



Why Christians Tithe

As Christians mature, we learn to be generous and to put others first. Christians support their church and care for the underprivileged. We share our gifts because we know that whatever we have came from God, not ourselves. We are generous because we recognize our need to reflect God's generosity with our own.

Our response is to embrace and support our parish, where we grow in faith. As we mature we grow in courage to say to God, "Here I am, Lord. You can count on me." We say to our parish, "Here I am, you can count on me." Our faith requires a response from us that helps make the community stronger.

We cannot be invisible Christians! We cannot have faith and, at the same time hide our faith. We praise God together, in our parish. We learn from God His Will for us through His Word. We receive His Son in His Body and Blood given for our sins. He forgives our sins. How do we respond? "You can count on me!"

One of the ways we respond is to give back the "First Fruits" of our work. For example, if you see your work as a source of blessings that allows you to care for your family, why not give back to God the first fruits of your labors, the first hour of your weekly work. God will bless this gift. Imagine telling God, "Lord, this hour is for you. Thank you for all your blessings for me and my family."

In the bible, we see people giving "tithes" or 10% of their income to God. Imagine offering to God the first hour of salary every week.

If you work 40 hours a week, a tithe would be equivalent to 4 hours of your work. Imagine giving your first hour of work to God, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. That would be a complete tithe.

The Church is not looking for you to give everything to God. He knows what you need. However, it is spiritually immature to give nothing.

How do you say "Thank You" to God? You can say, "Here I am, Lord? I come to do your will."

We thank you for your commitment to your parish. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Fr. Mark



Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Monday/Lunes February 13th,
6:30 pm – English Mass.
Tuesday/Martes February 14th, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
6:30 pm – Misa Español. Bendiciones a Mary Carol Noone y familia por Richard Benkendorf.
Wednesday/Miercoles February 15th,
3:00 pm – Veneration of St. Anthony of Padua's Relics
6:30 pm – English Mass.
Thursday/Jueves February 16th,
6:30 pm – Spanish Mass.
Friday/Viernes February 17th, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
6:30 pm – Bilingual Mass / Misa Bilingüe. **Antonia Nunez** on 2 years of deceased, **Dolores Anthony**, **Robert Morales Jr.**
Saturday/Sabado February 18th,
5:00 pm – For all our parishioners.
7:00 pm – **Nicolas Herrera** por su familia, **Sabina Estrada** por su familia, **Galdino Navarrete** por su familia.
Sunday/Domingo February 19th, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am -
9:30 am – **Lucina Jaramillo** y **Miguel Benitez**, dedicado por sus hijos, **Raul Castro** por su tia y primos, **Nicolasa Perez Valdez** por Irma Sanchez.
11:30 am – **Santiago Gonzalez** por la familia Gonzalez , Bendiciones para la familia Gonzalez.
1:30 pm – **Leopolda Gonzalez** & **Rufino Benitez** por sus hijas, Bendiciones para **Yoselin Valentina** e **Isabella** por sus papas, Por la salud fisica y espiritual de **Dionicio Mendoza** por su sobrina.
5:00 pm – **Eva Serrato**, **Maria de Jesus Loa**, **Bernardino Puga**, **Rufino Beniez** por **Josefina Puga**.
This week in our parish:
Sunday/Domingo February 12th
9:00 am RE classes- All facilities
7:00 pm Rosary for the peace - Sanctuary
Monday/Lunes February 13th,
6:00 pm Grupo Oracion – Libreria
6:00 pm Crecimiento Mujeres - Music room
6:30 pm clase - cafeteria
6:30 pm Legion de Mary – St. Bosco
7:00 pm SINE – CHRR, PAC #3
7:00 pm Obreros – PAC #1
7:00 pm Taller de Oracion y Vida – St. Dominic
7:00 pm English ministries – St. Catherine
Tuesday/Martes February 14th,
9:00 am Bible study - CHRR
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – PAC Hall
7:00 pm Girl Scouts – School building
7:00 pm ESL - St. Dominic, St. Bosco, St. Catherine
Wednesday/Miercoles February 15th,
6:00 pm CRSP – PAC hall, PAC #2
7:00 pm Arcoiris – St. Cecilia
7:00 pm RE classes – all facilities
Thursday/Jueves February 16th,
6:30 pm MFC – PAC # 3
7:00 pm ESL - St. Dominic, St. Bosco, St. Catherine
7:00 pm Encuentro Matrimonial – PAC #2 & #6
7:00 pm Coro 9:30 am – St. Cecilia
7:00 pm Crecimiento Hombres – music room
7:00 pm Comité diocesano – PAC #1
7:00 pm Ministerios - cafeteria
Friday/Viernes February 17th,
6:00 am Grupo Oracion – Cafeteria, Libreria
6:40 pm Marriage prep – St. Catherine
7:00 pm Adolescentes – PAC
7:00 pm Obreros de Cristo – St. Bosco
7:00 pm SINE – PAC #3
Saturday/Sabado February 18th,
8:00 am Summer Youth Group - Cafeteria
8:30 am sanctuary altar care – sanctuary
8:00 am SINE – PAC hall
6:00 pm CRSP – PAC hall
7:00 pm Arcoiris – St. Catherine
Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017
Sun. Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10;
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Mon. Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tue. Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21
Wed. Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thu. Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Fri. Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat. Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sun. Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

¿Por qué los Cristianos damos el diezmo?



A medida que los Católicos maduramos, aprendemos a ser generosos y a poner a otros primero. Los católicos apoyan a su iglesia y cuidan de los menos privilegiados. Compartimos nuestros regalos porque sabemos que cualquier cosa que tenemos viene de Dios, no de nosotros. Somos generosos porque reconocemos nuestra necesidad de reflejar la generosidad de Dios con nosotros mismos.

Nuestra respuesta es abrazar y apoyar nuestra parroquia, donde crecemos en fe. A medida que maduramos crecemos en valentía para decirle a Dios, "Aquí estoy, Señor. Puedes contar conmigo." Nuestra fe requiere una respuesta de ustedes para hacer la comunidad más fuerte.

¡No podemos ser católicos invisibles! No podemos tener fe y al mismo tiempo esconderla. Alabamos a Dios juntos en nuestra iglesia. Aprendemos de Dios a hacer Su Voluntad a través de Su Palabra. Recibimos a Su Hijo en Su Cuerpo y Sangre derramada por nuestros pecados. El nos perdona nuestros pecados. Y ¿Cómo respondemos? "diciendo "Puedes contar conmigo!"

Una de las maneras que podemos responder es dando los "Primeros frutos de nuestro trabajo". Por ejemplo, si usted ve su trabajo como la fuente de sus bendiciones que le permite cuidar de su familia, porque no darle a Dios los primeros frutos de su trabajo, la primera hora de su semana de trabajo. Dios bendecirá este regalo. Imagínese diciéndole a Dios, "Señor, esta hora es para ti. Gracias por todas tus bendiciones para mí y mi familia."

En la biblia, vemos gente dando "diezmo" o 10% de su ingreso a Dios. Imagine ofrecer a Dios la primera hora de salario cada semana.

Si usted trabaja 40 horas en una semana, un diezmo debería ser el equivalente a 4 horas de trabajo por semana. Imagine dando su primera hora de trabajo a Dios, el Lunes, el Martes, el Miércoles y el Jueves. Esto sería el diezmo completo.

La Iglesia no está pidiendo que le des todo a Dios. Él sabe de nuestras necesidades. Sin embargo, es una falta de madurez espiritual no dar nada.

Como puedes decirle "Gracias" a Dios? ¿Puedes decir, "Aquí estoy Señor? Vengo a hacer tu voluntad."

Les agradecemos por el compromiso que hace con su parroquia. Que Dios les bendiga a usted y su familia abundantemente.

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Relics of St. Anthony of Padua in Central Texas

The following parishes will host the relics of St. Anthony de Padua, which are coming from Italy to Central Texas. At each parish participants, may submit their prayer petitions to the saint, then Father Mario Conte will bring the petitions back to the Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of St. Anthony, where the friars will gather to pray for the saint's intercession upon our intentions and requests.

Las Reliquias de San Antonio de Padua visitaran varias Iglesias de nuestra Diócesis, y en nuestra Iglesia Sagrado Corazón también. Haga peticiones para que Padre Mario Conte las lleve a la Basílica de Padua, donde los frailes oran pidiendo intercesiones por sus peticiones:

- Feb. 10: St. John the Evangelist Parish in San Marcos - Veneration begins at 3 p.m., Mass begins at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11: St. Mary Cathedral in Austin - Veneration is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m. Mass begins at noon; Vigil Mass begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12: St. Mary Cathedral in Austin - Veneration before and after each Mass. Masses begin at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, 1:45 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13: St. Anthony Parish in Bryan - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14: St. Francis on the Brazos Parish in Waco - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 15: Sacred Heart Parish in Austin - Veneration begins at 3 p.m.; Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 16: Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Parish in Austin - Veneration begins at 11:30 a.m.; Masses begin at noon and 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17: Christ the King Parish in Belton - Veneration is from 3 to 7 p.m.; Mass begins at 5 p.m.
- Feb. 18: Our Lady's Maronite Catholic Church in Austin - Veneration begins at 12:30 p.m.; Vigil Mass begins at 5 p.m. followed by short period of veneration.
- Feb. 19: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Austin - All Masses will begin with veneration. Masses begin at 7:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Responsible weekly budget	\$13,100.00
Sacrificial giving / Diezmo	\$17,954.00
Building fund/Fondo Renovacion	\$ 4,152.00

Thank you for your generosity!
Gracias por su generosidad!