



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland Bishop-Diocese of Tyler
Rev. Fr. Juan Carlos Rivera, Pastor/Párroco

Mass Schedule/Horario de misa

Saturday/Sábado

Vigil Mass (Spanish) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday/Domingo

9:00 a.m. English Mass

11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 a.m. English Mass

First Saturday

9:00am English Mass

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday/Sabado: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

or by appointment/o por cita

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoracion Eucarística

Every Thursday/Jueves 5:00pm

17 hrs. Of Adoration

First Thursday 7:00 pm—First Friday end at

12:00 pm / Primer Jueves 7:pm—termina

Primer Viernes a las 12:00 pm

Sacraments/Sacramentos

Baptism Preparation/Preparación Bautismal

Third Saturday/Terceros Sabados

9:00am—12:00noon

Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los enfermos

First Friday of the Month

Primer Viernes de cada mes: 8:00 am

Faith Formation/Formación de la Fe

Sunday/Domingo 10:15-11:15am

Sacramental Formation

Formación Sacramental

Every Wednesday and Thursday / Todos

los Miércoles y Jueves

6:00-7:30pm

Marriage Preparation

Preparación Matrimonial

Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior to

Marriage date—Comuníquese con el

Sacerdote al menos 6 meses antes de la

fecha de matrimonio.

Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 15, 2020

While we were still sinners Christ
died for us. — *Romans 5:8*



Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

Cristo murió por nosotros,
cuando aún éramos pecadores.
— *Romanos 5:8*

Office Hours Horario de Oficina

Tuesday through Friday
Martes a Viernes

9:00am to 5:00pm

Monday/Lunes

Office Closed/Oficina Cerrada

Secretary

Sister Georgina Sierra, mgsa

Adoration Chapel Code Number
Código de la Capilla de Adoración
2-4-6-8

Ministries/Ministerios

Financial Council / Consejo de Finanzas

Manuel Alvarez- Chair Person

Pastoral Council / Consejo Pastoral

Manny Pasillas (Chair Person)

Faith Formation / Formación en la Fe

Sister Georgina Sierra, MGSA

IC (RCIA-RICA)

Rose Pasillas (English)

Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA (Spanish)

Lector/Lector

Rose Pasillas (English)

Salvador Ávila (Spanish)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión

Manny Pasillas & Juan Osornio

Ethics & Integrity (ACS)/Ética & Integridad

Rose Pasillas

Choirs / Coros

Rosario Abrego,

Adriana Pimentel

Altar Servers/Monaguillos

Alma Ugalde / Manny Pasillas

Baptism Preparation/Prep. Bautismal

Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Intercession Group/Grupo Intercesión

Verónica Arreola

Legion of Mary/Legión de María

Socorro Figueroa

Divine Mercy/Divina Misericordia

María Fierro

Pro-Life Group/Grupo Pro-Vida

María Álvarez

Youth Group/Grupo de Jóvenes

Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Sacristan

Salvador Ávila / Juan Osornio

Maintenance/Mantenimiento

Fernando Ornelas / Rene Sierra

Church Cleaning/Limpieza de la Iglesia

Sara Mandujano

THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
Friday: Abstinence

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
Martes: San Patricio
Miércoles: San Cirilo de Jerusalén
Jueves: San José, Esposo de la Bienaventurada Virgen María; Comienza la primavera
Viernes: Abstinencia

SED: Cada vez que se lee el relato del Evangelio de hoy, no puedo dejar de pensar en los muchos comerciales televisivos que muestran atletas sudorosos llevando una bebida a los labios mientras que el sol calcinante los golpea. Nuestra cultura tiene ideas definidas sobre cómo apagar la sed. Hoy, esas ideas son puestas cabeza abajo. Al inicio, la samaritana opera al nivel del comercial de televisión. Le pide agua viva a Jesús para no tener que seguir viniendo al pozo. Es entonces que Jesús le habla sobre la verdadera sed y cómo él, solo él, puede calmar esa sed. La Cuaresma nos llama a encontrar esos lugares muy dentro de nosotros donde estamos sedientos. En nuestra sed, al igual que los israelitas, clamamos a Dios pidiéndole fuentes de agua viva. Allá en el fondo sabemos que solo el Señor puede satisfacer esa sed. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



MASS INTENTION

Saturday, March 14

7:00 pm * Armando Cisneros Birthday By Family Cisneros
* Presentacion de 40 dias de Sofia Annette Cedillo

Sunday, March 15

11:30 am † Ricardo Ledezma By Family Ledezma
† Nicolas Vazquez By Beatriz Vazquez
* Senovia Rodriguez y Pedro Lopez Por su salud

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am * Rev. Matias Rodriguez

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am * Rev. Mark Dunne

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am * Rev. Luis Roncancio

Friday, March 20

8:00 am * Deacon Len Sanchez

"Aquel que desea buscar Mi Rostro Eucarístico, aquel que desea acercarse a Mi Corazón abierto, nunca estará lejos del tabernáculo. Yo transporto su espíritu ahí donde Yo estoy. Acojo con agrado su deseo de habitar en Mi presencia.

Le doy la gracia de Mi presencia en la parte mas secreta de su alma. Allí él me encontrará y será capaz de adorarme ... ' En cuanto a ti: permanece, en todo momento, ante Mi Rostro Eucarístico. No abandones Mi Corazón que late con amor, que quiere solamente esparcir torrentes de Misericordia sobre los que vienen a acercarse a Mi real presencia".
(*"In SINU JESU" Cuando el corazón habla al Corazón*).



Stations of the Cross

During Lent we invite you to join us every Friday for Bilingual Stations of the Cross on February 28, at 7:00 pm

Durante el tiempo de Cuaresma los invitamos a vivir en reflexión el Santo Via Crucis, comenzando el viernes 28 de febrero a las 7:00 pm



EASTER FLOWERS DONATION

If you would like to donate Easter Flowers in memory or in Thanksgiving for someone, envelopes are available in the entrance hall.
Thank You



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: The Catholic Church in the United States and Holy Cross Catholic Church, Diocese of Tyler, are committed to providing an environment that is safe for children and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned that a child or adult is suffering physical or sexual abuse, please contact Fr. Gomez, the Diocesan Promoter of Justice at (903) 266-2159. Or to Presidium Number: 1-877-415-6423.



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Temporary Liturgical Measures in Response to Concerns about Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In order to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the territory of the Diocese of Tyler, Bishop Joseph Strickland has promulgated the following temporary regulations. These are effective March 10, 2020, and until further notice.

- * The faithful should stay home if they are sick or are experiencing symptoms. If a person is ill, they are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass, including on Sunday. Out of charity to others, sick individuals should not attend liturgical celebrations or other parish events.
- * Distribution from the common chalice during Communion is temporarily suspended.
- * The exchange of a sign of peace is to be retained in all Masses (*Order of the Mass*, No. 128), temporarily, however, it is to be exchanged without physical contact.
- * The holding of hands during Mass is not encouraged.
- * The manner of receiving the host (in the hand or on the tongue) is the choice of each individual communicant. Both methods may risk the spread of disease, so it is important for ministers of Communion to exercise good hygiene. Nevertheless, if applicable, the faithful may consider receiving Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue.
- * Ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Communion should practice good hygiene, washing hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before and after distributing Communion.

As a reminder, following the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>), the Diocese of Tyler recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- * Stay home when you are sick.
- * Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- * Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- * Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- * If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.



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Medidas litúrgicas temporales en respuesta a las preocupaciones sobre el nuevo coronavirus (COVID-19)

Para tratar de prevenir el contagio de la enfermedad coronavirus (COVID-19) en el territorio de la Diócesis de Tyler, Mons. Joseph Strickland, obispo de Tyler, ha promulgado las siguientes normas temporales. Estas son efectivas a partir del 10 de marzo de 2020, y hasta nuevo aviso.

- * Los fieles deben quedarse en casa si están enfermos o experimentan síntomas. Si una persona está enferma, no está obligada a asistir a la misa, ni siquiera el domingo. Por caridad hacia los demás, los enfermos no deben asistir a las celebraciones litúrgicas u otros eventos parroquiales.
- * La distribución del cáliz común durante la comunión se suspende temporalmente.
- * El intercambio de un signo de paz debe mantenerse en todas las misas (*Ordinario de la Misa*, n. ° 128), aunque temporalmente debe intercambiarse sin contacto físico.
- * Se alienta a los feligreses a no tomarse de las manos durante la misa.
- * La forma de recibir la hostia (en la mano o en la lengua) es la elección de cada comulgante. Ambos métodos son un riesgo de propagación de enfermedades, por lo que es importante que los ministros de la Comunión ejerzan una buena higiene. Sin embargo, si es aplicable, los fieles pueden considerar recibir la comunión en la mano en lugar de en la lengua.
- * Los ministros ordinarios y extraordinarios de la Comunión deben practicar una buena higiene, lavándose las manos con agua y jabón o con un desinfectante de manos a base de alcohol, antes y después de distribuir la Comunión.

Como recordatorio, siguiendo las directrices de los Centros de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (<https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>), la Diócesis de Tyler recomienda acciones preventivas diarias para ayudar a evitar la propagación de enfermedades respiratorias, incluyendo:

- * Evitar el contacto cercano con personas que estén enfermas.
- * Evitar tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.
- * Quedarse en casa cuando uno esté enfermo.
- * Cubrirse la boca al toser o estornudar con un pañuelo de papel, y luego tirar el pañuelo a la basura.
- * Limpiar y desinfectar los objetos y superficies que se tocan con frecuencia usando un aerosol o una toallita de limpieza doméstica regular.
- * Lavarse las manos a menudo con agua y jabón durante al menos 20 segundos, especialmente después de ir al baño; antes de comer; y después de sonarse la nariz, toser o estornudar.
- * O si no se dispone de agua y jabón, usar un desinfectante para manos a base de alcohol con al menos un 60% de alcohol. Siempre lavarse las manos con agua y jabón si las manos están visiblemente sucias.

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



AMBIENTE SEGURO: La Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos y la iglesia La Santa Cruz Diócesis de Tyler, se han comprometido a proporcionar un ambiente seguro para los niños y adultos vulnerables. Si le preocupa que un niño o un adulto esté sufriendo abuso físico o sexual por favor contacte al Padre Gómez, el Promotor Diocesano de Justicia de la Diócesis de Tyler (903)266-2159 o a Praesidium Number (Presidio) al 1-877-415-6423.

HOLY WEEK SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

March 17	Penance Service (Confessions) at 6:00pm to 8:00pm Servicio Penitencial (Confesiones)
April 05	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor 9:00 am English Mass 11:30 am Spanish Mass
April 09	Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet at 7: pm "La Cena del Señor"
April 10	Good Friday/Viernes Santo "The Passion of the Lord" La Pasión del Señor * 1:30 pm. Bilingual Stations of the Cross/Via Crucis * 3:00 pm. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Celebración de la Pasión del Señor) 1st part Liturgy of the Word/Liturgia de la Palabra 2nd part ... Adoration of the Cross/Adoración de la Cruz 3rd part Holy Communion/Santa Comión
7:00 pm.	Silent Procession of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Sermon of Solitude / Procesión en silencio y el Sermon de la Soledad.
April 11 8:30pm	Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass
April 12	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor 9:00 am English Mass / 11:30 am Spanish Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE MAINTENANCE

- TAX LETTER OF DONATIONS MADE IN 2019: If you are in need of a tax statement of your 2019 donations to Holy Cross Catholic Church, please call the office (903-708-7084) to set a time to come by and pick up your letter.

- MUSICIANS NEEDED: If you play the piano or the guitar, you are needed to join with the 9:00 AM Sunday choir to make beautiful music. Please consider sharing your talents with your fellow parishioners. God gave you the talent, please don't hesitate to use it. Please call Alton at 903-952-7902 or Rose at 817-319-4680 for more information. Thank you.

- GOD'S CLOSET

We apologize for leaving out the God's Closet work date last week. Thank you to everyone that turned out to work, your presence is really appreciated. Beginning immediately God's Closet has changed the work schedule so please refer to the bulletin board in the foyer for the new schedule and take one for yourself. Thanks again to everyone that works this ministry. We are always looking for more new faces to work the store. God bless.

- 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a "40 Cans for 40 Days for Lent". They are asking everyone to donate one item of food for each day of Lent, thus we have 40 cans for 40 days. Please bring your canned donations, cereal, pasta, etc. to church each Sunday during Lent. There will be a container in the foyer by the cry room of the church. The Knights will pick them up weekly and take them to the local food pantries. Holy Cross Knights will donate the food items to the Pittsburg Food Pantry in God's Closet in downtown Pittsburg. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity and support of this project. Vivat Jesus!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Classes in English, please contact
Father Rivera at (903) 708-7084

Baptismal Class Preparation / Clases pre-bautismales:
Third Saturday of the Month / Tercer Sábado de Cada Més
9:00 am a 12:00 pm

Next Baptismal Class Preparation **Canceled/Canceladas**
La próxima fecha para las platicas: **March/Marzo 21, 2020**

WEEKLY COLLECTION COLECTA SEMANAL

March 08, 2020

Regular Collection	\$ 2,772.00
Second Collection	
Building Fund	\$ 2,226.00



Eucharistic Procession

Wednesday, March 18, 2020
At 6:00 pm

The intentions of this Eucharistic Procession including asking Our Lord's protection from the Coronavirus and healing for those who have already been infected; mercy and eternal rest for those who have died. Also petitioning Our Lord for strength for our families and the fortitude to be guided by the truths of the Deposit of Faith and the ethical and moral truths they represent. May the model of faith that St. Joseph provides as Patron of the Church inspire these efforts. The primary purpose of this procession is prayer and raising our awareness that the Lord is truly with us. Let us turn to Him as Lord of Lords and as always ask His Blessed Mother to join us in prayer interceding on our behalf at the throne of Our Heavenly Father.