

### Weekend Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 1

5:00 p.m. Parishioners intentions

7:30 p.m. Intenciones de los parroquianos

#### Sunday, July 2

9:30 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. Priests and religious

### Weekly Parish Activities

#### July 2 to July 8

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. SPANISH Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass

#### St. Brendan:

6:00 p.m. Holy Mass- St. Brendan

#### St. Mary:

9:30 a.m. Holy Mass - St. Mary

Monday: Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time;  
St. Thomas

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday: Independence Day

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday St. Anthony Zaccaria;

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

7:00 p.m. Youth Group OLG

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

6:00 p.m. Lay Apostle Rosary

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St.  
Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

Friday: First Friday

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

6p.m. – 10 p.m. First Friday Adoration

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (English)

7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en St. Mary (español)

### Marriage Preparation

If you have plans to marry in the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Matthew one year ahead of time. It is important that you consider time, as there are preparation classes to be taken that are Diocesan required. Thank you for your consideration. You may contact the church office at (254)965-5693.

### SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)

July 8-9

Priest Care Fund -----August 5-6

Catholic University of America-----Sept 2-3

World Mission Sunday-----Oct 21-22

### **THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

**Psalm** — Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

### **LA RIQUEZA DE LA VIDA EN CRISTO**

Hoy tenemos la preciosa historia de la mujer a quien se le promete un hijo, una maravillosa exhortación a la vida en Cristo y una poderosa enseñanza de Jesús. ¿Demasiadas riquezas en una sola dosis? No, si tomamos las palabras de Jesús sobre "ser acogedores" de corazón. Los muchos retos y bendiciones que hoy nos ofrecen Eliseo, Pablo, y Jesús deben ser causa de regocijo, y debemos acogerlos de corazón en nuestras vidas. Y, como el gran regalo que son, deben ser disfrutados y compartidos generosamente con los demás.

La lectura de hoy tomada de la carta a los romanos fue seleccionada en los comienzos de la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia como instrucción apostólica que debían recibir los candidatos al bautismo durante la Vigilia de Pascua. Esto da una idea de su importancia como creencia central, y como medio para entender la historia de la resurrección. La resurrección de Cristo no es solamente la historia de algo por lo que él pasó una vez hace tiempo, sino que es nuestra historia, la historia de cómo nos unimos a los otros miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. No sólo estábamos muertos, sino enterrados; pero no enterrados para siempre, sino resucitados a la vida eterna en Cristo.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; or, for Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

### Preparación bautismal

Las clases bautismales se llevan a cabo cada viernes durante cada mes. Si necesita bautizar a su hijo, llame a Irma Chacon al (254) 965-2078. Gracias.

**Baptismal Classes** – Baptismal classes are held monthly. If you need your child to be baptized, please contact the church office to set up an appointment for classes.



## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Frs. Matthew and James would like to wish everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Thank you to all those who protect our freedom to worship. God bless you!!

### MISSIONARY PRIEST TO VISIT – End of August (correction)

Fr Emeka Okwuosa, SDV a priest of the Society of Divine Vocations (SDV) and a missionary from, Nigeria. He will visit our parish and speak at all our Masses **at the end of August**. He is a member of religious community of Priests and Brothers and their charism is to discern, promote, accompany and nurture vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the whole Church.

They carry out our ministry in parishes, schools and missions. They are presently working in 14 countries among them are; Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Philippines and the U.S.A.

### Vocation Services

The Vocation Services Program of Catholic Charities Fort Worth assists with providing educational opportunities to those in our community with limited resources. Services offered to highly motivated, but unemployed or underemployed individuals, equipping them with tools needed to gain self-sufficiency through living wage employment, increased savings behavior, and debt reduction. Interested applicants must be seeking an Associate's degree or certification at Ranger College or Stephenville. For additional information, please contact Rita Gauthier, Rural Vocations Program Manager at 940.257.8013.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor two special prayer services this week to begin the month of July. The 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Rosary will be recited July 6 at St. Brendan's at 6:00 p.m. The Lay Apostles Group will hold an open discussion following the rosary.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Eucharistic Adoration service will be held July 7 at St. Brendan's Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Sign-up for one-hour devotions are being conducted after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Sunday, also located at West entrance of St. Brendan's, or contact Mike Coggins at [cogmik@yahoo.com](mailto:cogmik@yahoo.com) or call 254-592-5545.

Everyone is invited to attend both services.

**Bulletin:** Send to: [stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com) Please call or text (512) 652-8006. Give name, announcement and parish, or prayer intention. Deadline: Wednesdays. Thank you!

### **Saint Thomas the Apostle's Story (Feast Day: July 3)**

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (*John 20:29*).

Thomas should be equally well-known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him" (*John 11:16b*). Patron of Architects, Argentina, Construction Workers, Cooks

### NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

#### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Danza Group "Santo Toribio Romo" will march in the Stephenville Fourth of July Parade. The group of dancing children is led by Imelda Cardenas and will dance traditional native dances from the country of Mexico. The Children will dance first in front of the courthouse, next in front of Hook Elementary, third place will be in front of St. Brendan and lastly they will dance passing Dairy Queen. Please come to support them. Thank you.

#### DESFILE DEL CUATRO DE JULIO

El Grupo Danza "Santo Toribio Romo" marchará en el desfile de Stephenville el Cuatro de Julio. El grupo de niños bailarines es dirigido por Imelda Cárdenas y bailará danzas tradicionales del país de México. Los niños bailarían primero delante del juzgado, al lado de Hook Elementary, el tercer lugar estará delante de St. Brendan y por último bailarían pasando Dairy Queen. Llevarán los colores Rojo, Blanco y Azul en honor a nuestra bandera de los Estados Unidos y en honor del intercesión de San Toribio Romo. Por favor vengan. Gracias.

#### EWTN BROADCAST ABOUT PALLOTINE PRIESTS

##### PALLOTINES in Africa on EWTN

Thursday: 7/13 at 5:30 p.m. - "The Life of a Priest"

Friday: 7/14 at 7:00 p.m. - "The Life of a Volunteer"

**PRAYER CORNER:** Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Teresa Villadesanchez, Marisol Sanchez, Ester Pulido, Tino Bernal, Lupita Ojeda, Maria Bernal, Ben Hamrick, Paul Ballard, Clemente Jiménez, Rudy Guerrero, Brady Mayo, Bob Wolfe, Filegonio Cardenas, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Maria Inez Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, David Gonzales, Tom Bole, Jeanna DeVinney, Lisa Lagarde, Bill Luther, Kate B., Pete Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez, Robert Gifford, Bonnie Kennedy, Ed And Jaqueline, Ed Withers, Lindsay Schouten, Jaime Dittrich, Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill