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Our Parish COMMUNITY

● April 5, 2026

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● John 20:1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10



Good News!

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We celebrate **Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring**, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today’s gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and “the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or kerygma, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday:

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM ~ English

6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM

Thurs.(Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Adoration

Thurs.~ Spanish—6:30PM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30 PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for **Confession** or **Anointing of the Sick**.

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs:

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED
Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship, Prayer, & Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.-4 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	8:00PM † David Gaza by San Juanita Gaza † Liza Ochoa's Family & Souls in Purgatory by Liza Ochoa † Eduardo C. Ortiz (Heavenly birthday) by Ed Ortiz Birthday blessings for Brynlee Wanoreck
Sun.-5	7:30AM † Tules Guerra (30th anniv.) by the Forbes Family The people of the parish
11:00AM Easter Sunday	† Nieves Beltran by Janie Beltran † Jerry Cross by His Loving Family † Norma Garza Perez (Heavenly birthday) by Estrada Family Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Altar Society
6:00PM	† Feliciano Borrego, Jr. by Josephie Borrego † Antonio Martinez, † Teresa Diaz, † Jovita Vega, † Clemencia Gomez por Familia Gomez Martinez
Mon.-6	8:00AM The healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch Nurses and all first responders
Tues.-7	8:00AM The healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Anita Bazan
Thurs.-9	6:00PM Veterans & those serving in the military 6:30PM Adoration
Fri.-10	8:00AM The healing, the health, and the recovery of Aimee Miers by Michael & Sharon Bartosch More religious vocations

Masses for April 11 & 12

Sat.-11	6:00PM † James & † Jeffrey Gwosdz by Their Family † Steve Meehan by Mike & Marion Donohoe † Jim Van Blarcum by Estella Cortinas
Sun.-12	7:30AM Living and Deceased Members of the St. John of the Cross Cemetery Association The families of our parish
11:00AM	† Joyce Wostal Dickey by Her Loving sister, Martha McCloskey † Guadalupe Gutierrez by Janie Beltran
6:00PM	† Antonio Martinez, † Teresa Diaz, † Jovita Vega, † Clemencia Gomez por Familia Gomez Martinez



The sanctuary light is in loving memory of

Praxesdis Jimenez

by Raquel S. Jimenez and Family

Happy Easter!

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6. The parish office will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, April 7, at 8:30AM.



2025 Tax statements Church Donation Records ~

If you would like a statement of your 2025 donations for tax filing, please call the Parish Office. To save paper and postage, statements will only be provided upon request.



Ministry Schedule for Mass

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April 11—6:00PM—Lector: San Juanita Gaza
EM: Anita Bazan, Luis and Nora Romanos
Head Usher: Carlos Alanis

April 12—7:30AM—Lector: Lucille Klaevemann
EM: Laura Gwosdz, Margie Swetlik, Luz Paiz
Head Usher: Bart and Maria Miller

11:0AM—Lector: Jeri Alaniz
EM: Diana DeAnda, Dee DeLeon, Janie Flores, Volunteer
Head Usher: Tinker Villarreal

6:00PM—Lector: Maria Graciela Ordonez
EM: Jesus Perez, Esmeralda Castro
Head Usher: Jose Isais



We are in need of more lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers for all Masses. Please let the parish office know if you can help.

PRAYER LIST

We continue to pray for the needs of those in our parish:

Art Forbes, Tyler Forbes, Angelica Frees, Cindy Lopez, Antonio Medrano, Oscar Ortiz, Jr., Daniel & Marjorie Stehling, James and Janice Wostal



The names of newly added persons will remain for three weeks. Contact the Parish Office if names need to be added to the prayer list.

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

Theresa Laurienti and Ricki Rodriguez Choat



Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, Preston Holliday, Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore, Deborah Thomas

Army: Father Jim Craig, Madeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Perales, Robert Ponce,

Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, and Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, and Noah Vasquez

Please pray for our **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!**



Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service.

A Note From Our Pastor

¡Feliz Pascua!

Happy Easter!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

As the children go searching for their Easter Eggs, or are smashing cascarones on the heads of their family, many are gathering the family around the matriarch's (or patriarch's) table to share their Easter meal. I can imagine all of the sliced hams, carne guisada, tortillas, kolaches, and other traditional cultural Easter foods shared at Easter. And I hope, of course, there are some tamales! Lots of Tamales! Then there are the chocolate covered faces of the children who finally get to have candy! Not to mention those who take the first cool refreshing swig of the soda that a person gave up in their Lenten Promises. *And for some it might be a refreshing cold brew or adult beverage!* And that first drink after the long season of Lent seems always to be so truly refreshing. (My dad said that cool beer always tasted a bit more refreshing and sweeter after the sweating and labor of mowing the yard.) It is that refreshing Spring Renewal after the cold and hard Winter. Yes, we are talking about the weather, but also about the human experience of the resurrection after the death.

When each of us has lost a loved one to death there is the time of shock and grieving, followed by a time of reevaluation of what this new life will be like, and then a new dawn – resurrection – to a new and different view of life and the world. This is a cycle that is repeated in our lives in so many ways! It might be just as simple as the dreaded getting out of bed and the first cup of coffee with the stretch and the going forward into the dawn of the new day of school or work or homelife. Or it may be the actual emotional resurrection from a time of loss and death of a former way of living or life, and the resurrection into a new world of reality. During the Paschal Triduum, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil) my family celebrated these days with some family traditions to connect the days directly to our personal experience.

On Holy Thursday there is the washing of the feet, the Last Supper Meal, and the Agony in the Garden. We would take a moment and think of all of the good things we had done for one another in the family, for friends, or for community. Then intentionally we gathered for our evening meal and always added an empty chair to the table. The empty chair was to joyfully remember all of the many families, friends, and guests who had laughed with us as they joined us at the family meal over the last year! And the empty chair was for us to remember the agony and pain of all the family and friends who were no longer with us this year for which we would make a toast and prayer of remembrance.

On Good Friday, as we ate our Meal of fasting, it was a time to remember the pain, and suffering we had to deal with in the year – sickness, lack of money, painful moments in relationships, difficulties at work or school, and other moments when we thought we could not survive the pain – and realize that we had survived and grown stronger through it.

And then on Easter Sunday, we would see that new day as a “New Years’ Eve”, saying “good bye” to the darkness of the old year and “saying hello” to a new year and a new world of opportunity and light! Then in faith and hope, we would make resolutions and promises for the New Easter Year! Easter is the day when people were baptized, washed of their sins, and dressed in their new Easter garments (Baptism), anointed as new members of the church family (Confirmation), and sat at the family table for their first partaking of the family meal (First Communion), and joyfully entered into a new dawn and vision of God's love. May your Easter be the same for you and your family. And may it be true for our parish family as well!

Love and Prayers on this Easter Morning!
Fr. Patrick

Deacon's Corner

Happy Easter! I hope your Lenten season has helped you so that you may enjoy a meaningful Easter season, which will be fifty days, more or less, and then we will celebrate the coming of the Spirit. Last year and in other years, I have recommended all the readings for Holy Week, including the Passion on Good Friday and the readings for Holy Saturday, and I've included them, the Responsorial Psalms, second readings and the Gospel readings, but this year I am going to stick with one Mass for Easter Sunday, and they are as follows: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; [Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23](#); Colossians 3:1-4; and the Gospel of John 20:1-9. There are two alternative Gospel readings from Matthew 28: 1-10 and Luke 24:13-35 (the road to Emaus). We are going to see during the next 50 days that the first readings are going to come from the Acts of the Apostles where we will see many times the theme that the Apostles took to the ends of the earth! The *Kerygma* is a short statement of the basics of what the Lord Jesus taught the Apostles, and the charge he gave them when he ascended into heaven. Sometimes we miss the significance of the Ascension, but its main function is to inform us that our job is now to spread the Word of God the way Jesus taught us. Here is the content of the *Kerygma*: (1) God became a human being in Jesus; (2) he defeated the devil; (3) He was put to death on the cross; (4) He rose from the dead; (5) He sent the Holy Spirit, and (6) we are his witnesses. That was the basic teaching of Jesus to the Apostles, and that simple message was what they preached to the world, and as soon as they did, they were put to death. If you want to cut it down to a few words, it is: Jesus is Lord! That

simple, basic truth is how the Word spread throughout the known world at first, and then to the unknown world. Are there still parts of the world that do not know Jesus? Absolutely. Does the Church continue to grow in the world? Absolutely! Look up the statistics of people joining the Church this year. In an overwhelming portion of the world Church, there are tremendous increases in converts to the faith. The message that Jesus left us is still resounding, and the Church world-wide is still responding to his mandate. Resurrection means, of course, that there is life after death, but it also means living the Resurrection in our lifetimes. And the proof is that we have an inner peace that no one can take away. We are kinder, gentler, more compassionate people. We are submissive to the needs of others. We do not complain. We are not angry. We are not dissatisfied. We help others. We're faithful to our spouse and to the Church. We are not at odds with our children, our friends, our bosses, the Church, the Pope and our priests. That is the meaning of Resurrection. That is what Jesus told Martha in Chapter 11 of John's Gospel. Believing in Jesus means all these things. Your manner of speaking and your behavior changes. Resurrection means we don't get angry unnecessarily. It means we hold our tongue when events around us bother us. Therefore, we don't criticize. We don't gossip. We don't slander. We accept those people who are struggling with their lives. And finally, we are faithful to the Word of God. Our piety increases, and it consoles us at difficult times. How do you define and live Resurrection? Ask yourself, and then do it. Deacon Cavada

Stewardship of Treasure

Week #39	COLLECTION	Totals Prior Week -	Goal	Actual	Total Annual Over / (under)	YTD Goal	TOTAL OFFERTORY
3/29/2026	Envelope Collection	\$ (7,334.88)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,002.00	\$ (7,432.88)	\$ 81,900.00	
	Loose Collection	\$ 16,836.71	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,714.73	\$ 17,351.44	\$ 46,800.00	
	On-Line Collection	\$ 12,724.58	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,442.86	\$ 12,767.44	\$ 54,600.00	
	TOTAL Collection	\$ 22,226.41	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,159.59	\$ 22,686.00	\$ 183,300.00	\$ 205,986.00



To access the St. John of the Cross online giving portal, scan the QR code. As always, feel free to contact the parish office if you need any assistance with setting up your online giving.



Parish Organizations

PARISH COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 13, 2026 @ 6PM

ALTAR SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27 @ 6PM

Monthly processional - April 5 - Pam Herschap



ALTAR DUTY CLEANING SCHEDULE

April 9-11—Paid Professional

April 16—18—Ms. Kathleen Garza, Ms. Priscilla Charo, Mrs. Mary Cantu, Ms. Maritza Cantu, Mrs. Terrie Silva

The Altar Society extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who participated in our silent auction and craft fair. Whether you donated items, crafted something beautiful, placed a bid, volunteered your time, or simply showed up in support, your generosity made this event a blessing!

Because of your kindness, we were able to raise funds that will go directly toward the altar needs of our parish. Thank you for supporting our parish family with such enthusiasm and goodwill.

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20 @ 6PM



Hostess grp # 3: Nora Romanos

Corporate Mass—April 19 @ 7:30AM

Rosary at 7:00AM

Leader: Jana Robinson

Offertory: Jeri Alaniz, Jolene Hackfeld, & Diane McBride

Roses provided to Our Lady of Guadalupe—by Frances Matheny & Maria Beltran

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 7, 2026

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM

Case de Lucy Helping Hand Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Religious Education



First Holy Communion Masses: Sunday, May 3, at 9AM and 2PM

Practice and third reconciliation Saturday, May 2, at 9AM.

Confirmation Mass: Wednesday, May 13, 6:00PM, at SJoC.

Practice: Wed., May 6, at 6PM.



Works of Mercy

Loom Knitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distribution will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, April 8** and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, April 11.**



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, May 7** and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, April 25.**



Upcoming Parish Event



BBQ 1/2 Chicken plate fundraiser

Sunday, April 26, 11:00AM—1:00PM

Plates are \$12 and come with pinto beans and potato salad.

Tickets are on sale now!

Get yours from a Knight or the parish office today!

DRIVE THRU with delivery to vehicle ONLY.



Community

The Coastal Bend Blood Center will be at St. John of the Cross on **Sunday, April 19, from 8AM—1PM.**

Spring into action. Donate Blood.



Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome. Scan the QR code or call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 to schedule your life-saving appointment.

Donors will receive a Fishing for Donors t-shirt and a Longhorn Steakhouse coupon. While supplies last.



Senior Corner-

The **St. John of the Cross Joint and the Knights of Columbus Scholarships** are now available in the church foyer, the parish office and the high school counselor's office.

The KC Scholarship deadline is Thursday, April 30, and the Joint Scholarship deadline is Monday, May 4.

Graduation Mass—Sunday, May 17, at 11AM.

Please let the parish office know if your graduating senior will participate.



Liturgy & Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request – please call the office. Any person who is sick (either homebound or in the hospital) or about to have surgery, is encouraged to receive Anointing of the Sick. As current Federal Law prohibits hospitals from the release of any patient's name. Father will not know you are in the hospital unless you call the office.

Baptisms of Infants: (0 to 5 yrs.): Please bring the child's civil birth certificate to the parish office to register the child, their parents & the Godparents for the one-hour Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Godparents must be able to provide Certificates for Catholic Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation, & if married, Marriage Certificate in the Catholic Church. Donation for the class and Baptism is \$30.00, for the class only is \$15.00. Date & time for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Baptismal Class.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (or Confessions) is available on Thursday from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM and on Saturdays from 5:00 PM—5:30 PM and at any time by appointment with the Priest.

Quinceañeras: The honoree and their family must be registered and participating in the parish for two years prior to the year of the Quinceañera (or Quinceañero). The young person must have Baptism & Communion in the Catholic Church, & be attending the parish Religious Education Program. The family is strongly encouraged to contact the Church for **2 years** before the intended date.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made with the priest or deacon, preferably one year before the intended date, (minimum of six months in advance) to complete the necessary requirements. At least one person must be an active and registered member of this parish. No wedding date is guaranteed until ALL diocesan requirements have been fulfilled.

Blessing of Civil Marriages – If you were married before a judge, or a non-Catholic minister, and wish to be readmitted to Holy Communion, there needs to be a Blessing of your Civil Marriage. Please call the parish office and set up an appointment with Father Patrick so he can hear your particular situation and can guide you through the process. Father Patrick is always saying “Don't wait! Start the process NOW!”

Diocesan News

The **Andrew Dinner** will be at St. Pius X Catholic Church on **Thursday, April 16**, at 6:00 p.m.



The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for young men earnestly seeking God's will in their lives to share a meal and an evening of fraternity with Bishop Avilés and some of the priests of the diocese.

The witness of priests in communion with the bishop is a powerful experience for those who feel they may be called to this life.

Young men interested in attending are asked to speak with their pastor.

Please RSVP to Father James Vasquez in the Office of Vocations at jvasquez@diocesecc.org or call (361) 882-6191 ext. 604.

Let's Brighten Our Community service retreat for high school teens will happen on **Saturday, April 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Saint Patrick Church, located at 3350 South Alameda in Corpus Christi.

This will be a fun opportunity to gather in faith and fellowship.

Register at <https://diocesecc.org/lboc>



CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES ~ Bishop Mario A. Avilés, C.O. is hosting a fun celebration for our graduates on **Sunday, April 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

It will be a gathering filled with food, games, music, and more. Students will have an opportunity to meet fellow graduates and learn more about the Newman Centers and other Catholic groups to help them continue their faith journey after graduation.

There is no cost to attend. **RSVP by April 13th.** Spots are limited.



The Inaugural Corpus Christi Cathedral Gala a Family Reunion with Special Guest Speaker

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores Bishop of Brownsville

Friday, May 22, 2026, 7:00PM, at
the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.

Tickets and more information at cathedralgala.com



High School Leadership Retreat ~ Applications are now available for the upcoming High School Diocesan Leadership program and retreat. The retreat will be on **June 8th and 9th** at Our Lady of Corpus Christi.

The cost is \$30 per person.

Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/leadership-liability>



SAVE THE DATE



CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held **July 9th through July 11th** at the Spirit Center.

The cost to participate is \$75.

Registration details are coming soon.

This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

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Social Media



Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/
Stjohnogtx](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnogtx)

Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

**Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)
and 11:00 AM (SPA)**

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only),
KLUX 89.5HD, or Diocese of CC Website

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at



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work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted “yes,” then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God’s grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God’s plan for you will always be there. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

**GENERAL
AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2025**



MARCO IACOBELLI EPF / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31