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July 27, 2025

17th Sunday Ordinary Time



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God Came Down

“I must go down and see...” —Genesis 18:21

God said that He would come down from heaven to earth to find out if there was sin on the earth. He came down to Sodom and Gomorrah and He did find sin — lots of it. These two sinful cities were destroyed (Gn 19:24ff). God heard the “outcry against” sin (Gn 18:20), and He answered with justice.

Then God came down again in response to many outcries. This time He came down in mercy as a helpless Infant. He came down from heaven to earth, and He didn’t even crush a bruised reed (Mt 12:20). The Son of God came not as a ruler who turns sinful nations into fiery ruins, but as a meek Infant.

Jesus taught us to seek God as a loving Father when we cry out. In the New Covenant, Jesus teaches us to pray, seek, ask, and knock for conversions and mercy. Jesus taught us that mercy is what God desires (Mt 9:13), and His “mercy triumphs over judgment” (Jas 2:13). God our Father knows what we need more than the most loving earthly father (Mt 6:32).

If the teaching of Jesus to trust our heavenly Father doesn’t impel us to depend totally upon God, then perhaps His example will be the impetus we need. Jesus came to this earth as a helpless infant, totally dependent upon His earthly parents, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. May we likewise be like little children, totally dependent upon our loving Father. Jesus assures us: “Unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God” (Mt 18:3).

Dios Bajó

“Debo bajar a ver” (Génesis 18:21).

Dios dijo que bajaría del cielo a la tierra para descubrir si había pecado en la tierra. Bajó a Sodoma y Gomorra y encontró pecado, y mucho. Estas dos ciudades pecadoras fueron destruidas (Gn 19:24ss). Dios escuchó el “clamor contra” el pecado (Gn 18:20) y respondió con justicia.

Luego Dios descendió de nuevo en respuesta a muchos clamores. Esta vez descendió en misericordia como un niño indefenso. Bajó del cielo a la tierra y ni siquiera quebró una caña doblada (Mt 12:20). El Hijo de Dios no vino como un gobernante que convierte a las naciones pecadoras en ruinas de fuego, sino como un Niño manso.

Jesús nos enseñó a buscar a Dios como un Padre amoroso cuando clamamos. En la Nueva Alianza, Jesús nos enseña a orar, buscar, pedir y llamar para obtener conversiones y misericordia. Jesús nos enseñó que la misericordia es lo que Dios desea (Mt 9:13), y su “misericordia se ríe del juicio” (Stg 2:13). Dios nuestro Padre sabe mejor lo que necesitamos de lo que sabe un padre terrenal y amoroso (Mt 6:32).

Si la enseñanza de Jesús de confiar en nuestro Padre celestial no nos impulsa a depender totalmente de Dios, entonces tal vez Su ejemplo sea el impulso que necesitamos. Jesús vino a esta tierra como un niño indefenso, totalmente dependiente de Sus padres terrenales, la Santísima Virgen María y san José. Que nosotros también seamos como niños pequeños, totalmente dependientes de nuestro amoroso Padre. Jesús nos asegura: “... si no cambian o no se hacen como niños, no entrarán en el Reino de los Cielos” (Mt 18:3).

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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: Mildred Syzdek, Ryan Collins, Belen Ibarra, Bridget Crowley, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Fay Snyder, and Carol Driscoll.

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

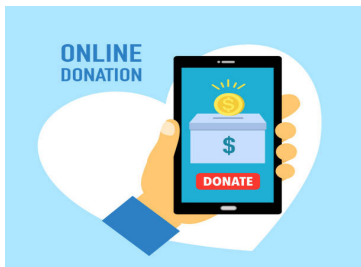
This web page contains important information for parish individuals who are in the Diocesan Ethics & Integrity program. <https://diotvl.org/virtus>

Regular Confessions

Wednesday/miércoles

8:30 am

Saturday/sábado 4 pm



Daily Mass Schedule/Intentions

Sat/26	5 pm (Eng) †
Sun/27	8 am (Sp) Evelia, Esmeralda, Juan, y Iran birthday
	10:30 am (Eng) †
	12:30 pm (Sp)
Tue/29	9 am (Eng) †Matthew Colby
Wed/30	9 am (Eng)
Thu/31	9 am (Eng)
	7 pm (Sp)
Fri/1	9 am (Eng)

Lectors

July 26 5pm	Patty Vettiankal, Patty Vettiankal
July 27 8am	Luis Alexis Alvarado, Sergio Ramirez
July 27 10:30am	Alec Reyes, Kande Allen
July 27 12:30pm	Antonia Aguilar, Felipa Hernandez
Aug. 2 5pm	<i>Look at your schedule</i>
Aug. 3 8am	Gustavo Hernandez, Rosario Hernandez
Aug. 3 10:30am	<i>Look at your schedule</i>
Aug. 3 12:30pm	Vicente Velazquez, Luis Alexis Alvarado



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

July 20, 2025

Regular Collections

Mass	5,483
Building fund	460
Mail	1,200
Online	1,715
Raffle	267
Total	\$9,125

Youth Ministry 1,597

Next weekend's 2nd Collections

July 27: Church in Africa



Eucharistic Minister

July 26 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Silvia Muir

July 27 10:30am: Glenda Wynne, James Donellan, Theresa McKewen, Carol Riley, Danielle Donellan

Aug. 2 5pm: Omar Duran, John Dupont, Kathleen Hughes

Aug. 3 10:30am: James Donellan, Aida Willis, Gail Nichols, Carol Riley, Renee Dunning

Box of Joy

MISSIONS OUTREACH

Project will kick off at St Andrew's VBS. Now is the time to be gathering treasures to put in the JOY boxes. Collect unopened soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, etc. from your hotel stays. Unopened "Happy Meal" prizes are welcome, also! You will soon see a box in the church foyer for your donations. You can also sponsor a box or 2 for \$30 each. Thank you for your generosity! Project contact is Gail Nichols at 936-414-1031.

Children's Mass
First Sunday of each month
10:30 Mass

If your child would like to
participate contact
Marie Hughes 936-414-2593

August 3
September 7
October 5

November 2
December 7
January 4



Mark your calendars for these upcoming
parish events:

September 28 – Fiesta Patrias Celebra-
tion

October 26, 11:30 AM – Trunk or Treat

November 21 – Annual Gala at Crown
Colony Country Club

December 7 – Breakfast with Santa

A large blue backpack with yellow straps and a yellow pencil lying next to it.

St. Andrew's BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 3th
8am, 10:30am & 12:30pm

Please bring your children with their backpack to be blessed.

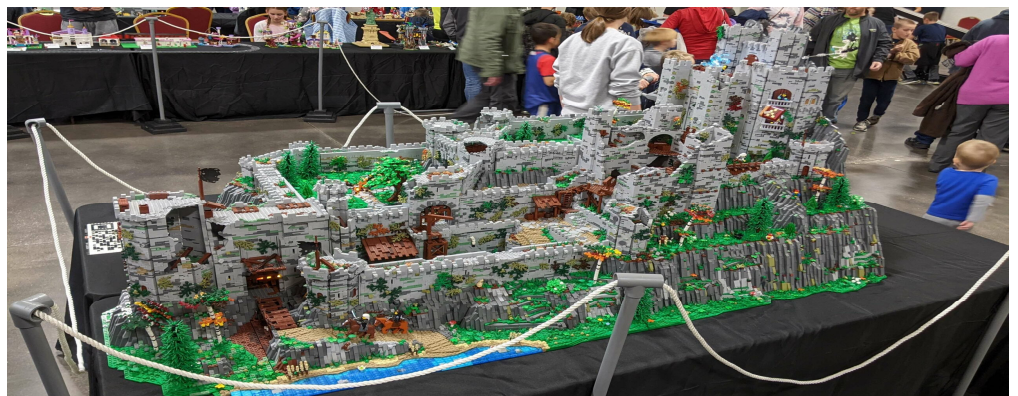
LOST & FOUND

A black Invisalign case (with appliances inside to straighten the teeth) was found at clean up after VBS this week. It can be picked up at the church office.



Exciting New LEGO Exhibit Coming to the Museum of East Texas!

Beginning July 19 and running through mid-October, the Museum of East Texas will host a special exhibit showcasing award-winning LEGO creations by one of our own parishioners, Corry Lankford. These imaginative displays have earned recognition at events throughout Texas and across the country. Perfect for both kids and adults, this fun and inspiring exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Museum of East Texas or contact Corry Lankford directly at (936) 238-8747.



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