

HE COMMANDS  
EVEN THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS  
& THEY OBEY HIM



## 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

#### EUCARÍSTICA

Wednesday through Friday 8:30am—6:00pm

#### **17 HRS. EUCCHARISTIC 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

**4th**  
**Sunday**  
**In**  
**Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**Jan. 28, 2024**

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thunderbolts and Lightning

One of the most difficult duties of a disciple is to follow the command of Jesus to spread the gospel to all nations. (Lk 24:47, Mk 116:15, Mt 28:19) I think one reason may be that we don't feel we have the authority to tell someone else what to believe. Most of us don't think we know the gospel well enough to preach it. The gospel this Sunday mentions twice that Jesus taught with more authority than any of religious leaders of Israel. So how can we get such authority? First, Jesus didn't threaten people with thunderbolts and lightning. He certainly didn't impress people by saying what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth that he heard from his Father. His two main actions in his ministry were curing and forgiving people. Since the Jews thought sickness was a punishment for sins, by curing the sick and forgiving sins, Jesus showed that he got authority from his Father. How do we get that authority?" We get it from the Holy Spirit, in Baptism and Confirmation. And like an athlete who has to work-out and practice to be any good, we still need to grow in that authority. One way is to read the scriptures and pray with them, so that we get to know God through his Word and begin to listen to him in our prayers. We can consciously decide to see God in other people, not just those we love, but everyone, even the ones who annoy us. And of course, the Eucharist and other sacraments strengthen God's life in us. You'll know you have that authority when you can talk about your faith with confidence instead of hesitation, because you will be speaking from experience, not second hand knowledge. Tom Schmidt

### Scripture Readings For the Week

<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Truenos y relámpagos

Uno de los deberes más difíciles de un discípulo es seguir el mandato de Jesús de difundir el evangelio a todas las naciones. (Lc 24,47, Mc 116,15, Mt 28,19) Creo que una razón puede ser que no sentimos que tenemos la autoridad para decirle a otra persona qué debe creer. La mayoría de nosotros no creemos que conocemos el evangelio lo suficientemente bien como para predicarlo. El evangelio de este domingo menciona dos veces que Jesús enseñó con más autoridad que cualquiera de los líderes religiosos de Israel. ¿Cómo podemos conseguir tal autoridad nosotros? Primero, Jesús no amenazó a la gente con truenos y relámpagos. Ciertamente no impresionaba a la gente diciendo lo que querían oír. Habló la verdad que escuchó de su Padre. Las dos acciones principales en su ministerio fueron curar y perdonar. Ciertamente no impresionaba a la gente diciendo lo que querían oír. Hablaba la verdad que escuchaba de su Padre. Dado que los judíos pensaban que la enfermedad era un castigo por los pecados, al curar a los enfermos y perdonar los pecados, Jesús demostró que obtuvo autoridad de su Padre. ¿Cómo obtenemos esa autoridad nosotros? Lo obtenemos del Espíritu Santo, en el Bautismo y la Confirmación. Y al igual que un atleta que tiene que hacer ejercicio y practicar el deporte para ser bueno, todavía tenemos que crecer en esa autoridad. Una forma es leer las Escrituras y rezarlas, para que conozcamos a Dios a través de su Palabra y comencemos a escucharlo en nuestras oraciones. Podemos decidir conscientemente ver a Dios en otras personas, no sólo en aquellos a quienes amamos, sino en todos, incluso en aquellos que nos molestan. Y, por supuesto, la Eucaristía y otros sacramentos fortalecen la vida de Dios dentro de nosotros. Sabrás que tienes esa autoridad cuando puedas hablar de tu fe con confianza en lugar de duda, porque estarás hablando desde la experiencia, no desde el conocimiento de segunda mano. Tom Schmidt

### Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

<b>Lunes</b>	2 Sm 15, 13-14. 30; 16, 5-13; Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mc 5, 1-20
<b>Martes</b>	2 Sm 18, 9-10. 14. 24-25. 30—19, 3; Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mc 5, 21-43
<b>Miércoles</b>	2 Sm 24, 2. 9-17; Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7; Mc 6, 1-6
<b>Jueves</b>	1 Re 2, 1-4. 10-12; 1 Crón 29, 10. 11abc. 11d-12a. 12bcd; Mc 6, 7-13
<b>Viernes</b>	Mal 3, 1-4; Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10; Heb 2, 14-18; Lc 2, 22-40 o Lc 2, 22-32
<b>Sábado</b>	1 Re 3, 4-13; Sal 118, 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14; Mc 6, 30-34

**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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **This week's second collection** will be for the Building Fund. **Next week's second collection** will be for the Diocese of Tyler Catholic Schools.
- ◆ **Anyone needing a tax letter** please write "tax letter" on your offering envelope.
- ◆ **Due to ongoing classroom repairs**, Faith Formation classes for all students will resume on Sunday, February 11, 2024.
- ◆ **We will have mass on Friday, February 2nd** at 7:00 p.m. You may bring your Baby Jesus, candles, and water to be blessed.

## **Weekly collection/ Colecta Semanal**

**January 21, 2024**

Regular Collection      \$ 2,775.00

Second Collection      \$ 766.00  
(Church in Latin America)

## **Catechist Trainings**

The calendar is still being finalized, but we do have a number of catechist trainings scheduled for the early part of next year already. We'll be offering workshops at the following dates and locations. Registration links will be sent out next week:

- **February 10<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart, Texarkana (Bilingual)**
- **March 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's, Longview (Bilingual)**
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Ann, Winnsboro (Bilingual)**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Baptismal Class Preparation in English**  
Every last Saturday of the month  
Next Class : February 24, 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: Febrero 17, 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!**







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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.

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cathedral of the  
Immaculate  
Conception

Tyler, Texas

February 10, 2024  
2:00 pm



## Education Weekend (Jan. 27 & 28)

This weekend is meant to notify you that next weekend (Feb. 3 & 4) is the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) Commitment Weekend. At Mass today, you can expect:

- Praying for the Annual Appeal during the Prayers of the Faithful
- A brief testimonial from a parishioner or clergy at the end of Mass
- BAA posters displayed

Next week, a video will be shown during Mass and pledge cards distributed.



## Fin de Semana de Educación (27 y 28 de enero)

Este fin de semana es para notificarte que el próximo fin de semana (3 y 4 de febrero) es el Fin de Semana de Compromiso de la Promesa Anual del Obispo de 2024. En la Misa de hoy, puedes esperar:

- Rezar por la Promesa Anual durante las Oraciones de los Fieles
- Un breve testimonio de un feligrés o del clero al final de la Misa
- Exposición de carteles de la Promesa Anual

La próxima semana se proyectará un video durante la Misa y se distribuirán tarjetas de compromiso.