

August 23, 2026

Pastor Message



A Shepherd's Heart: Caring for the Weak, the Wounded, and the Lost

Through prophet Ezekiel God speaks strongly against the shepherds of Israel because they were taking care of themselves instead of taking care of God's people. God says, woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves. The problem was not simply that these shepherds had failed in their responsibilities. But the problem was they had forgotten whom they were serving. They used the sheep for their own benefit, but they did not care for the sheep. God says, You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured. You did not bring back the strayed nor seek the lost. These words are very powerful because they show us what God expects from a shepherd. A shepherd is not called to use the sheep rather a shepherd is called to serve the sheep. This message is not only for priests, bishops, or religious leaders. All of us, in some way, we are shepherds. Parents are shepherds of their children. Teachers are shepherds of their students. Those who have responsibility in the workplace are shepherds of the people entrusted to them. The important question is: How do we treat the people God has placed in our care? Sometimes we can also become like that shepherds. We may care about our own comfort, our own reputation, our own success, and our own needs, but we may fail to notice the person who is struggling beside us. For example, a child may be doing poorly in school. Instead of asking what is wrong, a parent may simply say, you are lazy. A husband or wife may be going through a difficult time, but the other person may be too busy to listen. Someone in our parish may stop coming to church, and we may notice their absence but never take the time to ask, Are you okay? Is there anything I can do for you? God tells us clearly: you did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured. This is the heart of Christian leadership. There are people around us who are weak and need encouragement. There are people who are wounded by life and need compassion. There are people who have gone away from the Church and need someone to reach out to them. There are people who have lost hope and simply need someone to listen. Sometimes we think we have to solve everyone's problems. We don't. Sometimes the greatest thing we can do is simply be present. A person may come to us with a problem. We may not have the perfect answer. But if we listen patiently, pray with that person, and let them know they are not alone, we may already be doing God's work. So, dear friends, as we continue this Eucharist, let us ask the Lord for a shepherd's heart—a heart that notices, a heart that listens, a heart that forgives, a heart that serves, and a heart that goes in search of the lost. May we never become people who ask only, What can others do for me? Instead, may we become people who ask, Whom can I strengthen? Whom can I encourage? Whom can I help? Whom can I bring back? Because in the end, the greatest measure of our Christian life is not how much we have received, but how much love we have given.

Amen.

Fr. Joseph Puthen

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK



Mass
Schedule

Saturday, August 22

5:00 p.m. † Mary Helen Garcia by Mari Lopez
† Daniel Garza by Omar & Missy Guerra
† Oscar Ramon (birthday) by the family

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Elena Rodriguez by the family
11:15 a.m. † Patricia B. Munoz on the 1st anniversary by the family
† Luis De Leon, Jr. (13th anniv) by the family
† Santos Reyes Esquivel by the family
† Rick Martinez on the 1st anniversary by the family
† Rito Rene Gutierrez (birthday) by the family

Monday, August 24

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. † Santos Reyes Esquivel (birthday) by the family

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. † Eleuteria Gonzalez by Mary Lou Cantu

Thursday, August 27

7:00 a.m. † Pepe Garza by Gloria Richardson

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. All Intentions

Saturday, August 29

5:00 p.m. † Rita Galindo & Alfonso Olivarez by the family
† Larry Molina, Sr. & Robert Naranjo (5th anniv's) by the family

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) †
11:15 a.m. † Jay Munoz Salgado by Bro. Martin Francesco, OFS
† Arnoldo Trevino by Rosavel Huerta
† Santos Reyes Esquivel by the family
† Rodolfo Rene Gutierrez by the family
† Jose Paredes, Sr. (birthday) by the family

Registration for 2026-2027

Religious Ed Classes
START SEPTEMBER 9TH



Just scan this QR code to register and pay. Any questions please call 361-325-3455.

Registration is \$20 per family.

Parish Tithes and Offerings August 15 & 16

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$2177

Online Giving: \$755.00

Assumption Collection: \$242.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$408.00

Assumption Collection: \$100.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- Aug 23 KC's BBQ Fundraiser from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm drive-thru at the Parish Hall
- Aug 26 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel
- Sept 01 Parish Festival Meeting: 6:00 pm Parish Hall
- Sept 02 Religious Ed Teachers Dinner & Meeting: 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Sept 02 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel
- Sept 04 First Friday Mass at 12:05 in the OLG Chapel
- Sept 07 Labor Day—Parish Office Closed
- Sept 08 Guadalupanas Meeting: 6:00 pm Parish Hall
- Sept 09 First Day of Religious Ed Classes 1-12
- Sept 09 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm Schoenstatt Chapel
- Sept 12 St. Anne Altar Society Meeting: 10:00 am Parish Hall
- Sept 15 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall

~Flowers on the Altar~

Juventina V. Gonzalez
By Lydia G. Villa

Luis De Leon, Jr.
By the family

Altar Society Schedule

For the Month of August:
have the privilege of cleaning the sanctuary:
Enedelia S. & Joyce Mauldin
Cleaning the side altars:
Irene E.

We are currently accepting donations for our Parish Festival, which are always greatly appreciated. Donations that are made for the band can be in memory of a deceased loved one and will be listed. Please contact the Parish Office.



**Knights of
Columbus**

Chicken & Sausage BBQ Plate Sale \$13
August 23rd 11:00—2:00
Drive-thru at the Parish Hall
Chicken & Sausage w/rice & beans

5 SPIRITUAL REASONS YOU SHOULD VISIT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK

A Catholic walked into an almost empty church one afternoon. There was no Mass.

No singing.

No crowd.

Just silence, and the tabernacle.

He knelt down and whispered:

"Jesus, I came because I don't want to go through this week without spending time with You."

Sometimes, we think we need a special reason to enter a church.

But Jesus is waiting for us even when there is no Mass taking place.

Here are five spiritual reasons to make a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament a part of your Catholic life.

1. To Spend Time With Jesus Without Distractions.
2. To Give Thanks.
3. To Bring Your Burdens to Jesus.
4. To Grow in Love for the Eucharist.
5. To Become More Like Christ.

Before the Blessed Sacrament, ask:

"Jesus, what needs to change in me?"

Ask Him for greater patience.

Greater humility.

Greater forgiveness.

Greater courage.

Greater love.

The goal is not simply to spend an hour with Jesus.

It is to leave that hour determined to live more like Him.

Finally, you don't need to wait until you have a serious problem before visiting Jesus.

You don't need to wait until you need a miracle.

Visit Him simply because you love Him.

If you can, choose one day each week and make a quiet visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

Even fifteen minutes offered sincerely can become a beautiful habit of prayer.

And if you cannot physically visit a church every week, you can still spend time in prayer at home and make a spiritual desire to be with Christ.

In simple words, visit the Blessed Sacrament weekly:

To be with Jesus.

To give thanks.

To surrender your burdens.

To grow in Eucharistic love.

To allow Christ to transform you.

Don't only visit Jesus when you need something.

Sometimes, go simply to say:

"Jesus, I am here because I love You."

Eucharistic
Adoration



"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"
— Mark 14:37

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Aug 22-Aug 29 Melissa Escobar
Aug 29-Sept 5 Janie Cantu
Sept 5-Sept 12 Lisa Molina

8:00 a.m. Mass

Aug 23-Aug 30 Oralia & Rosendo Garcia
Aug 30-Sept 6 Connie & Arturo Garcia
Sept 6-Sept 13 Grace Charles

11:15 a.m. Mass

Aug 23-Aug 30 Ricky Saenz
Aug 30-Sept 6 Lupe Saenz, Jr.
Sept 6-Sept 13 Pam Cabrera

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Aug 23-Aug 30 Laura Gutierrez
Aug 30-Sept 6 Alma Martinez
Sept 6-Sept 13 Alicia Cantu

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:

8-23-26

Sharon Romero

8-16-26

Dina Garza
Jancito Espenzo
Hector Garcia
Pedro Boquin
Ademar Chavana
Agueda A. Garza

8-9-26

Damian Soliz
Rudy "Trey" Soliz
Nori Garcia
Lily Garcia
Yoli & Jesus Longoria
Diana Barrera
Albert Villarreal
Marianita C. Magee
Stella Cruz
James Schacherl
Juan M. Lemus

8-2-26

Maricelda Aguilar
Diana G. Cantu
Roni Guerra
Fernando Guerra
Lisa Rae & Julie Resendez
Anna Grossman
Marlene Costley Maldonado
Marshal Ramirez

7-26-26

Joann Salas
Rudy Barrera



AUGUST 16-29



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

Tony Garza

By the family

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

Leticia Garcia

By Rosie Jacobs

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

Roberto & Maria Ramirez, Jr.

By the family

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

Odelia S. Rodriguez

By the family



**Knights of
Columbus**



**Family of the Month
Enrique & Selene Sanchez**

