



# 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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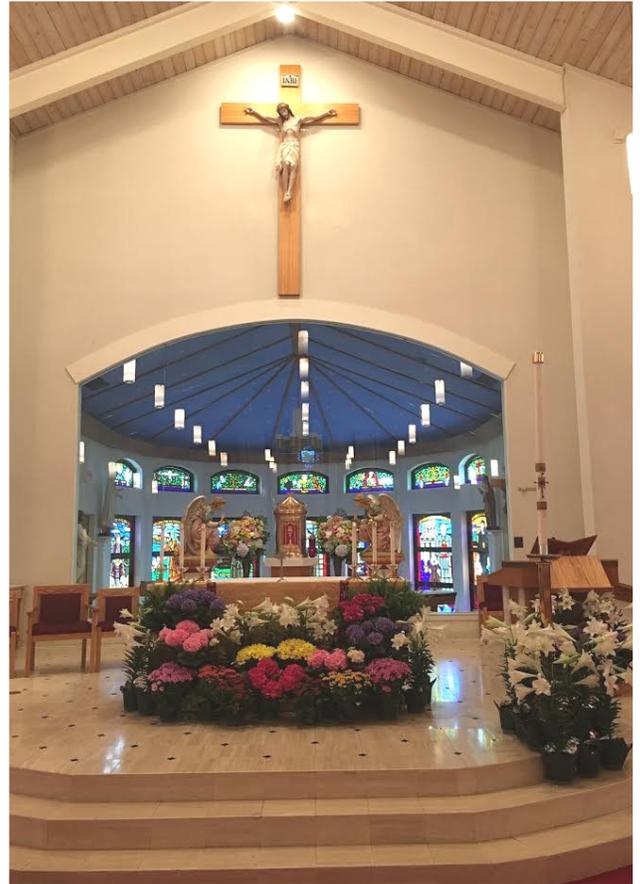
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## St. Patrick's School

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## Mass Schedule

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

Sunday 12:30 PM– Spanish- (Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:00 AM (Chapel)

Wednesday, (English) 6:00 PM (Church)

Thursday, (Spanish) 6:00 PM (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

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, July 16, 2017*

*Mass Schedule & Intentions  
for the Week*

FRIDAY, July 14  
7:00 A.M.: † Deceased Members of  
Russell Family

SATURDAY, July 15  
5:00 P.M.: † Lena Landreth

SUNDAY, July 16  
8:30 A.M. : † Fermin & Urbana Guy  
Yoche  
10:30 A.M.: Pro Populo for the People  
12:15 P.M.: Spanish:

MONDAY, July 17  
6:00 P.M.: Spec. Int. Catherine Paro  
Birthday

TUESDAY, July 18  
6:00 P.M.: Int. of William Belanger

WEDNESDAY, July 19  
6:00 P.M.: Spec. Int. Robin Craft–  
Birthday

THURSDAY, July 20  
7:00 A.M.: Int. of Brennan Gabriel Roan  
  
6:00 P.M.:

FRIDAY, July 21  
7:00 A.M.: † Int. Of Msg. James E.  
Young

*Weekly Offering  
Week of July 9, 2017*

Parish Offertory: \$ 6694.00

**Second Collections for July**  
16th– Church In Africa  
30th– St. Patrick's School

*Please Pray for those who are ill :*

Judd McNett  
Charlotte Turner  
Delores Jones  
Mary Devine  
Bill Lujan  
Claudia Woodruff

*September 16th- Fiesta of the Americas*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be hosting an Independence of the Americas Fundraiser to benefit the Building and Renovation Fund. It will be held the weekend of September 16th & 17th.



We are excited to announce that we have 9 candidates running for Independence Queen of the Americas: Andrea Castro, Vanessa Cruz, Dora Garcia, Kailey Higgins, Elanie Ironsmith, Areli Perez, Karen Perez, Litzi Reyes, Sharmaine Sison,

Queen will win \$500, Princess will win \$300, and Duchess will win \$200.

**Saturday, September 16-**We will initiate the festivities with a dance with DJ Savedra, in the gym, 7:00 PM- 12:00 AM. The Queen, Princess and Duchess of the Americas will be announced that evening.

**Sunday, September 17th-** 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM, we will have a mini-fiesta festival with food, music, entertainment and much more. Winners of the raffle will be announced at 4:00 pm. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

Your generous donation will help rebuild our church, while it preserves an important asset to our community. We need the support of our members to help us reach our renovation goals. Since we do understand that not everyone will be able to help us with cash donations, we hope you will consider in joining us for the festivities! Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or for more information call the office at 936-564-7807.

**Everyone is welcome!**

### Daily Mass Schedule Change

After consultation with the Parish Council and St. Mary's Campus Ministry, effective July 31, 2017 our daily Mass Schedule will be the following: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 7am in the Chapel. Friday at 7am in Mother Church (including First Friday of the month). Wednesday (English) and Thursday (Spanish) at 6pm in the Church.

### A Catholic Education

We have financial aid opportunity for Sacred Heart children to obtain a Catholic Education at St. Patrick's School in Lufkin. Financial Aid Application form is available at the office for the 2017-2018 academic year. This offer is made through the generosity of the Virginia Cravens Catholic Education Fund of the East Texas Catholic Foundation.

### Cal-Tex Lumber Company

Cal-Tex Lumber Company is an equal opportunity employer accepting applications to qualified minorities, women, qualified persons with disabilities, and /or veterans.

Entry level positions and all other openings are posted with the Texas Workforce Solutions.

If you are interested in beginning a career with Cal-Tex Lumber Company, please feel free to contact Jeff D. Rab at 936-564-6426 or the Nacogdoches Texas Workforce Solutions at 936-560-1441 for more information.

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

#### Summer Schedule

This summer we have several events taking place. Be watching for flock-note messages that will keep you up to date on all activities. Hope that you all can join in some fun this summer! Invite a friend to come along. If you have any questions about our summer activities please call Rebecca Higgins at 963-715-5359

**August 4** - 4:00-7:00pm meet at Splash Kingdom waterpark and enjoy the slides. \$10 for admission at the box office. Food and drinks will be additional at your own expense.

Try to let Rebecca Higgins know if you are coming by August 1 so she can plan appropriately but if you can come last minute please do. Once inside the park plan to meet at the chairs to the right of the treehouse area and just in front of the frozen dot booth.

### Our Lady of Fatima

#### Wednesday, July 26

5:00 pm Confession/ Holy Rosary

6:00 pm Welcoming Procession

Imposition of the Scapular, Rosary, Re-coronation of Our Lady St. John Paul II Consecration Prayer

6:30 pm Holy Mass: Rev. Christopher Rugles

Talk: Importance of Consecration and the Brown Scapular

Family Consecration to the Two Hearts Investiture of the Brown Scapular Flower Offering

7:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart

9:00 pm Candlelight Procession

All-night Adoration

#### Thursday, July 27

7:00 am- Benediction

Holy Mass

Talk: Importance of Consecration and the Brown Scapular

Family Consecration to Two Hearts Investiture of the Brown Scapular

8:00am Veneration of Our Lady

Farewell

16 de septiembre

## La fiesta de Independencia de las Américas del 16 de septiembre de Sagrado Corazón,

Estamos muy orgullosos de anunciar que serán 9 candidatas para el Reinado de las Américas:

Andrea Castro

Vanessa Cruz

Dora Garcia

Kailey Higgins

Elanie Ironsmith

Areli Perez, Karen Perez, Litzl Reyes

Sharmaine Sison



**El Sábado, 16 de septiembre** comenzará con el baile con el DJ Saavedra en el gimnasio de 7:00 PM– 12:00 AM. Se anunciará la ganadora en el baile de la Reina de la Independencia

**Premios:** Reina- \$500, Princesa- \$300 y Duquesa- \$200

**El Domingo, 17 de septiembre** de 10:30 AM a 5:00 de la tarde tendremos un mini-festival para seguir con las festividades de la Independencia de las Américas con comida, música, y entretenimiento.

La rifa será a las 4:00 de la tarde.

**Los tiquetes** ya están de venta a:

\$5 cada uno, 3- \$10, 8- \$20, 20- \$40, o 60- \$100

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Schedule del Verano:

Durante el verano vamos a estar anunciando lo que SHOCK va a estar haciendo por Flock notes o por el boletín.

**4 de agosto** Splash Kindom– no reunimos en el parque de agua de 4–7 pm. El costo es \$10 por persona. Usted es responsable por su comida y bebidas en el parque. Por favor comuníquese con Rebecca para el 1 de agosto, para informarle su asistencia para que se prepare apropiadamente. Ya adentro del parque nos reunimos donde están las sillas junto al árbol por la ventana de helados.

Iglesia- Cambio de horario

Después de consultar con el consulado de la parroquia y St. Mary, efectivo el 31 de julio, 2017, nuestro horario de misas será lo siguiente: Lunes, Martes, Jueves a las 7am in la capia. Los viernes a las 7am en la iglesia Madre (incluyendo los primeros viernes del mes). Miércoles (ingles) y jueves (español) a las 6pm in la iglesia.

Cal- Tex Lumber Company

La compañía Cal-Tex Lumber Company esta aceptando aplicaciones de empleo. Si está interesado por favor comuníquese con Jeff D. Rab al 936-564-6426 o con *Nacogdoches Texas Workforce Solutions* al 936-560-1441.

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.

Educación Católica

Se ha presentado la oportunidad para ayuda financiera para los jóvenes de Sagrado Corazón para obtener una educación católica en la escuela de San Patricio en Lufkin. El formulario de solicitud de ayuda financiera está disponible en la oficina para el año escolar 2017-2018. Esta oferta se hace a través de la generosidad del Fondo de Educación Católica *Virginia Cravens de la East Texas Catholic Foundation.*

## The Decline of Laughter

ROGER SCRUTON

Laughter is not only a joy and a balm, it is the principal way we have of accepting the failings of our fellows.

Reason shows itself in all our attempts to understand the world and in all our ways of relating to each other. It is displayed in our choices, and also in our involuntary reactions. Only a rational being can weep or blush, even though weeping and blushing lie outside the reach of the will. And only a rational being can laugh. Hyenas make a noise like laughter, but it is not a sign of amusement, nor does it have the social function that laughter has — which is to make light of our differences and to rejoice in what we share. Laughter is not only a joy and a balm, it is the principal way we have of accepting the failings of our fellows. And laughter, though confined to rational beings, must be spontaneous if it is to be real. Willed laughter is a kind of sneer; spontaneous laughter is an acceptance of the thing that provokes it, even when, by laughing at something, you cut it down to size.

A society that does not laugh is one without an important safety valve, and a society in which people interpret crude humor not as the first step toward friendly relations, but as a mortal offense, is one in which ordinary life has become fraught with danger. Human beings who live in communities of strangers are greatly in need of laughter, if their differences are not to lead to civil war. This was one of the functions of the ethnic joke. When Poles, Irish, Jews, and Italians competed for territory in the New World to which they had escaped, they provisioned themselves with a store of ethnic jokes with which to laugh off their manifest differences.

Ethnic humor has been studied in depth by the British sociologist Christie Davies, and his findings — in *The Mirth of Nations* — are a salutary reminder of the ease with which spontaneous social solutions can be confiscated by the po-faced censors who seek to govern us. The jokes and teases that Christie assembles are gestures of conciliation, in which difference is made harmless and set laughingly aside. Yet everywhere in the modern world a kind of puritanical vigilance is extinguishing the ethnic joke, condemning it as an offense against our common humanity. What was traditionally regarded as a way to prevent social conflict is now seen as a major cause of it: The ethnic joke is accused of "stereotyping," and so tainted with the indelible stain of racism.

Even more sinful than the ethnic joke in the eyes of our moral guardians is the old comedy of the sexes. Despite all the ingenious labor of the feminists, ordinary people notice the very real differences between the sexes, and the very great need to accommodate those differences and to defuse the conflicts to which they might give rise. Humor has been the traditional recourse of humanity in this predicament, as men jokingly defer to their "better half," and women submit to the edicts of "his nibs." But who now would risk making a joke about sexual relations or the female temperament in a faculty lounge? You might think that the censorship goes only one way: After all, savage denunciations of men, and whole disciplines of pseudo-scholarship devoted to repeating them, are familiar features of academic life in America. But try making a joke of the masculine defects, and you will be in just the same trouble as if you had made a joke about the weaknesses of women. For the feminist the failings of men are no laughing matter. Not surprisingly, therefore, the literature of feminism is devoid of humor — and advisedly so, for if it ever were to employ this resource it would die laughing at itself.

Here too the censors are hard at work, depriving humanity of its natural way of defusing conflict, and forcing upon us all a kind of tiptoeing and apprehensive deference that is in fact far closer to hostility than any robust guffaw.

There are many joke-free zones in our religious literature. The Old Testament is full of them — think of that appalling Book of Joshua — and the Koran is as rigidly humorless as any document that has survived the efforts of humanity to laugh it off. But this points to another area in which humor has become dangerous. Christians, Jews, atheists, and Muslims, living side by side in acute consciousness of the divisions between them, are greatly in need of the religious joke. The Jews, through their experience of the Diaspora, living as strangers and sojourners among communities that at any moment might turn against them, have long been aware of this. As a result the rabbinical traditions are full of self-deprecating jokes, which underline the absurd position of God's chosen people, living on the margins of a world that does not know that that is who they are. Jewish humor is one of the greatest survival mechanisms ever invented — which has aided not only its own survival but the survival of Jewish identity, through an unparalleled history of attempts to rub it out. It seems to me that we stand in need of a repertoire of religious jokes and a bold habit of expressing them. However, many Muslims have an exaggerated capacity to feel slighted, and there is scarcely a humorous remark to be made about Islam that will not instantly be read as an expression of hostility. Here too the censors are hard at work, depriving humanity of its natural way of defusing conflict, and forcing upon us all a kind of tiptoeing and apprehensive deference that is in fact far closer to hostility than any robust guffaw. Of course, religion is a sensitive topic, and the traditional British response, that it should therefore never be mentioned in polite society, is understandable. But in a world of increasingly belligerent affirmations of faith, the British solution is no longer available. Satire of the kind directed at *Tartuffe* by Molière is surely what our mullahs deserve.

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By satirizing them, we come to terms with them; we also distinguish their ludicrous self-righteousness from the gentle path of accommodation that ordinary Muslims want and need.

An outside observer cannot fail to be struck by the decline of that kind of humor in America. This universal human resource, which in the works of James Thurber, H.L. Mencken, Nathanael West, and other great exponents enabled America to weather previous social upheavals, and even to accommodate the new kind of American woman, is now marginalized or disapproved. A joke in bad taste can cost you your career, as Don Imus recently discovered — and any joke, however sophisticated, that touches on race, sex, or religion runs a serious risk of punishment. As a result, an eerie silence surrounds the great questions of modern American society — a silence punctuated by the hysterical outbursts of the humorless, whenever their factitious sensitivities are provoked.

That this is an unhealthy situation surely goes without saying. More depressing, however, is its effect on ordinary morality. In the past it has been axiomatic that faults are forgiven, if followed by a clear intention to mend. This axiom does not, it seems, apply in the world of American censorship. One remark judged to be "racist," "sexist," "stereotyping," or "homophobic," and you must leave the community of the saved forever. It is the end of your prospects in any career over which the censors exert their control — and that means any career in education or government. You can grovel as much as you wish, like Don Imus; you can perform the equivalent of King Henry II's bare-foot pilgrimage to Canterbury, and it will make no difference. One fault and you're out.

And it doesn't matter if it is not a fault: Your remark may have been misunderstood, your joke may have gone unintentionally wrong, you may have made a slip of the tongue — you may, like the hero of Philip Roth's great novel *The Human Stain*, have merely used in its traditional meaning a word that, in some novel usage, has been placed on the political index.

What is needed, it seems to me, is a seriously rude, arrogant, and well-educated class of journalists, who would lend each other support in ridiculing the pretensions of the censors.

Moreover, the ability of the self-appointed censors to discern ideological sins and heresies has been vastly enhanced by their daily exercises in resentment. Such accusers know how to discern racist, sexist, and homophobic thought-crimes in the most innocent-seeming small talk. And they know no forgiveness, since they are cut off, like all humorless people, from the process of self-knowledge. The desire to accuse, which brings with it a reputation for virtue without the cost of acquiring it, takes over from the normal flow of human forgiveness, creating a wooden personality familiar to all who have had to deal with the lobbies that now control public opinion in America.

What should be our response to this? It is easy to say that we should laugh at it. But losing your career is not a laughing matter; still less is it a laughing matter to be put on a list of targets by the Islamist offense-machine. What is needed, it seems to me, is a seriously rude, arrogant, and well-educated class of journalists, who would lend each other support in ridiculing the pretensions of the censors.

We had such a class of journalists until recently in England. Throughout the left-wing takeover of the universities in the 1970s, journalists like T.E. Utley, Peregrine Worsthorne, George Gale, and Colin Welch would treat their readers to witty, disrespectful, and outspoken dismissals of the new intellectual movements. As a result, those movements gained control only of the universities and not of public opinion. Some of that bold class of journalists were on the left, like Alan Watkins and Hugo Young; some were on the right, like Utley and Worsthorne. But in the fight against the censors they stood together, united in their contempt for the puritan disease. As a result, each could be as rude as he liked about the surrounding sea of stupidity and still raise an accepting laugh from his readers. Alas that most of those journalists are no longer with us, and reading about the Don Imus affair in the American press, I wonder whether they ever had their equivalent over here.

## 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.
- \***Cora zones Amorosos** - Si tienen miembros de la familia en el hospital o en casa, y no pueden venire 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 enfer mos 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@suddenlink.net](mailto:annederfus@suddenlink.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
- \* Alliance of the Two Hearts: Cynthia Vanzzini- 936-560-6804; Alianza de los Dos Corazones: Raquel Zamora

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