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<p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>                  Monday through Friday                  8:00 A.M. to 12:00 N.N.                  and                  1:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>PARISH STAFF</b>                  Mrs. Josie R. Arellano, Bookkeeper                  Ms. Bertha A. Rodriguez, Parish Secretary &amp; Bulletin Editor                  Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Cantor, Pianist</p>	<p><b>BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL</b>                  Vacant, Principal                  1501 North Bartlett Avenue                  Laredo, TX 78043                  Phone: (956) 722-1222                  Fax: (956) 712-2002</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>                  Saturday: 6:00 P.M. (Vigil)                  Sunday: 8:00 A.M. (Español)                  10:00 A.M.                  12:00 N.N.                  5:00 P.M.</p>	<p><b>DAILY MASS</b>                  Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu. and Fri. 7:00 A.M.                  in the Adoration Chapel                  Wednesday 6:00 P.M. in the church  <b>FIRST FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M.</b>                  in the church  <b>FIRST SATURDAY ONLY: 9:00 A.M.</b>                  in the church</p>	<p><b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>                  Daily: Mon.—Fr. 7:30 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.                  Sat. 10 a.m.—8 p.m. &amp; Sun. 1 p.m.—8 p.m.                  in the Adoration Chapel  <b>NOVENA TO</b>  <b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP</b>                  Wednesday after the 6:00 P.M. Mass (church)</p>
<p><b>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</b>                  Baptisms are administered on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Baptismal instruction is offered on the preceding Thursday.</p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY</b>                  Couples should inquire about premarital preparation and available church dates at least <b>six (6) months prior to planned wedding date.</b>  <i>Do not make any arrangements before contacting the parish office.</i></p>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b>                  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</p> <p><b>ANOIDING OF THE SICK &amp; COMMUNION</b>                  By appointment (please call the parish office)                  In case of emergency, any time (722-1231 Ext.12).</p>

<p><b>ACTS CORE</b> (Meet 3rd Thursday of the month) Maria Elena Martinez 722-1231  <b>ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b> <i>please contact parish office</i>  <b>ADORATION NOCTURNA</b> (First Saturdays of the month at 9 P.M. begins in the parish hall) Robert Rodríguez, President 722-1231  <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>                  Deacon Roger Martinez, Jr. 722-1231  <b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> (Meet 2nd Monday at 3:30 PM in the parish hall)                  Mrs. Patricia Garcia, President 286-3075  <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the parish hall)                  Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., 722-1231 Ext. 13  <b>CUBMASTER FOR PACK 192</b>                  Mr. Ernesto Elizondo 722-1231  <b>BOY SCOUT TROOP 192</b>                  Mrs. Nora Peñaloza 722-1231  <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>                  Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231  <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE SCHEDULING COORDINATOR</b>                  Mrs. Adriana Nunemaker 744-4267  <b>GIRL SCOUT TROOP 9150</b>                  Mrs. Naomi C. Arredondo 236-8672</p>	<p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10939</b>                  (Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7 P.M.)                  G.K. Mr. George Narvaez 602-2038  <b>FOURTH DEGREE K.C. ASSEMBLY</b>                  (Meet 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall)                  Mr. Florencio Garcia 722-12312  <b>LECTORS</b>                  Deacon Roger Martinez Jr., Scheduling 722-1231 Ext. 13  <b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>                  Mr. Blas A. Martinez, President 722-1231  <b>MEN'S FAITH SHARING</b>                  Meet 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. at 7:00 PM in the parish hall  <b>LADIES' FAITH SHARING</b>                  Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. at 6:30 PM in the parish hall  <b>QUINCEAÑERA &amp; WEDDING COORDINATOR</b>                  Patsy Salinas 722-1231  <b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>                  Mrs. Patricia Lopez, Coordinator 722-1231 Ext. 21  <b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</b>                  Miss Yolanda Valdez 722-1231  <b>LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP</b> (Meet every Wed. @ 7PM in the P.H.)                  Mrs. Ida Gutierrez 206-8116, Deacon Roger Mtz. Jr. &amp; Team</p>
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 7, 2024



### DOUBT

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

### LA DUDA

El deseo de ser capaz de demostrar la existencia de una divinidad tiene a la humanidad con problemas desde que por primera vez se hizo consciente de lo divino. Hasta el día de hoy nos gusta decir que un sinnúmero de cosas, desde puestas de sol hasta los helados de crema de chocolate, son “pruebas de que hay Dios”. Estamos tan atrapados en la historia de “Tomás el incrédulo” que no nos damos cuenta de que el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece el relato de Juan acerca de Pentecostés, el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre los discípulos después de la Resurrección. Tomás, evidentemente, se perdió no solo de ver a Cristo resucitado, sino también de recibir el Espíritu Santo. Esto no se debe tomar a la ligera y, quizás, hace que la incredulidad de Tomás sea un poco más fácil de comprender. También hace que su profesión de fe en que Jesús es su Señor y su Dios —la única vez que en el Nuevo Testamento hay una referencia explícita a Jesucristo como “Dios”— sea más notable.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Candles  
will be burning this week in Loving Memory of:  
*†Leti Valdez*

The Sanctuary Lamp (church) will be burning  
this week in Loving Memory of:  
*†Sharon Gail Ferrara*



The Sanctuary Lamp (chapel) will be burning  
this week in Loving Memory of:  
*†Carlos G. Garza*

## MASS Intentions

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 (OR SUNDAY OF 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  
†For All The Deceased Members of Perez/Hinojosa Fam.  
By Maria Teresa Hinojosa  
†Dr. R. Hudson  
By Patients  
†Homero Ramon  
By His Wife Martha Ramon & Family

Monday, April 8, 2024 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza  
By Family

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Easter Weekday [2]

- 7:00AM †Betty Ruth Contreras  
By E.C. Juarez

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 - Easter Weekday [2]

- 7:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza  
By E.C. Juarez  
6:00PM †Anna Victoria Perez Vasquez  
By Mr. & Mrs. Jesus D. Romero  
For All The Souls In Purgatory  
By Maria Teresa Hinojosa  
†Leti Valdez  
By Cousins  
For All Those In Our “Pray For The Sick List”

Thursday, April 11, 2024 - Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

- 7:00AM †Dr. Olivia T. Garza  
By Family

Friday, April 12, 2024 - Easter Weekday [2]

- 7:00AM In Thanksgiving for Mateo Sanchez (B)  
By Leticia Gonzalez

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Easter Weekday [2]; Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr

- 6:00PM †Jorge B. Haynes, Sr. (A)- By Ramirez & Cavazos Fam.  
†Ricky Vasquez- By His Wife, Son & Family  
†Pearl Leija (B)- By Mario Leija  
†Sabino Guerrero (A)- By Family  
†Maria Luisa Salinas- By Villarreal & Moctezuma Fam.  
†Lillian Dickinson (A)- By Rosina U. Martinez  
†Isabel Gonzalez (B)- By Minerva G. Ramirez

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 8:00AM †Maria Teresa Garza  
By E. C. Juarez  
10:00AM †Juan & Ester Rodriguez  
By Manuel G. Escamilla, Jr.  
12:00PM For Parishioners  
5:00PM †Alicia C. Martinez (B)  
By Family

B-Birthday A-Anniversary

# PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

**Please Note:** This list will be updated on **June 30th** 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 **"Pray for the sick"** list.

Msgr. Stanley Sliwiak	Malgorzata Benc
Gabriel E. Rodriguez	Jose Luis Requejo
Rosie Hinojosa	Estela Ochoa
Samara Andrade	

## GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

**GO:** God is merciful – Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had *seen the Lord* – the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.



**The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the mist of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world.**

*(Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)*

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

You can sign up any time on our we Adore Him page at: <https://bscac.weadorehim.com/en>



**To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:**

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil).
  2. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
  3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
  4. Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast.
  5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil).
  6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy.
  7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.
- To receive the Extraordinary Graces of this Feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.*
- A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions.**



**Dear Church family,  
It's time for a New Directory!**

In celebration of our **75th Parish 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.

## Five Day Holy Thursday Candles

On sale at the parish office, Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm and 1-5pm. \$5:00 each candle or a box of 12 for \$60.00

**Velas del Jueves Santo de cinco días.**

De venta en la oficina parroquial de lunes a Viernes de 8am-12pm y de 1-5pm. \$5.00 por cada vela o caja con 12 velas por \$60.00

## 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.



Samantha Lechuga	7-Apr.	Miguel Angel Martinez, II	9-Apr.
Niria M. Benevides	7-Apr.	Judy Rodriguez	11-Apr.
Elva Medina	7-Apr.	Stephen L. Nix, II	11-Apr.
George B. Kawas, Jr.	7-Apr.	Mary Gutierrez	12-Apr.
Andrea Martinez	7-Apr.	Anna E. Garza	13-Apr.
Miabella Mancilla	8-Apr.	Ernesto Garza	13-Apr.

## Weekly Collections

**Sunday Collection March 30 & 31, 2024, Mail & Deposit Box**

Envelopes	\$8,230.00
Loose	\$2,096.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,326.42</b>
<b>Online Giving: March 26-April 1, 2024 \$2,842.54</b>	

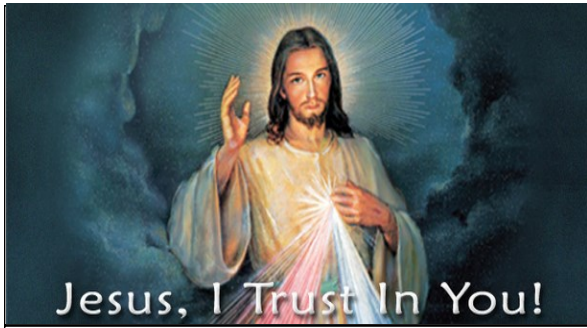
## 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal As of February 2024

**Blessed Sacrament Church**  
**Parish Goal: \$41,693.00**  
**Total Amount Pledged: \$14,762.00**  
**Total Amount Received: \$7,832.00**  
**Total Number of Pledges: 56**

**Thank you for your support!**

## APRIL – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**Did you know...Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.**



Jesus, I Trust In You!

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