

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Sagrado Corazon Iglésia 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**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017**

SATURDAY, February 4

5:00 P.M.: † L. V. Gatlin

SUNDAY, February 5

8:30 A.M.: Special Intention, Kenneth Najvar
Family

10:30 A.M.: † Sarah Catherine Winder

12:15 P.M.: Spanish:

MONDAY, February 6

6:00 P.M.: † Lemila C. Artega

TUESDAY, February 7

6:00 P.M.: Strength & Healing Vanasa Cates

WEDNESDAY, February 8

6:00 P.M.: † Emmitt Wright

THURSDAY, February 9

7:00 A.M.: † Special Intention,
Charlie Muckleroy

6:00 P.M.: Spanish: † Francisco Rios

FRIDAY, February 10

7:00 A.M.: † John Getzinger

SATURDAY, February 11

5:00 P.M.: † Steve & Evelyn Sabo

SUNDAY, February 12

8:30 A.M.: † Teresa Bryan

10:30 A.M.: † Patrick Ebarb

12:15 P.M.: Spanish: † Guadalupe de Lira
Martinez

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:15 to 4:45 pm

Following Weekday Masses Or by Appointment

HOPE RETREAT: Join us as we strive to become men and women of hope, speak a language of hope, becomes more optimistic and bless the world that is desperately in need of hope. All retreats are scheduled on Saturdays from 9:30am–12:30pm. Most retreats will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month. All are welcome.

No registration is necessary.

Hope Retreat: February 11, 2017

Ladies Guild Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Margil center. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

Ladies Guild Valentines Bake Sale: February 11 & 12, 2017, after all masses. Asking all parishioners to donate your favorite sweet treats. Please bring them to the Margil Center before any of the masses.

**WEEKLY OFFERING
January 29, 2017**

Parish Offertory: \$ 5921.00
Church in Latin America: \$ 870.00

Second Collections for February

5th - Building & Renovation Fund
12th - Catholic Schools Sp. Collection
19th - School
26th - Black & Indian Missions

Middle-School Youth Retreat:

Feb 18-19 at The Pines Catholic Camp near Big Sandy (300 White Pine Rd, Big Sandy TX). The weekend will include a zip line, ropes course, sports, Mass, and adoration. Cost is \$110 per student and \$55 per adult. Only 60 student spots are available. For information, see the Youth Evangelization website.

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 celebration 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.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA 2017:

As you are taking down and putting away your Christmas items, please consider donating items you are considering getting rid of. They need to be clean, new or like new or maybe any gifts that don't work for you. Donations are to be dropped off at Margil Hall. All items are to be marked for the Christmas Sale. God bless you for your generosity.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

For patients and caregivers Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 in the Nacogdoches Medical Center Classroom 1:00pm–2:00pm. Guest speaker: Hannah Dunnahoe, RD, Nutrition & Cancer. Additional healthcare professionals will be available for resources and to answer questions.

Please RSVP to 800-545-6164.

ONLINE DONATIONS: We are excited to announce that Sacred Heart now accepts onetime 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

GREEN AND GOLD GALA: The students at Patrick's School would appreciate your support for our school. As you may know, our Green and Gold Gala is coming up Friday, February 24, and we are in need of silent auction items as well as sponsors and folks to attend. We are asking parishioners if they can donate an item for the auction to contact the school at 936-634-6719. If you would like to sponsor or attend, you may contact the school office or visit

<http://stpatricklufkin.com/gala> . We would love to have representatives of our your Parish at the Gala. It is a fun evening out and a great way to support Catholic Education in East Texas. We are proud to recognize the Parish of Sacred Heart in Nacogdoches for their Bronze Sponsorship. Thank you for all your continued support!

Faith Formation Class Schedule

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

Class ends at 7:45

Wednesday, February 8th

Sunday, 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

February 8: Discernment

February 15: Social Justice

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

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.

Caballeros de Cristo

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. Las juntas serán cada martes en el salón doble con el Padre John a las 7:00pm.

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 prebautismales 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, 14-15, solo el primer viernes de mes la reunión es en la Capilla pequeña.

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.

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

El Obispo Strickland celebrará 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 pajarías 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.

EXTRAVAGANZA DE NAVIDAD 2017:

Si usted tiene artículos de navidad que esta pensando en donar por favor tráigalos a salón Margil para la Extravaganza de Navidad 2017. Los artículos deben de estar limpios, nuevos o como nuevos.

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-sacredhearts-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: 2, 9, 16, 23 de febrero

Domingo: 5, 12, 19, 26 de febrero

Venta de Pasteles: La venta de pasteles será después de cada misa.

FEBRUARY 5 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NEW ATHEISTS IV MICHAEL NOVAK

The following objections were raised by Christopher Hitchens in a live debate with Dinesh D'Souza. Most of them were asides, which Dinesh wisely did not allow to distract him in pursuit of larger issues.

But I found them helpful in sorting out my own ideas. (Dinesh is the first debater I have ever heard get the better of Mr. Hitchens.)

Question: The burden of proof is heavier on believers who claim to know that God exists, who in fact know what God wants, and who are friends with the Guy.

Answer: Sorry, Christopher, the burden of discovering the truth about who we are falls equally on all human beings. No one escapes responsibility for deciding about that, and then living accordingly.

As for your second point, knowing what God wants is not too difficult, in a very general sense. The God of Judaism and Christianity asks us to love Him with full integrity: with all one's heart and mind and soul; and to love all humans, His children, with the same love. He also wants us to keep His Commandments.

Knowing what God wants in any particular instance, in this particular exchange or at this particular grave and insistent moment of decision, is by no means as easy. That is why most human beings pray — to compose themselves and to try to be as clear-eyed and self-critical as they can. In this way, they try to perceive and to interpret the subtle signals that are abundant in concrete reality itself. The first principle of morality, Pascal writes, is to think clearly. The second is to act according to what one sees.

As to your third point, the "Guy" has offered His friendship to every woman and man. The burden of deciding whether to accept it or not falls upon each of them. Equally.

Actually, though, the locution "Guy" misdirects the mind toward a human being writ large. "The Source of all existence" is not adequate, either, but it leads us rather deeper than "Guy."

Question: So you think that people believed that killing was ok, and only later came to Sinai and miraculously discovered that killing was not so kosher after all?

Answer: No, nearly all of the Ten Commandments can be, and have been, ferreted out through reason alone. But for good measure, God Himself "put the hay out where the horses can get it" in His engraved Ten Commandments. These ten succinctly summarized the teachings of the philosophers on two stone tablets.

In other words, with Thomas Aquinas and Moses Maimonides, Christians and many Jews reason that the Ten Commandments sum up a considerable proportion of what have been called the laws of human nature, or natural law. That is, the law that can be known through reason alone. And was, in fact, learned through reason alone by many of the ancient pagan philosophers.

Yet it was altogether reasonable and pedagogically sound for the Lord to present these laws of human nature (the laws which best nurture human flourishing) in short mnemonic tables. It was, as the medievals said, not strictly necessary, but fitting (conveniens).

Question: Shia Islam is essentially a parody of Catholic faith.

Answer: So was socialism, so was communism, so is today's environmentalism (complete with an Apocalypse), and so also virtually every other religion that has come after the universal (Catholic) Church, which is not bounded neither by race nor tribe nor region nor nation. Some of these parodies are, of course, abominable.

Still, even these poor and sometimes ugly parodies are a tribute paid to a very successful, long-lasting, continually developing and evolving way of living, which hits each important note buried in human nature itself. But in a unique and not quite imitable way.

Question: All religions secretly want the eschatological end of days. They want this poor and contemptible world to be over. They are waiting for the promise of Heaven.

Answer: But Judaism and Christianity see this good world as coming from the hands and heart of an infinitely good God, and intended for His glory, as a radiance of His own beauty. One finds this in great music, in lyric and playful and grave poetry, in magnificent drama (tragic as well as comedic), and in the nebulae of the universe itself, "the music of the spheres." Oh, and I hope Christopher has noticed that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, lived in by God, and radiant with His beauty (even in our weakness).

George Carlin's notion that Christianity teaches people "to hate their own bodies" is bizarre. Christianity is the only religion that teaches that our bodies are so beloved by God that they will be raised "on the last day." Teaches, in fact, that soul and body are not two things, but mutually interfused: an inspirited body, an embodied soul. If one thinks of "spirit" as inquiry, wit, the drive to excel, the will to endure and to survive, invigoration, spiritedness — all of which are "embodied" in particular human beings — there is no need to think of "ghosts in a machine."

10 TEMAS DE LOS QUE DEBES HABLAR ANTES DE CASARTE (Segunda 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?

6. ¿Cómo protegeremos a nuestro matrimonio de la infidelidad, la pornografía, etc.?

La castidad conyugal la tenemos que descubrir y cultivar antes del matrimonio. Y hablar de estos temas nos va a ayudar a prevenir y hasta a “blindar” a nuestro futuro matrimonio de estas verdaderas maldiciones modernas, tan frecuentes. Hay que saber que vivimos en una época hipersexualizada, que banaliza al matrimonio y lo ataca con una catarata de pornografía que es prácticamente imposible esquivar. La frecuencia en los Sacramentos y la conversación abierta y confiada en la pareja nos van a ayudar a sortear estos peligros con menos riesgos.

7. ¿Qué hacer con la familia política?

La frase que se repite en la Biblia al menos tres veces (en el Génesis, luego la dice Cristo y la repite Pablo en Efesios) es: “Por eso deja el hombre a su padre y a su madre”. La debida distancia, con el debido respeto de la familia política es la que va a ayudar a cimentar la paz conyugal. Tampoco quiere decir abandonar a los padres. “Ni tan calvo que se le vea el seso ni con tres pelucas”. En el medio está la virtud. Pero antes de casarnos tenemos que tener en claro que la familia política termina tendiendo a ser más política que familia, y si se meten en la intimidad de la pareja, ¡Es para desastre!

8. Y, ¿el tema de las finanzas?

Este tema también es importante hablarlo antes. Se acabaron los fondos “míos” o “tuyos” Ahora sólo existen los “nuestros”. ¡Hay que llegar a un acuerdo antes de que se generen los conflictos! Y ese antes es incluso antes de casarnos. Si estamos por encarar un proyecto en común y en lugar de ahorrar para comprar una casa, o para alquilar aunque sea para una habitación yo me gasto el dinero en salir de juerga con mis amigos, lo más probable es que después de casado ese comportamiento continúe. Los fondos de la familia son de la familia, no de cada uno de los cónyuges. Especialmente en el caso de que sea uno sólo de los cónyuges el que trabaje.

9. ¿Cómo será cuando discutamos?

¡Es importante discutir antes de casarnos! No estoy diciendo que haya que “buscar pelea” para ver cómo reacciona el otro. Pero es importante haber tenido al menos una “buena bronca” antes de casarnos. Si nos casamos sin haber discutido, al menos una vez, no vamos a saber si la otra persona es rencorosa, si sabe perdonar, si es violento, etc. Es importante saber que en el matrimonio los desacuerdos van a surgir casi indefectiblemente, y que para poder llegar a un acuerdo vamos a tener que saber ceder en nuestras posiciones y fundamentalmente escuchar y comprender al otro y su circunstancia.

10. ¿Y nuestra vida de oración?

Último, pero ¡Lo más importante!: “Familia que reza unida permanece unida”. El diálogo que establecemos con Dios tiene que ser central en nuestro noviazgo. Y tenemos que acostumbrarnos desde temprano a hacerlo juntos. ¡Toda la fuerza de nuestra unión provendrá de la oración cotidiana compartida! Cuanto más cerca estemos de Dios, más cerca estaremos el uno del otro. Y en la medida que conservemos la oración, la asistencia juntos a Misa, la participación plena en la vida de la Iglesia, nuestra casa se convertirá en esa “Iglesia Doméstica” donde nuestros hijos podrán desarrollar una fe fuerte y segura. ¡Y también nuestra relación crecerá fuerte y segura!

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 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

Sacred Heart Multicultural Festival: May 6-7, 2017