# WELCOME! PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF LAREDO

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M to 12:00 N.N. and 1:00 P.M 5:00 P.M.	<b>PARISH STAFF</b> Mrs. Josie R. Arellano, Bookkeeper Ms. Bertha A. Rodriguez, Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Cantor, Pianist		BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Vacant, Principal 1501 North Bartlett Avenue Laredo, TX 78043 Phone: (956) 722-1222 Fax: (956) 712-2002
SUNDAY MASSES Saturday: 6:00 P.M. (Vigil) Sunday: 8:00 A.M. (Español) 10:00 A.M. 12:00 N.N. 5:00 P.M.	DAILY MASS Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu. and Fri. 7:00 A.M. in the Adoration Chapel Wednesday 6:00 P.M. in the church FIRST FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M. in the church FIRST SATURDAY ONLY: 9:00 A.M. in the church		ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Daily: Mon.—Fr. 7:30 a.m.— 8:00 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.—8 p.m. & Sun. 1 p.m.—8 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP Wednesday after the 6:00 P.M. Mass (church)
<b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b> Baptisms are administered on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Baptismal instruction is offered on the preceding Thursday.	<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY</b> Couples should inquire about premarital prepa- ration and available church dates at least six (6) months prior to planned wedding date. Do not make any arrangements before contact- ing the parish office.		SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays, 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Wednesdays 5:30 -5:55 P.M.; First Fridays 5:30-5:55 P.M. First Saturday 8:30-8:55 A.M. or by appointment ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION By appointment (please call the parish office) In case of emergency, any time (722-1231 Ext.12).
ACTS CORE (Meet 3rd Thursday of the month) Maria Elena Martinez 722-1231 ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION <i>please contact parish office</i> ADORATION NOCTURNA (First Saturdays of the month at 9 P.M. begins in the parish hall) Robert Rodríguez, President 722-1231 ALTAR SERVERS Deacon Roger Martinez, Jr. 722-1231 ALTAR SOCIETY (Meet 2nd Monday at 3:30 PM in the parish hall) Mrs. Patricia Garcia, President 286-3075 BIBLE STUDY (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the parish hall) Deacon Roger Martinez Jr.,722-1231 Ext. 13 CUBMASTER FOR PACK 192 Mr. Ernesto Elizondo 722-1231 BOY SCOUT TROOP 192 Mrs. Nora Peñaloza 722-1231 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE SCHEDULING COORDINATOR Mrs. Adriana Nunemaker 744-4267 GIRL SCOUT TROOP 9150 Mrs. Naomi C. Arredondo 236-8672		<ul> <li>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10939 <ul> <li>(Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7 P.M.)</li> <li>G.K. Mr. George Narvaez 602-2038</li> </ul> </li> <li>FOURTH DEGREE K.C. ASSEMBLY <ul> <li>(Meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall)</li> <li>Mr. Florencio Garcia 722-12312</li> </ul> </li> <li>LECTORS <ul> <li>Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231 Ext. 13</li> </ul> </li> <li>PARISH COUNCIL <ul> <li>Mr. Blas A. Martinez, President 722-1231</li> <li>MEN'S FAITH SHARING</li> <li>Meet 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. at 7:00 PM in the parish hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>LADIES' FAITH SHARING <ul> <li>Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. at 6:30 PM in the parish hall</li> </ul> </li> <li>CUINCEAÑERA &amp; WEDDING COORDINATOR <ul> <li>Patsy Salinas 722-1231</li> <li>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM</li> <li>Mrs. Patricia Lopez, Coordinator 722-1231 Ext. 21</li> </ul> </li> <li>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY <ul> <li>Miss Yolanda Valdez 722-1231</li> </ul> </li> <li>LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP (Meet every Wed. @ 7PM in the P.H.)</li> <li>Mrs. Ida Gutierrez 206-8116, Deacon Roger Mtz. Jr. &amp; Team</li> </ul>	

### MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



### **REJOICE AND BE GLAD**

If Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today's readings don't exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John's Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

# ALÉGRATE Y GÓZATE

Si la Navidad es el "momento más maravilloso del año", entonces la Pascua es el momento más alegre, glorioso e impresionante del año. ¿De verdad? Las lecturas de hoy no rebosan precisamente de la alegría que encontramos en Navidad, excepto el salmo responsorial, que ciertamente suena a alegría. Pero por lo demás, no tanto. En la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro da una interpretación seca y condensada de la historia de Jesús a un grupo de gentiles en Cesarea. La lectura de Colosenses nos hace esperar la gloria. Sin embargo, lo más decepcionante es la proclamación evangélica de la resurrección de Jesucristo. Cuando queremos oír hablar de ángeles, terremotos, trompetas y gloria, oímos hablar de una tumba oscura, silenciosa v vacía. La historia del Domingo de Pascua del Evangelio de Juan es sorprendente por su vacío. Como Pedro en la historia, debemos entrar en este misterio.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Candles will be burning this week in Loving Memory of: *†Sra. Olivia R. Cavazos* 

The Sanctuary Lamp (church) will be burning this week in Loving Memory of: *†Maria Teresa Garza* 





The Sanctuary Lamp (chapel) will be burning this week in Loving Memory of: *†Lidia S. Laurel* 



Saturday, March 30, 2024 - THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 8:00PM For Parishioners Sunday, March 31, 2024 – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 8:00AM †Jose Jorge Gonzalez (A) By Familia Gonzalez 10:00AM †Manuel G. Escamilla By Manuel G. Escamilla, Jr. 12:00PM †Jose Vielma (B) **By Leticia Fuentes †Sharon Gail Ferrara By Family** †Maria Teresa Garza By Amparo A. Garcia †Louis H. Pellegrin (B) By Belinda, Blas, Jr. & David Garcia †Raul Avalos, Jr. By His Wife & Children †Jose Angel Molina, Jr. By Molina Family †Mr. & Mrs. Julio Ramon (Isabel) By Luis Ramon 5:00PM NO MASS! Monday, April 1, 2024 - MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 7:00AM †Vidal Cantu By Richard & Olga Gentry & Family Tuesday, April 2, 2024- TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 7:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza By E.C. Juarez Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 7:00AM †Dr. Olivia T. Garza By Family 6:00PM †Jose & Rosaura Villarreal (A) By Sanchez Family †Ravmundo Valenciano, Jr. By His Wife & Children For All Those In Our "Pray For The Sick List" Thursday, April 4, 2024 - THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 7:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza By Family First Friday, April 5, 2024 - FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 7:00AM †Ethel Leyendecker Arguindegui By Ethel Arguindegui & Siblings 9:00AM School Mass 6:00PM †Leti Valdez By Sisters in Christ First Saturday, April 6, 2024 - SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1] 9:00AM †Fidencio Ibarra (B) By Mirta Andrade & Family 6:00PM †Sharon Gail Ferrara (B) By Family Sunday, April 7, 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy) 8:00AM †Alfonso Jr. & Margarita Gonzalez By Children 10:00AM For Parishioners 12:00PM †Eddie R. McCoy (B) By Family 5:00PM †Isabel Alvarez Castillo Ramon (A)- By Luis Ramon †Jorge Verduzco- By Aurora Guardiola **†Raymundo Valenciano, Jr.-** By His Wife & Children

B-Birthday A-Anniversary



In the triumph of the Lord... May you always rejoice! May you always find hope and happiness! Wishing you a happy and blessed Easter! Fr. Wojciech, Msgr. Stanley, Deacon Roger and Parish Staff

RAY We especially pray for them every Wednesday during the evening Mass and the Novena of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please join us!

- Msgr. Stanley Sliwiak Gabriel E. Rodriguez Rosie Hinojosa Samara Andrade Malgorzata Bene Leonor R. Robles Yvette R. Sena Raquel Rodriguez
- Arabela Avalos Rosaura Rodriguez Mary Prevost Elsa Ibarra Rodolfo Ibarra Yolanda Cantu Loretta Santos Lupita Narvaez

William Scribner Caitlyn Cavazos Catherine Cavazos Jose Luis Requejo Juan Diaz Ramiro Benavides, Jr. Wilma Diaz

Please Note: This list will be updated on March 31st. and every 90 days thereafter. We ask that you contact the parish office at 722-1231 if you would like for the name of your family member to remain on the <u>"Pray for the sick"</u> list.

The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, "Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.

*(St. Bernadette Soubirous)* "Could you not watch one hour with me?" You can sign up any time on our we Adore Him page at: <u>https://bscac.weadorehim.com/en</u>





#### Dear church family, It's time for a New Directory!

In celebration of our 75th Church Anniversary which will take place 2025, we are very pleased to announce that we will soon be beginning the process to produce our church pictorial directory. Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. Be aware of the signs in the church announcing the days and times of photography.

#### Estimada familia de la iglesia, Es el momento para un nuevo directorio!

Para celebrar el 75 Aniversario de nuestra parroquia el cual será en 2025, estamos muy contentos de poder anunciar que estaremos comenzando pronto el proceso para producir nuestro nuevo directorio pictórico de la iglesia. Nuestro directorio no estará completo sin usted. Únase a nosotros para celebrar la fe y la familia con nuestro álbum familiar de la iglesia. Este pendiente de los rótulos en la iglesia anunciando los días y horas de fotografía.

# Birthday Wishes...



and many blessings to all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary ( this week. Please contact the parish office at 722-1231 to add your name or the name of a family member our birthday list.

- Vicky Marie Paz Hector Vasquez Melanie Brizuela Rebecca Paulina Lopez Camille Liad
- 31-Mar. Rebecca Melendez
  31-Mar. Nicola Lanese
  1-Apr. Pedro Morales
  1-Apr. Robert Ramirez
  1-Apr.

1-Apr. 2-Apr. 2-Apr. 2-Apr.

# GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Wishing you a blessed Easter! One of our commitments in growing as disciples of Jesus, especially at the beginning of this most important season of Easter, is to study Scripture. John's Gospel today depicts the story of the empty tomb the reactions of Mary of Magdala and the two disciples trying to make sense of what they had seen. What we may have missed, however, are the words of St. Peter in the first reading from Acts speaking of Jesus: "This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." Jesus appeared postresurrection to those to whom he was closest - the witnesses chosen by God whom he had commissioned to preach the Gospel to all people, so all might believe in him. In this way the chosen few, Christ's heralds, would bring the Good News of his resurrection to the many. So we too, now, are witnesses, chosen by God in our baptism and come to this table of thanksgiving and sacrifice. By faith we grow as his disciples, ready to go forth to lead others to him.



HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES Those of you who wish to purchase these special candles may do so after Easter Monday at the parish office. In this manner we offer true honor and glory to our Lord during Triduum Sacrum without any undue interruptions.

These five day candles will be for sale at \$5.00 or \$60.00/case of 12.

The parish office will be closed Easter Monday April 1st. We will resume regular hours Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION Please join us Friday, April 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm Mass FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY Holy Mass Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9 am.



# **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA CONTINUES...**



Easter Sunday, March 31st. thru Friday, April 5th at 7:45 PM in the chapel and will end on Saturday, April 6 at 5:45 PM in the Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunda	ay Collection M	larch 23 & 24, 2024, Mail &	Deposit Box
Envelopes	\$6,047.00	School March Coll.	\$1,017.00
Loose	\$1,605.11	Catholic R. S. Coll.	\$1,118.71
School Mass	\$193.91		
Total	\$7,846.02		K I
Online Giving	: March 19-25	. 2025 \$1.109.00	Contraction of the second





