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Ascension



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Stare or Share?

“Why do you stand here looking up at the skies?” —Acts 1:11

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles stared so long into the sky that “two men dressed in white,” presumably angels, addressed them, saying, “Men of Galilee...why do you stand here looking up at the skies?” (Acts 1:10-11) We modern-day people likewise spend a lot of time staring and standing around. We stare at the TV and our handheld electronic devices. We “people-watch.”

If we must stare, let's stare like this:

- stare at the Scriptures, reading them daily (Acts 17:11),
- stare upon the face of the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration (see Ps 27:4), and
- stare at our loved ones with gratitude.

We need someone to rouse us to go out into the world and proclaim that since Jesus is risen and ascended, we have been given the promise of the Father (see Lk 24:49).

Now that Jesus has ascended, the Holy Spirit has descended with many gifts to help us live fruitful lives of evangelization (Eph 4:10-11). Be “witnesses” of the Good News of “penance for the remission of sins” (Lk 24:47-48). Give glory to Jesus for opening the way to heaven for us all (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 666-667)..

¿Mirar o Compartir?

“¿Por qué siguen mirando al cielo?” (Hechos 1:11)

Después de que Jesús ascendió, los apóstoles permanecieron con la mirada puesta en el cielo durante tanto tiempo que “se les aparecieron dos hombres vestidos de blanco”, presumiblemente ángeles, y les dijeron: “Hombres de Galilea, ¿por qué siguen mirando al cielo?” (Hch 1:10-11). Nosotros, la gente de hoy día, también pasamos mucho tiempo mirando y sin hacer nada. Miramos la televisión y nuestros dispositivos electrónicos. Observamos a la gente.

Si tenemos que mirar, que sea así:

- examine las Escrituras, leyéndolas diariamente (Hechos 17:11),
- fije su mirada en el rostro del Señor en la Adoración Eucarística (ver Sal 27:4), y
- observe a los seres queridos con gratitud.

Necesitamos que alguien nos despierte a salir al mundo y proclamar que desde que Jesús resucitó y ascendió, se nos ha dado la promesa del Padre (ver Lc 24:49).

Ahora que Jesús ha ascendido, el Espíritu Santo ha descendido con muchos dones para ayudarnos a vivir una vida fructífera de evangelización (Ef 4:10-11). Seamos “testigos” de la Buena Nueva de la “conversión para el perdón de los pecados” (Lc 24:47-48). Damos gloria a Jesús por abrir el camino al cielo para todos nosotros (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 666-667).

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If you have moved and have a change of address, or if your phone number has changed, please contact the Parish Office to get your information updated. This will help us greatly in keeping our records up to date.

Si se ha mudado y tiene nueva dirección, o si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial para obtener su información actualizada. Esto nos ayudará a mantener nuestros registros actualizados.

Please Pray For: Por favor recen por: Patrick Tomez, Ann Tomez, Mildred Syzdek, Ryan Colins, Belen Ibarra, Judy Parker, Bridget Crowley, Jacob Rivera, and Jaxson Rivera.

Parishioners serving our country: Bianca Hernandez, Rita Martinez, Harvey Olivares, Kari Grass, Ernest Grass, Tyler Oliver, John Jost, Luis Medina Jr., Angela Callaway, Anthony Orta, Tanner Crocker, Jacob Donellan Jr. Octavio Hernandez, Leonardo Daniel Rodriguez, Ivette Arguelles, Gael Zamarripa, Daniel Syzdek, Thomas Ruiz Jr., Max Folts and Madison Danner

This web page contains important information for parish individuals who are in the Diocesan Ethics & Integrity program. <https://diotvl.org/virtus>

Regular Confessions

Wednesday/miércoles

8:30 am

Saturday/sábado 4 pm



ONLINE
DONATION



Daily Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat/31 5 pm (Eng) †
Sun/1 8 am (Sp) †
10:30 am (Eng)
12:30 pm (Sp) †Gustavo Soto
Tue/3 9 am (Eng)
Wed/4 9 am (Eng) †
Thu/5 9 am (Eng) †
7 pm (Sp)
Fri/6 9 am (Eng) †

Eucharistic Minister

May 31 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Kathleen Hughes
June 1 10:30am: James Donellan, Theresa McKewen,
Danielle Donellan, Aida Willis, Carol Riley
June 7 5pm: Kathleen Hughes, Silvia Muir, Armas Courville
June 8 10:30am: Ann Smith, Theresa McKewen, Gail
Nichols, Renee Dunning, Glenda Wynne
June 14 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Kathleen Hughes
June 15 10:30am: James Donellan, Renee Dunning., Theresa
McKewen, Aida Willis, Danielle Donellan



If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary #25, 40, 50, 60+ and would like to receive a blessing during Mass, please contact the Parish Office a week in advance to let us know.

Si celebra un aniversario de bodas #25, 40, 50, 60 o más y desea recibir una bendición durante la Misa, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial con una semana de anticipación para informarnos.

Collections

May 25, 2025
Regular Collections

Mass	4,511
Building Fund	1,580
Online	2,395
Total	\$ 8,486
Ladies Guild	1,282
Food Sale	1,101
Total	\$ 2,383

Next weekend's 2nd Collections

June 1: Building Fund
June 8: Youth Ministry
June 15: Retired Priests
June 22: St. Andrew Charity
June 29: Peter's Pence



Lectors

May 31 5pm	Gerald Reuter, Gerald Reuter
June 1 8am	Juan Barron, Antonia Aguilar
June 1 10:30am	Children, Children
June 1 12:30pm	Maria Olalde, Angelica Mendoza
June 7 5pm	Linda Anderson, Linda Anderson
June 8 8am	Elpidia Juan, Reynaldo Juan
June 8 10:30am	Alec Reyes, Alan Wells
June 8 12:30pm	Vicente Velazquez, Oralia Azamar
June 14 5pm	Patty Vettiankal, Patty Vettiankal
June 15 8am	Violeta Montoya, Hector Montoya
June 15 10:30am	Danny Merrell, Steven Willis
June 15 12:30pm	Sergio Ramirez, Oralia Azamar

Help Us Furnish the St. Andrew Rectory

Thanks to your support, the rectory at St. Andrew's has received some much-needed freshening up — with new paint, flooring, and updates that make it a more welcoming and comfortable space for our beloved pastor, Father Joby.

Now, it's time to furnish it! If you'd like to help, we are creating a registry at Target with items selected to complete the rectory. The registry is under the name "Father Joby Thomas". It should be completed this week, so if you log on and don't see any items, just give us a day or two and check back, we will have it completed.

You're also welcome to make a monetary donation, which will go directly toward furnishing needs. We also need help assembling some furnishings. If anyone would like to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are available call Mandy Watson, 254-493-4059.

Father Joby gives so much of himself to our parish. Let's come together as a community to show how much we appreciate his dedication and care. Thank you for your generosity!

Mark Your Calendars – Exciting Events Ahead!
We've had a wonderful first half of the year filled with fun and fellowship!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming parish events:

July 8–11 – Vacation Bible School

August 3 – Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Masses

September 28 – Fiesta Patrias Celebration

October 26, 11:30 AM – Trunk or Treat

November 21 – Annual Gala at Crown Colony Country Club

December 7 – Breakfast with Santa

Look for more details in the bulletin as each event approaches!



St Andrew's VBS 2025

Grow with GOD

JULY 8-11
from 9am to 12pm

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
ITEMS, MONEY OR VOLUNTEER
CONTACT MARIE HUGHES
936-414-2593

REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

Vengan a mi todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados, y yo les dare descanso.
Mateo 11:28

Retiro Para Hombres

FECHA: 13-15 DE JUNIO DEL 2025

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PARROQUIA DE SAN PATRICIO
2118 Lowry Street
Lufkin, Texas 75901

PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN:

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(936)404-2849



Vengan a mi todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados, y yo les dare descanso.
Mateo 11:28

Retiro Para Mujeres

FECHA: 27-29 DE JUNIO DEL 2025

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