

Sacred Heart Catholic Church ***Sagrado Corazon Iglesia Católica***

2508 Appleby Sand Road Nacogdoches, Texas 75965

Diocese of Tyler

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Mission Statement of Sacred Heart Church

"Bringing the Eucharistic Lord to All People by Living the Gospel Message"



A BRIEF HISTORY OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spanish missionaries already served the Nacogdoches area as early as 1716, but the Right Reverend John M. Odin, D.D. established the first parish of Sacred Heart in 1847 with funds raised by Father A. Chanrion. This wooden structure stood for ninety years on North Pecan Street.

Through funds provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phelan and property donated by Mrs. C. C. (Louise) Rhein, Father Francis P. Crane had a new church building constructed on the corner of North Street and Mimms Avenue in April of 1936.

On April 26, 1937, carpenters dismantled the old Sacred Heart Church building on Pecan Street. They transported the lumber ten miles down the Old Lufkin Road to Fern Lake for the construction of St. Ann's Chapel. St. Ann's was completed on June 16, 1937, and it was consecrated by the Most Reverend Christopher E. Byrne. The church building was moved to Center, Texas in 1951, where it served as a chapel until 1983. The old building is now located on the grounds of Sacred Heart in Nacogdoches and has been restored.

In 1985, the Most Reverend Bernard J. Ganter, D.D., approved the purchase of land for the current church building. Under the leadership of Reverend James E. Young, the dream of a new parish church building became a reality. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 17, 1991. The building was completed in 1992, and a dedication Mass was held on June 26, 1992. The present Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located at 2508 Appleby Sand Road in Nacogdoches, Texas.

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND
INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

SATURDAY, January 14
5:00 P.M.: † Carlton Harris
SUNDAY, January 15
8:30 A.M.: † Robert Tollefson
10:30 A.M.: † Edward Rainwater
12:15 P.M.: Spanish: Pro Populo,
For the People
MONDAY, January 16
6:00 P.M.: Ladies Guild Members Birthdays
TUESDAY, January 17
6:00 P.M.: † Paul & Cecyle Duval
WEDNESDAY, January 18
6:00 P.M.: Fred & Christine Aman &
Deceased Family Members
THURSDAY, January 19
7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. Mark Russell
6:00 P.M.: Spanish:
FRIDAY, January 20
7:00 A.M.: Intention of Tom Belanger, Jr.
SATURDAY, January 21
5:00 P.M.: † Walter Ledet
SUNDAY, January 22
8:30 A.M.: Strength & Healing, Lisa Wilson
10:30 A.M.: Pro Populo, For The People
12:15 P.M.: Spanish,

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:15 to 4:45 pm
Following Weekday Masses Or
by Appointment

If you have requested a Saturday or Sunday mass for a loved one you are invited to present the gifts at the Altar. Please let one of the ushers know before mass.

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017**

“Behold the lamb of God, he who
takes away the sin of the world!”
— (John 1:29)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. It will re-open it's normal hours on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Ladies Guild will meet on Monday, January 16th at 7pm in the Library. If you have questions please call Kathy McMillen, 936-585-0680

**WEEKLY OFFERING
January 8, 2017**

Parish Offertory: \$7,795.00
Building & Renovation Fund: \$1,150.00

Second Collections for January

15th - St. Patrick School
29th - Church in Latin America

Childrens' Christmas Outreach Program

would like to Thank each and every parishioner who helped make this year a great success. We were able to help 170 families & 511 children have a better Christmas. Thanks to all who helped buy, sort, organize & anything else we needed done! What a great group we have at Sacred Heart!!!



**The Knights of Columbus
Winter Warm Up!!
Coats for Kids Drive**

Winter is here and there are people in our community that could use a nice warm coat. The Knights of Columbus will be accepting gently used or new coats after each Mass on Saturday, January 21 thru Sunday, January 22, in Margil Hall.

World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass:

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Bishop Strickland will celebrate a World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Couples celebrating 5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50, and 55 or more years of marriage in 2017. Pick-up your registration form at the office between 9am-5pm, Monday– Friday.

Registration Deadline: February 3, 2017.



Sacred Heart Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open the second Tuesday of each month from 9am to 12 Noon. All monetary support is appreciated & special envelopes are now available in the vestibule for your support.

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- Marriage Prep Weekend - English
January 27-29
 - Marriage Prep Day in Spanish
February 4th

Check the Diocese web site for more information regarding times & fees at dioceseoftyler.org

ONLINE DONATIONS: We are excited to announce that Sacred Heart now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website! You can make your secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit card by simply:

1. Going to [<http://sacredheartnac.org/>] using any device
2. Choose One-time or Recurring donation
3. Select your preferred form of payment (electronic check or debit/credit card)
4. Enter your information
5. Submit your donation

Faith Formation Class Schedule

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

**Wednesday, January 18th & 25th
Sunday, January 15th, 22nd & 29th**

**Interested In Learning 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 sacredheartnac.com

January 18th: Moral Conscience

January 25th: Reconciliation

S.H.O.C.K.

Sacred Heart Outstanding Catholic Kids

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 rebeccahiggins@sbcglobal.net

SHOCK teens are showing their support for human dignity in January and February! The teens are discussing the importance of the dignity of the unborn, the elderly, and those in poverty.

Canned Food Scavenger Hunt: On Wednesday, January 25, SHOCK will be gathering nonperishable food for the food pantry. Make sure to get permission slips in. Adult drivers needed in order for this event to take place.

Rally (middle school retreat) Saturday & Sunday, February 18-19.
Taking registrations now.

Cemetery of the Innocent, On Saturday, Jan.14th, SHOCK youth helped set up the crosses to remember the tragedy of abortion.

February: SHOCK will make valentines for the elderly and visit Willowbrook Nursing Home once again. If you can drive or help in any way please contact Rebecca, 936-715-5359

Martin Luther King: Oficina Cerrada

El lunes, 16 de enero la oficina cerrará en observancia de el día de Martin Luther King.

Grupo de Hombres Católicos:

Se les invita a todos los caballeros mayores de 21 años que están interesado a ser parte de un grupo de hombres católicos. Se releazará una reunión el Viernes, 20 de enero 2017, a las 7:00 pm el Margil Hall.

Lectores y Ministros: El calendario nuevo de ENERO ya está disponible en la página WEB de la iglesia. Se les pide que por favor que le informen al Sr. Serafín Arreola o al Sr. Sergio Monreal cuando encuentren su cambio para servir por usted si usted no podrá servir en su fecha asignada.

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. Para mayor información comunicarse a la oficina con el Rev. John Henao y/o con la Sra. Sara Calderón at (936) 645-0770.

Cursillistas: Reunión los Lunes, Comenzando con la Santa Eucaristía a las 6:00 pm.

Grupo de Oración: Reunión los viernes a las 7:00pm en el salón doble, solo el primer viernes de mes la reunión es en la Capilla Azul.

Alianza de los Dos Corazones: Se lleva a cabo una vigila el primer viernes de mes comenzando a las 6:00 pm a 12:30 am

DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS: Cada segundo martes del mes de 9am -12pm en el gym. Triga su identificación. Todo apoyo monetario es apreciado.

Celebración de Aniversario por el Día Mundial de los Matrimonios: Diócesis de Tyler

El Obispo Strickland celebrara la Misa y Recepción el Sábado, 11 de febrero del 2017, a las 2:00 PM en la Catedral de la Inmaculada Concepción en Tyler, Texas. Todas las paje-rías que durante el 2017 estarán celebrando 5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50,y 55 o mas anos de matrimonio invitados a participar. Puede levantar su forma de registración en la oficina de 9am-5pm, de lunes a viernes. Último día para registrase es el 3 de febrero 2017.



Los Caballeros de Colon Abrigos para niños

Coats for Kids Drive: El invierno está aquí y hay gente en nuestra comunidad que podría usar un abrigo. Los Caballeros de Colón van a estar aceptando donaciones de abrigos medios usados o nuevos después de cada misa el sábado 21 de enero hasta el domingo 22 de enero en el Margil Hall.

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

S.H.O.C.K. (Sacred Heart Outstanding Catholic Kids): A todos los estudiantes de *High School* y *Middle School*, se les invita a unirse al grupo de jóvenes. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo los **miércoles a las 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm**. Pueden encontrar la forma a la entrada de la Iglesia, o en la página web de la parroquia

(<http://sacredheartnac.org/shock-sacred-hearts-outstanding-catholic-kids>).

Importante: Una sección del formulario requiere el consentimiento y firma de los padres de familia. ¡Gracias por sus oraciones en favor de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia! Recordemos que somos una sola Iglesia, ¡Unámonos!

Formación en la 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: 19 y 26 de Enero
Domingo: 15, 22, y 29 de Enero

GOD OR ATHEISM — WHICH IS MORE RATIONAL? PETER KREEFT

The conclusion that God exists doesn't require faith. Atheism requires faith.



Is it rational to believe in God? Many people think that faith and reason are opposites; that belief in God and tough-minded logical reasoning are like oil and water. They are wrong. Belief in God is far more rational than atheism. Logic can show that there is a God. If you look at the universe with common sense and an open mind, you'll find that it's full of God's fingerprints.

A good place to start is with an argument by Thomas Aquinas, the great 13th century philosopher and theologian. The argument starts with the not-very-startling observation that things move. But nothing moves for no reason. Something must cause that movement, and whatever caused that must be caused by something else, and so on. But this causal chain cannot go backwards forever. It must have a beginning. There must be an unmoved mover to begin all the motion in the universe, a first domino to start the whole chain moving, since mere matter never moves itself.

A modern objection to this argument is that some movements in quantum mechanics — radioactive decay, for example — have no discernible cause. But hang on a second. Just because scientists don't see a cause doesn't mean there isn't one. It just means science hasn't found it yet. Maybe someday they will. But then there will have to be a new cause to explain that one. And so on and so on. But science will never find the first cause. That's no knock on science. It simply means that a first cause lies outside the realm of science.

Another way to explain this argument is that everything that begins must have a cause. Nothing can come from nothing. So if there's no first cause, there can't be second causes — or anything at all. In other words, if there's no creator, there can't be a universe.

But what if the universe were infinitely old, you might ask. Well, all scientists today agree that the universe is not infinitely old — that it had a beginning, in the big bang. If the universe had a beginning, then it didn't have to exist. And things which don't have to exist must have a cause.

There's confirmation of this argument from big-bang cosmology. We now know that all matter, that is, the whole universe, came into existence some 13.7 billion years ago, and it's been expanding and cooling ever since. No scientist doubts that anymore, even though before it was scientifically proved, atheists called it "creationism in disguise". Now, add to this premise a very logical second premise, the principle of causality, that nothing begins without an adequate cause, and you get the conclusion that since there was a big bang, there must be a "big banger".

It takes faith to believe in everything coming from nothing. It takes only reason to believe in everything coming from God.

But is this "big banger" God? Why couldn't it be just another universe? Because Einstein's general theory of relativity says that all time is relative to matter, and since all matter began 13.7 billion years ago, so did all time. So there's no time before the big bang. And even if there is time before the big bang, even if there is a multiverse, that is, many universes with many big bangs, as string theory says is mathematically possible, that too must have a beginning.

An absolute beginning is what most people mean by 'God'. Yet some atheists find the existence of an infinite number of other universes more rational than the existence of a creator. Never mind that there is no empirical evidence at all that any of these unknown universes exists, let alone a thousand or a gazillion.

How far will scientists go to avoid having to conclude that God created the universe? Here's what Stanford physicist Leonard Susskind said: "Real scientists resist the temptation to explain creation by divine intervention. We resist to the death all explanations of the world based on anything but the laws of physics." Yet the father of modern physics, Sir Isaac Newton, believed fervently in God. Was he not a real scientist? Can you believe in God and be a scientist, and not be a fraud? According to Susskind, apparently not. So who exactly are the closed-minded ones in this debate?

The conclusion that God exists doesn't require faith. Atheism requires faith. It takes faith to believe in everything coming from nothing. It takes only reason to believe in everything coming from God. I'm Peter Kreeft, professor of philosophy at Boston College, for Prager University.

LOS 5 MITOS ENGAÑOSOS QUE PONEN EN PELIGRO LA VIDA MATRIMONIAL DE CRISTIANOS CONVERSOS O NOVATOS (Primera Parte) RELIGIÓN EN LIBERTAD

Las familias de personas que se han acercado a la Iglesia estando ya casadas son mucho más sólidas que las familias creadas por los que se acaban de convertir.



Lilia Malájova es una veterana periodista rusa especializada en temas de familia y matrimonio que escribe en la revista femenina ortodoxa rusa Matrony.ru.

También escribe en Matrony.ru la psicóloga Lidia Sideliova, graduada de la Universidad Estatal de Vorónezh, miembro del Instituto de Psicoanálisis de Moscú y de la Asociación Moscovita de Psicólogos Analíticos. Ella es de corriente janguiana y también es cristiana ortodoxa. De 2012 a 2015 fue redactora jefe del portal.

Ambas, en la revista, han coincidido en reflexionar sobre el fenómeno de los cristianos conversos que se casan sin madurez y sin reflexionar sobre lo que implica el matrimonio en la vida real.

Las estadísticas sobre la fe en Rusia muestran que cuando cayó la URSS sólo un 9% de la población declaraba tener una relación de confianza cotidiana con Dios; en 2015 ya era un 30%. Es decir, el número de creyentes firmes se triplicó.

Hay que tener en cuenta, por lo tanto, que Rusia cuenta con un importante flujo de conversos (neocristianos), personas que no han crecido en una familia cristiana, no han visto en su casa, de niños, lo que era un matrimonio cristiano. Y esto empieza a darse también en el Occidente descristianizado.

Las autoras señalan los 5 cinco peligros o tentaciones más frecuentes que pueden ocurrir en la vida matrimonial de los conversos. Aunque ellas hablan de los ortodoxos, puede suceder con matrimonios de otras ramas del cristianismo.

Lilia Malájova opina que las familias de personas que se han acercado a la Iglesia estando ya casadas son mucho más sólidas que las familias creadas por los que se acaban de convertir.

"Cada familia se destruye a su manera, pero los peligros que conllevan a la destrucción son comunes", dice Lilia.

Los 5 mitos que dañan los matrimonios de cristianos conversos o "novatos"

1. "Ahora que estoy en la Iglesia, nada malo me puede pasar"

Según la opinión de Lilia, "muchas personas con el cerebro desconectado y ojos llenos de ilusión se encaminan hacia el fracaso de su vida familiar". Pero el fracaso está presente mucho antes de haberse creado la familia. "En la mayoría de los casos es lamentablemente predecible porque la motivación de los novios está absolutamente desarraigada de la vida real. Por desgracia, al traspasar el umbral del templo, no nos convertimos en ángeles, y la receta de 'rezar, ayunar y ser humilde' no siempre funciona". De hecho, la periodista constata que "no somos capaces de llevar a cabo esos tres consejos".

La psicóloga Lidia coincide con ella y argumenta que "dos personalidades incompatibles no deberían apresurarse el uno a los brazos del otro, pero por una u otra razón lo están haciendo a pesar de enormes diferencias en sus intereses, en la organización de su vida cotidiana, dando la absoluta prioridad a la compatibilidad confesional".

Y pone como ejemplo a muchos cristianos ortodoxos que caen en esa "trampa que sería más comprensible con los protestantes. Esa extraña seguridad de que dos cristianos puedan crear una familia feliz simplemente debido al hecho de ser practicantes responde prácticamente a la misma fórmula. Pero, lamentablemente, la vida no es así".

2. "No sólo no me preocupo, sino que tampoco me ocupo: Dios lo arreglará todo"

"Después de leer libros muy profundos, los jóvenes y no tan jóvenes no dejan de repetir: 'Dios lo arreglará todo' y se precipitan hacia el altar sin preocuparse de cómo van a seguir viviendo. Ellos creen que no tendrán problemas, al menos no tantos como en las familias sin fe", dice Lilia.

Los esposos que hayan cargado sobre Dios la responsabilidad de todos sus errores y falta de razón, toman una actitud pasiva respecto a los problemas emergentes, los dejan estar y así lenta pero inexorablemente sacan las piedras del fundamento de su propia familia.

Y continúa diciendo que parte de la culpa es de la formación que reciben los futuros esposos. "Hay directores espirituales sin mucha experiencia que dan la bendición a la ligera a un matrimonio de futuro incierto con la promesa de que 'la gracia lo suplirá todo'. Si no hay esfuerzo por parte de la persona, ninguna gracia podrá suplir nada, porque no habrá nada que suplir. Los mismos esposos no ponen sus fuerzas para resolver sus problemas".

Siguiendo los comentarios de Lilia, la psicóloga opina que la falta de preparación puede acabar en ruptura: "Divorciarse es abandonar el juego mediante un suicidio. Es una capitulación sin reservas, que constata que uno no sabe amar, no es capaz de responder por sus propios actos, no toma parte en su propia vida, no está preparado para madurar y encarar sus problemas, arrepentirse, cambiar, actuar".

3. "Nos conocimos en algo de la iglesia, así que la Providencia querrá que nos casemos"

Es una tendencia que cuando una chica se integra en la parroquia las abuelas intentan emparejar a sus nietos. En este punto Lilia argumenta que no importa quien sea, sólo que vaya a la parroquia. "Da igual que el novio le lleve 20 años, o sea un infantil inmaduro, no pasa nada, ¡es que os habéis conocido en el templo! ¡Es un signo! Se casan sin conocerse el uno a la otra, sin experimentar ningún sentimiento mutuo".

Y advierte que este resultado genera fracaso porque "tendremos la cohabitación de dos personas ajenas que no se separan sólo porque sería un pecado".

PARISH INFORMATION

***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 5:30 PM 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

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

***Bulletin Deadline** is 10 am on Wednesday