

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary's is a community of believers dedicated to the living worship of God. As the only Catholic Church in Limestone County, our faith community reflects the ethnic diversity of the towns in which we live. We gather to fulfill our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ: we hear His Word, we celebrate the Sacraments and we witness His love to others. Our Christian witness consists of sharing our spiritual gifts with the grace of God and the example and prayers of our patron saint, the Immaculate Conception, among us and with others - striving to grow in Holiness.



OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DEL DESPACHO PARROQUIAL

Sunday: 9:30AM - 11:30AM, (off 4th Sunday). Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Summer: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

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If you like to invite Fr. Pius to visit and Bless your house. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00p.m. (Bilingual)

**Sunday Masses: 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m. (English);
12:00 p.m. Spanish**

**Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday 12:10 p.m.**

Sacrament of Penance

Sunday 7:15-7:45a.m., 9:15-9:45a.m., 11:15-11:45a.m.

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

During office hours, or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

During Sunday Masses

English Pre-Baptismal by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Contact the priest immediately if you or your family members: are seriously ill; will have a major surgery; are old aged or in danger of death.

Devotion

Adoration (English) Every Friday 11:00 a.m.

Rosary: 30 minutes before Sunday Masses

Si gusta invitar al Párroco Pío a visitar y Bendecir su casa. Por favor llame al despacho parroquial para programar una cita.

CELEBRACIÓN DE LOS SACRAMENTOS

Sacramento de la Santa Eucaristía

Sábado Misa de Vigilia: 6:00p.m. (Bilingüe)

**Misas Dominicales: 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m. (Ingles);
12:00 p.m. Español**

**Misas entre Semana: Martes, Miércoles,
Jueves y Viernes a las 12:10 p.m.**

Sacramento de Penitencia

Domingo: 7:15-7:45 a.m., 9:15-9:45 a.m., 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Miércoles: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Durante el horario del despacho parroquial que este abierta o con cita.

Sacramento de Bautismo

Durante las Misas Dominicales

Clase Pre-Bautismal en Español

Tercer Domingo de cada mes para los padres y padrinos
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Comunicasen con el despacho parroquial con 6 meses anticipó.

Sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos

Comunicasen con el Párroco mediatamente si usted o un familiar esta grabe; va tener una operación seria; o de la tercer edad o peligro de muerte.

Devoción

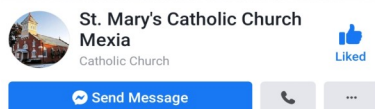
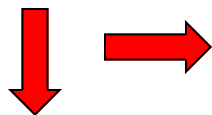
Adoración (Español) El tercer Sábado de cada Mes 7:00 p.m.

Rosario: 30 minutes antes de la Misa Dominical



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Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
Segundo Domingo De Pascua o Domingo de Divina Misericordia

Saturday, April 18th / Sábado, 18 de Abril

7:00PM: St. Mary's Parishioners
Los Feligreses de Sta. María

Sunday, April 19th / Domingo, 19^o de Abril

10:00AM: Liz Moriarty Special Intentions &
+Judy Twiss

Tuesday, April 21st / Martes, 21^o de Abril

12:10PM: +Elena Healing,
+Healing & +Valdez Family Members in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 22nd / Miércoles, 22^o de Abril

12:10PM: Lorena Medina Sanchez Health Intentions

Thursday, April 23rd / Jueves, 24^o de Abril

12:10PM: +José Uriel Albiter

Friday, April 24 / Viernes, 24^o de Abril

12:10PM- In Memory of: +John Dumesnil Birthday

PRAYER LIST

Please keep in prayer all of those in our community who are sick, in the hospital, homebound or coping with health issues.

Por favor, mantenga en oración a todos aquellos en nuestra comunidad que están enfermos, en el hospital, confinados en sus hogares o confrontando problemas de salud.

Let us pray for the sick / Oremos por los enfermos: V. Estrada, Bobby Pelton, Adrian Mendoza, Dcn. Daniel Ramirez, Fausto Gonzalez, Mary Rodriguez, Jim Keally, Albert Gallegos, Tonya Rodríguez, Tristan Serrano, Kristine McClinton, Deacon Dwight Mahoney, Mildred Burrow, Tracy Staton, Teresa Salazar, Walter & Florence Smith, and Kay Martin. *We pray to the Lord / Roguemos al Señor:*

Let us pray for the deceased/ Oremos por los difuntos: Fili Zapatero Trejo, Donald Earl Edward Davis, John Dumesnil, Louise Willett, Edmund John Schuster, Delbertha Luedke, and Ethel Marie Goolsby.

We pray to the Lord / Roguemos al Señor:

Please call the parish office to update the list.

Por favor llame al despacho parroquial para actualizar la lista.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Dearest Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Un Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Mi amado Jesús, creo que Tú estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo sobre todas las cosas, y deseo recibirte en mi alma. Ya que no puedo, en este momento, recibirte sacramentalmente, ven, al menos, espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si Tú estuvieras ya ahí y me uno a mi mismo completamente a Ti Nunca me permitas estar separado de Ti Amén.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the early 1930's, Jesus frequently appeared to a young nun named Sister Faustina, giving her messages to share with the whole world. Sister Faustina was nervous about writing down these messages because she didn't think she was worthy, but her priest told her that she must, since the messages were meant for all people. After her death, her diary was intensely studied and scrutinized by theologians for decades—and the messages contained within it were found to be legitimate. Since her diary's approval, millions of copies have been published in over 20 languages worldwide. You can read the messages, yourself, in "The Diary of Saint Faustina." "What were these messages about? All different things, but the main thing Jesus wanted us to know is that He wants to forgive ALL of our sins. His desire to forgive us is so great that He asked for an entire day to be set apart and dedicated to His Mercy and Forgiveness. He mentioned this "Feast of Mercy" to St. Faustina 14 different times. Pope John Paul II made Jesus' desire a reality when he established the very first Divine Mercy Sunday in April of 2000. This day has been celebrated every year since, always on the Sunday after Easter. On Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus wants to forgive all of our sins (as He does every day of the year), but on this special day He also wants to remove all of the punishment that we have coming to us because of our sins.

HOY ES DOMINGO DE DIVINO MISERICORDIA

A principios de la década de 1930, Jesús se le apareció con frecuencia a una joven monja llamada Hermana Faustina, dándole mensajes para compartir con el mundo entero. La hermana Faustina estaba nerviosa por escribir estos mensajes porque no creía que valiera la pena, pero su sacerdote le dijo que debía hacerlo, ya que los mensajes estaban destinados a todas las personas. Después de su muerte, su diario fue intensamente estudiado y examinado por los teólogos durante décadas, y los mensajes contenidos en él fueron legítimos. Desde la aprobación de su diario, se han publicado millones de copias en más de 20 idiomas en todo el mundo. Puede leer los mensajes, usted mismo, en "El diario de Santa Faustina". ¿De qué trataban estos mensajes? Todas las cosas diferentes, pero lo principal que Jesús quería que supiéramos es que Él quiere perdonar TODOS nuestros pecados. Su deseo de perdonarnos es tan grande que pidió un día entero para ser apartado y dedicado a su misericordia y perdón. Mencionó esta "Fiesta de la Misericordia" a Santa Faustina 14 veces diferentes. El Papa Juan Pablo II hizo realidad el deseo de Jesús cuando estableció el primer Domingo de la Divina Misericordia en abril de 2000. Este día se celebra todos los años desde entonces, siempre el domingo después de Pascua. En el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, Jesús quiere perdonar todos nuestros pecados (como lo hace todos los días del año), pero en este día especial también quiere eliminar todo el castigo que recibimos a causa de nuestros pecados.

If you would like to drop off your weekly contribution or donation to the church. Please stop by the church office during regular office hours or you may mail your contributions to:

**St. Mary's Catholic Church/Contribution
606 N. Bonham St. Mexia, Texas 76667
Thank you and God Bless!!!**

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are here to Serve Call the office during normal hours if you need something. We will answer you call and serve you.

Ashes to Easter (Lenten Box) Please return Lenten boxes to the parish office as soon as possible.

Offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Celebrating Mass is a great gift to your loved ones, living and deceased or for any other special occasion. Call the church office for open dates.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Blessed Virgin Mary

Why does Mary have a special role in helping us?

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."³³ The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Question of the week: Can I identify with Doubting Thomas, at times unsure of my faith? In what ways has Jesus given me peace to overcome the anxieties in my life?

Si desea dejar su contribución semanal o su donación a la Parroquia. Pasen al despacho parroquial durante el horario de servicio o puede enviar sus contribuciones por correo a:

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;;;Gracias y Dios te bendiga!!!**

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ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

Estamos aquí para servirles Llame a la oficina durante el horario normal si necesita algo. Contestaremos su llamada y le serviremos.

De Cenizas a la Pascua Por favor devuelva las cajitas cuasales la despacho parroquial lo mas pronto posible.

Si usted quiere ofrecer Una **Misa** especial para un aniversario de un ser querido o para un cumpleaños o una ocasión especial, lo puede hacer. Por favor comuníquense al despacho parroquial.

Preguntas frecuentes sobre la Bienaventurada Virgen María

¿Por qué María tiene un papel especial en ayudarnos?

Como la Madre de Dios, la Virgen María tiene una posición única entre los santos, de hecho, entre todas las criaturas. Ella es exaltada, pero aún es uno de nosotros.

Redimida por los méritos de su Hijo y unida a Él por un lazo íntimo e indisoluble, está dotada del alto cargo y la dignidad de ser la Madre del Hijo de Dios, por lo que también es la hija amada del Padre y el templo del Espíritu Santo. Debido a este don de la gracia sublime, supera con creces a todas las criaturas, tanto en el cielo como en la tierra. Al mismo tiempo, sin embargo, debido a que ella pertenece a la descendencia de Adán, ella es una con todos los que deben ser salvados.

María abraza la voluntad de Dios y elige libremente cooperar con la gracia de Dios, cumpliendo así un papel crucial en el plan de salvación de Dios. A lo largo de los siglos, la Iglesia ha recurrido a la Santísima Virgen para acercarse a Cristo. Se desarrollaron muchas formas de piedad hacia la Madre de Dios que nos ayudan a acercarnos a su Hijo. En estas devociones a María, "mientras se honra a la Madre, el Hijo, a través del cual todas las cosas tienen su ser y en quien ha complacido al Padre que toda la plenitud debe habitar, es justamente conocido, amado y glorificado y ... todo Su se observan los mandamientos".³³ La Iglesia la honra como la Madre de Dios, la considera un modelo de discipulado perfecto y pide sus oraciones a Dios en nuestro nombre.

Pregunta de la Semana: ¿Me puedo identificar con Tomas algunas veces cuando no estoy muy seguro de mi fe? ¿De que maneras me ha ofrecido Jesús la paz para superar las ansiedades de mis vida? Puedo llevar el don sanador de Jesús, su shalom, esta semana al ofrecer mi propio perdón y mi reconciliación?



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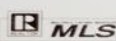
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