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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents & Godparents need to attend a pre-baptism instruction class. Call the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before Masses or by Appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are asked to call the parish office to receive information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are seriously ill, will have a major surgery, are old aged or in danger of death, call the priest.

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Masses:

5:30 p.m. (Vigil in English)
8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

@ 12:00 p.m..

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

CCE—Catechism

On Sundays and Wednesdays

RCIA

A program to join the Catholic Faith.
Contact the parish office.

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

La Natividad del Señor

December 25, 2016

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:30 p.m. For our parish

11:30 p.m. † Miguel Cardona Solis; Oscar Cardona Rivera; † Guadalupe Cardona

Sunday

10:00 a.m. For our benefactors, living and deceased

12 noon For our sick parishioners

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

So that all of our parishioners may enjoy this holy season with their families, breakfast will not be served at the church hall on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. We want to thank all the church societies, groups and families who so faithfully serve breakfast every Sunday throughout the year. Your dedication and financial help is deeply appreciated.



WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR 2017

If you prefer to give your weekly tithing using an envelope, the 2017 envelopes are available in the church's foyer for your convenience. Select one of your own choice.

WEEKDAY MASS & ADORATION

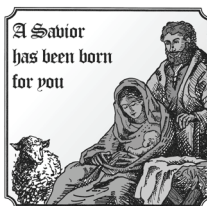
Weekday Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are celebrated at 12 p.m. Join us and receive the Lord in the Eucharist.

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament is done every Thursday from 7 - 8 p.m. Join us.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed beginning tomorrow until the end of the year. We will be ready to serve you in 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SPECIAL COLLECTION - NEXT WEEK



Next week - a special collection will be taken to benefit life activities, maternity homes in our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity as always.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) will take place at the Waco Convention Center Jan. 27-29. At DCYC, participants will

experience keynote speakers Father Leo Patalinghug, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Manny Barraza and Jason Deuterman. They will also participate in sacraments, music, prayer, workshops, entertainment and more, all woven together under this year's theme of "Sanctus." Don't miss out on this annual opportunity for teens to encounter Christ in a fun, unique way. If you want to sponsor one or more, please contact the office. We need your help.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for Volunteers for our Youth Group. We have discussed at the parish



council meeting the need to focus on our youth group. It has been suggested to have three couples to assist us in this ministry. Would you like to help us out on this? Please contact the office.

SERVING OUR PARISH

Would you like to be a lector, or an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, a choir member or an usher? We welcome you as you get involved in our parish.

WEBSITES

Don't forget to check out the Sacred Heart website at sacredheartwaco.com. You'll find information on church activities and events. You may also be interested in checking out the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at USCCB.org for great resources.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Regular Collection | \$6,908.00 |
| Breakfast by The Knights of Columbus | \$1,441.00 |

Sacred Heart is a parish family called to be a visible sign of Christ, formed by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist and empowered to serve the needs of God's people.

40 DAYS TO MARDI GRAS RAFFLE

Raffle drawings will begin on January 4, 2017 and continue through February 28, 2017. Drawings on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are for a \$50 gift card. Drawings on Fridays are for a \$100 gift card. The Grand Prize drawing on **Fat Tuesday, February 28, 2017** is for a **\$1,000 gift card**. A \$20 donation qualifies you for 40 chances to win! If you win early on in the raffle, your ticket is put back in for more chances to win! Gift cards are for WalMart or HEB. Tickets are on sale after each mass or during normal office hours at the church office. Proceeds of this raffle will be used for the demolition of the "white house" and to fix the solenoids of our church's bells and have it upgraded. Please participate with this good cause.



CCE NEWS

- **NO CCE classes** will be held on December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017.

BAPTISM



Classes for the month of January will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on January 5th. Call the church office to register.

Clases para el mes de Enero se llevará a cabo el día 5 de Enero de 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Llame a la oficina de la iglesia para registrar.

CHRISTMAS

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Today we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior! How will your family celebrate the birth of Christ?

El Nacimiento del Señor (Navidad)

¡Hoy celebramos la encarnación de Jesús, Nuestro Señor y Salvador! ¿Cómo celebrará su familia el nacimiento de Cristo?

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Father is available to help out on annulments. Marriage is Presumed Valid Until Proven Otherwise. Once a marriage is entered into between any two persons, Catholic, Protestant, or non-Christian, it is presumed to be a valid and binding union until the contrary can be proven. And as long as a person is bound to a previous valid marriage, the Church does not permit a second marriage to take place. The Church has established certain procedures by which persons can attempt to prove that a previous marriage was not valid or binding, thereby assuring that they are free to marry according to the rites of the Church. This usually involves those persons who seek to marry in the Church, but have been previously married. However, others too may need the assistance of the Tribunal. For example, divorced Catholics may want to settle the status of a previous marriage that ended in divorce even though they have no immediate plans to remarry.

The Status of Children

This issue is one that most concerns parties to the marriage nullity process. In short, the process in no way changes or even addresses the legitimacy of children. If eventually a marriage is declared to be invalid, the children born of it are still considered to be legitimate. Church law is

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quite clear on this point. Children born of those marriages are considered legitimate whether or not a declaration of invalidity is ever issued.

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