



# 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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Fr. Ruggles: 106

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Dcn. Gary: 104

## 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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017

### Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, May 13

5:00 P.M.: † E.A. & Rebecca Goff

SUNDAY, May 14

8:30 A.M.: Pro Populo for the People

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

12:15 P.M.: Spanish: † Leonarda Juarez

MONDAY, May 15

6:00 P.M.: Ladies Guild Members-  
Birthday

TUESDAY, May 16

6:00 P.M.: Spec. Int. Sarah Slaten

WEDNESDAY, May 17

6:00 P.M.: Int. of The Most Rev. Bishop  
Joseph E. Strickland

THURSDAY, May 18

7:00 A.M.: Spec. Int. Michael Slaten

6:00 P.M.: Spanish:

FRIDAY, May 19

7:00 A.M.: † Bert R. Arayata

SATURDAY, May 20

5:00 P.M.: Intention of Gus M. Ayres, III

SUNDAY, May 21

8:30 A.M.: Spec. Int. David Russell

10:30 A.M.: † Sara Davis

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

### Weekly Offering Week of April 30, 2017

Parish Offertory: \$ 6647.00  
Building & Renovation Fund : \$ 1181.00

#### Second Collections for May

14th– St. Patrick's School

21st–Tornado Victims

28th– Catholic Communication Campaign

#### Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Goal: \$75,000

Pledged: \$ 80,602

Received: \$ 43,751

107% of Goal with 213 Participants (32%)

### Please Pray for those who are ill :

Shirley Seacord

Judd McNett

Arnold Gilbert

Charlotte Turner

Ronnie Barra

Delores Jones

### Tornado Victims

A special collection will be taken up for the tornado victims of Canton and Emory, Texas on May 20th & 21st, and will be given to Catholic Charities to distribute.

Helping those in need. Make a difference for tomorrow by making a donation today.

### Mother's Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

If you would like to remember your mother, grandmother, or other significant mother figure in your life, there are envelopes in the back of the Church to write their names to be remembered.

These envelopes will remain on the altar beginning May 13<sup>th</sup> until May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Gary Giese

Deacon Gary Giese has decided to retire effective May 24, 2017. As a parish we are grateful for the twenty years of service Deacon Gary has given to Sacred Heart and especially Religious Education of our children over these many years. We will honor Deacon Gary at the 10:30 Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup> followed by a luncheon reception in the Margil Center. Please join your fellow parishioners in thanking Deacon Gary for his wonderful years of service.

### Totus Tuus

**Save the Dates for Totus Tuus!**  
Sunday, June 11th– Friday, June 16th

## 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! For questions please contact Rebecca at 715-5359 or rebecca-higgins@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. 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 17th**

**Sunday, May 21st**

**Final Class**

*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 17th- Family Life

### Careers in Action

Careers in Action 2017, will be held at the University Mall, on Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 10am- 2pm. For more information contact: (936) 560-1441. Explore college and career opportunities in an interactive setting for students, parents, and the community.

## Multicultural Festival- Thank You

Wow!! What a wonderful weekend did all have as much fun as I? So if I may I would like to start by expressing how much I appreciate the hard work, dedication, donations, time and effort given by all for the success of 2017 Festival 29. I cannot ever thank you enough for the support and confidence bestowed upon me. Thanks to Tipton Ford and Neal Slaten for the big Raffle prize. S.H.O.C.K. came through for us and saved us in several areas thanks so much. The missionaries from St Mary's for their help. All the crews that worked behind the scenes, set-up, take-down, all the chairpersons that manned the raffle and booths, the entertainment committee that provided music and dancers, order and supplier, money collectors, the outside vendors, county deputies, housekeepers and all the parishioners present and non who braved the beautiful weather. Thanks to everyone I may have missed for your part was important as well.

More importantly I want Fr Ruggles and Fr John to know the appreciation for allowing me to chair the Multicultural Festival; I know I was probably a little overwhelming at times.

Perhaps God's intention's for this oldster to recupe and 'Nunc Coepi', but I think he is saying it is time for me to relinquish chairman to the next person up. So whoever that may be I wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy being chairman as much as I have.

Thanks for all you have done. May God bless each of you as you continue.

Sincerely,

Joy Fuller, Festival Chairperson

### Silent Auction

A heartfelt thank you to all who make the SILENT AUCTION possible and a success; the ladies that helped set up, the generous people who donated and purchased, the guys who picked up items from parishioners, Sacred Heart personnel and those who said prayers for the festival's success.

God Bless

Camille, Gloria and Jackie

### Ricardo Cuarenta

Ricardo Cuarenta has been with Sacred Heart Church as a part time employee for two years.

We would like to announce and welcome Ricardo, as he has accepted to become the new full time custodian for Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

## Feliz Día de la Madres!!

Feliz Día de las Madres!! Un oportunidad para agradecerles por todo su amor y el apoyo que nos han brindado.

Para recordar a nuestras madres en este día, tendremos sobres en el área de atrás de la iglesia para escribir su nombre y de esta manera sean recordadas en este día tan especial para ellas. Los sobres serán colocados en el altar a partir del 13 de mayo al 31 de mayo.

## Formación de Fe

Un agradecimiento a todos los catequistas y padres que ayudaron y apoyaron con las clases de catequesis este año. Pronto se anunciara las clases para el próximo año.

## Ricardo Cuarenta

Ricardo Cuarenta ha estado con la iglesia Sagrado Corazón por los últimos dos años trabajando de medio tiempo. Queremos anunciar que Ricardo ha aceptado el trabajo de tiempo completo de custodio para la iglesia de Sagrado

## 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 Católica 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. Es necesario registrarse en la oficina. Para mayor información comunicarse al 936-564-7807.

## 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 a cabo en Tyler. Es un buen tiempo para que los jóvenes se desarrollen en la fe y en la vida de oración mientras hacen 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.

## Festival del Multicultural

Se les agradece a todos los que ayudaron en poner, quitar, limpiar, y trabajar con el festival esta pasada semana. Fue todo un éxito.

## Caballeros de Cristo

Se les invita a todos los caballeros mayores de 21 años que estén interesados 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 a las 7:00 pm en el salón doble con el Padre John a las 7:00 pm.

## ***Mother Teresas Long Dark Night***

DAVID SCOTT

For more than fifty years following her initial visions and locutions, Mother Teresa was wrapped in a dark, pitiless silence. She only once more heard the voice of God, and she believed the doors of heaven had been closed and bolted against her. The more she longed for some sign of his presence, the more empty and desolate she became. We always saw her smiling. She had a playful smile, mischievous, as if privy to some secret joke. Especially when she was around children, she beamed with delight. In private, she had a quick, self-deprecating sense of humor, and sometimes doubled over from laughing so hard. So many people who spent time with her came away saying that she was the most joyful person they had ever met. Now we know that in secret her life was a living hell. As she confided to her spiritual director in 1957:

*In the darkness . . . Lord, my God, who am I that you should forsake me? The child of your love — and now become as the most hated one. The one — you have thrown away as unwanted — unloved. I call, I cling, I want, and there is no one to answer . . . Where I try to raise my thoughts to heaven, there is such convicting emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives and hurt my very soul. Love — the word — it brings nothing. I am told God lives in me — and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul.*

Mother Teresa lived in a spiritual desert, panicked that God had rejected her, or worse, that he was there in the dark hiding from her. As if by some strange formula, the greater her success and public adulation, the more abandoned, humiliated, and desperate she felt. There was a brief period, one month in 1958, when she was able to pierce the darkness. Her light came during a requiem Mass celebrated the day after the death of Pope Pius XII, the pope who had granted her permission to leave Loreto and go among the poor. "There and then disappeared that long darkness, that pain of loss, of loneliness, of that strange suffering of ten years," she wrote. "Today my soul is filled with love, with joy untold, with an unbroken union of love." Four weeks later, the darkness had descended: "He is gone again, leaving me alone." She lived in this darkness until the end of her life. Other saints have told of their spiritual torments and feelings of abandonment by God. In the sixteenth century, St. John of the Cross described the experience as "the dark night of the soul." But we would be hard-pressed to find another saint who suffered a darkness so thick or a night so long as Mother Teresa suffered. John of the Cross and others wrote poems and spiritual canticles to describe their sufferings in God's absence and their frustrated longings for the embrace of his love. Mother Teresa never did. In fact, only her spiritual directors knew of her anguish. A few of her letters to them have been made public. And using lines drawn from these letters, we can piece together the stanzas of a sort of spiritual canticle depicting Mother Teresa's dark night of the soul:

*I did not know that love could make one suffer so much . . . of pain human but caused by the divine. The more I want him, the less I am wanted. I want to love him as he has not been loved, and yet there is that separation, that terrible emptiness, that feeling of absence of God. They say people in hell suffer eternal pain because of the loss of God . . . In my soul I feel just this terrible pain of loss, of God not wanting me, of God not being God, of God not really existing. That terrible longing keeps growing, and I feel as if something will break in me one day. Heaven from every side is closed. I feel like refusing God. Pray for me that I may not turn a Judas to Jesus in this painful darkness.*

Never before perhaps in the history of the saints have we been given such an honest and plainspoken account of the dark night of a soul. In Mother Teresa's dark night, we can hear all the anguish of her century — the desolation of the poor, the cries of the unwanted children, of the atheist, of all those who can't murmur a prayer or feel to love anymore. It was as if in some way she was bearing their sufferings. And in this she seemed in some way to be sharing too in the sufferings of Christ. "In you, today, he wants to relive his complete submission to his Father," she wrote in 1974 to a priest suffering his own spiritual blackness. "It does not matter what you feel, but what he feels in you . . . You and I must let him live in us and through us in the world." We now see these words as beautifully autobiographical, reflecting her awareness that in her emptiness and poverty she was being mystically grafted onto the life of Christ — being emptied as he was in assuming our humanity and being crucified as he was in offering himself for our sins. After her death, it was disclosed that in her early missionary days, long before hearing her call to the poor, Mother Teresa had quietly made a private vow of spiritual espousal — to be all for Jesus and to refuse him nothing. From her letters, we can see that she understood her darkness as an ordeal, a divine trial. In the dark night, her vow of self-offering was being put to the test. Would she really refuse him nothing, drink the cup her Lord drank, lay down her life as he had laid down his life, offer herself as he did, completely and without reserve?

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In her dark night, Jesus was claiming Mother Teresa for his own, pledging himself to his spiritual bride, pruning away her self-love and pride, purifying her in heart, mind, and intention, stripping away all that would keep her from total union with him. And again using lines from her private letters, we can compose the final stanzas of Mother Teresa's spiritual canticle, her response to her Lord and her dark night. These lines form a final prayer of self-oblation, an act of faith in which she makes herself a total gift — to share in Jesus' Passion and in his burning thirst for souls:

*For my meditation, I am using the Passion of Jesus.*

*I am afraid I make no meditation, but only look at Jesus suffer and keep repeating, Let me share with you this pain! If my pain and suffering, my darkness and separation, give you a drop of consolation, my own Jesus, do with me as you wish. I am your own. Imprint on my soul and life the suffering of your heart. If my separation from you brings others to you . . . I am willing with all my heart to suffer all that I suffer.*

*Your happiness is all that I want . . . I have begun to love my darkness, for I believe now that it is a part, a very small part, of Jesus' darkness and pain on the earth. I want to satiate your thirst with every single drop of blood that you can find in me. Please do not take the trouble to return soon. I am ready to wait for you for all eternity.*

Jesus came for her on September 5, 1997. She had been an apostle of joy and light in the dark final hours of the second Christian millennium. She died almost one hundred years to the day after her patron Thérèse, the Little Flower of Lisieux. And their lives form spiritual brackets around the twentieth century. Thérèse, too, experienced a "night of nothingness" — on her deathbed, she heard demonic voices telling her that heaven was just a figment of her imagination.

Following Thérèse into this night of nothingness, Mother Teresa too sought the Holy Face of the Crucified in the crushed and the dying, walked the path of spiritual childhood in the small, ordinary realities of her days, and lived her life one little act of love at a time. On the day Mother Teresa died, her sisters laid her in state beneath Our Lady of Fatima, a statue of the Blessed Mother depicted as she appeared to the children at Fatima. It was fitting in a way that no one could have known at the time. Few knew that she had been guided all these years by apparitions and a voice heard one summer long ago. And few knew that she was of the world to Mary's love for her children, to show us the blessed fruit of Mary's womb, Jesus. We can now see that Mother Teresa was among the first fruits of the pope's consecration of the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. The child called Gonxha "flower bud" — became the first bud of new Christian life, flowering from the century's bloody soil of wars, famines, and persecutions.

Mother Teresa had followed the call of the gospel and done all that had been asked of her by Jesus and Mary in those 1946 visions. They were visions for which her whole life had prepared her — and visions that she lived out for all generations to come. Kept secret during her lifetime, these things have been disclosed to us now in the early days of the new millennium so that we might understand more fully the meaning of Mother Teresa and the revolution of love that God was working in our midst. She was our mother, coming to us in the dark night of our times to give us comfort and prove to us that we had not been orphaned by God. She taught us to call on our Father in all our desolations and diminishment, to cry out as she did — as children of his love, born of his desire, never out of his care, destined to love and be loved. These were the lessons she was teaching every day in Nirmal Hriday.

For the despised and unwanted, for those who had defiled themselves in sin and bad living, she wanted to prove the love of God, "to make the mercy of God very real and to induce the dying person to turn to God with filial confidence. "Helping others to die, she was teaching us how to live — with the confidence of children finding their way back to the loving arms of their Father. She was an apostle sent to us in our time of dying, to a culture in which death had become the last refuge of the living. Hers was a ministry of final moments and last chances. She believed in deathbed conversions, that we were never too old to learn the lessons of spiritual childhood, that on this side of death it was never too late for any of us — or for the world.

"I am convinced," she said, "that even one moment is enough to ransom an entire miserable existence, an existence perhaps believed to be useless. "She once said, "All of us are but his instruments, who do our little bit and pass by." The little bit she did, she did with grace. But what she accomplished in her life was only partial. The accomplishments of the saints always are. They await their fulfillment in the lives of those who follow, in your life and in mine. She turned our heads as she passed by, made us want to come and see what she saw, to follow where she was going.

## 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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