



# 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
<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

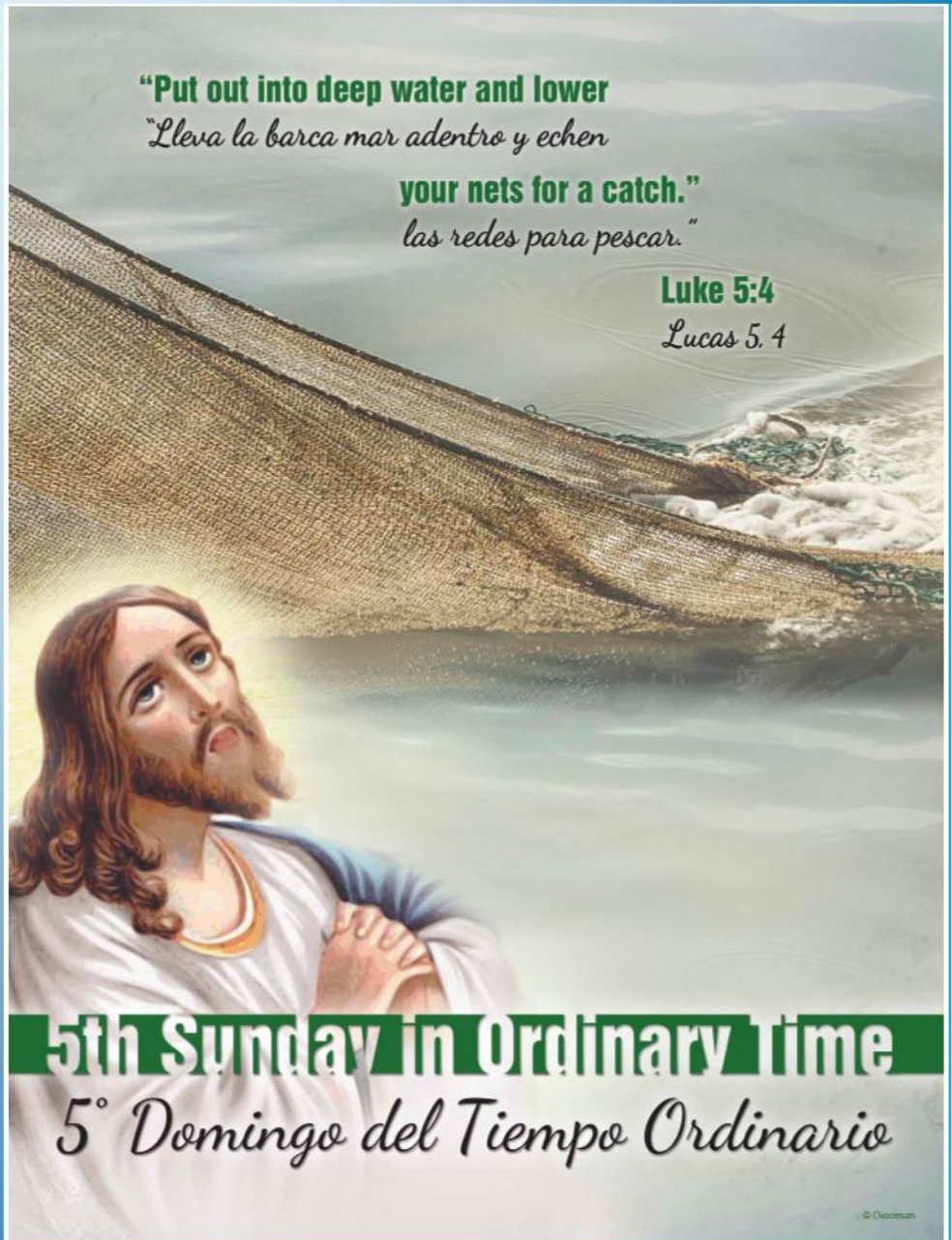
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Steve Medina  
Deacon Allen Prescott  
Deacon John Pelletier

## OFFICE HOURS

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

Emergencies after office hours phone  
number:

(979) 451-9824



**"Put out into deep water and lower**

*"Lleva la barca mar adentro y echen*

**your nets for a catch."**

*las redes para pescar."*

**Luke 5:4**

*Lucas 5.4*

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*5° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario*

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*  
*Delante de los Angeles cantare por ti Señor.*

*Psalm 138*

*Salmo 138*

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES**  
February 11—February 16, 2025

**Tuesday/martes—February 11, 12:15pm**

† David & Annie Leibham  
† Raymond & Evelyn Nowak (sent off)

**Wednesday/miercoles—February 12, 12:15pm**

† Nancy Manfre  
† Eleanor Howard, Vita & Don Steen (sent off)  
† Patricia Hajek (sent off)

**Thursday/jueves - January 13, 12:15pm**

† Ray & Joan McAllister  
† Tammy Brauner (sent off)  
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

**Friday/Viernes - January 14, 5:30pm**

† Victor & Louise Joswiak  
† Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski (sent off)

**Saturday/sábado—January 15, 5:00 pm**

† Claudia Bronikowski  
† Patricia Hajek (sent off)

**7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish**

Madre Maria Elva Reyes en su cumpleaños

**Sunday/Domingo – January 16, 8:00 am.**

Pro Populo

**10:30 a.m.**

Jacki Fries on her birthday

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

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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

Well-being of Sister Kathleen Skog

**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)*

**February 1-2**

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

Weekend collection .....\$19,635.75

Purple bag collection .....\$3,743.20

*Congratulations to the newest member of the Body of Christ / Felicidades a los nuevos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo*



*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*

Leilani Zepeda  
Hazel Francisco Mata  
Rosalia Mercedes Alcala  
Fabian Eric Ortiz

Whom received the sacrament of Baptism on February 1, 2025

*Quienes recibieron el Sacramento del Bautismo el día 1ro de Febrero del 2024*

We also congratulate their parents and godparents.

*Tambien felicitamos a sus padres y padrinos.*



*Altar Flowers are:*

*For World Marriage Day.*

*Donated by Deacon Al & Sandy Prescott*



*Las Flores del Altar son:*

*Por el día mundial del matrimonio*

*Donadas por el Diacono Al & Sandy Prescott*

**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.**

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### February 2025



**Cena/Conferencia para Matrimonios**

### March 2025



**Women's Lenten Program**



**Knights of Columbus 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat**

**February 22, 2025**

Cena/Conferencia para Matrimonios

**March 1, 2025**

Women's Lenten Program

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Knights of Columbus 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**March 22, 2025**

Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat

## This week on St. Mary's campus. February 10 thru February 16, 2025

**02/10 Monday**

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
 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, RE AV Room

**02/11 Tuesday**

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 11:00am Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room  
 11:45am Confessions, Church  
 12:15pm Mass, Church  
 1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
 5:00pm WCJ Volleyball, PAC Gym  
 6:00pm Choir Practice, Church  
 7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

**02/12 Wednesday**

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 11:45am Confessions, Church  
 12:15pm Mass, Church  
 1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Field  
 4:15pm Religious Education, All Campus  
 5:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
 5:30pm Choir, Church  
 7:00pm Spanish Choir, Church

**02/13 Thursday**

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym  
 10:00am Bella Brigata, PAC Small Meeting Room  
 11:45am Confessions, Church  
 12:15pm Mass, Church  
 1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym  
 5:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym  
 6:00pm RCIA, CR Room 202  
 7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

**02/14 Friday**

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
 5:00pm Confessions, Church  
 5:30pm Mass, Church  
 6:15pm Wedding Rehearsal, Church

**02/15 Saturday**

6:00 am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church  
 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

**02/16 Sunday**

7:00am Marriage Recognition Luncheon, KofC Hall  
 8:00am English Mass, Church  
 9:15am Religious Education, All Campus  
 10:30am English Mass, Church  
 10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106  
 12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
 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



# Trusting in God's Word and Venturing into the Deep

## **The Richness of the Gospel**

Today, as I meditated on the Gospel, numerous thoughts came to mind. I usually prefer to focus on a single theme to make the message easier to remember and apply in daily life. However, on this occasion, every verse, every action captured my attention in a unique way. It was impossible to choose just one point to share. Therefore, I invite you to reflect on the various aspects we will discuss and select the one that resonates most deeply in your heart.

## **Jesus, Always Near**

The Gospel portrays Jesus standing at the shore of the lake, surrounded by people eager to hear His word. This image leads me to reflect on how, although we know that Jesus dwells within us, we sometimes fail to recognize His presence. He is always there, at the edge of our lives, waiting for us to grant Him a deeper place in our hearts. It is not enough to have Him near; we must invite Him in and allow Him to take the central place in our existence.

## **Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus**

The passage describes how the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. This detail reminds me of the importance of purifying our hearts so that Jesus may dwell within them. If we desire God's presence in our lives, we must create space by removing whatever may obstruct Him—our worries, fears, and distractions. A heart weighed down by burdens prevents God's grace from working fully within us.

## **Distancing Ourselves from Earthly Concerns to Listen to God**

Jesus asked Peter to push the boat a little further from

the shore so that He could teach. This action reminds me that to truly understand God's word, we must momentarily distance ourselves from our earthly concerns. Amidst the noise of daily life, we need to set aside moments for prayer and silence, allowing us to hear what God wants to tell us. If we fail to step away from the distractions of the world, His voice will be lost among many others.

## **The Challenge of Trusting**

After teaching, Jesus challenged Peter to venture into the deep and cast his nets, despite having worked all night without success. Peter could have doubted, but instead, he placed his trust in Jesus' word and obeyed. His faith was rewarded with a miraculous catch. This teaches us that even when we feel exhausted or have experienced failure, trusting in God and persevering in His word will always yield abundant blessings in our lives.

## **Leaving Everything Behind to Follow Him**

When Peter witnessed the miracle, he recognized his own unworthiness before the greatness of Jesus and fell at His feet. However, Jesus did not reject him; instead, He gave him a new mission—to become a fisher of men. This calling reminds us that God has greater plans for us than we can ever imagine. We are not merely here to survive but to fulfill a deeper purpose. If we trust in His word and dare to venture into the deep, we will experience the abundance of His love and the fulfillment of His divine purpose in our lives.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*

# Confiar en la Palabra de Dios y Remar Mar Adentro



## La Riqueza del Evangelio

Hoy, mientras meditaba el Evangelio, me vinieron a la mente muchas ideas. Normalmente prefiero centrarme en un solo tema para que el mensaje sea más fácil de recordar y aplicar en la vida diaria. Sin embargo, en esta ocasión, cada versículo, cada acción captó mi atención de una manera especial. Era imposible decidirme por un solo punto para compartir. Por ello, te invito a que, aunque reflexionemos sobre varios aspectos, elijas aquel que más resuene en tu corazón.

## Jesús, Siempre Cercano

El Evangelio nos muestra a Jesús a la orilla del lago, rodeado de personas que anhelaban escuchar su palabra. Esta imagen me lleva a reflexionar que, aunque sabemos que Jesús habita en nuestro interior, a veces no nos damos cuenta de su cercanía. Él está ahí, a la orilla de nuestra vida, esperando que le demos un lugar más profundo en nuestro corazón. No basta con tenerlo cerca; debemos invitarlo a entrar y ocupar el centro de nuestra existencia.

## Preparar Nuestro Corazón para Jesús

En la escena, los pescadores habían desembarcado y estaban lavando sus redes. Este detalle me hizo pensar en la importancia de limpiar nuestro corazón para que Jesús pueda habitar en él. Si queremos que Dios entre en nuestra vida, debemos hacer espacio, despojarnos de todo aquello que lo obstaculiza: preocupaciones, miedos y distracciones. Un corazón lleno de cargas impide que la gracia de Dios obre en plenitud.

## Alejarnos de la Tierra para Escuchar a Dios

Jesús pidió a Pedro que alejara un poco la barca de la

orilla para poder enseñar. Esta acción me recuerda que, para comprender verdaderamente la palabra de Dios, debemos apartarnos por un momento de las preocupaciones terrenales. En medio del ruido de la vida diaria, necesitamos reservar momentos de oración y silencio para escuchar lo que Dios quiere decirnos. Si no nos alejamos de la distracción del mundo, su voz se perderá entre tantas otras.

## El Reto de Confiar

Después de enseñar, Jesús desafió a Pedro a remar mar adentro y lanzar las redes, a pesar de que habían trabajado toda la noche sin éxito. Pedro pudo haber dudado, pero confió en la palabra de Jesús y obedeció. Su fe fue recompensada con una pesca milagrosa. Esto nos enseña que, aunque sintamos cansancio o hayamos fracasado en nuestros intentos, confiar en Dios y perseverar en su palabra traerá frutos abundantes en nuestra vida.

## Dejar Todo para Seguirlo

Cuando Pedro vio el milagro, reconoció su pequeñez ante la grandeza de Jesús y cayó a sus pies. Pero Jesús no lo rechazó; al contrario, le dio una nueva misión: ser pescador de hombres. Este llamado nos recuerda que Dios tiene planes más grandes para nosotros de los que podemos imaginar. No estamos aquí solo para sobrevivir, sino para algo más profundo. Si confiamos en su palabra y nos atrevemos a remar mar adentro, experimentaremos la abundancia de su amor y su propósito en nuestra vida.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*



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January 24, 2025

To the People of God in Texas,

The bishops of Texas will continue to work with governmental officials and other people of good will to implement policies that recognize the dignity of every person, prioritize family unity, and address the root causes of forced migration, while respecting the right and responsibility of our country to secure its borders, regulate immigration in an orderly process, maintain the rule of law, and keep its communities safe and peaceful.

In exercising the basic human right of religious liberty, all Catholics, regardless of national origin or citizenship status, have a right to gather for the celebration of Mass and to receive the Sacraments without harassment or intimidation. Our priests, deacons, and lay ministers are available to provide pastoral services, to offer the Sacraments, humanitarian support, and to provide spiritual graces that God desires for all his people. As the bishops of Texas, we stand in solidarity with the earlier statements issued by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#) and Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, chairman of the [USCCB's Committee on Migration](#):

“The Catholic Church is committed to defending the sanctity of every human life and the God-given dignity of each person, regardless of nationality or immigration status. Church teaching recognizes a country’s right and responsibility to promote public order, safety, and security through well-regulated borders and just limits on immigration. However, as shepherds, we cannot abide injustice, and we stress that national self-interest does not justify policies with consequences that are contrary to the moral law. The use of sweeping generalizations to denigrate any group, such as describing all undocumented immigrants as ‘criminals’ or ‘invaders,’ to deprive them of protection under the law, is an affront to God, who has created each of us in his own image. Pope Francis has stated, ‘No one will ever openly deny that [migrants] are human beings, yet in practice, by our decisions and the way we treat them, we can show that we consider them less worthy, less important, less human. For Christians, this way of thinking and acting is unacceptable.’

“While an emphasis on anti-trafficking is welcomed, several of the executive orders signed by President Trump this week are specifically intended to eviscerate humanitarian protections enshrined in federal law and undermine due process, subjecting vulnerable families and children to grave danger. The open-ended deployment of military assets to support civil immigration enforcement along the U.S.-Mexico border is especially concerning. Meanwhile, policies barring the consideration of any humanitarian claims—including those of unaccompanied

children and trafficking victims—have repeatedly failed to reduce irregular migration in a legal, sustainable, and humane manner.

“Preventing any access to asylum and other protections will only endanger those who are most vulnerable and deserving of relief, while empowering gangs and other predators to exploit them. Likewise, indefinitely halting refugee resettlement is unmerited, as it is already proven to be one of the most secure legal pathways to the United States. Even non-humanitarian legal immigration and naturalized persons are targeted by these policies in support of a so-called ‘unified American identity.’ Finally, the proposed interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment to limit birthright citizenship sets a dangerous precedent, contradicting the Supreme Court’s longstanding interpretation.

“We urge President Trump to pivot from these enforcement-only policies to just and merciful solutions, working in good faith with members of Congress to achieve meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform that furthers the common good with an effective, orderly immigration system. My brother bishops and I will support this in any way we can, while continuing to accompany our immigrant brothers and sisters in accordance with the Gospel of Life.”

As bishops of Texas, we urge pastors and lay ministers to help the immigrant community understand their rights under federal and state law, and to seek legal counsel if needed. We also encourage you to prepare prudently for emergencies and to create a family preparedness plan. The attached document has more practical information in this regard:

This year, Pope Francis is calling the Church into a Jubilee Year of Hope and, so, we pray and hope for a just and humane approach to migration in this country and around the world. May the Holy Family, who fled their homeland to protect the infant Jesus, watch over and protect each of you.

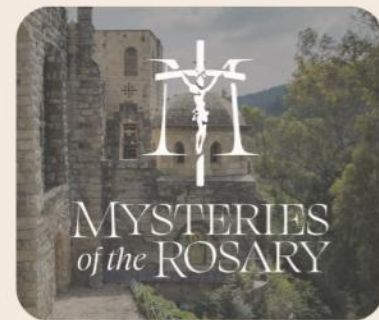


### ***Week 17 - Initiators of Life***

This is our last of three weeks with Jason Evert and definitely one you don’t want to miss. Jason takes on a difficult topic with precision, clarity, and inspiration. He will lead us one step further out of bondage and into “the light of the things of God.”

No matter where you are on your journey of faith, God wants you to be more free!

Join us this Saturday in the St. Mary’s Pac at 7:00 am and invite a friend!



### ***It's More than Just Beads***

Enhance your Lenten journey, draw closer to Christ, and discover the power of prayer. Join us as we enter into the ***Glorious Mysteries*** of the rosary this Lent. Learn, through scripture, church teaching, and personal stories, how this traditional Catholic prayer is relevant and transformative, drawing you into closer friendship with Our Lord.

### ***Mysteries of the Rosary DVD series from Paradisus Dei***

Wednesdays during Lent,  
Education Building, 10:00-11:30  
March 5 (Ash Wednesday) – April 16 (7week series)

No cost. Questions: 979-251-2363 (Bridget)



# Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Regardless of your immigration status, you have certain rights. Know your rights when you are encountering any law enforcement official or government official.

- 1) You have the right to remain silent. It is your right to refuse to speak to any law enforcement official: federal, state or local.
- 2) If you are not a U.S. citizen and an immigration agent requests your immigration papers, you must show them if you have them with you. Carry all immigration documentation with you at all times.
- 3) You have the right to ask for and review a warrant before law enforcement enters your home. An immigration-related warrant of removal does not give law enforcement the right to enter your home.
- 4) You have the right to speak with an attorney. The government is not required to provide you with an attorney, but you have the right to retain one.
- 5) You have the right not to sign anything until an attorney has reviewed the document and can explain the consequences of signing the document. If you sign the document before you understand it fully you may voluntarily give up legal rights.
- 6) If you are approached by a law enforcement officer, do not run. You have the right not to answer questions. Running may give the officer probable cause to detain or arrest you.
- 7) You have the right to contact your local consulate and request assistance when detained at an immigration detention facility.
- 8) In Texas, a passenger in a vehicle has the right not to provide identity documents unless there is probable cause to detain them, such as visible criminal activity.

## PREPARE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Prepare for emergencies by creating a family disaster plan that includes the following:

- 1) Contact information of a licensed immigration attorney, preferably a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).
- 2) If you have children who are U.S. citizens, complete an Authorization Agreement for Voluntary Adult Caregiver that allows a Texas resident to designate a family member or friend to take custody of his or her children while he or she is unavailable. Forms and instructions are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese at [texaslawhelp.org/article/authorization-for-nonparent-care-of-a-child](http://texaslawhelp.org/article/authorization-for-nonparent-care-of-a-child) and on the Texas State Department of Family and Protective Services website at [www.dfps.texas.gov/site\\_map/forms.asp](http://www.dfps.texas.gov/site_map/forms.asp).
- 3) File a Power of Attorney to designate an agent that can handle any business, property or other personal affairs in your absence. It is necessary for an attorney to file the Power of Attorney with the court.
- 4) Keep all identity and immigration documents together with the information listed above.





## Heart Health Matters: Diet and Exercise Strategies for Prevention

February is American Heart Month! Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., but a healthy lifestyle can help prevent it.

### Eat for a Healthy Heart

- Choose Healthy Foods: Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats like olive oil and nuts.
- Follow the DASH or Mediterranean Diet: These diets help lower heart disease risk. The DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet focuses on reducing sodium intake while promoting nutrient-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins.
- Limit Unhealthy Fats: Avoid trans fats and reduce saturated fats to lower cholesterol. Unhealthy fats are commonly found in fried foods, processed snacks, and fast food.
- Reduce Salt Intake: Too much salt raises blood pressure. Choose fresh foods over processed ones. Processed foods high in sodium include canned soups, deli meats, frozen meals, and salty snacks.

### ***Cuidemos Nuestro Corazón: Estrategias de Dieta y Ejercicio para la Prevención***

*Febrero es el Mes Americano del Corazón. Las enfermedades del corazón son la principal causa de muerte en EE.UU. y Latino America, pero un estilo de vida saludable puede prevenirlas.*

### ***Alimentación para un Corazón Saludable***

- *Elige alimentos saludables: Consume más frutas como aguacates, papayas, y guayabas; verduras como nopales y jitomates; granos integrales como maíz y arroz integral; y grasas saludables como aceite de oliva y aguacate.*
- *Sigue la dieta DASH o Mediterránea: Estas dietas ayudan a reducir el riesgo de enfermedades del corazón. La dieta DASH (Enfoques Dietéticos para Detener la Hipertensión) se centra en reducir la ingesta de sodio y fomentar alimentos ricos en nutrientes como frijoles, tortillas de maíz, pescado a la parrilla y ensaladas frescas.*
- *Limita las grasas no saludables: Evita las grasas trans y reduce las grasas saturadas para disminuir el colesterol. Las grasas no saludables se encuentran en alimentos fritos como chicharrones, pan dulce, tamales grasosos y comida rápida.*
- *Reduce el consumo de sal: Demasiada sal aumenta la presión arterial. Prefiere alimentos frescos en lugar de procesados. Algunos alimentos procesados con alto contenido de sodio incluyen caldos en cubo, embutidos, salsas comerciales y frituras empaquetadas.*



  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 3287

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bring Your Family and Fellow  
Parishioners as We Honor the Past  
and Embrace the Future.

**MARCH | 1ST | 6:00 PM**

Parish Activity Center (PAC)  
Dinner Provided

If you have any cherished past or present photos from the  
Knights of Columbus that you'd like to share, please send  
them to:  
[gschulze2014@gmail.com](mailto:gschulze2014@gmail.com)



Adult Formation

~ Scripture, Inspiration, Support ~

### ***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

No cost. Questions: 713.501.0663 (Kathy)



## DEACON'S CORNER

In today's readings we see how God calls ordinary human beings, weak and sometimes sinful human beings, to do extraordinary things for God's Kingdom.

By accepting God's call and relying on his grace they fulfill God's plan and do great things for God. And so can we. Isaiah, Peter and Paul when encountering God profess their unworthiness. Isaiah expects to die but God purifies Isaiah for his ministry. When Jesus tells Peter to lower his fishing nets and they miraculously catch two boats full of fish Peter like Isaiah before him realizes he has witnessed God's presence and power and it overwhelms and frightens him. Admitting his unworthiness to stand in Jesus' presence he asks Jesus to leave Him. Jesus tells him what he tells us. Don't be afraid! Peter and the other apostles then leave their nets behind and eventually embark on their ministry.

In our second reading Paul recounts his unworthiness. In spite of his persecuting Christians God's grace purifies Paul and strengthens him for his mission.

Like Isaiah, Peter and Paul and all the saints we need to understand our unworthiness to stand before God. We need to understand our need for forgiveness. In spite of our unworthiness and sin, if we acknowledge and repent of our sin God will purify us and purge us of our sin and give us His powerful grace to fill out the plan he has for us for our lives. Just as he did for Isaiah, Peter and Paul and the saints. God has a plan for our lives. We need to discern what that plan is. Jesus calls everyone to follow Him. What is God calling you to do? In what way is he telling you to put out into the deep, to trust him and to lower your nets?

**Deacon John**

### RINCON DEL DIACONO

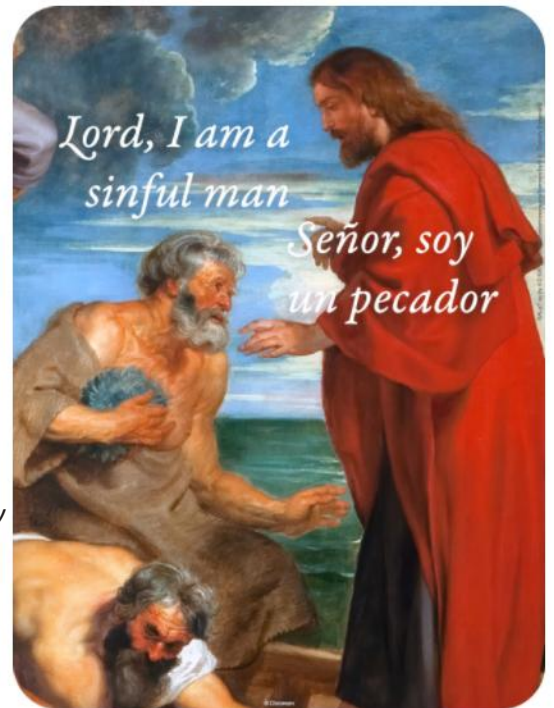
*En las lecturas de hoy vemos cómo Dios llama a seres humanos comunes, débiles y a veces pecadores, a hacer cosas extraordinarias para el Reino de Dios.*

*Al aceptar el llamado de Dios y confiar en su gracia, cumplen el plan de Dios y hacen grandes cosas para Dios. Y nosotros también podemos hacerlo. Isaías, Pedro y Pablo, cuando se encuentran con Dios, profesan su indignidad. Isaías espera morir, pero Dios lo purifica para su ministerio. Cuando Jesús le dice a Pedro que baje sus redes de pesca y milagrosamente pescan dos barcas llenas de peces, Pedro, como Isaías antes que él, se da cuenta de que ha presenciado la presencia y el poder de Dios, y eso lo abruma y lo asusta. Al admitir su indignidad de estar en la presencia de Jesús, le pide a Jesús que lo deje. Jesús le dice lo que nos dice a nosotros. ¡No tengas miedo! Pedro y los demás apóstoles luego dejan atrás sus redes y finalmente se embarcan en su ministerio.*

*En nuestra segunda lectura, Pablo relata su indignidad. A pesar de su persecución contra los cristianos, la gracia de Dios purifica a Pablo y lo fortalece para su misión.*

*Al igual que Isaías, Pedro, Pablo y todos los santos, debemos comprender nuestra indignidad para estar delante de Dios. Necesitamos comprender nuestra necesidad de perdón. A pesar de nuestra indignidad y nuestro pecado, si reconocemos nuestro pecado y nos arrepentimos de él, Dios nos purificará y nos purgará de nuestro pecado y nos dará su gracia poderosa para cumplir el plan que tiene para nuestras vidas. Tal como lo hizo con Isaías, Pedro, Pablo y los santos. Dios tiene un plan para nuestras vidas. Necesitamos discernir cuál es ese plan. Jesús llama a todos a seguirlo. ¿Qué te está llamando Dios a hacer? ¿De qué manera te está diciendo que remes mar adentro, que confíes en él y que eches tus redes?*

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