

JANUARY 12TH, 2020 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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



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A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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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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, JANUARY 12TH, 2020
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM + Manuel Garza

10:00 AM In thanksgiving to Divine Mercy

12:00 PM For all Parishioners

2:00 PM

4:00 PM + Hilaria Gonzalez De Solano

6:00 PM For Teo Torres Jr. & Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

7:00 AM

6:00 PM + Chuck Jacaman - 2nd Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

7:00 AM Gabriela Denise Salinas

6:00 PM + Patrick H. Alexander Jr. - 6th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

7:00 AM + Efraín Peralez Sr. Y Efraín Peralez Jr.

6:00 PM + Gregorio González Jr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

7:00 AM Damián Mercado - Cumpleaños

6:00 PM + Graciela Ramírez

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

7:00 AM

6:00 PM Ismael Vela - Birthday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

8:00 AM Rogelio Villa - For his health

5:00 PM Elizabeth Flores - 60th Birthday

6:30 PM XV - Julissa Tamez



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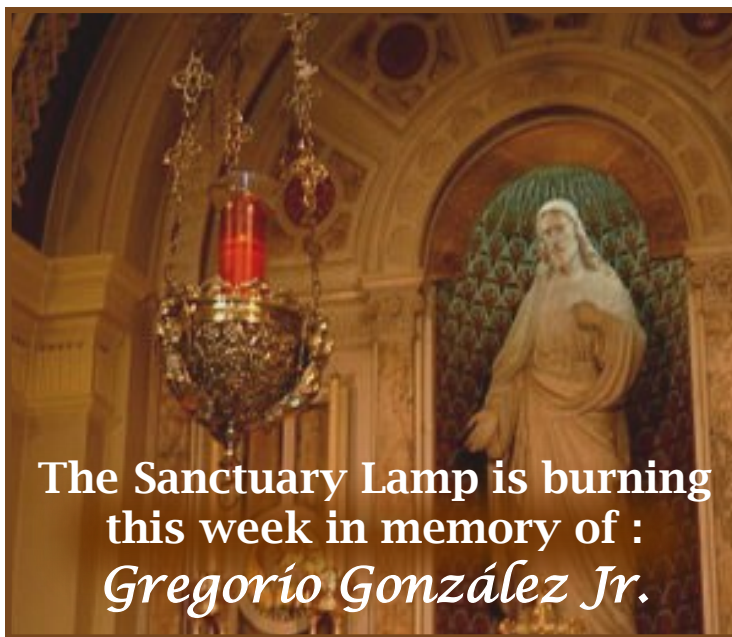
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The Sanctuary Lamp is burning
this week in memory of :
Gregorio González Jr.



January 4th and 5^h, 2020

Total Sunday's Offering \$23,973.03

Online Giving \$1,782.50

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Bulletin Deadline

Ministries, make sure to submit your announcements **10 Days** prior to date published via Email please at data@stpatricklaredo.org

Serve our Lord, Serve your Parish



Are you looking for a way to become involved? Do you feel a calling? Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the parish? Anyone interested who would like to share their time & talent with any of the various ministries and groups we have here at St. Patrick's are encouraged to contact any of the ministry or group leaders for more information.



325 families in our parish have now given \$77,000 to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, which funds many important ministries in our Diocese of Laredo. We are now a little over 72% of the way to our goal! If every family made some contribution, we can reach our goal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. Forms are available in the church and in the parish office. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS



Consider having a Mass said for a birthday, anniversary, or memorial for someone special. There are Masses available for the 2020 calendar. Please come by the parish office during regular business hours to reserve your date and time for a Mass intention.

Baptism By Water, Fire, and the Holy Spirit

If somebody dunks you in a river, it is natural to think you might drown. That is why John the Baptist invited people to let him baptize them in the river. "Baptism" literally means "dunking." The baptism of John meant that he actually dunked people underwater in the river Jordan. John's message to the people was, "Be sorry for your sins. And show that you are sorry for your sins by letting me dunk you in this river!"

The people who let themselves be dunked in the river were, in effect, saying, "Yes, I am a sinner and I deserve to be punished, I even deserve death. So I will let you dunk me in the river as a sign that I accept the punishment for my sins." So John dunked them, then he brought them up again out of the river. John's baptism did NOT take away their sins, it was just a sign that they were sorry for their sins.

But of course Jesus did not have any sins. Jesus asked to be baptized as a sign that He was accepting the punishment for all of our sins, so that He could give us a new kind of baptism that WOULD take away our sins.

John had told the people, "I am baptizing you with water, but One mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." We often think of fire as destructive, and it can be, but fire also transforms things. Fire can change many foods that are poisonous into foods which we can safely eat. Fire can also be used to purify gold, to take away its impurities. It is in this sense that John said that somebody mightier than him would baptize us with fire. He meant that somebody would give us a baptism that would take away our impurities and transform us into better people. John was talking about the baptism Jesus would give to us, an immersion in the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit Himself is very much a fire. When we receive Christian baptism, the Holy Spirit takes away our sins, similar to how fire takes away the impurities of gold. When we receive Christian baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into adopted children of our Heavenly Father, as fire transforms some poisonous foods into foods which are beneficial for us. And the Holy Spirit is also a fire in the sense that He is burning with love for God the Father, God the Son, and even for all of us. That is the fire that Jesus wants to give to all of us, so that we will also be burning with love for God and for all those who are created in God's image and likeness

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He said, "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:50) Jesus was in anguish to complete His mission, to undergo a terrible baptism of suffering in order to pay the price for our sins, because Jesus was Himself burning with love for His Heavenly Father and for us. Since Jesus was Himself baptized in the Holy Spirit, this should tell us the great importance of the Holy Spirit in the mission God gives to each of us.



We were baptized in water and in the fire of the Holy Spirit, but God is certainly not through with us. Our selfishness must decrease and our love for others must increase, so that we can become the saints God wants us to be. At every Holy Mass, we are present to the loving sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, when He went through a fire of suffering because He was burning with love for us. At every Holy Mass, let us ask Jesus to purify our hearts and transform them by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that we will also be burning with love for God and for each other!

PARISH AND MINISTRY NEWS

NOTIFICATION

You may have noticed the recent improvements to our parking lots. The potholes have been repaired, the blacktop has been re-sealed and new parking lines have been painted. This work has been sponsored by the **Maria Josefina Sanchez Trust Fund** for the maintenance of our parish facilities. If you would like to make a contribution to this trust fund, checks in the name of the fund can be given at the parish office.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS

Want to enrich your prayer life? Want a more intimate relationship with God? The Prayer and Life Workshops will offer you that, and much more!

Please join us for our opening session in St. Patrick Parish Hall - Room #11 on January 30th at 7:00 p.m.

You will learn about vocal prayer, visual prayer, contemplative prayer, the prayer of adoration, and many more!

These workshops are for adults only, and they are for both, men and women.

For more information, please call Virginia Aranda at (956) 489-7007

See you there!



ACTS Core cordially invites the community to learn about the 2020 changes affecting retreats. We will be hosting a forum to give a brief synopsis of these changes on:

**Tuesday, January 14th, 2020
at 7pm**

**St Patrick Parish Hall
Rooms 10 & 11**

Please make plans to attend!



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LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ



EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Life Teen and EDGE are back!

Middle School students are welcome to Edge today, January 12th, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, and High School students are invited to Life Teen from 7 pm to 9 pm. Both meetings will be in the parish hall.

See you in the Eucharist!

St Patrick Church Men's Club Ministry Scholarship Applications

The Men's Club Ministry, with the tremendous support of our Pastor and Parishioners, will again be awarding scholarships to high school graduates from our parish. It is the Men's Club's desire to award at least fourteen, \$1,000 scholarships this school year. The evaluation criteria will have an emphasis on the student's participation in St. Patrick Church ministries and parish related activities.

Scholarship applications may be secured from your school's academic counselor or may be downloaded from the church web page: www.stpatricklaredo.org - Parish Life tab/ Men's Club. The deadline for submission to the school counselors will be Friday, February 28, 2020.



We bid a fond farewell to Karla Torres, a very dedicated member of our parish staff, who will soon be starting a new job in medical services. Our consolation is that Karla will continue to volunteer in important ministries here at St. Patrick's. Thank you, Karla, for all your hard work for our parishioners! May God bless you abundantly!

Perpetual Adoration is available 24/7 in the Adoration Chapel

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS



Sisters Nora, Yanina and Teodosa

Three Religious Sisters to Work at St. Patrick Parish!

God has blessed us with three religious sisters from "The Missionaries of Marilam" in Honduras.

Sisters Nora, Yanina and Teodosa will

begin working at our parish in various ministries later this month, as they also will be taking classes in English as a second language. The sisters will introduce themselves at all the Masses on the weekend of January 25-26. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their mission work here.

¡Tres religiosas vendrán a trabajar a San Patricio! Dios nos ha bendecido con tres hermanas religiosas de "Las Misioneras de Marilam" en Honduras. Las hermanas Nora, Yanina y Teodosa comenzarán a trabajar en nuestra parroquia en varios ministerios a finales de este mes, y también tomarán clases de inglés como su segundo idioma. Las hermanas se presentarán en todas las Misas el fin de semana del 25 al 26 de Enero. Por favor manténgalas en sus oraciones mientras comienzan su trabajo misionero aquí.

RETIREMENT AND WELCOME



As you have probably heard, Fr. Jacinto Olguin is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement. He will not be leaving St. Patrick parish, but will continue to live here in residence, helping a little with pastoral work here. All parishioners are invited to a retirement party for Fr. Olguin at 7 pm on Friday, January 31st at a place to be announced next week.

At that same occasion we will officially welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Francisco Hernandez.



May God continue to bless both priests for their dedicated service to the people of God!

Gold or Silver Wedding Anniversaries

If you or someone you know is celebrating 25 or 50 years of Catholic Marriage, the Diocese of Laredo would like to recognize this important milestone in your married life with a special Mass at **St. Patrick Catholic Church on Saturday,**



February 15th 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Please register for this special event by calling your Parish Office or the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Laredo at (956) 727-2140. **Deadline for registration is January 31st, 2020.**

PARISH & MINISTRY NEWS

Pro-Life Rosary Walk Sunday, Jan. 19



Join us on Sunday, **January 19th, 2020 at 2:00 pm** as we pray the Rosary on a 2 mile walk culminating with prayer at **Holy Redeemer Church**, asking God to protect human life at *all stages from conception to natural death*.

We will start at the corner of Boston Street and Santa Ursula Avenue, in Laredo, Texas. Shuttle service will be available from the Holy Redeemer parking lot to the starting site from 1:00 pm-1:45 pm

**For more information call
The Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at (956) 727-2140.**

Caminata del Rosario Pro-Vida el Domingo, 19 de Enero

Acompáñenos el domingo, **19 de enero, 2020 a las 2:00 pm** en nuestra caminata de 2 millas, rezando el Rosario, culminando con oración en la **Iglesia del Divino Redentor**. Rogaremos a Dios que proteja la vida humana *desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural*.

La Caminata empezará en la esquina de la Calle Boston y la Avenida Santa Ursula en Laredo, Texas.

Servicio de transportación hacia el área del inicio de la Caminata estará disponible de 1:00 pm a 1:45 pm desde el estacionamiento de la Iglesia del Divino Redentor.

**Para más información llame a la
Oficina del Ministerio a la Familia, de la Diócesis de Laredo, (956) 727-2140.**





ACF'S
MEN'S RETREAT
English
MAY 7-10 2020

APPLICATIONS FOR TEAM!
OPEN
January 6th 2020

<https://stpatricklaredo.org/acts>



Do all you can to
preach the
GOSPEL and if
necessary use
WORDS!
SANT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



I HAVE BAPTIZED
YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

— MK 1:8



CLPI

Bautismo por Agua, Fuego y el Espíritu Santo



Si alguien te sumerge en un río, es natural pensar que te puedas ahogar. Por eso Juan el Bautista invitó a la gente a dejar que los bautice en el río. "Bautismo" literalmente significa "sumergir". El bautismo de Juan significaba que en realidad sumergió a las personas bajo el agua en el río Jordán. El mensaje de Juan a la gente fue: "Arrepentir por los pecados. ¡Y demuestre que lamenta sus pecados al dejarme sumergirlo en este río!

Las personas que se dejaron sumergir en el río, en efecto, dijeron: "Sí, soy un pecador y merezco ser castigado, incluso merezco la muerte. Así que te dejaré sumergirme en el río como una señal de que acepto el castigo por mis pecados". Entonces Juan los sumergió, luego los sacó nuevamente del río. El bautismo de Juan NO les quitó sus pecados, era solo una señal de que lamentaban sus pecados.

Pero, por supuesto, Jesús no tuvo ningún pecado. Jesús pidió ser bautizado como una señal de que estaba aceptando el castigo por todos nuestros pecados, para poder darnos un nuevo tipo de bautismo que nos quitaría nuestros pecados.

Juan le había dicho a la gente: "Te estoy bautizando con agua, pero uno más poderoso que yo viene. Él te bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego." A menudo pensamos que el fuego es destructivo, y puede ser, pero el fuego también transforma las cosas. El fuego puede convertir muchos alimentos que son venenosos en alimentos que podemos comer de manera segura. El fuego también se puede usar para purificar oro, para quitarle las impurezas. En este sentido, Juan dijo que alguien más poderoso que él nos bautizaría con fuego. Él quiso decir que alguien nos daría un bautismo que eliminaría nuestras impurezas y nos transformaría en mejores personas. Juan estaba hablando sobre el bautismo que Jesús nos daría, una inmersión en el Espíritu Santo, porque el Espíritu Santo mismo es en un sentido un fuego. Cuando recibimos el bautismo cristiano, el Espíritu Santo quita nuestros pecados, de manera similar a como el fuego quita las impurezas del oro. Cuando recibimos el bautismo Cristiano, el Espíritu Santo nos transforma en hijos adoptivos de nuestro Padre Celestial, como el fuego transforma algunos alimentos venenosos en alimentos que son beneficiosos para nosotros. Y el Espíritu Santo también es un fuego en el sentido de que arde con amor por Dios el Padre, Dios el Hijo, e incluso por todos nosotros. Ese es el fuego que Jesús quiere darnos a todos, para que también nos quememos con amor a Dios y a todos aquellos que son creados a imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Antes de ir a la cruz, Jesús dijo: "Hay un bautismo con el que debo ser bautizado, ¡y cuán grande es mi angustia hasta que se cumpla!" (Lucas 12:50) Jesús estaba angustiado por completar su misión, para someterse a un terrible bautismo de sufrimiento para pagar el precio de nuestros pecados, porque Jesús mismo estaba ardiendo de amor por su Padre Celestial y por nosotros. Como Jesús mismo fue bautizado en el Espíritu Santo, esto debería decirnos la gran importancia del Espíritu Santo en la misión que Dios nos da a cada uno de nosotros.

Fuimos bautizados en agua y en el fuego del Espíritu Santo, pero Dios ciertamente no ha terminado con nosotros. Nuestro egoísmo debe disminuir y nuestro amor por los demás debe aumentar, para que podamos convertirnos en los santos que Dios quiere que seamos. En cada Santa Misa, estamos presentes al sacrificio amoroso de Jesús en la Cruz, cuando pasó por un fuego de sufrimiento porque estaba ardiendo de amor por nosotros. En cada Santa Misa, ¡pidamos a Jesús que purifique nuestros corazones y los transforme por el poder del Espíritu Santo, para que también nos quememos con amor por Dios y por los demás!



ÉL LOS BAUTIZARÁ
CON EL ESPÍRITU
SANTO Y CON
FUEGO. MATEO 3:11

Retiro y Bienvenida

Como probablemente haya escuchado, el Padre Jacinto Olguin ahora disfruta de una jubilación bien merecida. No se irá de la parroquia de San Patricio, seguirá viviendo aquí en la residencia, ayudando un poco con el trabajo pastoral. Todos los feligreses están invitados a una fiesta de jubilación para el Padre Olguin a las 7 pm del viernes 31 de enero, en un lugar que se anunciará la próxima semana.



En esa misma ocasión, daremos la bienvenida oficial a nuestro nuevo Vicario Parroquial, el Padre Francisco Hernández. ¡Que Dios continúe bendiciendo a ambos sacerdotes por su servicio dedicado al pueblo de Dios!



El Core de ACTS invita cordialmente a la comunidad parroquial para comunicar los cambios relevantes en la estructura de retiros ACTS a partir del año 2020.

Se realizará una sesión informativa para explicar éstos cambios.

Martes 14 de Enero de 2020
7 pm en el Salón Parroquial de San Patricio
Salones 10 y 11

¡Te esperamos!



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Retiro Damas

(Español)

14-17 de Mayo 2020

Cada obra de amor
llevada a cabo con todo el
corazón, siempre logrará
acercar a la gente a
Dios.
Sta Madre Teresa de
Calcuta

INSCRIPCIONES PARA
EQUIPO!

INICIAN
13 de Enero 2020

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NOTIFICACION

Se repararon los baches, se volvió a sellar el asfalto y se pintaron nuevas líneas de estacionamiento. Este trabajo ha sido patrocinado por el **Fondo Fiduciario María Josefina Sánchez** para el mantenimiento de nuestras instalaciones parroquiales. Si desea hacer una contribución a este fondo fiduciario, los cheques a nombre del fondo se pueden entregar en la oficina parroquial.



Nos despedimos de Karla Torres, un miembro muy dedicado de nuestro personal parroquial, que pronto comenzará un nuevo trabajo en servicios médicos. Nuestro consuelo es que Karla continuará siendo voluntaria en importantes ministerios aquí en St. Patrick's. ¡Gracias, Karla, por todo su arduo trabajo para nuestros feligreses! ¡Que Dios te bendiga abundantemente!

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

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