

All CCD Parents and Students

Starting this Friday 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

February – Signup sheet is now available at the back of the church.

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

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!

\$30 early bird registration (ends February 28th)

Registration forms located along side bulletin.

St. Joseph Catholic Church



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

March 5, 2023

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

Parish Administrator: Fr. Gustavo Ortega, OFM.
Assistants: Deacon Gene Corrigan and
Deacon Juan Gallegos
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Believing is Doing

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” [Matthew 7:24](#)
Let's start with the image Jesus gives of a house built on rock. This is an important image and one that merits prayerful meditation. First, imagine a house built on sand, by the shore of the sea. Those who understand the importance of a solid foundation will immediately know such a house is in grave danger the moment a storm comes or when the sea rises. The foundation will be washed away, and the house will fall into ruins. Jesus makes it clear, in today's Gospel, that a house built on solid rock will endure the rain, floods and winds. In contrast, the house built on sand will completely collapse under the same conditions. It's helpful to see the stark contrast of these two houses and to understand clearly that the foundation Jesus is speaking of is twofold. First, we build the “house” of our soul on solid rock when we “listen” to the Word of God. Secondly, we build on solid rock when we “act” on what we listen to. Listening: This is hard to do. Listening implies more than hearing; it also implies comprehending. Comprehending means you have internalized that which Jesus speaks to you. You grasp what He says and allow it to sink in. Reflect, today, upon how fully you have internalized the Word of God both in your mind and in your actions. You will most certainly see areas for improvement if you are honest. Where you do see lacking, allow the Lord in so that He can solidify the foundation of your life.