MAY 13th, 2018 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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" Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates."
(Proverbs 31: 30-31)

May God Bless all our Mothers!

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)

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MONDAY
8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Office Closed

Mass INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM Por todas las madres vivas y difuntas
Alexis Gonzalez– Cumpleaños (Familia)
Alma Anne Resendez Haverkamp
+ Concepcion Anaya (Familia)
+ Idelfonso Cardenas (Hija)
+ Felipe Eliud Aguero (Familia)
10:00 AM+ Hipolito Sr. & Juan Roberto Chairez (Elvira Chiarez & Children)
12:00 PM For all mothers living & deceased
Flor Gonzalez - Mother's Day
Sally Gonzalez - Mother's Day
Gerardo & Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez
+ Guillermo E. Gonzalez Sr.
+ Karen Anderson (Eveland Family)
+ Felisa Garza (Eveland Family)
+ Guadalupe R. Gallego (Cremo Family)
+ Antonia Marron Ojeda
+ Carlos Varela Jr. & Oralia (Daughters)
+ Mayme B. Lopez (Saldaña & Lopez Family)
+ Patricia Saldaña - Alkire (Saldaña Lopez Family)
+ Gloria G. Saldaña (Saldaña Lopez Family)
+ George Bennett (Family)
2:00 PM POR TODOS LOS PARROQUIANOS
4:00 PM + Luz Balderas (Velia Herrera)
6:00 PM Ana Laura Ramirez– 66th Birthday
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
7:00 AM+ Enedina Olguin
6:00 PM+ Mr. Matilde Benavides (Family)
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 ST. ISIDORE
7:00 AM + Isidra Gonzalez
6:00 PM David I. Martinez-Birthday (Beatriz Martinez)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018 EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00 AM + Jose Angel Lopez
6:00 PM + Ignacio G. Montemayor (Family)
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018 EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00 AM + Edward P. Matos (Family)
6:00 PM Good Shepard end of the year Mass
FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018 EASTER WEEKDAY
7:00 AM+ Enrique & Elvira Aguilar (Family)
6:00 PM+ Juan Luis Serna Garcia (Family)
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 EASTER WEEKDAY
8:00 PM + Florencio Gonzalez (Wife & Children)
5:00 PM + Rosa Maria C. Garcia (Miles Family)

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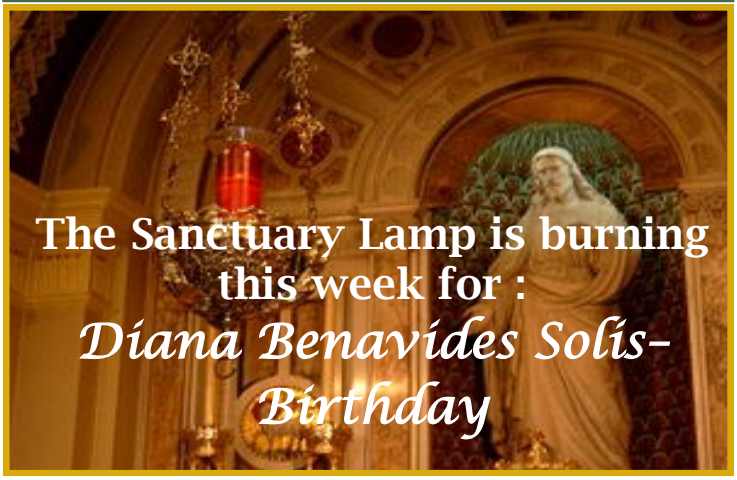


Stewardship SUNDAY

May 5th & May 6th, 2018
Total Sunday's Offering $24,026.67
Online Giving $923.00

Why Did Jesus Ascend to Heaven?

It's tempting to wonder why Jesus ascended into heaven. Wouldn't it have been great, if after Jesus had risen from the dead, He had just stayed on this earth? In other words, instead of ascending to heaven 40 days after the Resurrection, imagine how wonderful it would have been if Jesus had continued to live on this earth in His human body, right up to the present day. He could have continued to heal the sick, even the worst diseases. He could have kept on miraculously multiplying food so that nobody would be hungry. He could have continued to teach us the Good News of how much God loves us.

But would it really have been good for us if Jesus had remained on this earth in His human body? Or would we have decided that we didn't need to do anything, that Jesus could handle all the problems Himself? I suspect it might have turned out like when a basketball team has one amazing superstar, somebody who is far better than all the other players on the court. The other players on his team who aren't as good are tempted to just pass the ball to that superstar and then stand around and watch him score!

If Jesus had not ascended into heaven, if He had just stayed around on this earth, we would probably all have been very happy to just give Him the ball and let Him do all the work. We would have said, "Go ahead Jesus, You're the best! You preach the Gospel! Go ahead, Jesus, You heal the sick! You feed the hungry!" And then we would have happily sat back in our living rooms and watched Jesus on TV!

But of course God-the-Son did not become one of us in order to do everything for us. He became one of us to show us how to live, and to give us the help we need so that we could love others as He loves us. Maybe that is why Jesus did not remain on this earth in a human body we could see, so that we would realize we need to do our part in this world. And when we do our part to feed the hungry, to comfort the sick, to teach the ignorant and to visit the lonely, our hearts become more like the heart of Jesus.

Jesus ascended to heaven in His physical body, yet He remains with us in many ways, especially in the Holy Eucharist. May we allow Him to work through us to bring the Good News of His love to the world!

PARISH AND MINISTRY NEWS

Remember to make your pledge for the restoration of St. Augustine Cathedral, Our Mother Church!

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28TH, 2018 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, MAY 29TH AT 8:00A.M. 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 on Friday's before noon to the Parish Office. We will type, laminate, and change our petitions once a month. Monthly Adoration Chapel petitions are at no cost. God Bless!

St. Patrick - 1st Annual Ministries Raffle June 17, 2018

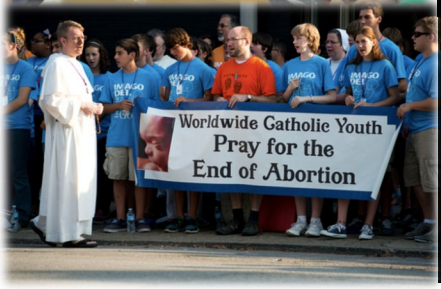
1st Prize: $1,500.00 AE Gift Card
2nd Prize: $1,000.00 AE Gift Card
3rd Prize: $750.00 AE Gift Card
4th Prize: $500.00 AE Gift Card
5th Prize: $ 500.00 AE Gift Card

Raffle will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th after 6:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Winner need not be present to win. 100% of the proceeds will go to Parish Ministries.

May 13th

"We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle," **www.bit.ly/poverty-abortion**



IGNITE YOUR TORCH

A CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
July 12-15, Louisville, Kentucky
PLEASE CONTACT GWEN GARZA AT (956)729-7038 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
https://www.igniteyourtorch.com/what-is-ignite-like

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Devotion to the Mother of Our Savior has its roots in ancient times. It is understood that she participated in the life of the early Church. There is a house in Turkey (near Ephesus) where Mary is purported to have lived with St. John at the end of her life. One of Jesus's last requests as He hung dying on the cross was that St. John care for his mother. A shrine has been built on the location where both Christians and Muslims (Islam considers Mary to be the mother of a prophet), go to worship. At the Council of Ephesus in 431 Mary was proclaimed Mother of God.

May devotions began more recently, at the end of the 18th century in Rome and, according to the Catholic News Agency, was started by a group of poor children who gathered together to sing the litany of Our Lady at a small shrine bearing her image. From there the devotion spread among a greater and greater number of people who would join the children and the month of Mary was born.

During this month of May we are encouraged to deepen our love for the Blessed Mother whose primary task is to lead us to her Son. By: Father F. Stodola

Visit our Perpetual Adoration Chapel anytime day or night 24/7!

PARISH AND MINISTRY NEWS

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

My name is Father Pedro Mercado, Jr. I am a native from Brownsville, Texas. I am a newly ordained priest for the Diocese of Laredo. Our beloved Bishop James A. Tamayo has assigned me to Saint Patrick Church as parochial vicar.

I am thirty-two years old, and I have a BA in History and a Master's of Divinity. I studied in several different parts in the country of the USA; such as Columbus, Ohio and in Mundelein, Illinois. I began my discernment process back in August 2003 when I received my call from God when I asked Him if He wanted me to be a Catholic priest to which God answered my question as an affirmative yes. As you can tell I am now a newly ordained priest in this parish!

I have been assigned to several different parishes in two different dioceses, the Diocese of Brownsville and the Diocese of Laredo. I spent the most time in Saint Joseph the Worker in McAllen, Texas and in Nuestra Señora del Rosario here in the Southside of Laredo, Texas. I really enjoyed my time working with the parishioners in both parishes, especially with the altar servers and the different ministries within the parish setting. I was very involved with the altar servers and helped with the training and the recruiting of new altar servers. I was also involved or would visit the youth choirs which we have at Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

I like to read theological books, have conversations about theology, I enjoy watching movies, I like to walk, and sometimes run (especially around the church).

I am looking forward to serving the People of God here at Saint Patrick Church. My hope is to be able to meet as many of the parishioners as possible through the parish setting and working with the different ministries found here in the parish.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pedro

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
Rene San Miguel
Aurora Gonzalez
Micheal " Mikey" Leija Jr.
Jesse Rodriguez
Alex de la Garza
Norma S. Martinez
Clara Barrera
Elvia Garza

Frances Rizo
Rosa Vidaurri
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention Class of 2018! There will be a Graduation Mass at 6pm on Sunday, May 27th, 2018 followed by a reception for Graduates and families in the Parish hall. Come dressed in your cap and gowns. Hope to see you there! God bless!

Please take note of the following important dates to remember.

May 19th, Saturday, 9am-12 NOON, Confirmation Conference/ Practice for all 2nd Year Confirmation students, Parents, & Godparents in the Church.

June 8th, Friday, 7PM- 9PM, *MANDATORY* Confessions for all 2nd Year Confirmation Candidates, Parents, & Godparents, in the Church.

June 9th, Saturday, *Confirmation Day*. There will be two Ceremonies; 9AM & 12 Noon.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATHOLIC KIDZ CAMPS
Ages: 5-13

First come, first serve basis

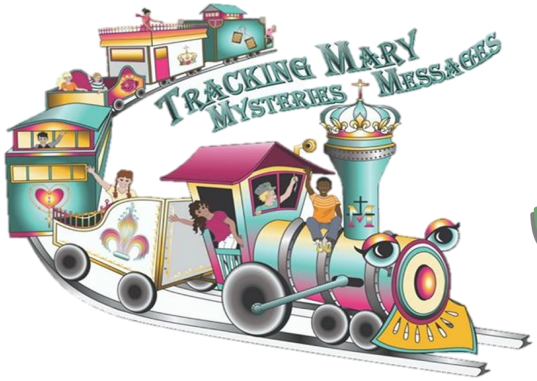
SPACE IS LIMITED

Register online. All camps will be from 9am-3pm

Complete waiver forms and bring them to our office during working hours

Link to register: https://secure.aceptiva.com/?cst=2ff969

June 4-7



June 11-14

June 18-21

Del parraco

¿Por qué Jesús ascendió al cielo?

Es tentador preguntarse por qué Jesús ascendió al cielo. ¿No hubiera sido genial, si después de que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, simplemente se quedara en esta tierra? En otras palabras, en lugar de ascender al cielo 40 días después de la Resurrección, imagina lo maravilloso que hubiera sido si Jesús hubiera continuado viviendo en esta tierra en Su Cuerpo humano, hasta el día de hoy. Pudo haber continuado sanando a los enfermos, incluso de las peores enfermedades. Podría haber seguido multiplicando alimentos milagrosamente para que nadie tenga hambre. Él podría haber seguido enseñándonos las Buenas Nuevas de cuánto nos ama Dios.

Pero, ¿habría sido realmente bueno para nosotros si Jesús hubiera permanecido en esta tierra en Su Cuerpo humano? ¿O habríamos decidido que no necesitábamos hacer nada, que Jesús podría manejar todos los problemas Él mismo? Sospecho que podría haber sido como cuando un equipo de baloncesto tiene una superestrella increíble, alguien que es mucho mejor que todos los demás jugadores en la cancha. ¡Los otros jugadores en ese equipo que no son tan buenos están tentados de simplemente pasar el balón a esa superestrella y luego quedarse parados y verlo anotar!

Si Jesús no hubiera ascendido al cielo, si se hubiera quedado en esta tierra, probablemente todos hubiéramos estado muy felices de pasarle la pelota y dejarlo hacer todo el trabajo. Hubiéramos dicho: "¡Adelante, Jesús, eres el mejor! ¡Predicas el Evangelio! ¡Adelante, Jesús, sana a los enfermos! ¡Alimenta a los hambrientos!" ¡Y nos hubiéramos sentado felices en nuestras salas para ver a Jesús en la televisión!

Pero, por supuesto, Dios el Hijo no se convirtió en uno de nosotros para hacer todo por nosotros. Se convirtió en uno de nosotros para mostrarnos cómo vivir y para darnos la ayuda que necesitamos para poder amar a los demás como Él nos ama. Tal vez es por eso que Jesús no permaneció en esta tierra en un cuerpo humano que pudiéramos ver, para que nos diéramos cuenta de que tenemos que hacer nuestra parte en este mundo. Y cuando hacemos nuestra parte para alimentar a los hambrientos, consolar a los enfermos, enseñar a los ignorantes y visitar a los que están solos, nuestros corazones se vuelven más como el corazón de Jesús.

Jesús ascendió al cielo en su cuerpo físico, sin embargo, permanece con nosotros de muchas maneras, especialmente en la Sagrada Eucaristía. ¡Permitamos que trabaje a través de nosotros para llevar las Buenas Nuevas de su amor al mundo!

AVISOS Y EVENTOS

La devoción a la Santísima Virgen se remonta a los primeros siglos. Hemos de recordar que una de las siete palabras que Nuestro Señor pronunció desde la cruz fue "he ahí a tu Madre."

Hay una casa en Éfeso (actualmente Turquía) donde se entiende que la Virgen pasó los últimos años de su vida en la casa de San Juan. Fue en el concilio Éfeso en el año 431 donde se le proclamó Madre de Dios. Actualmente, cristianos y musulmanes acuden a ese santuario construido en el lugar de la casa para rendirle honores a la Virgen. En el Islam María es considerada madre de un profeta.

Las devociones de mayo provienen de una tradición más reciente que tuvo su comienzo en el siglo XVIII cuando unos niños de Roma se reunían todas las noches ante una imagen de la Virgen para rezar las letanías. Desde entonces mayo es un mes dedicado a la Virgen. En una de sus catequesis, el Papa Francisco afirmaba: «María es la madre que con paciencia y ternura nos lleva a Dios, para que desate los nudos de nuestra alma». Por F. Stodola, Pbro.

13 de mayo

"Y todos podemos apoyar a animar a nuestro gobierno y a otras instituciones a que apoyen la vida. Siempre deben ayudar y apoyar a las madres e hijos, y nunca ofrecer pagar la destrucción de la vida como una "solución" a los desafíos que enfrentan las mujeres. El llamado a defender la dignidad y el bienestar de las mujeres y los de sus hijos por nacer, es uno y el mismo."

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
"La pobreza y el aborto: un círculo vicioso",
www.bit.ly/un-circulo-vicioso

¡La paz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo este con todos ustedes!

Mi nombre es Padre Pedro Mercado, Jr. Soy nativo de Brownsville, Texas. Soy un sacerdote recientemente ordenado para la Diócesis de Laredo. Nuestro querido Obispo Jaime A. Tamayo me ha asignado a la Iglesia de San Patricio como vicario parroquial.

Tengo treinta y dos años, y tengo un BA en Historia y una Maestría en Divinidad. Estudié en diferentes partes de los Estados Unidos; como en Columbus, Ohio y en Mundelein, Illinois. Comencé mi proceso de discernimiento en agosto del 2003 cuando recibí el llamado de Dios y le pregunté si Él quería que fuera un sacerdote católico, a lo que Dios me respondió un "sí"afirmativo. ¡Cómo pueden ver, ahora soy un sacerdote recién ordenado en esta parroquia!

He estado asignado en diferentes parroquias en dos diócesis diferentes, la Diócesis de Brownsville y la Diócesis de Laredo. Pasé la mayor parte del tiempo en San José Obrero en McAllen, Texas y en Nuestra Señora del Rosario aquí al sur de Laredo, Texas. Realmente disfruté mi tiempo trabajando con los feligreses en ambas parroquias, especialmente con los monaguillos y los diferentes ministerios dentro del entorno de la parroquia. Estuve muy involucrado con los monaguillos y ayudé con el entrenamiento y el reclutamiento de nuevos monaguillos. También participaba y visitaba a los coros juveniles que tenemos en Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

Me gusta leer libros teológicos, conversar sobre teología, disfruto ver películas, me gusta caminar, y a veces correr (especialmente alrededor de la iglesia).

Estoy ansioso por servir al pueblo de Dios aquí en la Iglesia de San Patricio. Espero poder conocer tantos feligreses como sea posible a través del entorno de la parroquia y trabajar con los diferentes ministerios que se encuentran aquí en la parroquia.

Suyo en Cristo,
Padre Pedro

Comunidades de Evangelizacón va a iniciar un nuevo ministerio para seguir con nuestra labor de evangelización, complementando el ministerio del visiteo.

Este es el Ministerio de la Divina Misericordia, la finalidad de este nuevo ministerio es ir al hogar de distinas familias a rezar el Rosario de la Divina Misericordia, y que hayan hecho una solicitud a través de la oficina de St. Patrick, esto se dará a conocer en el boletín y se publicará cada semana.