



# St. Patrick Church



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

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**"YOU ARE THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD.  
A CITY SET ON A  
MOUNTAIN CANNOT BE  
HIDDEN." - MT 5:14**

**"USTEDES SON LA LUZ  
DEL MUNDO.  
NO SE PUEDE OCULTAR  
UNA CIUDAD CONSTRUIDA  
EN LO ALTO DE  
UN MONTE". - MT 5,14**

## 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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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday-Friday**

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### **Saturday & Sunday**

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## Mass Intentions /Intenciones de las misas

### SAT., FEBRUARY 7, 2026 - WEEKDAY

8:00 am † Steven M. Foster

5:00 pm † Gloria Alicia Medina

### SUN., FEBRUARY 8, 2026 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN

#### ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Sandra y Jesus Hernandez - 31 Ani. de Bodas

† Evelia C. Mendoza

† Pedro y † Ana Maria Gonzalez

† Primitivo Delgado

† Celia Aguilar Loredo

10:00 am Zaphira Alvarado - Birthday

Trisha Reyna - Birthday

Bonnie Woods - For her health

Raul Robles - For his health

#### Special Intention

† Alfredo Garcia - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

† Lupe Medina - 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

† Norma Rodriguez

† Rudy & Aurelia Bowles Sr.

† Linda R. Salinas

† Zachary Closner

12:00 pm For all Parishioners

2:00 pm George D. Talamas

4:00 pm † Consuelo Andrade

6:00 pm † Norma Rodriguez

### MON., FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - WEEKDAY

7:00 am Joel Daniel Lara - Cumpleaños

6:00 pm † Mr. & Mrs. Rogelio Rios Sr.

### TUE., FEBRUARY 10, 2026 - ST. SCHOLASTICA

7:00 am † Javier Juarez - Cumpleños

6:00 pm † Celica Analay Gonzalez

### WED., FEBRUARY 11, 2026 - WEEKDAY

7:00 am † Mario U. Lopez

6:00 pm † Elisa C. Piñeyro

### THU., FEBRUARY 12, 2026 - WEEKDAY

7:00 am † Samuel y † Crecencio Gonzalez

6:00 pm † Alicia Cavazos

### FRI., FEBRUARY 13, 2026 - WEEKDAY

7:00 am † Luis Roberto Delgado

6:00 pm For the Emeremnu Family

### SAT., FEBRUARY 14, 2026 - STS. CYRIL, MONK, &

#### METHODIUS

8:00 am † Manuel Raul Jimenez

5:00 pm † Gloria de la Rosa

6:30 pm Wedding - Roberto Baez & Jocelyn Lucio



The Sanctuary Lamp is  
burning this week for  
Margarita Garza Ochoa

THANK YOU

*For your donation*



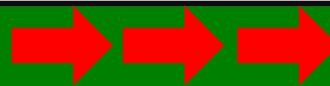
Gracias

*por sus contribuciones*

### Donations

Monday,  
Jan. 26, 2026

Thru  
Sunday,  
Feb. 1, 2026  
\$ 25,644.42



To sign up for online  
giving, scan our QR code  
Para inscribirse a  
donaciones en línea,  
escanee nuestro código QR



The Adoration Chapel is open  
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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**Saturdays at 2:00 pm**

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**Sábados a las 2 pm**

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**BE  
THE SALT  
OF  
THE WORLD**

### Evidence for God from Within Ourselves

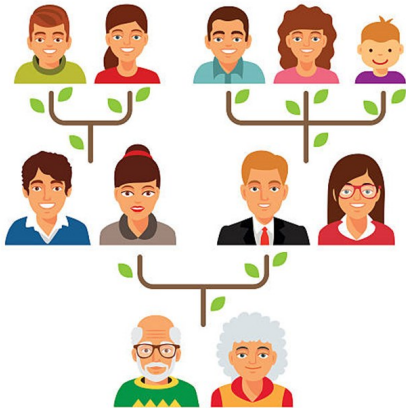
**“I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how a man could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.”** This quote, attributed to President Abraham Lincoln, expresses how the beauty and order of the universe attest to the existence of an intelligent Creator. If the universe can be thought of like a beautiful and finely tuned watch, it is reasonable to assume that a watch requires a watch-maker.



There are theories (such as the popular “Big Bang” theory) as to how the universe could have come into existence without an intelligent designer. Such theories attempt to explain how beauty and order could have been the product of chance physical forces at work on inanimate matter.

However we have greater evidence for the existence of God from our own knowledge of what it means to be a person. The meaning of personhood is easy to understand by contrasting ourselves to the animals (non-persons). Animals almost always follow their particular instincts, even when they have no way of knowing why they should do so. A good example is the very predictable behavior of salmon. They hatch in a creek, swim down to the ocean, spend years there growing strong, then they swim against a river’s current, jump over waterfalls past hungry bears and return to the creek where they were hatched, in order to lay their eggs there and die. If they could freely choose whether or not to do this, then their behavior would not be so predictable.

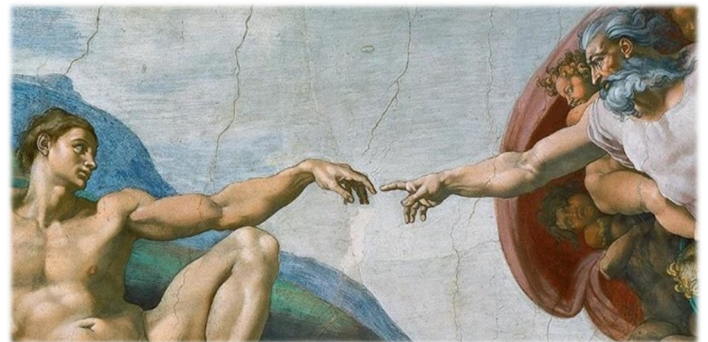
Persons also have instincts in the sense that we are inclined to breathe, to eat, to reproduce, to stay alive, etc. But, unlike animals, we can freely choose whether or not to follow our instincts. This is most dramatically seen in the human ability to commit suicide (which is a serious sin and no person should ever consider doing this). Our ability to go against even our strongest instincts shows that we have true freedom of choice, and that is why human behavior is so un-predictable. Because we have free will, persons can freely choose to love others, which indicates that our dignity is immeasurably greater than that of the animals.



**But what could be the source of our personhood?** While it might be possible that our bodies came from inanimate matter, it is absolutely impossible that our personhood could have come from a non-person. Our ability to freely choose, as persons, can only be reasonably traced back to other persons, such as our parents, our grandparents, our great-grandparents, etc.

**But in tracing our personhood in this way, we cannot go back in an infinite way to the source of our personhood.** At some point there must have been a Person who had no source for His personhood, a Person who was not caused by other persons. That un-caused first cause of all personhood must be a Person Who always existed (or always exists), Whom we call God.

In fact, as Catholics we believe that God is not only the ultimate source of all personhood, but that He has a direct role in the creation and existence of every person. May we help all persons to get to know Him better, especially by our choices to love others!







### Evidencia de Dios desde nuestro interior

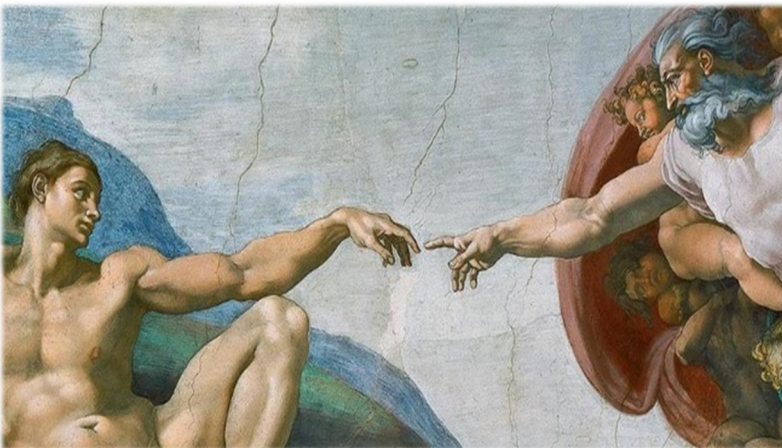
“Puedo ver cómo podría ser posible que un hombre mirara hacia la tierra y fuera ateo, pero no puedo concebir cómo un hombre podría mirar hacia el cielo y decir que no hay Dios”. Esta cita, atribuida al presidente Abraham Lincoln, expresa cómo la belleza y el orden del universo dan testimonio de la existencia de un Creador inteligente. Si el universo puede ser pensado como un reloj hermoso y perfectamente afinado, es razonable suponer que un reloj requiere de un relojero. Existen teorías (como la popular teoría del “Big Bang”) sobre cómo el universo pudo haber llegado a existir sin un diseñador inteligente. Dichas teorías intentan explicar cómo la belleza y el orden pudieron haber sido el producto de fuerzas físicas fortuitas actuando sobre materia inanimada.

Sin embargo, tenemos una evidencia aún mayor de la existencia de Dios a partir de nuestro propio conocimiento de lo que significa ser una persona. El significado de la “persona” se entiende fácilmente al contrastarnos con los animales (que no son personas). Los animales casi siempre siguen sus instintos particulares, incluso cuando no tienen forma de saber por qué deberían hacerlo. Un buen ejemplo es el comportamiento muy predecible del salmón. Nacen en un arroyo, nadan hacia el océano, pasan años allí creciendo y fortaleciéndose, luego nadan contra la corriente de un río, saltan cascadas pasando junto a osos hambrientos y regresan al arroyo donde nacieron para poner allí sus huevos y morir. Si pudieran elegir libremente si hacerlo o no, su comportamiento no sería tan predecible.

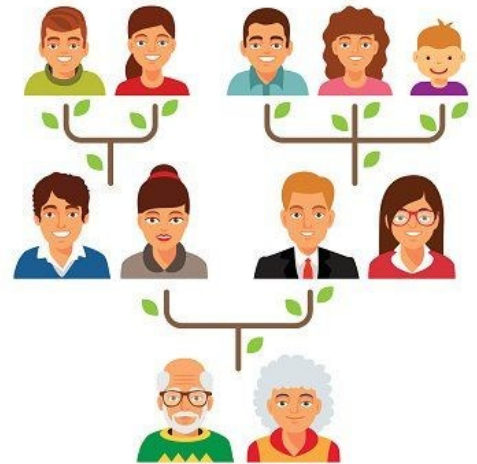
Las personas también tenemos instintos en el sentido de que estamos inclinados a respirar, comer, reproducirnos, conservar la vida, etc. Pero, a diferencia de los animales, podemos elegir libremente si seguir o no nuestros instintos. Esto se ve de manera más dramática en la capacidad humana de cometer suicidio (lo cual es un pecado grave y ninguna persona debería considerarlo jamás). Nuestra capacidad de ir en contra incluso de nuestros instintos más fuertes muestra que poseemos verdadera libertad de elección, y por eso el comportamiento humano es tan impredecible. Debido a que tenemos libre albedrío, las personas pueden elegir libremente amar a los demás, lo cual indica que nuestra dignidad es inconmensurablemente mayor que la de los animales.

**Pero, ¿cuál podría ser la fuente de nuestra condición de personas?** Aunque podría ser posible que nuestros cuerpos provinieran de materia inanimada, es absolutamente imposible que nuestra condición de persona provenga de algo que no sea personal. Nuestra capacidad de elegir libremente, como personas, solo puede razonablemente remontarse a otras personas, como nuestros padres, nuestros abuelos, nuestros bisabuelos, etc.

**Sin embargo, al trazar nuestra condición de personas de este modo, no podemos retroceder de manera infinita hasta su origen.** En algún momento tuvo que existir una Persona que no tuviera origen para Su propia condición personal, una Persona que no fue causada por otras personas. Esa primera causa no causada de toda condición personal debe ser una Persona que siempre existió (o que siempre existe), a quien llamamos Dios.



De hecho, como católicos creemos que Dios no solo es la fuente última de toda condición personal, sino que Él tiene un papel directo en la creación y existencia de cada persona. ¡Que podamos ayudar a todas las personas a conocerlo mejor, especialmente mediante nuestras decisiones de amar a los demás!



## PARISH NEWS - NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Ash Wednesday, February 18  
Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero

Masses and Distribution of Ashes  
Misas y Distribución de Cenizas

7:00 am , 12:00 Noon  
6:00 pm , 8:00 pm

*Mission Cuaresmal sera el 23 -25 de febrero.*



### THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT



MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUPS IN THE DIOCESE OF LAREDO



REV. MR.  
GUSTAVO  
MONTEMAYOR

**MELCHIZEDEK GROUP**  
St. Patrick's  
Discernment Group for Men

**March 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**April 1 and 8**  
**7:00 PM**

**Room 12**

555 E Del Mar Blvd  
Laredo, TX 78041

#### EXPLORE YOUR VOCATION

#### A SIX-WEEK SMALL GROUP TO LEARN ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

Not sure if you're called to be a priest, but open to learning more? Join other young men from the Diocese of Laredo for The Melchizedek Project, a six-week program to explore the priesthood. Each small group of 5-10 men will meet weekly for six weeks in a row to pray together and discuss questions such as: What's it like hearing confessions? How do you prepare for a homily? Is being a priest a fulfilling life? How do I know whether God could be calling?

#### GROW IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

#### BUILD FRATERNITY WHILE DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

The groups are fruitful for two main reasons. First, because they foster good relationships among young men and priests. Second, because they approach priestly discernment with the wisdom and guidance of the best two books on the subject: To Save a Thousand Souls and Priests for the Third Millennium. Hundreds of seminarians credit the program for giving them the clarity to take the next steps toward the priesthood.

#### CONTACT:

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DIOCESE OF LAREDO  
VOCATIONS

Scan the QR code  
to find us online!



## LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

JOIN US ON  
SUNDAYS IN THE  
PARISH HALL @7 PM

DATES

GAMES

FEB 15

FRIENDSHIPS

FEB 22

MARCH 1

FOOD

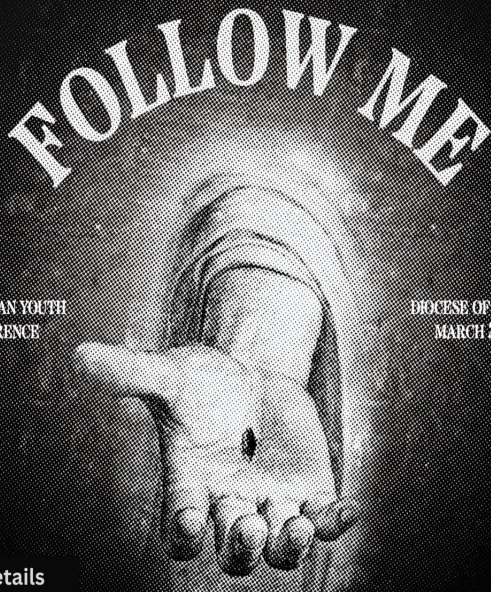
MARCH 15

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**FOLLOW ME**

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

DIOCESE OF LAREDO  
MARCH 21, 2026

**Event Details**

- Time: 10:00 AM - 5 PM
- Doors open at (9:00 AM)
- PEG Energy Stadium
- 5401 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78041

**Required Registration**

Donation  
\$20.00 USD  
Includes T-shirt,  
lunch & snacks

**Featured Speakers & Artist**

**Fr. Jerónimo Espinosa**  
Main Speaker  
Theme: Follow Me!

**Marie Miller**  
Main Artist  
Live Concert:  
"The Way of Love"

**Mrs. Wendy Gerstner**  
Session Presenter  
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
St. John the Evangelist Parish Diocese of Toledo,  
Ohio  
Session: The Theology of the Body Illuminating Our  
Vocation Discernment

**Important Notes**

- Tickets required for event entry
- Non-refundable
- Lost or stolen tickets will not be replaced
- Event schedule subject to change

**Required Registration**  
Parent/Guardian registration is required.  
Scan the QR code on your ticket to  
complete registration

Tickets available through  
parish offices only  
Payment must be submitted  
directly to your parish

**Organized by**  
Diocese of Laredo Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Info: frjoseprisco@diocesoflaredo.org



**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  
Saturday, February 14, at  
12 noon in Rm #8.  
Follow the QR Code to  
register for this event.




**ACTS**

**Women's  
ENGLISH ACTS RETREAT**

**APRIL 23-26**

*The Lord is my Shepherd,  
there is nothing I lack.*  
*Psalm 23:1*

Please join us by registering  
online using the below link  
or QR code:

<https://stpatricklaredo.org/acts>





Invitation to register  
for the next  
Men's **English** ACTS Retreat  
April 16-19, 2026

<https://stpatricklaredo.org/acts>




Lord you will show  
us the path of life.  
*Psalm 16:11a*



# PARISH NEWS

## *El Amor de Dios Sana y Libera*



Sábado  
Feb 28, 2026  
9:30am - 5pm

por Monica Reed

\$30 dls incluye material y comida

St. Patrick Church Laredo, Texas

Registrarse en el link, para más información llamar (956) 286-5997

Retiro de  
sanación y liberación  
para mujeres mayores  
de 18 años

## FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR

Did you know?

- Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a special Jubilee Year on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of **St. Francis**. It will take place from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027.
- **St. Francis of Assisi** was born *Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone* in 1181; died in 1226; and was canonized in 1228. His businessman father, Pietro, renamed him Francesco, reflecting his admiration for France.
- **St. Francis of Assisi** remains one of the most venerated figures in Christianity, symbolizing peace, humility, and a deep connection to nature.



PAZ Y BIEN!



*"Building His Kingdom Together"*

Support the  
Catholic Sharing Appeal 2026

Please Give Generously at

[www.dioceseoflaredo.org/csa](http://www.dioceseoflaredo.org/csa)



**Miembros de las Comunidades de Evangelización,  
preparándose para visitar las casas de nuestra parroquia  
y difundir el mensaje del Evangelio!**

**Members of Comunidades de Evangelización, preparing to  
visit houses in our parish, to spread the Gospel message!**



**Applications are now open!**



## 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@dioceseoflaredo.org](mailto:gperez@dioceseoflaredo.org) **Office Hours:** Mon–Fri, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

## 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@dioceseoflaredo.org](mailto:gperez@dioceseoflaredo.org) **Horario:** Lunes–Viernes 8:00am–5:00pm

**¡Las solicitudes ya están abiertas!**





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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Teo Torres Jr.  
Arnold Salinas  
Cindy Rodriguez  
B. A. Puig III  
Mariza Alcorta  
Beto Ramon  
Jesusita O. Gonzalez de Garza  
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