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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents & Godparents need to attend a pre-baptism instruction class. Call the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before Masses or by Appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are asked to call the parish office to receive information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are seriously ill, will have a major surgery, are old aged or in danger of death, call the priest.

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Masses:

5:30 p.m. (Vigil in English)
8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

@ 12:00 p.m..

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

CCE—Catechism

On Sundays and Wednesdays

RCIA

A program to join the Catholic Faith.
Contact the parish office.

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

December 11, 2016

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:30 p.m. † health intention of Frances R. Finley by Tom & Lupe Sais

Sunday

8:00 a.m. † Saul Quinones by Tom & Lupe Sais

10:00 a.m. † Teresa Requena de Patena by family

† Antonio Ortega by family

12 noon For our parish

2:30 p.m. For our benefactors, living and deceased.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

This Sunday's breakfast is served by the Guerreros de Dios. Breakfast is served after the 8 and 10 am masses. A delicious Mexican home style breakfast of eggs, chorizo, guiso, potatoes and beans and of course homemade tortillas. Do not miss out on enjoying great fellowship and delicious food!

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus have "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets available as a reminder to all that Jesus Christ is the reason for our Holy Seasons. The magnets are also available in Spanish with "Christo es Navidad". The magnets make excellent gifts!

LAS POSADAS



Las Posadas start this Friday. Check at the church's foyer for information on the host families and the addresses. Please join us in this commemoration of the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Practice for those participating in this year's Children's Christmas Pageant will be this Sunday at 4:00 pm in the church.

WEEKDAY MASS & ADORATION

Weekday Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are celebrated at 12 p.m. Join us and receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is done every Thursday from 7 - 8 p.m. Join us.

ADVENT CONFESSION

Advent is a time of preparation for us to receive the light of the world. Let us prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ - Christmas. Advent Confessions in our area are listed below.



Confession schedule in our deanery:

December 14 at 7:15 pm - St. Mary's in West

December 15 at 6 pm - St. Mary's in Mexia

December 20 at 6 pm - St. Eugene in McGregor; and St. Louis

December 21 at 5:30 pm - St. Eugene in McGregor with CCE; at 7 pm at St. Joseph in Bellmead.

December 22 at 6 pm at St. Thomas in Hamilton; 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gatesville.

THANK YOU

The beautiful Christmas tree on display in the church's foyer has been donated by Dr. Jeannette Cunningham. We will enjoy its' beauty as we anticipate with joy the birth of our Lord.

Thank you Dr. Cunningham for your generous donation.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR 2017

If you prefer to give your weekly tithing using an envelope, the 2017 envelopes are available in the church's foyer for your convenience. Select one of your own choice.

PRACTICE FOR MIDNIGHT MASS

Would you like to be a Padrino or Madrina for the Christmas Eve midnight mass? Plan to attend practice on Saturday, December 17 at 12:00 noon.



Quiere ser Padrino o Madrina del niño dios para la Misa del Gallo? Haga planes para asistir a la práctica el Sabados dia 17 de Diciembre a medio dia. Para más información llame al Diácono Tony en 254 732-0424.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Regular collection	\$8,600.00
Breakfast by Grupo de Oracion	\$1,272.00

Sacred Heart is a parish family called to be a visible sign of Christ, formed by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist and empowered to serve the needs of God's people.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th - 5:30 p.m. - Children's play and Mass
Midnight Mass will be preceded by Aroliamento at 11:30 p.m. - Mass in Spanish
Christmas Day - Dec. 25th - 10 am in English and 12 pm in Spanish.

40 DAYS TO MARDI GRAS RAFFLE



Raffle drawings will begin on January 4, 2017 and continue through February 28, 2017. Drawings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are for a \$50 gift card. Drawings on Fridays are for a \$100 gift card. The Grand Prize drawing on **Fat Tuesday, February 28, 2017** is for a **\$1,000 gift card**. A \$20 donation qualifies you for 40 chances to win! If you win early on in the raffle, your ticket is put back in for more chances to win! Gift cards are for WalMart or HEB. Tickets are on sale after each mass or during normal office hours at the church office. Proceeds of this raffle will be used for the demolition of the "white house" and to fix the solenoids of our churches' bells and have it upgraded. Please participate with this good cause.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

All parishes in the Diocese of Austin are to take up a special collection for Retired Religious and Clergy Medical Fund today.

Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies — often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

CATHOLIC RADIO IN CENTRAL TEXAS

RED-C Catholic Radio is pleased to announce that we are now **LIVE** in Central Texas on KYAR 98.3 FM! Listen to incredible programming from EWTN Global Catholic Radio, Relevant Radio, and our RED-C produced shows and local spots. Find out more about RED-C Catholic Radio and even listen to us online through your computer or mobile device at www.redcradio.org. We praise God from whom all blessings flow, and we pray that you are blessed by listening to RED-C Catholic Radio!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivities continue - Join us in our parish wide celebration in honor of our Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe. This is our schedule.

December 11, 2016 - Sunday, First Mass (8:00 am) with a short play of the apparition. c/o Cleto Martinez



Guadalupe Procession to church at 7:00 a.m. Play starts at 7:30 am sharp.

December 12, 2016 - Monday, Las Mañanitas from 5 am to 7 a.m. followed by Mass.

K OF C SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knight of Columbus of Sacred Heart Catholic Church is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school graduates of the 2015/2016 school year. The applicants must be registered parishioners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Application information may be picked up at the Parish Office. **The deadline for application is Friday, December 16, 2016.**

Los Caballeros de Colón de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón ofrecen dos becas de \$500 a graduados de la "high school" del año 2015-2016. Los aplicantes deben ser miembros matriculados de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón. La información de la aplicación se puede levantar en la oficina de la parroquia. **El último día que se puede recibir la aplicación es el 16 de diciembre de 2016.**

CCE NEWS

On Monday, December 19th - join us at **Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakhburgers**, off of I-35 (Near Baylor). Mention that you are supporting Sacred Heart Catholic Church when you order and a portion of the proceeds will be given to the church. Flyers will be passed out to give you the information but there is no need to present the flyer when you order. Just make sure to mention Sacred Heart. Any item ordered qualifies, drinks, shakes, burgers.....

NO CCE classes will be held on December 25 2016 and January 1 2017.

THE CHRISTMAS MANGER

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or other family member.