

Whoever Serves Me  
MUST FOLLOW ME

John 12:26



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Most Reverend Bishop Joe Vazquez

Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tyler

Rev. Fr. Cesar Betancourt, Parochial Administrator/Administrador Parroquial

### 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.

#### EUCARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

##### EUCARÍSTICA

Thursday/ Jueves: 8:30am—6:00pm

##### **17 HRS. EUCARISTIC 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

5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
of  
Lent

March 17, 2024

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Father, Forgive Them

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. The way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites: When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection.

Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts. Tom Schmidt

### Scripture Readings For the Week

<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

## Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma Padre, Perdónalos

La promesa hecha por el Señor en la primera lectura es muy audaz. Dice que todos lo conocerán, sin tener que ser enseñados por otros. La manera en que la gente lo conocerá es mediante el perdón de sus pecados. Acuérdate que está hablando a los israelitas: cuando rompían un mandamiento o una ley, quedaban aislados de la comunidad. Así que, la promesa de que Dios pondría su ley en sus corazones significaba que serían libres de hacer la voluntad de Dios porque quisieran, no porque temieran el castigo o el rechazo.

Jesús dice algo semejante en el evangelio de hoy. Les dice a los discípulos que su crucifixión atraería a todos hacia él. Ahora, la muerte de Jesús mostró que él asumió el castigo por los pecados en lugar nuestro, quienes lo merecemos. Al morir en la cruz, Jesús muestra cuánto nos ama Dios. Al resucitar de entre los muertos, demuestra que podemos resucitar del pecado a una vida nueva de fe y amor.

Volviendo a la primera lectura, experimentamos esa promesa cuando presentamos nuestros pecados a Dios. Cuando perdonamos a las personas que nos han lastimado, también les ayudamos a experimentar ese amor. También ayudamos a otros a conocer a Dios cuando compartimos o experimentamos el perdón. El sacramento de la Reconciliación nos da la seguridad del perdón de Dios, y también la experiencia. Junto con los demás sacramentos, nos ayuda a mantener el amor de Dios en nuestros corazones. Tom Schmidt

### Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

<b>Lunes</b>	Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o Dn 13, 41-62; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5-6; Jn 8, 1-11
<b>Martes</b>	2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22; Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51
<b>Miércoles</b>	Dn 3, 14-20. 49-50. 91-92. 95; Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56; Jn 8, 31-42
<b>Jueves</b>	Gn 17, 3-9; Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Jn 8, 51-59
<b>Viernes</b>	Jer 20, 10-13; Sal 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7; Jn 10, 31-42
<b>Sábado</b>	Ez 37, 21-28; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13; Jn 11, 45-56

**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

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

- ◆ Next week's second collection will be for the Building Fund.

Weekly collection/  
Colecta Semanal

**March 10, 2024**

Regular Collection      \$ 3, 423.00

Thank You!

*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

## 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.

## 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:

- April 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Ann, Winnsboro (Bilingual)



## 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!





**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
**Holy Week Program**  
416 Hill Ave  
Pittsburg, Tx 75686  
March 24, 2024—March 31, 2024



**Saturday March 23rd :**

**7:00 pm** Saturday Mass on the eve of Palm Sunday (Spanish)

**March 24th : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**9:00 am** English Mass

**11:30 am** Spanish Mass

**Tuesday March 26th :**

**8:00 am** English Mass

**Wednesday March 27th:**

**8:00 am** English Mass

**March 28th: Holy Thursday**

**11:00 am** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Tyler

**7:00 pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**9:00 pm** Holy Hour in Spanish

**10:00 pm** Silent adoration until Midnight

**March 29th: Good Friday**

**3:00 pm** The Liturgical Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
(The most important liturgy of the day)

**6:00 pm** Outdoors Stations of the Cross (If weather allows)

**7:00 pm** Service of the Seven last Words of Christ,  
his deposition from the cross and laying of his body in  
the Sepulcher

**March 30th: Holy Saturday**

**8:30 pm** Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass

**March 31st: Easter Sunday of the**

**Resurrection of the Lord**

**9:00 am** English Mass

**11:30 am** Spanish Mass



**STATIONS OF THE**  
**CROSS**

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



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**Retiro Juvenil**

Del 22 al 23 de Marzo, 2024.

**Viernes 22 de:**

7:00pm a 8:30pm Familiar

**Sabado 23 de:**

9:30am a 7:00pm

Finalizando con la Santa Misa de 7:00pm

**INCRIPCIONES APARTIR DEL 10 DE MARZO, 2024**



Llama a la Oficina Parroquial para mayor  
información y registrarte  
al Telefono  
(903) 708 7084



**VIA CRUCIS**

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