

July 5, 2026

Pastor Message



Without God, the Heart Becomes Dry

Have you ever seen a field during a long drought? The ground becomes hard and cracked. The grass turns brown. The trees begin to lose their leaves. Crops stop growing because they are no longer receiving water. The problem is not the seed or the soil. The problem is that there is no source of life. Our hearts are very much like that. When we remain close to God, our hearts are filled with peace, hope, love, and joy. But when we drift away from Him, our hearts slowly become dry. We may still have money, success, and many possessions, yet we feel empty inside because the soul is thirsty for God. This is why the Psalmist cried out, My soul thirsts for You, O God. Human beings were created not only with physical needs but also with spiritual needs. Food satisfies the body, but only God satisfies the soul. Many people try to fill the emptiness of their hearts with wealth, pleasure, power, entertainment, or social media. These things may bring temporary happiness, but they cannot give lasting peace. It is like drinking salt water. The more you drink, the thirstier you become. Jesus understood this deepest thirst of the human heart. That is why He said, Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst. He is the living water that refreshes the soul. Every time we pray, receive the Eucharist, read Sacred Scripture, or spend time in silent adoration, God pours His living water into our hearts. Sometimes we wonder why we become impatient so easily, why we lose hope, why we are constantly anxious, or why we feel spiritually empty. The answer may not always be that life has become more difficult. It may simply be that we have become disconnected from the source of our strength. Just as a phone battery must be recharged every day, our souls also need daily time with God. Saint Augustine expressed this beautifully when he said, Our hearts are restless until they rest in You. We search everywhere for happiness, but true rest is found only in God. A dry heart also affects our relationships. When we are far from God, we find it harder to forgive, to be patient, and to love. We become more selfish, more critical, and more easily offended. But when God's grace fills our hearts, kindness, compassion, and generosity naturally flow into the lives of others. How do we keep our hearts from becoming dry? We stay rooted in Christ. We pray every day, even if only for a few minutes. We receive the sacraments regularly. We read the Word of God. We serve those in need. We make time for God before we make time for everything else. Just as a tree needs constant water, our souls need constant grace. Dear friends, perhaps today some of us feel spiritually dry. We pray without enthusiasm. We come to church without joy. We carry heavy burdens and hidden disappointments. The good news is that God has not abandoned us. He is inviting us to come back to Him. His grace can soften the hardest heart, heal the deepest wound, and restore the joy we have lost. Let us never allow our hearts to become deserts without God. Instead, let us remain close to Christ, the living water, so that our hearts may always be fresh with faith, alive with hope, and overflowing with love. May the Lord quench the thirst of our souls and fill our hearts with His life-giving grace.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Mass
Schedule

Saturday, July 4

5:00 p.m. For all veterans, living and deceased, in gratitude for their service and sacrifice, that God may bless them abundantly

Sunday, July 5

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

9:30 a.m.(E) †

11:15 a.m. † Frank Huerta (7th anniv) by the family

† Gabriel Perez by the family

† Gloria S. Garza by the family

† Esteban Garcia, III by Cris Vela & daughters

Monday, July 6

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 a.m. †

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 a.m. †

Thursday, July 9

7:00 a.m. For healing, Marlene Costley Maldonado

Friday, July 10

7:00 a.m. † Richard Garcia by the family

Saturday, July 11

5:00 p.m. † Lauro Almaraz by the family

† J.W. Jackson by Jesse Howell & family

† Hector R. Garcia (47th anniv) & Mateo Garcia
by Lydia Villa

Sunday, July 12

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

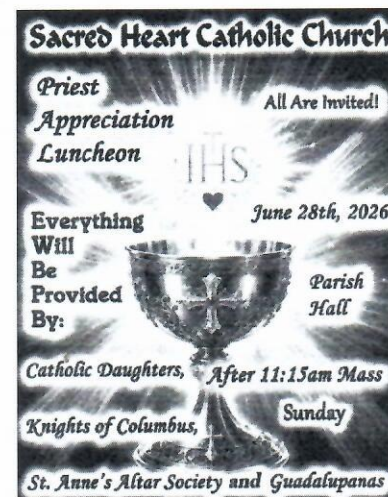
9:30 a.m.(E) † Oscar, Angelita & Nori Ramirez by the family

11:15 a.m. † Maria & Flo Pineda & Glondina Pena by

Ericelda De Leon & family

† Rodolfo R. Gutierrez (birthday) by family

† Judd Went by Jose & Jessica Paredes



Parish Tithes and Offerings June 20 & 21

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3301.82

Online Giving: \$665.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$609.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- July 7** Parish Festival Meeting with all heads of Parish groups at 6:00 pm in the Parish Office.
- July 8** Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel
- July 15** Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel
- July 22** Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00pm Schoenstatt Chapel

OCIA CLASSES

We will start signing up for anyone (18 and over) who needs 1st Communion, Confirmation or wants to receive all of their Sacraments starting on Monday, July 6th. Please call the Parish Office to make your appointment or if you have any questions at 361-325-3455.



Prayer Blanket Ministry

This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

6-28-26

Carrie Garcia
Jillian Cantu
Marshal Ramirez
Norma Villarreal
Albert Villarreal
Diana Barrera
Yoli & Jesus Longoria
Lily Garcia
Nori Garcia

6-21-26

Janie Garcia
Frankie Tijerina
Fred Lopez
Francisco Montalvo
Mary Ellen Bonner
Anna Grossman
Diana G. Cantu
Ronie Guerra
Neri Almendarez

6-7-26

Terri Garcia
Anita Huerta
Fernando Guerra

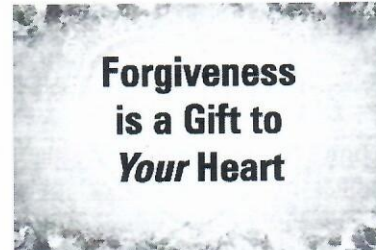
5-31-26

Marlene Costley Maldonado
Sara Esparza
Carmen Perez
Damian Soliz
Rudy "Trey" Soliz
Carlos Garcia, Jr.



**Knights of
Columbus**

**Family of the Month
Ramiro Olivarez**



the blessing of a forgiving heart

When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions. (Mark 11:25)

In silence, let's all think ... of a person with whom we are annoyed, with whom we are angry, someone we do not like. Let us think of that person and in silence, at this moment, let us pray for this person and let us become merciful with this person. (Pope Francis, Angelus, Sept. 15, 2013)

Nothing is clearer in the Gospel than our call to forgive life's hurts, and yet nothing can be more difficult than acting on this command of Jesus. Many Christians do not even try because the forgiveness of some hurts seems impossible. Yet all of us know of Jesus' inspiring examples of forgiveness: forgiving his disciples who betrayed, denied, and abandoned him in his hour of greatest need; forgiving his executioners from the cross. When someone has hurt us deeply, we may have little or no desire to forgive them. On the contrary, we only have a desire to get even or have nothing to do with them. When a hurt occurs, it is rare that we are totally free of all wrongdoing. We may be guilty of talking about our offender in an un-Christian way. This step in the forgiveness process is very important because it calls us to stop focusing on the sin of our offender and to start owning our own sin. I have personally found that the decision to pray for the offender can be very helpful in the forgiveness process. If we fervently pray over and over, we will most likely discover that God is creating a new heart in us, a heart that is growing in its capacity to forgive.

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

July 4-July 11 Esmeralda Hinojosa
 July 11-July 18 Edna Balderas
 July 18-July 25 Claudia Cantu

8:00 a.m. Mass

July 5-July 12 Gloria Richardson
 July 12-July 19 Oralia & Rosendo Garcia
 July 19-July 26 Connie & Arturo Garcia

11:15 a.m. Mass

July 5-July 12 Lupe Saenz, Jr.
 July 12-July 19 Pam Cabrera
 July 19-July 26 Gilbert & Dominique Alegria

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

July 5-July 12 Alma Martinez
 July 12-July 19 Alicia Cantu
 July 19-July 26 Beltrando & Nora Soliz

Devotion for July

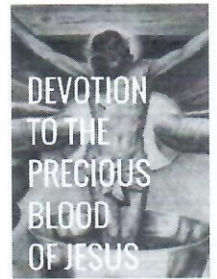
Prayer of Protection by the Precious Blood of Jesus

Lord JESUS, by faith in your merits, I now take your Precious Blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and complete protection for my life and my family.

Lord JESUS, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear of darkness, fear of man, sickness, diseases, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of thy Kingdom.

Fill me Lord JESUS with gift of your Holy Spirit and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in your glory by doing that which is right.

Amen.



JULY 5-18



The Sanctuary Candle in the **Church** is burning for:

Gustavo Barrera
 By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Guadalupe Chapel** is burning for:

Eliezar & Estella Saenz, Sr. & Ida Saenz
 By Enedelia Saenz

The Sanctuary Candle in the **Schoenstatt Chapel** is burning for:

Jose Homero, Homer & Orlando Villarreal, Jr.
 By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in **St. Anne Mission** is burning for:

By

St. Theresa Catholic Church Premont, TX

4th Annual Casino Night
 Community Life Center
 July 11, 2026 Doors open at 6:00 pm
 Gambling at 7:00—11:00 pm
 \$50 per person