

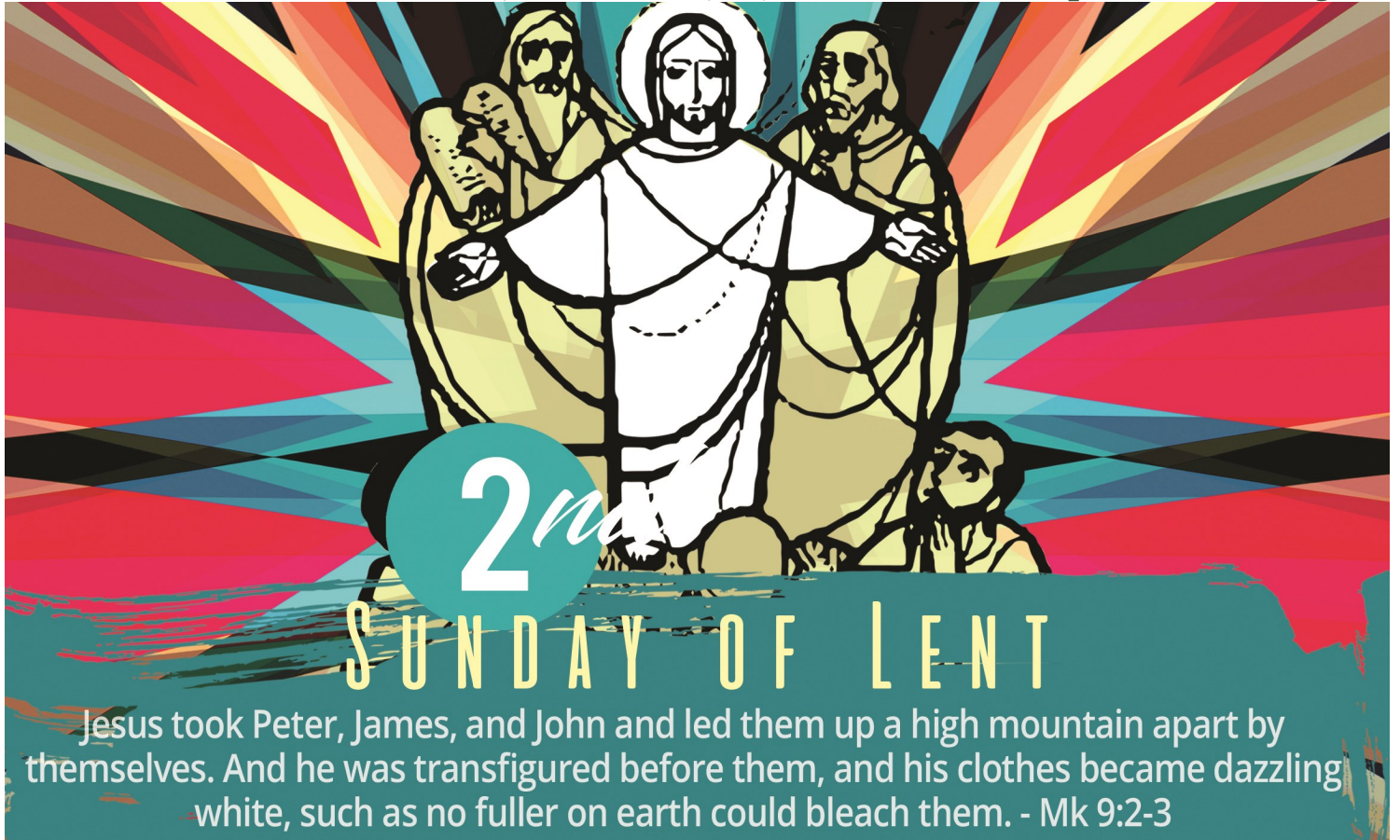
FEBRUARY 25th, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

CONFESSIONS

Half hour before Mass
Saturday 4:00-4:45 p.m.

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday

7:00 a.m. (Spanish) &
6:00 p.m. (English)

Saturday

8:00 a.m. (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday - Vigil Mass

5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (English)
2:00 p.m. (Spanish)
4:00 p.m. (Spanish)
6:00 p.m. (English)

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OBLIGATION**
Office Closed



SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM + Maria Elena Aranda (Familia)
+ Maria de Jesus Padilla de la Cerda

10:00 AM For all Parishioners

12:00 PM + Refugio "Cuco" Escobedo
+ Candelario Rodriguez Jr. (Wife, & Daughter)

2:00 PM + Juan Luis Serna Garcia (Familia)
4:00 PM + Juana Jorgelina Elozua (Julio Elozua)

6:00 PM + Jerome & Agnes Koziatek

MONDAY, FEB. 26, 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 AM + Luis Roberto Delgado (Familia)
6:00 PM Angelina Guyot- 80th Birthday (Family)

TUESDAY, FEB. 27, 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 AM + Francisco Victor King
6:00 PM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Mr. & Mrs. Ed Ramirez)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28, 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 AM + Lupita Rathmell(Dr.& Mrs.Carlos Vela)
6:00 PM In Thanksgiving- Javier & Cristina Garza

THURSDAY, MARCH 01, 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 AM + Maria Teresa & Tere Alexander Fierro (Familia Portillo)

6:00 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 02, 2018 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00 AM En agradecimiento - Belia De Anda
6:00 PM + Manuel Garcia (Family)

7:00 PM QUINCEAÑERA- Isabella Peña

SATURDAY, MARCH 03, 2018 ST. KATHERINE DREXEL

8:00 AM Por todas las almas del purgatorio (Familia Vasquez de Lara Chavez)

3:00 PM WEDDING- Deyanira Cantu Villarreal & David Villarreal

5:00 PM + Francisco & Mary Molina (Mr.& Mrs. B.A. Puig III)

6:30 PM QUINCEAÑERA- Marielise Rodriguez

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February 17th & 18th, 2018
Total Sunday's Offering \$31,312.10
Online Giving \$ 430.00



The Sanctuary Lamp is
burning this week in memory of:
*Maria de Jesus Padilla
de la Cerda*

What does Lent have to do with Baptism? Everything!

The word “baptize” is used in different ways in the Bible, but usually it means to apply water to somebody or immerse somebody in water.

When the Bible talks about people being put into water, it often has a very dramatic meaning for both death and new life. For example, in Genesis Chapter 7, the flood waters killed the people who were seriously sinning against God, while those same waters carried the people who were faithful to God (Noah and his family) to a new life. St. Peter tells us that this prefigured baptism (1 Pt. 3:21)! Hundreds of years later, the Egyptians were persecuting the Israelites, whom they had made into slaves. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery, but their escape was blocked by the waters of the Red Sea, with the Egyptian army closing in on them. God separated the waters so that the Israelites could escape through them, then the waters closed over the Egyptians, killing them (Exodus 14). Once again, the waters were an instrument of death for those opposed to God, while the waters brought new life to those faithful to God.



When we think of baptism, the person who often comes to mind is the cousin of Jesus, called John the Baptist. John was preaching a baptism of repentance (Luke 3:3) to the people of Israel. In other words, he was inviting people to let him dunk them in the river as a sign that they were sorry for their sins. Being dunked in the river is not considered a pleasant experience, but it is a vivid sign of death! In effect, the people who allowed John to dunk them in the river were saying, “In our sorrow for our sins we accept this symbolic death (being dunked under water) in the hopes of the new life of being forgiven by God.”

It is amazing that Jesus Himself asked to be baptized, since He was perfectly sinless and had no need to express repentance (Mt. 4:13-17). But for Jesus, accepting the symbolic punishment of baptism was His way of publically accepting all the punishment we deserve because of our sins. Jesus even later referred to His upcoming suffering and death as a “baptism” He would have to undergo (Luke 12:50). It was a baptism of terrible pain that included death on the Cross, but it also led to new life: the new life of the Resurrection! By His death, Jesus bought for us the new sacrament of Christian baptism, which was shown symbolically when the soldier pierced His side and out flowed blood and WATER (Jn. 19:31-35).

St. Paul tells us that when we are baptized in Christ, we join Him in a kind of a death, a death to sin, so that we may also join Him in the new life of the Resurrection (Romans 6:1-11). That is why when a person is baptized the minister asks him (or, for children, their parents and godparents) to reject sin and the devil. That is how they join Jesus in a kind of death, a death to sin. Then, when a person is baptized, he is given the new life as an adopted child of God!



In sorrow for our sins and gratitude for God’s love, let us continue to observe the promises of our baptism, our promise to reject sin and the devil, throughout our lives. During Lent we are asked to “die to ourselves” in a further way by taking upon ourselves special penances for love of God and others, such as giving up food or entertainments which we enjoy, or by giving up some of our free time for extra prayers or for helping others. That is why we can say that Lent is a special time to **intensify our baptism**, to join Jesus more perfectly in a death to our sins and selfishness, so that we may more fully join Him, even during our time on earth, in His new life as children of our Heavenly Father! May God grant us a blessed Lent.

PARISH AND MINISTRY NEWS

The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

THIS 2018 LENTEN SEASON

The **LIGHT** is on
for **YOU!**

Every Catholic Church in the
Diocese of Laredo
will be open for
CONFESSIONS (Reconciliation)

Wednesdays
Feb. 21-Mar. 21
7 PM



St. Patrick's
Sta. Teresita Ministry is
now accepting/taking
orders for Candles for
our Altar of Repose
beginning Monday,
February 19th. To place
an order please call or
text Karla Torres at
(956) 282-7535 or
Sandra Hernandez at
(956) 242-9332 from
5pm-8pm. Thank you!

Chapel Adoration Petitions

Parishioners, bring a monthly petition,
(One per Family) to be placed in the
Adoration Chapel. Please bring your
typed or nicely written petition by Friday
before noon to the Parish Office and ask
for Lupita Chapa or Rosie Baho. We will
type, laminate, and change our petitions
once a month. Monthly Adoration Chapel
petitions are at no cost. God Bless!

Catholic Men's
Conference- If you
want answers and
would like to know
more about the
Catholic faith for
men today, then
come to San Antonio
Catholic Men's
Conference,
Friday & Saturday,
March 16-17 in Greehey Arena at
St. Mary's University. The conference
offers powerful speakers such as Dr.
John Bergsma, Tom Peterson, Capuchin
Father John Lager, Mass with Archbishop
Gustavo Garcia-Siller, live music,
Reconciliation, BBQ lunch, and much
more! Register at CMCSanAntonio.com or
call Pilgrim Center of Hope for
Information: (210) 521-3377.



CMC
CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"Master, I want to see." - Mark 10:51



Vocation Day for Women

Upcoming: **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

April 14, 2018

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Ages: 16 - 35

2302 Corpus Christi St.

Laredo, TX. 78043

Registration: (956) 727-2140

frfquiroz@dioceseoflaredo.org



*Please join us for Eucharistic
Holy Hour on Thursday,
March 1st at
7:00 p.m. in Church.
"Could you not watch one hour
with me?" Mark 14:37*

ADORATION 101

How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament?

This hour Jesus wants you to spend with Him is spent any way you want. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax, and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well, but don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith. Please remember that Perpetual Adoration is not just for a day, a week, a month, or a year. Rather, it is for always. It is not temporary, but on-going, lasting and permanent.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



Please take note of the following important dates to remember.

March 5th-8th Misiones Cuaresmales (Español) @ 6:55 PM en la iglesia
Counts as parent session

March 5th - Test Day for all 2nd Year Confirmation Students. Please help your child study.

March 12th-16th ***Spring Break***

March 19th-22nd- Lenten Mission (English) @ 6:55 PM in the church.
Counts as parent session

June 9th - ***CONFIRMATION DAY***
There will be 2 ceremonies, 9am & 12pm



Vocation Day for Men

Upcoming: Saturday, March 24, 2018
April 21, 2018 = Will be in San Agustin Cathedral

10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Ages: 16-35

2302 Corpus Christi St.

Laredo TX, 78043

Registration: (956) 727-2140

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USHERS (English)

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Claudia Noriega (956) 237-2667

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USHERS (Spanish)

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PARISH AND MINISTRY NEWS

2018 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
Witnesses of God's Love

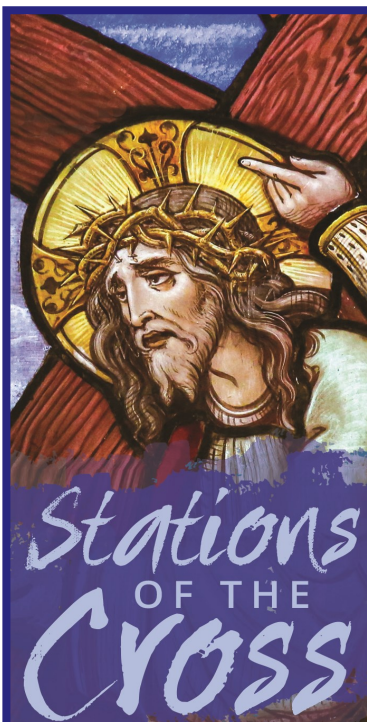
					
BISHOP MICHAEL J. BOULETTE, D. MIN.	FR. JOSE GUADALUPE CADENA	FR. HELEODORO LOZANO MACIAS	FR. HECTOR JIMENEZ BENAVIDES	SR. SYDNEY MOSS, FMA	DR. VERONICA RAYAS

THE DIOCESE OF LAREDO INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

APR. 7. 18 LISD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (CIVIC CENTER) 8:00AM-5:30PM

INFORMATION: 956-727-2140 2400 SAN BERNARDO AVE., LAREDO, TX 78040

WWW.DIOCESEOFLAREDO.ORG REGISTER AT YOUR PARISH, DIOCESE, OR ONLINE. COST: \$30 (\$35 AFTER MARCH 30TH) SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION AVAILABLE



Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the church starting Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at 5:30pm and will continue thereafter every Monday thru Thursday until March 22nd, 2018. Everyone is invited to join us.



The St. Patrick's Church Men's Club is accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school students of St. Patrick's parish. This year our club will be awarding several scholarships to qualified students. The following criteria will be used in the evaluation process: • Parent (s) must be registered and supporting members of the parish for a minimum of six months from date of deadline for submission of this application (March 23, 2018) • Student must be in the top half of the graduating class. • A point system will be used to score each

application. The evaluation criteria have an emphasis on the student's participation in St. Patrick Church ministries and parish related activities. 1. Student participation in parish ministries and activities (1 - 10 points) 2. Academics (1 to 4 points) 3. Extracurricular school activities (1 to 3 points) Please do not submit an official transcript. You may submit additional pages to list and describe your participation in parish ministries / activities and extracurricular school activities. List your information by activity, dates of participation/service, and the sponsor (s) name. The deadline for submission is March 23, 2018. Submit your scholarship application to your school counselor. **Do not submit the applications to the church office or to any St Patrick Men's Club member.** The St. Patrick's Church Men's Club reserves the right to not consider late or incomplete applications. School counselors may contact St. Patrick's Church Men's club member Francisco Meza fcomezajr@gmail.com / 956 763-7023 to coordinate the delivery of submitted scholarship applications.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illnesses, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen

Adolfo De Luna
Richard Camacho
Rene San Miguel
Aurora Gonzalez
Micheal "Mikey" Leija Jr.
Jesse Rodriguez
Alex de la Garza
Norma S. Martinez



Frances Rizo
Rosa Vidaurri
Dora L. Singer
Adolf Puig
Francisco Velasquez
Gilbert P. Sanchez
Thomas Allred
Javier Compean

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The Children in 1st & 2nd Year preparation for 1st Holy Communion are being tested, please work with your child in learning the prayers.

1st Reconciliation Retreat will be on April 14th from 8am to 12noon. 1 parent needs to attend with child.

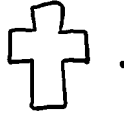
1st Holy Communion will be April 28 at 10am & 2pm

Stations of the Cross will be held outside on Friday's, after 6pm Mass. We are asking all CCD children and parents to join us.



Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



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CONQUEST

FORGED IN VIRTUE. CALLED TO SERVE.

There will be a Conquest Meeting on Tuesday, February 26th from 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Challenge

There will be a Challenge Meeting on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30 pm - 6:45pm



Read the Gospel and Color



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Del parraco

¿Qué tiene que ver la Cuaresma con el Bautismo? ¡Todo!



La palabra "bautizar" se usa de diferentes maneras en la Biblia, pero generalmente significa aplicar agua a alguien o sumergir a alguien en el agua.

Cuando la Biblia habla de personas que están siendo sumergidas en el agua, a menudo tiene un significado muy dramático tanto para la muerte como para la nueva vida. Por ejemplo, en el capítulo 7 de Génesis, las aguas de la inundación mataron a las personas que estaban pecando en serio contra Dios, mientras que esas mismas aguas llevaron a las personas que eran fieles a Dios (Noé y su familia) a una nueva vida. ¡San Pedro nos dice que este bautismo prefigurado (1 Pt 3:21) ! Cientos de años después, los egipcios estaban persiguiendo a los israelitas, a quienes habían convertido en esclavos. Moisés sacó a los israelitas de la esclavitud, pero su escape fue

bloqueado por las aguas del Mar Rojo, con el ejército egipcio acercándose a ellos. Dios separó las aguas para que los israelitas pudieran escapar a través de ellas, luego las aguas se cerraron sobre los egipcios, matándolos (Éxodo 14). Una vez más, las aguas fueron un instrumento de muerte para aquellos que se oponían a Dios, mientras que las aguas trajeron nueva vida a los fieles a Dios.

Cuando pensamos en el bautismo, la persona que a menudo viene a la mente es el primo de Jesús, llamado Juan el Bautista. Juan estaba predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Lucas 3: 3) al pueblo de Israel. En otras palabras, estaba invitando a la gente a dejarlo que los mate en el río como una señal de que estaban arrepentidos por sus pecados. ¡Ser sumergido en el río no está considerado como una experiencia placentera, si no como una viva señal de muerte! En efecto, las personas que permitieron que Juan los sumergiera en el río decían: "En nuestra tristeza por nuestros pecados, aceptamos esta muerte simbólica (ser sumergidos bajo el agua) con la esperanza de que Dios nos perdone la nueva vida". San Pablo nos dice que cuando somos bautizados en Cristo, nos unimos a Él en una especie de muerte, una muerte al pecado, para que también podamos unirnos a Él en la nueva vida de la Resurrección (Romanos 6:1-11). Por eso, cuando una persona es bautizada, el ministro le pide (o, para los hijos, sus padres y padrinos) que rechace el pecado y el diablo. Así es como se unen a Jesús en una especie de muerte, una muerte al pecado. Entonces, cuando una persona es bautizada, se le da la nueva vida como un hijo adoptivo de Dios.

En la tristeza por nuestros pecados y la gratitud por el amor de Dios, sigamos observando las promesas de nuestro bautismo, nuestra promesa de rechazar el pecado y el diablo, a lo largo de nuestras vidas. Durante la Cuaresma, se nos pide "morir a nosotros mismos" de otra manera, asumiendo penitencias especiales por amor a Dios y a los demás, tales como renunciar a la comida o diversiones que disfrutamos, o renunciando a parte de nuestro tiempo libre por más oraciones o para ayudar a otros. ¡Es por eso que podemos decir que la Cuaresma es un momento especial para **intensificar nuestro bautismo**, unirnos a Jesús más perfectamente en la muerte de nuestros pecados y egoísmo, para poder unirnos más plenamente a él, incluso durante nuestro tiempo en la tierra, vida nueva como hijos de nuestro Padre Celestial! Que Dios nos conceda una bendita Cuaresma.



AVISOS Y EVENTOS

Misión Cuaresmal en Español

Cuando: Del 5 al 8 de marzo

Hora: 7:00 p.m.

Lugar: Iglesia San Patricio

Predicador: El misionero Padre Alfredo Gaytán, SOLT

Tema de la misión: “Un corazón quebrantado y humillado, Tu no lo desprecias.” Sal 50:19

A. La necesidad de la conversión.

B. Reconocer nuestras limitaciones y necesidad de la ayuda de Dios.

C. Lo que Dios nos ofrece para vivir en paz y la salvación en Jesús.



Se invita a todos los parroquianos a esta Misión Cuaresmal como una preparación para celebrar el misterio pascual, la pasión, muerte, y resurrección del Señor Jesús.

ADORACION 101

¿Cómo se puede pasar una hora ante la presencia de Jesús expuesto en el Santísimo Sacramento?

Esta hora que Jesús quiere que pases con Él lo puedes hacer de la manera que quieras. Puede traer sus propios libros de oraciones, usar los libros en la capilla, leer la Biblia, rezar el rosario o simplemente sentarse, relajarse y disfrutar la paz que proviene de simplemente estar en la presencia de Dios. Puede sentir que no puede orar bien, pero no permita que esto lo desanime. El simple hecho de que se tome un descanso para pasar una hora con Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento le agradara mucho y es en sí mismo una oración de gran fe. Recuerde que la Adoración Perpetua es no solo por un día, una semana, un mes o un año. Más bien, es para siempre. No es temporal, sino continuo, duradero, y permanente.



ESCUCHA

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DIOS

PETICIONES PARA LA CAPILLA DE ADORACION

Feligreses, estaremos tomando peticiones mensuales, (una por familia) para ser colocadas en la capilla de adoración. Favor de traer sus peticiones bien escritas antes del mediodía los viernes a la oficina parroquial y pregunten por Lupita Chapa o Rosie Baho. Estaremos laminando y cambiando nuestras peticiones una vez al mes para que los adoradores puedan orar por ellas. Las Peticiones de la capilla de adoración mensuales seran sin costo. ¡Bendiciones!