

St. Ignatius of Loyola

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OFFICE HOURS: (HORAS DE OFICINA)

MONDAY – THURSDAY (LUNES– JUEVES): 9 AM - 8:30 PM
FRIDAY (VIERNES): 9 AM - 4:30 PM
SATURDAY (SÁBADO): 10 AM - 1 PM



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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time (16^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario)

July 20, 2025

**“My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in
God my savior.”
- Luke 1:46-27**

See inside as Fr. Norbert
talks about the mission to
Guatemala Little School.

Vea el interior donde el
Padre Norbert habla sobre
la misión en la Pequeña
Escuela de Guatemala.

Pg. 4 & 15 (Español)



Family Movie Night Noche de cine en familia *August 8th*

Did you know our family movie
night is back? See inside for more
information about this fun FREE
event.

¿Sabías que nuestra noche de cine
familiar ha vuelto? Consulta el
interior para más información sobre
este divertido evento GRATUITO.

Pg. 13 & 16 (Español)

Choir Camp Campamento de coro *July 28- August 1*

Do you have a child or know of
someone in the any grade levels
from 2nd to 8th? Join us for our
annual Choir Camp. See inside for
more details.

¿Tienes un hijo o conoces a alguien
de 2.º a 8.º grado? Únete a nuestro
Campamento de Coro anual.
Consulta el interior para más
detalles.

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Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement Cómo superar el desánimo espiritual *August 2nd*

Do you experience times of
discouragement in your
spiritual life? See inside for
more details.
¿Pasas por momentos de
desánimo en tu vida espiritual?
Lee el interior para más
detalles.
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WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



**Very Rev. Norbert
Maduzia Jr., E.V.,
D. Min. Pastor**

LEADING OTHERS TO JESUS

Llevando a otros a Jesús

Clergy

Dcn. Billy Chen	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Scott Glueck	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Will Hunter	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Mike Higgins	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Greg Mouton	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Peter Olivier	Permanent Deacon
Dcn. Joe Wright	Permanent Deacon

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Donna Quaimbao	Director of Early Childhood
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Instagram: Follow us on Instagram. [@Silcc.spring](https://www.instagram.com/Silcc.spring)

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE HORARIOS DE LITURGIA

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday – Friday:

9 AM Daily Mass (Also on live stream)

Wednesday:

6:45 PM Mass

Saturday:

5:15 PM Mass

Sunday:

7:30 AM Mass

10 AM Mass (Also on live stream)

12:30 PM Misa (Español – transmisión en vivo)

5:15 PM Life Teen Mass

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 5:15 - 6:15 PM and

Saturday: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer: Weekdays at 8:30 AM in Lady Chapel

Evening Prayer: First Fridays of every month, 6:15 PM

Reservation Chapel Hours: 6:30 AM – 9 PM

**Please check our website for most recent schedule.
See our live stream Masses via Facebook, YouTube, &
Parish Website.**

MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES DE MISA

**Fr. Norbert will be celebrating the following
Mass Intentions this coming week.**

Monday, July 21

9 AM Aileen & Enrique Labao (LVG)

Tuesday, July 22

9 AM Enrique Cruz (+)

Wednesday, July 23

9 AM Violet Boehm (+)

6:45 PM Mr. & Mrs. John Davis (+)

Thursday, July 24

9 AM Fermin Luis Espinoza, Jr. (+)

Friday, July 25

9 AM Luke & Rosa Lee Roffino (+)

Saturday, July 26

5:15 PM Dominador Madrid, Jr. (+)

Sunday, July 27

7:30 AM Merlito Cabio (+)

10 AM Pro Populo

12:30 PM Matthew Humberto Yanez (+)

5:15 PM Annie Mach (+)

PRESIDER SCHEDULE/ HORARIO DEL CELEBRANTE

July 26-27th 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Saturday/ Sabádo 5:15 PM	Sunday/ Domingo 7:30 AM	Sunday/ Domingo 10 AM	Sunday/ Domingo 12:30 PM Español	Sunday/ Domingo 5:15 PM Life Teen
Presider	Fr. Norbert	Visiting Priest	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Gavin, CSB
Homilist	Fr. Norbert	Visiting Priest	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Norbert	Fr. Gavin, CSB
Deacons	Wright	Olivier	Glueck	Chen	Olivier

FINANCIALS/ FINANZAS



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You will receive a link to begin the process.

If you prefer, you may also mail your donations to the parish office.

7810 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379



August 10th: Infirm Priest Collection

The collection helps provide much-needed medical and emergency support for retired and infirm priests.

Archdiocesan faithful are urged to support our ailing clergy during this time of escalating medical costs. With more than a third of our priests over 65, the Archdiocese is facing more responsibilities as priests age or face serious illness.

Your generosity for our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their active ministry years to the tireless care of the Archdiocese is greatly appreciated.

Please keep all the retired and infirm clergy in your prayers.

Diocesan Services Fund 2025

*Parish Goal	\$343,000.00
*Total Amount Paid	\$182,534.50
*Total Number of Participants	429
*Total Number of Households	4,802
*Average Participant Pledge	\$425.48
*Paid Over (Under) Goal	(\$160,465.50)
*Percent Paid	53.00%

Help provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. To donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf

Ignite Campaign

*Parish Goal	\$1,880,235.00
*Total Amount Pledged	\$1,764,327.93
*Total Number of Donors	365
*Total Number of Households	4026
*Average Participant Pledge	\$4201.63
*Pledged Over (Under) Goal	(\$115,907.07)
*Percent of Goal Paid	97.00%
*Total Amount Paid	\$1,837,395.00



Parish Financial Information

April Faith Direct: \$105,826.33

July 13th: \$17,605.00



GREAT NEWS!!! THANKS TO YOUR
INCREDIBLE SUPPORT WE HAVE

PAID OFF

The Gonzaga Building Loan

**Our parish community has made
this possible. Thank you for helping
us build a strong future together!**

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“In all things, to love and to serve.” These simple yet profound words attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola capture the spirit of our parish community and have guided us again during this year’s mission to Chiché, Guatemala. I write to you filled with gratitude, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose after accompanying a group of our parish missionaries to the “little school” in the highlands of Guatemala. As we stepped onto the road leading to the school grounds, we were met with a joyful chorus of “*¡Bienvenido, hermanos y hermanas de San Ignacio Loyola, Houston!*” from the children, their teachers, and their families. The warm embrace of that welcome never grows old. It touches the heart in a way that is unmistakably the presence of Christ—just as St. Ignatius taught us to “find God in all things,” we found Him once again in the radiant smiles and sincere hospitality of our Guatemalan brothers and sisters.

One of the most powerful aspects of this mission is its deeply mutual nature. We do not go to Chiché as saviors or benefactors, nor with any illusion that we possess something they lack. We go, as Ignatius would say, with “a spirit of indifference”—ready to receive whatever graces the Lord desires to give us through our shared experience. We go to listen, to accompany, and to witness the Spirit alive in their culture, faith, and resilience. And in return, we are evangelized. We are changed. As Jesus sent the disciples out two by two in the Gospel, He instructed them to seek peaceable people. Let me assure you: the people of Chiché are just that. There were tears in the eyes of the children, the teachers, and yes, in our own, as we said our goodbyes. Not tears of despair, but of friendship and familial love born of shared prayer, faith, and purpose. We leave Guatemala not simply having “done something good,” but having encountered Christ anew—through the poor, the joyful, the generous, and the faithful.

To those who question why we travel so far when there are needs close to home, I simply say this: come and see. Come and witness the dignity that is restored when a child receives an education rooted in their own language and culture. Come and meet the graduates — one now a chemical engineer, another a psychologist—who remain in their homeland to build it up from within. The mission is not charity; it is solidarity. It is not a handout; it is hope. And this hope is possible because of you. Your prayers, your financial support, your faith in what we are doing together — these are the seeds that bear lasting fruit. For 24 years, we have walked with the people of Chiché. They have become family. And they, in turn, walk with us, opening our eyes to what it means to be missionary disciples in the Ignatian tradition. What a joy it is to know that in helping build a future for others, we ourselves are being built into a more faithful, more loving people for others.

Back home, the missionary spirit continues. As many of you have heard, we are experiencing a delay in the arrival of our new parochial vicar. The Archdiocese has informed us that there are complications in the assignment process, and for now, we remain a parish of over 4,300 registered families with one resident priest. I ask for your prayers—and your patience. This is not an easy situation, but it is one we face with faith and grace. I am deeply grateful to our liturgy department and staff who are working diligently to coordinate substitute priests for the celebration of the sacraments. Your flexibility and support have been a great gift. Let us remember: God’s grace is always sufficient. Even in this moment of waiting, the Lord is forming us. Just as the first Jesuit missionaries went out into unfamiliar territory, trusting entirely in God’s providence, we too are being called to trust, to adapt, and to persevere in love.

Ignatius taught that discernment involves “reading the signs of the times,” and trusting that even in challenge, God is actively at work. This is a time to be awake to His movements — in the cries of the poor, in the silence of our longing, in the joy of mission, and in the support we offer one another here at home. As we celebrate what God is doing through our parish abroad, let us also remain vigilant and faithful in the daily mission He entrusts to us here in Spring, Texas.

Friends, thank you. Thank you for being a parish rooted in the Gospel, animated by Ignatian spirituality, and courageous in responding to Christ’s call. You are living witnesses of what it means to be a people for others. Let us continue to serve, to love, and to discern—all for the greater glory of God.

With every blessing and prayer for a jubilee year of hope,

Fr. Norbert

GATHER WITH US

REUNIRSE CON NOSOTROS

Monday, July 21

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

6:30 PM- ACTS M14
7 PM- Legion of Mary

Building

McGivney Hall
Faber-6

Tuesday, July 22

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

9:30 AM- Summer Fun- ECC
6 PM- Edge Mixtape
6 PM- In Verbo: High School Bible Study
6 PM- AA Meeting

Gonzaga
Gonzaga
Gonzaga
Faber-5

7 PM- Spanish Choir Rehearsal
7 PM- Becoming Catholic- Catechumen Session
7 PM- Becoming Catholic- Inquiry

Choir Room
Xavier-11
Faber-3

Wednesday, July 23

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

9:30 AM- Summer Fun-ECC
7 PM- Fall Festival Monthly Meeting
7:30 PM- Life Teen Band Rehearsal
7:30 PM- Altar Server Appreciation Reception

Gonzaga
McGivney Hall
Choir Room
Christus Center Lobby

Thursday, July 24

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM - 8:30 PM

9:30 AM- Summer Fun- ECC
5 PM- Knights of Columbus Assembly 2683 Monthly Meeting
6 PM- Craft Guild
6 PM- Life Teen Core Planning
6 PM- Lay Missionaries of Charity Adoration
6 PM- Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM- Grief Support
7 PM- Choir Rehearsal
7 PM- Lay Missionaries of Charity Meeting

Building

Gonzaga
McGivney Hall
Xavier- Crafts
Gonzaga
Reservation Chapel
Choir Room
Faber-5
Choir Room
Faber-3

Friday, July 25

Parish Office Hours: 9 AM- 4:30 PM

10 AM- Craft Guild
6:30 PM- ACTS Reconnect
7 PM- Hispanic Traditions Meeting/ Dinner

Xavier- Crafts
Christus Center
McGivney Hall

Saturday, July 26

Parish Office Hours: 10 AM - 1 PM

8 AM- Knights of Columbus Bible Study
8:15 AM- Filipino Ministry Basketball
10:30 AM- Young Adult Book Study
3 PM- Grace Ministry Hallelujah Ball
6:30 PM- Knights of Columbus Beer & Brats Fest 2025
6:30 PM- American Heritage Girls Glow Party

Xavier-16
Sexton Hall BB Court
Xavier-12
Christus Center
McGivney Hall
Sexton Hall

Sunday, July 27

Parish Office Closed

Nursery at 10 AM & 5:15 PM Mass
Donut Social after 7:30 AM, 10 AM, & 12:30 PM Masses
2 PM- Marriage Orientation
6:15 PM- Guatemala Mission- Sharing the Experience

Christus Center
Nursery
Christus Center
Faber-6
McGivney Hall



Sunday, Jul 20, 2025**Sit for a spell**

As essentially Christian and counter-intuitive as “love your enemies may be,” Jesus’ defending Mary’s “laziness” over her hard-working sister Martha seems even more outrageous and unfair! If Americans love and believe in anything, it is hard work. It’s what gives us identity. We define ourselves as a farmer, an attorney, a salesperson, and so on. So how can Jesus tell poor Martha, who could use a little help in the kitchen, that her sister has chosen the “better part”? Well, it’s a matter of priority. We can imagine Jesus saying, “Martha, I came to visit you, not your cuisine. I know you show love by your hard work, but you mean so much more to me than what you do. Come sit here with me.”

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108).

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.”

Monday, Jul 21, 2025**Begin a conversation with scripture**

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* (Latin for “divine reading”) is a contemplative way of “conversing” with it. By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. Open Heart, Open Mind by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O. is a modern classic on the topic. Keating says the intention of the practice is nothing less than union with God. “When the presence of God emerges from our inmost being into our faculties, whether we walk down the street or drink a cup of soup, divine life is pouring into the world.” That’s a worthy life goal to set for ourselves.

Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). “There is something greater than Solomon here.”

Tuesday, Jul 22, 2025**Recommit to friendship**

We seem to be coming closer to understanding Mary Magdalene as she was, not the reformed sinner (a role mistakenly ascribed to her first not in scripture but by Pope Gregory I in 591) but, as the Mass prayers and readings for her feast day remind us, the beloved friend of Jesus, the first witness of his Resurrection, and its first missionary. All the prayers in the Mass in her honor praise her memory as a close friend of Jesus, much like the Beloved Disciple in John’s gospel. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux says it is Magdalene’s “loving audacity that charms the Heart of Jesus.” We can celebrate Mary Magdalene by recommitting ourselves to our own audacious love for Jesus and our treasured friends.

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). “Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord.’”

Wednesday, Jul 23, 2025**Stories for the ages**

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their listeners are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories to help people understand what really matters in the divine life. Indeed, says 20th-century Catholic historian Father Edmund Campion, Catholics are born storytellers “who get their identity through their histories, which they see as salvation history linking them to

the saving actions of Christ.” What stories from your life link back to Christ? Think about how your actions will contribute to salvation history.

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). “But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.”

Thursday, Jul 24, 2025**Shake it up**

The routine nature of daily life can cause our hearts to grow dull. And when we’re feeling dull, it’s hard to hear what God has to tell us. Yet it doesn’t take much to shake things up and get a new perspective. Just break out of a routine and do something different—take a new route to work, rearrange your furniture, clean out a junk drawer, or call an old friend you’ve been thinking about. God often talks to us in moments of surprise. “Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor,” says Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*. “Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry, and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God’s will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.” So get out of your rut and you might even get a fresh message from God.

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17 (398).

“Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears.”

Friday, Jul 25, 2025**Forward and upward**

Legend has it that Saint James was preaching the gospel in Spain when the Virgin Mary appeared to him and called him back to Judea, where he was beheaded by King Agrippa. His remains were then taken up and brought back to Spain, where they were buried at Compostela. A shrine to James was established there in the ninth century, and the Camino (Way) of Saint James to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela became one of the most important pilgrimages in the world next to Jerusalem and Rome. In medieval times pilgrims along the Camino would say in a call and response to one another, “*Ultreia et suscia*,” meaning “forward and upward” as a show of strength and encouragement to continue the journey. Draw on the strength and hope of centuries of Christian pilgrims to continue your journey of faith.

FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.”

Saturday, Jul 26, 2025**Pass it on**

We know nothing for certain about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but it doesn’t matter. In the same way that we know God through his Son Jesus, we can know Anne and Joachim through their daughter Mary. It was through these two that Mary learned about prayer and work, family and community. It was Anne and Joachim who taught their daughter to love and trust God enough to say, “May it be done to me according to your word.” Faith, like the color of our eyes and hair, is passed down from generation to generation. Today may we remember that our words and actions will continue to reverberate for generations to come. Let us speak and act accordingly.

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). “All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do.”

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY ORIENTATION
FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 7:30 PM**

**We will gather in church following
6:45PM Mass**

Where is God calling you to serve?

Altar Server	Worship Coordinator
Incense Ministry	Ministry of Hospitality
Music Ministry	Videography
Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Come and discover how you can put your faith in action!

**New Altar Server
& Incense Minister
Training**

**Saturday, September 6
11 AM - 1 PM
In the Church**

Youth 4th grade and older who have received First Communion are invited to join the ministry. For more information and to RSVP contact: servers@silcc.org



*St. Ignatius of Loyola Music Ministry
proudly presents
A Summer Musical Experience for Children*



ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PILGRIMS
OF
HOPE**

**CELEBRATING THE
JUBILEE OF YOUTH**

CHOIR CAMP 2025

**July 28th - August 1st
9 AM - 1 PM
Grades 2 - 8 (Fall 2025)
Christus Center**



Register for
Choir Camp

HS & Adult
Volunteer Here

www.silcc.org/choir-camp



**LEAD BOWL AND LEAD CUP
TRAINING FOR CURRENT
EMHC**

**Saturday, July 19 at 6:30 PM
Sunday, July 20 at 11:15 AM**

Sessions will last 20 minutes following Mass.

**TRAINING FOR NEW
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Thursday, September 11 at 7 PM
Saturday, September 20 at 1 PM**

For information contact: emhc@silcc.org

**Solemnity of
St. Ignatius of Loyola
July 31 and August 2-3**



May we continue in
his example to be
*A PEOPLE FOR
OTHERS!*

Mass will be
celebrated with
incense Wednesday at
9 AM and Sunday at
10 AM and 12:30 PM.

Looking to Volunteer
or become a part of a
Ministry in the Parish?



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Archdiocese of Galveston-
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Mass Intentions

**WE HAVE THREE TYPES OF MASS
INTENTIONS IN WHICH YOU MAY GIFT A
LOVED ONE OR HONOR A DECEASED
FRIEND OR RELATIVE.**

Perpetual Mass Intentions

are celebrated on the first Saturday of
the month at our 5:15 p.m. Mass. The name
of the recipient of the intention is entered
into a special book but not announced or
written in the bulletin. These intentions are
perpetual so there is no ending date.

Daily Mass Intentions

allow you to select a date and Mass time.
These names are in the weekly bulletin and
are usually, but not always, included in the
prayers of the faithful during that Mass.
Please note that Mass dates and times are
first-come, first-served and, the
intention(s) of only one donor is allowed
per Mass.

The Non-Specified Date Intentions

is an option that allows our Priests to
celebrate your Mass when he
concelebrates a Mass, is off-campus,
while on pilgrimage, on retreat, etc.
You will not be notified of the date or
time of this Mass or be able to attend, but
your intentions will be offered as soon as
possible.

For more information or to place your
Mass intention,
you may come by the parish office or visit
our website:

silcc.org/mass-intention-request



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3. View and update Family
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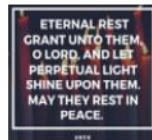


Welcome Newly Baptized



Matson Minh Mai
Amir Miguel Villanueva
Aliana Juliet Villanueva
Margot Jane McHugh
Clara Helena Cantu
Sophelia Grace Hernandez

In Memoriam



Marshall Harrison, *husband of*
Mary Ann Harrison
Mandi Smith, *mother of Jacob Smith*
Joseph Daniel "JD" Weber,
husband of Vicky Weber
Chuck Fiala, *husband of Edyth Fiala*
Mary Dinka
Beatriz Leal, *mother of Marisela*
Morales
John Marcon, *father of Mike Marcon*
Alvin Barrett, *husband of Bernadette*
Barrett
Joan Kennerty, *mother of Karen*
Pendleton

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marriage, speak now or forever hold
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Orientation is the first step in our
Marriage Preparation. We ask couples to
attend an orientation at least six months
prior to their desired date, and not to set
any dates prior to meeting with clergy.
Please visit our website for more
information, silcc.org/matrimony.

Please contact the
Coordinator of the Sacrament
of Matrimony at 346-290-7610
to reserve a spot or request
the Orientation session in
English & Spanish

Marriage Orientation is the
4th Sunday of the month at
2 PM in Faber Room 5.

Next Session

July 27



OUTREACH PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



**CITIZENSHIP & MORE
CIUDADANÍA Y MÁS**

Citizenship classes at St. Ignatius
August 2, 2025
Classes are offered in English and Spanish

ESPAÑOL:
Las clases de ciudadanía comienzan en St. Ignatius el
2 de agosto de 2025
Las clases se ofrecen en inglés y en español.

PARA REGISTRARSE:
Texto a 832-906-4214 o Llamada a 281-799-9076

TO REGISTER:

Text **832-906-4214**
or Call **281-799-9076**

You may also visit: También puedes visitar: baatexas.org



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Classes begin September 8, 2025.
AM & PM availability.

REGISTER NOW!

CLASES DE INGLÉS

Las clases comienzan el
8 de septiembre, 2025.

Disponibilidad AM y PM.

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forms.office.com/r/GUXY04PMW8

Join our teaching team!

Training available &
you do not need to be bilingual.

- We need teachers and assistants.
- Time commitment is 2-hour classes, 2 days per week.

Contact email: esol@silcc.org



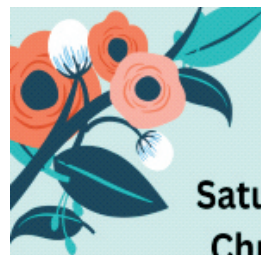
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HELPLINES & RESOURCES		PHONE #	WEBSITE - INFO
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Alcoholics Anonymous	Call Jay	713-501-7638	Meets Tuesdays 6 PM, Faber 5
Citizenship Education	Bonding Against Adversity	281-799-9076	BaaTexas.org
Counseling, Individual/Youth/Family	Rejoice Counseling	844-295-3167	MyParishCounseling.com/silcc
Food, Clothing, Rent/Utilities Assistance	Northwest Assistance Ministry	281-583-5600	NamOnline.org
Job Search	Work Faith	713-936-9052	WorkFaith.org
Mental Health & Recovery Referrals	Mosaics of Mercy	346-703-0051	MosaicsTX.org
Mental Health Support for Families	National Alliance on Mental Illness	833-983-1919	NamiGreaterHouston.org
Rental/Utilities Assistance and More	United Way	Dial 2-1-1	UnitedWayHouston.org

GROW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS & US

St. Ignatius of Loyola Early Childhood Center

We Are Hiring Part-Time Infant/Toddler Teacher

Seeking a loving and dependable teacher to join our licensed early childhood program.

Position: **Part-Time Infant/Toddler Teacher**
Ages: 8 months to 2 years
Hours: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Monday-Friday
(Opportunity for additional hours, but position is part-time)

What We're Looking For:

- A gentle, patient, and caring individual
- Ability to engage and care for young children in a safe and loving environment
- Comfortable in sharing and modeling Catholic values and teachings
- Experience in childcare or early childhood **preferred**, but not required



To Apply:

Please email your resume to dquiambao@silcc.org or call 281-290-4616 for more information.

REGISTER FOR 2025-2026 FORMATION HERE!

Elementary

Pre-K4 - Grade 5



For information please contact: Luis Espada at 281-290-4618 or lespada@silcc.org

Middle School & High School

6th - 12th Grade



For information please contact: Matt Zelinsky at 281-290-4639 or mzelinsky@silcc.org



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Popsicle Sales

Join us after Mass on Saturday & Sunday to help with our ongoing Youth Ministry Popsicle Sale fundraiser!

SCAN THE QR TO SIGN UP

After
Saturday
5:15 PM
Mass



After our
Sunday 10 AM,
12:30 PM, & 5:15
PM Masses

All Middle School & High School youth and CMG trained adults are welcome!

High School Confirmation Interviews Now Open

- ✓ Is your teen in High School?
- ✓ Has your teen attended 2 full years of High School Formation?
- ✓ Would your teen like to be confirmed?

Sign up for a Confirmation Interview here:



<https://bit.ly/4eC1n2T>

For additional information please contact Deacon Joe Wright at jwright@silcc.org or 281-290-4613.

AYC 2025

JULY 25 - 27



QUESTIONS?
CONTACT:
MATT ZELINSKY
281-290-4639
mzelinsky@silcc.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS, FINISH OUT YOUR SUMMER AT THE ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR A DYNAMIC SPIRITUAL WEEKEND IN DOWNTOWN HOUSTON WITH FRIENDS FROM OUR PARISH AND YOUTH MINISTRIES FROM ALL OVER HOUSTON!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE

MIXTAPE & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays 6-7:30 PM

All middle schoolers welcome! Enjoy time with friends & dive into a mini-Bible Study! Make sure and bring a friend!

CRECE TU RELACIÓN CON JESÚS Y NOSOTROS

YOUNG ADULT



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
Events Calendar

Young Adults 18 to 39 are welcome to join us for fellowship, as we dive into our Catholic faith.

Events upcoming for College students, Young Professionals, & Young Families/Married Couples

@stignatiusofloyola @stigggyam
Follow us on Social Media for more updates!

ADULT

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT
from the wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola




Presented by Marlon Barao
Saturday, August 2nd 10:30am-12:30pm
Register @ silcc.org/adult-formation



INFANT BAPTISM

Register to attend the required baptism sessions for both parents. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next baptism prep class will be **July 12** (class required) from 9 AM – Noon in English and Spanish. Please visit the website at silcc.org/infant-baptism Phone number and email are **REQUIRED** for registration!

Liturgical Ministry Orientation for Youth & Young Adults

Wednesday, July 30th at 7:30 PM
WE WILL GATHER IN CHURCH FOLLOWING 6:45 PM MASS

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

- ALTAR SERVER
- INCENSE MINISTRY
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- LECTOR
- WORSHIP COORDINATOR



- HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)



Becoming Catholic

7 Years & Older/Adult:
We welcome you to the Catholic Church and look forward to sharing our faith with you! If you are not baptized or are seeking communion and confirmation for
Age 7-17, contact jwright@silcc.org;
18 and older, contact, ebarroso@silcc.org or visit silcc.org/becoming-catholic



Marriage

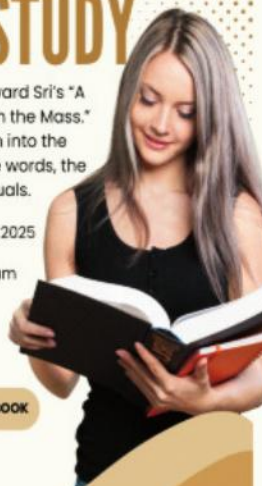
For all couples the first step in marriage preparation at St. Ignatius of Loyola is registration for and participation in the Marriage Orientation Session offered in English on the fourth Sunday of the month (see December date below for exception) in the Faber Building.
Please contact the Coordinator of the Sacrament of Matrimony at 346-290-7610 to reserve a spot or request the Orientation session in English & Spanish. For more information: silcc.org/matrimony

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Young Adult
BOOK STUDY

We are studying Edward Sri's "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." We will dive in-depth into the Mass by learning the words, the gestures, and the rituals.

July 19 – Sept 27, 2025
Every Saturday
10:30 am – 11:30 am
Xavier Room 12

PURCHASE YOUR OWN BOOK
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CAFÉ CATHOLICA 2025
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HOPE IN THE LORD

"THEY THAT HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH, THEY WILL SOAR ON EAGLES' WINGS, THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, WALK AND NOT GROW FAINT." *Isaiah 40:31*

Open to all young adults ages 18-39!
Don't forget to sign up for **CAFÉ CONNECT!**

LOCATION: St. Vincent de Paul Church
4800 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX

SCHEDULE:
5:15 pm: Confession
6:15 pm: Mass
7:15 pm: Dinner
8:15 pm: Talk

"No registration is needed to attend. Donations accepted!"

June 30
Made for More: Living and Learning in Dining and Ministry
Nicole Francisco Angel

July 7
Starting a New Chapter: 25 Questions with Archbishop Vincent
Archbishop Joe Vitello

July 14
Hope for Your Future: A Catholic Guide to the Future
Paul J. Kim

July 21
Hope in the Moment: Finding Confidence in the Moment of Need
Katie Villanueva

WWW.ARCHDIOCESEOFHOUSTON.ORG/CAFECATHOLICA



Adult Confirmation

Contact Edgar Barroso for more information:
ebarroso@silcc.org

High School Confirmation

Contact Dcn. Joe Wright
jwright@silcc.org

First Eucharist for children,
contact lespada@silcc.org
For teens, contact
Dcn. Joe, jwright@silcc.org



Vocations

IS GOD CALLING YOU?
Contact vocations@silcc.org for information about upcoming programs for those discerning religious vocations as a priest, deacon, or religious sister.

GATHER IN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Cub Scout Pack 1325

Cub Scout Pack 1325 offers adventures for boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. Our year is full of fun activities, camping, outdoor skills and leadership opportunities. We meet at St. Ignatius on **Monday nights 6-7:30 PM**. For more information, contact our Pack leaders at cubscouts@silcc.org

St. Ignatius Blood Drive!

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:30 AM - 1 PM

Christus Center, sponsor code: 3491

Please give, if you can. To make an appointment, stop by the table in the Narthex after Mass the weekend of August 9-10. Donors, you can also schedule using the following link or drop by the Christus Center during the drive. Donors receive a T-Shirt and Blue Bell Ice Cream. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/391152

Hispanic Traditions Ministry:

Join us for the Hispanic Traditions Meeting/Dinner, this **Fri. July 25th, 7-9 PM in McGivney Hall**. Contribute to the planning and preparation of our upcoming events by sharing insights into our culture. Bring some food to share. We will provide drinks.

Newcomers Welcome Ministry:

Do you enjoy being a parishioner here at St. Ignatius? Would you like to share that feeling with new members of our parish by calling them and providing them with a warm, personal welcome? If so, the Newcomers Welcome Ministry needs you! Please contact us at welcome@silcc.org for more information.

Knights of Columbus Council 10861 Announcements

Monthly Council Meeting: Third Tuesday of each month. Join your Brother Knights for a light dinner at 6:15 PM; meeting starts at 7 PM.

Online Updates: At

www.kofc10861.org and

www.facebook.com/knights10861

Prayer List: Email

PrayerList@kofc10861.org

to be added to our prayer list.



JOIN AHG TROOP TX1325

Is your daughter between the ages of 5 and 18?

She's invited to join AHG Troop TX1325— where girls grow in faith, friendship, leadership, and life skills in a fun, all-girl, Christ-centered environment.



Why AHG?

Girls discover their identity in Christ, Build strong character, Learn real-life skills, Experience outdoor adventure, Grow through service & leadership



The AHG Program Includes:

- + A multi-level Badge Program across six skill frontiers: Our Heritage • Personal Well-Being • Family Living • The Arts Science & Technology • Outdoor Skills
- + Cross-age mentoring where older girls lead and encourage younger ones
- + A safe space to grow into a woman of integrity—serving God, family, community, and country



Please email americanheritagegirls@silcc.org for more information



Men's (M14) English ACTS Retreat

September 4 - 7, 2025

Circle Lake Retreat Center

Register after all Masses

August 2/3 & 9/10

more information:

acts.M14@gmail.com



St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Community

2025 Beer & Brats Fest

Beers Around the World

July 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm

St. Ignatius in McGivney Hall

2 Brats, Hoagie Rolls
Potato Salad, Pretzel
Sauerkraut, Snacks
Beer Samplers, Glass



Council 10861

**Tickets \$40
& Sponsorships**



REUNIRSE EN COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE ARE HIRING

CHURCH NURSERY

- We are looking for dedicated and caring people to provide a safe & nurturing environment for young children during Sunday Mass.
- Willing to work every Sunday during 10 AM & 5:15 PM Mass and/or occasional evening events.

SEND YOUR RESUME
 dquiambao@silcc.org

Grief Support: Seasons of Hope

A scripture-based journey for those in need of consolation, answers, direction and hope. We meet in Faber 5 every Thursday at 6:30 PM. All faith communities are welcome. For more information, contact Dcn. Joe Wright, 281-370-3401.



Stewardship Weekend
 August 23-24, 2025

Come explore the ministries that are available to you.



For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.
 1 Corinthians 3:9

Mark your calendar & come cool down with us as the Summer Holidays come to an end

Featuring: Moana 2
 Sponsored by Formation Department

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 8th
 Doors open at 6 PM
 Movie starts at 6:30 PM

Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn, & Drinks Provided



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Serra Club of North Houston

We Welcome Seminarian Tyler Dang

Tyler Dang is a second-year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

BRING A FRIEND AND A SNACK TO SHARE!

Fellowship 6:30 PM

Program 7 PM

Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church

18511 Klein Church Rd
 Spring, Texas 77379

CGS Parish Social Hall at Back of Campus

2nd Floor, Rooms B207 & B209

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTER (CRC)
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (SHOTGUN AT 9:30AM)
 SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB
SPONSORS & PLAYERS

"Drawing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ & His Church through Retreat Ministry" – CRC Mission



Sponsorship Opportunities:
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 ♦ Hole-in-One \$10,000 (includes 8 playing spots)
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 ♦ Lunch \$2,000 (includes 4 playing spots)
 ♦ Hole \$1,000 (includes 4 playing spots)
 ♦ Breakfast \$750
 ♦ Program Ads \$500
 ♦ Goodie Bag - \$250

Players:
 ♦ Individual \$150 / Late (after Oct. 4) \$175
 ♦ Team \$550/ Late (after Oct. 4) \$600

Profits Used For:
 ♦ Renovations
 Get your teams ready for the Scramble!!!



Register online at www.retreatcentercrc.org or 281-337-1312

El Poder transformador de la liturgia

Los enfermos y moribundos



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La propagación de la COVID-19 nos recordó nuestras limitaciones y vulnerabilidad, y la realidad perdurable de la enfermedad y la muerte. Muchos de nosotros ya estábamos en contacto con estas realidades, conviviendo con ellas a diario: personas con enfermedades crónicas y terminales, con sistemas inmunológicos debilitados, con discapacidades físicas y mentales. Pero la pandemia enfrentó a todos con el hecho de que cada ser humano existe en una escala de enfermedad o, como ha escrito el filósofo Alasdair MacIntyre, en una "escala de discapacidad". La emergencia de salud pública llevó a las autoridades civiles a limitar las reuniones en persona y decretar otros requisitos. Las diócesis, a su vez, limitaron la celebración del culto público. ¿Cómo podría contribuir la experiencia de la pandemia a nuestra comprensión del poder transformador de la liturgia? ¿Cómo podría ese tiempo revelar, en primer lugar, la relación de los enfermos y los moribundos con la liturgia y, en segundo lugar, cómo nos hace el Señor un pueblo que cuida de los enfermos y los moribundos a través de la liturgia?

Teología

El pleno significado de la enfermedad y la muerte, así como el cuidado de la Iglesia por los enfermos y moribundos, residen en la persona de Jesucristo. Él mismo abrazó libremente el sufrimiento y la muerte, se identificó con los enfermos moribundos y tuvo compasión de ellos. La curación de los enfermos y moribundos se encuentran entre los primeros milagros de Cristo (Mc 1, 29-31; 5, 41-42). Habiendo oído hablar del poder sanador del Señor, la gente le trae enfermos y moribundos o intercede ante él por ellos (Mc 1, 32-34; Mc 5, 22-23). Este aspecto de la obra de Cristo es tan central que san Mateo lo incluye junto con la enseñanza y la predicación en sus declaraciones sumarias del ministerio de Cristo (4, 23; 9, 35). Cristo confía el cuidado de los enfermos y los moribundos a sus apóstoles, y después de su resurrección, señala que la curación de los enfermos es un signo que acompañará a quienes creen en él (Mt 10, 1; Mc 16, 17; Lc 9, 1-2; Mc 16, 18). En definitiva, Cristo se identifica con los enfermos hasta tal punto que se convierten en su presencia en el mundo: "Estuve enfermo y me visitaron" (Mt 25, 36). Este cuidado de los enfermos continúa en la Iglesia primitiva (Hch 5, 15-16; St 5, 14-15).

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Liturgia

¿Cómo se relacionan los enfermos y moribundos con la liturgia? Los enfermos y moribundos son miembros de la Iglesia celebrante cuya persona y ofrenda son iguales en dignidad a los que están sanos. No son meros receptores del cuidado de la Iglesia, sino miembros activos del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo. Por esta razón, la Iglesia siempre ha estado deseosa de visitar a los enfermos y moribundos y orar con ellos y, cuando están ausentes de la celebración de la Eucaristía, de llevarles la Sagrada Comunión (cfr. San Justino Mártir, Primera apología, nn. G5, G7). Hoy en día, la Iglesia también prevé que la Eucaristía se celebre en los hogares de los enfermos (Código de Derecho Canónico, can. 932 §1; Normas para la distribución y recepción de la Sagrada Comunión bajo dos especies en las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, n.

54; Cuidado pastoral de los enfermos: Ritos de la Unción y del Viático, n. 77). A través de la participación en la Eucaristía, los enfermos no sólo ofrecen un sacrificio al Señor, sino que también pueden recibir "la salvación de cuerpo y alma" (Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, Oración después de la Comunión). En la Misa "Por los enfermos", la Iglesia pide al Señor que conceda salud a los enfermos para que puedan ser restituidos a la celebración eucarística y "ofrecerte su acción de gracias en tu Iglesia" (Misa Romano, Misas por varias necesidades y para diversas circunstancias, n. 45, Oración colecta).

¿Cómo expresa y representa la liturgia el cuidado de los enfermos y moribundos? La Eucaristía es la acción por la cual los enfermos y moribundos se vuelven uno con el amor oblativo de Cristo y se vuelven capaces de un sufrimiento y una muerte como la suya. El cuidado sacramental de la Iglesia por los enfermos y moribundos mana de la liturgia y está dirigido hacia la liturgia, cuyo corazón es la Eucaristía. En la Plegaria eucarística, el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, que se lleva a los enfermos como Comunión y a los moribundos como Viático. En la Misa crismal, tradicionalmente se realiza la bendición del óleo de los enfermos al final de la Plegaria eucarística. El contexto único de esta bendición subraya el hecho de que la Eucaristía es la fuente del cuidado de la Iglesia por los enfermos.

Además, los enfermos y los moribundos deben ser incluidos con frecuencia en las peticiones de la Oración universal (cfr. Institución general del Misa Romano, n. 70c). Durante las Intercesiones solemnes del Viernes Santo, la Iglesia pide al Señor que conceda "salud a los enfermos y la salvación a los moribundos" (intención X).

Finalmente, de vez en cuando la Iglesia celebra Misas especiales por varias necesidades y para diversas circunstancias, tres de las cuales en el Misa Romano se refieren a los enfermos y los moribundos:

- "Por los enfermos" (n. 45)
- "Por los moribundos" (n. 46)
- "Para pedir la graciade una buena muerte" (n. 47)

Acción

El tiempo extraordinario de la pandemia COVID-19 llevó a la Iglesia a vivir su vida de maneras nuevas.

Al no poder visitar a los enfermos en persona, muchas parroquias comenzaron a comunicarse por teléfono. Las celebraciones litúrgicas transmitidas por las redes sociales se hicieron más comunes. Es importante que las comunidades reflexionen sobre estas prácticas ahora que la vida litúrgica ha vuelto a la normalidad. Es posible que algunas hayan desaparecido o se hayan reducido, pero deberían conservarse. Otras pueden haber sido continuadas indebidamente y deberían ser reevaluadas.

En su Carta apostólica sobre la formación litúrgica, *Desiderio desideravi*, el Papa Francisco señala que transmitir liturgias por las redes sociales "no siempre es oportuno" y "deberíamos reflexionar" al respecto (n. 54). Si bien las personas confinadas en sus hogares tienen ahora por estas redes un mayor acceso a las liturgias, este acceso no puede reemplazar el cuidado personal de la Iglesia por los enfermos y los moribundos. Las liturgias transmitidas en vivo no deben disminuir el afán de la Iglesia por visitar a los enfermos y orar en persona con ellos, llevarles la Comunión, proporcionar transporte a quienes lo necesitan o hacer que los lugares de culto sean espacios accesibles y acogedores para quienes están enfermos, son ancianos o están discapacitados. Externalizar el cuidado de los enfermos a tecnologías como YouTube, Twitch o Facebook Live sería ignorar el ejemplo y el mandato de Cristo: "Estuve enfermo y me visitaron" (Mt 25, 36, cursiva añadida). El culto en una comunidad de personas encarnadas es derecho y deber de todo miembro del pueblo cristiano, esté sano o enfermo (cfr. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 14); ningún cristiano debe verse privado de congregarse dos o tres (Mt 18, 20).





Queridos hermanos,

“En todo, amar y servir”. Estas sencillas pero profundas palabras, atribuidas a San Ignacio de Loyola, capturan el espíritu de nuestra comunidad parroquial y nos han guiado nuevamente durante la misión de este año en Chiché, Guatemala. Les escribo lleno de gratitud, alegría y un renovado sentido de propósito después de acompañar a un grupo de nuestros misioneros parroquiales a la “escuelita” en las tierras montañosas de Guatemala. Al poner pie en la calle de entrada que conduce a la escuela, nos recibió un alegre coro de “¡Bienvenidos, hermanos y hermanas de San Ignacio de Loyola, Houston!”, de parte de los niños, sus maestros y sus familias. El cálido abrazo de esa bienvenida nunca pasa de moda. Conmueve el corazón de una manera que es inconfundiblemente la presencia de Cristo; así como San Ignacio nos enseñó a “encontrar a Dios en todas las cosas”, lo encontramos una vez más en las sonrisas radiantes y la sincera hospitalidad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas guatemaltecos.

Uno de los aspectos más poderosos de esta misión es su profunda reciprocidad. No vamos a Chiché como salvadores ni benefactores, ni con la ilusión de poseer algo que a ellos les hace falta. Vamos, como diría Ignacio, con un espíritu de indiferencia, dispuestos a recibir cualquier gracia que el Señor desee darnos a través de nuestra experiencia compartida. Vamos a escuchar, acompañar y ser testigos del Espíritu vivo en su cultura, fe y resiliencia. Y a cambio, somos evangelizados. Somos transformados. Cuando Jesús envió a los discípulos de dos en dos en el Evangelio, les instruyó que buscaran gente pacífica. Les aseguro: la gente de Chiché es precisamente eso. Había lágrimas en los ojos de los niños, los maestros y sí, en los nuestros, al despedirnos. No lágrimas de desesperación, sino de amistad y amor familiar nacidos para ser compartidos por la oración, la fe y el propósito. Salimos de Guatemala no sólo habiendo “hecho algo bueno”, sino habiendo encontrado a Cristo nuevamente: a través de los pobres, los alegres, los generosos y los fieles.

A quienes se preguntan por qué viajamos tan lejos cuando hay necesidades aquí cerca, simplemente les digo esto: vengan y vean. Vengan a ser testigos de la dignidad que se restaura cuando un niño recibe una educación arraigada en su propia lengua y cultura. Vengan a conocer a los graduados —uno ahora ingeniero químico, otro psicólogo— que permanecen en su tierra para construirla desde dentro. La misión no es caridad; es solidaridad. No es una limosna; es esperanza. Y esta esperanza es posible gracias a ustedes. Sus oraciones, su apoyo financiero, su fe en lo que hacemos juntos: estas son las semillas que dan fruto duradero. Durante 24 años, hemos caminado con el pueblo de Chiché. Se han convertido en familia. Y ellos, a su vez, caminan con nosotros, abriéndonos los ojos a lo que significa ser discípulos misioneros en la tradición ignaciana. Qué alegría saber que, al ayudar a construir un futuro para los demás, nos estamos convirtiendo en un pueblo más fiel y más amoroso para los demás.

En casa, el espíritu misionero continúa. Como muchos de ustedes han escuchado, estamos experimentando un retraso en la llegada de nuestro nuevo vicario parroquial. La Arquidiócesis nos ha informado que existen complicaciones en el proceso de asignación, y por ahora, seguimos siendo una parroquia con más de 4,300 familias registradas y un solo sacerdote residente. Les pido sus oraciones y paciencia. Esta no es una situación fácil, pero la afrontamos con fe y gracia. Estoy profundamente agradecido con nuestro departamento de liturgia y nuestro personal, quienes trabajan diligentemente para coordinar a los sacerdotes sustitutos para la celebración de los sacramentos. Su flexibilidad y apoyo han sido un gran regalo. Recordemos: la gracia de Dios siempre es suficiente. Incluso en este momento de espera, el Señor nos está formando. Así como los primeros misioneros jesuitas se aventuraron en territorio desconocido, confiando plenamente en la providencia de Dios, nosotros también estamos llamados a confiar, adaptarnos y perseverar en el amor.

Ignacio enseñó que el discernimiento implica “leer los signos de los tiempos” y confiar en que, incluso en los desafíos, Dios está obrando activamente. Este es un momento para estar atentos a Sus movimientos: en el clamor de los pobres, en el silencio de nuestro anhelo, en la alegría de la misión y en el apoyo que nos brindamos mutuamente aquí en casa. Al celebrar lo que Dios está haciendo a través de nuestra parroquia en el extranjero, permanezcamos también vigilantes y fieles en la misión diaria que nos confía aquí en Spring, Texas.

Amigos, gracias. Gracias por ser una parroquia arraigada en el Evangelio, animada por la espiritualidad ignaciana y valiente al responder al llamado de Cristo. Son testigos vivos de lo que significa ser personas para los demás. Sigamos sirviendo, amando y discerniendo, todo para la mayor gloria de Dios.

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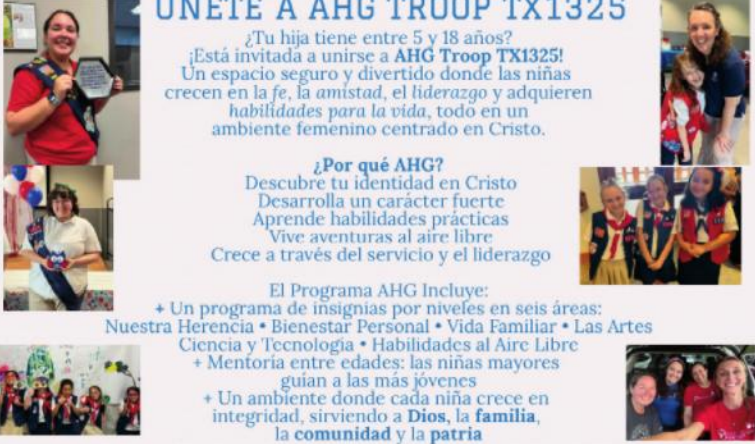
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LECTURA

READING

Domingo, Jul 20, 2025

Siéntate un rato

Tan esencialmente cristiano y contra-intuitivo como “ama a tus enemigos pueda ser,” ¡Jesús defendiendo la “flojera” de María contra su hermana trabajadora Martha parece aún más vergonzoso e injusto! Si los Americanos aman y creen en algo, es el trabajo arduo. Es lo que nos da identidad. Nos definimos como agricultores, abogados, vendedores, etc. Así que ¿cómo puede Jesús decirle a la pobre Martha, a quien le haría bien un poco de ayuda en la cocina, que su hermana ha escogido la “mejor parte”? Bueno, es un asunto de prioridad. Podemos imaginar a Jesús diciendo, “Martha, Vine a visitarte, no a tu cocina. Sé que muestras amor con tu duro trabajo, pero tú eres mucho más importante para mí que lo que haces. Ven siéntate aquí conmigo.”

DECIMOSEXTO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Génesis 18:1-10a; Colosenses 1:24-28; Lucas 10:38-42 (108). “Martha, Martha, muchas cosas te preocupan y te inquietan, siendo así que una sola es necesaria.”



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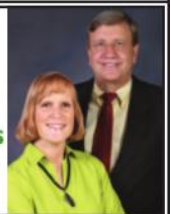
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