



Statement for Sacred Heart Catholic Church Mission We, the People of God, members of Sacred Heart Church in Coleman, Texas, are brought together through baptism and nourished in Eucharist, to respond to God's invitation to holiness and sacramental life - building a Kingdom to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. As a people, with a variety of backgrounds and cultures, we seek to work together in unity, love, peace and justice - serving the community of Coleman County and the world-wide community.

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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> **YOUTH MINISTERS:** Angel & Caitlin Barrios

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend:

Saturday, 6:00 pm - Bi-Lingual Sunday, 8:30 am - English

> **CONFESSION:** (Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.)

5th Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

~ Read * Repeat * Remember * Receive * Reproduce ~ The Words of Eternal Life - 28

"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before me." (Matthew 5:11,12)



Sacred Heart Church: 5th Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

(The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before Mass)				
lon: :30 a.m	April 7: Mass:	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest For Susie Stamper (health) By Delia Dela Rosa		
ue: :30 a.m	April 8: Mass:	† Ray & Juanita Sanchez By Angel Sanchez		
Ved: :30 a.m.	April 9: Mass:	For All Priests By Donor		
hu: :30 p.m.	April 10: Mass:	† Jarrett Halfmann By Thomas & Lorene Halfmann		
ri.: :30 a.m.	April 11: Mass:	St. Stanislaus, Bishop For the Unborn & Pro-Life By Donor		
at: :00 p.m.	April 12: Mass:	For All Cursillistas By the Cursillistas		
un: :30 a.m.	April 13: Mass:	PALM SUNDAY For the Altar Society Members By the Altar Society		
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BISHOP, ALL PRIESTS & OUR SEMINARIANS in our Diocese. May God keep them safe and free from all harm. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon:	Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; John 8:12-20			
Tue:	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30			
Wed:	Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95; John 8:31-42			
Thu:	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59			
Fri:	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42			
Sat:	Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56			
Sun:	Isaiah 50: 4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke:			
	22:14-23:56			

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Private Special Intentions Judy Castanuela Cindy Aldrete & Doug DelaRosa Becky Rendon & Family Sandra Tran Richard & Mary Arredondo Fr. Laurent Mvondo Beth Worley Raul De Los Santos Maria (Rendon) Spivey **Destiny Bravo** Dalia Alonzo J.L. Chasteen Hilda Ramirez Billy Cupps Melissa Cortez Melissa Cortez Susie Stamper Richard Dulin Connie Salas

Our Monetary Gifts to God Last Week: Envelopes: \$ 1,600.00 - Loose: \$ 1,503.00 Total Weekend Parish Offerings: \$ 3,103.00 Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$765.00 We thank you for your continued support to the parish!

May God reward your generosity, always. Amen!

Meditations.

"Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead..." (Philippians 3:13)

St. Paul's description of his life in Christ can sound like a burdensome set of rules: accept the loss of all things; share in Jesus' sufferings; forget what lies behind; strain toward God's upward calling.

But Paul was happy to do all of this. Why? Because he had been changed. He had encountered Jesus, experienced his mercy, and was convinced that his new life was infinitely better! The imprint of Paul's experience of conversion on the road to Damascus, and every choice he made to follow Jesus thereafter, transformed his perspective. The entire direction of his life was different.

You can imagine something similar happening in the heart of the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. Her sin was laid bare before Jesus, and she was about to be killed by an angry mob. But she received God's unexpected and surprising mercy as Jesus dispersed the crowd and said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:11). Surely, empowered by Jesus' words, she gladly accepted the loss of her old way of life, just as Paul had. She was happy to forget the emptiness of what lay behind her and, by God's grace, to strain toward his upward calling of a life free from her past sins.

How have you encountered Jesus? You might have decided to give your life completely to him at a pivotal point. You might have brought a burdensome sin to Confession and been convinced of God's forgiveness and love. Maybe you're longing for an even deeper encounter right now!

These experiences can change your heart and shape your perspective. They make losing your life for Jesus even when it involves difficulty—completely worth it! You, like Paul, can hold onto the "supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus [your] Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

"Jesus, I will follow you!"

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THANK YOU!:

We thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Relief Services Collection taken up last weekend (March 29-30, 2025). May God continue to bless you! The next meeting is set for April 29, 2025, at All members are urged to attend.

"Keeping It Simple"

(Praying This Lent) By Deacon Greg Kandra - Part IV

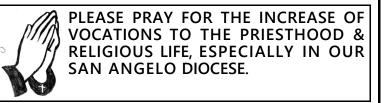
It wasn't easy for Jesus. It isn't easy for us, either. And believe it or not, God gets that. So ask him, "Got a minute?" Give him that much to begin with. Take that little moment of time and tell God what is on your mind. Make it direct. Make it clear. Make it plain. It's that simple.

Leonard Bernstein's beautiful oratorio Mass starts with a wonderful musical meditation about the nature of God—and it offers some bold and surprising advice that all of us should take to heart. The oratorio begins with a tenor reminding himself—and the audience—that what he is undertaking (praying to God through the Mass) is less complicated than any of us may think. "Sing God a simple song," he chants, "for God is the simplest of all."

Consider these words from St. Teresa of Ávila: "Mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends. It means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. In order that love be true and the friendship endure, the wills of the friends must be in accord."

We sometimes get frustrated when trying to pray because we think it has to be formal, following a particular template, or ritual, or formula. It doesn't. Remember the wisdom of St. Teresa: Prayer should be like a conversation with a friend. Talk to the Lord plainly, openly, honestly. He understands us better than we may think. Be patient with yourself—because God most certainly is. Tell him what is on your mind and in your heart. As you sit (or kneel) to pray, try to sum up your prayer to God in a sentence, and let the conversation with your friend begin, remembering that you are his friend, too.

This is an excerpt from The Busy Person's Guide to Prayer by Deacon Greg Kandra (The Word Among Us Press, 2019)



Please Pray For Those Serving In The Military

Donald Anthony Salas, Army	Patrick Kerr, Major, Air Force
Ricky & Julietta Nuñez, AF	Matthew Hurtado, Marines
Michael P. Stallings, Major, Army	Benjamin Orosco, Green Beret
AMN, Paul L. Rosales, Air Force	Teresa Rolfe, Lt., Navy
Jacob Hoyumpa, OCS, Marines	Marty Siller, Army
David Hernandez, Jr., Army	

GUADALUPE SOCIETY MEETINGS:

PARISH OFFICE HOURS UPDATE:

The Parish Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., henceforth. Please make note of this change which will remain in place until further notice.

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED:

We have several openings for Mass for weekdays (Monday-Fridays), as well as some on the weekends. If you wish to schedule a Mass, or more, please do so as soon as you are able. It will be a 'first come, first serve,' so do not delay. You may come by the Parish Office, or call (Tuesday—Friday, afternoons, only). Thank you.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK NEEDS UPDATING:

Our **Prayer For The Sick** section in the bulletin needs updating. As a reminder, if there is anyone who is listed who has since healed, or in some cases, sadly deceased, please let us know. We will begin purging names in next week's Sunday Bulletin. Please give contact us, as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead

HOLY HOUR (ADORATION & BENEDICTION):

Thursdays: 3-6 p.m. inside the Church

CCD CLASSES: Wednesday: All Grades: 6-7:00 p.m.

> Parish Youth Meetings: Wednesdays - 6-7:00 p.m.

Operation Rice Bowl: Rice Bowls are available in the Vestibule (Please take a box for your Lenten Donations)

> <u>4th Stations of the Cross:</u> Friday: April 11, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025: Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025 Mt. Carmel (Winters): 5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart (Coleman): 7:00 p.m.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION:

April 18th, 2025 - Good Friday: Divine Mercy Novena begins: 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m. Passion of the Lord: 7:00 p.m.