



listen to
the son of
GOD



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Most Reverend Bishop Joe Vazquez

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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

**2nd
Sunday
of
Lent**

Feb. 25, 2024

**Second Sunday of Lent
This is a Test**

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us. What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested. Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Segundo domingo de Cuaresma
Es una prueba**

Antes me preguntaba cómo Dios podía mentirme a Abraham acerca de sacrificar a su hijo Isaac, pero la historia comienza diciéndonos que Dios puso una prueba a Abraham. El propio Abraham parece saber que es una prueba. Al parecer, yo soy el único engañado por Dios. No sé si hubiera pasado la prueba. Al menos habría discutido con Dios al respecto, rogándole que dejara vivir a mi hijo. Sin embargo, en la segunda lectura, San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios no dejó vivir a su propio hijo. (Romanos 8,32) Pasó su propia prueba. Jesús fue sacrificado para que Dios pudiera mostrarnos cuánto nos amaba. Si Dios nos ama tanto que entrega a su Hijo a morir por nosotros, ¿por qué no nos perdonaría? Sí nos perdona, pero todavía nos está poniendo a prueba.

¿Qué nos dice eso sobre la vida? Quizás hayas notado que las cosas no siempre salen como quieres. ¿Eso significa que esas tragedias son nuestra culpa? No, Dios les concede a todos el libre albedrío y algunas personas eligen hacer el mal. A veces Dios interviene y se salvan vidas. Otras veces, Dios interviene salvándonos después de la muerte con la resurrección. Mientras la gente dude del amor de Dios, habrá pruebas. Por eso es tan importante proclamar el Reino, para que algún día todas las personas conozcan el amor de Dios y no necesiten ser probados. Tom Schmidt

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

Lunes	Dn 9, 4-10; Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13; Lc 6, 36-38
Martes	Is 1, 10. 16-20; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 23, 1-12
Miércoles	Jer 18, 18-20; Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16; Mt 20, 17-28
Jueves	Jer 17, 5-10; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 16, 19-31
Viernes	Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28; Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21; Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46
Sábado	Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12; Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32

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

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 Building Fund. **Next week's second collection** will be for the Sanctity of Life in the Diocese.
- ◆ **17 Hours Eucharistic Adoration:** Starts Thursday, February 29th, from 7:00pm until First Friday, March 1st at 12:00pm followed by Holy Mass.
- ◆ **First Saturday Mass:** March 2nd at 9:00am. Eucharistic Adoration / Rosary with the group of The Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at 9:30am.

Weekly collection/
Colecta Semanal

February 18, 2024

Regular Collection \$ 5,744.75
Second Collection \$ 468.00
(Black Indian Missions)

Thank You!

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday/ Jueves

"Oh mi buen
Jesús, que los
latidos de mi
corazón sean
para ti
alabanzas de
adoración".
(Fr. Rivera)



Invitamos a la Comunidad a participar de la adoracion al Santisimo Sacramento de Miercoles a Viernes de 8:30 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. Si alguien esta interesado llamar a la oficina para registrarse.



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!



LENT

preparing our hearts....

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

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.

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!