



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

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

7:00pm (Español)

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm (Español)

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:**

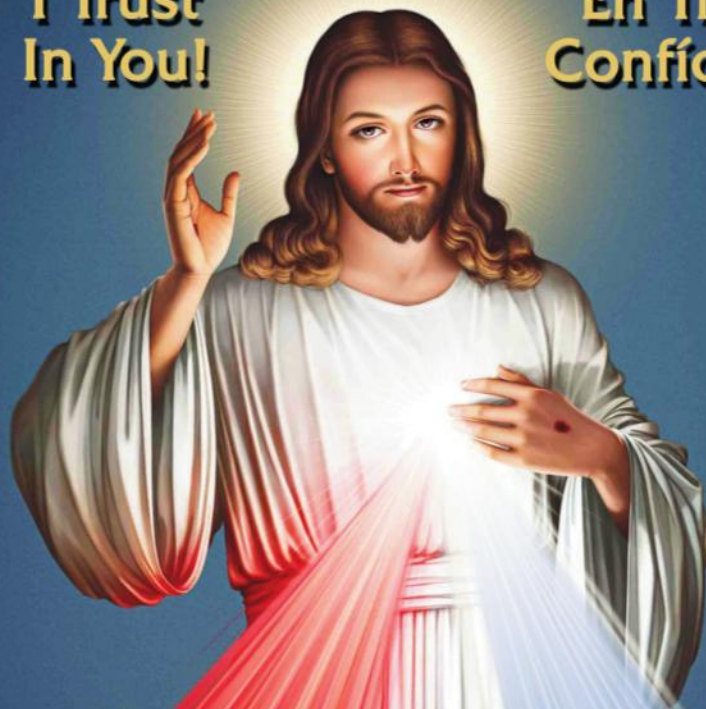
(979) 451-9824

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from
the Heart of Jesus as a
Fountain of Mercy for us,

¡Oh Sangre y Agua
que brotaste del Corazón de
Jesús, como una Fuente de
Misericordia para nosotros,

**I Trust
In You!**

**En Ti
Confío!**



**DIVINE MERCY
DIVINA MISERICORDIA**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Psalm 118

*Den gracias al Señor porque es bueno, porque es eterna su
misericordia. Salmo 118*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

April 29—May 4, 2025

Tuesday/martes—April 29, 12:15pm

† Agnes Marie Sophek Sparks (sent off)
 † Tom Morton (sent off)
 † Tammy Brauner (sent off)
 † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—April 30, 12:15pm

† Leon & Curtis Konieczny
 † Gregory Zuniga, Jr. (sent off)
 † Steve Kasproicz (sent off)
 † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - May 1, 12:15pm

Elizabeth Ann Fries on her birthday
 † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)
 † Trinidad Orosco, Jr. (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - May 2, 5:30pm

† Deborah Schneider
 † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)
 † Martin Diaz Carranza (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—May 3, 5:00 pm

† David & Annie Leibham
 † Kerry Speyrer (sent off)
 † Patricia Hajek (sent off)
 † Tammy Brauner (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – May 4, 8:00 am.

† Lillian & Rudy Janik
 † Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

† Max & Helen Kubeczka
 † Florian Bolcerek

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelizacion

COLLECTION/COLECTA

Electronic giving - if you prefer to give electronically, there is a link at www.brenhamcatholic.org

Donación electrónica—para hacer su contribución automáticamente visitar www.brenhamcatholic.org

April 12-13

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

Weekend collection\$23,532.19

Holy Land\$1,642.00

May Altar care ladies are:

Kay Neuendorff*
 Cindy Kubeczka
 Tracy Lutkenhous
 Shawn Richards

If you would like to help with the Altar Cleaning, please contact the church office.

Si le gustaria ayudar con la limpieza del altar, por favor llame a la oficina.



Altar flowers are:

In dedication for the many amazing blessings received through 15 years of marriage.

Given by Chuck and Sara Nagel

Las Flores del Altar son:

En dedicación por las muchas y maravillosas bendiciones recibidas a lo largo de 15 años de matrimonio.

Donadas por Chuck y Sara Nagel.

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Calendar May 2025



**Rosary & Coronation
of Mary**



**Catechist Appreciation
Dinner**



**Graduating Seniors
Breakfast**

May 7, 2025

Rosary & Coronation of Mary

May 14, 2025

Catechist Appreciation Dinner

May 18, 2025

Graduating Seniors Breakfast

This week on St. Mary's campus. April 28 thru May 4, 2025

04/28 Monday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose Community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep, RE AV Room

04/29 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry 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
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

04/30 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
5:30pm Choir, Church
7:00pm Spanish Choir, Church

05/01 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata Bible Study, PAC Small Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations, Church
6:00pm RCIA, CR Room 202
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

05/02 Friday

12:00pm Rosary, Church
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:00pm Quinceanera Rehearsal, Church
7:00pm Unidos en un Corazon Small Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

05/03 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
6:00am Rental, PAC All Rooms
10:00am Baptisms, Church
7:00am TMIY Men's Group, KofC Hall
2:00pm Quinceanera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, CR Room 202
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

05/04 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church

You are most respectfully reminded that the Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal will no longer be celebrated in our parish or at the retreat house. We kindly invite all the faithful to continue attending our Sunday Mass with faith and devotion.



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

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

“He Is Here: Encounter with the Risen One”



The Gospel That Awakens Faith

During this Easter season, the Gospels recounting the appearances of the Risen Lord hold a special power for me. They are not merely historical recollections, but living paths that invite me to recognize Jesus here and now. As I read these passages, I do not feel like a mere spectator; rather, I am guided step by step toward a personal encounter. Christ is present, even if my spiritual sight is not yet fully awakened. What matters is a willing heart, open to recognizing His presence.

When Darkness Surrounds, He Enters with Peace

The Gospel begins “at evening,” in a house locked out of fear. I have often found myself in similar circumstances—surrounded by uncertainty, sorrow, or anxiety. Yet, into that space, Jesus enters, unhindered by locked doors or closed hearts. He comes not to rebuke, but to bring peace. “Peace be with you,” He repeats. His peace is not fragile; it is solid, like the glorious wounds He shows—no longer bleeding, but radiant as signs of victory. In my own darkness, I must remember His words and allow His peace to enter.

Peace as a Measure for Discernment

I have come to understand that peace is more than a pleasant feeling; it is a spiritual compass. When I experience peace, I know I am walking rightly. When I lack it, something within me needs correction. At times, I have mistaken nervousness for lack of peace. But true peace is quiet strength—a settled clarity even amidst difficulty. Jesus teaches me that before making

important decisions, I must first seek interior peace. Only from that place can I truly hear the will of God.

Persevering in Faith Like Thomas

I often see myself in Thomas. He doubted, yes, but he also remained. He stayed with the other disciples, even without sharing their experience. He did not leave or give in to discouragement—and for this, Jesus came to him. His perseverance was rewarded with a deeply personal encounter. He was even invited to touch the wounds of Christ. This reminds me that faith is not always immediate, but if I remain in prayer and in the community of believers, the Lord will reveal Himself in time.

Believing Without Seeing: An Irreplaceable Experience

Jesus declared blessed those who believe without having seen. I desire to be counted among them. What is seen eventually fades, but what is experienced in the depth of the soul endures. I do not require spectacular miracles to believe—His peace suffices, the certainty I feel when I hear His word or receive His forgiveness. This is the miracle of faith: to see not with the eyes of the body, but with those of the soul. And when I can truly say from within, “*My Lord and my God,*” I know that I have encountered the Risen One... and that nothing will ever be the same.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

“Él está aquí: Encuentro con el Resucitado”



El Evangelio que despierta la fe

En este tiempo de Pascua, los evangelios que relatan los encuentros con el Resucitado tienen para mí una fuerza especial. No son simples recuerdos de algo que ocurrió hace siglos, sino caminos vivos que me invitan a reconocer a Jesús aquí y ahora. Al leer estas escenas, no me siento un espectador, sino alguien que es conducido de la mano hacia un encuentro personal. Jesús está presente, aunque a veces mis ojos espirituales aún no lo vean del todo. Lo importante es abrir el corazón y estar dispuesto a reconocerlo.

Cuando todo parece oscuro, Él entra con paz

La escena comienza “al anochecer”, en una casa cerrada por miedo. Cuántas veces he estado ahí, atrapado por la tristeza, la inseguridad o el temor. Pero en medio de ese encierro, Jesús entra sin necesidad de abrir puertas. Y no entra con reproches, sino con paz. “La paz esté con ustedes”, repite una y otra vez. Esa paz no es frágil, es fuerte como sus heridas gloriosas, que ya no sangran, sino que brillan como trofeos de victoria. En mis momentos de oscuridad, también necesito recordar esas palabras y dejar que su paz me renueve.

La paz como criterio de discernimiento

He aprendido que la paz es más que una emoción bonita. Es un termómetro espiritual. Cuando tengo paz, sé que estoy caminando en la dirección correcta. Cuando no la tengo, algo debo revisar en lo profundo. A veces he confundido nervios con falta de paz, pero ahora sé que la paz verdadera se siente como una certeza tranquila, incluso en medio del dolor. Jesús

me enseña que antes de tomar decisiones importantes, necesito buscar esa paz interior. Solo desde ahí puedo escuchar la voluntad de Dios.

Perseverar en la fe como Tomás

Muchas veces me he identificado con Tomás. Él dudó, sí, pero también perseveró. Permaneció junto a los demás discípulos, incluso sin haber visto lo que ellos vieron. No se fue, no se desanimó. Y por eso, Jesús se le manifestó. Su perseverancia fue recompensada con un encuentro tan cercano que incluso pudo tocar las heridas gloriosas del Señor. Me recuerda que la fe no siempre es inmediata, pero si permanezco, si persevero en la comunidad y en la oración, tarde o temprano Jesús también se dejará tocar por mí.

Creer sin ver: una experiencia que nadie me puede quitar

Jesús dijo que son bienaventurados los que creen sin haber visto. Yo quiero ser uno de ellos. Porque lo que se ve, pasa; pero lo que se experimenta en lo profundo del alma permanece. No necesito milagros espectaculares para creer: basta con la paz que Él me da, con la certeza que brota cuando escucho su palabra y experimento su perdón. Ese es el milagro de la fe: no ver con los ojos del cuerpo, sino con los del alma. Y cuando logro decir desde dentro: “*Señor mío y Dios mío*”, sé que he encontrado al Resucitado... y que ya nada volverá a ser igual.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



Brothers and sisters: As we hear of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we unite in prayerful thanksgiving for his just over 12 years of faithful service to the Universal Church as the successor to St. Peter. Ever devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and with her intercession, his commitment to social justice and a deep care for the poor and those on the peripheries of society will remain among his many legacies. The first pontiff from the Americas, Pope Francis brought a new perspective to the papacy, humbly saying to the crowds in St. Peter's square the night of his election, "It seems that my brother cardinals have gone to the ends of the earth to get one (a Pope), but here we are".

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Hermanos y hermanas: Al enterarnos del fallecimiento de nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, nos unimos en oración y agradecimiento por sus poco más de 12 años de fiel servicio a la Iglesia Universal como sucesor de San Pedro. Siempre devoto de la Santísima Virgen María y con su intercesión, su compromiso con la justicia social y su profunda preocupación por los pobres y los marginados permanecerán entre sus muchos legados. El primer pontífice de las Américas, el Papa Francisco, trajo una nueva perspectiva al papado, diciendo humildemente a la multitud en la plaza de San Pedro la noche de su elección: «Parece que mis hermanos cardenales han ido hasta el fin del mundo para encontrar uno (un Papa), pero aquí estamos».

Concédele, Señor, el descanso eterno y que brille para él la luz perpetua. Descanse en paz. Amén.



St. Mary's Immaculate Conception
Statement of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets
As of December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Unrestricted Cash

Parish Operating Account	\$ 83,922
Consecrated Life	2,830
Church AC Maint. Acct.	35,995
Social Services	10,064
St. Teresa of Calcutta Society	10,730
Other	22,347

Total Unrestricted Cash	\$165,888
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Restricted Cash

Special Building Fund	\$247,682
Holding Account (savings)	87,482
Our Faith Our Legacy Account / Encountering Christ	75,623
Cemetery (savings & Checking)	207,091
Other	300

Total Restricted Cash	618,178
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Fixed Assets (at cost)

Church, Education Bldg., PAC & contents	3,100,251
Priest Rectories	156,048
Rental Properties	1,548,635

Total Fixed Assets	4,804,934
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,589,000
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LIABILITIES

Funds Held In Trust	\$ 4,362
Other Current Liabilities	73,433

Debt	
Debt - Properties	740,727

TOTAL LIABILITIES	818,522
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NET ASSETS	\$ 4,770,478
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St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Perpetual Endowment:

\$57,636

St. Mary's Cemetery Perpetual Endowment :

\$90,221

St. Mary's Immaculate Conception										Statement of Revenue & Expenses				Jul-24	Dec-24
Revenue	Administrative	Ministries	Pastoral	Facility Maintenance	Religious Ed	Cemetery	Rental Properties	Total							
Regular Offortory	\$431,073							\$ 431,073.00							
Online Giving	\$121,512							\$ 121,512.00							
Purple Bag		\$40,024						\$ 40,024.00							
Fundraisers	(\$2,125)	\$7,500			(\$1,837)			\$ 3,538.00							
Air Conditioning	\$5,897							\$ 5,897.00							
Other	\$9,756	\$78,446	\$3,637			\$1,475	(\$23,528)	\$ 69,786.00							
Non-Assesable	\$17,702	\$10,017	\$5,159		\$16,732	\$55,504		\$ 105,114.00							
Total Revenues	\$583,815	\$135,987	\$8,796	\$0	\$14,895	\$56,979	(\$23,528)	\$ 776,944.00							
Expense	Administrative	Ministries	Pastoral	Facility Maintenance	Religious Ed	Cemetery	Rental Properties	Total							
Salary & Wages	\$76,875		\$37,065	\$28,576	\$16,826			\$ 159,342.00							
Employee Benefits	\$14,753		\$31,275		\$3,591			\$ 49,619.00							
Employer Taxes	\$5,212			\$2,186	\$1,285			\$ 8,683.00							
Professional Services	\$2,568	\$10,900	\$5,451	\$3,310	\$24,500		1425	\$ 48,154.00							
Insurance	\$768			\$33,282	\$624			\$ 34,674.00							
Supplies & Services	\$17,984	\$9,535	\$40,553	\$5,490	\$18,643	\$242		\$ 92,447.00							
Furniture / Equipment	\$43	\$796	\$2,986	\$3,819	648	381		\$ 8,673.00							
Repairs / Maintenance	\$4,593	260	\$46,947	\$41,332	\$895	\$8,557	\$232	\$ 102,816.00							
Utilities	\$5,101		\$6,665	\$34,539	\$324		\$2,031	\$ 48,660.00							
Charity / Contributions		\$31,768	\$1,500					\$ 33,268.00							
Parish Assessment	\$62,928							\$ 62,928.00							
Interest Expense							\$8,041	\$ 8,041.00							
Taxes								\$ -							
Admin. Expenses	\$6,129							\$ 6,129.00							
Other		\$						\$ -							
Total Expenses	\$196,954	\$53,259	\$172,442	\$152,534	\$67,336	\$9,180	\$11,729	\$ 663,434.00							
Revenues Over /(Under) Expenses								\$113,510.00							

Statement does not include Capital Campaign revenues or expenditures



Easter Flowers



- RIP Deborah Schneider & John Bolcerek, from Jason & Stacey Bolcerek
- In Thanksgiving, from Paulina Vargas Garcia
- RIP deceased members of the Konieczny & Rybarski Families, from Annie Rybarski
- RIP Billie Jasinski, from Tracy & Ricky Wellmann
- RIP Thomas Tan Nguyen, from Le Trieu
- RIP Maria Lo Nguyen, from Le Trieu
- RIP deceased members of the Fries, Steinmann, Spoede and Baumgartner Families, from Elizabeth & Francis Fries
- RIP deceased members of the Connie & Bobby Posinski Families
- RIP members of the Knapik, Krolczyk & Duffy Families, from Evelyn Krolczyk
- RIP Collette & Tommie Waters, from Clarice Hueske
- In Thanksgiving, from Gladys & Reuben Grebe
- RIP Ray Januszewski
- RIP Bill & Marie Brzozowski, from Sharon Brzozowski Jackson
- RIP Kyle Stoner, Eugene & Evelyn Kloesel & Perry Kloesel, from Joni Kloesel
- In Thanksgiving, from Tom Brady
- RIP the Trieu Ancestors, from Le-Thu Trieu
- RIP the Nguyen Ancestors, from Le-Thu Trieu
- In Thanksgiving, from Linda Quinlan
- RIP Antone Kubeczka & Tammy Brauner, from Carolyn Kubeczka
- In Thanksgiving, from Daniel & Gladys Padron
- Living & deceased members of the Forsythe, Hardy, Sperier & Parker Families, from Jon & Gail Forsythe
- RIP Daniel, Betty, & Herb Holland and Ron & Rick Ralya, from Mary Ralya
- For the Health of our granddaughter, Harper Kubeczka, from Darrell & Cindy Kubeczka
- RIP Tomas Lara Contreras, from Blas Lara
- In Thanksgiving, from Maria Zapata
- For all suffering due to illness, flooding, storms, death and sin, from Frances Konieczny
- RIP John & Janie Bacque, from Martha McNutt
- For all the blessings & joys we have received for our 45th Wedding Anniversary, from Nelson & Barbara Seilheimer
- RIP deceased members of the Bednarek, Kaminski, Lange Families, and Walter Meyer, from Kenneth & Tricia Lange
- RIP Steven Krolczyk, from Clem & Doris Krolczyk
- RIP deceased members of the Daigle & Arceneaux Families, from Randy & Evelyn Daigle
- In Thanksgiving from Jimmy & Michele Kwiatkowski
- RIP Gasek Family, from Stanley M. Gasek
- For the living & deceased members of the Kubeczka & Heidemann Families, from Ruby Kubeczka
- In Thanksgiving, from Rose Benker
- RIP H.D. & Patricia McIntyre, from the Family
- RIP Clara Schier, Kay & Steve Davis and Jo Ann Parsons, from Mary K. Maxwell
- RIP my son, Steven Ramirez, from Petra Smith
- RIP the deceased members of the A.L. Korenek Family and the Donald Miller Family, from Sharon Gammell
- Many anonymous donations given for our Parish.





St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist were celebrated here at St. Mary's with Fr. Edwin Kagoo and these new members of the Catholic faith on Saturday, April 19, 2025. Please pray for them and their families.

Los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión se celebraron aquí en Santa María con el Padre Edwin Kagoo y estos nuevos miembros de la fe católica, el sábado, 19 de Abril, 2025. Por favor, oren por ellos y sus familias.

Those celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist:

Aquellos que celebraron los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión:

<i>Ariana Skyler Cortez</i>	<i>Landon Eli Cortez</i>
<i>Faith Marie Escareno</i>	<i>Aubrey Grace Gamboa</i>
<i>Alanzo Mateo Garcia</i>	<i>Alberto Nicolas Garcia</i>
<i>Alessandra Isabel Garcia</i>	<i>Allison Brielle Garcia</i>
<i>Nalahna Jayde Gurley</i>	<i>Liam Thomas Sylvester</i>
<i>Christopher Shane Marinis</i>	<i>Natalli Juliana Ramirez</i>
<i>Nayelli Isabela Ramirez</i>	<i>Isabella Rae Rodriguez</i>
<i>Valeria Raquel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Michael Anthony Amador</i>
<i>Juanita Carmia Herrera</i>	<i>Crystal Miella Perez</i>
<i>Lennon Thomas Reyes</i>	<i>Virginia Anne-Ashley Wooldridge</i>

Those making a Profession of Faith and celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist:

Aquellos que hicieron una Profesión de Fe y celebran los Sacramentos de Confirmación y Eucaristía:

<i>Ramin Baranpourian</i>	<i>Hope Suzanne Burkhart</i>
<i>Garrett Blane Myers</i>	<i>Alexis Crystal Ramirez</i>
<i>Patrick Turner Ratcliff</i>	<i>Rebecca Reneé Ratcliff</i>
<i>Jeffrey Wayne Wunderlich</i>	

A special thank you to the catechists and aides; Gendarmie Hernandez, Paul Brown, Melissa Wipple, Minerva Espinoza, Michael Derkowski, Emmanuel Hernandez, and Deacon Steve Medina, who have generously shared the gift of faith with these people. May God continue to bless them for their generous giving.

Muchas gracias a los catequistas, Gendarmie Hernandez, Paul Brown, Melissa Wipple, Minerva Espinoza, Michael Derkowski, Emmanuel Hernandez, and Deacon Steve Medina, quienes generosamente compartieron el don de fe con estos jóvenes. Que Dios continúe llenándolos de bendiciones por su generosidad.



*My heart overflows
with great mercy for
souls*

BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Mary's Catholic
Church of Brenham**

**Sunday, May 18
8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Activity Center**

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

**PROMOTIONS:
FREE BEACH TOWEL &
DIABETES (A1c) TEST!!**

CLAIM YOURS HERE:



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



Mia, blood recipient



**St. Mary's TMIY Moving to
Mondays**

Starting May 12th from
6:00 am.-7:30 am

As usual, breakfast will be provided.
Come join our discussions on a 7
week series from

The Mysteries of the Rosary.

We will go through the Glorious
Mysteries.

The Mysteries of the Rosary is an
immersive and contemplative
experience

"Every day, as long as this 'today'
lasts, keep encouraging one another."

Text or call Lee Pardue at
832-236-4661 for information.



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*Save lives on
the go with*



Complete your Health History Interview before you
come in for your donation.

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





**St. Mary's Catholic Church
Honors the Brenham and Burton
Graduating Class of 2025**

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Please join us on Sunday, May 18

8:00 am: Sunday Mass, Recognition and Blessing
High School Graduates will process
into the church and sit together

9:15 am: Breakfast in PAC Large Meeting Room
High School Graduates and their families

It is a privilege to congratulate and honor you on
the occasion of your high school graduation.
As your parish family and members of the Body of
Christ, please remember that St. Mary's will always be
home.

*For I know the plans I have for you; plans for prosperity and well-being,
plans for good and not evil, plans that give you hope and a future.
Paraphrased from Jeremiah 29:11*

Please RSVP to Cindy in the church office (979)836-4441



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

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

**This exhibit includes 56 posters covering 41
Eucharist Miracles from the Blessed Carlo Acutis'
Eucharist Miracles of the World Exhibit.
We are blessed to have this display as we
celebrate the approaching Canonization of
Blessed Carlo Acutis! Please plan to join us!**

APRIL 27 - MAY 4, 2025

SUNDAY APRIL 27 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.	TUESDAY APRIL 29 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.	WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.	THURSDAY MAY 1 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	FRIDAY MAY 2 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SATURDAY MAY 3 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.	SUNDAY MAY 4 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.
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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Fayetteville
Everyone Welcome!

To volunteer please call (979) 378-2277





DEACON'S CORNER

The Eight Days of Easter

The Church celebrates Easter for eight days and on this last day of the octave I thought I would share with you an Easter story I heard several years ago: it's a true story. There was a young boy named Steve that attended Sunday school with a group of young children. Steve was not very bright and because of this was often annoying to the other children in the class. They would grow impatient waiting for him to come up with answers that were obvious to them. On Easter Sunday, the teacher gave each child in the class an empty plastic Easter egg and instructed them to go outside and find something that represented Easter to put into the egg. The children would then bring back the eggs and explain what they chose and why.

Well, the children were quite happy to go out on a fine Spring morning and diligently hunted for something to share with the rest of the class. When they returned all the eggs were put into a basket and, as the teacher opened each egg, the child who had filled it would tell the class how it represented Easter. One child chose a blossom from a tree and said it represented new life. Another chose a pebble and said that Jesus was the rock of our faith. Then the teacher opened an egg with nothing in it and Steve excitedly said, "This one is mine!". The other kids rolled their eyes, Steve messed up again, he didn't understand the assignment. Steve insisted that he did, too, understand the assignment. He said, "Don't you get it? The tomb is empty!".

Steve is no longer with us. The illness that made him slow also made his life short. But neither the teacher nor any of the other children ever forgot that Easter morning, when Steve showed that he clearly understood what Easter was all about. The tomb is empty.

Blessings and peace, Deacon Steve

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Los ocho días de Pascua

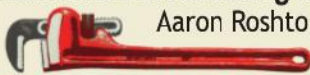
La Iglesia celebra la Pascua durante ocho días, y en este último día de la octava pensé en compartir con ustedes una historia de Pascua que escuché hace varios años: es real. Había un niño llamado Steve que asistía a la escuela dominical con un grupo de niños pequeños. Steve no era muy brillante y, por eso, solía molestar a los demás niños de la clase. Se impacientaban esperando a que les diera respuestas obvias. El Domingo de Pascua, la maestra les dio a cada niño un huevo de Pascua de plástico vacío y les pidió que salieran a buscar algo que representara la Pascua para ponerlo dentro. Los niños luego traían los huevos y explicaban qué elegían y por qué.

Los niños estaban muy contentos de salir en una hermosa mañana de primavera y buscaron diligentemente algo para compartir con el resto de la clase. Al regresar, todos los huevos se colocaron en una canasta y, a medida que la maestra abría cada huevo, el niño que lo había llenado le contaba a la clase cómo representaba la Pascua. Un niño eligió una flor de un árbol y dijo que representaba la nueva vida. Otro escogió una piedrita y dijo que Jesús era la roca de nuestra fe. Entonces la maestra abrió un huevo vacío y Steve, emocionado, dijo: "¡Este es mío!". Los demás niños pusieron los ojos en blanco, Steve volvió a equivocarse; no entendía la tarea. Steve insistió en que él también la entendía. Dijo: "¿No lo entienden? ¡La tumba está vacía!".

Steve ya no está con nosotros. La enfermedad que lo hizo lento también acortó su vida. Pero ni la maestra ni ninguno de los otros niños olvidaron jamás aquella mañana de Pascua, cuando Steve demostró que entendía claramente de qué se trataba la Pascua. La tumba está vacía.

Bendiciones y paz, Diácono Steve



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