

End Of Year Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for parishioners can be found at the back of the church. Tax receipts are for yearly contributions of \$250 or more. If you did not receive one or need anything changed please contact the office at 830-365-4107.

CCD Meeting:

There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, January 29.

Instead there is a **mandatory** meeting for all parents and sponsors that day. Your child received a form with more information that must be returned by January 22nd.

Pro-Life Rosary Walk Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 2:30 pm as we pray the rosary on a 2 mile walk, culminating with a special Mass at San Agustin Cathedral in Laredo.

For more information call The Family Life Office, Diocese of Laredo, at (956) 727-2140.

Community Participation

Thank you to all of the volunteers who help keep our churches clean and beautiful!

St. Joseph - Church Cleaning

January 27 – Raquel Nevarez, Clarissa Diaz, Raquel Quijano, and Joel Quijano
February 3 – Sign up sheet is now available at the back of the church.

Knights of Columbus Raffle!

The Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for a meat pack raffle perfect for the Super Bowl!

Tickets are \$3 or 2 for \$5

There are three chances to win!

Winners will be announced Friday, February 10th! For more information contact Arnold Hernandez or any KOC member!

New Office Hours

Beginning January 24th, the office will be open
Tuesdays – Thursdays from 8 am – 12 pm.

Valentine's Day Bingo Basket Raffle!

Please return all tickets sold/money to Fr. Gustavo, Esther Gonzales, or the office no later than February 12! Thank you!

St. Joseph Catholic Church



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

January 22, 2023

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and
St. Patrick Catholic Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Administrator: Fr. Gustavo Ortega, OFM.
Assistants: Deacon Gene Corrigan and
Deacon Juan Gallegos
830-365-4107

Light in the Midst of Darkness

Today's passage from Matthew's Gospel is quoted from Isaiah the Prophet at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After quoting Isaiah, Jesus goes forth saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This prophecy from Isaiah is clearly fulfilled in Jesus' coming. Jesus is the "great light" of which Isaiah speaks. Therefore, Isaiah is prophesying this particular historical moment when Jesus appears in our world preaching His divine Word. But Isaiah's words should not only speak to us about this one-time historical event of the coming of Christ and His public ministry, it should also reveal to us the fact that Jesus is the "great light" who continues to shine in whatever darkness we encounter.

Sit with that image. Imagine complete darkness covering the entire land. Perhaps imagine being out in the wilderness on a very cloudy night with the stars and moon completely covered. Imagine, then, the clouds parting as the sun immediately begins to rise. Slowly the darkness is cast aside as the rising sun sheds light across the entire land. This is not only an image of what happened long ago when Jesus came and began His ministry, it also happens every time we sincerely listen to the Word of God and allow His Word to penetrate our minds and hearts. Jesus' words must fill us with Himself for He is the Great Light of Truth.

Reflect, today, upon the area of your life that seems to be covered with darkness. What is it that leaves you feeling hurt, angry or confused? What is it that burdens your heart more than anything else? It is this area of your life, more than any, that Jesus desires to enter and to shed the rays of His glory upon.