Saint Francis of Assisi



Feast Day - October 4

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THE PRESENTATION OF HE LORD **PARISH STAFF** Rev. Fr. Mark Dunne Administrator - 903-797-3303 Father Cristian Celaya Parrochial Vicar 903-797-3303 Deacon Guylan Blasingame 903-790-0505 Diacono Gonzalo Rojas 903-758-6136 PARISH APOSTOLATES Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

Religious Education Christian Initiation Ethics & Integrity

Parish Liturgical Commission Liturgy Committee Extraordinary Ministers Lectors Ushers Choir Altar Servers Altar Society

Parish Council 1st. Thursday OTRLY MTG. Finance Council 2nd. Tuesday of the Month Ladies Guild 1st Sunday of the month Cursillistas Knights of Columbus Council 2771 Second Monday of the Month.

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."



RETORNO A LA NAVIDAD

La celebración de hace tres semanas del Bautismo del Señor señaló el fin "oficial" del tiempo de Navidad para la Iglesia. La fiesta de hoy de la Presentación del Señor parece extender la celebración un poco más allá. En realidad, algunos han nombrado esta fiesta una "Segunda Epifanía".

La primera lectura nos recuerda la anticipación del Adviento, como escribe Malaquías: "Envío a mi mensajero para que prepare el camino ante mí". La lectura de los Hebreos nos recuerda la Encarnación. proclamando que Jesús tuvo una "parte" de la misma "carne y sangre". El Evangelio encuentra al niño Jesús en su primera visita a Jerusalén, y a sus padres una vez sorprendidos asombrados acontecimientos de su nacimiento.

En la sencillez del pesebre, en la grandeza del templo, en la domesticidad de Nazaret, Jesús viene. ¡Que lleguemos a conocerlo y por ello nos encontremos llenos de "sabiduría" y de la "gracia de Dios!"

MASS SCHEDULE - ENGLISH

Saturday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m. Monday: 9:00 a.m. At St. Francis of Assisi Church

Tuesday, Wednesday ,Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m. Friday First of the Month Adoration After Mass.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

Anytime by Appointment

CONFESSION

Saturday - before Mass Sunday before Mass **Anytime by Appointment**

CONFESION

Sabados antes de Misa Antes de la Misa Domingo o por Previa Citá

HORARIO DE MISAS - ESPAÑOL

Domingo - 12:00 p.m. Miercoles - 6:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD

K-12th Grade - Wed: 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL GUIDELINES - Please contact Fr. Mark firs o Father Cristian for all your spiritual need

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents are required to attend classes. For the classes and the date to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism contact Fr. Mark.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Fr. Mark or Fr. Cristian at least **six months** prior to the tentative date. The engaged couples are to fulfill the Diocesan and parish requirements regarding marriage preparation programs.

<u>FIFTEENERS</u> Quinceñeras held by appointments only, **Six months** before and five classes are needed for preparation.

Lectors Saturday - February 8
1st. & 2nd. Reading: Rhonda Pope
Cantor: Debi Cazarez

E. Minister: Enrique Salazar

Lectors Sunday - February 9

1st. & 2nd. Reading - Mr. Mark Vogl
Cantor - Karla Ormsby

E. Minister:

Mary Wander & Elizabeth Williams

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in Albis," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

-Rev. James Field. Copyright ⊚ J. S. Paluch Co.

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

- Hebrews 2:17a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;

Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles;

World Day for Consecrated Life;

Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day

Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Wednesday: St. Agatha

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty-or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes-Mount Etna erupted as she was being torturedrecent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure:



Please pray for the Sick / Favor de orar por los enfermos:

Martha Schrimsher, Barney Schrimsher, Perry Mannis, Dorothy Wooten, Fred Berge, Ronda Valkmon, Georgia Holcomb, Harold Holcomb, Alice Nolen, Robin Jones, Frankie Taylor, Kim Rosonke Joan & Kevin McCloskey, Rosie Jagger, Chuck Osborne, Bob Blackburn, Carol Sills, Stacey Nolen and remember the sick priests of our Diocese.

Amount needed weekly:

Bills and Education:
Building & Maintenance:

1500.00

300.00 **1800.00**

Last week's collection:

TOTAL: \$ 1,151.00

Second Collection:

Church in Latin America

\$335.00

Your Financial & Spiritual Support is Appreciated

RCIA / CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Anyone interested in learning about their Catholic Faith and/or receiving all their Sacraments. Please see Fr. Mark.

FOOD PANTRY We need your donations, the pantry is almost empty. There is a basket for food pantry donations for the needy at the front door. Thank you for you donations.

Ladies' Guild Upcoming Events:

The Ladies' Guild meeting will be every 1st Sunday of the month at 9:00am before Mass.

Ladies' Guild Bake Sale February 8 & 9



<u>CCD classes</u> * Preparation Class for Sacraments will be: February 16 at 10:30 am.

Parish Council Meeting. Will be March 5th., 2020 at 6:30pm.

We Still have Collection Envelopes if you one pleas ask at the offices

It is time to pick your letter of the amount of your donations if you want to report in your **Taxes Contribution**. Those are in the office. **The Tax Statements for the Bishop Annual Appeal and Priest for Tomorrow** for 2019 being mailed out.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY ALERTS!

- 2/1 Arnulfo Chavez, Jr., Claudia S. Delgado, Juan Montoya Jr., Catalina Olivares, & Ignacio Aguillon
- 2/2 Marlene Abundus, Martin Aguillón, Marlene Carrion, Edgar Chavez, Lance Gamble, Leslie Martinez, & Candelario Perez
- 2/3 Olga Aguillón, Evilio Lizardi, & Amanda Seahorn
- 2/4 Francisco Medina 2/5 Elizabeth Bell
- 2/6 Francisco Trinidad
- 2/7 Cesar A. Chavez, Georgia Herndon, & Javier Salinas
- 2/8 Mr. Chuck & Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, Anthony Villafuerte, & Eric Silva 2/9 Maria Lopez

God Bless You on this Special Day Que Dios los Bendiga en este Dia Especial



- 2-03 Javier & Maria Sanchez
- 2-05 Arnulfo & Genoveva Chavez
- 2-08 Karen & Perry Mannis

RICA/ INICIACION CRISTIANA - Todo aquel que este interesado en completar sus sacramentos porfavor hablar con el padre Mark.

Despensa: Nesecitamos de sus donaciones la despensa está casi vacía. - Tenemos una canasta para donaciones de comida, en la puerta de enfrente para los necesitados de la comunidad. Gracias por sus donaciones

<u>Eventos Que vienen de las Ladies' Guild -</u> Las Ladies' Guild tienen su reunion el primer Domingo de cada mes a las 9:00am Todos están invitados a asistir.

Ladies' Guild Bake Sale Febrero 8 & 9

<u>Junta de Comite de Parish Coucil, sera</u> el 5 de Marzo, 2020 @ las 6:30 pm. todos son vienvenidos aparticipar en estas reuniones.

Las Reuniones para curcillistas son los Miercoles para mas informacion asercarser a los encargados del grupo. Dirigirse con Silvia Rocha o El Sr. Angel Romer ellos son los Bocales del grupo.

Es tiempo de reportar sus taxes,

Estan listas las cartas con el total de su donación fabor de recojerlas en la oficina.

Los Tax Statements de Bishop Annual Appeal (promesa anual al Obispo) y Priest for Tomorrow (par los Sacerdote del Mañana de 2019 seran enviados por coreo.



First Friday of the Month after 8:00am Mass

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues

-Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux



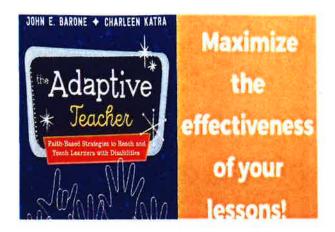
Cada Primer Viernes de Mes a las 6:30pm.

EL CAMINO A DIOS

El único camino que nos lleva a Dios es la humildad; todos los demás caminos sólo descarrían, aunque estuvieran cercados con todas las virtudes.

-Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux





About this Event

Do you want to increase the effectiveness of your lessons?

Do you want to improve your teaching approach to benefit all learners? Join us February 29, from 9am-3pm at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Center Things you'll learn:

Fostering a welcoming environment for everyone

Understanding specific needs of learners with disabilities

Adapting a teaching approach to benefit all learners

Developing effective communication strategies

Helping learners build confidence, independence and ownership.

Date And Time

Sat, February 29, 2020 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CST

Location:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 423 South Broadway Avenue Tyler, TX 75702

Refund Policy

Contact the organizer to request a refund. Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.