

**THE ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN
INITIATION**
(former RCIA)
A Journey of Faith. A Life in Christ.

 **ENGLISH CLASSES WILL BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
AT 11:30 A.M.**
**IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING
BEHIND THE OLD CHURCH.**

 If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or deepening your faith call Lee at **903-946-1354.**

 There are no fees or charges for this class.

 **COME VISIT WITH US!
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
AT 11:30 A.M.
IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING**

 *We look forward to meeting you!*


Is God calling you to be His Bride?
Women's Vocation Discernment Program
(+18-35)

Save the date
Introduction and Information
August 22, 2026
From 9:00am to 3:00pm
Welcoming and Registration @ 9:00am

@St. John Paul II Campus Ministry
2603 Old Omen Rd. Tyler, TX 75701

Following sessions will be offered
4th Saturday of the month
@ JP II Campus Center, Tyler
from September 2026-May 2027
9:00am -3:00pm

 **Come and see!**

Registration **CONTACT US**
Sister M. Andrea Falconer, OP (903) 401 9950
Dominican Sister of Fatima hdfparis.smaf@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS
Come and experience
God's Mercy and Love

SATURDAY
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

WEDNESDAY
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

 *His mercy*
is waiting for you.
Open your heart
to His forgiveness.


JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

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WE ARE RAFFLING A
42" USED TV



 **\$1.00 PER TICKET**

 **PLEASE STOP BY THE
PARISH OFFICE
TO PURCHASE A TICKET**
and enter the drawing!

 **WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED
★ AUGUST 28!**

 **ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS OUR BUILDING FUND.**

*Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!*

*O Woman,
Great is Your
Faith!*



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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
Tuesday—Thursday
8:00a.m. English Mass
6:00p.m. Spanish Mass

Friday
8:00a.m. Bilingual

1st Friday of the Month/1er Viernes del Mes
12:00PM English Mass

1st Saturday of Month/ 1er Sabado del Mes
9:30a.m. English Mass

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES
Saturday/Sabado:
5:45 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo:
8:00-8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
Wednesday:
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA**
Thursday/ Jueves:8:30a.m. — 5:45p.m.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS
Baptismal Class Preparation in English
Every last Saturday of the month
9:00am—12:00pm
Rose Pasillas

Preparación Bautismal en Español
Segundos Sábados del mes
10:00am—12:00pm
Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA
Call parish office to register. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

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

**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)
10:00am to 5:00pm
Monday / Closed
After Hours EMERGENCY # 223-216-0355
Secretary: Sister Georgina Sierra, mgsa Bookkeeper: Jazmin Juarez.
Adoration Chapel Code Number (Código Capilla de Adoración) **2-4-6-8**

**20th
Sunday of
Ordinary
Time
August 16,**

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew’s Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples’ confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew’s entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is refer ring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is un clean. Knowing about Jesus’ debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today’s Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus’ exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, “dog.” But the woman cleverly turns Jesus’ insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus’ unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus’ ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today’s Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. Behind Matthew’s text we can hear this early Christian community’s struggle to understand how God’s selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel’s rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles’ acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today’s second reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God’s abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

XX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy continuamos con nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo. La semana pasada leímos sobre Jesús caminando sobre el agua y la confesión de fe de los discípulos de que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios. Si estuviéramos leyendo todo el Evangelio de Mateo, habríamos leído sobre el debate de Jesús con los fariseos acerca de las leyes de pureza judías. Jesús argumenta que no es lo que entra en nosotros lo que nos hace impuros; se está refiriendo a las estrictas reglas dietéticas judías. En cambio, nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones, lo que sale de nosotros, nos hace impuros porque proviene de un corazón que es impuro. Conocer el debate de Jesús con los fariseos nos ayuda a entender el Evangelio de hoy. De hecho, la historia intensifica la sorpresa y el impacto que sentimos al escuchar el intercambio de Jesús con la mujer cananea. La mujer, que no es judía, se acerca a Jesús pidiéndole que sane a su hija poseída por un demonio. Al principio Jesús la ignora; no dice nada. Los discípulos le piden a Jesús que la despida, y Jesús accede, comentando que él fue enviado para ministrar solo a los judíos. La mujer persiste, rindiendo homenaje a Jesús, y aun así Jesús le niega su solicitud de nuevo. Incluso la insulta, usando una palabra judía despectiva para los gentiles, “perro.” Pero la mujer, con astucia, convierte el insulto de Jesús en una afirmación de fe. Solo entonces Jesús concede su petición y sana a su hija. La falta de respuesta de Jesús hacia esta mujer puede parecernos poco característica o impactante. Sin embargo, en el Evangelio de Mateo, el ministerio de Jesús está dirigido principalmente al pueblo de Israel. En muy pocos momentos, como el que se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy, encontramos a Jesús anticipando el futuro ministerio cristiano para el resto del mundo. Detrás del texto de Mateo podemos percibir la lucha de esta comunidad cristiana temprana por entender cómo la elección de Dios de Israel es consistente con dos eventos: el rechazo de Jesús por parte de Israel y la aceptación de Jesús por parte de los gentiles. Así como Jesús se sorprendió por la fe expresada por la mujer cananea, también los primeros cristianos se sorprendieron de que los gentiles recibirían la salvación que Dios ofrecía a través de Cristo. En la segunda lectura de hoy de la carta de Pablo a los Romanos, escuchamos al apóstol Pablo reflexionando sobre esta misma preocupación. La fe que expresa la mujer cananea es una afirmación y confianza en la abundante misericordia de Dios. Sí, la salvación viene a través de Israel, pero se desborda para beneficio de todos.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON.— AUG 17	Ezekiel 24:15-23, Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21, Matthew 5:3, Matthew 19:16-22
TUES.— AUG 18	Ezekiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Matthew 19:23-30,
WED.— AUG 19	Ezekiel 34:1-11, Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 20:1-16
THUR.— AUG 20	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ezekiel 36:23-28, Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19, Psalm 95:8, Matthew 22:1-14
FRI.— AUG 21	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Psalm 25:4b, 5a, Matthew 22:34-40
SAT.— AUG 22	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ezekiel 43:1-7ab, Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14, Matthew 23:9B, 10b, Matthew 23:1-12
SUN.— AUG 23	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:18, Matthew 16:13-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Confessions** - Father George has added one hour for confessions on Wednesdays of every week from 6:30 PM —7:30 PM starting this week. Father has also set new confession times before Saturday and Sunday Mass. Please see a bulletin for more information.
- Parish Festival Meeting** - There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:45 p.m. for the coordinators of our parish Festival.
- The Order of Christian Initiation classes (former RCIA)** will begin September 6, 2026 in English at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom building behind the old church. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or deepening your faith call Lee at 903-946-1354. There are no fees or charges for this class. If you have questions, come visit with us September 6, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom building. We look forward to meeting you!
- We are raffling a used 42” TV** to raise funds for our new building. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Please stop by the parish office during office hours to enter drawing. Winner will be announced August 28th.





AVISO IMPORTANTE
IMPORTANT NOTICE

**ATENCIÓN**

Se ha detectado que están enviando mensajes falsos haciéndose pasar por el Padre George.

**ESTOS MENSAJES SON FRAUDULENTOS.**
Por favor, no responda, no envíe dinero ni proporcione información personal.

Si recibe un mensaje de este tipo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para reportarlo.

**ATTENTION**

We have become aware that fake messages are being sent pretending to be from Father George.

**THESE MESSAGES ARE FRAUDULENT.**
Please do not reply, send money, or share any personal information.

If you receive one of these messages, please contact the parish office to report it.

**FALSO**

Gracias por su atención. Dios los bendiga.

Thank you for your attention. God bless you.

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 know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to stae/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org



AMBIENTE SEGURO: La Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos y la Iglesia La Santa Cruz Diócesis de Tyler, estamos comprometidos a proporcionar un entorno seguro para niños y adultos vulnerables. Si sabe o sospecha de un menor o un adulto vulnerable actualmente está siendo abusado o está en peligro, repórtelo de inmediato a la policía estatal o local o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de Protección de Texas al (800) 252-5400 o txabusehotline.org.

ANUNCIOS

- Confesiones** - El Padre George ha agregado una hora para confesiones los miércoles de cada semana de 6:30 PM a 7:30 PM . El padre también ha establecido nuevos horarios para confesiones antes de la Santa Misa de sábado y domingo. Por favor, consulte el boletín para más información.
- Reunión del Festival Parroquial** - Habrá una reunión el martes 18 de agosto a las 6:45 p.m. para los coordinadores de nuestro Festival parroquial.
- Las clases del Orden de Iniciación Cristiana (antiguo RICA)** comenzarán el 6 de septiembre de 2026 en ingles a las 11:30 a.m. en el edificio de clases detrás de la iglesia antigua. Si estás interesado en unirme a la Iglesia Católica o profundizar tu fe, llama a Lee al 903-946-1354. No hay tarifas ni cargos por esta clase. Si tienes preguntas, ven a visitarnos el 6 de septiembre de 2026 a las 11:30 a.m. en el edificio de clases. ¡Esperamos conocerte!
- Estamos rifando un televisor usado de 42”** para recaudar fondos para nuestro nuevo edificio. \$1.00 por cada boleto. Por favor, pase a la oficina parroquial durante el horario de oficina para participar en el sorteo. El ganador se anunciará el 28 de Agosto.

WEEKLY COLLECTION / COLECTA SEMANAL

August 9, 2026

Regular Collection: \$ 3,018.00

Building Fund: \$ 1,785.00

Thank you for your continuous support!