

All CCD Parents and Students

All parents and students will be required to attend The Station of The Cross starting at 6 pm at church grounds. All community members are welcome. This will continue every Friday at 6 pm during Lent.

Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection

Today we wake up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing.

New Office Hours

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

Community Participation

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

St. Joseph - Church Cleaning

March- Signup sheet is now available at the back of the church.

The Catholic Sharing Appeal will be starting as of next weekend.

Annual Diocesan Conference 2023

Eucharistic Revival: The source and Summit of Our Faith

Let's come together as one diocesan family to gain a greater understanding of an appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist. March 25th from 8 am to 4 pm. We hope to see you there!

Registration forms located along side bulletin.

St. Joseph Catholic Church



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

March 12, 2023

St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. Patrick Catholic Church ***THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT***

Parish Administrator: Fr. Gustavo Ortega, OFM.
Assistants: Deacon Gene Corrigan and Deacon Juan Gallegos
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Relating to the Sinner

While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [Matthew 9:10-11](#) One of the worst sins one can be guilty of is self-righteousness and judgmentalism toward others. This is the sin of the Pharisees. It's refreshing to note that Jesus had no problem spending time with the tax collectors and others whom society deemed as "sinners." This would certainly include many categories of sin but especially sins that come through human weakness. However, as we see countless times in the Gospel, Jesus is very harsh toward those who judge another and act in a condemning way. This sin is especially common among "churchy" people. By "churchy," we mean those who are deeply involved in their faith, the devotional life, parish life, and even those involved in Church governance. It's certainly not applicable to everyone since there are many deeply involved in the Church who are true saints of God. Nonetheless, we should be attentive to this sin and humbly look into our own hearts to see if it is present. Reflect, today, upon anyone within the Church with whom you are at odds. Is there anyone, or any group of persons, with whom you are divided? If so, realize that Jesus' harshness toward the Pharisees may also apply to you. Do not hesitate to admit to this fault and allow our Lord to free you from these temptations quickly and humbly.