



# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77833

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(979) 836-4441

## MASS TIMES

Tuesday	12:15 pm
Wednesday	12:15 pm
Thursday	12:15 pm
Friday	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	
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

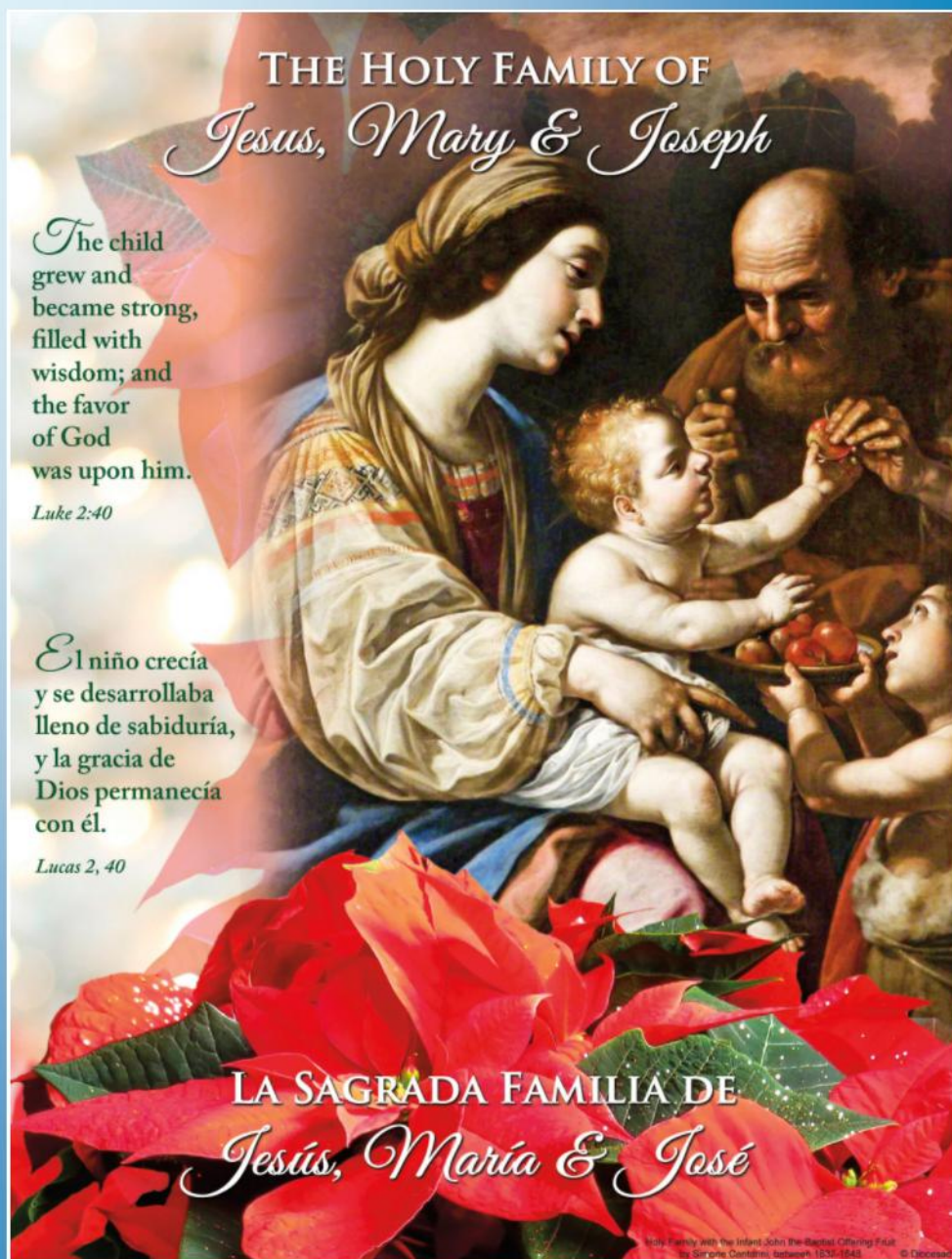
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier

## OFFICE HOURS

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

Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:

(979) 451-9824



The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.

Luke 2:40

El niño crecía  
y se desarrollaba  
lleno de sabiduría,  
y la gracia de  
Dios permanecía  
con él.

Lucas 2, 40

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE  
Jesús, María & José

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways  
Dichosos los que temen al Señor y siguen sus caminos

Psalm 128

Salmo 128

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

December 31, 2024—January 5, 2025

#### Tuesday/martes—December 31, 12:15pm

† Theodore Sr. & Gale Kwiatkowski  
 † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)  
 † Clara Wesneski (sent off)  
 † Johnny Esparza (sent off)

#### Wednesday/miercoles—January 1, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

##### 7:00 am—English Mass

† Don & Joan Bolin

##### 12:15 pm—English Mass

Pro Populo  
 † Nancy Manfre (sent off)

##### 5:30 pm—English Mass

St. Mary's Parish

##### 7:00pm—Spanish Mass

† Agustina Herrera Carrillo

#### Thursday/jueves - January 2, 12:15pm

† Max & Janie Majewski

#### Friday/Viernes - January 3, 5:30pm

† Rick & Ron Ralya

#### Saturday/sábado—January 4, 5:00 pm

Pro Populo

#### 7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

#### Sunday/Domingo – January 5, 8:00 am.

† June Sparks Clark

#### 10:30 a.m.

Healing of Leon Hernandez

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

† Isidro Martinez Valdez

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

Special Intention

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.*



### **Mandatory Reporting of Abuse**

Texas State law **requires** any adult citizen to report suspicions of abuse and-or neglect to the police or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. If church personnel are involved, also notify the church and/or use the Notice of Concern so the appropriate steps can be taken to protect and to heal.

**Child Protective Services (CPS)** [txacusehotline.org](http://txacusehotline.org) or  
**1-800-252-5400**

**Diocese of Austin** [austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or  
**(512) 949-2447**

### **Reporte Obligatorio de Abuso**

La ley del estado de Texas requiere que cualquier ciudadano adulto informe sobre sospechas de abuso y/o negligencia a la policía o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de protección de Texas.

Si el personal de la Iglesia esta involucrado, también notifique a la iglesia y/o use el Aviso de Preocupación para que se puedan tomar los pasos correspondientes para proteger y sanar.

**Servicios de Protección Infantil (CPS)** [txacusehotline.org](http://txacusehotline.org) or  
**1-800-252-5400**

**Diócesis de Austin** [austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://austindiocese.org/report-abuse) or  
**(512) 949-2447**



## Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy family Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## Calendar

### January 2025



**Holy Hour for Vocations**



**Liturgical Ministries Retreat**



**Vocations Fair**

**January 2, 2025**

Holy Hour for Vocations

**January 11, 2025**

Liturgical Ministries Retreat

**January 29, 2025**

Vocations Fair

## This week on St. Mary's campus. December 30, 2024 thru January 5, 2025

### 12/30 Monday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose Community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
 7:00pm Seguidoras de Jesus Community Meeting, RE Room 103  
 7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102  
 7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep Classes, RE AV Room  
 7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

### 12/31 Tuesday

11:45am Confessions, Church  
 12:15pm Mass, Church  
 6:00pm Choir Practice, Church  
 7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

### 01/01 Wednesday

7:00am English New Year's Day Mass, Church  
 12:15pm English New Year's Day Mass, Church  
 5:30pm English New Year's Day Mass, Church  
 7:00pm Spanish New Year's Day Mass

### 01/02 Thursday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 10:00am Staff Meeting, Office Meeting Room  
 11:45am Confessions, Church  
 12:15pm Mass, Church  
 6:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations, Church  
 6:00pm RCIA, CR Room 202

### 01/03 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
 5:00pm Confessions, Church  
 5:30pm Mass, Church

### 01/04 Saturday

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

### 01/05 Sunday

7:00am Blood Drive, PAC  
 8:00am English Mass, Church  
 10:30am English Mass, Church  
 10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106  
 12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
 2:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow up, RE Av Room  
 3:00pm PCCW Christmas Party, KofC Hall  
 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. Edwing
	10:30am Fr. Everardo
	12:30pm Fr. Everardo
	4:00pm Fr. Everardo



### **The Meaning of the Holy Family**

The Holy Family, consisting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, teaches us that a sacred family is not one without problems but one that knows how to face them with love, unity, and trust. The Gospel passage in which Jesus is lost and later found in the temple illustrates that even in the best families, challenges arise. What matters most is not the absence of difficulties but the way they are addressed together. This experience lived by Joseph and Mary highlights the importance of cooperation and family dialogue in resolving problems.

### **Difference Between a House and a Home**

A house and a home are not the same. A house is built with walls and foundations, but a home is built with relationships, love, and trust. The house protects us from rain, wind, and cold, while the home protects us from loneliness, fear, and anguish. The essential difference lies in the fact that the house is a physical space, while the home is an emotional and spiritual space. In a true home, the wounds of the soul are healed, and trust and love are cultivated.

### **The Need for Family in Human Life**

Unlike animals, which quickly become self-sufficient after birth, humans need their family for extended periods, often throughout their entire lives. Animals, like foals, can walk within hours of being born, but humans require years of care and guidance. The family serves as a fundamental reference point for human development, offering love, security, and emotional support. Disconnecting from family or losing a connection with them makes a person vulnerable to the challenges of the outside world.

### **The Importance of Love and Trust in the Family**

Love and trust are the essential pillars of a sacred family. Trust enables sincere communication and the resolution

of conflicts, while love strengthens family bonds and provides emotional security. A home without love and trust is fragile, like a poorly constructed house that can collapse with the first gust of wind. The example of the Holy Family shows how the trust between Joseph, Mary, and Jesus allowed them to overcome difficult moments together.

### **The Presence of God in the Family**

What makes a family sacred is not the possession of material wealth or the absence of conflict but the presence of God in its midst. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus placed their trust in divine providence and lived in unity. The presence of God in a family is manifested through mutual love, forgiveness, understanding, and peace. When God dwells within a family, its members are strengthened to face adversity with faith and hope.

### **Keys to Building a Sacred Family**

Building a sacred family does not require luxury or material wealth but rather love, trust, patience, and perseverance. Problems and crises will inevitably arise, but a united family will be able to overcome them. This reflection calls on each family member to ask themselves what they are doing to build a family rooted in love and the presence of God. It is not about having a luxurious house but about building a solid home filled with love and trust. This Christmas, the example of the Holy Family encourages us to strengthen our relationships with loved ones and to live in the presence of God within our families.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



# Sagrada Familia

## **El Significado de la Sagrada Familia**

La Sagrada Familia, compuesta por Jesús, María y José, nos enseña que una familia sagrada no es aquella libre de problemas, sino aquella que sabe enfrentarlos con amor, unidad y confianza. El pasaje del Evangelio en que Jesús se pierde y es encontrado en el templo ilustra que, incluso en las mejores familias, se presentan dificultades. Lo esencial no es la ausencia de conflictos, sino la forma en que se enfrentan juntos. Esta experiencia vivida por José y María nos enseña la importancia de la cooperación y el diálogo familiar para resolver los problemas.

## **Diferencia entre Casa y Hogar**

La casa y el hogar no son lo mismo. La casa se construye con paredes y cimientos, pero el hogar se construye con relaciones, amor y confianza. La casa nos protege de la lluvia, el viento y el frío, mientras que el hogar nos protege de la soledad, el miedo y la angustia. La diferencia esencial radica en que la casa es un espacio físico y el hogar es un espacio emocional y espiritual. En un hogar verdadero se sanan las heridas del alma y se cultivan la confianza y el amor.

## **La Necesidad de la Familia en la Vida Humana**

A diferencia de los animales, que rápidamente se vuelven autosuficientes tras su nacimiento, el ser humano necesita de la familia por largos períodos de tiempo, e incluso durante toda su vida. Los animales, como los potrillos, nacen con la capacidad de caminar en pocas horas, mientras que los humanos requieren años de cuidado y guía. La familia es la referencia fundamental para el desarrollo del ser humano, ya que proporciona amor, seguridad y apoyo emocional. Separarse de la familia o perder la conexión con ella nos hace vulnerables ante el mundo exterior.

## **La Importancia del Amor y la Confianza en la Familia**

El amor y la confianza son los pilares esenciales de una

familia sagrada. La confianza permite la comunicación sincera y la resolución de los problemas, mientras que el amor fortalece los lazos familiares y proporciona seguridad emocional. Un hogar sin amor ni confianza es frágil, como una casa mal construida que puede derrumbarse con el primer soplo de viento. El ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia muestra cómo la confianza entre José, María y Jesús les permitió superar sus momentos de dificultad.

## **La Presencia de Dios en la Familia**

Lo que convierte a una familia en sagrada no es la posesión de bienes materiales, ni la ausencia de conflictos, sino la presencia de Dios en medio de ella. José, María y Jesús confiaron en la providencia divina y vivieron en unidad. La presencia de Dios en una familia se manifiesta en el amor mutuo, el perdón, la comprensión y la paz. Cuando Dios habita en una familia, sus miembros se sienten fortalecidos para enfrentar las adversidades con fe y esperanza.

## **Claves para Construir una Familia Sagrada**

Para construir una familia sagrada no se necesitan lujos ni bienes materiales, sino amor, confianza, paciencia y perseverancia. Los problemas y las crisis vendrán inevitablemente, pero una familia unida será capaz de superarlos. La reflexión invita a cada miembro de la familia a preguntarse qué está haciendo para construir una familia basada en el amor y la presencia de Dios. No se trata de tener una casa lujosa, sino un hogar sólido, lleno de amor y confianza. En esta Navidad, el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia nos anima a fortalecer la relación con nuestros seres queridos y a vivir la presencia de Dios en nuestras familias.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*

# Liturgical Ministries Retreat

January 11, 2025 in the PAC

9:00am-2:00pm



- We will refresh our knowledge on the value of the Mass.
- We will gain a better understanding of the service we provide.
- We will review the liturgical norms and the new implementations for our parish.
- If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, your attendance is of utmost importance.

If you are not part of the liturgical team but would like to attend or serve during the Sunday or daily Mass, this is your best opportunity to get involved.

Please call the office to register.

# BLOOD DRIVE

## St. Mary's Catholic Church - Brenham

**Sunday, January 5**  
**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Parish Activity Center**

Contact Larry Alexander (281) 948-9117  
(l.alexander1955@gmail.com)  
sponsor code: 2592

PROMOTION: HOODIES!!

CLAIM YOURS HERE:



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Mía, blood recipient



**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



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Go to <https://cflxpress.giveblood.org/> and complete the same day as your appointment.

## BAPTISMS

All forms and required paperwork should be turned in a week before the baptism.

Application can be picked up at Parish office or downloaded from our website.

Baptismal classes are offered monthly.

Please contact the Parish office to register or for more information.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish office at least six months prior to desired date.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish office.

## QUINCEANERAS

Please contact the Parish office at least 4 months prior to desired date.

Have the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and be enrolled in the Confirmation program.



## BAUTISMOS

Todos los formularios y los documentos requerido deben entregarse una semana antes del bautismo.

La solicitud puede recogerse en la oficina parroquial o descargarse de nuestro sitio web.

Las platicas bautismales son ofrecidas mensualmente.

Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para registrarse o para más información.

## MATRIMONIO

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.

## UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS/COMUNIÓN A LOS ENFERMOS

Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial

## QUINCEAÑERAS

Contacte a la oficina Parroquial al menos 4 meses antes de la fecha deseada. Tener los

Sacramentos de Bautizo, Primera Comunion y estar inscrita en el programa de Confirmacion.

### **Marriage Recognition Certificates Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women and signed by Bishop Vásquez**

Marriage recognition certificates are available for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between February 14, 2024 and February 14, 2025. If you have been married 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 years or more, please call the Church office and give us your names, the date of your marriage, and your phone number and email. The deadline to turn this is January 24th, 2024.

### **Certificados de Reconocimiento para Matrimonios Patrocinados por el Consejo de Mujeres Católicas y firmados por el Obispo Joe Vásquez**

Los certificados de reconocimiento de matrimonio están disponibles para las parejas que celebran aniversarios de bodas entre el 14 de febrero de 2024 y el 14 de febrero de 2025. Si ha estado casado 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 años o más, por favor llame a la oficina de la Iglesia y dénos sus nombres, la fecha de su matrimonio y su número de Teléfono y correo electrónico.

La fecha límite para llamar es el 24 de Enero del 2024.



### **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**

**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.***



*Preparación Pre-Matrimonial*

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.



Religious Education Christmas Holiday has begun.

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 8 and Sunday, January 12.

Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

*Las vacaciones de Navidad de han comenzado.*

*Las clases se reanudarán el miércoles 8 de enero y el domingo 12 de enero.*

*¡Que tengan una feliz y segura Navidad!*



**NEXT AVAILABLE BAPTISMS/ SIGUIENTES BAUTIZOS DISPONIBLES**

January 4 - English—10:00 a.m.

4 de Enero - Español—11:00 a.m.

**Next available class/ Siguiete clase disponible**

Tuesday, January 21- English 6:30 p.m.

Jueves, 16 de Enero - 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







## Oración a la Sagrada Familia

Jesús, María y José, en vosotros contemplamos el esplendor del verdadero amor; a vosotros nos dirigimos con confianza.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que también nuestras familias sean lugares de comunión y oración, auténticas escuelas del Evangelio y pequeñas iglesias domésticas.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, que las familias no vuelvan a experimentar violencia, rechazo y división; que todos los que han sido heridos o escandalizados encuentren pronto consuelo y sanación.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que recordemos una vez más la sacralidad e inviolabilidad de la familia, y su belleza en el plan de Dios. Jesús, María y José, escuchad benignamente nuestra oración.

Amén

(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)

### Parishioner Registration

Welcome to St. Mary's.

We are so happy that you have chosen St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish as your faith community and spiritual home.

To become a registered parishioner, please complete a registration form on our website or in person in the

Parish Office. Please inform the parish office of any changes to your contact information.



### *Registro de feligreses*

*Bienvenido a St. Mary's.*

*Estamos muy contentos de que haya elegido la Parroquia de Santa María Inmaculada Concepción como su comunidad de fe y hogar espiritual. Para convertirse en un feligrés registrado, complete un formulario de registro en nuestro sitio web o en persona en la oficina parroquial. Informe a la oficina parroquial de cualquier cambio en su información de contacto.*



### **Pastoral Council**

If you have any comments, questions or concerns that you would like the Pastoral Council to go over during our monthly meetings, please send them to our email

[pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)

We will be monitoring the email constantly!

### **Consejo Pastoral**

*Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupación que le gustaría que se comentara en nuestras reuniones mensuales del consejo pastoral por favor mándelas a nuestro correo electrónico*

[Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org](mailto:Pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org)

*Estaremos checando el correo constantemente*



Adult Formation. Starting Jan. 9.

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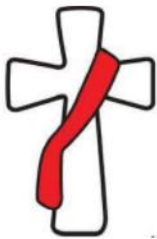
### **AN INVITATION TO ACTS**

DVD by Dr. John Bergsma,  
St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Join Bella Brigata, St. Catherine of Siena's "beautiful brigade"

Thursdays, PAC, 10-11:30, for coffee & conversation





## DEACON'S CORNER

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; a family faithful to God and a model for our families.

Sometimes we might have difficulty relating to the Holy Family. Sometimes they might seem almost unreachable. Which of our families have a perfect son, a sinless wife and mother and a saint for a husband! Sometimes our family life is difficult. We have the everyday duties of cooking, cleaning, working, paying bills, fatigue. We have disappointments: sickness, the death of a loved one, or unemployment, or financial loss. We experience human weakness and sin. Still the Church puts the Holy Family forward as the prototype and example for all Christian families. Why? What can we learn from them? How can their lives relate to ours? Well the Holy Family did not have it easy either; their trip to Jerusalem while Mary was pregnant and giving birth in a stable, the escape to Egypt to escape Herod who was trying to kill Jesus, losing Jesus for three days, the death of St. Joseph making Mary a widow. Finally, Mary witnessing the torture and death of her Son. In spite of this they persevered in faith with God's grace. They carried out God's plan even when they did not fully understand it.....and so can we... But we need God's help to do it. The Holy Spirit acted powerfully in their lives. God offers that same Holy Spirit to us to strengthen us in this life if we submit in faith and trust to him. Holy families can change the world. Pope John Paul II wrote that the future of humanity passes by way of the family (FC 86). They contribute to the development of society and share in the mission of the Church. They have high calling, and a lofty vocation. May it be so.

**Deacon John**

### RINCON DEL DIACONO

*Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José; una familia fiel a Dios y un modelo para nuestras familias.*

*A veces podemos tener dificultad para relacionarnos con la Sagrada Familia. A veces pueden parecer casi inalcanzables. ¿Cuál de nuestras familias tiene un hijo perfecto, una esposa y madre sin pecado y un santo como esposo? A veces nuestra vida familiar es difícil. Tenemos los deberes diarios de cocinar, limpiar, trabajar, pagar las cuentas, la fatiga. Tenemos desilusiones: enfermedad, la muerte de un ser querido, o desempleo, o pérdida financiera. Experimentamos debilidad humana y pecado. Aún así, la Iglesia presenta a la Sagrada Familia como el prototipo y ejemplo para todas las familias cristianas. ¿Por qué? ¿Qué podemos aprender de ellos? ¿Cómo se pueden relacionar sus vidas con las nuestras? Bueno, la Sagrada Familia tampoco lo tuvo fácil: su viaje a Jerusalén mientras María estaba embarazada y dio a luz en un establo, la huida a Egipto para escapar de Herodes que estaba tratando de matar a Jesús, la pérdida de Jesús durante tres días, la muerte de San José que dejó viuda a María. Finalmente, María fue testigo de la tortura y muerte de su Hijo. A pesar de esto, perseveraron en la fe con la gracia de Dios. Llevaron a cabo el plan de Dios incluso cuando no lo comprendían plenamente... y nosotros también podemos hacerlo... Pero necesitamos la ayuda de Dios para hacerlo. El Espíritu Santo actuó poderosamente en sus vidas. Dios nos ofrece ese mismo Espíritu Santo para fortalecernos en esta vida si nos sometemos a él con fe y confianza. Las familias santas pueden cambiar el mundo. El Papa Juan Pablo II escribió que el futuro de la humanidad pasa por la familia (FC 86). Ellas contribuyen al desarrollo de la sociedad y comparten la misión de la Iglesia. Tienen una alta vocación y un alto llamado. Que así sea.*

**Diacono John**



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