



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2017

*"I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life."*

(Jn. 8:12)



MASS INTENTIONS



SAT. February 4, 2017– Weekday

- 8 a.m.** Javier G. Reyna– Cumpleaños (Papá & Mamá)
5 p.m. + Olga G. Garcia– Birthday (Rosalinda Herrera & Son)

SUN. February 5, 2017– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8 a.m.** José Jesús & Sandra L. Hernández– 24º Aniversario Matrimonial (Familia)
 Alexandra Hernández– 23 Cumpleaños (Familia)
 Por la salud de Elvira Mata (Familia Mata Esparza)
 + Manuel & Felipita Hernández (Familia)
 + Manuel & Rosa Lydia Hernández (Familia)
 + Raúl Ochoa Sáenz– 20º Aniversario (Esposa & Familia)

10 a.m. FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

- 12 p.m.** + Cesar & Tila Gonzalez (Family)
 + Wilford Collins III– Birthday (Family)
 + Maria Hernandez– Birthday (Hernandez & Garza Families)
 + Dr. Jose & Javier Molina (Denise Molina & Family)
 + Gilberto Molina (Gonzalez-Estevis Family)
2 p.m. + Carlos Armando González– Teresa González e hijos
4 p.m. + Olinda Montemayor– Cumpleaños (Laura Singer)
6 p.m. + Rolando "Roli" - Birthday & Elva R. Garcia (Mauricio A. Garcia)

MON. February 6, 2017– St. Paul Miki and companions, Martyrs

- 7 a.m.** + Adolfo Campero Estrada (Familia)
6 p.m. + Stephen Mackin Foster– 9th anniversary (Dody & Susan Foster)

TUE. February 7, 2017– Weekday

- 7 a.m.** Kimberly Maycotte & Familia (Familia Richard Haynes)
6 p.m. + Reynaldo R. Rodriguez– Birthday (Family)

WED. February 8, 2017– St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 7 a.m.** Joel Daniel Lara– Cumpleaños (Familia)
6 p.m. + Elias Herrera (Mr. & Mrs. Hector Villarreal)

THU. February 9, 2017– Weekday

- 7 a.m.** + Marisa Uribe (Jorge Cigarroa & Familia)
6 p.m. Evelia C. Medonza (Maldonado Mendoza Family)

FRI. February 10, 2017– St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 7 a.m.** + J.V. Juárez (Familia Gutiérrez)
6 p.m. + Sara de la Garza Brunner– Birthday (Sara, John & Nic)

SAT. February 11, 2017– Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8 a.m.** + Gabriel Tedesco– 3^{er} aniversario (Luz Sanchez)
5 p.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Alejo & Dolores Gonzalez (Family)
7 p.m. XV– Paulina Olmos

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16)

John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

Specially trained individuals are often asked to shed light on areas of confusion and uncertainty. Light eliminates our darkness and eases our tension. The metaphor of light goes all the way back to the first chapter of Genesis when the creation of light means the end of chaos. This same imagery is found in today's Scriptures.

Around 500 B.C. the author of Isaiah 56–66 confronted the post– exilic community in Judah. They complained that their fasting did not have any positive results. In response the prophet points out that a genuine fast means someone has benefited. For example, if bread is shared with the hungry *"then your light shall break forth like the dawn"* (Isaiah 58 : 8).

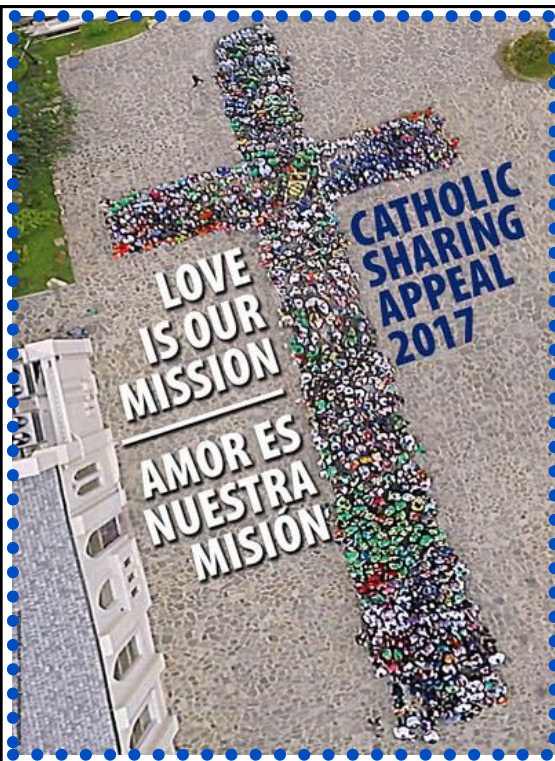
Psalm 112 is constructed around this proverb; The righteousness of the just lasts forever but the desire of the wicked is frustrated. The psalmist sees great blessing for the righteous, *"They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright"* (Psalm 112:4). The image of light clarifies the thrust of graciousness, mercy, and justice .

Matthew sees the persecuted as the world's benefactors. Harassed Christians are commissioned to enlighten humanity, *"You are the light of the world"* (Matthew 5:14). Matthew develops this dimension of Christian discipleship by comparing Christ's followers to a city perched on a hill, clear and visible. Disciples shed light on darkness; to renege on this task would be to hide a lamp under a bushel basket.

The narrow constraints of ego often focus the spotlight on self . Society encourages this kind of individualism. Light is made into a personal commodity. The sacred writers today urge us to reassess our gifts and talents — our lights — as property of the community. Our sisters and brothers are truly human subjects within range of our generosity and compassion. To enlighten the path of these fellow humans is to magnify the presence of our God. Darkness cedes to light, and chaos gives way to order.

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*"Make Christ's presence a
living reality in our lives
and in the lives of others."*

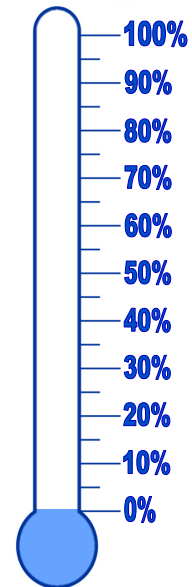


Today begins our annual diocesan Catholic Sharing Appeal. **LOVE IS OUR MISSION!** The CSA campaign gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our love for Jesus by helping those in need, promoting a culture of life, encouraging priestly vocations, and educating our youth. Every gift, regardless of its size, is vital to the success of the ministries of our Diocese of Laredo. Our goal this year is to have 100% participation.

We are only asked to give to the best of our ability, each according to the blessings we have received.



PARISH GOAL
\$102,519.00
PARTICIPANTS: 540



Hoy empieza nuestra Campaña Católica de Compartir diocesana. **¡AMOR ES NUESTRA MISION!** La campaña CSA nos da la oportunidad de mostrar nuestro amor por Dios: ayudando a aquellos necesitados, promoviendo una cultura de vida, fomentando vocaciones sacerdotales y educando a nuestra juventud. Cada donación, sin importar su tamaño, es vital para el éxito de los apostolados de nuestra diócesis. Nuestra meta este año es tener una participación del 100%.

Le pedimos participe de acuerdo a sus posibilidades, cada uno según los dones que ha recibido.

What is the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)? The Catholic Sharing Appeal is one means by which disciples express their gratitude to God for his many gifts, and demonstrates solidarity with the mission of the Holy Catholic Church in the Diocese of Laredo. CSA is an annual giving campaign which begins in the first two weeks of February in each parish and mission of the Diocese of Laredo.

Why is CSA important to the Church? The gifts received by the Diocese through CSA support the work of education, evangelization and service ministries which extend the love of Christ to our brothers and sisters in the seven counties of the Diocese of Laredo.

When does the CSA campaign start and end? The annual Catholic Sharing Appeal Campaign begins the first two weekends of February. During this time, the campaign is explained and pledge envelopes are distributed during weekend Masses in each parish and mission. You may also find a copy of the pledge form on the web site: dioceseoflaredo.org. We would be happy to send you a pledge form by mail. Call the Stewardship & Development Office at (956)764-7874.

¿Qué es la Campaña Católica de Compartir (CSA)? La Campaña Católica de Compartir es un medio por el cual discípulos muestran su agradecimiento a Dios por sus muchos dones y demuestran solidaridad con la misión de la Santa Iglesia Católica en la Diócesis de Laredo. CSA es una campaña anual que comienza en las dos primeras semanas de febrero en cada parroquia y misión de la Diócesis de Laredo.

¿Por qué CSA es importante para la iglesia? Los regalos financieros recibidos por la diócesis a través de CSA apoyan el trabajo de ministerios y programas de educación, evangelización y servicio que comparten el amor de Jesucristo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en los siete condados de la Diócesis de Laredo.

¿Cuándo comienza y termina la campaña CSA? La Campaña Católica de Compartir comienza durante los primeros dos fines de semana en Febrero. Durante este tiempo, la campaña se explica y sobres de compromiso son distribuidos durante la Misa en cada parroquia y misión. También se encuentra un formulario de compromiso en el sitio web: dioceseoflaredo.org. Con gusto le enviamos una forma de promesa por correo. si prefiere que le envíenos un formulario de compromiso por correo. La campaña termina en enero. Llame a la Oficina de Corresponsabilidad y Desarrollo al 956/764-7874.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

UPCOMING 'FIRE & ICE' CONFIRMATION RETREAT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is on-line only!

Please scan the QR Code to get access application. This retreat is for 2nd year Confirmation Students only. Full retreat details are listed on the website.



If you have any questions, you may call at Mrs. Herrera at (956)726-4644

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Teens ACTS registration is full. The selected retreatants will be contacted by Feb 24th.

Application for **English Men's ACTS Retreat**, March 9-12 is available now on line, please scan QR code to fill application.



⇒ Deadline to apply is February 15, 2017. For more information please contact: Sergio Lopez at (956)744-0989 or Cesar Prado at (956)763-5077



ENVELOPE BOXES CAJA DE SOBRES

If you have not picked up your envelopes, please pick them up at the office as soon as possible. All envelopes left will be reviewed to determine if active or not active, as a registered parishioner.

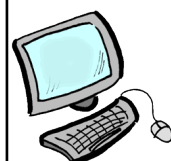
All parishioners that were given a box without a number, please stop by the office so we can issue you a new envelope box with an assigned number.

If you forgot your envelope and you are using a check, please write your envelope number on the check memo.

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Si no a recogido su caja de sobres, favor hacerlo lo más pronto posible en la oficina parroquial. Todos los sobres que no se han recogidos, serán revisados para determinar si la familia esta aun activa o no.

Todos los parroquianos que recibieron una caja de sobres sin número, favor de pasar a la oficina para asignarles una caja nueva con número.

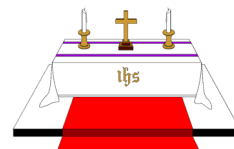
Si olvido su sobre y esta usando cheques, le pedimos que escriba su número de sobre en el 'memo' de su cheque.



**We invite you to check our  
official updated website**  
[www.stpatricklaredo.org](http://www.stpatricklaredo.org)

## THE ST. PATRICK ALTAR SOCIETY

If you have a desire to serve our Lord, please join us, Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in room #3 at 7:00 p.m.



## MONAGUILLOS ALTAR SERVERS

**¡BUENAS NOTICIAS!**  
**¡Tendremos vestimenta nueva para todos y cada uno de los monaguillos!**  
Necesitamos la talla de sotana y sobrepelliz (*Cassocks y Surplices*) de cada uno de sus hijos que pertenecen a este ministerio.



Para mayores informes favor de comunicarse con la Sra. Laura Limarta, Coordinadora de Vestimenta al (956)286-9768



**GOOD NEWS!**  
We'll have brand new cassock and surplices for all the Altar Servers!

We need the size for the cassock and the size for the surplice from each of your children that belong to this ministry.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Laura Limarta, Cassocks and Surplices Coordinator at (956)286-9768

## BAPTISMS DATE CHANGE

Please note that starting February, 2017, all Baptisms will be held every First (in Spanish) & Third Saturday (in English) at 11:00 a.m. of each month. There will no longer be Baptisms on Sundays.

**ALL documentation must be submitted at the time of registration.**

Please call our office more information.



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
Is burning this week for:  
*Our Seminarians*



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*Father, we're your people,  
the work of your hands.*

*So precious are we in your sight  
that you sent your Son, Jesus.*

*Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted,  
to dry the tears of those who mourn,  
to give hope to those who despair,  
and to rejoice in your steadfast love.*

*We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.  
Help us to know how.*

*Call forth from among us  
priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.  
With our hearts you continue  
to love your people.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen.*

## *Oremos por nuestros hermanos enfermos*

Richard Camacho

Rene San Miguel

Aurora González

Chrissy Garza

Michael 'Mikey' Leija Jr.

Refugio 'Cuco' Escobedo

Alex de la Garza

Adolph Puig

Jesse Rodríguez

Francisco Velásquez

Alberto P. Cárdenas

Juan Eduardo Riojas

Frances Rizo

Rosa Vidaurri

Guadalupe Medina

*Señor Jesucristo, redentor de los hombres,  
que en tu pasión quisiste soportar*

*nuestro sufrimiento  
y aguantar nuestros dolores.*

*Te pedimos por nuestros hermanos;  
tu que lo has redimido,  
aviva en el la esperanza de su salvación y  
conforta su cuerpo y su alma.*

*Tú que vives y reinas  
por los siglos de los siglos  
Amén.*