



# 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

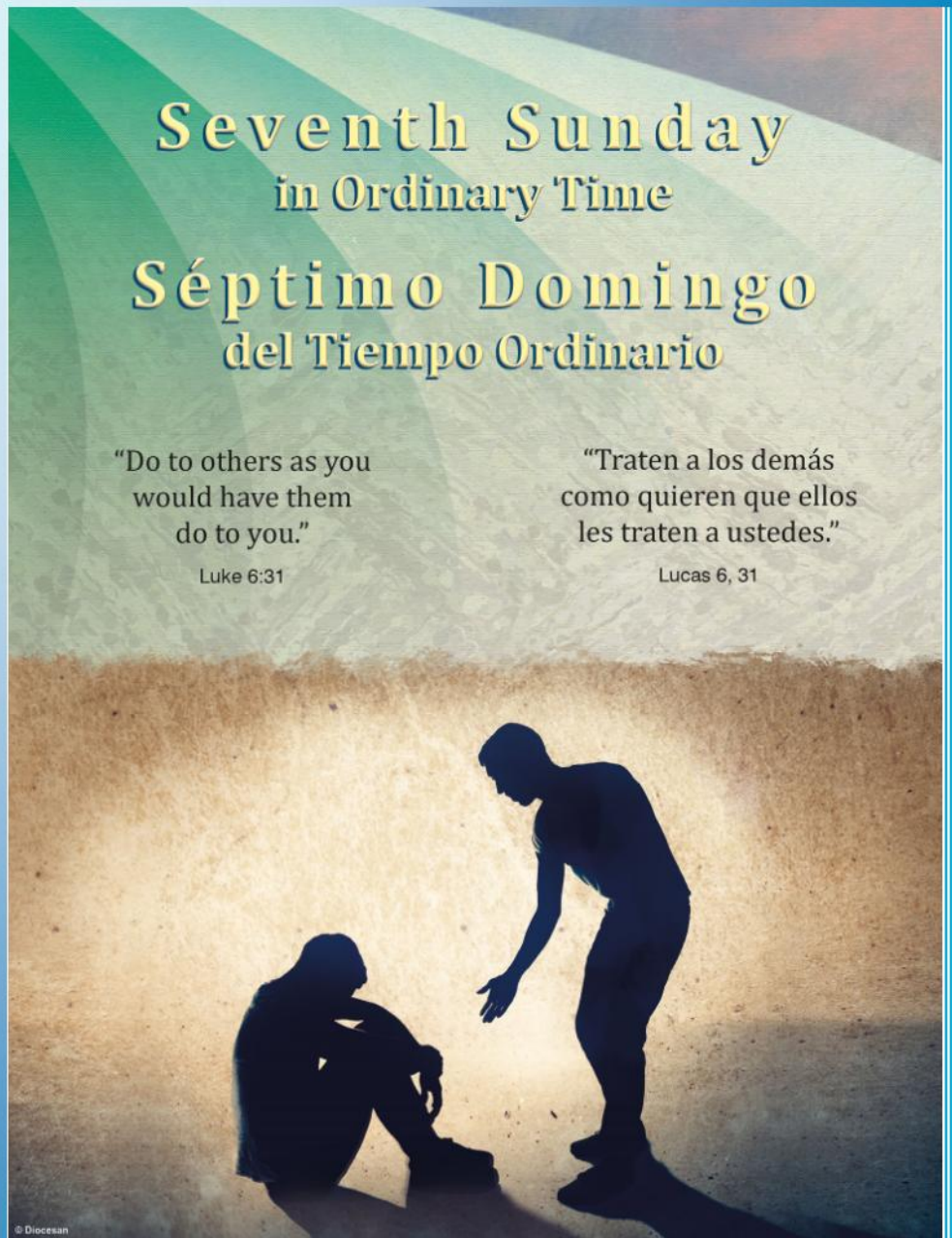
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor  
 Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar  
 Deacon Steve Medina  
 Deacon Allen Prescott  
 Deacon John Pelletier

## OFFICE HOURS

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

**Emergencies after office hours phone  
 number:**

(979) 451-9824



The Lord is kind and merciful. Psalm 103  
 El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso. Salmo 102

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

February 24—March 2, 2025

Tuesday/martes—February 25, 12:15pm

† John Kenjura, Jr.  
Jude Fries on his birthday (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—February 26, 12:15pm

† Leon & Curtis Konieczny  
† Gregory Zuniga, Jr. (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - February 27, 12:15pm

† Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary Lisbon/Nestor Families  
† Tammy Brauner (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - February 28, 5:30pm

† Elmer Faykus (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—March 1, 5:00 pm

† Glen Geick  
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

7:00 pm—En Español / In Spanish

† Agustin Lozano  
Dylan Guerrero & Judith Martinez on their 3rd Birthday

Sunday/Domingo – March 2, 8:00 am.

† Sister Ephrem  
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

† Hugh & Bernice Thiel

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

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

† Anna Marie Juarez



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Florian Bolcerek**. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

*El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de **Florian Bolcerek**. Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.*

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 15-16

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

Weekend collection .....\$23,457.63

**JH Youth**  
**This Sunday!**  
**Feb. 23rd 6-8 PM**  
Meet in the PAC. Dinner is provided. Bring a friend! (6th-8th grade only)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Shirley.rowan@att.net)**  
Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración Por favor contacte a **Shirley Rowan.**

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Calendar



### March 2025



**Women's Lenten Program**



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



**Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat**

**March 1, 2025**

Women's Lenten Program

**March 1, 2025**

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

**March 22, 2025**

Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Retreat

## This week on St. Mary's campus. February 24 thru March 2, 2025

**02/24 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

**02/25 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

**02/26 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

**02/27 Thursday**

7:00am AARP Tax Service, PAC Large Meeting Room  
 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

**02/28 Friday**

12:10pm Rosary, Church  
 4:00pm AM, PAC All Rooms  
 4:00pm Women's Lenten Program Set up  
 5:00pm Confessions, Church  
 5:30pm Mass, Church  
 7:00pm Unidos En Un Corazon Small Community Group, CR Meeting Room

**03/01 Saturday**

6:00 am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church  
 7:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room  
 8:00am Women's Lenten Program, KC Hall  
 10:00am Baptisms, Church  
 3:30pm Confessions, Church  
 5:00pm English Mass  
 5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203  
 6:00pm Knights of Columbus 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, PAC All Rooms  
 7:00pm Spanish Mass

**03/02 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, Gym  
 12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church  
 4:00pm Latin Mass, Pax Christi Retreat Center  
 5:00pm Youth Group Core Team Planning Meeting, PAC All Rooms



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

**Important notice:**

On March 16, 2025 we will not have the Latin mass at 4:00 pm, only for that day.



## The Extraordinary Love That Jesus Asks of Us

### **The Challenge of Loving Beyond the Ordinary**

This Gospel poses a profound question: *What do you do that is extraordinary?* Jesus invites us to go beyond the ordinary, beyond what everyone else does, including sinners. It is not enough to love only those who love us; Christian love must break those boundaries and extend even to our enemies. This teaching challenges our comfort and forces us to examine the authenticity of our love.

### **The Trap of Conditional Love**

If our love and actions depend on how others treat us, we live in constant reaction, lacking true freedom. If we only greet those who greet us or help those who help us, we are trapped in a cycle of conditioned responses. Jesus calls us to be free in love, to act without expecting anything in return, loving as the Father does, who makes the sun shine and the rain fall on both the just and the unjust.

### **The Freedom to Love Without Conditions**

Many believe that happiness comes from receiving, but Jesus shows us that true joy lies in giving without limits. The freedom of a Christian does not depend on receiving love from others in order to love; it consists in choosing to love unconditionally. The great saints exemplified this: Mother Teresa of Calcutta loved without questioning whom she served, and Saint John Paul II forgave even the man who attempted to take his life.

### **The Extraordinary Power of Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is not a sign of weakness but the greatest

expression of strength and freedom. Many people end up alone because they cut off those who have hurt them. However, a Christian is called to do the opposite: to welcome, understand, and forgive. This does not mean ignoring wrongdoing but overcoming evil with good. Jesus teaches us that loving our enemies is the key to transforming hearts.

### **Small Acts, Great Miracles**

The extraordinary does not lie in grand gestures but in small, extra efforts added to ordinary acts. A little more patience, a smile in the face of anger, a gesture of love in adversity—this is the kind of love that changes the world, one that does not respond with vengeance but with mercy. When we embrace this way of life, our Christian journey will no longer feel dull but will become an adventure of radical love.

### **Loving as Jesus Loved Us**

Jesus did not wait for the world to love Him before giving Himself for us. He loved us first, unconditionally. He asks us to do the same: to love without expecting anything in return, to give without counting the cost, and to forgive without limits. When we live in this way, our light will shine, and others will recognize in us the presence of a living God who transforms lives.

*Jr. Everardo Cázares*



# El Amor Extraordinario que Nos Pide Jesús

## **El Desafío de Amar Más Allá de lo Común**

Este Evangelio nos lanza una pregunta profunda: *¿Qué haces de extraordinario?* Jesús nos invita a ir más allá de lo ordinario, de lo que todos hacen, incluso los pecadores. No basta con amar solo a quienes nos aman; el amor cristiano debe romper esos límites y extenderse incluso a los enemigos. Esta enseñanza desafía nuestra comodidad y nos obliga a examinar la autenticidad de nuestro amor.

## **La Trampa de un Amor Condicionado**

Si nuestro amor y nuestras acciones dependen de cómo nos tratan los demás, vivimos en una constante reacción, sin verdadera libertad. Si solo saludamos a quienes nos saludan o ayudamos a quienes nos ayudan, estamos atrapados en un ciclo de respuestas condicionadas. Jesús nos llama a ser libres en el amor, a actuar sin esperar reciprocidad, amando como el Padre que hace llover sobre justos e injustos.

## **La Libertad de Amar sin Condiciones**

Muchos viven creyendo que la felicidad radica en recibir, pero Jesús nos muestra que el verdadero gozo está en dar sin medida. La libertad del cristiano no consiste en esperar el amor de los demás para amar, sino en decidir amar sin condiciones. Así lo hicieron los grandes santos, como la Madre Teresa de Calcuta, que amó sin preguntar a quién servía, y San Juan Pablo II, que perdonó incluso a quien intentó matarlo.

## **El Extraordinario Poder del Perdón**

Perdonar no es una señal de debilidad, sino la mayor

muestra de fortaleza y libertad. Muchas personas terminan solas porque eliminan de su vida a quienes les han hecho daño. Sin embargo, el cristiano está llamado a hacer lo contrario: acoger, comprender y perdonar. No se trata de ignorar el mal, sino de vencerlo con el bien. Jesús nos enseña que amar a los enemigos es la clave para transformar corazones.

## **Pequeños Actos, Grandes Milagros**

Lo extraordinario no está en gestos grandiosos, sino en pequeños extras añadidos a lo ordinario. Un esfuerzo adicional en la paciencia, una sonrisa en medio del enojo, un gesto de amor en la adversidad. Este es el amor que cambia el mundo, el que no responde con venganza, sino con misericordia. Así, nuestra vida cristiana dejará de ser aburrida y se convertirá en una aventura de amor radical.

## **Amar Como Jesús Nos Amó**

Jesús no esperó que el mundo lo amara para entregarse por nosotros. Nos amó primero, sin condiciones. Él nos pide que hagamos lo mismo: que amemos sin esperar nada a cambio, que demos sin calcular, que perdonemos sin reservas. Cuando vivamos de esta manera, nuestra luz brillará y otros reconocerán en nosotros la presencia de un Dios vivo que transforma vidas.

*Fr. Everardo Cázares*



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)



Caballeros de Colón  
Consejo 3287

## 75VO CELEBRACIÓN DE ANIVERSARIO

Traiga a su familia y a sus  
compañeros feligreses mientras  
honramos el Pasado y Abrazamos is el  
futuro.

**MARZO | 1RO | 6:00 PM**

Centro de Activides Parroquiales (PAC)  
Cena Proporcionada

Si tiene alguna foto preciada del pasado o del  
presente de Caballeros de Colón que le gustaría  
compartir, por favor envíela a:  
[gschulze2014@gmail.com](mailto:gschulze2014@gmail.com)



### ***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**

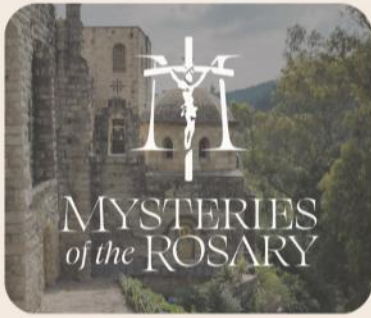
### ***Reporte Obligatorio de Abuso***

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**

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**(512) 949-2447**



**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)



*Altar Flowers are:*

*In celebration of 72 years of marriage between Charles and Angie Heinrich  
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*Las Flores del Altar son:*

*En conmemoración de los 72 años de matrimonio entre Charles y Angie Heinrich.  
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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.*



**DONUTS FOR DONATIONS**

Youth will have DONUTS after 8:00am and 10:30 Masses **FEBRUARY 23RD**

Benefitting Youth Ministry



**Healing of the Lame Man.**  
Acts 3

**PRIORITY OF THE CHURCH**

Hear Dr. John Bergsma explain power & filling of the Holy Spirit

Thursdays, 10-11:45am, PAC, thru May 8

Join Bella Brigata in preparation for Lent and Pentecost

Scripture ~ Inspiration ~ Support

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8



## Mental Health and Faith

### 1. How Catholic Faith Supports Mental Health

Prayer and sacraments, like Mass and Reconciliation, bring peace and strength.

Catholic teachings remind us of everyone's dignity, even during mental health struggles.

Saints like St. Dymphna inspire hope and encourage trust in God's love.

### 2. The Role of Faith in Pediatric Mental Health

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) highlights that religion and spirituality can positively impact mental health.

- ◇ Attending religious services is linked to lower stress and improved well-being.
- ◇ For children with serious illnesses, it can provide coping tools and emotional resilience.

The AAP supports integrating spiritual care into clinical practice and recommends:

- ◇ Referring families with spiritual concerns to chaplaincy professionals.
- ◇ Using tools like the Religious and Spiritual Struggles Scale and the Existential Distress Scale to identify concerns.
- ◇ Offering spiritual interventions such as counseling, education, and rituals to enhance quality of life.

#### AAP Resources for Families:

- ◇ HealthyChildren.org: Guidance on mental health and spirituality for children.
- ◇ AAP Mental Health Toolkit: Helps parents support children with emotional challenges.

### 3. Where Families Can Find Support

St. Mary's Catholic Church: Offers guidance, sacraments, and pastoral care.

Catholic Charities of Central Texas: Affordable counseling rooted in Catholic values.

Youth Groups and Retreats: Help children and teens find friends and faith support.

Local Chaplaincy Services: Hospitals often provide chaplains trained in spiritual care.

### 4. Tips for Families

Pray together—try the Rosary or a prayer to St. Dymphna for peace.

Talk to your priest about faith and mental health.

Attend Mass and participate in parish events to find community and spiritual support.

### 5. Help for Special Needs

For Teens Facing Stress: Join Catholic youth programs or retreats.

For Families in Crisis: Reach out to Catholic Charities or St. Mary's for guidance

**Remember:** *Mental health care works alongside faith. Seeking help honors the life God gave us, and combining professional support with spiritual care brings healing for the whole family.*





## Salud Mental y Fe



### 1. Cómo Apoya la Fe Católica la Salud Mental

La oración y los sacramentos, como la Misa y la Reconciliación, traen paz y fortaleza. Las enseñanzas católicas nos recuerdan la dignidad de cada persona, incluso en momentos de lucha mental. Santos como Santa Dinfna inspiran esperanza y nos invitan a confiar en el amor de Dios.

### 2. El Papel de la Fe en la Salud Mental Infantil

La Academia Americana de Pediatría (AAP) destaca que la religión y la espiritualidad pueden impactar positivamente la salud mental:

- Asistir a servicios religiosos se asocia con menos estrés y mayor bienestar.
- Para niños con enfermedades graves, la fe puede brindar herramientas emocionales y resiliencia.

La AAP apoya integrar el cuidado espiritual en la práctica médica y recomienda:

- Referir a las familias con inquietudes espirituales a profesionales de capellanía.
- Usar herramientas como la Escala de Luchas Espirituales y Religiosas y la Escala de Angustia Existencial para identificar preocupaciones.
- Ofrecer intervenciones espirituales, como consejería, educación y rituales, para mejorar la calidad de vida.

#### Recursos de la AAP para Familias:

HealthyChildren.org: Consejos sobre salud mental y espiritualidad para niños.  
Guía de Salud Mental de la AAP: Ayuda a los padres a apoyar a sus hijos con desafíos emocionales.

### 3. Dónde las Familias Pueden Encontrar Apoyo

Parroquia de Santa María/St. Mary: Ofrece orientación, sacramentos y apoyo pastoral.  
Caridades Católicas de Texas Central: Consejería accesible basada en valores católicos.  
Grupos Juveniles y Retiros: Ayudan a los niños y jóvenes a encontrar amigos y apoyo en la fe.  
Capellanías Locales: Muchos hospitales tienen capellanes entrenados en cuidado espiritual.

### 4. Consejos para las Familias

Recen juntos—prueben el Rosario o una oración a Santa Dinfna para encontrar paz.  
Hablen con su sacerdote sobre la relación entre fe y salud mental.  
Asistan a Misa y participen en eventos parroquiales para encontrar comunidad y apoyo espiritual.

### 5. Apoyo para Necesidades Especiales

Para Adolescentes Estresados: Únanse a grupos juveniles católicos o retiros.  
Para Familias en Crisis: Busquen ayuda en Caridades Católicas o en su parroquia.

**Recuerden:** *Cuidar la salud mental no es falta de fe; es honrar la vida que Dios nos ha dado. Combinar el apoyo profesional con el cuidado espiritual puede traer sanación para toda la familia.*





## DEACON'S CORNER

In today's Gospel Jesus continues where last week's Gospel left off; teaching the people the beatitudes as well as the woes of those who do not follow His teachings.

Jesus' teachings are difficult: love your enemies, allow someone to strike you on the cheek or take your outer and inner garments, forgiving others, showing mercy etc. You see Jesus did all of these things. Look at just one of the things Jesus says. ***If someone strikes you on the right cheek offer him the other as well.*** How should we interpret this? In Jesus' time it was understood that if someone struck you on the right cheek the person probably struck you with the back of their right hand. This was an insult rather than a violent attack. The person doing the striking was disrespecting the person being struck. What Jesus is saying is don't be provoked to violence when someone insults or disrespects you. Don't be quick to retaliate. Just walk away. Endure the insult rather than seeking revenge. Jesus himself endured this insult in front of the High Priest (Jn. 18:22-23). He did not retaliate when struck saying if I have spoken wrongly bear witness to the wrong, but ***if I have spoken rightly why do you strike me?***

By the power of the Holy Spirit we can live as Jesus wants us to live. For example, St. Teresa of Avila would not defend herself if someone said something derogatory about her even if what was said was untrue. She would only speak up if what was said would bring scandal or would be damaging to the Carmelite order or to the Church.

***Peace be with you, Deacon John***

## RINCON DEL DIACONO

*En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús continúa donde el Evangelio de la semana pasada lo dejó; enseñando a la gente las bienaventuranzas, así como los males de aquellos que no siguen sus enseñanzas.*

*Las enseñanzas de Jesús son difíciles: amar a tus enemigos, permitir que alguien te golpee en la mejilla o te quite tu vestimenta exterior e interior, perdonar a los demás, mostrar misericordia, etc. Verás que Jesús hizo todas estas cosas. Observa solo una de las cosas que dice Jesús. **Si alguien te golpea en la mejilla derecha, ofrécele también la otra.** ¿Cómo debemos interpretar esto? En el tiempo de Jesús se entendía que si alguien te golpeaba en la mejilla derecha, probablemente la persona te golpeaba con el dorso de su mano derecha. Esto era un insulto más que un ataque violento. La persona que golpeaba estaba faltando el respeto a la persona golpeada. Lo que Jesús está diciendo es que no te dejes provocar a la violencia cuando alguien te insulta o te falta el respeto. No te apresures a tomar represalias. Simplemente aléjate. Soporta el*

*insulto en lugar de buscar venganza. Jesús mismo soportó este insulto delante del Sumo Sacerdote (Jn 18,22-23). No se desquitó cuando lo golpearon diciendo: si he hablado mal, da testimonio de lo que he dicho mal; pero si he hablado bien, ¿por qué me golpeas?*

*Por el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos vivir como Jesús quiere que vivamos. Por ejemplo, Santa Teresa de Ávila no se defendía si alguien decía algo despectivo sobre ella, incluso si lo que se decía no era cierto. Ella solo hablaba si lo que se decía causaba escándalo o era perjudicial para la orden carmelita o para la Iglesia.*

***La paz sea con vosotros, Diácono John***



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