



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

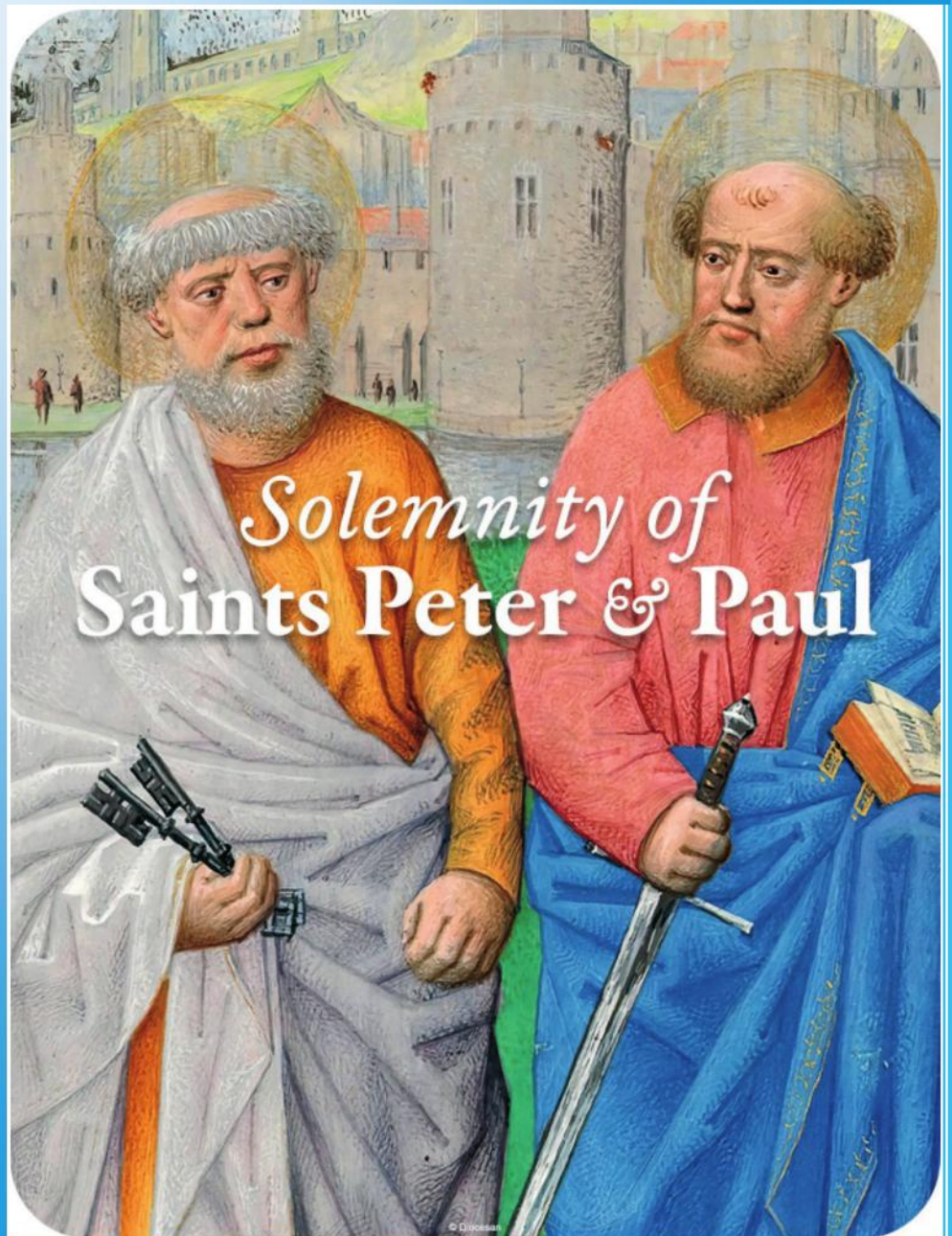
OFFICE HOURS

Monday **CLOSED**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

**Emergencies after office hours
phone number:**

(979) 451-9824



Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

Psalm 34

El ángel del Señor acampa entorno a sus fieles y los protege.

Salmo 33

**MASS SCHEDULE AND
INTENTIONS**

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

July 1—July 6, 2025

Tuesday/martes—July 1, 12:15pm

† John Stephen Park
† Raymond Kenjura (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—July 2, 12:15pm

† Evaristo Alexander Jaramillo
† Nancy Manfre (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - July 3, 12:15pm

† John & Agnes Cendalski
† Leon & Curtis Konieczny (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - July 4, 9:00am

† Ernest Frank Kamenicky
† Pat Berry (sent off)
† Alex, Maggie & Eddie Flisowski (sent off)
† Florian Bolcerek (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—July 5, 5:00 pm

† Matt Rybarski
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)
† Tammy Brauner (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Pro Populo

Sunday/Domingo – July 6, 8:00 am.

† Florian Bolcerek
Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary
Libbon/Nestor Families (sent off)
† Louise Bolcerek (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

† Anna Jacob

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Miembros de la Comunidad de Evangelización

Altar care ladies are:

Shirley Kwiatkowski*
Katy & Gary Stelter
Susan Wheeler
Megan Garcia
Teresa Schaefer

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.**

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*

June 14-15

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

Weekend collection\$17,617.27



Altar flowers are:

*In thanksgiving for our 46th wedding anniversary, for our
family and for all of the blessings received throughout the years.*

--Given by Bridget and John Studer

*In thanksgiving for our 45th anniversary and for our children
and grandchildren.*

--Given by Poo and Robbie Michalak

Las Flores del Altar son:

*En agradecimiento por nuestro 46.º aniversario de bodas, por
nuestra familia y por todas las bendiciones recibidas a lo largo
de los años.*

--De Bridget y John Studer

*En agradecimiento por nuestro 45.º aniversario y por nuestros
hijos y nietos.*

--De Poo y Robbie Michalak



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.*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Calendar



July 2025



**Holy Hour for
Vocations**



**Independence Day
Mass**



**VBS--
Cool Kingdom Party**

July 3, 2025

Holy Hour for Vocations

July 4, 2025

Independence Day Mass

July 28-31

VBS—Cool Kingdom Party

This week on St. Mary's campus. June 30 thru July 6, 2025

06/30 Monday

6:00am TMIY Men's Group, PAC Small Meeting Room
8:00am Wellness Ministry Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Funeral, Church
11:00am Funeral Luncheon, Church
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

07/01 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

07/02 Wednesday

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

07/03 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
6:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations, Church
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small Community Meeting, RE Room 202

07/04 Friday

9:00am Mass, Church
12:00pm Rosary, Church
7:00pm Unidos en un Corazon Small Community Meeting, CR Meeting Room
7:00 pm Unidos en Cristo Community Meeting, Providence Room 102

07/05 Saturday

6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group, Church
10:00am Baptism, Church
2:00pm Quinceanera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church
5:00pm CRHP Meeting, Cornerstone Room 202
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

07/06 Sunday

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



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

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



A Question That Repeats Itself

I have read this Gospel passage many times—the one in which Jesus asks, “*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*” and then, more intimately, “*But who do you say that I am?*” It appears several times throughout the liturgical year and is frequently used in retreats and spiritual reflections. I have meditated on it so often that I thought there was nothing new it could say to me. But this time was different. One word struck me as if I had never seen it before: **the location** where the question was asked.

A Detail I Had Overlooked

Jesus did not pose this question in the Temple, nor in Capernaum, nor on Mount Tabor or in the context of a miracle. He asked it in **Caesarea Philippi**, a pagan city, founded by the Romans, with no direct connection to the Holy Land or to the Jewish religious culture. It was a place where Jesus was neither known nor expected, where He performed no miracles. **There**, in that indifferent or even hostile environment, He asked: “*Who do you say that I am?*”

When Faith Is Put to the Test

It is easy to proclaim who Jesus is when we are in church, at a retreat, surrounded by incense, hymns, and prayer. It is easy to declare Him Lord in the middle of Adoration. But **at work, in school, in pain, in temptation, in solitude**—that is where the real answer is given, not with words, but with one’s life. Peter was able to respond because he did not rely on external signs, but on an interior revelation. In the

same way, we must draw strength from within when everything around us seems barren or opposed.

The Chain and Its Weakest Link

Our faith is not measured by our moments of glory but by our moments of weakness. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. If everything in our spiritual life is going well, but we fall at the first moment of trial, then what was all the rest worth? True confession of faith is born not when there is applause and clarity, but when we walk through our own *Caesarea Philippi*.

Knowing Who Jesus Is... and Knowing Who I Am

I conclude this reflection with a short story. A little princess boasted about her royal status until her governess replied, “*I am a daughter of God, and that is greater than being a princess.*” Knowing **who Jesus** is inevitably leads to discovering **who I am**. If I know that I am a child of God, then I will not allow anyone to trample my dignity, nor will I settle for anything less than what I am worth. Living in that dignity is the truest answer to Jesus’ question: “*Who do you say that I am?*”

Jr. Everardo Cázares

¿Quién es Jesús para mí? Una reflexión en tierra pagana



Una pregunta que se repite

He leído muchas veces este pasaje del Evangelio donde Jesús pregunta: *“¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del Hombre?”* y luego, más íntimamente: *“¿Y ustedes, quién dicen que soy yo?”* Es un texto que aparece varias veces al año en la liturgia y que es frecuentemente usado en retiros y reflexiones. Lo he meditado tantas veces que pensé que ya no me diría nada nuevo. Pero esta vez fue distinto. Una palabra me saltó como si nunca antes la hubiera notado: **el lugar** donde se hizo la pregunta.

El detalle que antes no vi

Jesús no hizo esta pregunta en el Templo, ni en Cafarnaúm, ni en el Monte Tabor o durante un milagro. La hizo en **Cesarea de Filipo**, una ciudad pagana, fundada por romanos, sin vínculo con la Tierra Santa ni con las expectativas mesiánicas del pueblo judío. Un lugar donde Jesús no era popular, donde no lo esperaban, donde no hizo milagros. **Ahí**, en ese contexto indiferente o incluso hostil, preguntó: *“¿Quién dicen ustedes que soy yo?”*

Cuando la fe se pone a prueba

Es fácil decir quién es Jesús en la iglesia, en un retiro, rodeados de incienso, cantos y oraciones. Es fácil proclamarlo Señor en medio de una adoración. Pero **en el trabajo, en la escuela, en el dolor, en la tentación, en la soledad**, ahí es donde verdaderamente se responde con el corazón: *¿Quién es Jesús para mí?* No con palabras, sino con la vida misma. Pedro pudo responder porque no se apoyó en

lo exterior, sino en una revelación interior. Así también nosotros debemos sacar la fuerza desde dentro cuando todo afuera parece seco o en contra.

La cadena y el eslabón más débil

Nuestra fe no se mide en los momentos de gloria, sino en los de debilidad. Una cadena es tan fuerte como su eslabón más débil. Si todo en nuestra vida espiritual va bien pero caemos en el primer momento de prueba, ¿de qué sirvió todo lo demás? La verdadera confesión de fe nace cuando no hay aplausos, cuando no hay certeza, cuando caminamos en nuestra propia "Cesarea de Filipo".

Saber quién es Jesús... y saber quién soy yo

Termino esta reflexión con una anécdota. Una niña princesa se jactaba de su linaje hasta que su institutriz le respondió: *“Yo soy hija de Dios, y eso es más que ser princesa.”* Saber **quién es Jesús** lleva necesariamente a descubrir **quién soy yo**. Si yo sé que soy hijo o hija de Dios, entonces no aceptaré cualquier trato indigno, ni me conformaré con cualquier cosa. Vivir con esa dignidad es la verdadera respuesta a la pregunta de Jesús: *“¿Quién dices tú que soy yo?”*

Fr. Everardo Cázares

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With a heart overflowing with gratitude, I wish to raise my voice today to thank each and every one of you —without exception— for the privilege of journeying together toward the Father's house during these years in Brenham. Coming to a country that was not my own, learning a new language, and adapting to different customs would have been impossible without your closeness and kindness. In all of you, I found the family the Lord promised when He said, *"Whoever leaves home, brothers, father or mother for my sake... will receive a hundredfold."* Your witness taught me just how personal and faithful God's love can truly be.

Allow me, from the depths of my heart, to name those who were my closest collaborators —those quiet pillars of so many pastoral fruits.

Fr. Edwin Kagoo



In only one year of shared ministry, I discovered in you a **man of deep prayer**, who surrenders trustfully to Divine Providence. Your life reflects the words of the psalmist: *"In you, Lord, I place my trust, and I shall not be put to shame."* Thank you for your priestly fraternity and for every gesture that strengthened my own vocation.

Michael Derkowski

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



What I first thought would be a challenge became instead a lesson in faith. Your **profound fear of the Lord**, understood as reverent love, is evident in all that you do. The zeal with which you serve the Church uplifts all who witness it. Thank you for honoring God with your life.

Elizabeth Fries

OFFICE MANAGER



With you, I shared the joys and burdens of the Lord's "sweet yoke." Through tears and laughter, we learned that *God is always faithful*. Your tireless service reflects a heart attuned to the rhythms of divine mercy. Thank you for reminding me each day that hope never disappoints.

Rosi Romero

SECRETARY



Your contagious joy and unwavering availability —in the choir, the office, rehearsals, and even the kitchen— are a true **gift from the Father** to this parish. Continue nurturing that humble desire to grow and learn; I am certain you will go far, for in serving, you multiply the talents God has entrusted to you.

Sister Teresa Diaz

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION



When I learned of Sister Kathleen's retirement, I prayed fervently for a suitable helpmate —and God answered that prayer through you. Your **patience and dedication** have elevated the religious education program to a level that only faith and professionalism combined can achieve. Thank you for being a living answer to many prayers.



Deacon Steve Medina

You are **joy incarnate**. I will miss the daily joke that always accompanied your greeting. Your youthful enthusiasm, united with a sincere commitment to the altar, is a living testimony of joyful service. Never lose that spark that brings warmth to so many hearts.



Cindy Bolin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SECRETARY

One word sums up your service: **professionalism**. In every certificate, list, email, and calendar entry, your love for the sacred and your attention to detail are evident. Even in the most personal moments of trial, you remained steadfast in your work. I carry you and your family in my prayers, with deep affection and gratitude.



Deacon Al Prescott

Your quiet service, your respectful manner, and your tender care —especially for the sick and for the Eucharist— reveal a **man of profound faith**. Thank you for being a reflection of the Good Shepherd, who tends His flock with mercy and attention to every need.



Sister Josephine Pajaro

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ASSISTANT

Your quiet, joyful presence speaks volumes. The altar cloths you made for the credence table are small but eloquent signs of your faith and your relationship with God. **Your silent fidelity** is a blessing for this community. Thank you for enriching our liturgy with such grace.



Heidi Ambrocio



Maria Lara

In the silence, long after others have gone home, your work leaves the church **immaculate and worthy** of divine worship. Every clean restroom and every prepared room is a hidden act of love that the Father surely sees. Thank you for honoring the Lord's house with such humble dedication.

To all—even those not mentioned by name but forever inscribed in my heart—I lift this prayer: *"May the Lord repay you a hundredfold for all the good you have done."* I will carry your faces in my memory and your names in my prayer.

I bid farewell, invoking upon you the blessing of the Triune God. May His peace, as boundless as His love, fill you now and always.

With deep affection in Christ,
Rev. Everardo Cazares

Until this day, Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate Conception
Brenham, Texas

Jr. Everardo Cázares

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Con el corazón henchido de gratitud, deseo elevar hoy mi voz para agradecerles —a cada uno, sin excepción— el privilegio de haber peregrinado juntos hacia la Casa del Padre durante estos años en Brenham. Venir a un país que no era el mío, aprender un idioma nuevo y adaptarme a costumbres distintas habría sido imposible sin su cercanía: en ustedes encontré la familia que el Señor me prometiera al decir «*quien deje casa, hermanos, padre o madre por mí... recibirá cien veces más*». Su testimonio me enseñó cuán personal y fiel es el amor que Dios nos tiene. Permítanme, desde lo hondo de mi ser, nombrar a quienes han sido mis colaboradores más cercanos, pilares silenciosos de tantos frutos pastorales.



Fr. Edwin Kagoo

En tan solo un año de ministerio compartido descubrí en ti a un **hombre de oración** que se abandona confiado a la Providencia. Tu vida recuerda al salmista: «*En ti, Señor, confío y nunca quedaré confundido*». Gracias por tu fraternidad sacerdotal y por cada gesto que edificó mi propia entrega.

Michael Derkowski
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



Lo que en un inicio creí que sería un desafío se convirtió en lección de fe. Tu **profundo temor de Dios**, entendido como reverencia amorosa, trasluce en todo lo que haces. El celo con que sirves a la Iglesia sobrepasa lo ordinario y eleva a quienes te rodean. Gracias por honrar a Dios con tu vida.



Elizabeth Fries
OFFICE MANAGER

Contigo compartí las dulzuras y fatigas del “yugo suave” del Señor. Entre lágrimas y risas aprendimos que *Dios es siempre fiel*. Tu labor incansable refleja un corazón que late al ritmo de la misericordia divina. Gracias por recordarme, día a día, que la esperanza nunca defrauda.

Rosi Romero
SECRETARY



Tu alegría contagiosa y tu disponibilidad sin límites —en el coro, en la oficina, en los ensayos, e incluso en la cocina— son un verdadero **don del Padre** para esta parroquia. Sigue cultivando ese humilde deseo de aprender; estoy seguro de que llegarás muy lejos, porque al servir multiplicas los talentos que Dios te dio.



Sister Teresa Diaz
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

Cuando supe que Sister Kathleen se retiraría, oré para que el Señor enviara una ayuda idónea. Tu llegada fue la respuesta visible. Tu **paciencia y dedicación** han elevado la catequesis de nuestros niños a un nivel que solo la fe y el profesionalismo pueden lograr. Gracias por ser instrumento de las oraciones de muchos.



Deacon Steve Medina

Eres la **alegría personificada**. Extrañaré el chiste nuevo que acompañaba tu saludo diario. Tu entusiasmo juvenil, unido al compromiso con el altar, es un testimonio vivo de servicio desinteresado. Que nunca se apague esa chispa que enciende corazones.



Cindy Bolin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SECRETARY

Una palabra resume tu entrega: **profesionalismo**. En cada certificado, lista, correo y agenda se aprecia tu amor por la perfección para las cosas de Dios. Aun en medio de tus cruces personales, permaneciste firme. Llevo en mi oración a ti y a tu familia, con afecto entrañable y gratitud sincera.



Deacon Al Prescott

Tu servicio silencioso, lleno de respeto y ternura —sobre todo con los enfermos y la Eucaristía— revela a un **hombre de profunda fe**. Gracias por ser reflejo del Buen Pastor que cuida a cada oveja con infinito amor.



Sister Josephine Pajaro

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ASSISTANT

Tu discreción habla más que mil palabras. Los manteles que hiciste para la credencia son pequeños signos de un alma que pone a Dios en cada detalle. Tu **alegría serena** es bálsamo para esta comunidad; gracias por embellecer la liturgia con tus manos y tu oración.



Heidi Ambrocio



Maria Lara

En el silencio, cuando todos se han marchado, su labor deja el templo **impecable y digno** para la alabanza divina. Cada baño limpio y cada salón ordenado son acto de amor escondido que el Padre ve en lo secreto. Gracias por honrar la casa de Dios con tanta dedicación.

Para todos, incluso los no mencionados por nombre pero grabados en mi corazón, elevo esta oración: *«Que el Señor les recompense con creces todo el bien que han sembrado»*. Llevaré siempre sus rostros en mi memoria y sus nombres en mi oración.

Me despido implorando sobre ustedes la bendición del Dios Trino y Uno. Que su paz, tan inmensa como su amor, los colme hoy y siempre.

Con inmenso afecto en Cristo,

Rev. Everardo Cazares

Hasta este día parroco de St. Mary Immaculate Conception
Brenham, Texas

Fr. Everardo Cázares

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the professionalism and dedication demonstrated in all the electrical work carried out at the PAC, including the replacement of lighting fixtures, rewiring, and the exterior installations such as the parking lot lighting.

I am also deeply grateful for the efficient and highly professional installation of the new lighting in our church sanctuary. All of these improvements were completed under the coordination of Armando and his team **AFS**, whose commitment and expertise have significantly enhanced our facilities.

Deseo expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento por el profesionalismo y la dedicación demostrados en todos los trabajos eléctricos realizados en el PAC, incluyendo el reemplazo de luminarias, el cableado y las instalaciones exteriores, como las luces del estacionamiento.

Asimismo, agradezco profundamente la eficiencia y el alto nivel profesional con el que se llevó a cabo la instalación de las nuevas luminarias en el santuario de nuestra iglesia. Todos estos trabajos fueron realizados bajo la coordinación de Armando y su equipo **AFS**, cuyo compromiso y experiencia han contribuido significativamente a la mejora de nuestras instalaciones.



AFS CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS

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I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Fabián and his team at **Lopez Renovations** for the **invaluable support** they have provided. Their **prompt response to our requests**, along with the **cleanliness, organization, and high quality of their work**, reflects a remarkable level of commitment and professionalism.

I am especially grateful for all the work completed in the choir area, around the organ, as well as in the numerous projects carried out in the rental houses and throughout the parish campus.

Please receive my heartfelt thanks for your outstanding service.

También deseo aprovechar esta ocasión para expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a Fabián y a su equipo de **Lopez Renovations**, por la **ayuda invaluable** que nos han brindado. Su **disposición inmediata para responder a nuestros llamados**, así como la **limpieza, el orden y**

la calidad del trabajo realizado, reflejan un alto nivel de compromiso y profesionalismo.

Agradezco profundamente todas las labores llevadas a cabo en el área del coro, en torno al órgano, así como en los múltiples proyectos ejecutados tanto en las casas de renta como en diversas áreas del campus parroquial.

Mi gratitud hacia ustedes es sincera y reiterada. Muchas gracias por su excelente servicio.

There are truly so many individuals to whom I would like to express my deepest and most sincere gratitude. To all the Pax Christi Sisters, to the choirs, sacristans, lectors, and especially to Deacon Brian McNaughton, with whom I have had the joy of forming a genuine friendship in just two short weeks. I extend heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, to those who have assisted in the parish office, and to everyone who serves so generously in any ministry within our community. I am also especially grateful to those who, with affection and dedication, have offered their time and talents to help prepare my farewell. To all of you, I can only entrust you to God, asking that He bless you abundantly. I trust fully that whatever you do for one of His disciples will not go unrewarded. Please know that I hold each of you in my prayers. Once again, thank you.

Jr. Everardo Cázares

Today Sunday, June 29 at 2:00pm Farewell Luncheon Invitation

Father Everardo cordially invites the entire community to a **thanksgiving meal** to be held on in **the PAC**, where he will offer a **lamb barbecue** as a token of gratitude for the time shared with us. 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 este **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.**





FOR THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS A CONSUMING FIRE, A JEALOUS GOD. DT. 4:24

During the weekend of June 20 through June 22, the High School Youth from St. Mary's Parish were part of a Steubenville Conference, in which God spoke to them through the talks, singing, playing, the sacrament of Confession, and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The young people, together with a lot of Catholic youth from other parishes, were consumed by God's love, and it was reaffirmed with Mass in the Feast of Corpus Christi, in which all received Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us all, as a parish, keep them in our prayers, so during their everyday lives they keep being consumed by God's love and not by the world.

Thank you to all who helped make this spiritual experience for this group of young people possible. May God bless you and your families.

Sister Teresa Diaz





PORQUE EL SEÑOR, TU DIOS, ES FUEGO CONSUMIDOR, DIOS CELOSO.

DT. 4:24

Durante el fin de semana del 20 al 22 de junio, los jóvenes de High School de la parroquia Santa María participaron en una Conferencia en Steubenville, donde Dios les habló a través de charlas, cantos, juegos, el sacramento de la Confesión y la oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Los jóvenes, junto con muchos jóvenes católicos de otras parroquias, se sintieron consumidos por el amor de Dios, lo cual se reafirmó en la Misa del Corpus Christi, donde todos recibieron a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Como parroquia, oremos por ellos, para que en su vida diaria sigan siendo consumidos por el amor de Dios y no por el mundo.

Gracias a todos los que hicieron posible esta experiencia espiritual para este grupo de jóvenes. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias.

Sister Teresa Diaz

CORPUS CHRISTI 2025

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED SET UP AND
THAT JOINED US IN THE PROCESSION





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..." | 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



The staff and parishioners offer their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family of **Charles James Sulak, Jr.** May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of God.

*El personal y los feligreses ofrecen sus más sinceras condolencias a la familia de **Charles James Sulak, Jr.** Que descanse en paz eterna en los brazos de Dios.*



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.

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WHAT IS DISCERNMENT?



LEARN THE BASICS

Vocational discernment precedes the choice of giving a definitive direction to your life – the fundamental way that you will follow Christ. As with all important decisions, it is essential in vocational discernment to have good information. There are three things to know:

1. You are called to holiness
2. The vocations of priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage are three ways of being holy
3. Celibacy is a foretaste of heaven that Jesus wants to give some of His friends already on earth

1. You are called to holiness

Regarding God's will, the one thing you do not have to discern is His desire for your holiness. "This is the will of God, your holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Unfortunately, because holiness is a term that we use so often, there is a risk of being uninterested in this call. If we appreciated holiness for what it truly is, pursuing it would become the most urgent and important task every day of our lives.

The following passages from Scripture are helpful to begin appreciating the call to holiness:

- "I came that they might have life and have it to the full." – John 10:10
- "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." – Matthew 11:28-30
- "He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature." – 2 Peter 1:4

Holiness is nothing less than sharing in God's life, becoming a "partaker of the divine nature." He came in order that we might have His life "and have it to the full." Until we heed His call, our hearts will remain restless, but when we take up our cross and follow Him, we find the "rest" that our hearts seek. The glory of salvation is not merely freedom from sin; it is freedom for divine sonship. Salvation makes us sons and daughters of God – able to love as He loves and to know the joy that He knows.

- "I have told you these things so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." – John 15:11-12

Vocational discernment rests on the firm foundation of the call to holiness. By seeking holiness as you are right now, God will make known the particular way of holiness that He wants you to embrace in the future.



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If you have ever thought about being a priest, these qualities may be clues to a future priestly vocation:

1. GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR HEART A DESIRE TO BE A PRIEST.

If Jesus has placed a desire in your heart for the priesthood, *no matter what your age*, don't ignore it.

Talk to a priest you admire about how you feel.

2. YOU HAVE A DEEP LOVE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.

A priest functions *in persona Christi capitis*—in the person of Christ, head of the Church.

Thus a man who wants to be a priest must love Jesus Christ above all else. And like Jesus, he should have a deep love for the Church, the Bride of Christ.

In general, a man who wants to be a priest will find himself drawn to Church teachings and "all things Catholic."

3. OTHER PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THAT YOU WOULD BE A GOOD PRIEST.

Often other people will notice a "priest's heart" in a young man and say to him, "Have you ever thought about being a priest? I think you'd make a good one."

In fact, many men report that they grew tired of people making such comments—but that the encouragement eventually led them to seminary!

4. YOU DESIRE TO LIVE A LIFE OF VIRTUE AND PRAYER.

Pope Benedict recently spoke about what people expect of their priests. To paraphrase, he said that people do not expect priests to be experts in anything but the spiritual life.

Thus, a good candidate for the priesthood attends Mass, prays frequently, receives the sacrament of Confession, serves others, and strives to grow spiritually.

5. YOU WANT TO HELP OTHERS GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST.

A priest brings Jesus to people and people to Jesus. For this reason, a man who wants to be a priest must have a deep concern for the people of God.

He wants to help them grow in holiness; he wants to teach them the truths of the faith; he wants to minister to them during the trials of life.

The vocation of priesthood is about leading others to heaven.



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DEACON'S CORNER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. This is one of those calendar feasts that replace what would be the Sunday of the Year, in this case, the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. When we consider St. Peter and St. Paul, we are often drawn into a reflection of their lives before they became committed apostles. We remember the lovable oaf Simon, who tried to walk on water towards the Lord and then sank when he questioned his faith, or his denial of the Lord three times. Or we remember Saul of Tarsus who stood at the stoning of the first martyr, St. Stephen, and thought this was a good idea, and then followed this by rounding up Christians and bringing them to trial before the Jewish authorities.

Nothing could stop Peter and Paul from proclaiming Jesus Christ. Nothing should stop us. When we reflect on the call we have received, on the Presence of the Lord within us, on the Power of the Lord working through us, His Holy Spirit, how could anything keep us from singing His Praise? This feast is not just about the Early Church of Rome. It is not just about Peter and Paul. This feast is about our sharing the gifts we have received with others, gifts through which we can proclaim to the world the wonders and joys of the Gospel. Like Peter and Paul the cost of discipleship is negligible when compared to the joy of possessing Jesus Christ. In his first letter, our first Holy Father, St. Peter, says to us: (1 Peter 1:8-9) Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet you believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of (your) faith, the salvation of your souls.



May we sing the praises of the Lord with Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Deacon Al

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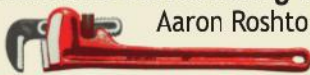
Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo. Esta es una de esas fiestas del calendario que reemplazan lo que sería el Domingo del Año, en este caso, el Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Al pensar en San Pedro y San Pablo, a menudo reflexionamos sobre sus vidas antes de convertirse en apóstoles comprometidos. Recordamos al amable Simón, quien intentó caminar sobre las aguas hacia el Señor y se hundió al cuestionar su fe, o su negación del Señor tres veces. O recordamos a Saulo de Tarso, quien estuvo presente en la lapidación del primer mártir, San Esteban, y pensó que era una buena idea, y luego acorraló a los cristianos y los llevó a juicio ante las autoridades judías.

Nada pudo impedir que Pedro y Pablo proclamaran a Jesucristo. Nada debería detenernos. Cuando reflexionamos en el llamado que hemos recibido, en la Presencia del Señor en nosotros, en el Poder del Señor que obra a través de nosotros, su Espíritu Santo, ¿qué podría impedirnos cantar su alabanza? Esta fiesta no se trata solo de la Iglesia Primitiva de Roma. No se trata solo de Pedro y Pablo. Esta fiesta se trata de compartir los dones que hemos recibido con los demás, dones mediante los cuales podemos proclamar al mundo las maravillas y alegrías del Evangelio. Al igual que Pedro y Pablo, el costo del discipulado es insignificante comparado con la alegría de poseer a Jesucristo. En su primera carta, nuestro primer Santo Padre, San Pedro, nos dice: (1 Pedro 1:8-9) Aunque no lo han visto, lo aman; aunque ahora no lo ven, creen en él, y se alegran con un gozo indescriptible y glorioso, al alcanzar la meta de su fe, la salvación de sus almas.

Cantemos alabanzas al Señor con San Pedro y San Pablo.

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