

St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

"Welcoming community, committed to fostering a deeper love of Jesus through faith, family, and service to others."

Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston
December 20, 2015

Established 1978
Fourth Sunday in Advent



"Lord, let us see your face and we shall be saved." (Psalm 80:20)

"Oh Dios, restauranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve." (Salmo 80:20)

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Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday: 8:00a – 5:00p
Parish Offices Closed this Thursday & Friday

Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday - Word & Sacrament Service,
8:00 am
Tuesday - Wednesday - Mass, 8:00 am
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm, English
Sunday Masses - English 8:00 & 10:30am
Spanish 1:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon. - Wed. - 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tues.-Wed. 8:30 - 9:30a
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Baptisms: Contact the parish office
Matrimony: 6 months in advance
Anointing of the Sick: 8am Mass 1st Fri.
of each month or call the parish office
First Eucharist & Confirmation:
Call the Parish CCE office

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORSHIP

A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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December 21—December 27

Monday	8:00 am	Word & Sacrament Service
Tuesday	8:00 am	Hisa Makino +
Wednesday	8:00 am	Felipa Alvarado & Family (liv)
Thursday	4:00 pm	(Church) Thomas Hayes +
	4:00 pm	(Hall) Parishioners of St. Matthias
	6:00 pm	Martha Guerra +
	11:00 pm	Michael Krider +
Friday	10:30 am	The Holy Father
Saturday	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Special Intention
Sunday	8:00 am	Juan Mejia +
	10:30 am	Tom Brown +
	1:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Matthias
		<i>Deceased + Living (liv)</i>

Please contact the parish office to request a Mass Intention. Also, if you would like to furnish flowers for the altar for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: David Galindo, Nancy Bell, Rachel Dimas, Tom McDermott, Vincent Perez, Liam Sheffield, Fred Andreatta, Luz Sutton, Edwina Kaminski, Cindy Stroberg, Barbara Schempf, Joan Hardee, Mike Bahm, McKenzie Fluet, Mark Woodard, Nathan Woodard, Mary Roberts, Barbara Moore, Cindie Leathy, Charles Weathers, Mary Ann Gay, Dorothy Pavlock, Andrea Corolla Phillips, Jim Jacobs, Mary Cipolla, Hedwig Mosley, Maggie Mosley, Kimberly Copeland, Mary Sacchieri, Lina & Roger Dehoyas, Norah Ortega, Marlene Gondek, Frank D. Krider, Jr., Greg Stepanek, George & Vivian Nolan, Carolyn & Bob Foster

Names on the prayer list will be removed after 2 months. If you want a name to continue longer, please contact the parish office.

If a family member, a neighbor or someone you know from our parish is homebound and is in need of Holy Communion and/or prayer, please notify the office so that arrangements can be made for home or hospital visits. You may also call for assistance in leading rosaries for your deceased loved ones' funeral.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24



3:30 pm	Christmas Carols, Church
4:00 pm	Children's Mass & Nativity Play, Church
4:00 pm	English Mass, Parish Hall
6:00 pm	Spanish Mass, Church
10:30 pm	Christmas Carols, Church
11:00 pm	Mass, English, Church

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:30 am Mass, English

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31

8:00 am Mass

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

10:30 am Mass, English
12:00 pm Mass, Spanish



This week Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

I am here, come visit Me



WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 13, 2015

Parish Support - \$ 18,025.11

Children's Collection - \$ 142.55

Capital Renewal Fund - \$ 2,574.00

Retirement Fund for Religious - \$ 3,469.71

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - \$ 1,828.75

To receive a statement for 2015 showing your contributions to St. Matthias, please use your Offertory envelopes or write your envelope number/parish ID number on your check. Envelopes can be requested through the parish office.

Our deep gratitude to parishioners and guests for their support to the ongoing work of Christ at St. Matthias.

STEWARDSHIP

That we take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

(Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

End of Year Donations to St. Matthias

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Many parishioners prayerfully make their end of year gifts to our parish at this time as an act of thanks to God for these blessings. There are many different ways of contributing a gift, however, two of the easiest and most direct methods to give, are donations of cash or the transfer of appreciated stock.

As the holidays approach, consider making a gift in memory or honor of someone who has made a difference in your life this year. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, and bequests by will. For more information on how you can help make a difference to St Matthias, please contact the parish office at 281.356.2000.



Our thoughts and prayers to Florence Corolla and family on the loss of her mother, Marie Parson.

THE TRAVELING CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS

Please be sure and sign-up in the Narthex for your family's opportunity to share in this St. Matthias community project. Let's all support an increase in vocations to religious life through our prayers.



Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Monthly needed items: boxed corn bread dressing, sugar, flour, and canned sweet potatoes



From Father Chris and the parish staff
to all parishioners and visitors,

May you have the gift of FAITH,
The blessing of HOPE
And the peace of His LOVE,
At Christmas and always.

Fr. Chris Nguyen	Tom Mayhew
Mary Ann Ford	Marlene Grauvogl
Marita Karger	Sandra Medrano
Sylvia Perez	Peter Ramirez



ENGLISH BAPTISM CLASSES

The next English Baptism Classes will be held Sunday, January 10 and 17, 2016. Parents, of children to be Baptized, must attend both classes if you have not attended in the past 3 years. It is recommended that Godparents also attend these classes. Please contact the parish office by December 29 to register for these classes. This will allow time for gathering of information, certificates and appointments with Father Chris.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER



"That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will".

His intention for evangelization is:
"That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith".

WORD OF LIFE

Those who sow in tears
will reap with cries of joy.
Those who go forth weeping,
carrying sacks of seed,
Will return with cries of joy,
carrying their bundled sheaves.

— Psalm 126:5-6 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.) www.goo.gl/fMJZPX





Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners thru December 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall for Las Posadas.

Las Posadas commemorates the cold and difficult journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their search for shelter at an inn before the birth of Jesus.

Each night a different ministry of the parish will sponsor Las Posadas. Come pray, sing and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for Christmas.



2016 Bazaar News

The 2016 parish bazaar will be Sunday, May 1. The bazaar committee has started planning this year's event but still have some positions where help is needed. We are looking for someone to help with flyers, posters, and website promotions; someone to design and prepare the program; and someone to plan and organize the food booths; and other opportunities. Please contact the parish office for more information.

We have started to receive some nice items for the auctions. Thanks to those parishioners who have donated. Items that typically sell well include items from local sports teams (pro, college, and high school), electronics, yard equipment, bikes, quilts, patio sets, BBQ grills.

Donated items can be delivered to the parish office during office hours. If you drop your item(s) off before the end of the year, we'll send you a donation letter for use on your taxes this year.

LAY MINISTERS - December 26/27

5:00 p.m.

Mass Coordinator: J. Rayne

Acolytes: B. Carey, A. Carey, S. Carey

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, B. Jackson, K. Lieber, F. Corolla, L. Derden, P. Souriall, A. McHugh

Lectors: G. Mock, L. Derden

Ushers: J. Jackson, L. Herzog

Greeters: P. Ratcliff, D. Ratcliff

Rosary: A. McHugh

8:00 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: J. Okopinski

Acolytes: P. Hoffart, J. Kreitz, M. Nguyen

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, D. Hoffart, S. Sorrells, M. Hoffart, L. Cardenas, M. Sullivan, P. Taake, J. Okopinski, P. Hummel

Lectors: D. Hoffart, S. Hoffart

Ushers: G. Glowinski, R. Arce, D. Rowley, R. Holub

Greeters: P. Hummel, B. Holland

Rosary: S. Smith

10:30 a.m.

Mass Coordinator: R. Tamborello

Acolytes: O. Daskalos, W. Polombo, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon/ Inst. Acolyte, C. McCorquodale, J. Berube, I. Villanueva, R. Tamborello, S. Tamborello, C. Dennington, J. Shaffer, J. Gann

Lectors: J. Chojnacki, V. Minter

Ushers: C. Stroberg, R. McCorquodale, E. Magmore, J. Oates

Greeters: J. Chojnacki, P. Chojnacki

Rosary: K. Oates

MEETINGS, ETC.

Sun., Dec. 20	8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass, English RCIA, St Mary Rm (13/14) Feasibility Study Results, Parish Hall Elementary CCE Mass, English Feasibility Study Results, Parish Hall Reflection on the Liturgy, St Mary Rm (13/14) Mass, Spanish Nativity Play Rehearsal, Church Las Posadas, Parish Hall
Mon., Dec. 21	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Word & Sacrament Service Adoration Boy Scouts, St Francis Xavier Rm (5), St Catherine Laboure Rm (7), St Philip Neri Rm (11) Las Posadas, Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tues., Dec. 22	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass, English Adoration & Confessions Legion of Mary, St Mary Rm (13/14) English Prayer Group, St. Mary Rm (13/14) Las Posadas, Parish Hall Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
Wed., Dec. 23	8:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions Las Posadas, Parish Hall
Thurs., Dec. 24	 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 10:30 pm 11:00 pm	No AM Mass or Adoration Parish Offices Closed Christmas Carols, Church Children's Mass and Nativity Play, Church English Mass, Parish Hall Spanish Mass, Church Las Posadas, Parish Hall Christmas Carols, Church English Mass, Church
Fri., Dec. 25	10:30 am	English Mass
Sat., Dec. 26	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions Mass, English
Sun., Dec. 27	8:00 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm	Mass, English Mass, English Reflection on the Liturgy, St Mary Rm (13/14) Mass, Spanish

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1.

2016 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS

Calendars are available in the Narthex. Please only one calendar per family.

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature.

—St. Peter Chrysologus

SUPPORT BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Please support the businesses who advertise on the back of our bulletin. Their support pays for the publishing of our bulletin. When you visit these businesses, let them know you appreciate their support.

FORMATION

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marlene Grauvogl at 281-356-2000 x 14
E-mail: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net

FAITH FORMATION TIMES
Elementary Faith Formation meet on Sundays...
Session 1 – 9:05 – 10:20 a.m.
Session 2 – 11:35-12:50 p.m.
Wednesday T.E.E.N. 6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

REMINDERS FOR WEDNESDAY

- **6:00-6:30** - Food and fellowship. This is an important and necessary time of the night. The students have time to break bread together and socialize.
- **6:30-7:05** – PROCLAIM – This is the main teaching of the night. It is important that they are present for that.
- **7:10-7:35** – Small group discussion – opportunity for discussions with teens.
- **7:45-8:45** – Mass – Parents are encouraged to join their students for Mass. CCE is **NOT** over until 8:45. If there is a problem with your student staying for Mass, please call the RE office.

ATTENDANCE - The students can pick their nametags up in the hallway outside the parish hall. At 6:30 the nametags and sign in sheets will be picked up and they can check in at the parish hall doorway with the adult standing there.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The **last day** of class for this year will be, **Wednesday, December 16 & Sunday, December 20**. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 6 and Sunday, January 10**. Please mark your calendars.
Have a restful and enjoyable holiday season.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

A few reminders....

- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed in the RE office as soon as possible. Your child cannot make his/her sacraments if the baptismal certificate is not received.
- Set aside time to work with your child at home in the First Reconciliation book. The parent and child should be involved. They need to be done with the first book by the end of February.
- Help them learn and memorize their prayers.
- Mark your calendar for **Session 1 – January 21 from 7-8:30pm**. The child and at least one parent must attend.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sylvia Perez at 281- 356-2000 x 12
E-mail: sperez@st-matthias.net

*Wishing you peace and happiness at
Christmastime and throughout the
New Year.
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.*

Family Mass – Sunday, January 10, 2016, 2:30 PM
Invite your family and friends.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES ARE SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
2:30-5:00 PM.

Please remember we will have Mass then class, you must attend Mass this is a part of your Confirmation preparation. Candidates, Parents, and Sponsors must attend. Please don't forget to bring your baptismal certificates and parent, sponsor forms as well.

Dates for 2016 Family Masses

January 10, 2016 February 14, 2016 March 6, 2016
April 10, 2016 May 15, 2016

JR. HIGH RETREAT –NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)

“ Why Catholic”

When: Friday, January 15, 2016

Where: St. Anne's, Tomball, in the Gym

Time: 4:00 pm. – 10:00 p.m.

All Jr. High Youth are invited to attend

COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON (Non-Refundable)

Includes: Snacks, Dinner + T-Shirt

After January 6, 2016, Registration becomes \$50.00

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

All Fees are Non-Refundable.

HIGH SCHOOL - N.E.T. RETREAT (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM)

WHEN: January 29 & 30, 2016 **DAY:** Friday & Saturday

TIME: 7:00PM -7:00PM **PLACE:** St. Matthias Parish Hall

WHO CAN ATTEND: ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH 9th thru 12th

All 1st & 2nd year Confirmation students must attend!

COST: \$85.00 person (Non-refundable) (Includes: Snack, Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner)

Early Registration before January 13, 2016

Deadline: After January 13, registration becomes \$100.00

FOR NON - PARISHIONERS \$100.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)

ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS OVER-NIGHT RETREAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION.

If you are unable to attend this retreat, it is the candidate's responsibility to locate a Confirmation Retreat at another parish prior to the end of the March program year.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Declaración de la Misión Parroquial

"Una comunidad acogedora, comprometida a fomentar un amor más profundo por Jesús, por medio de la Fé, la familia y el servicio a los demás."

UN ORDEN NUEVO

"Oh, pequeña aldea de Belén"; un clérigo de Filadelfia llamado Phillips Brooks escribió este popular villancico a mediados de los 1800, pero el profeta Miqueas hubiera podido hacerlo primero. Miqueas sabía que el tesoro grande viene en estuche pequeño. En la primera lectura de hoy, él sabía que del pueblito de Belén vendría el Señor.

El escritor de la carta a los hebreos explica que Cristo vino a nosotros para hacer la voluntad de Dios de establecer un nuevo orden y ser un sacrificio perfecto. Y Lucas nos dice que Isabel y Juan, el pequeño en sus entrañas, comprenden que grandes maravillas han llegado con la venida del Señor.

Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mañana celebramos de nuevo el fruto de tu vientre, María. Como se nos dice en Hebreos, el nuevo orden de Jesús se está creando hoy mismo. Y como proclama Miqueas, su grandeza llega ahora mismo hasta los confines de la tierra.

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Donaciones de Fin de Año a San Matías

A medida que el final del año se acerca, empezamos a reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones que han sido derramados sobre nosotros. Muchos feligreses hacen con oración su donación de fin de año a nuestra parroquia en este momento con un acto de agradecimiento. Hay muchas maneras diferentes de contribuir un regalo, sin embargo, dos de los métodos más fáciles y directos para dar, son donaciones de dinero en efectivo o la transferencia de acciones apreciadas.

A medida que se acerca los días festivos, considere hacer una donación en memoria de un ser querido que ha hecho un diferencia en su vida este año. Usted también puede hacer otros regalos ventajosas económicamente tales como bienes raíces, seguros de vida y legados por testamento. Para obtener más información sobre cómo puede ayudar a hacer una diferencia en San Matías, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial al 281-356-2000.

Horario Navideño

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Diciembre 24 —Vispera de Navidad

- 3:30 pm: Cantos Navideños (Villancicos)
- 4:00 pm: Misa de Niños (en la Iglesia) en Inglés
- 4:00 pm: Misa regular (en el salón parroquial) en Inglés
- **6:00 pm: Misa en Español (en la Iglesia)**
- 10:30 pm: Cantos Navideños (Villancicos)
- 11:00 pm: Misa de Noche Buena en Inglés

Diciembre 25 — Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor

- *10:30 am: Misa de Navidad en Inglés (**Día de Obligación**)

Incienso será usado en las misas en la Iglesia, pero no en el salón parroquial

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el 24 y 25 de diciembre 2015.

1 de Enero 2016 - Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios
12 de medio día Misa en Español (**Día de Obligación**)

MINISTROS PARA EL DOMINGO 27 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2015

Lectores: 1ra. Lectura: Olivia Elizondo

2da. Lectura: Marilú Valdez

Ministros: L. Chávez 1b, L. Chávez 1c, J. Sayón 2b, A. Sayón 2c, F. Moreno 3b, R. Moreno 3c, A. Guevara 4c, M. Torres 5c, E. Osorio 6c

Monaguillos: S. Puebla, A. Camargo, R. Franco, D. Benítez

Ujieres: J. Moreno, J. Aguirre, M. Guevara, M. Alcantar

Ofertorio: Arturo y Elva Sánchez

Hospitalidad: José y Fidela Adame

Visita de la Virgen Peregrina a la familia: Arturo y Elva Sánchez

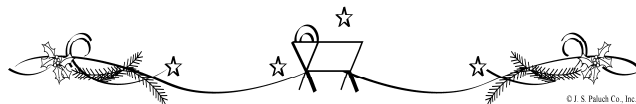
Coordinador de la Misa: Elvia Osorio

Intención de la Misa de Hoy: Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico



¡El Padre Chris y el Personal de la Parroquia les desea a nuestra familia de San Matías para que el Niño Jesús, con su infinito amor y su bondad, ilumine sus hogares y los colme de dicha y bendiciones!

*Padre Chris Gerente Tom
Marita Mary Ann Sandra Marlene
Sylvia Peter*



Reflexión del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico

En esta navidad preparemos nuestro corazón para recibir el amor, la paz y la humildad que la sagrada familia nos estrega por medio del nacimiento de Jesús nuestro salvador para que reine en nuestro hogar.

LAS POSADAS

Desde el día 16 al 24 de diciembre estaremos celebrando Las Posadas a las 7:00pm aquí en San Matías e invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar, todos son bienvenidos, rezaremos el rosario, pediremos posada, tendremos convivio y sobre todo compartiremos juntos como una sola familia.

A TODOS LOS MINISTERIOS DE SAN MATÍAS

Domingo	Dic. 20	Caballeros de Colón e Hijas Católicas
Lunes	Dic. 21	Benito & María Gloria García
Martes	Dic. 22	Tacos Wadley
Miércoles	Dic. 23	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico
Jueves	Dic. 24	Comunidad de San Matías

(donde todos traen algo para compartir con los demás)



Calendarios 2016

¡Los calendarios litúrgico 2016 están aquí! Los calendarios estarán en la entrada de la Iglesia. Por favor, tome uno por familia. Por favor seleccione el idioma apropiado.



Noticias del Bazar 2016

Nuestro Bazar 2016 será el Domingo, 1 de mayo. El comité de bazar ha comenzado a planificar el evento de este año, pero todavía tienen algunas posiciones donde se necesita ayuda. Estamos buscando a alguien para ayudar con folletos, carteles y promociones de sitios web; alguien para diseñar y preparar el programa; alguien para planificar y organizar los puestos de comida; y otras oportunidades. Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.

Hemos comenzado a recibir algunas cosas bonitas para las subastas. Gracias a esos feligreses que han donado. Los productos que normalmente se venden bien incluyen artículos de equipos locales de deportes (profesional, universidad y escuela secundaria), electrónicos, equipos de jardín, bicicletas, edredones, juegos de patio, asador. Los artículos donados pueden ser entregados a la oficina parroquial. Si usted deja su artículo (s) antes de finales del año le enviaremos una carta de donación para su uso en sus impuestos este año.

Oficina de Educación Religiosa
Marlene Grauvogl al 281-356-2000 ext. 14
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Formación de Fe - Primaria se reúnen los domingos (PreK - 5º grado)
Sesión 1 – 9:05 – 10:20 am en Inglés
Sesión 2 – 11:35 – 12:50pm en Español
Formación de Fe los Miércoles (T.E.E.N) 6:30pm-8:45pm. (6º - 12º)

Recordatorio para los Miércoles

- **6-6:30** - Comida y compañerismo. Este es un momento importante y necesario de la noche. Los estudiantes tienen tiempo para el pan juntos y socializar.
- **6:30-7:05** – PROCLAMACION – Esta es la enseñanza principal de la noche. Es importante que estén presentes para eso.
- **7:10-7:35** – Discusión en grupos pequeños – oportunidad para conversar con los adolescentes.
- **7:45 – 8:45** – Misa – Se anima a los padres a unirse a sus estudiantes para la Misa. La doctrina **NO** se termina hasta las 8:45pm. Si hay un problema con su estudiante quedándose para la Misa, por favor llame a la oficina de educación religiosa.
- **ASISTENCIA** - Los estudiantes pueden recoger sus etiquetas de nombre en el pasillo fuera del salón parroquial. A las 6:30pm las etiquetas de nombre de los estudiantes y las hojas de registración serán recogidos y podrán registrarse en la puerta del salón parroquial con un adulto.

VACACIONES DE NAVIDAD

El último día de clases para este año será, **Miércoles, 16 de diciembre y domingo, 20 de diciembre**. Las clases resumen el **Miércoles, 06 de enero y el domingo, 10 de enero**. Por favor marque su calendario. Que esta temporada Navideña les traiga felicidad, amor y paz a sus hogares.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN

Algunos recordatorios....

- Se necesita una copia de la fe de bautizo de su hijo/a en la oficina de educación religiosa lo antes posible. Su hijo no podrá hacer su sacramentos si no se recibe la fe de bautismo.
- Dedique tiempo para trabajar con su hijo/a en casa en su primer libro de la Reconciliación. El padre y el niño deben participar. Necesitan terminar con el primer libro a finales de febrero.
- Ayúdelos a aprender y memorizar sus oraciones.
- Marque su calendario para la **1 Sesión – Enero 21 de 7 a 8:30pm**. El niño y al menos un padre deben asistir.

*Le deseamos paz y felicidad en Navidad y durante todo el Año Nuevo.
Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo.*

Oficina de Ministerio Juvenil
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¡NUEVO – ESTE OTOÑO!

Misa Familiar - Domingos a las 2:30pm
¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Misa Familiar de Jóvenes se lleva a cabo una vez al mes. Nuestra próxima clase de confirmación será el **10 de Enero**, a las 2:30pm. Los candidatos, padres, o guardián, y padrinos deben asistir a Misa, y después a Clase de Formación de Confirmación. La Misa es parte de la preparación de Confirmación.

Misa Familiar de Jóvenes 2015-2016
Enero 10, 2016 Marzo 6, 2016
Febrero 14, 2016 Abril 10, 2016
Mayo 15, 2016

Por favor no olvide de traer el acta de bautizo del candidato y padres, también no olviden de entregar el formulario de patrocinador.

Retiro para Jóvenes de 6º a 8º Grados –
NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET) “Por que ser Católico”

Cuando: Viernes, Enero 15, 2016

Donde: Santa Ana, Tomball, en el Gimnasio

Horario: 4:00 pm. – 10:00 p.m.

Todos los jóvenes de 6º a 8º grados están invitados a asistir

COSTO: \$35.00 por persona (No-Reembolsable)

Incluye: Bocado, Cena + Camiseta

Después de Enero 6, 2016, Registración aumentara a \$50.00

Fecha Limite de Registración: Miércoles, Enero 13, 2016

Todos los honorarios son no reembolsable

AMAR AHORA

Que amen ahora
quienes nunca antes amaron;
que los que siempre amaron
amen aún más ahora.

—Anónimo