

**Week Day Mass Times**

Mon – Shamrock at 8.30 a.m.  
Wed – Wellington at 6.00 p.m.  
Thu – Shamrock at 6.00 p.m.  
Fri -- Shamrock at 6.00 p.m.

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**Parochial Administrator**

Rev. Joji Reddy Konkala (Joe)

Liturgical Ministers  
Sunday, JULY 22, 2018

**Lectors**

Joe Peters  
Mayra Rico

**Intercessions:** Paul Perez

**Communion Minister**

Creighton Killian

**Altar Servers:**

Dahmian Salinas & Cix Killian

Sunday, JULY 29, 2018

**Lectors**

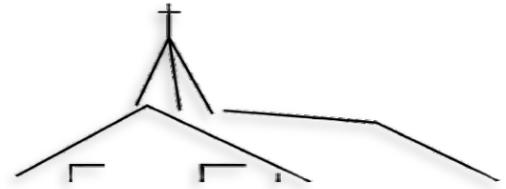
Sandy Killian  
Paul Perez

**Intercessions:** Paul Perez

**Communion Ministers:**

Martin Perez

**Altar Servers:**



# Our Mother of Mercy

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1108 Floydada Street, Wellington, TX 79095

**Bishop**  
**Bishop of Amaril**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

**Sunday – 11.00 a.m.**

## Holy smoke! Why the Church uses incense at Mass



Its spiritual purpose is rich in meaning, and incense has been used in divine worship for thousands of years.

The *Catechism* reminds us that prayer involves much more than our soul, “Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays” (CCC 2562). For this reason the Church’s public forms of worship contain numerous elements that are visible and engage our bodily senses. The *Catechism* teaches us that, “In human life, signs and symbols occupy an important place

As a being at once body and spirit, man expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs and symbols. As a social being, man needs signs and symbols to communicate with others, through language, gestures, and actions. The same holds true for his relationship with God” (CCC 1146).

To help engage all of our senses during the celebration of Mass, lifting up our bodies and souls to God, the Church for centuries has used incense as an important exterior sign. Incense was a vital part of worship for many ancient religions, including the Jewish worship of God. In the Tabernacle, as well as the Temple, God commanded that an “altar of incense” be built. God directed that Aaron, the High Priest, “shall burn it, perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations” (Exodus 30:8).



Sunday JULY 15, 2018

Wellington Parish Collection \$ 281.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parish Council Meeting will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at our church. after the Mass at 6:30pm
2. On Wednesdays after the Mass, Jennifer will be Scrap-Bible-ing in the faith formation house across the street. Anyone is welcome to join her and get familiar with their bible. All you need is your bible.
3. Jennifer is looking for a teacher for the new school year. Please consider sharing your faith with the children in our Parish for 1 hour a week.
4. JULY 29<sup>th</sup>- Next Sunday Second collection for the Bishop DeFalco retreat center.
5. All the Teachers are expected to attend the annual Faith Formation Conference on August 11<sup>th</sup>, at Amarillo.
6. All those who gave their names to be altar Servers, please be at the Sacristy before 10 minutes for dressing up. Follow the bulletin.
7. Devotional CD's are available at the back, one CD cost \$2.00, two CD's cost \$5.00 only.
8. We need Musician to play at our church: Our Mother of Mercy church has one of the good piano/organ. Unfortunately we have no one to make use of it, or to play the music in our church. It is the humble request to all the young kids to make use of your talent, time and gifts to share with the Music ministry. If you are interested to play the music, please let us know how we can support you to learn from the teacher. You can contact fr. Joe or Odilia Cantu 806-205-1389. Thanks



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Lutie Cortez, Chad Mock, Tori Curry, Jonathon Soto, Leonarda Sosa, Edi Williams, Ray Hightower, Bertha Soto, Chad kane, Msgr. Cal Stalter, Dr. Manuel Juson, Jessica Murphy, Josie Ramos, Jessie Ramos, Larry Garrison, Mike O'Gorman, Betty and Dub Stanley, Bishop John Yanta, Frances Hernandez, James Moran, Gina Seitz, Ben Kupis, Elberto Solis Jr., Tracy Russell, Damiana and Aladdin, Deborah Kendal, Isaac Strack, Rueben Villareal, Sylvia Meisenheimer, Shannon Brown. Good rains.

## FOR DECEASED

†Vicki Sparks, †Trinidad Cantu, †Harry Garrison, †Garry Keith smith, †Charlotte Rhea Ryan †Joe Rickwartz †Herman Neal †Tom Eck †Dan Luna †Mary Groves †Rowan Griffin †Dave Britt, †Edgar Lopez, †Nancy Castillo, †Salvador Olivarez, †Allen J. Peters, †Ursula Peters, †Amador Olivarez, †Clare Wood, †Chester Joseph Webber, †Jerry Koelzer, †Roberto GranadozSr, Souls in Purgatory.



## *Mass Intentions*

DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS? If you have good news to share, please call either church office or send information to: [saintpatricksrock14@yahoo.com](mailto:saintpatricksrock14@yahoo.com)

**Parishioners of Wellington** can approach for assistance: **Odilia Cantu** (806-205-1389, 806-447-2551) or **Jennifer Lopez** (806-204-0706)

(Continues from first page).....Connected to this tradition is the best known phrase mentioning incense in the Old Testament, “Let my prayer be counted as incense before thee, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice” (Psalm 141:2).

Christians quickly adopted the use of incense, and it appears prominently in the book of Revelation in the heavenly liturgy, where St. John describes, “the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God” (Revelation 8:4).

In light of the above scripture passages the primary meaning behind the use of incense is to symbolize our prayers rising up to God. When we see the incense we are reminded that the priest is there to gather up our petitions and plead on our behalf before our loving and merciful God.

Incense also calls to mind the heavenly reality of the Mass. It connects our celebration to the heavenly liturgy depicted in the book of Revelation and reminds us that the Mass is a meeting place between heaven and earth.

Last of all the thick cloud of incense can often obscure our view of the altar. This is a good thing and reminds us of the mysterious nature of the Mass. Our mortal minds cannot comprehend fully the mystery that is being celebrated before our eyes and the incense makes that reality even more tangible.

So while the use of incense can seem strange at times, it has deep spiritual roots and has been a part of divine worship for thousands of years.

