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary Libbon/Nestor Families

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

Juan Bejar on his birthday

**Sunday/Domingo – December 15, 8:00 am.**

Pro Populo  
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)  
 † Elaine Jankowski (sent off)

**10:30 a.m.**

† Hugh (Buddy) & Bernice Thiel  
 † John Kenjura, Jr. (sent off)

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

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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

† Leonard & Pauline Krotofil

**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)*

**November 23-24**

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

**Weekend collection .....\$20,712.73**

**November 30-December 1**

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

**Weekend collection .....\$17,930.56**

**Purple bag collection.....\$ 3,762.72**



***Marriage Banns***

**Bann of Marriage** for Drake Pawlowski & Madalyn Rybarski

***Amonestaciones de Matrimonio***

**Amonestación de Matrimonio** para Drake Pawlowski & Madalyn Rybarski

If you know of any impediments please call the Church office.

**Si usted sabe de algún impedimento por favor comuníquese a la oficina Parroquial**



# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Calendar December



**Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Festivity**



**Penance Service**



**Christmas Eve &  
Christmas Day  
Masses**

**December 12, 2024**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivity

**December 19, 2024**

Penance Service

**December 24-25, 2024**

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

## This week on St. Mary's campus. December 9 thru December 15, 2024

**12/09 Monday**

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
5:30pm Immaculate Concepcion Mass, Church  
6:00pm OLG Practice, PAC Large Meeting Room  
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, 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  
7:00pm OLG Novena, Church

**12/10 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  
5:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, KofC Hall  
5:30pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church  
6:00pm PCCW Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room  
7:00pm OLG Novena, Church  
7:00pm Discipulos de Jesus Community Meeting, Cornerstone Room 203  
7:30pm OLG Matachines, Gym

**12/11 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  
4:00pm OLG Set up, PAC All Rooms  
4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus  
5:30pm Choir Practice, Church  
5:30pm OLG Practice, KofC Hall  
6:45pm Wellness Committee Meeting, Office Large Meeting Room  
7:00pm Spanish Choir Practice, Office Meeting Room  
7:00pm OLG Novena, Church

**12/12 Thursday**

5:00am OLG Mañanitas & Spanish Mass, Church  
10:00am Staff Meeting, Office Meeting Room  
11:45am Confessions, Church  
12:15pm Mass, Church  
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
6:00pm English RCIA, Cornerstone Room 202  
6:00pm OLG Procession, Calvary Cemetery  
7:00pm OLG Spanish Mass, Church  
8:00pm OLG Festivity, PAC All Rooms

**12/13 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

**12/14 Saturday**

6:00 am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church  
6:00am Rental, KofC Hall  
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room  
1:30pm Wedding, Church  
3:30pm Confessions, Church  
5:00pm English Mass  
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
7:00pm Spanish Mass

**12/15 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. Edwin
	7:00pm Fr. Everardo
Sunday	8:00am Fr. Edwin
	10:30am Fr. Everardo
	12:30pm Fr. Everardo
	4:00pm Fr. Everardo



**Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.**

### **The Continuity of the Advent Season**

On this second Sunday of Advent, the liturgy continues to invite us to reflect and prepare our hearts to receive the Lord. This time is an opportunity to open ourselves to the joy and blessings that God wishes to bestow upon us. God always takes the initiative and reaches out to us, but often, due to a lack of preparation, we fail to notice His signs. The central question this Sunday is: Are you ready to receive happiness and fulfillment in your life?

### **The Call to True Happiness**

Everyone longs to be happy, but not everyone knows where to find true happiness. Today's readings invite us to prepare to receive joy and fulfillment in Christ. The Gospel presents Jesus as the source of true joy and realization, but to experience Him, we must prepare our hearts. This season of Advent offers an opportunity to reflect on the attitudes and actions that might be preventing us from embracing God's love.

### **The Condition of Our Hearts**

The Gospel calls us to examine the state of our hearts. Sometimes, we fill our hearts with barriers, likened to "rottweilers" that scare away the blessings God wants to give us. These "guards" can take the form of prejudices, fears, or emotional wounds that block God's attempts to fill our lives with love and hope. It is essential to open our hearts to welcome the good news that God is constantly sending us.

### **Preparing the Way: A Poem with Symbolism**

The Gospel provides clear instructions: "Make straight the paths, fill the valleys, and lower the

hills." This symbolizes having clear goals and correcting whatever hinders our spiritual growth. We must identify our true desires and focus our efforts toward achieving them. We cannot be swayed by ego or low self-esteem; instead, we must recognize our dignity as beloved children of God.


### **Amending Our Relationships**

Advent also calls us to reflect on our relationships. "Smooth the rough paths" means working on our connections with others by promoting dialogue, reconciliation, and solidarity. Happiness is not a solitary journey; it requires healthy relationships with others and with God. Forgiveness and selfless love are essential to preparing our hearts for Christ's coming.

### **Happiness Is at the Door**

Finally, the Gospel assures us that "all people will see the salvation of God." Happiness and fulfillment are within reach for those who prepare their hearts and relationships. This season of Advent should not just pass by unnoticed; it is a period of transformation. Preparing the way of the Lord means straightening our lives and opening ourselves to God's love. May this Advent be a time to live intensely and to embrace the joy of Christmas, allowing God to bless every aspect of our lives.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



## Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos.

### **La Continuidad del Tiempo de Adviento**

En este segundo domingo de Adviento, la liturgia sigue invitándonos a reflexionar y a preparar nuestros corazones para recibir al Señor. Este tiempo es una oportunidad para abrirnos a la alegría y las bendiciones que Dios desea darnos. Dios siempre toma la iniciativa y sale a nuestro encuentro, pero a menudo, por falta de preparación, dejamos pasar desapercibidas sus señales. La pregunta central de este domingo es: ¿estás listo para recibir la felicidad y la plenitud en tu vida?

### **El Llamado a la Felicidad Verdadera**

Todos anhelamos ser felices, pero no siempre sabemos dónde encontrar la verdadera felicidad. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a prepararnos para recibir la dicha y la plenitud en Cristo. El Evangelio nos presenta a Jesús como la fuente de alegría y realización, pero para experimentarlo, debemos preparar nuestro corazón. Este tiempo de Adviento es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre cómo nuestras actitudes y acciones pueden impedirnos recibir el amor de Dios.

### **El Estado de Nuestro Corazón**

El Evangelio nos llama a examinar el estado de nuestro corazón. A veces, lo llenamos de barreras, comparables a "rottweilers" que ahuyentan las bendiciones que Dios quiere darnos. Estos "guardianes" pueden ser prejuicios, miedos, o heridas emocionales que bloquean los intentos divinos de llenar nuestra vida de amor y esperanza. Es esencial abrir nuestro corazón para acoger las buenas noticias que Dios nos envía constantemente.

### **Preparar el Camino: Un Poema con Simbolismo**

El Evangelio nos da instrucciones claras:

"Enderezar los caminos, rellenar los valles y rebajar las colinas". Esto simboliza tener metas claras y corregir lo que impide nuestro crecimiento espiritual. Debemos identificar qué queremos verdaderamente y dirigir nuestros esfuerzos hacia ese objetivo. No podemos dejarnos llevar por el ego ni por la baja autoestima; en cambio, debemos reconocer nuestra dignidad como hijos amados de Dios.

### **Corregir Nuestras Relaciones**

Adviento también nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestras relaciones. "Allanar los caminos ásperos" significa trabajar en nuestras conexiones con los demás, promoviendo el diálogo, la reconciliación y la solidaridad. La felicidad no es un camino solitario; requiere una relación sana con los demás y con Dios. Perdonar y amar desinteresadamente son esenciales para preparar nuestro corazón para la llegada de Cristo.

### **La Felicidad Está a la Puerta**

Al final, el Evangelio nos asegura que "todos los hombres verán la salvación". La felicidad y la plenitud están al alcance de quienes preparan su corazón y relaciones. Este tiempo de Adviento no debe ser uno más en el calendario, sino un periodo de transformación. Preparar el camino del Señor implica enderezar nuestras vidas y abrirnos al amor de Dios. Que este Adviento sea un tiempo para vivir intensamente y recibir la alegría de la Navidad, permitiendo que Dios bendiga cada aspecto de nuestra vida.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*

# God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.<sup>1</sup> The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"<sup>2</sup>

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to

FAITH  
WORSHIP  
WITNESS



JOURNEY  
WITH CHRIST



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitenzieria-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html).

# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

Copyright © 2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. Scripture excerpts taken from the *New American Bible*, rev. ed. © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Excerpts from the English translation of *Rite of Penance* © 1974, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. This text may be reproduced in whole or in part without alteration for nonprofit educational use, provided such reprints are not sold and include this notice. Image front: Design Pics Inc.

To order, visit our website at [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org) or call us at 800-235-8722. Para ordenar recursos en español, llame al 800-235-8722 y presione 4 para hablar con un representante del servicio al cliente en español.



Publication No. 7-412  
Washington, DC  
ISBN 978-1-60137-412-7

ISBN 978-1-60137-412-7



9 781601 374127

**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.***



**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)*

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.*



# Advent Penance Service

## Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

*Prepare the way of the Lord...*



**December 19, 2024 6:00pm-8:00pm**

**the best way to receive The Light**







Las platicas requeridas para la preparación matrimonial comenzaran este Febrero.

Para mas información y para inscribirse a las platicas favor de comunicarse a la oficina parroquial para obtener los requisitos al 979-836-4441 de martes a viernes de 8am—5pm.

*Preparación Pre-Matrimonial*

## Iglesia de Santa Maria de la Inmaculada Concepción te invita a

# FESTIVIDAD DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE Guadalupe

**Jueves, 12 de Diciembre, 2024**

5:00 am - Mañanitas

6:00 am - Misa (Español)

7:00 am - Desayuno

12:15 pm - Misa (Ingles)

6:00 pm - Procesión (Desde el Blinn)

Danza de Matachines

7:00 pm - Misa (Español)

8:00 pm - Representaciones de las

Apariciones (PAC)

8:45 pm - Cena

9:00 pm - Presentación de baile

Folklorico y Danza de Matachines



Todos son bienvenidos!

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833



**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



View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)



## DEACON'S CORNER

In our first reading the prophet Baruch prophesies that the Israelites will return to Jerusalem from their time of captivity in Babylon. He says that mountains will be made low and valleys filled in so that Israel can return.

In today's Gospel St. Luke quotes similar words from the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."* In

ancient times mountains being made low and valleys filled in often referred to roads being constructed for the return of a king to his kingdom.

Getting ready for Christmas should include clearing a path, a highway for Jesus to enter our lives more profoundly. To make low those mountains and fill those valleys of sin that impede His coming into our souls: to make a straight highway for Jesus Christ to enter within us.

Advent is like a little Lent, that's why we wear purple vestments like we do in Lent. We sing less at Mass. We do not say the Gloria. Advent is a time to repent, to cleanse our hearts to turn from sin, to recommit to do what is necessary to follow Jesus more faithfully. To make ourselves ready to accept the greatest Christmas gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and King and to give ourselves as a gift to Him. Peace be to you.

Peace be to you. **Deacon John**

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*En nuestra primera lectura, el profeta Baruc profetiza que los israelitas volverán a Jerusalén después de su cautiverio en Babilonia. Dice que las montañas se aplanarán y los valles se rellenarán para que Israel pueda regresar.*

*En el Evangelio de hoy, San Lucas cita palabras similares del profeta Isaías: Una voz que clama en el desierto: "Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus senderos. Todo valle se rellenará y toda montaña y colina se allanará. Los caminos tortuosos se enderezarán y los caminos ásperos se allanarán, y toda carne verá la salvación de Dios". En*

*la antigüedad, el hecho de que las montañas se aplanaran y los valles se rellenaran a menudo se refería a los caminos que se construían para el regreso de un rey a su reino.*



*Prepararse para la Navidad debe incluir despejar un camino, una autopista para que Jesús entre más profundamente en nuestras vidas. Hacer aplanar esas montañas y llenar esos valles de pecado que impiden Su entrada en nuestras almas: hacer una autopista recta para que Jesucristo entre en nosotros.*

*El Adviento es como una pequeña Cuaresma, por eso usamos vestimentas moradas como en Cuaresma. Cantamos menos en la Misa. No decimos el Gloria. El Adviento es un tiempo para arrepentirnos, para limpiar nuestros corazones para alejarnos del pecado, para volver a comprometernos a hacer lo que sea necesario para seguir a Jesús con más fidelidad. Para prepararnos para aceptar el mayor regalo de Navidad de todos, Jesucristo nuestro Señor y Rey y entregarnos como regalo a Él.*

*La paz sea con ustedes. **Diacono John***



**Brenham and surrounding areas**  
 Aaron Roshto TMLP #40427  
  
**TEXAS PLUMBING SOLUTIONS**  
 We Are YOUR Best Plumbing Solution **979-251-7744**

**WHATABURGER**  
  
 Brenham  
[whataburger.com](http://whataburger.com)

The Magazine for Texas Gardeners, by Texas Gardeners®  
**TEXAS GARDENER**  
[TexasGardener.com](http://TexasGardener.com) 254-848-9393

**Quick Lane**  
 Tire & Automotive Center  
**836-TIRE/8473**  
 1730 Hwy. 290 W.  
[quicklane@appelcars.com](mailto:quicklane@appelcars.com)

**BOLCEREK FENCING**  
 for Farms & Ranches  
 Albin & Craig Bolcerek  
 Parishioners  
 7500 FM 389  
**979-203-7124**  
**979-251-0070**

★ **BluRose**  
 Caregiving LLC  
 Cleaning/Dressing  
 Light Housekeeping  
 Meal Prep/Laundry  
 Medication Reminders  
 Transportation & More  
[blurosecaregiving.com](http://blurosecaregiving.com)  
 EXTRAORDINARY HOME HEALTH CARE  
**979-270-1909** 2628 Hwy 365

**TRIPLE T REFRIGERATION INC**  
 TACLA013518C  
**979-830-0602**

**HOME KILLED MEATS AND FRESH COUNTRY SAUSAGE**  
**Dan's Meat Market**  
 Luis & Imelda Salgado  
  
 1003 S. Austin St. • **979-836-2212**

★ **REMMERT REAL ESTATE, LLC.**  
 ELLEN REMMERT  
 BROKER, GRI, PARISHIONER  
[www.har.com/EllenRemmert](http://www.har.com/EllenRemmert)  
 C: **979-472-0651** • [ELREMMERT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ELREMMERT@GMAIL.COM)

★ **KOUNTRY BOYS SAUSAGE**  
 "Go ahead, taste perfection"  
 Brian Bender  
 Owner, Sales Manager  
[www.kountryboys.com](http://www.kountryboys.com)  
**979-830-0660 / 888-839-0660**

**TSO Texas State Optical**  
 Exams • Glasses • Sunglasses • Contact Lenses  
 Brandon Guillory, OD • Parishioner  
[www.brenhamtso.com](http://www.brenhamtso.com)  
 2654 Hwy. 36 S. @ Hwy. 290 **836-1077**

**BVA Brenham Veterinary Hospital**  
 LEE PANKO, DVM, Parishioner  
**836-2472**  
 2455 Hwy. 290 W. • [brenhamvethospital.com](http://brenhamvethospital.com)

★ **KOHRING MONUMENT CO.**  
 "Locally Owned Since 1950"  
 Monuments • Cradles • Lettering • Vaults • Pre-need • Slabs  
 Curbing • Superior Quality • Custom Computer Designs  
 Jerry & Doris Kohring • James Kwiatkowski  
 703 W. Mansfield **836-3244**  
[www.kohringmonument.com](http://www.kohringmonument.com)

★ **Kathy Pardue LPC**  
 Licensed Professional Counselor  
 Individual, Marriage, & Adolescent Counseling  
 call/text 713.501.0663  
[info@KathyPardueLPC.com](mailto:info@KathyPardueLPC.com)  
 105 East Main St., #207 • Brenham, TX 77833  
[www.kathyparduelpc.com](http://www.kathyparduelpc.com)

**WILDE ENGRAVING**  
 Personalized Gifts & Trophies  
 Pam & David Wilde, Parishioners  
**979-277-2734 / 979-251-4355**  
[wildengraving@gmail.com](mailto:wildengraving@gmail.com)  
[facebook.com/wilde.engraving/](https://facebook.com/wilde.engraving/)

★ **TOTAL ROOFING & EXTERIORS**  
**Vince Yezak**  
 Parishioner  
 Roofing • Siding  
 Windows • Cutters  
**979-551-1170**

★ **Joel's Painting JPS Solutions, LLC**  
 JOEL MARTINEZ | Commercial & Residential  
 Industrial Painting, Sheetrock, Carpentry, and other services. WITH EXPERIENCE & QUALITY WORK.  
**(979) 203-3001**  
 Painting Texas Since 1996

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**  
  
 Richard Gutknecht

★ *In Loving Memory of*  
 Monica "Busha" Lucherk  
 Chester "Jaja" Lucherk  
*From the Lucherk Family*  
 LUCHERK'S SERVICES, LLC

 **Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.**


**Simply go to [www.DM.CHURCH/5173](http://www.DM.CHURCH/5173) ...or scan** 

**DISCOVERMASS**

**ADVERTISE HERE**


**Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.**

**Richard Suarez ~ 361-585-0882**  
[rsuarez@diocesan.com](mailto:rsuarez@diocesan.com)

*In Loving Memory of*  
  
**Rick Bosse**

**Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will**  
 For further information, please call the parish office.

*In Memory of Our Parents*  
**Tommy & Kay Przyborski**

*In loving memory of*  
**Mildred Ann "Demny" Krotczyk**  
 From her daughters  
 Debbie, Doris, Cindy & Sandra  
  
 March 9, 1933 - May 26, 2022

**catholicmatch**<sup>®</sup>  
Texas  
CatholicMatch.com/goTX



**Faske's Jewelry**  
Watches • Diamonds  
Repair • SINCE 1944  
Morris E. & Carroll C. Faske  
210 E. Main 836-3634

**MARLYN SCHULZ**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Estate Planning-Probate-Business Formation  
[WWW.BRENHAMSTATEPLANS.COM](http://WWW.BRENHAMSTATEPLANS.COM)  
800 FM 390 W, BRENHAM | 281-529-5176

Salinas Family Parishioners  
**BRENHAM PRODUCE CO.**  
FEED & MILL - SINCE 1931  
979-836-3523



COME HOME TO CUSTOM  
**Mercy Creek Homes**  
MCH  
MERCYCREEKHOMES.COM  
CODY & AMANDA SCHLUENS  
OWNERS & PARISHIONERS  
CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS  
979.353.0009



**EWTN.COM/RADIO**  
**EWTN** | Global Catholic Radio  
TUNE IN



**Knights of Columbus**<sup>®</sup>  
Scan to join on-line or call Don Jensen, Grand Knight  
832-851-3434



Parishioner Lic # TACLBI27691E  
**TRIANGLE AIR & HEATING**  
TriangleAirandHeat.com  
2906 HANDLEY ST. 830-0274



**BUSH'S CHICKEN!**  
Catering & Fund Raising Opportunities Available  
979-836-1804  
2749 Hwy 36 S., Brenham  
bushsbrenham@gmail.com



FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1968  
**CHAPPELL HILL SAUSAGE COMPANY**  
★★★★★  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-4pm  
[www.CHSausage.com](http://www.CHSausage.com)  
4255 Sausage Ln., Chappell Hill 979-836-5830



**PHILLIPS PAINTING CO.**  
Industrial, Commercial & Residential  
Kenneth & Lete Phillips 836-9027



**Brian C. Gutierrez**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Law  
Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
979.823.5555 | [brian@gutierrez-law.com](mailto:brian@gutierrez-law.com)  
318 N Bryan Ave. | Bryan, TX 77803



Bus Truck Car DWI  
Rear-end Semi-truck Motorcycle Uber/Lyft Hit-and-Run Side Impact Distracted driving

X P J S F G U I N HG V RS W

**KENJURA TILE, INC.**  
Ceramic • Sheet Vinyl  
Carpet • V.C. Tile • Quarry Tile  
Rick Kenjura & Sharon Williams, Parishioners  
1004 N. Park • 836-5563

**FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
Jay C. Schroeder LUTCF, FSS  
979-421-2877  
Auto • Home • Life  
[jschroeder@txfb-ins.com](mailto:jschroeder@txfb-ins.com)



**ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC**  
M, W & Th 9-5, F 9-Noon  
Master Tam Thai MCA, Acupuncturist  
979-830-9111  
[www.brenhamacupuncture.com](http://www.brenhamacupuncture.com)  
Bluebonnet Ctr., 2618 Hwy. 36 S



**#ThankYouForYourPriesthood**



**Fayetteville Propane Co., Inc.**  
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED Since 1955  
And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and unto men.  
Colossians 3:23  
1620 Hwy. 290 W. • Brenham 836-7044  
1424 St. Hwy. 159 E. • Fayetteville 800-549-2213



**SECURE COMMERCIAL FUNDING**  
Creative Mortgage Solutions for Commercial & Investment Properties  
• Refinance • Professional / commercial  
• Fix and Flip • Storage / RV Park  
• Airbnb • Retail  
• New Construction • Many Others  
[securecommercial.loans](http://securecommercial.loans) 301 E. Main Street "B"  
(979) 557-2772 Brenham, Texas 77833



**WASHINGTON ANIMAL CLINIC, PLLC**  
Peter J. Wunderlich, DVM  
Large & Small Animals / Medicine & Surgery  
[www.washingtonanimalclinic.com](http://www.washingtonanimalclinic.com)  
Parishioner 836-4531



**BLUE JAY EXPRESS**  
DIL CHANGE AND INSPECTION  
"FAST & Nice" - RUTH L. ★★★★★  
• Conventional  
• Full synthetic  
• Diesel  
• Fuel Filters Replacement  
• Ask about fleet discounts!  
• We do oil Changes on luxury cars  
979-421-8281  
1000 HWY 105 - BRENHAM, TX