

You shall love
the Lord your God
with all your heart



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

Thursday/ Jueves: 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

**3rd
Sunday
of
Lent**

March 3, 2024

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Third Sunday of Lent

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent. Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Como ya han pasado unas semanas de la Cuaresma, podemos echar un vistazo a lo que significa alejarse del pecado y ser fiel al Evangelio. Un buen lugar para empezar serían los Diez Mandamientos. La lectura del Éxodo nos presenta una de las primeras listas de los Mandamientos. En este pasaje, Dios explica algunas leyes para mostrar cuán serias son. En el primero, Dios incluye hacer imágenes para adorarlas.

En los días de Moisés, la gente de otras culturas hacía imágenes de sus dioses y declaraba que la imagen era el dios y debería ser adorada. El Señor quería que su pueblo se acordara que Dios no puede limitarse a una imagen o una idea. Eso sigue siendo cierto hoy en día. Las imágenes y estatuas están hechas para ayudarnos a orar a Dios, no a esa obra de arte.

Por otro lado, algunas personas dan un significado supersticioso a los artículos religiosos. Un ejemplo podría ser enterrar una estatua para ayudarte a vender tu casa. Si quieres pedirle un favor a Dios, sólo pídeselo. Es mucho más probable que Dios escuche una oración sincera que una acción supersticiosa.

Dios también enfatiza algunos mandamientos repitiéndolos. Nos dice que no robemos a los demás y que tampoco planeemos robarle a nuestro prójimo. Lo mismo ocurre con el adulterio, planearlo es tan malo como hacerlo.

Jesús simplificó todos estos mandamientos cuando nos recuerda amar a Dios con todo el corazón y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo. Recordemos eso mientras nos alejamos del pecado para servir mejor a Dios durante la Cuaresma. Tom Schmidt

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

Lunes	2 Re 5, 1-15; Sal 41, 2. 3; 42, 3. 4; Lc 4, 24-30
Martes	Dn 3, 25. 34-43; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; Mt 18, 21-35
Miércoles	Dt 4, 1. 5-9; Sal 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20; Mt 5, 17-19
Jueves	Jer 7, 23-28; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 11, 14-23
Viernes	Os 14, 2-10; Sal 80, 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-11ab. 14 y 17; Mc 12, 28-34
Sábado	Os 6, 1-6; Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab; Lc 18, 9-14

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.



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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
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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 Sanctity of Life in the Diocese. **Next week's second collection** will be for the Building Fund.
- ◆ **Les recordamos a los padres de familia** de los niños de segundo año de Sacramentos que tendremos nuestro segundo retiro el Sabado 9 de Marzo a las 8 y media de la mañana.
- ◆ **Thank you to those who participated** in the Knights of Columbus Scholarship program. Applications are no longer being accepted for this year.

**Weekly collection/
Colecta Semanal**

February 27, 2024

Regular Collection \$ 3,497.00
Second Collection \$ 2,700.22
(Building Fund)

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!



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



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

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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!