



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Diocese of Tyler

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*“Bringing the Eucharistic Lord to all people by living the gospel message”*

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PASTOR & DEAN

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## St. Patrick's School

(936) 634 6719



## Mass Schedule

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

Sunday 12:15 PM– Spanish- (Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 PM (Chapel)

Thursday 7:00 AM (Chapel)

Thursday 6:00 PM –Spanish- (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

Mass at 7:00 AM & 6:00 PM

## 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

## Third Sunday of Easter Easter, April 30, 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, April 29

5:00 P.M.: † Lena Landreth

SUNDAY, April 30

8:30 A.M.: † Maria Nguyen

10:30 A.M.: Pro Populo for the People

12:15 P.M.: Spanish: † Heriberto Torres  
† Carlos García

MONDAY, May 1

6:00 P.M.: † Georgette Oliver

TUESDAY, May 2

6:00 P.M.: † Joseph Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, May 3

6:00 P.M.: † Dr. Charles Coussons

THURSDAY, May 4

7:00 A.M.: † Rita Muckleroy

6:00 P.M.: Spanish:

FRIDAY, May 5

7:00 A.M.: † Sarah Catherine Winder

6:00 P.M.: † Theresa Ho Thi Nguyen

SATURDAY, May 6

5:00 P.M.: Ben & Debbie Farias-  
45th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, May 7

8:30 A.M.: Spec. Int. Theresa Ho- Birthday

10:30 A.M.: Spec. Int. David Najvar Family

12:15 P.M.: Spanish: Pro Populo for the  
People

### Weekly Offering Week of April 16, 2016

Parish Offertory: \$ 5869.00  
Catholic Home Missions: \$ 1208.51

#### Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Goal: \$75,000

Pledged: 78,172

Received: 40,051

104% of Goal with 207 Participants (31%)

### Please Pray for those who are ill :

Shirley Seacord  
Judd McNett  
Arnold Gilbert  
Charlotte Turner  
Ronnie Barra  
Delores Jones

### Yum-Yum Booth

Everyone is asked to help stock the Yum-Yum booth for the Multicultural Festival. Items needed include cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, snacks, etc. Gluten free and sugar free items are also welcome! Please package items for individual sale and price (dollar amounts only). Please, please mark items that contain nuts!! Please bring items to the booth either Saturday and/or Sunday. Your help is greatly appreciated!! For more information, please call Kathy McMillen at 936-585-0680.

### Right to Life

Deep East Texas Chapter of Right to Life of East Texas plans to publish a Mothers' Day advertisement in the Nacogdoches Daily

Sentinel on Sunday, May 14, thanking our mothers for the precious gift of life. Please stop by their table outside after mass to add your name to the published list of names.

Donations of \$5 per line is requested to defray the cost of the ad.

### May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Girls 3rd thru 6th grade, are invited to participate in the procession and crowning of Our Lady on May 3rd during the 6:00 pm Mass. The girls will need to wear a dress.

Practice will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd from 4:30- 5:30 pm in the church. Please sign up with Cynthia Vanzzini by calling 936-560-6804.

Girls must practice to participate.

## S.H.O.C.K.

Wednesday nights from 6:45-8:30 pm. Around 50 middle & high school youth are coming to the "Upper Room" to have fun & fellowship!

All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join in on the fun. For questions please contact Rebecca at 715-5359 or rebeccahiggins@sbcglobal.net

### DCYC

#### **(Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference)**

On July 7-9, 2017- All teens currently in 8th - 12th grade are invited to register for the DCYC retreat which will be held in Tyler. This is a great weekend for teens to develop in their faith and prayer life while making stronger friendships that will help support them in their faith journey.

Early registration is \$130 and opens April until May 14. Hotel, food, and shirt are covered by this cost. Registration cost will increase after May 14.

If you want to sponsor a teen in attending DCYC please contact Rebecca.

**May 17-** Photo Scavenger Hunt  
Drivers needed for this event.

**May 24-** Senior Send Off.  
Thanks for your prayers and support in helping our teens fall in love with Christ.

## Faith Formation Class Schedule

Class begins with Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
Class ends at 7:45

**Wednesday, May 3rd, 10th, & 17th**  
**Sunday, May 7th, 14th, & 21st**

## Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Faith?

You are invited to join us on Wednesdays in Margil Center to learn more about the Catholic Faith  
For information contact Meriah Wright,  
936-371-1033 or scredheartnac.com

May 3rd – Evangelization  
May 10th– The Laity  
May 17th– Family Life

## Plant Booth

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## Multicultural Festival

The Annual Multicultural Festival will be held on May 6 -7, 2017.

**Tickets** are on sale now. 1-\$10.00, 6-\$50, 15-\$100 Come by the office to buy tickets and/or to pick up tickets and help sell!!

**Tee shirts** have been sold for the past six weekend's before Easter. Pre sale prices are \$10.00 Festival sale will be \$12.00. We have an abundance of YOUTH so please purchase for your children and grandchildren.

## Totus Tuus

### **Save the Dates for Totus Tuus!**

Sunday, June 11th– Friday, June 16th

Totus Tuus, our weeklong summer youth and teen catechetical program will be held:

Sun-Thurs 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (those entering 7th-12th grade)

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (those entering 1st-6th grade)

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM (those entering PreK4-Kinder)

Adult volunteers to attend class with the children and move them between classes are needed!

Come learn with us! Ethics & Integrity certification is required once every 3 years for anyone over age 18.

Classes can be found on the diocesan calendar at <https://www.dioceseoftyler.org/news/events/month/> or we may put a class together here if we have enough interest.

Questions? Contact Antonia at 936-585 3500 or Jennifer at 936-371-1346

## Festival Multicultural

El festival anual del Multicultural va hacer el 6 y 7 de mayo, 2017. 936-645-0770.

**Los tickets:** Ya se comenzaron a vender  
1- \$10.00, 6- \$50.00, 15- \$100.00

**Las camisetas** están en venta después de cada misa. Pre-venta son de \$10.00 cada una. El día del multicultural se van a vender a \$12.00 cada una. Se han estado vendiendo la camisas las pasadas síes semanas. Tenemos una abundancia de camisas de jóvenes. Pasen y compren camisas para sus hijos o sus nietos.

## Bautismos en Español

**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 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. Necesitan que registrase primero en el oficina.

Para mayor información o para registrase para tomar una clase comunicarse a la oficina al 936-564-7807.

## Formación de Fe

Las clases de catequesis son los jueves comenzando con la Santa Misa a las 6:00 pm y terminan a las 8:00 pm. Y los domingos a las 10:30 am y terminan a las 11:30 am siguiendo con la Santa Misa a las 12:15 pm.

**Jueves: 4, 11, y 18 de mayo**  
**Domingo: 7, 14 y 21 de mayo**

## Lectores y Ministros

Estimados Lectores y Ministros se les pide que si usted no podrá servir en su fecha asignada por favor le informen al Sr. Serafín Arreola o al Sr. Sergio Monreal cuando encuentren su reemplazo.

Las juntas son cada segundo domingo del mes después de misa a la 1:30pm.

## Totus Tuus

Nuestro programa Catequético de Verano Totus Tuus 2017 será del Domingo, 11 de Junio a Viernes, 16 de Junio

**Domingo – Jueves** 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM (para los que entran a los grados 7- 12)

**Lunes- Viernes** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (para los que entran a los grados 1- 6)

**Lunes- Viernes** 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM (para los que entran a PreK4- Kínder)

Se necesitan voluntarios adultos para que ayuden mover los niños de clase a clase. Necesitan que estar certificados en la clase de Éticas e Integridad. Si tienen preguntas llamen a Antonia 936-585-3500 o Jennifer 936-371-1346

## S.H.O.C.K.

### **DCYC (Conferencia Diocesana Juvenil)**

Los jóvenes del grado 8-12 están invitados a registrarse para el retiro de DCYC que se llevara acabo en Tyler. Es un buen tiempo para que los jóvenes se desarrollen en la fe y en la vida de oración mientras hacendó amigos que les ayudaran en el camino de la fe. Costo de registración es \$130 y es desde abril al 14 de mayo. El costo incluye comida, hospedaje, y la camisa. Después del 14 de mayo el costo subirá. Si tiene preguntas sobre el retiro hable con Rebecca Higgins al 936-715-5359.

## Ventas de Comida

Cada mes se estarán realizando ventas de comida después de cada misa. Todo lo recaudado es para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Diciembre. Con anticipo se les agradece a todas las personas que ayudan con donaciones de comida, trabajan, y compran en la ventas. La siguiente venta será el 28 de mayo.

## Caballeros de Cristo

Se les invita a todos los caballeros mayores de 21 años que estén interesado a ser parte de un grupo de hombres católicos. Sea un mejor: Padre, Esposo, Profesional, Amigo, Católico!

Para mayor información comunicarse con el Rev. John Henao. Las juntas serán cada martes al las 7:00 pm en el salón doble con el Padre John alas 7:00 pm.

# Is Anyone Catholic Anymore?

JAMES KALB

God is the Most Real Being, so our religion is about what we accept as most real. It's our basic understanding of the world, to which all our other views must accommodate themselves.

That's a problem. To all appearances, Catholics have pretty much the same basic understandings as other people. Otherwise, our thoughts and actions would be distinctive, and on the whole they're not. That's what opinion surveys show, it's what many of us find in ourselves, and it's essentially the view of John Allen, a well-informed and level-headed journalist. As he notes, Rudolph Otto famously described the religious sentiment as the *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*, 'the tremendous and fascinating mystery,' but to be honest, that's probably not how most Catholics experience it.

Instead, he says, the Church as a practical matter is basically about everyday concerns like community, politics, and charitable activity — all worthwhile pursuits, but far from unique. He mentions worship and doctrine, but without the *mysterium* those things lose their reference and become hobbies. He notes there are Catholics who want more, but describes them as people looking for "signs, wonders and miracles under every rock." So from his perspective they're more like flying saucer buffs than mystics or saints.

It appears, then, that for the most part either no one is Catholic today, because Catholics are no different from anyone else, or everyone is as good as Catholic, because the absence of the connection doesn't make much difference.

The "no one's Catholic" theory has more scriptural support: "There is not any man just. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!" "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man [apparently, anyone with sufficient material goods to arouse attachment] to enter into the kingdom of heaven." "But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find ... faith on earth?"

All of which sounds rather dispiriting, so it's not surprising that many people prefer the view that at bottom everyone's Catholic. That view can appeal to distinguished support: Karl Rahner had his theory of the anonymous Christian, and Hans Urs von Balthasar tended toward universalism. Put the two together, drop scholarly nuance, and everyone becomes a budding Catholic saint.

This second view seems to have caught on within the Church, as evidenced by vanishing concern with conversion, denunciations of "proselytism," and praise for atheists, along with strong emphasis on ecumenical and interfaith solidarity. The idea seems to be that it's small-minded and possibly malicious to make so much of doctrines and dogmas that divide when what unites us, for example our common humanity, is so much greater and more important.

Beyond that, our pastors have wanted to bring Catholicism to modern man. That can mean a variety of things, but as a practical matter it tends to mean making it appealing to someone with a fundamentally modern understanding of the world — that is, a thoroughly secular outlook that excludes any understanding of the transcendent specific and concrete enough to support belief in a substantive revelation. So the effort to update the Faith — or at least its presentation, to the extent the distinction matters practically — tends to suppress God's distinctiveness and objectivity. He becomes in effect a content-free point of reference, not the sort of being someone could love with heart, soul, and mind, while Jesus becomes a teacher who performed no miracles as traditionally conceived, but challenges us to do in our time what he did in his.

For the sake of contemporary outreach, what Jesus did in his time is to be interpreted with current preoccupations in mind. So "acting like Jesus" becomes a matter of downplaying law, ritual, tradition, and other concrete aspects of religion in favor of "following the spirit" and "not judging" — that is, accepting and supporting people exactly as they are. The updated Gospel message, then, is that we should be spiritual but not religious, and above all tolerant and inclusive, and the purpose of the Faith becomes personal fulfillment and social betterment as determined through open-ended discernment that draws heavily on current progressivism.

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But such a this-worldly faith isn't Catholic at all, certainly not distinctively so. So the "everyone's as good as Catholic" view merges into the "no one's Catholic" one. Either way, supposed Catholics and supposed non-Catholics are pretty much the same.

The clergy, theologians, and ordinary believers involved in these and related developments have their own views, of course, and may be able to present interesting arguments in favor of this or that position. Even so, general practical tendencies have, I think, pointed in the direction described, and the overall effect and tendency seem a basic test of the value of theology, pastoral initiatives, and how all of us understand and practice the Faith.

A basic issue is that we are rational animals, so truth and therefore doctrine matter, especially in the long run. Aquinas and Aristotle tell us that "a small error in the beginning grows enormous at the end." That is why it is normal for distinctions to clarify as a tradition develops: it's the natural attempt to get things right. With that in mind, it can't be a sign of progress when Catholicism starts to go in the opposite direction.

So it's a problem that in the last half-century the Church has tended more and more to blur distinctions. I've mentioned the anonymous Christian, creeping universalism, and developments related to ecumenism as examples. Another is provided by Jacques Maritain's "democratic charter," which tells us that unity in the truth is not needed for unity in the good. (Can that be right? If social goods can be secured without definite reference to ultimate truth, because good tendencies spread on account of their intrinsic appeal, why would the salvation of the world require something as dramatic as the Incarnation, Crucifixion, and Resurrection, and the foundation of a visible Church endowed with infallibility?)

The question lurking behind all these issues, I think, is whether transcendent realities need to be taken seriously. Is Catholicism just a way of symbolizing human concerns also dealt with symbolically in other traditions? Is its basic function helping people deal with those concerns, and leading them to support the common project of building a global habitat for humanity? Or does it truly provide a special connection to the Most Real Being, so that simply as rational beings we need to concern ourselves with it and put it first? The Catholic answers seem obvious, but to all appearances people don't pay them much attention.

I should note though that visible tendencies however impressive are not the only things that matter. It would hardly be Catholic to believe so. It matters far more that there are people for whom God truly is the Most Real Being. They are the saints, who outrank hierarchs, scholars, commentators, and majorities, and to aspire to be Catholic is to hope to join them. They may sometimes complain about conditions within the Church, but those conditions — mediocrity, corruption, subordination to worldly powers and interests — are not the point for them. The point is what is most real, and from that the Church and those who love God can never be separated. We should take their example to heart.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Council Members:** Karen Davis (3), Charlie Muckleroy (3), Neal Slaten (3), Rebecca Higgins (2), Billy Huddleston, Jr. (2), Bill Bryan (1), Joy Fuller (1), Veronica Baca (Hispanic Community), Juan Castro (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](http://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:** Baptism Class is held the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Library and is required for Parents and Godparents. Please call the church office to register for the class or if you have any questions, 564-7807.

**Pre-Registration and a copy of the Birth Certificate are required. Baptisms** are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month following the 5:00 pm Mass.

\***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.

\***Corazones Amorosos** - Si tienen miembros de la familia en el hospital o en casa, y no pueden venir 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: Phil Eby, (936) 715-0053

\***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 7:30 pm in Margil; **4th Degree** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Margil Center: **Grand Knight:** Steve McMillen - (936) 371-3313

\***Prayer Line:** Anne Derfus, 564-0419 or email to: [annederfus@att.net](mailto:annederfus@att.net)

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

\***Bulletin Deadline** is 11 am on Wednesday

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