

Message from the Pastor



Fr. Orosco will be on vacation starting Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We will not have daily Mass and/or confessions on Thursday.

St. John's Seniors Group



The St. John's Seniors Group will meet Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. The program portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00am. This month's guest speaker is Ralph Davis. He is an Extension Agent with the TAMU Agri-Life Extension Service in Kaufman County. He will cover the role of the Extension Service and how Kaufman ranks in food production in Texas and other related topics. This should be a very good opportunity to ask questions.

This month's covered dish lunch will have a picnic theme.

Please plan to attend. All parishioners are always welcome to the programs!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Attention graduating seniors!

You may now apply for the KC scholarship. Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please send application to Abbie Anderson Jr. or you may drop it off at the church office before August 12<sup>th</sup>.



Saturday, July 15

4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, July 16

8:00 AM Peggy Snapka by Sharon & Ron Price

10:30 AM †Ottie Lynch by Family

12:15 PM †Joaquin Herrera Int. de su Esposa y Familia

Saturday, July 22

4:00 PM †Amalia DelaPaz by the DelaPaz Family

Sunday, July 23

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM Ben & Lil Elzner by Amy & Cade Currington

12:15 PM †Fernando Talavera Int. de Maria Muñiz

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

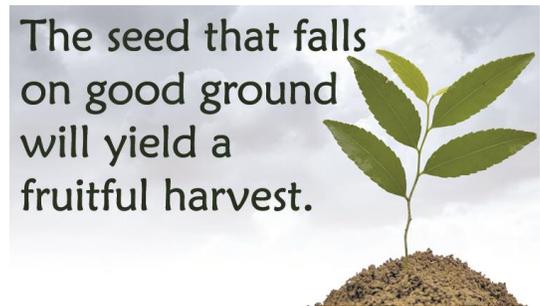
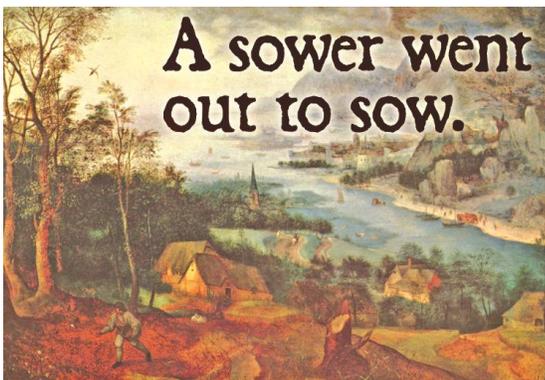
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Anointing of the Sick



Sacrament of Anointing

Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.



# Prayer Requests



Richard Collier  
 Richard Lozano Sr.  
 Mike Gonzales  
 Nancy Bardsley  
 Curtis Rushing  
 Deacon Leo Rener  
 Jennifer Whitehouse  
 Paul Gumler  
 Olivia Nicole Yates  
 Stanley Quist  
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena  
 Brenda Larsen  
 Carol Dossey  
 Cindy Kinkaid  
 Rosann Kinkaid  
 Juan Cleto Castillo  
 Patti Sikors Garrett  
 Angel Gabriel Godínez  
 Tomas Samuel Garcia  
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks  
 María Mercedes Gaytán  
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza  
 Marianne Marsden  
 Connie Schroeder  
 Daniel Gonzales  
 Luisa Regina Ramírez Pérez  
 Jovita De la Garza  
 Leslie Erickson  
 Judy Aloí

Nick Morales, Sr.  
 Lee Wilde  
 James Dean  
 Brenda Newburn  
 Henry Taft  
 Jesus Arteaga  
 Jose Ivan Ramirez  
 Mason Gumler  
 Felipa Garcia  
 Joe Wages  
 Erica Vargas  
 Margaret Wages  
 Sheila Wages  
 Kevin Huggins  
 Johnnie B. Malouf  
 Pascual Meza  
 Robert Repka, Sr.  
 Michelle Elliott  
 Crystal Sanchez  
 Enrique Gutiérrez  
 Warren Terry  
 Elmer Marsden  
 Odin Kizer  
 Claire Taft  
 Jackie Petricka  
 Ann Glynn  
 Efrain Valenzuela  
 Colleen Eldred  
 Shirley Taft

## This Week in our Parish

### Monday, July 17

8:00 AM NO Morning Mass  
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

### Tuesday, July 18

8:00 AM NO Morning Mass  
 10:00 AM Senior Group meeting @ Parish Hall

### Wednesday, July 19

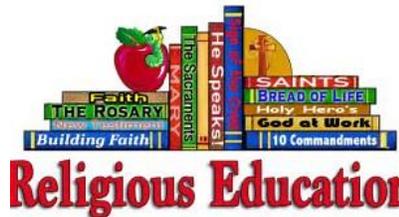
6:30 PM NO Hora Santa

### Thursday, July 20

8:00 AM NO Morning Mass

### Friday, July 21

8:00 AM NO Morning Mass



Religious Education classes will begin on the following days:

**Sunday, August 27** @ 9:15 – 10:15am  
**Tuesday, August 29** @ 6:30 – 7:30pm  
**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:30 – 7:30pm

## Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of July 22/23

### Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson/Karen Mathers  
 Sun. 8:00am Lou Roberts  
 Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Donna Lain

### Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Paul Mathers\*/Debbie P./Sherry G./Volunteer  
 Sun. 8:00am Robert Brown\*/Cindy K./Conrado A./Abby H.  
 Sun. 10:30am Steven Hernandez\*/Richard Jr./Kevin P./Erik A.

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Michael Gumler/Suzy McCook  
 Sun. 8:00am Lou Roberts/Donna Roberts  
 Melinda Sanchez/Rick Sanchez  
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Bill Bedrick  
 Argie Benavidez/Shelilah Dean



Volunteers are needed for the Religious Education program. Classes meet during the school year on Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30pm and Sunday morning from 9:15 – 10:15am. If you are interested, please call Michelle in the Church Office at 972-563-3643.

## Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time



**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is about God's faithfulness. The promise of Isaiah 55 and Parable of the Sower from **Matthew's Gospel** remind us that no matter what obstacles we face as his disciples, as sowers of the Good News, God will work

effectively through us. "But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

Saturday is the **Feast of St. Mary Magdalene**.

We begin three weeks of readings from the **Book of Exodus** continuing the story of God's faithful deliverance of the people from slavery in Egypt. This week we read of their plight in Egypt, Moses' birth and how he became a part of Pharaoh's inner circle, Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, God's summons to Moses and the people, and the story of the Passover up to the time they left Egypt.

The **Psalms responses** this week are particularly wonderful entries to prayer:

*Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

*Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

*The Lord remembers his covenant forever.*

*I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.*

*His mercy endures forever.*

We follow a powerful part of **Matthew's Gospel** all week, with some wonderful messages of Jesus, preparing us for parables about the Kingdom of God. Jesus does not come to bring simple peace, but to call us to find our lives by surrendering them to him and his mission. Then Jesus goes to teach and to preach, beginning with strong words for the towns in which he worked great cures and where the people have not repented. Rather than being discouraged, Jesus prays to his Father and we have the privilege of overhearing him say that, although these things are hidden from those who seemed educated and clever, "you have revealed them to the childlike." Jesus invites us to come to him – when we are burdened – and he will give us rest. When the Pharisees go after his disciples because in their hunger they picked grain on the Sabbath, Jesus challenges them to learn what God meant by these words from the prophet Hosea, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." From that point on, those who rejected him conspired to kill him.

## Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	\$ 6,208.07
E-Giving (Blue Pay):	120.00
FY'16-17 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 06/30/17:	6,427.12
Attendance:	908
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## Daily Prayer This Week

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day. We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praises.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

*Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer this afternoon and when I get home from work.*

We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or driving to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire. This week, we can find concrete times in our week, in real encounters and responsibilities of our very busy lives to say these or similar words:

*Lord, help me to be more childlike today. Help me simply come to you when I'm burdened or just tired, rather than all the other places I tend to go for relief. Let me be yoked to you as I carry out the promises of my life today. Free me from my impatience and tendency to judge others. Teach me how showing others the mercy you have showed me is more important than my hard driving sacrifice.*

“A USTEDES SE LES HA CONCEDIDO CONOCER LOS MISTERIOS DEL REINO DE LOS CIELOS”



Cristo nos habló en parábolas para que su mensaje no se perdiera y lo pudiéramos entender todos (menos los que no se quieren convertir ni que él los salve):

- La Palabra de Dios busca corazones que sean como la tierra buena, donde pueda crecer y dar fruto.
- El sembrador de la Palabra, Cristo, de muchas maneras trata de sembrarla en el corazón de cada uno: en la Misa (dominical y diaria), en la Biblia, en el Catecismo de la Iglesia católica, en la vida de los santos, en la formación parroquial, en retiros, en libros, en las enseñanzas de nuestros mayores, en videos...
- Sin embargo, cuando no nos ponemos listos nos la arrebatan, la descuidamos o dejamos que sea sofocada, es decir, cambiamos oro por espejitos.

“El que tenga oídos, que oiga”.

**Grupo de Oración**

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen los lunes a las 7:00pm en la Casa San Juan.



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**Unción de los Enfermos**

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



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**Hora Santa**

El Padre Orosco estará en vacaciones la próxima semana así que no vamos a tener Hora Santa el miércoles, 19 de julio y el miércoles, 26 de julio.



# Mensaje del Párroco

*El Padre Orosco estará en vacaciones desde el lunes, 17 de julio hasta el miércoles, 26 de julio. No vamos a tener misa durante la semana y no tendremos confesiones tampoco. También no tendremos “Hora Santa” los miércoles.*



## ANOTACIONES:

- 1) Por favor de recordar que, durante los meses del verano, aunque no hay clases de Doctrina, las Misas en domingo continua. Favor de tomar vacaciones del trabajo, escuela, etc. pero no de la Misa Dominical.
- 2) Favor de notificar la oficina de la Iglesia (972-563-3643) si tiene un cambio de domicilio o cambio de número de teléfono.



# LA DOCTRINA...

Las fechas para el inicio de las clases de la Doctrina son las siguientes:

- Las clases de domingos: **27 de agosto** de 9:15 – 10:15am
- Las clases de los martes: **29 de agosto** de 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Las clases de los miércoles: **30 de agosto** de 6:30 – 7:30pm



Necesitamos voluntarios para el programa de la Doctrina. Las clases son los domingos de 9:15-10:15am y los martes y miércoles de 6:30-7:30pm. Favor de llamar a Michelle al número 972-563-3643.