



St. Patrick Church



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

JANUARY 4, 2026, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



"WHERE IS THE
NEWBORN KING OF
THE JEWS? WE SAW
HIS STAR AT ITS RISING
AND HAVE COME TO
PAY HIM HOMAGE."
- MT 2:2

"¿DONDE ESTA EL REY
DE LOS JUDÍOS QUE
ACABA DE NACER?"
PORQUE VIMOS
SURGIR SU ESTRELLA
Y HEMOS VENIDO A
ADORARLO". - MT 2,2

Adoración Eucarística en Español - Miércoles, 7 de enero de 2026, a las 7:30pm

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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SAT., JANUARY 3, 2026 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 am † Gloria Alicia Medina

5:00 pm Tomas Cantú - Birthday

6:30 pm Wedding - Juan Peña III & Emily A. González

SUN., JANUARY 4, 2026 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am † María Elena Castaño

† Ofelia Pumarejo San Roman

† Marcelino y † María Angelina Mares

† Ramón & †Nelia Sciaraffa

† Manuel M. Villarreal Jr.

10:00 am Leo "Trey" Garza III - Birthday

Elisa P. Schwartz

For the González, Castillo, and Solano Families

For the Huron Family

Bonnie Woods - For her health

Red & Esther González - For their health

† Violeta Zertuche Rico

† Armandina Gutiérrez

† Gloria Alicia Medina

† Norma Rodríguez

† Aurora Rodríguez

12:00 pm For all Parishioners

2:00 pm José L. Ramírez Jr. - Cumpleaños

4:00 pm † Deacon Edmundo López Jr.

6:00 pm Special intention - Beatriz Serradel

MON., JANUARY 5, 2026 – ST. JOHN NEUMANN

7:00 am David Treviño - Cumpleaños

6:00 pm † Gloria Alicia Medina

TUE., JANUARY 6, 2026 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:00 am † Gloria Alicia Medina

6:00 pm † Dr. Antonio Cantu

WED., JANUARY 7, 2026 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:00 am † Sr. Héctor Luciano Montemayor Pinto

6:00 pm † Gloria Alicia Medina

THU., JANUARY 8, 2026 - CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:00 am Martha Eugenia Treviño - Cumpleaños

6:00 pm † Gloria Alicia Medina

FRI., JANUARY 9, 2026 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

7:00 am Por todas las Almas del Purgatorio

6:00 pm † Gloria Alicia Medina

SAT., JANUARY 10, 2026 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 am † Gloria Alicia Medina

5:00 pm Ramírez and Alcalá Family

6:30 pm Wedding - Ruben Cuellar III & Alexia Gamboa



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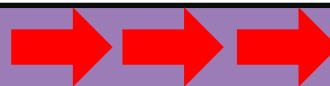
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every day from
6 am - 11 pm.
"Could you not spend
one hour with me?"
Matthew 26:40

La Capilla de Adoración está
abierta todos los días de
6 am a 11 pm.
"¿No pudieron pasar una hora
conmigo?" Mateo 26,40

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at 7:30 pm

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When Light Shines Brightest

About 2000 years ago, there was a terrible darkness in our world. Foreigners were treated with contempt. Lepers were forced to live in isolation. Women and children were treated very badly, as if they had no rights. Mighty nations conquered weaker nations, they made slaves of some of the inhabitants and they heavily taxed the rest. The rich and even the religious leaders routinely exploited the poor and widows. It was the worst darkness, the darkness of sin, which can blind us to the goodness of God and to the goodness of our neighbor.



But in that terrible darkness of sin, some wise men followed the light of a very unusual star, which led them to the true light of the world, a little baby lying in a manger in Bethlehem. It was the light of the love of Jesus Christ, God-the-Son Who became one of us! Jesus told us of how much God loves us, and He showed us that love by healing the sick, by giving sight to the blind, by feeding the hungry and by preaching forgiveness and reconciliation. Nothing could extinguish that light of God's love, not even when they arrested Jesus and humiliated Him and whipped Him and crowned Him with thorns and nailed Him to a cross. Even as He was dying on the cross, in amazing love Jesus pleaded for those who were killing Him, saying, **"Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing!"** (Luke 23:34) When Jesus was crucified, it seemed for a little while like His light had been extinguished forever. But on the third day, on Easter Sunday, by the power of His love He rose again, showing His power over sin, suffering and even His power over death!

Can the light of God's love still be seen in our world today? Yes, we can learn about the love of God through the Bible and through the Church and through all the beautiful blessings God gives to us. But the light of God's love can best be seen when it shines through His followers. When we are kind to our children, when we respect and obey our parents, when we are generous to the poor, when we spend time with those who are sick or lonely, when we mercifully forgive those who have wronged us, in these and many other ways, the light of the love of God can shine through us to others. **But remember that light shines brightest in the darkness!** When people are experiencing the darkness of sickness or accidents or poverty, times of humiliation or rejection or harsh criticism or even times of persecution, but the followers of Jesus still have the peace and joy of being close to Him, then the light of God's love can shine most brightly through us to bring others closer to God!

So why not lead others to Jesus? Why not invite others to step out of the darkness of sin, to step out of the shadows, to step out of the fear of the grave? Invite them by your love and by your joy! The devil loves the darkness of sin, because that is how he wants to make us slaves to our sins. But Jesus told us, **"You shall come to know the truth, and the truth shall set you free!"** (John 8:32) The truth is that our Heavenly Father longs for us to be with Him forever as His adopted sons and daughters, and He loves us perfectly and He has a wonderful plan for our lives. May God use us as He used the star to bring the wise men to Jesus in Bethlehem. May His love shine through us to attract many people to Himself!



Cuando la luz brilla con mayor fuerza

Hace unos dos mil años, existía una terrible oscuridad en nuestro mundo. Los extranjeros eran tratados con desprecio. Los leprosos eran obligados a vivir en aislamiento. Las mujeres y los niños eran tratados muy mal, como si no tuvieran derechos. Las naciones poderosas conquistaban a las más débiles, esclavizaban a algunos de sus habitantes y gravaban con fuertes impuestos al resto. Los ricos, e incluso los líderes religiosos, explotaban habitualmente a los pobres y a las viudas. Era la peor oscuridad: la oscuridad del pecado, que

puede cegarnos ante la bondad de Dios y la bondad de nuestro prójimo.

Pero en medio de esa terrible oscuridad del pecado, unos sabios siguieron la luz de una estrella muy especial, que los condujo a la verdadera luz del mundo: un pequeño niño acostado en un pesebre en Belén. Era la luz del amor de Jesucristo, Dios Hijo, que se hizo uno de nosotros. Jesús nos habló del gran amor de Dios por nosotros y nos mostró ese amor al sanar a los enfermos, devolver la vista a los ciegos, alimentar a los hambrientos y predicar el perdón y la reconciliación. Nada pudo apagar esa luz del amor de Dios, ni siquiera cuando arrestaron a Jesús, lo humillaron, lo azotaron, lo coronaron de espinas y lo clavaron en la cruz. Incluso mientras moría en la cruz, con un amor admirable, Jesús suplicó por quienes lo estaban matando, diciendo: **"¡Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen!" (Lucas 23,34).**

Cuando Jesús fue crucificado, por un momento pareció que su luz se había apagado para siempre. Pero al tercer día, en el Domingo de Pascua, por el poder de su amor resucitó, mostrando su victoria sobre el pecado, el sufrimiento e incluso sobre la muerte.

¿Puede verse aún hoy la luz del amor de Dios en nuestro mundo? Sí, podemos conocer el amor de Dios a través de la Biblia, de la Iglesia y de todas las hermosas bendiciones que Dios nos concede. Pero la luz del amor de Dios se ve con mayor claridad cuando brilla a través de sus seguidores. Cuando somos bondadosos con nuestros hijos, cuando respetamos y obedecemos a nuestros padres, cuando somos generosos con los pobres, cuando dedicamos tiempo a los enfermos o a quienes están solos, cuando perdonamos con misericordia a quienes nos han ofendido, de estas y de muchas otras maneras la luz del amor de Dios puede brillar a través de nosotros hacia los demás. **¡Recordemos que la luz brilla con mayor intensidad en la oscuridad!** Cuando las personas atraviesan la oscuridad de la enfermedad, de los accidentes o de la pobreza, momentos de humillación, rechazo o críticas duras, o incluso tiempos de persecución, pero los seguidores de Jesús conservan la paz y la alegría de estar cerca de Él, entonces la luz del amor de Dios puede brillar con mayor fuerza a través de nosotros para acercar a otros a Dios.

Entonces, ¿por qué no conducir a otros hacia Jesús? ¿Por qué no invitarlos a salir de la oscuridad del pecado, a salir de las sombras, a dejar atrás el miedo a la muerte? Invitémoslos con nuestro amor y con nuestra alegría. Al diablo le encanta la oscuridad del pecado, porque así busca hacernos esclavos de nuestros pecados. Pero Jesús nos dijo:

"Conocerán la verdad, y la verdad los hará libres" (Juan 8,32). La verdad es que nuestro Padre celestial anhela que estemos con Él para siempre como hijos e hijas adoptivos; Él nos ama perfectamente y tiene un plan maravilloso para nuestras vidas. Que Dios nos use, como usó la estrella, para llevar a los sabios hasta Jesús en Belén. ¡Que su amor brille a través de nosotros y atraiga a muchos hacia Él!

Good News for Catholic Parents: Education Savings Accounts (ESA)

An ESA is a publicly funded, government-authorized savings account that allows parents of students in non-public Texas schools to pay for approved educational expenses, beginning Fall, 2026.

Participation Requirements:

- Use ESA funds only for eligible educational expenses
- Do not resell items purchased with ESA funds
- Notify the state within 30 days if the child enrolls in public school, graduates, or becomes ineligible

Who Is Eligible? Student must be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful resident eligible for Texas public school

- Siblings who apply are also approved if one student is approved
- Families do not need to reapply each year

Funding Amounts (Per Student, Per Year): Eligible private school: up to \$10,000

- Student with disability: up to \$30,000
- Homeschooled student: \$2,000

Priority Access: 1. Students with disabilities.

2. Children in households below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

For More Information: Dr. Guadalupe Perez, Catholic Schools Office (956) 727-2140

Email: gperez@diocesoflaredo.org Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 8:00am–5:00pm



Buenas Noticias para Papas Católicas: Cuentas de Ahorros para la Educación (ESA)

Una ESA es una cuenta financiada con fondos públicos y autorizada por el gobierno para ayudar a los padres de estudiantes en escuelas no públicas de Texas a pagar gastos educativos aprobados, comenzando en otoño, 2026.

Participación en el Programa:

- Usar el dinero solo para gastos elegibles
- No vender artículos comprados con fondos del programa
- Notificar al estado dentro de 30 días si el niño se inscribe

en escuela pública, se gradúa o deja de ser elegible

¿Quién es Elegible? • El estudiante debe ser ciudadano, nacional o residente legal y elegible para asistir a una escuela pública de Texas

- Si un estudiante es aprobado, también lo es su (s) hermano (s) que solicitaron
- No es necesario volver a solicitar cada año

¿Cuánto Está Disponible? • Escuela elegible: hasta \$10,000

- Niño con discapacidad: hasta \$30,000
- Educación en casa: \$2,000

Acceso Prioritario 1. Estudiantes con discapacidad

2. Niños con ingresos al 200% o menos de las Guías Federales de Pobreza

Más Información : Dra. Guadalupe Pérez, Oficina de Escuelas Católicas, (956) 727-2140

Correo: gperez@diocesoflaredo.org Horario: Lunes–Viernes 8:00am–5:00pm

Come and spend time with the Lord!

The community of St. Patrick invites you and your family to a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition in Spanish on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Let us gather in the peaceful presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour.

¡Ven a pasar un tiempo con el Señor!

La comunidad de San Patricio invita cordialmente a usted y a su familia a una Hora Santa de Adoración y Exposición Eucarística en español el Miércoles, 7 de Enero de 2026, 7:30 PM en la iglesia. Reunámonos en la paz de la presencia de Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Habrá confesiones disponibles durante la Hora Santa.



CHALK AND A PRAYERFUL HEART

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EPIPHANY BLESSING

Devotions, Explained! Epiphany Blessing

Mini Explanation — The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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PARISH NEWS - NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

ACTS Core Meetings

St. Patrick ACTS Core meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Room #8.

Meetings are open to the Parish community (except for executive sessions).

Parishioners wishing to address the ACTS Core must request to do so from the ACTS Core facilitator, Gaby Holloway, by emailing the request to gabyholloway@yahoo.com.

Requests must be made, at minimum, 2 weeks in advance.

Upcoming Meeting Date:
January 20, 2026



Got questions?

All persons
18 - 30 are

invited to our next
Alpha Young Adult
Ministry meeting for

food and fellowship as we tackle life's big questions (and some small ones)! Join us on Sat., Jan. 10 at 12 noon in Rm #8. Follow the QR Code to register for this event.



Are you interested in taking a more active role in your parish? What about sharing "woman time" with other Catholic Women?

if you answered "yes" to any of the above, joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas might just be the thing for you!

Join us at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm in Rooms 10 & 11.

We hope to see you soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pro-Life Rosary Walk on Sunday, January 25th, 2026 starting at the corner of Boston St. and Santa Ursula Ave. at 2:30 pm: Join us for a peaceful, prayerful walk, in witness to the sanctity of every human life, from conception until natural death. We will conclude the walk with a special Mass at San Agustín Cathedral.

Caminata del Rosario Pro-Vida el domingo 25, de enero de 2026, comenzando en la esquina de Boston St. y Sta. Úrsula Ave. a las 2:30 pm: Únase a nosotros para una caminata pacífica y de oración, en testimonio de la santidad de cada vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Concluiremos la caminata con una Misa especial en la Catedral de San Agustín.



If you or someone you know is celebrating

25, 50 or more than 50 years of Catholic Marriage

~~~~Silver, Gold or Diamond Wedding Anniversaries~~~~

The Diocese of Laredo would like to recognize this important milestone in your married life with a special Mass at San Agustín Cathedral on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Please register for this special event at your Parish Office or contacting the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Laredo at (956) 727-2140.

Deadline for registration is Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.



**Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está celebrando su Aniversario de 25, 50 o más años de casados por la Iglesia Católica**

~~~~Bodas de Plata, Oro o Diamante~~~~

Acompáñenos a una Misa especial en la Catedral de San Agustín, el sábado 14 de febrero 2026 a las 11:00 am.

Inscríbese en la Oficina de su Parroquia o contactando la Oficina de Ministerio a la Familia (956) 727-2140.

Fecha límite para inscribirse es el viernes, 23 de enero, 2026

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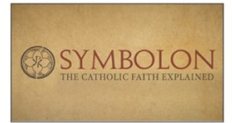
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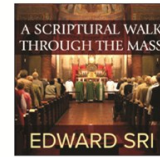
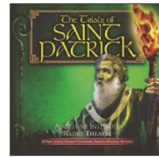
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CHRISTMAS POSADAS



Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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