



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)

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

Deacon Brian McNaughton

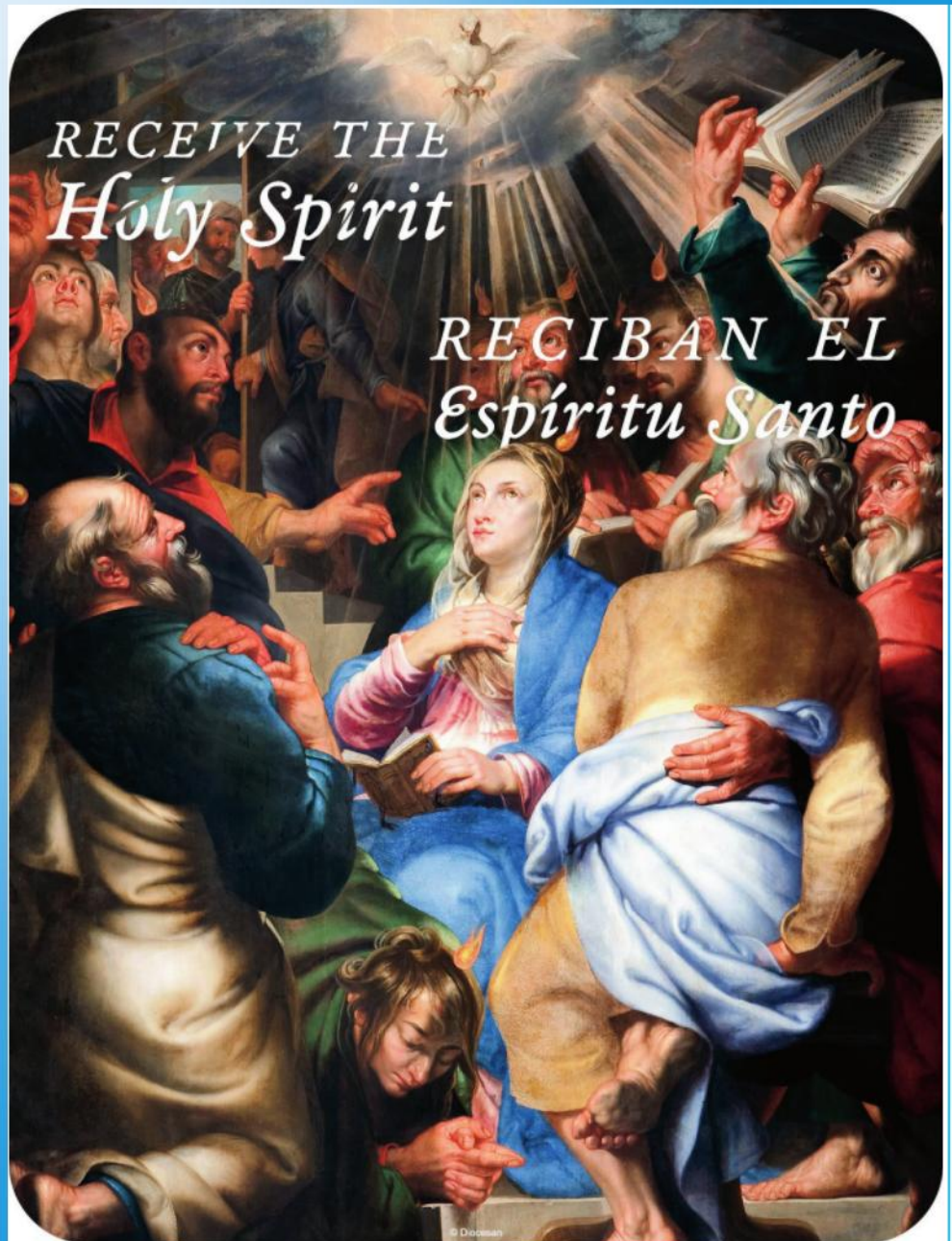
OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

**Emergencies after office hours
phone number:**

(979) 451-9824



Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 104

Envía tu Espíritu, Señor, y renueva la faz de la tierra.

Salmo 104

**MASS SCHEDULE AND
INTENTIONS**

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

June 10—June 15, 2025

Tuesday/martes—June 10, 12:15pm

† Lebon & Patsy Parker
† Well-being of Mike & Cindy Fries Family (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—June 11, 12:15pm

† Fred Vaughn Sparks
† Patricia Hajek (sent off)
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - June 12, 12:15pm

† Tommy Tucker
† Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)
† Tammy Brauner (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - June 13, 5:30pm

Luis Velazquez on his birthday
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)
† Daniel Cendalski (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—June 14, 5:00 pm

Pro Populo
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

† Juan Manuel Medina

Sunday/Domingo – June 15, 8:00 am.

† Max & Helen Kubeczka
† Willie Kwiatkowski (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

† John Bolcerek
† Trinidad Orosco (sent off)

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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

May 31—June 1

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

Weekend collection\$20,042.23

Purple bag collection\$3,772.99



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Shirley Cmajdalka**. May she rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

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



Altar flowers are:

In thanksgiving to God for our family and all blessings received on our 38th Wedding Anniversary.

For everyone receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

—Given by the Romero Manzano Family.

Las Flores del Altar son:

En agradecimiento a Dios por nuestra familia y todas las bendiciones recibidas en nuestro 38.º aniversario de bodas.

Por todos los que reciben el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

—Donadas por la Familia Romero Manzano.



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.

PENTECOST

Calendar



June 2025



Corpus Christi



Father Everardo's Farewell

July 2025



Holy Hour for Vocations



VBS—Cool Kingdom Party

June 21, 2025

Corpus Christi

June 28, 2025

Father Everardo's Farewell

July 3, 2025

Holy Hour for Vocations

July 28-31

VBS—Cool Kingdom Party

This week on St. Mary's campus. June 9 thru June 15, 2025

06/09 Monday

6:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
5:30pm WCJ Volleyball Practice, Gym
6:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose community Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203
7:00pm Spanish Marriage Prep, RE AV Room

06/10 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room

06/11 Wednesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
5:30pm Choir, Church
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball Camp, Gym
7:00pm Spanish Choir, Church

06/12 Thursday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata Bible Study, PAC Large Meeting Room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

06/13 Friday

12:00pm Rosary, Church
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
7:00pm Unidos en un Corazon Small Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

06/14 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone Room 202
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

06/15 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106
12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church
3:00pm Evangelization General Meeting, PAC Large Meeting Room



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. Everardo
	12:30pm	Fr. Everardo

Filled with the Spirit: A Personal Reflection on Pentecost



Pentecost: The Fulfillment of a Promise

Today I rejoice in the solemnity of Pentecost, a celebration that goes beyond the remembrance of a historical event—it becomes a living reality within us. The Holy Spirit, once promised in the Old Testament, now manifests as a tangible presence. We no longer await transformation; we live it. Our hearts of stone have been replaced by hearts of flesh, sensitive to God's love. It is through the Spirit that we are able to call God our Father, recognize Jesus as our Lord, and understand ourselves as His living Church.

A New Dimension in Christ

Pentecost cannot be understood apart from Easter. For the Jewish people, it was originally a feast of thanksgiving for the law that gave them identity as a free people. But in Christ, everything is transformed: we are no longer enslaved by sin, hatred, or sorrow. He grants us true freedom. At Pentecost, we do not merely receive commandments, but the very Spirit of God, who inscribes His law upon our hearts and empowers us to live it from within.

The Holy Spirit Is Not a Memory, but a Living Experience

Unlike other feasts, Pentecost is not simply a commemoration; it is an invitation to renewal. The

wonders of the Holy Spirit did not cease on that first Pentecost—they continue today. I have personally experienced His tenderness, His comfort, and the strength with which He fills my life. He is the wind that directs my course, the peace amid the storm, and the force that renews my inner being. Invoking Him is not enough—we must open our hearts to be filled by Him.

God Within Us: An Intimate and Transforming Presence

We often imagine God the Father in heaven, and Jesus on the cross or in the Eucharist. But the Holy Spirit is found within. His presence is so near that there is nowhere we can go to escape it. We do not seek God as if He were distant; He is already seeking us, knocking on the door of our hearts, dwelling within us, waiting to be acknowledged. He is the love that permeates all things and transforms us from the depths of our being.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



Pentecostés: el cumplimiento de una promesa

Hoy celebro con gozo la solemnidad de Pentecostés, una fiesta que no se queda en el recuerdo de un hecho histórico, sino que se actualiza con fuerza en nuestro interior. El Espíritu Santo, que en el Antiguo Testamento era anunciado como promesa, hoy se manifiesta como realidad. Ya no se trata de esperar un cambio, sino de vivirlo: el corazón de piedra ha sido sustituido por uno de carne, sensible al amor de Dios. Es por el Espíritu que podemos reconocer a Dios como Padre, a Jesús como Señor, y a nosotros mismos como Iglesia viva.

La nueva dimensión en Cristo

Pentecostés no se entiende sin la Pascua. En el pasado, el pueblo judío celebraba esta fiesta como un agradecimiento por la ley que les daba identidad como pueblo libre. Pero en Jesús todo adquiere un nuevo sentido: ya no vivimos esclavizados al pecado, al odio o a la tristeza. Él nos da libertad verdadera. En Pentecostés recibimos no solo una ley, sino el mismo Espíritu de Dios que escribe su voluntad en nuestro corazón y nos impulsa desde dentro a vivirla.

El Espíritu Santo no es un recuerdo, es una experiencia

A diferencia de otras fiestas, Pentecostés no se limita

a conmemorar, sino que invita a actualizar. Las maravillas del Espíritu no terminaron en aquel primer Pentecostés: siguen sucediendo. Yo mismo he experimentado la ternura, el consuelo y el impulso del Espíritu Santo en mi vida. Él es el viento que guía mi barca, la paz en medio de la tormenta, la fuerza que transforma mi interior. No basta con invocarlo desde fuera; hay que abrir el corazón para dejarse llenar.

Dios en nosotros: una presencia íntima y transformadora

Dios Padre lo imaginamos en el cielo, y a Jesús lo vemos en la cruz o en la Eucaristía. Pero al Espíritu Santo lo encontramos dentro de nosotros. Su presencia es tan cercana que no hay lugar donde huir de Él. No se trata de buscar a Dios como si estuviera lejos; es Él quien nos busca, quien llama a la puerta de nuestro corazón, quien ya habita en nosotros esperando que lo reconozcamos. Él es el amor que todo lo llena y transforma desde lo profundo.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

Dear Parishioners,

We Catholics living in Brenham are greatly blessed—though at times we may not fully recognize it. Ours is one of the few parishes with access to a Catholic cemetery. This means we have the assurance of a consecrated and blessed place where our earthly remains may rest as we await the resurrection.

Although the cemetery does not belong directly to St. Mary's Parish, the fact that it is Catholic gives us the confidence that we will have a place to rest in peace. Our cemetery is part of the Diocese of Austin and is administered by St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Parish.

When I arrived at the parish five years ago and walked through the grounds—particularly while visiting the cemetery—two profound thoughts filled my heart. The first was a deep sense of peace that arises from visiting a cemetery, especially a Catholic one. It is a blessing to be united, even in death, as a people journeying toward eternity.

The second thought, however, stirred my heart in a different way. I came to the sobering realization that the cemetery could no longer be expanded, and that—sooner or later—we would be facing the reality of having no space left for future generations to rest in a sacred place.

Contemplating this reality led to many reflections, and after consulting with the Diocese and various authorities, we reached a shared conclusion: the only viable way to extend the life and availability of our cemetery for future generations is by building **columbaria** on-site.

By taking this step, we can potentially extend the life of our cemetery for another 300 years. If we do not take action now, we risk denying our children and future generations a place to rest in a consecrated and blessed space as we have had.

After a long and thoughtful process, and with great concern for those who will come after us, we have made the prudent and necessary decision to direct the future of our cemetery toward the construction of columbaria.

What follows is a brief explanation of the projected lifespan of the cemetery if we choose not to proceed with this initiative today.



Calvary Cemetery

A recent audit of our cemetery revealed that we have enough space to last another 30 years or less. We would also need approximately \$500,000 in an interest-bearing account in order to have the cemetery be able to sustain its own maintenance and not burdening future generations of parishioners.

The answer to both of these issues is the installation of columbarium. By designing and installing "Columbarium", we can increase the life of our cemetery by 300 years or more. Cost for a "niche" in the Columbarium would be \$1,200 for Parishioners and \$4,000 for non-parishioners. Two cremated remains can be put into a single niche, so the cost to parishioners would actually remain the same. Because no headstone is needed and no casket, the cost for a funeral could actually be reduced.

Currently There are approximately 50 grave sites remaining for in ground burials. Effective immediately theses will only be sold to a deceased parishioner and their spouse. Cost for these remaining sites will be \$2,000 each for parishioners..

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Queridos feligreses:

Nosotros, los católicos que vivimos en Brenham, hemos recibido una gran bendición, aunque a veces no seamos plenamente conscientes de ello. Nuestra parroquia es una de las pocas que cuenta con acceso a un cementerio católico. Esto significa que tenemos la certeza de disponer de un lugar consagrado y bendecido donde nuestros restos mortales puedan descansar mientras aguardamos la resurrección. Aunque el cementerio no pertenece directamente a la parroquia de St. Mary, el hecho de que sea católico nos brinda la confianza de que contaremos con un lugar de descanso en paz. Este cementerio forma parte de la Diócesis de Austin y es administrado por la parroquia de St. Mary, Inmaculada Concepción.

Cuando llegué a esta parroquia hace cinco años y recorrí el campus —especialmente al visitar el cementerio—, dos pensamientos profundos llenaron mi corazón. El primero fue una sensación de paz que nace al estar en un cementerio, sobre todo en uno católico. Es una verdadera bendición poder estar unidos, incluso en la muerte, como pueblo que camina hacia la eternidad.

El segundo pensamiento, sin embargo, conmovió mi corazón de una manera distinta: me di cuenta con preocupación de que el cementerio ya no podía expandirse más, y que —tarde o temprano— nos enfrentaríamos a la realidad de no tener más espacio sagrado disponible para las futuras generaciones. Contemplar esta realidad dio lugar a muchas reflexiones y, tras consultar con la diócesis y con diversas autoridades, llegamos a una conclusión común: la única manera viable de extender la vida útil y la disponibilidad del cementerio para las generaciones futuras es **la construcción de columbarios** dentro del mismo recinto.

Al tomar esta decisión, podríamos extender la vida útil del cementerio en **alrededor de 300 años más**. Si no actuamos ahora, corremos el riesgo de que nuestros hijos y futuras generaciones no cuenten con un lugar consagrado y bendecido donde reposar, como el que nosotros hemos tenido.

Luego de un proceso largo y reflexivo, y movidos por una profunda preocupación por quienes vendrán después de nosotros, hemos tomado la decisión

prudente y necesaria de orientar el futuro de nuestro cementerio hacia la construcción de columbarios.

A continuación, se presenta una breve explicación sobre la proyección de vida útil del cementerio si no se implementa esta iniciativa hoy.



Cementerio Calvary

Una auditoría reciente del cementerio reveló que contamos con suficiente espacio para **aproximadamente 30 años más**, o incluso menos. Además, se estima que sería necesario contar con **\$500,000 dólares en una cuenta que genere intereses** para que el cementerio pueda mantener su propio mantenimiento sin representar una carga para las futuras generaciones de feligreses.

La respuesta a ambos problemas es la instalación de columbarios. Mediante el diseño e instalación de estos espacios, podríamos extender la vida útil del cementerio en **más de 300 años**. El costo de un nicho en el columbario sería de **\$1,200 dólares para feligreses y \$4,000 dólares para no feligreses**. Cabe señalar que cada nicho puede contener los restos cremados de **dos personas**, por lo que el costo para las familias feligreses **se mantiene accesible**. Además, como no se requiere lápida ni ataúd, el costo general de un funeral se vería **considerablemente reducido**.

Actualmente, quedan aproximadamente **50 tumbas disponibles** para entierros en tierra. Con efecto inmediato, estos espacios **solo se venderán para un feligrés fallecido y su cónyuge**. El costo de estos espacios será de **\$2,000 dólares**.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

The Catholic Church and Cremation: Teaching, Reverence, and Christian Hope

For many years, it was commonly believed that the Catholic Church opposed the practice of cremation. While this was true in the past, today the Church **does not prohibit cremation**, provided that it is carried out with respect for Christian faith and the dignity of the human person. What the Church opposes is not cremation itself, but rather the **misuse and irreverent handling of ashes**, as well as any practices that contradict Catholic belief.



The Church's Teaching on Cremation

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** clearly states:

"The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (CCC, no. 2301).

This means that Catholics may choose cremation as long as their decision **does not signify a rejection of the Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead**, which remains a foundational element of the faith.

What the Church Does Not Approve: Misuse of Ashes

In 2016, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released the **Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*** ("To Rise with Christ"), reaffirming that **cremation is not contrary to Church teaching**, but warning against improper and irreverent practices involving the remains of the deceased.

The Instruction states:

"The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases... may the diocesan bishop grant permission" (no. 6).

The document also prohibits the scattering of ashes in nature, as well as their transformation into commemorative objects (such as jewelry or decorative items):

"In order to avoid any form of pantheism, naturalism, or nihilism, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes... nor to preserve them in mementos, jewelry, or other objects" (no. 7).

The Proper Place: Cemeteries and Columbaria

The Church strongly emphasizes that cremated remains must be **placed in a sacred location**—this includes **Catholic cemeteries, churches, or duly**

approved columbaria. The purpose is profoundly spiritual and pastoral: it ensures **continued communion with the Church**, honors the **dignity of the human body**, and affirms **Christian hope in the resurrection of the dead**.

As stated in *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*:

"The Church insists that the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, such as a cemetery, or in certain cases, in a church or an area dedicated for this purpose" (no. 5).

Such places allow families and the Christian community to **pray for the deceased**, preserve their memory in the context of faith, and uphold the unity of the Body of Christ as we journey toward eternal life.

A Pastorally Valid Practice

In conclusion, cremation is a **legitimate option for Catholics**, as long as it is carried out in a way that reflects **Christian reverence for the body**, belief in the resurrection, and respect for the sacred. As members of the Church, we are called to safeguard the sacredness of the human body even after death, remembering the words of St. Paul:

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Corinthians 6:19).

By placing ashes in a **consecrated space**, such as a cemetery or columbarium, we bear witness to our faith, express love and honor for the deceased, and remain steadfast in the promise that, one day, **we shall rise with Christ**.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

La Iglesia Católica y la Cremación: Enseñanza, Respeto y Esperanza Cristiana

Durante mucho tiempo existió la creencia de que la Iglesia Católica estaba en contra de la cremación. Si bien es cierto que en siglos pasados se desaconsejaba, hoy en día la Iglesia **no se opone a la práctica de la cremación**, siempre y cuando se realice con respeto a la fe cristiana y a la dignidad de la persona humana. Lo que la Iglesia rechaza no es el acto de cremar como tal, sino **los abusos, banalizaciones y prácticas contrarias a la fe** que en algunos casos se hacen con las cenizas de los difuntos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la cremación

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica establece claramente:

"La Iglesia permite la cremación, siempre que ésta no haya sido elegida por razones contrarias a la doctrina cristiana" (CIC, n. 2301).

Esto significa que los católicos pueden optar por la cremación, siempre que su elección **no exprese una negación de la fe en la resurrección del cuerpo**, uno de los pilares fundamentales del credo cristiano.

Lo que la Iglesia no aprueba: el mal uso de las cenizas

En el año 2016, la Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe publicó la Instrucción **"Ad resurgendum cum Christo"** ("Para resucitar con Cristo"), en la cual se reafirma que **la cremación no es contraria a la fe**, pero se advierte contra prácticas inadecuadas o contrarias a la reverencia que merecen los restos de los fieles difuntos.

Este documento indica:

"La conservación de las cenizas en el hogar no está permitida, salvo en casos de circunstancias graves y excepcionales" (n. 6).

Asimismo, condena el esparcir las cenizas en el aire, en la tierra, en el mar, o convertirlas en recuerdos conmemorativos (joyas, piezas decorativas, etc.):

"Para evitar cualquier malentendido panteísta, naturalista o nihilista, no se permite el esparcimiento de las cenizas, ni su conservación en recuerdos conmemorativos, piezas de joyería u otros objetos" (n. 7).



El lugar adecuado: cementerios y columbarios

La Iglesia insiste en que los restos cremados deben ser **depositados en un lugar sagrado**. Esto incluye **cementerios, iglesias o columbarios aprobados por la autoridad eclesiástica**. El motivo es profundamente espiritual y pastoral: se trata de conservar **la comunión con toda la Iglesia**, expresar **la dignidad del cuerpo humano**, y reafirmar **la esperanza cristiana en la resurrección de los muertos**.

En palabras del documento "Ad resurgendum cum Christo":

"La Iglesia recomienda insistentemente que las cenizas de los difuntos sean sepultadas en un lugar sagrado, es decir, en el cementerio o, en algunos casos, en una iglesia o área especialmente dedicada a este propósito" (n. 5).

Estos lugares permiten a los familiares y a la comunidad cristiana **orar por los difuntos**, mantener viva su memoria en el marco de la fe, y respetar la unidad del Cuerpo de Cristo que peregrina hacia la vida eterna.

Una práctica pastoralmente válida

En conclusión, la cremación **es una opción legítima para los católicos**, siempre que se conserve el **sentido cristiano de la muerte, la esperanza en la resurrección y el respeto por los restos mortales**. Como Iglesia, estamos llamados a custodiar el sentido sagrado del cuerpo humano incluso después de la muerte, y a recordar que, como afirma san Pablo: *"El cuerpo es templo del Espíritu Santo" (1 Cor 6,19)*. Al depositar las cenizas en un **lugar consagrado**, como un cementerio o columbario, **damos testimonio de nuestra fe y amor por quienes han partido**, y nos mantenemos firmes en la promesa de que, un día, **resucitaremos con Cristo**.

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Farewell Luncheon Invitation

Father Everardo cordially invites the entire community to a **thanksgiving meal** to be held on **Sunday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the PAC**, where he will offer a **lamb barbecue** as a token of gratitude for the time shared with us.

Those who wish may contribute by bringing a dish to share.

When asked about possible gifts for his future home or office, Father Everardo kindly stated that he would prefer not to receive anything at this time, as he is not yet certain of his specific needs. However, if anyone insists, he would appreciate a **monetary gift** instead. Above all, he values **our prayers**.

Do not miss this opportunity.

It will be a moment of fraternity and gratitude.



Invitación a comida de despedida

El Padre Everardo invita cordialmente a toda la comunidad a una comida de agradecimiento que se celebrará el

domingo 29 de junio a las 2:00 p.m. en el PAC,

donde ofrecerá una **barbacoa de borrego** como muestra de gratitud por el tiempo compartido. Quienes deseen pueden colaborar trayendo algún platillo.

Al preguntarle sobre obsequios para su futura casa u oficina, el Padre ha expresado que **prefiere no recibir nada** ya que aún desconoce cuáles serán sus necesidades concretas, pero que si alguien insiste, agradecería más un **regalo en efectivo**. Sobre todo, valora **nuestras oraciones**.

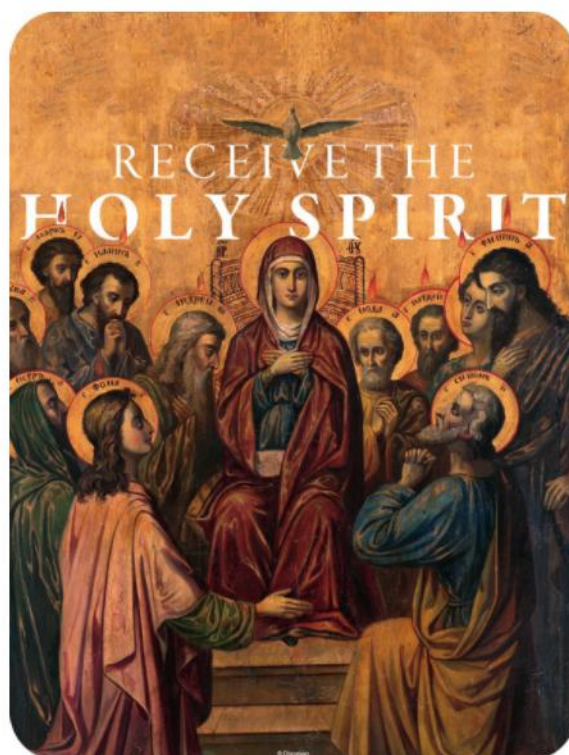
No faltes. Será un momento de fraternidad y gratitud.



Mondays from 6:00 am.-7:30 am in the PAC.
Coffee & breakfast is provided.

Come join our discussions on the
Sorrowful Mysteries from
"The Mysteries of the Rosary"

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



Our Mission

It is not difficult to know what our mission is, since it is the very mission of the Church. This mission is expressed in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Gospels.

"Jesus approached them and spoke thus: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, then, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world" (MT 28: 18-20).

This mission entrusted directly to the Apostles, today to the Bishops, extends to all baptized people. What we have received, we have to announce. Since I became aware of my being a Christian, I have assumed this task as my own. I have embraced it even more closely since being ordained a priest, and I rejoice that my bishop, Bishop Joe Vázquez, has directly entrusted to me this same ministry to be performed here in our parish.

That is why I state the mission this way:

"In unity with our Diocesan Church of Austin, following the

guidelines issued by our bishop, we seek to **EVANGELIZE, MAKE DISCIPLES, and FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**"

EVANGELIZATION seeks to provoke the encounter with a God lived and real, through the basic preaching of the Kerygma (Greek for "proclamation" and refers to the Gospel) and prayer. This will take place through initiatives of the pastoral groups and others in the parish.

MAKING DISCIPLES is, undoubtedly, the most difficult task, since it consists in making Jesus the teacher in our lives and learning from Him how to live His teaching faithfully in every area of our life. This we will aim for through a continuous catechesis. The parish seeks to be a place of growth in faith.

FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY This goal is the natural fruit of living a personal encounter with God and seeking His kingdom in our lives. We cannot live our faith alone. Rather, we need a community where we can share our experiences and nourish ourselves with the testimony of other brothers and sisters in Christ. St. Mary Immaculate Concepción wants to be a place where faith is lived. We intentionally live this way in the Liturgical assembly, in the ministry and service groups and in our own moments of coexistence and spirituality, koinonia (Christian fellowship or communion) and mystagogy (led through the mysteries of faith).

We are a church on the move that is renewed in the love of God and guided by the prompting of the Holy Spirit.



St. Mary Immaculate Conception



Boys and girls! Get ready to embark on a majestic adventure at Saint Mary's Vacation Bible School: **Cool Kingdom Party!** Mark your calendars for July 28th–31st and join us for an exhilarating week of faith, fun, and friendship, open to all children from Pre-K through 6th Grade. Step through the gates of the kingdom and dive into the Cool Kingdom Party, where kids will explore how Mary, the Queen of Heaven, guides us to her Son, Jesus, the King of Kings!



VBS Links and Forms

Expect a royal blast with lively music, engaging Bible stories, creative crafts, and exciting games that bring the kingdom to life!

Don't miss this chance to celebrate in God's kingdom with new friends and grow closer to Jesus! Let's make this a VBS to remember!

¡Niños y niñas! Prepárense para una aventura majestuosa en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones Santa María: ¡Fiesta del Reino Genial! Agenden sus calendarios del 28 al 31 de julio y únanse a nosotros para una emocionante semana de fe, diversión y amistad, abierta a todos los niños desde preescolar hasta sexto grado. ¡Atraviesen las puertas del reino y sumérjanse en la Fiesta del Reino Genial, donde los niños explorarán cómo María, la Reina del Cielo, nos guía hacia su Hijo, Jesús, el Rey de Reyes!

¡Prepárense para una fiesta de lujo con música animada, historias bíblicas cautivadoras, manualidades creativas y juegos emocionantes que dan vida al reino!

¡No se pierdan esta oportunidad de celebrar en el reino de Dios con nuevos amigos y acercarse más a Jesús! ¡Hagamos de esta una EBV inolvidable!



3 Ways to Fuel Athletes

1

Whole Foods

- 1-2 large pieces of fruit
- 1-2 cup diced fruit
- 1/4-1/2 cup dried fruit

2

Convenience Snacks

- 45-90 HEB CHZ2 Baked Cheese Crackers
- 1 Dave's Killer bagel
- 2 HEB Organics Fruit & Grain Bars

3

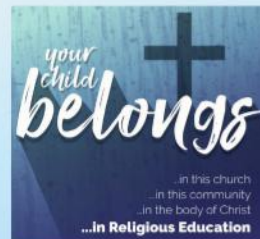
Sport Foods

- 2 Honey Stinger energy gels
- 8-16 Honey Stinger energy chews
- 1.5-3 Honey Stinger Energy waffles

FUEL & HYDRATE to build a stronger, healthier athlete.

Fuel sports & activities **lasting over 60 minutes** with **30-60 grams of carbs per hour**. Hydrate with **12-32 oz fluid & electrolytes per hour**. Each option listed above equals 30-60 g carbs and is available at our local HEB.

This information is provided to you by:
St. Mary's Wellness Ministry



Religious Education Program

The CCE registration for the 2025-2026 is now open!

The packets can be found in the back of the Church by the restrooms. Please take one per family and return to the office as soon as possible. Registration will close on August 11.

Programa de Educación Religiosa

¡Ya está abierta la inscripción al Catecismo para el año académico 2025-2026! Los paquetes se encuentran en la parte trasera de la iglesia, junto a los baños. Por favor, tomen uno por familia y devuélvanlo a la oficina lo antes posible. La inscripción cierra el 11 de agosto.





Charismatic Prayer Group

"A current of grace" taught by Charis International
New Life in the Spirit, Formation from Church Teaching
"Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts..." I Cor. 14:1

First Fridays, Starting August 6, 10-11:30, PAC

St. Mary's Catholic Church
701 Church St., Brenham, TX 77388
Contact: 713.501.0663 Kathy

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 or 1-800-252-5400

Diocese of Austin

austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447



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



NEXT AVAILABLE BAPTISMS/ SIGUIENTES BAUTIZOS DISPONIBLES

July 5 -
English—10:00 a.m.

5 de Julio -
Español—11:00 a.m.



Next available class/ Siguiente clase disponible

Tuesday, June 17- English
6:30 p.m.
Jueves, 19 de Abril - Español
6:00 p.m.

Please call Church Office at (979) 836-4441 to register for classes and baptisms

Baptism application form and requirements can be found at

<https://brenhamcatholic.org/7-sacraments/sacrament-baptism>

Por favor llame a la oficina (979) 836-4441 para registrarse para las clases y bautismos

Puede encontrar los requisitos y aplicación en nuestra pagina web



DEACON'S CORNER

We, too, are disciples of Jesus, and we, too, have been filled with the Holy Spirit. In Baptism and in Confirmation we were given the Holy Spirit of God – the same Holy Spirit as the FIRST disciples were given.

Today is the day the church sets apart for us to REALIZE this truth – to WAKE UP to it and LIVE like we know we are temples of the Spirit of God.—that we recognize the indwelling of the Spirit as being active in us – not something that happened to us “once,” or “a long time ago.”

In order for the Holy Spirit to be in our lives, we have to stay “tuned in” to the Holy Spirit – awake and alert to the actions, the stirrings, the promptings, the directions that God’s Holy Spirit is CONSTANTLY speaking within us. We are called to be spirit-filled people – we have been given the gift of God’s own Spirit, alive and active with us. What a privilege! And with every privilege there is responsibility. It is our responsibility to be LISTENING to the Holy Spirit – **RECOGNIZING the voice of God, and RESPONDING to that voice.**

God is speaking to us all the time – all of the time – and how many of us are listening? How many of us will step out of our little box of comfort?

Stay tuned.

Deacon Al

RINCON DEL DIACONO

Nosotros también somos discípulos de Jesús y hemos sido llenos del Espíritu Santo. En el Bautismo y la Confirmación recibimos el Espíritu Santo de Dios, el mismo Espíritu Santo que recibieron los PRIMEROS discípulos.

Hoy es el día que la iglesia nos reserva para que RECONOZCAMOS esta verdad, para que DESPERTEMOS a ella y VIVAMOS como si supiéramos que somos templos del Espíritu de Dios; para que reconozcamos que el Espíritu mora en nosotros como algo activo, no algo que nos sucedió "una vez" o "hace mucho tiempo".

Para que el Espíritu Santo esté en nuestras vidas, debemos permanecer "en sintonía" con él: despiertos y alertas a las acciones, los impulsos, las inspiraciones y las instrucciones que el Espíritu Santo de Dios nos habla CONSTANTEMENTE. Estamos llamados a ser personas llenas del Espíritu; se nos ha dado el don del propio Espíritu de Dios, vivo y activo con nosotros. ¡Qué privilegio! Y con cada privilegio hay una responsabilidad. Es nuestra responsabilidad ESCUCHAR al Espíritu Santo,

RECONOCER la voz de Dios y RESPONDER a ella.

Dios nos habla constantemente, todo el tiempo, ¿y cuántos lo estamos escuchando? ¿Cuántos saldremos de nuestra pequeña caja de comodidad?

Manténganse al tanto.

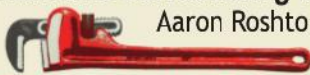
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Desde la fe

¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA PENTECOSTÉS?

- 1 Es una solemnidad que celebra la Iglesia 50 días después de la Pascua.
- 2 El Espíritu Santo es Dios. La Tercera Persona de la Santísima Trinidad.
- 3 Con ella se recuerda la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles.
- 4 Los apóstoles recibieron del Espíritu Santo la fuerza para anunciar el Evangelio.
- 5 El Espíritu Santo es quien mueve a la Iglesia y a cada uno de los bautizados.

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