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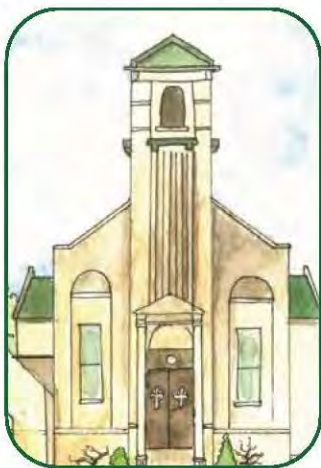
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2026 St. Patrick's Confirmation Class



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

June 27-28, 2026: The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #967 of the Journey songs Book

Monday (Ss. Peter & Paul) June 29

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (First Martyrs of Rome) June 30

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Wednesday (St. Junipero Serra) July 1

9:15 A.M. INTENTIONS OF FR. PETE

FR. PETE'S LAST MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Thursday July 2

9:15 A.M. For Our Benefactors of St. Patrick's

Friday (St. Thomas, Apostle) July 3

9:15 A.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

7:00 P.M. Los Feligreses de San Patricio

Saturday INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4

4:00 P.M. † Deceased Former Pastors

Sunday (14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME) July 5

10:30 A.M. For Our Benefactors

12:00 P.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

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SUNDAY COLLECTION:

June 13-14, 2026 TBD

PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED TO COLLECT \$3,000 A WEEK TO MAINTAIN OUR BUDGET!

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COLLECTION COUNTERS:

June 28, 2026 B. & MJ. Boicken

July 5, 2026 D. & C. Bremer

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule."
– St. Vincent de Paul

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at ☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE: To Dedicate

a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, June 27 (Fr. Nestor) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: B. Boicken

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess
D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, June 28 (Fr. Nestor) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: B. Volek

Lector: J. Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: M. Facko

Sunday, June 28 (Fr. Nestor) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: C. Dueñas, A. Piquet

Ushers: M. Arellano, G Carreño,
R. Camacho, M. Torres N. Viveros

Altar Servers: E. Camacho, T. Carmona
D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda

PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a loved one by dedicating a church pew (\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a building named in honor of your loved one for



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NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at

pjankowski@yahoo.com

This summer, three specific activities we have planned for the summer are beginning to take shape. **Bobbi Volek and Maddie Meyer** asked me some time ago about hosting a "**Vacation Bible School**" for the kids in the summer. We have not had one of these for a while in the area and we are really blessed that our young families in the area are getting as invested as they are. VBS will take place the week prior to the Novena from July 20-24; more information about VBS is forthcoming (although I did find the video of what Bobbi and Maddie want to do with the kids that I have put on our website.

Another round of **Birthday Baseball with Fr. Pete** takes place on **August 13** this year with the Joliet Slammers! The Knights of Columbus provide the transportation, the tickets are \$10 each for the bus and the ticket and the altar servers get to go free. What a deal!

Our **Parish Picnic** will take place in September. More on the picnic is yet to come. We also will talk about the 50/50 Raffle for the picnic in the weeks ahead.

Meanwhile, over at St. Anne's, a couple wonderful souls saw what we had been doing at Pat's and inquired about getting a **St. Anne's Parking Lot Project** similar to St. Pat's. As a response, we asked Scott Crawford to visit St. Anne's and provide us two bids for the parking lot – it will cost us around **\$24,000** to upgrade the lot in front of the church and the small section of the parking lot adjacent to the senior care center; the price rises to **\$59,000** if we address the entire lot at St. Anne's by the Senior Center.

Towards that end, we inserted an envelope in our St. Anne Novena mailing which will be sent out next week. Jackie Bruhn will talk about the parking lot during the May 31 Mass at the parish as well. The "pipe dream" is that we can get these donations to pave the lots by the St. Anne Feast Day on July 26!

As we have had to navigate a few major storms this Spring, a couple of parishioners suggested that we check the roofs of our buildings to see if the storms had caused any damage to what we have. I thank Mr. Rafael Hernandez for coming down to St. Patrick's and St. Anne's to clean out our gutters, install "leaf guards" on our gutters and to trim a few trees that were hanging over our buildings.

In the course of these inspections, we came to find out that at St. Anne's, a corner of our building has endured a bit of damage from what I have been told resulted from "leaky drains" that got under the outside bricks of the church over the last decade or so and is in desperate need of repair. So far, the estimates coming in for the damage are just under \$10,000; this work needs to be done to preserve our church. If anyone can help us offset the cost of the repairs, please contact the parish office

Please know how much I appreciate all of you at the Border Town Parishes! Please know you will always be in my prayers. Fr. Pete Jankowski





All for Jesus

MIGUEL DULICK

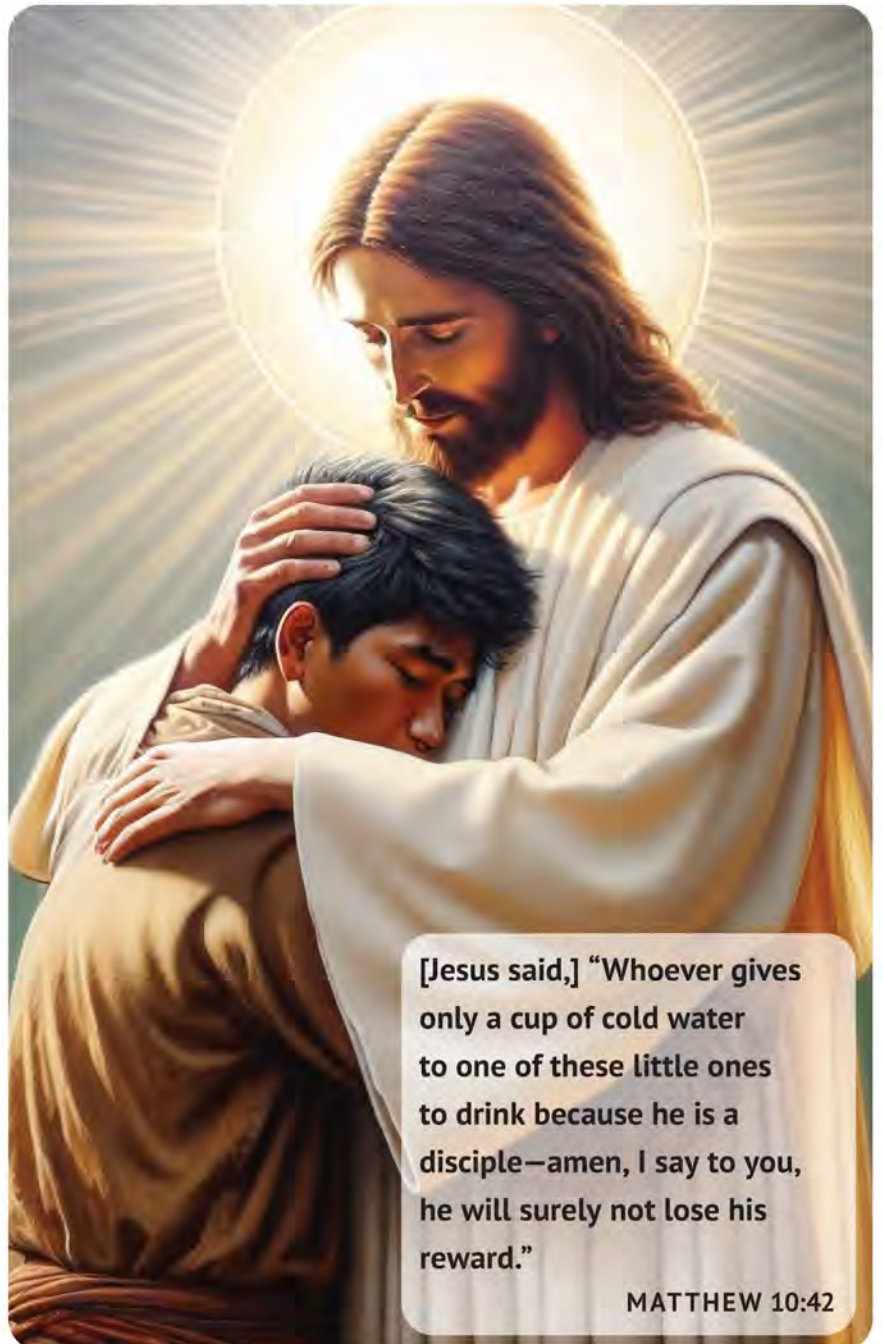
Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one."

It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●



[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**

Dear Padre,

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12

Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24

Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10-17

Mt 9:1-8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11-15

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30



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Mass in Latin - July 25th at 6:00 p.m.,
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Fr. Pete Jankowski, Celebrant

Outdoor Mass in English - July 26th
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Fr. Jim Heyd, Celebrant

Fr. Pete Jankowski will hear confessions
and offer anointings during the Mass.

**Outdoor Procession of Relic at Camino y
Esperanza Retreat House at 11:00 a.m.**

Outdoor Mass in Spanish at 12:00 noon

Rev. Sebastian Genoni, Celebrant

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**Daily Novena Masses from July 17-24
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at St. Anne's Church and at
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"We are the friendliest church in town."



By Thom Rainer

That sentence or something very similar is the most common statement we've heard in interviews we conducted with church members during consultations. Most people active in a church really do think their church is friendly. These members have relationships and interactions that give them that perceived reality.

But when we interview guests of the same churches, we hear a different story. These guests often think the members are "unfriendly" or "cliquish." They don't have the established relationships members have. They are not familiar with the church facilities. They don't know what to expect.

The church welcome ministry (or whatever your church calls it) has always been important. But the ministry is more important today than it's ever been. Look at six reasons this level of importance has risen.

1. **CHURCH MEMBERS ARE RETURNING TO CHURCH AFTER A LONG ABSENCE.** The pandemic kept them away. Many have returned, but not all have. Some are easing back into church cautiously and slowly. It is critical for the welcome ministry to encourage these returning members to get back into a rhythm and habit of gathering regularly.
2. **MORE NEW GUESTS ARE ARRIVING.** During the quarantine, a number of new residents moved into your community. They have not had an opportunity to visit a church, but they are ready now. For some unchurched people, the angst of the COVID era has them asking questions about God, church, and faith. Some will show up at your church.
3. **CONTEXT HAS CHANGED.** Yes, the world has changed. The local church is a microcosm of some of the contextual changes of our society. Specifically, the ways we greet people in many contexts have changed. Hugs are mostly out. Handshakes are in some places and out in others. The availability of visible sanitizers is necessary in most churches. Those who participate in the welcome ministry are aware of the best ways to greet guests.
4. **FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.** Because some of the guests have not been in a church for months, perhaps even a few years, the first few moments they arrive on the church property are critical. They could return repeatedly, or they could decide it's not worth the risk and effort.
5. **FEW CHURCH MEMBERS ARE NATURALLY WELCOMING TO GUESTS.** They naturally gravitate to people they know. They may be uncertain if a person is a guest or a member they don't know. Leaders can exhort church members to be friendly, but the challenge for it to happen will always be there. The welcome ministry fills this void, and the void has been exacerbated during the pandemic.
6. **IT IS BIBLICAL.** While we don't see a formal welcome ministry per se in the Bible, the importance of hospitality is clear and powerful. For example, "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13). Additionally, Paul's qualifications for church leaders include hospitality (see 1 Timothy 3:2-3).

Your church's welcome ministry has always been important. But it is likely it is more important than ever.

27-28 Junio 2026: XIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hace algunos años, el cantante de rock Carlos Santana y el grupo roquero Mana ganaron un premio en los "Latín Grammys" por su canción: "Corazón espinado." Esta bella canción es de un hombre que lamenta el dolor que una mujer le ha causado. No la puede olvidar, porque ella le ha dejado el corazón espinado. Esta canción siempre me recuerda al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, corazón rodeado por una corona de espinas e inflamado por el amor que le tiene a su mujer, la Iglesia, es decir, nosotros.

La devoción al Sagrado Corazón proviene de una monja francesa, santa Margarita Maria Alacoque a quien Jesús le mostro su corazón en junio de 1675. Jesús le dijo que su corazón arde de amor por los seres humanos, pero los cristianos solo lo ofendemos con insultos, ingratitud e indiferencias.

¿Cuántas veces, como Iglesia o como individuos, le hemos espinado el corazón al Señor? Y, aun así, la imagen del corazón espinado e inflamado de Jesús nos sigue cantando y llamando para que seamos suyos. Si regresamos a él, Jesucristo nos promete doce bendiciones de paz, consolación, fervor y otras gracias.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM,
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LA RIQUEZA DE LA VIDA EN CRISTO

Hoy tenemos la preciosa historia de la mujer a quien se le promete un hijo, una maravillosa exhortación a la vida en Cristo y una poderosa ense-

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



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Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m..

ñanza de Jesús. ¿Demasiadas riquezas en una sola dosis? No, si tomamos las palabras de Jesús sobre "ser acogedores" de corazón. Los muchos retos y bendiciones que hoy nos ofrecen Eliseo, Pablo, y Jesús deben ser causa de regocijo, y debemos acogerlos de corazón en nuestras vidas. Y, como el gran regalo que son, deben ser disfrutados y compartidos generosamente con los demás.

La lectura de hoy tomada de la carta a los romanos fue seleccionada en los comienzos de la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia como instrucción apostólica que debían recibir los candidatos al bautismo durante la Vigilia de Pascua. Esto da una idea de su importancia como creencia central, y como medio para entender la historia de la resurrección. La resurrección de Cristo no es solamente la historia de algo por lo que el paso una vez hace tiempo, sino que es nuestra historia, la historia de cómo nos unimos a los otros miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. No solo estábamos muertos, sino enterrados; pero no enterrados para siempre, sino resucitados a la vida eterna en Cristo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - La hospitalidad genuina se alaba mucho (2 Reyes 4: 8-11, 14-16a).

Salmo - Proclamare sin cesar la misericordia del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda Lectura - Vivan para Dios en Cristo Jesús (Romanos 6: 3-4, 8-11).

Evangelio - El que los recibe a ustedes, a mí me recibe. (Mateo 10: 37-42).

Note rompas la espinilla con un banco que no esté en tu camino. - Proverbio irlandés

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ef 2: 19-22; Sal 117; Jn 20: 24-29

Martes: Gn 19: 15-29; Sal 26; Mt 8: 23-27

Miércoles: Gn 21: 5, 8-20a; Sal 34; Mt 8: 28-34

Jueves: Gn 22: 1b-19; Sal 115; Mt 9: 1-8

Viernes: Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Sal 106 (105); 1b-5; Mt 9: 9-13

Sábado: Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29; Sal 135 (134); 1b-6; Mt 9: 14-17

Domingo: Zac 9: 9-10; Sal 145 (144): 1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8: 9, 11-13; Mt 11: 25-30



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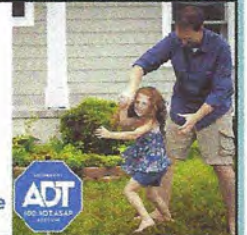
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