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If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adults is currently being abused or is in danger, **immediately** report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

The Diocese of Tyler is committed to **respecting the dignity** of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church.

Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church personnel should also be reported to civil authorities and the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org

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Fr. Selvan Melkias, Parish Administrator





Welcome to Our Parish

Saturday / Sabado

5:30 p.m. – English

Sunday / Domingo

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. - English
11:30 a.m. – Español

Tuesday / Martes

5:30 p.m. - English

Wednesday / Miércoles

8:00 a.m. - English
7:00 p.m. - Español

Thursday / Jueves

6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. – Spanish Mass

Friday / Viernes

8:00 a.m. - English
7:00 p.m. – Español

Online Donations To Sacred Heart , please visit the following:
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Office Hours / Horario de la Oficina
Tuesday – Friday / Martes – Viernes
1:30-5:30 p.m.

With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome You into Our House of Prayer.

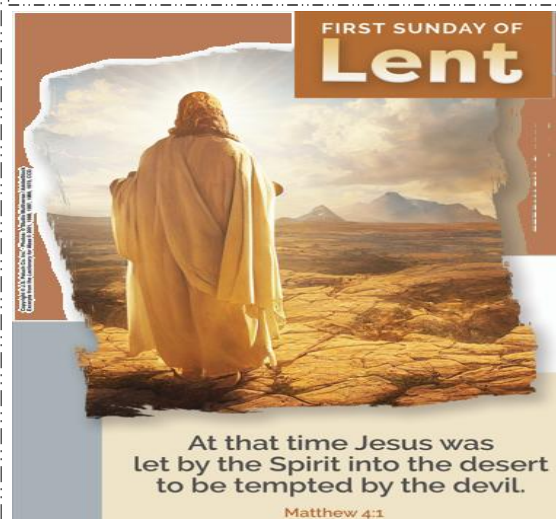
Visitors: Thank you for celebrating the Most Holy Eucharist with our faith community. We pray you will have a safe journey home.

Con Corazones Gozosos, Les Damos la Bienvenida a Nuestra Casa de Oración

Visitantes: Gracias por celebrar la Santísima Eucaristía con nuestra comunidad de fe. Oramos para que tenga un buen viaje a casa.

First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”
–Psalm 51



Primer Domingo De Cuaresma
22 de febrero de 2026

“Misericordia, Señor: hemos pecado.”
–Salmo 51

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
El Via Crucis

Every Friday up until Holy Week.

5:00pm – English Mass
5:30pm – Stations of the Cross - English
7:00pm – Misa en Español seguida por El Via Crucis
Cada Viernes hasta la Semana Santa.

During Lent Only, First Friday Exposition of the Holy Sacrament will start at 8:30am and remain until 4:45pm.

Solo durante Cuaresma, la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento del Primer Viernes comenzará a las 8:30am y durará hasta las 4:45pm

Confessions / Confesiones
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

Baptism Formation / Formacion de Bautizo
Please call the office to schedule & fill out forms before attending classes.
Spanish Classes: 3rd and 4th Monday of the Month with: Laurencio Velásquez (903) 434-2904
Jesus Verdusco (903) 285- 1746
English Classes: Amanda Angel (903) 807-9349

Marriage Formation / Formación De Matrimonio
Couples should contact the office 9-12 months before marriage formation.

Anointing of the Sick / Unción De Los Enfermos
By appointment or emergency.
Con cita previa o urgencia.

Bible Study (English) - New Members Welcome!
Monday’s 5:30 P.M. - David Rice (817) 713-5905

Choir (English)
Stephanie Hyman – Music Director

Choir (Spanish)
Monday’s @ 7:00 P.M
Corazón González – Directora de Música

Jóvenes Y Adultos Para Cristo
Grupo De Evangelización
Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fridays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Juan and Betty Guerrero (469) 438-1061

Secretary / Bookkeeper – Marisol Hernandez

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
Instruction in the Catholic Faith for Adults:
English: Greg Leitheiser (972) 444-0776

Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (OCIA)
Instrucción en la Fe Católica Para Adultos:
Spanish: Cristina Narvaez (903) 204-0099
Classes start in October.

Religious Education for Children
Faith Formation Classes:
Wednesdays 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Start in September.

Sacramental Prep Classes:
Sundays 10:30a.m. – 11:20a.m.
Start in October.

Faith Formation Coordinator:
Cristina Narvaez (903) 204-0099

First Sunday of Lent

During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. We recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on his journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by his Body and Blood while on our holy pilgrimage.

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TODAY’S READINGS

1st Reading — Gen 2:7-9;3:1-7 Psalm – Psal 51
2nd Reading – Rom 5:12-19 or Gospel – Mt 4:1-11
5:12,17-19



Saturday 5:30 Mass

- Most Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
- Protection of President Trump & his Administration

Please turn in your mass intentions to the Parish Office before the date that you are requesting.

Por favor entregue sus intenciones de misa a la Oficina Parroquial antes de la fecha que solicita.



Pray for ... Oremos Por

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Peter Vella, Susan Marchionda, Nora Holder,Harold, Rosa Maria Jaimes, Betty Tucker, Jesus Verduzco, Maria Tovar, Lorenzo and Rosario Alcaraz, Guadalupe Guerrero, Judy Reichenbach, Lazaro Sarabia, Blanca Padilla, Eva Serrano, Joshua Leitheiser, Frank Schilling, Bridget Callaghan

<u>Prayer for Healing</u> Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hands rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.	<u>Oración para la sanación</u> Señor, mírame con ojos de misericordia, que tus manos sanadoras descansen sobre mí, que tus poderes vivificantes fluyan hacia cada célula de mi cuerpo y hacia las profundidades de mi alma, limpiándome, purificándome,restaurándome a la plenitud y la fuerza para servir en tu Reino. Amén.
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Lenten Confessions

February 25th
6pm – 8p m

As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, we are reminded of God’s boundless mercy and love. You are warmly invited to join us for our Lenten Reconciliation Service, a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal.

Experience God’s mercy and prepare your heart for Easter. All are welcome!

Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet

April 2nd

Every year we approach 12 people in our parish to participate in the Holy Thursday Foot Washing Ceremony. Sometimes not enough parishioners are willing to participate out of shyness. This year we are getting a head start so we can give everyone an opportunity to say “YES” in time for Holy Thursday.

It is with great pleasure and humility that we extend to you this invitation to participate in the Holy Thursday foot washing ritual. As we prepare to commemorate the Last Supper, an event of profound significance in the Christian tradition, we are called to emulate the act of service and humility demonstrated by Jesus himself.

The foot washing ritual symbolizes the act of humble service and love for one another, as Jesus exemplified when he washed the feet of his disciples. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of selflessness and compassion in our lives.

Your presence and participation in this sacred ceremony would be deeply meaningful, as we come together as a community to reflect on the teachings of Christ and to renew our commitment to living lives of service and love.

The foot washing ritual will take place on Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30pm for the English mass and 7pm for the Spanish mass. Your willingness to participate would be a blessing to us all. Please sign up as soon as possible. You will find the sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board.

Catechist Lenten Retreats – Tyler

All faith formation leaders and catechists in the Diocese of Tyler are invited to a Lenten Retreat hosted by the Office of Faith Formation. There will be an English and Spanish retreat. Join other catechists for this opportunity to come together in prayer, reflection, and renewal as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent and the joy of Easter. This retreat invites participants to step away from daily distractions and rest in the presence of Christ through faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth. The English Retreat is on March 14, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The Spanish Retreat is on March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Both retreats will be in the St. Paul Meeting Room at the Diocesan Chancery in Tyler. Registration is \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Please register at www.dioceseoftyler.org

2026 Bishop’s Appeal for Ministries

Take Courage!

Our parish goal for the 2026 Bishop’s Appeal is \$16, 800.00. We thank you for your participation in the appeal. Your donations are a true blessing to our Church in East Texas.

Please remember to turn in your pledge envelopes as soon as possible.

Scan to give online or go to www.dioceseoftyler.org/bam2026



Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Durante el viaje de cuarenta días por el desierto que realizamos cada Cuaresma, nos veremos tentados una y otra vez a hacer lo incorrecto, a excedernos, a mentir, a tomar la salida fácil. Afortunadamente, el Espíritu Santo nos acompaña para guiarnos por el buen camino y reconducirnos cuando nos extraviamos. Recordamos que, lleno del Espíritu Santo, Jesús pudo resistir la tentación en su camino, incluso cuando el diablo le ofreció el mundo entero. Que su Cuerpo y su Sangre nos fortalezcan constantemente durante nuestra santa peregrinación.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Salmo Sal 51
Segunda lectura – Rom 5:12-19 o Evangelio — Mt 4:1-11
5:12,17-19

Offerings & 2nd Collection Schedule

February 14-15:

1st Collection - \$ 2947.00

2nd Collection - \$



Online Donations: Sunday Offering - \$ 325.00

To donate Online: www.givecentral.org/location/870

2nd Collections:

February 22nd – African & Native American Missions

March 1st – Building Fund

2da Colectas:

22 de febrero – Misiones africanas y nativas americanas

1 de marzo – Fondo del Edificio

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Mount Vernon is a parish organization of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tyler, organized as a Texas not-for-profit corporation. The IRS recognizes this organization as a 501(c)(3) charitable entity. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Retiros de Cuaresma para Catequistas

Todos los líderes de formación en la fe y catequistas de la Diócesis de Tyler están invitados a un Retiro de Cuaresma organizado por la Oficina de Formación en la Fe. Habrá un retiro en inglés y otro en español. Únase a otros catequistas para esta oportunidad de reunirse en oración, reflexión y renovación mientras preparamos nuestros corazones para la Cuaresma y la alegría de la Pascua. Este retiro invita a los participantes a alejarse de las distracciones diarias y descansar en la presencia de Cristo a través de la fe, la comunión y el crecimiento espiritual. El retiro en inglés será el 14 de marzo de 2026 de 9:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m. El retiro en español será el 28 de marzo de 2026 de 9:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m. Ambos retiros se realizarán en la Sala de Reuniones St. Paul de la Cancillería Diocesana en Tyler. La inscripción cuesta \$25 e incluye desayuno y almuerzo

Por favor regístrese en www.dioceseoftyler.org



Confesiones de Cuaresma

25 de febrero
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Mientras recorremos este tiempo sagrado de Cuaresma, recordamos la misericordia y el amor infinito de Dios. Les invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nosotros en nuestro Servicio de Reconciliación de Cuaresma, un tiempo de oración, reflexión y renovación.

Experimenten la misericordia de Dios y preparen su corazón para la Pascua. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Retiro de Cuaresma Para Servidores – Sagrado Corazon

7 de marzo

Se ha programado un retiro de Cuaresma para servidores de la comunidad hispana el 7 de marzo, de 10:00am a 4:30pm. Se espera la asistencia de todos los miembros de ambos ministerios.

Jueves Santo – Lavatorio de Pies

2 de abril

Cada año, invitamos a 12 personas de nuestra parroquia a participar en la Ceremonia del Lavatorio de Pies del Jueves Santo. A veces, por timidez, no hay suficientes feligreses dispuestos a participar. Este año, nos adelantamos para que todos tengan la oportunidad de decir "SÍ" a tiempo para el Jueves Santo.

Con gran placer y humildad, les extendemos esta invitación a participar en el ritual del lavatorio de pies del Jueves Santo. Al prepararnos para conmemorar la Última Cena, un evento de profundo significado en la tradición cristiana, estamos llamados a emular el acto de servicio y humildad demostrado por el propio Jesús.

El lavatorio de pies simboliza el acto de servicio humilde y amor mutuo, como lo ejemplificó Jesús al lavar los pies de sus discípulos. Es un poderoso recordatorio de la importancia del altruismo y la compasión en nuestras vidas.

Su presencia y participación en esta ceremonia sagrada será profundamente significativa, ya que nos reunimos como comunidad para reflexionar sobre las enseñanzas de Cristo y renovar nuestro compromiso de vivir vidas de servicio y amor.

El lavatorio de pies se llevará a cabo el Jueves Santo, 2 de abril, a las 5:30pm para la misa en inglés y a las 7:00pm para la misa en español. Su disposición a participar será una bendición para todos. Por favor, inscribase lo antes posible. Encontrará la hoja de inscripción en el tablón de anuncios principal.

2026 Campaña Del Obispo – A Favor de los Ministerios

¡No tengas miedo!

La meta de nuestra parroquia para la Campaña del Obispo de 2026 es de \$16,800.00. Les agradecemos su participación en esta campaña. Sus donaciones son una verdadera bendición para nuestra Iglesia en el este de Texas.

Por favor, recuerden entregar sus sobres de donación lo antes posible.

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