



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

Rev. Raphael Ezech, MSP - Pastor

Fr. Edwin Kagoo—Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Brian McNaughton

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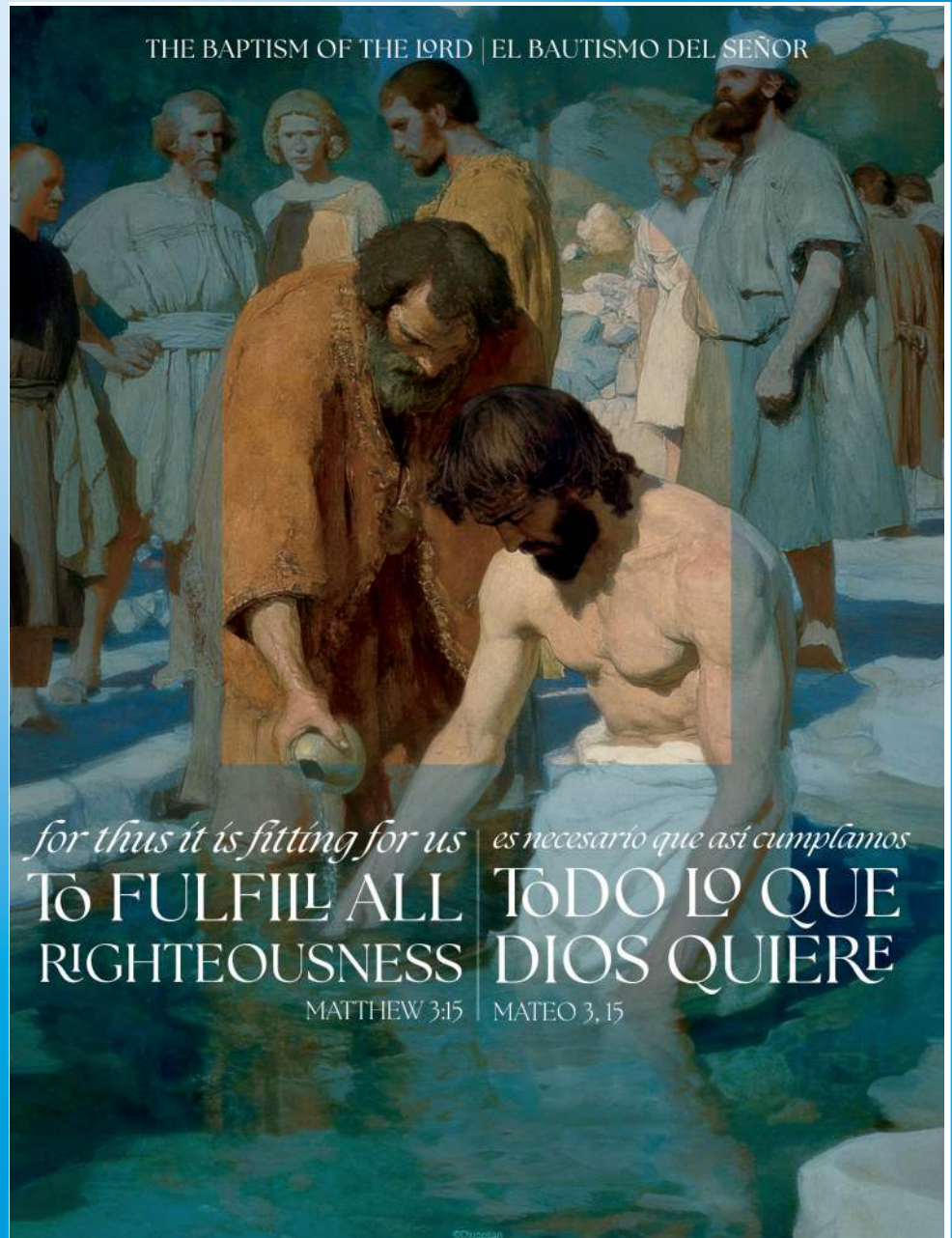
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The Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29

El Señor bendice a su pueblo con la paz. Salmo 29

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

HORARIO DE MISAS E INTENCIONES

January 13—18, 2026

Tuesday/martes—January 13, 12:15pm

† Mrs. Nguyen Thu
† Audrey Bishop (sent off)

Wednesday/miercoles—January 14, 12:15pm

† Harold Wesneski
† Ronald Haren (sent off)
Living & deceased members of the Alfred & Mary
Nestor/Libbon Families (sent off)

Thursday/jueves - January 15, 12:15 pm

† Rev. David Ivey
† Eleanor Howard (sent off)

Friday/Viernes - January 16, 5:30pm

† Mr. Nguyen Cong Dan
† Bernice & Hugh Thiel (sent off)

Saturday/sábado—January 17, 5:00 pm

† Mr. Nguyen Thien
† Ricky Wellmann (sent off)
† Bruno Bolcerek (sent off)

7:00pm—En Español / In Spanish

Esperanza Lucano on her birthday

Sunday/Domingo—January 18, 8:00 am.

Living & deceased members of the Byrne &
Ondrusek families
† Bennie & Clara Wesneski (sent off)

10:30 a.m.

Pro Populo

12:30 p.m. - En Español/In Spanish

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico

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*

December 24-25

Christmas Day collection\$15,700.86

December 27-28

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$21,092.00

Weekend collection\$16,960.71

Holy Family.....\$2,165.20

December 31-January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God\$4,663.50

January 3-4

Weekly budgeted expenses.....\$21,092.00

Weekend collection\$21,770.78

Purple bag collection.....\$4,969.78



St. Mary's Prayer Line

If you or a loved one needs
prayers, call, text, or email:

Shirley Rowan at 979-421-3332 or

Shirley.rowan@att.net

If you would like to become

a Prayer Warrior please contact Shirley Rowan.

Linea de Oración de St. Mary's

Si usted o un ser querido necesita oraciones, llame, mande
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979-421-3332 ó Shirley.rowan@att.net

*Si usted gusta ser un Guerrero de oración Por favor
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Calendar

January



Spanish CRHP Men
Retreat



Steubenville Information
Meeting

January 17-18, 2026

Spanish CRHP Men Retreat

January 21, 2026

Steubenville Information Meeting

February 2026



Knights of Columbus
Free Throw



Holy Hour
for Vocations

February 1, 2026

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

February 5, 2026

Holy Hour for Vocations

This week on St. Mary's campus. January 12 thru January 18, 2026

01/12 Monday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm St. Teresa of Calcutta
Meeting, PAC Large Mtng room
7:00pm Jesus, Maria y Jose communi-
ty Meeting, Cornerstone RM 203

01/13 Tuesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Charismata, Cornerstone
mtg room
10:30am Scripture Study, PAC small
meeting room
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm Seguidores de Jesus
Community Meeting, CR Meeting
Room

01/14 Wednesday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
4:15pm CCE, All Campus
5:30pm Choir, Church
7:00pm Spanish Choir, Church
7:00pm Evangelization Retreat Follow
up, Providece Hall Room 102

01/15 Thursday

8:00am Walk in the PAC, Gym
10:00am Bella Brigata, KofC Hall
11:45am Confessions, Church
12:15pm Mass, Church
1:00pm St. Paul's PE, Gym
6:00pm WCJ Volleyball, Gym
6:00pm Spanish Baptism Class, AV
Room
6:00pm RCIA English, Cornerstone
Room 202
7:00pm Amor Hacia Cristo Small
Community Meeting, Cornerstone
Meeting Room

01/16 Friday

12:10pm Rosary, Church
4:00pm AHG, PAC Large Mtg room
4:00pm CRHP Retreat Set up, PAC All
Rooms
5:00pm Confessions, Church
5:30pm Mass, Church
6:15pm Quinceanera Rehearsal,
Church
7:00pm Unidos en Cristo Community,
Providence Hall, Room 102

01/17 Saturday

5:00am CRHP Retreat, PAC All Rooms
6:00am Spanish Men's Prayer Group,
Church
7:00am Women's Spanish Prayer
Meeting, Cornerstone Meeting Room
10:00am First Penance, Church
2:00pm Quinceanera, Church
3:30pm Confessions, Church
5:00pm English Vigil Mass, Church
5:00pm Comunidad Unidos en un
Corazón, Cornerstone Meeting Room
7:00pm Spanish Vigil Mass, Church

01/18 Sunday

5:00am CRHP Retreat, PAC All rooms
8:00am English Mass, Church
9:15am CCE, All Campus
10:30am English Mass, Church
10:30am Spanish RCIA, RE AV Room
10:30am RCIA Parent Meeting, RE
room 105
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

Women Formation 2026

"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

Bella Brigata, St. Catherine of Siena's beautiful brigade

New Location: KC Hall, Thursdays, 10-11:45am

Jan. 8 – Feb. 12 (6 weeks)

Interior Castle, St. Teresa of Avila. (Seven stages of prayer toward union with God) (Order now on Amazon \$12.50.)

Q:713.501.0663



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



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



Charis Prayer Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays starting Jan. 13, 10-11:30am

Cornerstone Building, Meeting Room

Praise, Prayer, & Lectio Divina

"A stream of grace" from the Holy See

(Q:713.501.0663 Kathy)



For the battle
belongs to the Lord.
1 SAMUEL 17:47

STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR

JUNE 19-21, 2026
IRVING, TX

Informational Parent Meeting
Wednesday, January 21st
6-7pm in the PAC

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville Lone Star and be transformed by the love of Christ.

All outgoing 8th graders through graduating 12th graders are invited to attend this conference with our group.



Altar Flowers

Every weekend, generous parishioners donate fresh flowers for our St. Mary's Church altar.

Beginning January 10, the 2026 Flower Calendar will be posted at the back of the church, across from the confessional, near the back sacristy.

If you wish to donate flowers, please sign up for the weekend(s) of your choice and include your phone number.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Quinlan at 708-212-2519.

Thank you for your generosity!

Cada fin de semana, generosos feligreses donan flores frescas para el altar de nuestra Iglesia de Santa María.

A partir del 10 de enero, el Calendario de Flores de 2026 estará disponible en la parte trasera de la iglesia, frente al confesionario, cerca de la sacristía.

Si desea donar flores, por favor, inscribese para el fin de semana o los fines de semana de su elección e incluya su número de teléfono.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Linda Quinlan al 708-212-2519.

¡Gracias por su generosidad!



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.

CALLED BY NAME SUNDAY JAN. 25, 2026



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DEACON'S CORNER

Baptism of Jesus

Jesus begins his public ministry by showing up at the Jordan River to be baptized by John. I'm sure many people have wondered just why Jesus needed to be baptized. Baptism is the first sacrament, and each is a gift from God which conveys sanctifying grace; the grace that gets us to heaven. Baptism forgives sins, grants spiritual rebirth and makes one a member of The Church.

But Jesus is God. He has no sins and is the source of sanctifying grace. It makes no sense that He would need to be baptized. Even John protested, "I need to be baptized by you, and you are coming to me?". Why then is this so important? Jesus gives the answer himself when he simply tells John to let it be done to "fulfill all righteousness". In his first act, Jesus is being obedient to The Father's wish that he be baptized. This is confirmed by The Father immediately after when, with a voice from heaven, He announces He is well pleased.

The fall of our first parents was when they decided that there was no reason not to eat the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Sure, they had been told not to but didn't see anything wrong with the fruit and so simply disobeyed the instruction. How fitting then that Jesus's first act is one of obedience, even if it made no sense. Even if there was every reason to think it was unnecessary.

Obedience isn't just obeying instructions when you see the reasons and agree with them. Obedience to one who has authority over you is following instructions even when you don't agree. Jesus came as the model human and, as humans, we are supposed to respect the authority of God, who created us, knows more than us, loves us unconditionally and has given us clear instructions to obey. Jesus's baptism is a clear reminder of the need to obey, even when we don't see why we should.

Deacon Steve

RINCON DEL DIACONO

Bautismo de Jesús

Jesús comienza su ministerio público presentándose en el río Jordán para ser bautizado por Juan. Seguramente muchos se han preguntado por qué Jesús necesitaba ser bautizado. El bautismo es el primer sacramento, y cada sacramento es un don de Dios que confiere la gracia santificante; la gracia que nos lleva al cielo. El bautismo perdona los pecados, otorga el renacimiento espiritual y nos hace miembros de la Iglesia.

Pero Jesús es Dios. No tiene pecado y es la fuente de la gracia santificante. No tiene sentido que necesitara ser bautizado. Incluso Juan protestó: «Yo necesito ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a mí?». ¿Por qué, entonces, es esto tan importante? Jesús mismo da la respuesta cuando simplemente le dice a Juan que lo permita para «cumplir toda justicia». En su primer acto, Jesús obedece el deseo del Padre de ser bautizado. Esto lo confirma el Padre inmediatamente después, cuando, con una voz del cielo, anuncia que está complacido.

La caída de nuestros primeros padres ocurrió cuando decidieron que no había razón para no comer del fruto del Árbol del Conocimiento del Bien y del Mal. Ciertamente, se les había dicho que no lo hicieran, pero no vieron nada malo en el fruto y simplemente desobedecieron la instrucción. ¡Qué apropiado, entonces, que el primer acto de Jesús sea un acto de obediencia, incluso si no tenía sentido! Incluso si había muchas razones para pensar que era innecesario.

La obediencia no es solo obedecer instrucciones cuando se entienden las razones y se está de acuerdo con ellas. La obediencia a quien tiene autoridad sobre nosotros es seguir las instrucciones incluso cuando no estamos de acuerdo. Jesús vino como modelo de humanidad y, como seres humanos, debemos respetar la autoridad de Dios, quien nos creó, sabe más que nosotros, nos ama incondicionalmente y nos ha dado instrucciones claras para que las obedezcamos. El bautismo de Jesús es un claro recordatorio de la necesidad de obedecer, incluso cuando no entendemos por qué debemos hacerlo.

Diácono Steve



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