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Reflection:
 In this week's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we exaggerate or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Reflexión:
 En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús dice: "Deja que tu 'Sí' signifique 'Sí' y tu 'No' signifique 'No'. Todo lo que excede de esto, proviene del Maligno" (Mateo 5:37). Él no solo está dando consejos sobre el discurso cortés. Él nos está mostrando algo sobre la libertad del discipulado cristiano. El seguidor de Cristo está llamado a hablar con claridad, sencillez y honestidad. Hay alegría en ese tipo de libertad. El diablo es el padre de las mentiras, pero Jesús es la Palabra hecha carne. Cuando exageramos o evitamos, abrimos espacio para que las sombras se arrastren. Dios no quiere que seamos esclavos de las expectativas de los demás o del miedo a decepcionarlos. Él quiere que disfrutemos de la paz de decir sí y decirlo en serio, y decir no, y decirlo en serio también.

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6:30 pm Stations of the Cross | 7:30 pm Estaciones de la Cruz



GET
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ON


Ash Wednesday will mark the beginning of Lent! Join us at Mass to receive your ashes & start the Lenten season off strong! As we receive ashes, we're reminded to turn our hearts to God and walk with Jesus toward Easter.

- 7:30am English Mass
- 12:00pm Ash Service only
- 4:30pm English Mass
- 6:00pm Bilingual Mass
- 8:00pm Spanish Mass


6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." Mt 5:33
 "Han oído ustedes que se dijo a los antiguos: No jurarás en falso y le cumplirás al Señor lo que le hayas prometido con juramento." Mt 5,33

Daily Mass Schedule
 Mondays: 7:30am Communion Service
 Tues - Fri: 7:30am Mass English Only
 Rosary recited after Mass
Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday: 5:00pm English, 7:00pm Español
 Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am English, 12:00pm Español
 Rosary 30 min before Mass
Reconciliation - Confessions
 Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:45pm (or by Appt)
Adoration
 Tuesday & Friday: 8:00am - 8:00pm

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LENT + PRAY40
 Join us for our Lent Pray40 challenge on Hallow. **También en Español!**

Bastrop County Sheriff's Office - Citizens Academy

Join us for the next BCSO Citizens Academy beginning **Feb 24th - May 12th 2026!** Learn more about the various jobs and responsibilities of Law Enforcement in Bastrop County & meet the people who serve the community. The Academy is free of charge and open to individuals 18 years of age and older, an application and background check is required. The class is limited to 20 students. Classes will be held at the Sheriff's Office at 200 Jackson St, Bastrop, TX. 78602 on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the Back Training Room. Contact Sergeant Robert Williams to obtain an application or with any questions you may have.
 Email: Robert.williams@co.bastrop.tx.us
 Phone: 512-549-5054

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who completed their Confirmation Retreat this past Saturday with a team called STRONG from the University of Texas. The students participated in several activities, shared their faith, ideals & thoughts in small groups, & spent a beautiful hour in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for being here! And *THANK YOU to parents who donated time & refreshments; you are so appreciated for your continuous support!



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT:

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EIM Workshop at Ascension

Ascension will be hosting an EIM/Virtus workshop on **Saturday, Mar 14th from 9am to 12 pm** for anyone new to ministry or those wanting to attend an in-person workshop. You must register online prior to attending the workshop. VirtusOnline.org English class will be in the Youth Center and Spanish class will be in the Parish Hall. Children are not allowed. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early. Doors close promptly at 9 am - no late arrivals can be permitted.

Ascensión será el anfitrión de un taller de EIM/Virtus el **Sábado 7 de Marzo de 9 am a 12 pm** para cualquier persona nueva en el ministerio o aquellos que deseen asistir a un taller en persona. Usted debe registrarse en línea antes de asistir al taller. VirtusOnline.org Las clases en inglés serán en el Centro Juvenil y las clases en español en el salón parroquial. No se permiten niños. Por favor lleguen por lo menos 10 minutos antes. Las puertas cierran puntualmente a las 9 am - no se permiten llegadas tarde.

Ascension Catholic Church hosts in Partnership with Elite Medical Imaging, their annual Preventive Ultrasound Health Screening on **Friday, February 27th & Saturday, February 28th** by appointment only. Eight Screenings provided: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aorta, Thyroid, Liver, Spleen, Gallbladder, and both Kidneys. Flex spending and Health Savings accounts are accepted on the day of service, as well as cash and all major credit/debit cards.

Representatives from EMI will be at the church the weekend of February 21st and February 22nd to offer pre-registration and answer any questions you may have. However, if you prefer scheduling your appointment beforehand, please call the office at 713-568-8331 or email at Ultrasound-Screening@emi.us.com

La Iglesia Católica Ascension organiza, en asociación con Elite Medical Imaging, su examen de salud anual con ultrasonido preventivo **el viernes 27 de febrero y el sábado 28 de febrero** solo con cita previa. Se realizaron ocho exámenes de detección: arteria carótida, aorta abdominal, tiroides, hígado, bazo, vesícula biliar y ambos riñones. Se aceptan cuentas de gastos flexibles y de ahorros para la salud el día del servicio, así como efectivo y todas las principales tarjetas de crédito/débito.

Representantes de EMI estarán en la iglesia el fin de semana del 21 y 22 de febrero para ofrecer preinscripción y responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener. Sin embargo, si prefiere programar su cita con anticipación, llame a la oficina al 713-568-8331 o envíe un correo electrónico a Ultrasound-Screening@emi.us.com

Ministry Guide

www.AscensionBastrop.com/Ministry-Guide

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CALENDAR: WEEKLY MEETINGS, CLASSES, OR EVENTS

Date	Time	Organization/Ministry	Location
Mon Feb 16th	5:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	KofC/KOCA KOCA CRSP - Caballeros Carismáticos	Parish Hall 206 Parish Hall 103
Tue Feb 17th	8:00am 5:30pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Adoration English Choir Legion of Mary Germany Trip Meeting Carismáticos CRSP - Damas	Chapel Mtg Room 104 Youth Space 104 Parish Hall
Wed Feb 18th	7:30am 12:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> - No confessions Mass & Ashes Ashes Only Mass & Ashes - English Mass & Ashes - Bilingual Misa y Ceniza - Español	Church Church Church Church Iglesia
Thu Feb 19th	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Spanish Choir LSP OCIA Class	204 Parish Hall YS/206
Fri Feb 20th	8:00am 11:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm 7:00pm	Adoration KofC Fish Fry Stations of the Cross Estaciones de la Cruz LSP	Chapel Parish Hall Church Church 104
Sat Feb 21st	6:00am 7:00am 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 9:00am 3:30pm	Taco Ministry That Man Is You Legion de Maria ACTS Team Mtg Adult Bible Study 1st Communion Retreat Confessions	Kitchen Parish Hall 104 206 204 Parish Hall Church
Sun Feb 22nd	8:00am	MFCC Fundraiser	Kitchen/PH

STEWARDSHIP

FISCAL YEAR - JULY 2025 THRU JUNE 2026

Feb 14th & 15th	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$14,476.39	\$523,514.52
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"AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER." 1 PETER 4:10



Catholic Social Teaching

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that it is not enough for disciples to refrain from murder, adultery or false oaths. We are called to exhibit what Jesus did, the love and holiness of God. However, none of us can do this alone. We are given each other in the Christian community for guidance, strength and support and we are given Christ himself in Word and Eucharist. We are challenged to love beyond measure, but supported to do so by God's love poured out to each of us. To whom are we called to be Good News this week?

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Mateo deja claro que no es suficiente para los discípulos abstenerse del asesinato, el adulterio y el falso testimonio. Estamos llamados a exhibir el comportamiento que Jesús exhibió, el amor y la santidad de Dios. De cualquier modo, ninguno de nosotros puede hacer esto solo. Nos tenemos unos a otros en la comunidad Cristiana para encontrar dirección, fuerza y apoyo y se nos ha dado a Cristo mismo en la Palabra y la Eucaristía. Tenemos el reto de amar sin medida, pero contando con el apoyo del amor de Dios derramado sobre cada uno de nosotros ¿Para quién estamos llamados a ser Buena Nueva esta semana?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon: Feb. 16th Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)

Communion Service

Tues: Feb. 17th Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)

† Wallace & † Ivonne Jones

ASH Wednesday

Wed: Feb. 18th Jl 2:12-18/ 2Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)

7:30am † Marcelina Jaimes

Thurs: Feb. 19th Dt 30:15-20 /Lk 9:22-25 (220)

† Alvaro Garcia Rivera

Fri: Feb. 20th Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15 (221)

† Eluterio Castor, † Verlin "Buck" Goertz, Health Blake Goertz

Sat: Feb. 21st Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

5:00pm † Mathew Kreitz, † David Fiebrich † Verlin "Buck" Goertz

7:00pm † Laura Martinez Hernandez, † Luis Gonzalo Lopez

† Bernardino Castro

First Sunday of Lent

Sun: Feb. 22nd Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

8:00am For the People

10:00am † Verlin "Buck" Goertz, Health Blake Goertz, † John Weiss

12:00pm † Isidro Niño, Valerie Avila, † Daniel Ibarra Carbajal

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