

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

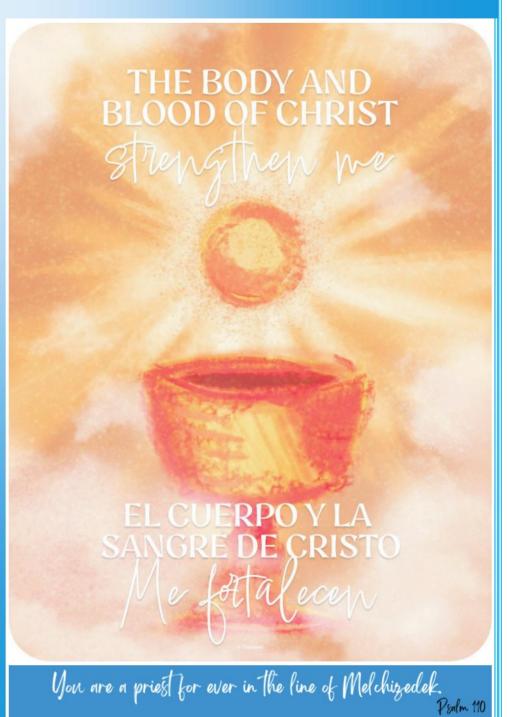
Fr. Everardo Cazares - Pastor Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar **Deacon Steve Medina Deacon Allen Prescott Deacon John Pelletier** Deacon Brian McNaughton

OFFICE HOURS

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

Emergencies after office hours phone number:

(979) 451-9824



Tú eres socerdote eterno, según el rito de Melquisedec. Solmo 110

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES
June 24—June 29, 2025

Tuesday/martes—June 24, 12:15pm

- † Leon & Curtis Konieczny
- † Jerry MacNelly (sent off)
- † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—June 25, 12:15pm

- † Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski
- † Gregory Zuniga, Jr. (sent off)
- † Patricia Hajek (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - June 26, 12:15pm

- † Johnnie & Angie Kluck
- † Bennie & Clara Wesneski (sent off)
- † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - June 27, 5:30pm

Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary

- Libbon/Nestor Families † Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
- † Victor Guerrero (sent off)
- † Kristee Krotofil (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—June 28, 5:00 pm

- † Larry Wahrmund
- † Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo - June 29, 8:00 am.

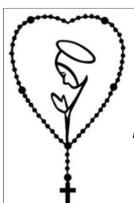
- † Nancy & Stanley Rybarski
- † Willie Kwiatkowski (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

- † Chad Church
- † Tammy Brauner (sent off)

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Rafael Manzano & family



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.

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 <u>www.brenhamcatholic.org</u>

June 14-15

Weekly budgeted expenses	\$18,475.00
Weekend collection	\$18,257.31
VBS	\$2,679.84



Altar flowers are:

In loving memory of the deceased members of the Alford, Kaliszewski and Bockhorn families.

-- Given by Mark and Shirley Alford

Las Flores del Altar son:

En memoria de los difuntos miembros de las familias Alford, Kaliszewski y Bockhorn. -- Donadas por Mark y Shirley Alford



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Edwina Hampton.** 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 **Edwina Hampton.** Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Calendar

June 2025



Father Everardo's Farewell

July 2025



Holy Hour for Vocations



VBS-Cool Kingdom Party



June 29,2025

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 23 thru June 29, 2025

06/23 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

06/24 Tuesday

8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym 11:00am Scripture Study, PAC Small Meeting Room 11:45am Confessions, Church 12:15pm Mass, Church

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

06/25 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

06/26 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

06/27 Friday

12:00pm Rosary, Church 5:00pm Confessions, Church

5:30pm Mass, Church

7:00pm Unidos en un Corazon Small

Community Meeting, CR Meeting

7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

06/28 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group,

3:30pm Confessions, Church

5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church 5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone

Room 202

7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

06/29 Sunday

8:00am English Mass, Church 10:30am English Mass, Church 10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE Room 106 12:30pm Spanish Mass, Church 2:00pm Fr. Everardo's Farewell, PAC Gym



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

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



The Gospel Scene: A Crowd, a Need, a Lesson

In the Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus not only physically feeds a multitude but also reveals something deeper: His immense desire to care for and nourish His people. I have meditated on this passage many times, and although in the past I have focused on the material miracle itself, today I recognize that it was not the greatest miracle.

Remaining with Jesus Without Comfort

If that event were to happen today, I am convinced that the greatest miracle would not be the multiplication of food, but rather the people's willingness to go to a deserted place and remain there with Jesus—without air conditioning, without sound systems, without pews—yet staying for hours just to listen to Him. In a time when even the slightest discomfort provokes complaints, it is truly miraculous that such a crowd remained attentive, undistracted, and hungry for the words of eternal life.

The Silent and Trusting Obedience of the Disciples

Another hidden miracle was the obedience of the disciples. Those who initially complained about not having enough food were the very same ones who began to distribute the bread, trusting entirely in Jesus. I imagine myself holding just two pieces of bread and being told to feed thousands—would I have obeyed? Would I have believed? The miracle was not only in the bread that multiplied, but in the faith that was activated.

What Truly Enables Us to Witness Miracles

We live in a world where more attention is often paid to music, lighting, and ambiance than to what is essential: the Word of eternal life. If we wish to witness miracles today, we must return to what truly matters, detach ourselves from the superfluous, and place our hearts in Jesus. Only then will we see that what little we have multiplies when entrusted to His hands.

A Story That Strikes the Soul

I recall a powerful story attributed to Bishop Alfonso Hinojosa. In a conversation with a Protestant pastor, after a long theological discussion about the Eucharist, the pastor posed a question that still echoes deeply: "If you truly believe that Jesus is present there, why is the cathedral empty?" That truth was painful, as it revealed our lukewarmness. We claim to believe, yet we do not live that belief with full conviction.

My Personal Experience of Faith

I firmly believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. I feel restless when I cannot be before Him. Since my First Communion on May 25, 1991, I have encountered His presence again and again. It is not enough to know this intellectually; we must bend the knee and open our hearts. The miracle is not merely that Jesus is present in the bread, but that there are still souls who listen, adore, and surrender to Him.

An Invitation to Be Part of the Miracle

You too can be a miracle of God every time you kneel before Jesus in faith. When you do so, He multiplies grace in your life. Like that bishop, I now challenge you: if we truly believe in Jesus, let us go to Him, visit Him, adore Him. Just as we cannot journey through life without food, we cannot live fully without the nourishment of His Body and Blood.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



La escena del Evangelio: una multitud, una necesidad, una enseñanza

En el Evangelio de la multiplicación de los panes, Jesús no solo alimenta físicamente a una multitud, sino que también nos revela algo más profundo: su inmenso deseo de cuidar y nutrir a su pueblo. Lo he meditado muchas veces, y aunque en otras ocasiones me he centrado en el milagro material de los panes, hoy reconozco que ese no fue el milagro más grande.

Permanecer con Jesús sin comodidades

Si ese acontecimiento ocurriera hoy, estoy convencido de que el mayor milagro no sería la multiplicación del alimento, sino que la gente fuera capaz de acudir a un lugar solitario, sin aire acondicionado, sin sonido, sin bancas, y aún así quedarse largas horas escuchando a Jesús. En una época en la que cualquier incomodidad nos hace protestar, es un verdadero prodigio que esa multitud haya permanecido atenta, sin distracciones, con hambre de palabras que dan vida eterna.

La obediencia silenciosa y confiada de los discípulos

Otro milagro escondido fue la obediencia de los discípulos. Aquellos que antes se quejaban de no tener suficiente comida fueron los mismos que comenzaron a repartir el pan, confiando ciegamente en Jesús. Imaginarme con dos pedazos de pan en la mano y la orden de alimentar a miles me lleva a reflexionar: ¿yo habría obedecido? ¿Habría creído? El milagro no fue solo en el pan que se multiplicó, sino en la fe que se activó.

Lo que realmente nos hace ver milagros

Vivimos en un mundo en el que nos centramos más en la música, la iluminación o el ambiente que en lo esencial: la Palabra de vida eterna. Para ver milagros hoy, necesitamos volver a lo importante, desprendernos de lo superfluo, y poner el corazón en Jesús. Sólo así veremos que lo poco que tenemos se

multiplica cuando lo entregamos confiados en sus manos.

Una historia que sacude el alma

Recuerdo una historia impactante atribuida al obispo Alfonso Hinojosa. En un diálogo con un pastor protestante, después de una larga conversación teológica sobre la Eucaristía, el pastor lo confrontó con una pregunta que aún resuena: "Si realmente crees que Jesús está ahí, ¿por qué la catedral está vacía?" Esa verdad dolió, porque mostró nuestra tibieza. Creemos, pero no lo vivimos con radicalidad.

Mi propia experiencia de fe

Yo creo firmemente que Jesús está en la Eucaristía. No me hallo cuando no puedo estar frente a Él. Desde mi primera comunión, el 25 de mayo de 1991, he experimentado su presencia una y otra vez. No basta con saberlo; necesitamos doblar nuestras rodillas y abrir el corazón. El milagro no es solo que Jesús esté presente en el pan, sino que todavía haya personas que lo escuchen, lo adoren y se entreguen.

Una invitación a ser parte del milagro

Tú también puedes ser un milagro de Dios cada vez que te arrodillas con fe ante Jesús. Cuando lo haces, Él multiplica la gracia en tu vida. Como aquel obispo, hoy yo también te reto: si realmente creemos en Jesús, vayamos a Él, visitémoslo, adorémoslo. Porque así como en la vida no se puede caminar sin alimento, tampoco se puede vivir plenamente sin su Cuerpo y su Sangre.

Fr. Everardo Cázares



We are very proud of all of you.
We believe that you will be true
witnesses of the Gospel. You will
continue to be in our prayers.

High School Confirmation

Bailey Antkowiak
Reagan Asmussen
Eduardo Canales-Ponce
Andres Cavazos
Gonzalo Chaves-Barbosa
Caitlyn Cleboski
Freddy Corado
Victoria Dippel
Armando Guerrero
Kayn Gurka
Chris Hernandez

Emiliano Hernandez Emily Ibarra Victor Jaime Edward Jimenez Kylee Kaspar Charles Kenjura Fabian Lopez Eric Manzano Alejandro Martinez Madaleine Najera Mia Odom

Sandra Prieto
Yocelin Reyna
Job Rodriguez
Julisa Salazar
Zeus Sanchez
Annalee Sawyer
Justin Silva
Megan Sodolak
Ava Thibodeaux
Jake Zapata

First Communion / Confirmation

Valerie Ascencio
Alexander Aviles
Carlos Lopez Hernandez
Fernanda Quevedo Mata
Yaneth Resendiz Medellin
Carlos Resendiz
Jesus Antonio Rodriguez
Heber Salinas Arellano
Leslie Quevedo Mata

<u>Adults</u>

First Communion / Confirmation

Luanne Coles
Evelyn Linares
Zalama Rodriguez

Confirmation

Saundra Arredondo Cristina Guajardo Daisy Manzano Fabian Velazquez Jorge Rodriguez Noel Jimenez

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1302-1305

The Effects of Confirmation

It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- -it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!';
- -it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- -it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- -it renders our bond with the Chruch more perfect:
- -it gives us a speacial strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Vrist boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross: Recall then that you have received

the spiritual seal, the spirit of wsdom and understanding, the spirit of right judment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's pesence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul and indelible spiritual mark, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of hi sSpirit by clothinf him with power from on high so that he may be his witness. This "characer" perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in the Baptim, and "the confirmed person received the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially."

Thank you so much!!

Catechists and Aides

Cindy Garnica
Amanda Gurka
Catherine Kenjura
Matt Kenjura
Mark Asmussen
Laura Asmussen
Julie Sawyer
Blake Sawyer
Carol Cangelosi
Shawn Richards
Michael Derkowski
Emmanuel Hernandez
Sister Josephine Pajaro

With very sincere and deep gratitude I ask God to bless you. Without your help, commitment and effort this would have been impossible.

I know how difficult it can be to have a commitment like the one you have shown. Young people in middle school and high school usually represent many challenges, but you have made us have some of the best years in the history of this parish. The attendance and commitment that the young people showed are the result of the effort that you have given. I know with complete certainty that they will not go unrewarded.



Witnesses of the Gospel, Witnesses of the Holy Spirit, Witnesses of the Catholic Church.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Mt 28: 18-20



From: Mia Odom

My faith is a strong part of my life and getting confirmed made an extremely large impact and helped to strengthen my beliefs. At first I didn't really understand how much getting confirmed would grow my love for the church. Going to CCE class every Wednesday and learning about people's stories and how the church changed their lives made me want to do the same. If it wasn't for these classes, mass, my teachers and finally being confirmed, I wouldn't have become as close to God as I am now.

From: Fabian Lopez

Being a high school student and having the responsibilities that a student has was hard enough for me, so having to also make the additional time and space for my confirmation class every Wednesday was another challenge in its own. I know that there are some kids who have the willingness to be more involved in their faith, while others may be forced by their parents to be at the class every week. Nevertheless, for me, it was really an experience that was able to change the view I had in my faith.

Being a part of and being involved in the Catholic Faith are 2 separate things, and for me, preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation was what brought me to that side of involvement. Learning more about the values and



virtues in everyday life and explaining it through theology. It wasn't just sitting in class either though: being able to go to Catholic conventions around the state and my Confirmation Retreat this year were very liberating and eye-opening experiences that I won't forget. I was able to get a couple of days to make new friends, meet new people, and most of all, connect more with my faith.

When the day came closer, I honestly wasn't too sure if I would be ready to receive the sacrament. As the day continued to come closer and closer though, I realized that all the preparation I had done, as long as I had learned and grown closer to my faith from it, I would be ready. The day of the sacrament was one that I will remember for a while, as it was anticipated and very liberating as I knew that I was now finally confirmed. I strongly believe that every Catholic should aim to one day be confirmed, as it's a spiritual journey and awakening for a lot of people to grow closer to God. I truly am thankful for all of the people that were there to support me, including Father Everardo, the sisters, my family, friends, educators, and any other people who were there.



From Victoria Dippel - Saint Dymphna:

Confirmation is my most recent sacrament I was blessed to have achieved along my faith journey. My favorite part of the confirmation process was the confirmation retreat. It was a very calming environment in which everyone was encouraged to deepen their faith. In my experience, the confirmation retreat was the moment I felt the most connected to God because I was able to truly decide that I wanted to be confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Victoria Dippel Guided by St. Dymphna

From: Chris Hernandez

I liked going to church on Wednesdays because it distracted me from what I was doing the other days and it was like a relief to go and learn new things about my creator. I also enjoyed my class room because I got paired up with all my friends and I wasn't alone and bored most of the time. I really enjoyed the time when we had to spend the night at that place because I got a room with my friends and got to spend time with them the whole day and night. Most of the activities where fun but spending time with them was better. Choosing my saint for this project was easy because Saint Jude has been in my life and I'm thankful for the things he has helped me achieve in music and in life. In all, I really enjoyed this experience and I



will definitely remember this my whole life. I am thankful that God gave me this opportunity to live this experience



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.



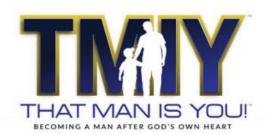
El Padre Everardo invita cordialmente a toda la comunidad a una comida de agradecimiento que se celebrará el

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.



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 1, 10-11:30, PAC

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



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!

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!

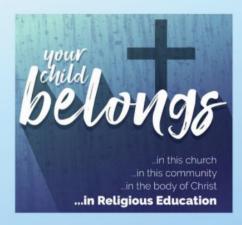


VBS Links and Forms

¡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!



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.



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

Pastoral Council

If you have any comments, questions or concerns that you would like the Pastoral Council to go over during our meetings, please send them to our email pastoralcouncil@brenhamcatholic.org
We will be monitoring the email

We will be monitoring the email constantly!

Consejo Pastoral

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o preocupación que le gustaría que se comentara en nuestras reuniones del consejo pastoral por favor mándelas a nuestro correo electrónico pastoralcouncil @brenhamcatholic.org

Estaremos checando el correo constantemente



St. Teresa of Calcutta Society

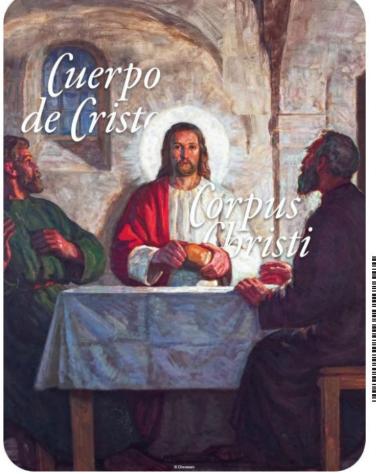
helps those in need.
For assistance phone **979-525-0090**.
Calls remain confidential.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." - St.Teresa of Calcutta

La Sociedad de Santa Teresa De Calcutta

ayuda a esos en necesidad. Para recibir ayuda llame al **979-525-0090**. Las llamadas se mantienen confidenciales.

"No siempre podemos hacer grandes cosas, pero sí podemos hacer cosas pequeñas con gran amor." - Santa Teresa de Calcutta







We want to live all the evangelical (Gospel) values and the fruits of the Spirit. We will intentionally reflect in this time of renewal on the following values.

UNITY. We know that without it, all evangelization efforts would be useless. The more open we are to diversity, the more docile we will be to unity.

As Jesus said, "So that they may all be one. Like you, Father, in me and I in you, may they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John, 17, 20).

THANKFULNESS. We are able to recognize and be grateful in all circumstances for the blessings that God gives us.

"In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

HUMILITY. This virtue enables us to acknowledge the gifts we have received from God and to use them for Him with prudential judgment.

"Do nothing out of rivalry, or out of vainglory, but with humility, each considering the others as superior to himself, each seeking not his own interest but that of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

FAITH. The gift we have received from God through the Church to be exercised in our lives through good works.

"For you have been saved by grace through faith; and this does not come from you, but is a gift of God; it does not come from works, so that no one can boast. Indeed, we are his workmanship: created in Christ Jesus, in order for the good works that God ordained beforehand that we are to practice "(Ephesians 2:8-10).

SUSTAINTABILITY. Protect and grow the legacy handed down to us and pass that legacy on to our children.

"So that neither the one who plants is something, nor the one who waters, but God who makes it grow. And the one who plants and the one who waters are the same thing; although each one will receive the salary according to his own work, since we are God's co-workers and you, God's field, God's edification. According to the grace of God that was given me, I, as a good architect, laid the foundation, and someone else builds on it. Look how each one builds! "(1 Corinthians 3:7-10).

SPIRITUALITY. We recognize that without Him we are nothing, and that with Him we can witness even miracles in our lives and in our community.

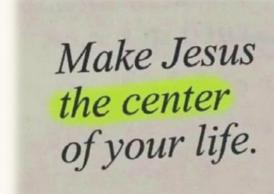
"Abide in me, as I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, if it does not remain in the vine; so neither can you if you do not remain in me" (John, 15:4).

St. Mary Immaculate Conception

DEACON'S CORNER

The second reading (1 Cor 11:23-26) is a description of the Last Supper that is very precious to us because it is the oldest account of the Last Supper in the Scriptures, written even before the Gospels. Paul wrote this letter sometime during the two and a half years he spent preaching in Ephesus in AD 54-57. It is the earliest description of the Last Supper in the New Testament. Jesus said, "This is my body." He did not say, "This is a symbol of my body" or "This represents my body" but "This is my body." Transubstantiation is the name we give to the bread and wine changing into the body and blood of Jesus while retaining the appearance of bread and wine. Trans – substance, the substance is trans-

formed while maintaining its external appearance of bread and wine—transubstantiation. Just as Jesus is the center of time, BC and AD, our celebration of Corpus Christi today reminds us to keep Jesus in the Eucharist at the center of our lives. Jesus desires that we live each day in union with him; he is not a stranger to meet for just one hour every Sunday. Can you live your day with Jesus and also spend special time in prayer with Jesus in the Eucharist? Just as Jesus is the center of time, and the center of our lives, the tabernacle is the focal point in the church. There were many hints in the Old Testament that Jesus would come. In every Mass the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus for us, and how bread and wine are formed reminds us of Jesus' passion and death. The Eucharist shows us Jesus' love for us. Jesus is the center of time. Is he also the center of your day?



Deacon Al

RINCON DEL DIACONO

La segunda lectura (1 Cor 11,23-26) es una descripción de la Última Cena que nos resulta muy valiosa, ya que constituye el relato más antiguo de la Última Cena en las Escrituras, escrito incluso antes de los Evangelios. Pablo escribió esta carta durante los dos años y medio que dedicó a predicar en Éfeso entre los años 54 y 57 d. C. Es la descripción más temprana de la Última Cena en el Nuevo Testamento. Jesús dijo: «Este es mi cuerpo». No dijo: «Este es un símbolo de mi cuerpo» ni «Esto representa mi cuerpo», sino: «Este es mi cuerpo». Transubstanciación es el nombre que damos al pan y al vino que se transforman en el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús, conservando la apariencia de pan y vino. Transubstanciación: la sustancia se transforma manteniendo su apariencia externa de pan y vino: transubstanciación. Así como Jesús es el centro del tiempo, antes de Cristo y después de Cristo, nuestra celebración del Corpus Christi de hoy nos recuerda que debemos mantener a Jesús en la Eucaristía en el centro de nuestras vidas. Jesús desea que vivamos cada día en unión con él; no es ajeno a reunirse solo una hora cada domingo. ¿Puedes vivir tu día con Jesús y también dedicar un tiempo especial a la oración con él en la Eucaristía? Así como Jesús es el centro del tiempo y el centro de nuestras vidas, el sagrario es el punto focal de la iglesia. El Antiguo Testamento insinuaba mucho que Jesús vendría. En cada misa, el pan y el vino se transfor-

B. JESÚS ES MI SEÑOR Rom 10,9-10



man en el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús por nosotros, y la forma en que se forman el pan y el vino nos recuerda la pasión y muerte de Jesús. La Eucaristía nos muestra el amor de Jesús por nosotros. Jesús es el centro del tiempo. ¿Es también el centro de tu día?

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