

Repent AND BELIEVE



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday/Sabado

7:00p.m. Vigil Mass (Spanish)

Sunday/Domingo

9:00a.m. English Mass
11:30a.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
8:00a.m. English Mass

Wednesday, Thursday
6:00p.m. Spanish Mass

First Saturday

9:30a.m. English Mass

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sabado: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

EUCARÍSTICA

Thursday/ Jueves: 8:30am—6:00pm

17 HRS. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Thursday at 7:00pm to First Friday at 12pm.
Primer Jueves de 7:00pm a Primer Viernes a las 12pm.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Baptismal Class Preparation in English

Every last Saturday of the month
9:00am—12:00pm
Rose Pasillas

Preparación Bautismal en Español

Terceros Sábados del mes
9:00am—12:00pm
Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Faith Formation/Formación de la Fe

Sunday/Domingo
10:15am—11:15am

Sacramental Formation/Formación Sacramental

Every Wednesday/Todos los Miércoles
6:00pm—7:30pm

Anointing of the Sick/Unción de los enfermos

First Friday of the Month/Primer Viernes de cada mes
12:00noon

Marriage Preparation/Preparación Matrimonial

Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior
of intended Marriage date.

Comuníquese con el Sacerdote al menos
6 meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.

Office Hours (Horario de Oficina)

Tuesday through Friday (Martes a Viernes)

9:30am to 5:00pm

Monday / Closed

Secretary: Sister Georgina Sierra, mgsa

Adoration Chapel Code Number (Código Capilla de Adoración) 2-4-6-8

First
Sunday
of
Lent

Feb. 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent Clear Conscience

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him? Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings For the Week

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| Monday | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday | Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19 |
| Friday | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 |

Primer domingo de Cuaresma Una conciencia limpia

Generalmente la primera lectura tiene algo en común con el evangelio. La de hoy, sin embargo, tiene más en común con la segunda lectura de San Pedro. Ambos hablan de Noé y del arca, donde las pocas personas buenas se salvaron al pasar por el agua. Pedro compara eso con las aguas del bautismo, en las que somos salvados por Dios. Como Dios lavó el mal del mundo en las aguas del diluvio, de la misma forma las aguas del bautismo nos convirtieron en un nuevo pueblo que tiene la conciencia limpia, tanto porque Dios ha perdonado nuestros pecados como porque prometemos seguirlo sólo a Él.

Eso nos lleva al Evangelio, donde Jesús es tentado por Satanás. Pero a diferencia de la gente de la época de Noé, Jesús no cae en las tentaciones. En cambio, sale del desierto y nos dice que nos arrepintamos y creamos en la buena nueva.

Eso significa que tenemos que tomar una decisión: ¿Aceptamos este reino y nos arrepentimos, o ignoramos nuestro bautismo y hacemos lo que queremos? ¿Tenemos todavía la conciencia limpia cuando pensamos en cuánto tiempo dedicamos a conocer a Jesús? ¿Alguna vez has orado o leído la Biblia fuera de la iglesia? ¿Gastamos casi lo mismo en ayudar a los pobres que en nuestras diversiones?

La próxima vez que veas un arco iris, piensa en la alianza que Dios hizo con Noé. Así como las promesas de Dios mejoran cada vez más hasta la venida de Jesús, nosotros somos desafiados a ser cada vez más como Él. ¿Estás satisfecho con sólo la promesa de que Dios no nos destruirá a todos con un diluvio? ¿O estás listo para vivir la Nueva Alianza que Jesús promete a quienes lo seguirán? Tom Schmidt

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

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| Lunes | Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15; Mt 25, 31-46 |
| Martes | Is 55, 10-11; Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19; Mt 6, 7-15 |
| Miércoles | Jon 3, 1-10; Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19; Lc 11, 29-32 |
| Jueves | 1 Ped 5, 1-4; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6; Mt 16, 13-19 |
| Viernes | Ez 18, 21-28; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6, 7-8; Mt 5, 20-26 |
| Sábado | Dt 26, 16-19; Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8; Mt 5, 43-48 |

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: The Catholic Church in the United States and Holy Cross Catholic Church, Diocese of Tyler, are committed to providing an environment that is safe for children and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned that a child or adult is suffering physical or sexual abuse, please contact Fr. Gomez, the Diocesan Promoter of Justice at (903) 266-2159. Or to Presidium Number: 1-877-415-6423.

AMBIENTE SEGURO: La Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos y la iglesia La Santa Cruz Diócesis de Tyler, se han comprometido a proporcionar un ambiente seguro para los niños y adultos vulnerables. Si le preocupa que un niño o un adulto esté sufriendo abuso físico o sexual por favor contacte al Padre Gómez, el Promotor Diocesano de Justicia de la Diócesis de Tyler (903)266-2159 o a Praesidium Number (Presidio) al 1-877-415-6423.



MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

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| Financial Council / Consejo de Finanzas Alton Werth (Chair Person) | Baptism Preparation / Prep. Bautismal Manny & Rose Pasillas (English) | Legion of Mary / Legión de María Socorro Figueroa |
| Pastoral Council / Consejo Pastoral Manny Pasillas (Chair Person) | Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA (Spanish) | Pro-Life Group / Grupo Pro-Vida María Álvarez |
| Faith Formation / Formación en la Fe Sister Georgina Sierra MGSA | Ethics & Integrity (ACS)/Ética & Integridad Rose Pasillas | Maintenance / Mantenimiento Fernando Ornelas / Rene Sierra |
| RCIA-English/RICA-Spanish Rose Pasillas/Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA | Lector / Lector Mary Cole (English) / Salvador Ávila (Spanish) | Church Cleaning / Limpieza de la Iglesia Sara Mandujano |
| Spanish Choir Rosario Abrego | Altar Servers / Monaguillos Manny Pasillas / Alma Ugalde | Ujieres/Ushers Antonio Mandujano |
| | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Manny Pasillas & Juan Osornio | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **This week's second collection** will be for the Black and Indian Missions. **Next week's second collection** will be for the Building Fund.

Weekly collection/ Colecta Semanal

January 28, 2024

Regular Collection \$ 3,095.00
 Second Collection \$ 2,217.00
 (Building Fund)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Class Preparation in English
 Every last Saturday of the month
 Next Class : March 2, 2024
 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

To Register, please call the office
 prior to the class.

Clases Pre-Bautismales en Español
 Tercer Sábado de Cada Mes
 Próxima Clase: Marzo 16, 2024
 9:00am — 12:00pm

Venir a la Oficina para registrarse y
 recoger el libro para la clase.



GOD'S CLOSET CAMP COUNTY CARES

HOLY CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

- 1st Monday of Each Month
- 3rd Monday of Each Month
- **4th Monday of Each Month**
 (Except June, July, August)

LOCATION :

God's Closet

TIME:

8:30-11:00 AM



BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Every day, rain or shine, there are those in our camp county community in need. You can help them. How? By giving of your time. Our time is the greatest gift we can give. Come and spend a few hours a month helping by showing your kindness and support to those in need. Bring your smile, your muscle, and your love for God's creations. You will be rewarded much more than you will ever know.

Let's Join Us!

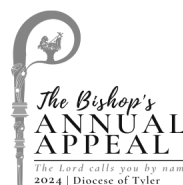


Fin de Semana de Seguimiento

El propósito de hoy es dar las gracias a los que ya han hecho una promesa y dar a la gente la oportunidad de entregar sus promesas si no lo hicieron la semana anterior. En la Misa de hoy, puedes esperar:

- Tarjetas de promesa en los bancos
- Un breve mensaje de tu párroco
- Otra oportunidad para entregar una tarjeta de compromiso

Escanea para dar en línea o ve a
www.dioceseoftyler.org/baa2024/



Follow-Up Weekend

Today's purpose is to thank those who have already made a pledge and to give people an opportunity to turn in pledges if they didn't the previous week. At Mass today, you can expect:

- Pledge cards in the pews
- A brief message from your pastor
- Another chance to turn in a pledge card

Scan to give online or go to
www.dioceseoftyler.org/baa2024/





On February 21 there will be a mass and a procession with the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal, beginning at 7:30 a.m. followed by mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary and Consecration to Our Lady. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, and the Statue will be available for veneration and prayers as well.

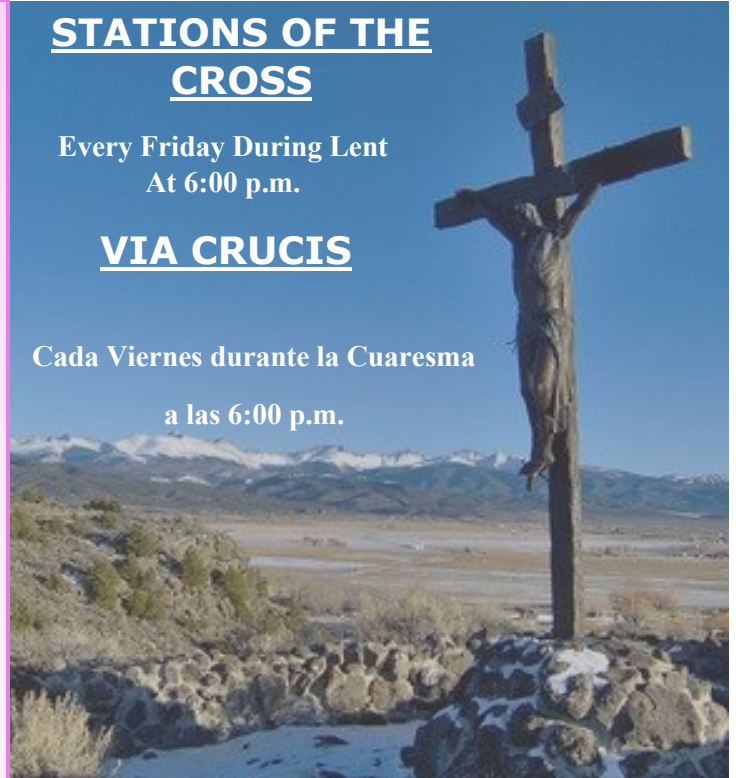
El 21 de febrero habrá una misa y una procesión con la Estatua Peregrina de Nuestra Señora de Fátima de Portugal, a partir de las 7:30 a.m., seguida de una misa, Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, Santo Rosario y Consagración a Nuestra Señora. El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto, y la estatua también estará disponible para veneración y oraciones.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent
At 6:00 p.m.

VIA CRUCIS

Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma
a las 6:00 p.m.



Servicio Penitencial

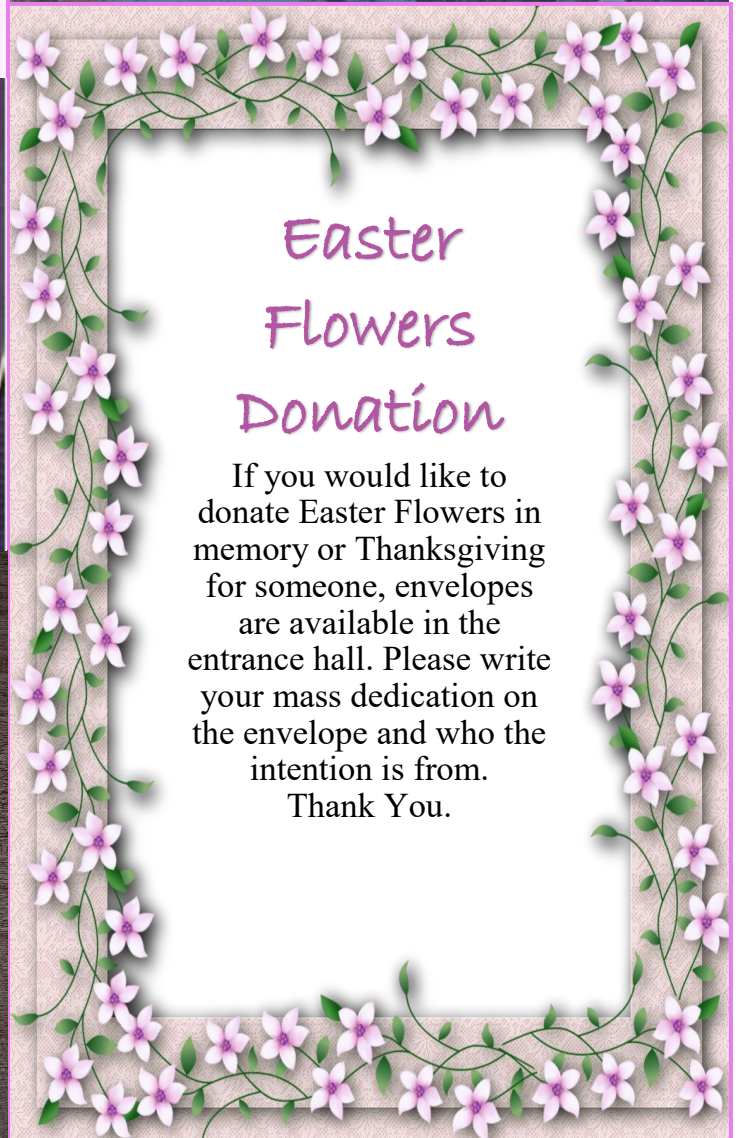
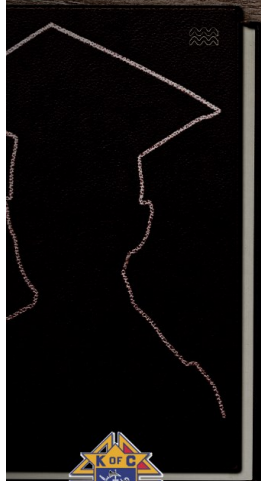
Viernes 8 de Marzo de 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SCHOLARSHIP

2024

APPLICATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR HIGH
SCHOOL SENIORS

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON
MARCH 1ST. NO LATE
APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THAT DATE. APPLICATIONS
MUST BE COMPLETE WITH ALL
INFORMATION. THEY MUST BE
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
MARCH 1ST. THEY CAN ALSO BE
EMAILED TO:
MARINSONTHEMOVE@GMAIL.COM.



Easter Flowers Donation

If you would like to donate Easter Flowers in memory or Thanksgiving for someone, envelopes are available in the entrance hall. Please write your mass dedication on the envelope and who the intention is from.
Thank You.