

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 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: † Carlos Gracia, Sr.
MONDAY, January 23
6:00 P.M.: Forgotten Souls
TUESDAY, January 24
6:00 P.M.: † Oscar Henao
WEDNESDAY, January 25
6:00 P.M.: Special Intention, John Cole
THURSDAY, January 26
7:00 A.M.:
6:00 P.M.: Spanish: Spec. Int. Andreas
FRIDAY, January 27
7:00 A.M.:
SATURDAY, January 28
5:00 P.M.: † Bernardi Louviere, Sr.
SUNDAY, January 29
8:30 A.M.:
10:30 A.M.:
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.

January 22, 2017 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
(Matthew 4:17)

GOD KNOWS BEST

God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.

—Anonymous

WEEKLY OFFERING January 15, 2017

Parish Offertory: \$6,986.00
St. Patrick’s School Fund: \$ 880.00

Second Collection for January 29th Church in Latin America

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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.

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.

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

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

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

—Anonymous

Faith Formation Class Schedule

Class begins with Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Class ends at 7:45

Wednesday, January 25th; February 1st & 8th
Sunday, January 29th; February 5th & 12th

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 25: Reconciliation

February 1: Discernment

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 at 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) Sat.- Sun., February 18-19. Taking registrations now.

February: SHOCK will make valentines for the elderly and visit Willowbrook Nurshing Home once again.

If you can drive or help in any way please contact Rebecca, 936-715-5359

Grupo de Hombres Católicos:

Se les invita a todos los caballeros mayores de 21 años que están interesados a ser parte de un grupo de hombres católicos. Para mayor información comunicarse a la oficina con el Rev. John Henao.

Gracias a los caballeros que asistieron a la junta el viernes, 20 de enero con el Padre John.

Lectores y Ministros: Se les pide que por favor le informen al Sr. Serafín Arreola o al Sr. Sergio Monreal cuando encuentren su reemplazo para servir por usted si usted no podrá servir en su fecha asignada. La próxima junta será el 12 de febrero después de misa a la 1:30pm.

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 celebrarán 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 parejas que durante el 2017 estarán celebrando 5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50,y 55 o mas años de matrimonio invitados a participar. Puede levantar su forma de registración en la oficina de 9am-5pm, de lunes a viernes. Último día para registrarse es el 3 de febrero 2017.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27).

Segunda lectura — Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes

(1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

Evangelio — Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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:** 26 de Enero
Domingo: 29 de Enero

CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW ATHEISTS II

MICHAEL NOVAK

In recent debates several of the New Atheists have voiced their objections to belief in God and especially to Christian belief.

Question: Christians are required to have compulsory love and compulsory fear at the same time: to *love* and at the same time to be *frightened* by God. This is not the way to teach morals.

Answer: It seems to have worked remarkably well down through history. The Hebrew Bible says that "fear is the beginning of wisdom." This sort of fear is much closer to "reverence" and "respect" than to "frightened."

If a man avoided murder because he feared the wrath of God, I would count such restraint as a good act, although only at the lowest rung of the ladder. Much higher rungs would be represented by a higher motive: understanding the reasons for such avoidance, and/or out of love for the maker of the law (whether the Almighty, source of all good or the civil will of one's fellow citizens expressed in the law).

Since, alas, experience shows that there are many rough characters who heed no motives except fear, I would not count fear as a motive to be scorned. It is far from the highest motive. But if and when the higher motives fail, this one may stand sentinel.

Question: Christianity offers vicarious redemption. It applauds human sacrifice — one in particular — and then condemns you to punishment if you do not accept this cruel and revolting sacrifice, which happened before you were born, to fulfill a prophecy in which you had no say.

Answer: Every day, evolutionary biology demands the sacrifice of individuals (and sometimes whole species) for the sake of biological progress. Every war demands the ultimate sacrifice of human lives — often in the most cruel and revolting ways. All this would still be true, had Christianity never been born.

Yet if in a desire to express His love for mankind, the Creator wished to insert Himself into human history, and to give an example of the special meaning He gives to love — not *amor* or *eros*, exactly, but something fuller and richer, unique to Himself (*caritas*) — His advent into time and space would in fact be *after* the lives of some men and *before* the lives of others. That is what "becoming man" would mean, entering into finite space and time.

We often say of soldiers, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." The Creator as creator could have done much less than that. Instead He chose to share our human lot of pain, humiliation, and ignominy, dying as a criminal.

Question: The desire for forgiveness — to be white as snow — is an immoral one. Take responsibility!

Answer: It is not immoral to ask wife, children, or friends to forgive us when we have wronged them. It is the responsible thing to do. Of course, our atheist friends do not judge that they have offended the God Who loves them by doing one of the few things He asked us not to do. Many other people know when they have deliberately done what they should not do, and failed to do what they should do. Some, even before they knew of the God of Judaism and Christianity, have wished there were forgiveness, so that they could start over again.
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Question: A Virgin can conceive? The dead body can walk again? Nonsense!

Answer: On the face of it, these are startling at least. Do atheists, however, have a better idea of how our true God could become fully man than by way of a divine "Father" and an unlikely but carefully chosen Mother? Hundreds of millions have been touched by the beauty of God's inventiveness.

And how could any man lead others to suspect that He also was God unless He gave them evidence — raising the dead, healing the lame, giving sight to the blind — and maybe most divine of all, forgiving sins, wiping them away: "Go, and sin no more." Of course, the whole evidence of the way He lived and died must also be added up.

From the very beginning, many who saw and heard the Christ just walked away, unbelieving. The Creator lovingly preserved their liberty. His coming as a man did not overwhelm the minds and hearts of all those who encountered Him. Not then, not today. He shone His light before men, and many of them turned away. On one occasion when hundreds turned silently away from His words, He asked his disciples: "Will ye also go away?" Although He would have let them go, too, these few stood their ground. He did not desire the acquiescence of slaves, but the friendship of free men standing erect.

10 TEMAS DE LOS QUE DEBES HABLAR ANTES DE CASARTE (Primera Parte)

ANDRÉS D'ANGELO

Sino tu matrimonio podría ser nulo...

Cuando leí que el Papa Francisco dijo «una mayoría de matrimonios sacramentales son nulos» casi me caigo de espaldas al piso. ¡Yo tenía la misma hipótesis desde hace mucho tiempo! Trabajando en consejería familiar, cuando entrevistamos a matrimonios en crisis, y evaluamos cómo y por qué se casaron, descubrimos que muchas veces se tomaron al sacramento como una simple bendición, más como una costumbre social que una realidad sobrenatural. ¡Por eso muchas veces la Gracia Sacramental no actúa! ¡Es sencillamente porque no existe! Ante la enorme cantidad de matrimonios en crisis, tendríamos que preguntarnos si realmente están casados «como Dios Manda». Muchas veces, la respuesta a las crisis está allí, en la falta de comprensión cabal de los efectos del sacramento en los cónyuges y los hijos.

Otro de los problemas generalizados que provocan crisis matrimoniales es el desconocimiento que tienen uno del otro los cónyuges. Se conocen, se enamoran y se casan porque están enamorados. ¡Y cuándo se les pasa el enamoramiento, se quieren «descasar»! No se entienden, las mariposas en el estómago fueron brutalmente digeridas por la rutina y ahora no saben qué hacer con esa relación que no funciona de ningún modo.

Por eso, además de reforzar la catequesis matrimonial previa y posterior al matrimonio, los futuros esposo deberían tener entre sí un diálogo que de algún modo prevenga y minimice el riesgo de estas crisis. Y, ¿qué preguntas deberían hacerse los futuros esposos para que este diálogo rinda frutos? ¿Sobre qué temas deben hablar?

1. ¿Comprendemos realmente el don y el misterio que significa el sacramento del Matrimonio?

El matrimonio es un sacramento y los sacramentos son signos sensibles y eficaces de la Gracia. ¿Y cuál es la Gracia propia del sacramento? ¡El perfeccionamiento de los cónyuges! Eso no quiere decir que mi trabajo sea perfeccionar a mi cónyuge, sino que tengo la ayuda de la gracia para perfeccionarme yo mismo en relación con mi cónyuge. Todos quieren casarse con el señor o la señora perfecta, pero muy pocos están dispuestos a convertirse en el señor o la señora perfecta para beneficio de su cónyuge. ¡Y en eso es precisamente en lo que nos ayuda la Gracia!

2. ¿Estamos realmente comprometidos?

Revisar nuestra voluntad de casarnos “para las duras y las maduras”. El noviazgo es el tiempo privilegiado de preparación próxima al matrimonio. Y tenemos que prepararnos para ser fieles, amar y respetar en la salud y en la enfermedad; en la prosperidad y en la adversidad, es decir, ¡Siempre! (o al menos hasta que la muerte nos separe). Esta voluntad de compromiso, este “para siempre” lo tenemos que proponer como tema de conversación en cuanto tomemos la decisión de casarnos. Después, cuando vengan las dificultades, (que vendrán) nos afirmaremos en esta primera decisión: “esta dificultad tenemos que resolverla, porque decidimos casarnos para siempre”.

3. ¿Cómo está nuestra amistad?

Parece increíble, pero muy poca gente ve a su futuro esposo o esposa como “su mejor amigo”. De allí que muchos crean esa frase nefasta “del amor al odio hay un solo paso”. No debiera ser así. La amistad conyugal se basa en la amistad previa, y esta amistad tiene que ser enriquecida todos los días, cultivada mediante el diálogo, la atención, la amabilidad. Y una vez casados, ese cultivo de la amistad conyugal tiene que ser más intenso, especialmente los hombres tendemos a sentir que “ya está”, que “ya cumplimos”. Nos disfrazamos de pingüinos, hicimos el ridículo frente a familiares y amigos y ya con eso le demostramos a nuestra esposa que la amamos... ¡No querido machito! A tu esposa la tienes que conquistar de nuevo todos los días de tu vida!

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4. ¿Cuántos hijos querrías tener?

¡Un tema clave de conversación antes de meternos en la aventura más grande de nuestra vida! ¿Cuántos hijos querrías tener? ¿Cómo los educaremos? ¿Cómo los guiaremos a la santidad? ¿Y qué pasa si no podemos tenerlos?, ¿adoptamos?, ¿cuántos? Cada uno de estos temas es clave, y nos lleva también a la siguiente pregunta, porque, como todos saben, para hacer niños hay que “hacer algo” antes.

5. ¿Comprendemos lo que implica la sexualidad dentro del matrimonio?

Este es un tema que puede ser difícil antes del matrimonio, ¡pero hay que hablarlo! En primer lugar, tendremos que estudiar, comprender y saber explicarnos las enseñanzas de la Iglesia en materia de transmisión de la vida. Si pudiéramos adentrarnos en el estudio de las catequesis sobre la sexualidad de Juan Pablo II (Llamadas “Teología del Cuerpo”) ¡Fantástico! Pero si no podemos, al menos leer lo que dice el Catecismo de la Iglesia al respecto. El don de la castidad no es una prohibición de la sexualidad, sino un modo de orientarla y dirigirla para que ayude en la santificación de los cónyuges. ¡No sólo es importantes saber esperar al matrimonio, sino cómo y para qué!

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 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
- ***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