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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM (Church)

Sunday 12:30 PM– Spanish- (Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 AM (Chapel)

Wednesday, (English) 6:00 PM (Church)

Thursday, (Spanish) 6:00 PM (Church)

Friday 7:00 AM (Mother Church)

Saturday 5:00 PM (Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:15 to 4:45 PM

Following Weekday Masses Or by Appointment

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

The First Friday of Each Month (Mother Church)

Adoration: 7:30 AM—12:30 PM & 6:30 PM—11:30 PM

Mass at 7:00 AM (Mother Church) & 6:00 PM (Bilingual) (Church)

The Alliance of the Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil

The First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 31, 2017

Mass Schedule & Intentions For Last Week & This Week

FRIDAY, December 22

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Elizabeth Slaten

SATURDAY, December 23

5:00 P.M.: Spec. Int. of Odell Zarskey

SUNDAY, December 24

8:30 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Ruben Castillo

10:30 A.M.: Pro Populo

12:30 P.M.: Spanish: † Adolfo Duran Sr.

5:00 P.M.: Pro Populo

8:00 P.M.: Spanish: Pro Populo

MONDAY, December 25

12:00 A.M.: Holy Souls of Purgatory

10:30 A.M.: All children & those of the womb

12:30 P.M.: Spanish: Youth of the Parish

TUESDAY, December 26

7:00 A.M.: † Leovigilda Albao

Spec. Int. Joe & Dorothy Penny,
65th Wedding Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, December 27

6:00 P.M.: † Jonathan Chapman

THURSDAY, December 28

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Fr. Christopher V.
Ruggles, JCL

† Ronnie Bierschenk

6:00 P.M.: Holy Souls of Purgatory

FRIDAY, December 29

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Jacob Slaten, Birthday

SATURDAY, December 30

5:00 P.M.: † James & Doris Lee

SUNDAY, December 31

8:30 A.M.: In Thanksgiving, Ho & Phan
Families

10:30 A.M.: † Georgia May Fowler

12:30 P.M.: Spanish: Pro Populo

MONDAY, January 1

10:30 A.M.: Int. of the Clergy of Sacred Heart

12:30 P.M.: Spanish: Pro Populo

TUESDAY, January 2

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Harold LaRoux &
Family

WEDNESDAY, January 3

6:00 P.M.: † Matt Flynn

THURSDAY, January 4

7:00 A.M.: † Matt Flynn

6:00 P.M.: † Rose M. Krhovjak

FRIDAY, January 5

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. of Harold LaRoux &
Family

6:00 P.M.: † Delores Jones

Weekly Offering Weeks of December 17

December 17—\$5887.23

St. Patrick's School—\$1091

Second Collections for January

January 6-7— Building & Renovation Fund

January 13-14—St. Patrick's School

January 27-28—Church in Latin America

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

Delores Jones	Ken Richards
Mathew Flynn	Peyton Goerner
Johnnie Stricklen	Rose Krhovjak
Evelyn Deville	Judd McNett
Fred Kemp	

Please Pray for those who are ill:

Mary Devine	Charlotte Turne
Marie Kelly	Loraine Coussons
Fred Fitzgerald	Fr. Christopher Ruggles

Mass Schedule for January 1

The schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be as follows:

Monday, January 1st:

10:30 A.M.: Mass—English

12:30 P.M.: Mass—Spanish

5:05 P.M.: Mass— English—St. Mary's

Treasures from our Tradition

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified. The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

Office Holiday Hours

Sacred Heart church office will be closed on the following days:

Christmas/New Year's Holidays—

Monday, December 25th through Tuesday, January 2nd.

Faith Formation

There will be NO faith formation classes for children or adults due to the Christmas Break.

We will resume **Wed, January 10.**

SHOCK

Looking for a fun way to make friends that share your faith? Join SHOCK! All middle and high school teens are invited every Wednesday night after the 6pm Mass (6:45) until 8:30 where we eat, play, and learn about our faith.

SHOCK had a great time bringing the Christmas spirit to the residents at Willowbrook Nursing Home by singing Christmas carols and passing out homemade cards. Thanks to all who joined in sharing their time with those who truly enjoyed your presence.

December 27 & January 3- No SHOCK due to Christmas Break

January 13- FILLED High School retreat 8:00am - 6:00pm. FILLED is a day retreat for all high school students that will be held in the Upper Room. This will be a fun event that will hopefully FILL you with the Holy Spirit! \$10 registration fee to help cover cost of food. Registration forms in church office.

Christmas Decorations

A HUGE THANK YOU to Emma Arayata and the Filipino community who have brought the spirit of Christmas to Sacred Heart Church by decorating the Mother Church, main church doors, Margil Center, and the priests' rectory.

Merry Christmas!

Horario de Misas de Enero 1

El horario para la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios serán:

Lunes, Enero 1:

10:30 A.M.: Misa— Ingles

12:30 P.M.: Misa—Español

5:05 P.M.: Misa— Ingles— St. Mary's

Horario de la oficina para los feriados

La oficina de iglesia serán cerrado en estas días:

Navidad/Nuevo Año—Lunes, 25 de diciembre hasta martes, 2 de enero.

SHOCK

Todos los adolescentes de 6^o a 12^o grado están invitados a unirse con nosotros cada miércoles después de la misa de 6:00 p.m. hasta las 8:30.

SHOCK pasó un tiempo maravilloso llevando el espíritu navideño a los residentes de Willowbrook mediante el canto de villancicos y entrega de tarjetas. Gracias a todos los que participaron y compartieron su tiempo y talento, su presencia fue altamente apreciada y agradecida.

27 de diciembre & 3 de Enero—NO SHOCK porque la vacación de navidad

13 de enero - Retiro de la escuela secundaria de 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. FILLED es un retiro diurno para todos los estudiantes de secundaria que se llevará a cabo en el Upper Room.

¡Este será un evento divertido que con suerte lo LLENE con el Espíritu Santo! Tarifa de registro de \$ 10 para ayudar a cubrir el costo de los alimentos. Formularios de inscripción en la oficina de la iglesia.

Formación en la Fe en Español

NO hay las clases de formación en la fe porque la vacación de Navidad.

Nos continuaran **domingo, enero 14.**

Bautismos en Español

Las clases pre-bautismales son el **segundo** y **cuarto viernes** del mes a las 7:00 pm y deben asistir los padres y padrinos. Es necesario presentar una copia del acta de nacimiento del niño (a). Los padrinos si son esposos, deben de estar casados por la Iglesia Católica o tener fecha para celebrar el matrimonio. Después de los 7 años, los niños (as) deben tener una preparación especial antes del Bautismo (RICA). Si no cumplen con alguno de los anteriores requisitos deben hablar personalmente con el sacerdote. Los bautismos se celebraran el **primer** y **tercer sábado** del mes. Es necesario registrarse en la oficina.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la *Theotokos*; la que "carga a Dios". Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo "desde toda la eternidad fue Dios". Continúa la doctrina y afirma "Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios".

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Why do we call Mary the “Mother of God?”

By: Fr. William Saunders

As Catholics, we firmly believe in the incarnation of our Lord: Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:26-38 and Mt 1:18-25) Through her, Jesus Christ--second person of the Holy Trinity, one-in-being (consubstantial) with the Father, and true God from true God--entered this world, taking on human flesh and a human soul. Jesus is true God and true man. In His person are united both a divine nature and a human nature.

Mary did not create the divine person of Jesus, who existed with the Father from all eternity. "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (Theotokos)" (CCC, No. 495). As St. John wrote, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love" (Jn 1:14).

However, objection to the title "Mother of God" arose in the fifth century, due to confusion concerning the mystery of the incarnation. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople (428-431), incited a major controversy. He stated that Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, a regular human person, period. To this human person was united the person of the Word of God (the divine Jesus). This union of two persons--the human Christ and the divine Word-- was "sublime and unique" but merely accidental. The divine person dwelt in the human person "as in a temple." Following his own reasoning, Nestorius asserted that the human Jesus died on the cross, not the divine Jesus. As such, Mary is not "Mother of God," but simply "Mother of Christ"--the human Jesus. Sound confusing? It is, but the result is the splitting of Christ into two persons and the denial of the incarnation.

St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 440) refuted Nestorius, asserting, "It was not that an ordinary man was born first of the Holy Virgin, on whom afterwards the Word descended; what we say is that, being united with the flesh from the womb, (the Word) has undergone birth in the flesh, making the birth in the flesh His own..." This statement affirms the belief asserted in the first paragraph.

On June 22, 431, the Council of Ephesus convened to settle this argument. The Council declared, "If anyone does not confess that the Emmanuel is truly God and therefore that the holy Virgin is the Mother of God (Theotokos) (since she begot according to the flesh the Word of God made flesh), anathema sit." Therefore, the Council officially recognized that Jesus is one person, with two natures--human and divine--united in a true union. Second, Ephesus affirmed that our Blessed Mother can rightfully be called the Mother of God. Mary is not Mother of God, the Father, or Mother of God, the Holy Spirit; rather, she is Mother of God, the Son--Jesus Christ. The Council of Ephesus declared Nestorius a heretic, and the Emperor Theodosius ordered him deposed and exiled. (Interestingly, a small Nestorian Church still exists in Iraq, Iran and Syria.)

The incarnation is indeed a profound mystery. The Church uses very precise--albeit philosophical--language to prevent confusion and error. Nevertheless, as we celebrate Christmas, we must ponder this great mystery of how our divine Savior entered this world, taking on our human flesh, to free us from sin. We must also ponder and emulate the great example of our Blessed Mother, who said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to Thy word." May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

¿Son compatibles el karma y la fe católica?

En su blog, *Word on Fire*, Mons. Barron explicó que el “karma” es un elemento de las religiones orientales, como el hinduismo y el budismo, que considera que “por una ley espiritual cósmica, somos castigados o recompensados según nuestras actividades morales.”

“Si hacemos cosas malas, vamos a sufrir, en esta vida o en la que vendrá. Y si hacemos cosas buenas, seremos recompensados aquí o en el más allá. El karma no necesariamente es inmediato, a diferencia de la ley de gravedad,” pero “a la larga la gente es recompensada o castigada según sus méritos. Y esto satisface nuestro sentido de equidad y justicia,” indicó.

En cambio, prosiguió el Prelado, la Iglesia Católica enseña que “todas las personas son pecadoras y por lo tanto merecen un castigo, pero Dios, en una muestra de generosidad, les da lo que no merecen.”

Para explicar en qué consiste esta “gracia” otorgada por Dios, Mons. Barron puso como ejemplo la parábola del Hijo Pródigo. Esta cuenta la historia de un hijo que malgastó su herencia en una vida libertina y cuando regresa arrepentido a la casa de su padre, este lo perdona, lo recibe con alegría y hace un festín en su honor con el mejor ternero.

Mons. Barron afirmó que Dios otorga su gracia como “un regalo,” pero cuando la persona la guarda de forma egoísta este don “se convierte en cenizas.” En cambio, “cuando entregas esa gracia, esta se renueva en ti.”

“Si la gracia asombrosa ha salvado a un desgraciado como yo, tengo que ser un vehículo de gracia para cada alma perdida que me rodea,” destacó el Prelado.

El Obispo Auxiliar de Los Ángeles indicó que en la Biblia hay dos pasajes que demuestran cómo Dios concede a oportunidad de redención a todos los pecadores sin excluir a nadie, a diferencia del karma.

El Prelado señaló que a pesar de que la Biblia señala que Israel es “el pueblo elegido”, en Is 56, 6-7 se lee que “a los hijos de una tierra extranjera que se han unido al Señor para servirlo, para amar el nombre del Señor y para ser sus servidores, a todos los que observen el sábado sin profanarlo y se mantengan firmes en mi alianza, yo los conduciré hasta mi santa Montaña y los colmaré de alegría en mi Casa de oración”.

Indicó que en Mt 15,21-28 una mujer cananea busca a Jesús para pedirle que libere a su hija de un demonio, pero él se niega diciéndole que solo ha venido a apacentar las ovejas de la casa de Israel. Incluso le dice “No está bien que se tome la comida de los hijos y se la tiren a los perros”. Pero ella le responde “Por favor Señor, hasta los perros comen de las sobras que caen de la mesa de los hijos.” Jesús se sorprende por su fe y le concede lo que ella pidió. Al respecto, Mons. Barron explicó que “la mesa de la gracia fue puesta para los hijos de Israel, pero la comida de esa mesa no estaba destinada solo para los israelitas sino para todos los que vinieran. Israel fue escogido, sí, pero para el bien del mundo.”

En ese sentido, Mons. Barron manifestó que es una gracia de Dios que “no estemos viviendo bajo la dispensación del karma ¿Quién de nosotros sería capaz de soportar los fuertes vientos de la justicia pura?”

“Los devotos de una religión de gracia tenemos que saber que el don no es solo para nosotros, más bien la generosidad de Dios está destinada a despertar en nosotros una generosidad semejante,” expresó.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Council Members: Karen Davis (3), Charlie Muckleroy (3), Neal Slaten (3), Rebecca Higgins (2), Billy Huddleston, Jr. (2), Bill Bryan (1), Veronica Baca (Hispanic Community), Emma Arayata (Fillippino Community).

***Ethics:** To report abuse, call Rev. Gavin Vaverek, JCL at **903-266-2159**; For more information go to www.dioceseoftyler.org/Ethics. **Local Contact Person:** Jorge Cuarenta, **936-554-8050**.

***Adoration:** Adoration is the 1st Friday of the month, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM with Benediction in the Little Church of 1847.

***Baptism Classes:** Please contact Phillip Smith, in the parish office to schedule a time to meet for the class or if you have any questions. It is required for both parents and godparents. Please bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate to class.

Baptisms are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month following the 5:00 pm Mass or during one of the weekend Masses.

***Weddings:** Diocesan policy requires a six-month preparation period. Arrangements must be made with the Pastor or Parochial Vicar before setting a date.

***New Parishioners:** Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Father after Mass. Registration forms are available on the shelf unit in the vestibule.

***Hospital Patients and Shut-Ins:** If you know of someone in the hospital or someone who is homebound, please call the office, **564-7807**, or one of the priests at **564-7134**. If the person is in the hospital, please leave the name of the hospital, the persons name & room number as the hospital cannot give out this information.

***Loving Hearts:** A Lay Ministry to help with visitation to the homebound, nursing centers & hospitals. Contact Karen Davis, **554-2589** or Carrie Ventura, **554-3414** with information so a time to visit/Holy Eucharist can be arranged.

***Cora zones Amorosos** - Si tienen miembros de la familia en el hospital o en casa, y no pueden venire a misa, llamen Joan McNett, **936-645-0794** o Veronica Baca, **936-556-8638**. Si gustarian participar en el ministro y visitar a los ancianos o los enfermos en casa o hospital llamen a Joan o Veronica.

***Third Age Club:** Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 Noon in Margil Center, President: Pat Harris(936-564-8726)

***Ladies Guild:** Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm in the Library. **President:** Kathy McMillen, **(936) 585-0680**

***Teams of Our Lady:** Married couples prayer group & book study. Contact Rebecca Higgins, **(936) 715-5359**

***Knights of Columbus Council** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Margil; **4th Degree** meets the third-Wednesday of the month at **7:00** pm in Margil Center: **Grand Knight:** Steve McMillen - **(936) 371-3313**

***Prayer Line:** Anne Derfus, 564-0419 or email to: annederfus@suddenlink.net

***SHOCK:** High school & middle school youth meet Wednesdays from 6:45-8:30pm in gym. Rebecca Higgins **715-5359**

***Bulletin Deadline** is 3 pm on Wednesday

Alliance of the Two Hearts: Cynthia Vanzzini- **936-560-6804**

***Alianza de los Dos Corazones:** Raquel Zamora, **936-585-2105**

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