



What is the purpose of adding water to every cup during the consecration?

At every Mass, there is a quiet moment that many people may not even notice. As the priest prepares the chalice, he pours a small drop of water into the wine. It's a simple gesture—gentle, almost hidden—but it carries a profound spiritual meaning. Why do we do this? What does this small drop of water mean in the great mystery of the Eucharist? This is the question I selected to answer so let us open our hearts today to reflect on this sacred moment, and allow it to speak to our lives. Imagine a glass of wine. Now picture a single drop of water falling into it. Can you separate it again? No. Once it enters, it becomes one with the wine. It disappears—not by vanishing, but by being absorbed into something greater. This is what happens when we come to Christ. The wine represents Jesus—divine, eternal, perfect. The water is us—human, fragile, limited. But in the Eucharist, Jesus doesn't push us away. He invites us into Himself. He receives our weakness and joins it to His strength. That tiny drop of water says something loud: You belong in this sacrifice. You are not left out. You are joined to Christ. As the priest prays quietly: By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Dear friends let me give you another example. If you drop ink into water, the entire color of the water changes. There is no turning back. In the same way, when Christ enters our lives, He transforms us—not from the outside, but from within. But the water has to be willing. It has to open up and receive. So many of us come to Mass like water sitting in a sealed bottle—untouched, unchanged, just present. But Christ wants more than presence. He wants participation. He wants union. That drop of water invites us to say: Lord, mix my life with Yours. Let me be changed. And remember on the day Jesus died, His side was pierced by a lance. And what flowed out? Not just blood, but blood and water (John 19:34). That wasn't random. It was a sign that from His heart flowed the sacraments: blood for the Eucharist, and water for Baptism. The drop of water added to the wine points us to the Cross. It's a way of remembering that the Eucharist is not just a meal—it is a sacrifice. A real offering. And we are not just observers—we are invited into that sacrifice. That drop of water reminds us: you are part of this. So dear friends remember always, that drop of water is you. It is your tiredness, your stress, your sins, your dreams, your love, your brokenness—all of it. And Jesus says, Give it to Me. Let Me take it. Let Me unite it to My sacrifice. So the next time you're at Mass, and you see the priest drop that little bit of water into the wine, don't think of it as a small thing. See yourself in it. Say in your heart: Jesus, I may be small. I may be weak. But I want to be united with You. I want to be transformed in You. So let us not remain on the outside. Let us allow our lives—like that drop—to fall into His chalice. Let us say yes to being one with Christ. And then, with hearts open and lives surrendered, we can truly be part of the sacrifice that saves the world.

Amen.
Fr. Joseph Puthen

Saturday, August 2

5:00 p.m. † Pepe Garza by the family
† Bob & Estella Howell by Jesse Howell & family
† Richard Benavides (anniv) by the family
† Fr. Mark Beard by Joyce Mauldin
† Arnulfo Requenez by Alda E. Lopez & family

Sunday, August 3

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Guadalupe Bayerena by Rey Rodriguez, Sr. & family
† Amando Rodriguez, Jr. (birthday) by the family
11:15 a.m. † Juan B. Cuellar, Sr. by the family
† Richard Garcia (birthday) by Mari Garza-Garcia & family
† Alberto Byington, Jr. (8th anniv) by the family
† Petra Trevino by the family

Monday, August 4

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, August 5

7:00 a.m. For healing, Nora Perez by the family

Wednesday, August 6

7:00 a.m. † David & Esperanza Longoria by Mary Hinojosa

Thursday, August 7

7:00 a.m. † Emilia De Leon by Al & Norma Barrera

Friday, August 8

7:00 a.m. † Alfonso Garcia by Gloria Richardson

Saturday, August 9

5:00 p.m. † Juventina V. Gonzalez (2nd anniv) by the family
† Lutie Gonzalez by the family
† Raymond Costley (4th anniv) by the family
† Connie Ruelas by M/M Gus Garcia, Jr.
† Viola Garcia by the family

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Amando Rodriguez, Jr. (birthday) by the family
11:15 a.m. † Ramon Menchaca (anniv) by Arnaldo Menchaca
† Baldemar Vera by Tino & Nora Villarreal
For healing, Nora Perez by the family

~Flowers on the Altar~

Ofilia Garza (birthday)

By the family



Parish Tithes and Offerings July 26 & 27

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$

Online Giving: \$

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$



Parish Meetings & Events

- Aug 05 Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting: 7:00 pm Hall
 Aug 06 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Aug 13 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation—Parish Office closed.
 Aug 19 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: 7:00 pm Hall
 Aug 20 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Aug 27 Religious Ed Teacher Meeting: 6:00-7:00 pm Hall
 Aug 27 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel



**Knights of
Columbus**



Family of the Month

Alonzo & Norma Barrera

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St Anne Mission

August 14—Vigil Mass—6:30 pm

Sacred Heart Church

August 15—Feast Day—8:00 am & 12:05 pm

What Matters to God?

By Sr. Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God. Luke 12:21

A cartoon showed an armored truck, one that transports cash and other valuables, following a hearse through the gates of a cemetery. A bystander says, "I guess he's taking it with him."

Jesus' parable reminds us that we cannot take our things with us when we die—not our money, nice home, fancy car, jewelry or whatever other things we value. The only "thing" we can take into eternity is the person we have become through the life we have lived on earth. Says Jesus, we must be "rich in what matters to God."

And what matter to God? Jesus answers that question through his life and teachings: Love, compassion, humble service for others, forgiveness, justice, trust in God, to name a few.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to become rich in those things that matter to God.

Adult Sacrament Class

Sacred Heart adult sacrament class will start in September at the Parish Center. Anyone over the age of 18 who has not been baptized or made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, now is the time to sign up for class so you can prepare to receive your Sacraments! Please call the Parish Office at 361-325-3455 to sign up.

One Day At A Time

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

For many, the journey to serenity begins when we decide to recover from our addictions, our anxiety, and our discomfort with life as we experience it. The important thing is that we take some time for a daily appointment with God. He calls us to be still, to stop. As a child, we look up into the eyes of our Father. "What do you want, Daddy? What is your plan for me today? How can I remain in Your presence, Your peace, and Your mercy? How can I bring this serenity to others and serve those You put in my path this day?" In those quiet moments, He will show the way.

Dear God, help me today to walk joyfully and sincerely with Jesus, leaning not on my own strength (or lack thereof!) but trusting in Your guidance and provision, on day at a time. In Jesus' name. Amen.

~Youth News~

Registration for 2025-2026

Religious Ed Classes

It's that time again to register your children for Religious Ed class! Any NEW students ONLY, will register at the Parish Office and you must bring in baptismal certificate if baptized in another parish starting August 1st. Everyone else who is a returning student will register and pay online. You can scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the registration form.

Please register your child ASAP

I will be placing students into classes by the end of August! Thanks!

Any questions please call

361-325 3455.

Registration is \$20 per family.



VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Aug 2-Aug 9 Melissa Escobar
Aug 9-Aug 16 Janie Cantu
Aug 16-Aug 23 Lisa Molina

8:00 a.m. Mass

Aug 3-Aug 10 Gloria Richardson
Aug 10-Aug 17 Oralia & Rosendo Garcia
Aug 17-Aug 24 Connie & Arturo Garcia

11:15 a.m. Mass

Aug 3-Aug 10 Carlos & Elvie Salinas
Aug 10-Aug 17 Irene Escalante
Aug 17-Aug 24 Omar & Missy Guerra

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Aug 3-Aug 10 Alma Martinez
Aug 10-Aug 17 Alicia Cantu
Aug 17-Aug 24 Beltrando & Nelda Soliz

August 3-16



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is burning for:

Richard Garcia

By Mari G. Garcia & family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Guadalupe Chapel is burning

for:

Gregorio Ruiz

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Schoenstatt Chapel is burning

for:

Alberto Byington, Jr.

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Anne Mission is burning

for:

Jose Hermilo Villarreal

By the family

Prayers Before Mass

Schedule for Saturdays at 4:25 pm



AUG 02 Esmeralda Hinojosa
09 Edna Balderas
16 Jessica Lopez
23 Marisa Benavides
30 Mercy M. Longoria
SEPT 06 Marisa Benavides
13 Jessica C. Lopez
20 Mary Costley
27 Esmeralda Hinojosa

For the Month of August



Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... (*special intention*).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.

Amen.

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:

08-03-25

Juanita Estrada

07-27-25

Alicia Moreno
Patty Garza

7-20-25

Marissa Munoz Garcia
Alfredo Alegria, Jr.
Ricky Soliz
Sonia Mendez
Richard Saenz
Ruby Lopez
Elda Garza

7-13-25

Gilda Gutierrez
Homer Benavidez
Yessenia Rivas Ramirez
Agueda A. Garza
Nora Perez
Ruben Trevino, Jr.

7-06-25

Grace B. Williams
Eraclio B. Salinas
Alberto Villarreal
Johnny Perez
Maria Nori Garcia
Yolanda & Jesus M. Longoria
Michelle Rios
Baby Gutierrez