

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 22**

5:00 p.m. Parishioners intentions  
7:30 p.m. Intenciones de los parroquianos

**Sunday, July 23**

9:30 a.m. Cheryl Spelmeier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
RIP (7/26)  
11:00 a.m. Parishioners Intentions  
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6:00 p.m. Priests and religious

**Weekly Parish Activities**

**July 23 to July 29**

**Sunday:** Sixteenth 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:** St, Sharbel Makluf; Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

**Tuesday: St. James**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**Wednesday:** St. Joachim and Anne

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

7:00 p.m. Youth Group OLG

**Thursday:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

**Friday:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Martha**

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 TODAY:**

Priest Care Fund -----August 5-6  
Catholic University of America-----Sept 2-3  
World Mission Sunday-----Oct 21-22

**THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD July 23, 2017**

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

**Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

**LA MISERICORDIA, EL PODER Y EL AMOR DE DIOS 23 de julio de 2017**

La primera lectura de hoy, del libro de la Sabiduría, va al punto una y otra vez, ¡al menos cinco veces en cinco versículos! Dios es poderoso, pero compasivo con todos. La fuerza de Dios se muestra en la bondad y la clemencia, no en la aspereza o la condenación, y quienes gobiernan al pueblo de Dios deben gobernar de igual manera, con bondad. Esta amorosa bondad y delicadeza no son contrarios al poder de Dios, sino directo resultado de la primacía de Dios sobre todo. ¿Quiénes somos nosotros, entonces, para juzgar el corazón de nuestros hermanos cristianos y a toda la gente, cuando Dios ordena justicia con amor y clemencia?

De igual manera, el Espíritu Santo suple nuestra ignorancia de lo que necesitamos, hablando en un lenguaje que no comprendemos todavía. Pero Dios conoce nuestras necesidades antes que nosotros, entiende las intercesiones del Espíritu, y nos ayuda en nuestra necesidad. Esta es nuestra esperanza: la misericordia, el poder y el amor de Dios.

**Comida-**El grupo Biblica de St. Brendan tendrá comida en la Misa de **Sábado**, el **22 de julio** para Estela Patlan para ayuda con sus gastos medicos. Si quieres ayudar o quieres mas información, favor de llamar Irma Chacon (254)965-2078.

**EL PROXIMO SABADO**, 29 de julio en la misa de 7:30 p.m. tendremos una venta de postres para donar dinero al fondo de la iglesia de Sacred Heart. Si tu puedes traer postres para vender, favor llamar a Imelda Cardenas en (254)967-6075. Gracias.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**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.

**Altar Server Ministry**  
**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**  
**ALL PARISHES!!**

**ATTENTION:** If your child has made their first Holy Communion and has expressed an interest in serving at Holy Mass, please consider joining us as a ministry. Your child must attend either the full first or second session. **First Session** training days will begin on **Saturday, July 29 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, July 31, at 6:00 p.m.** The **Second Session** training days will be on **Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday August 5, 10:00 a.m.** at **St. Mary.** If you have questions, please call Imelda at (254)967-6075 or Connie (512)652-8006. Thank you!

**Ministerio de Monaguillo**

**ATENCIÓN:** Si su hijo ha hecho su Primera Comunión y ha expresado su interés en servir en la Santa Misa, considere unirse a nosotros como un ministerio. Su hijo debe asistir a la primera o segunda sesión completa. **Primera Sesión** Los días de entrenamiento comenzarán el **sábado 29 de julio a las 9:30 am y el lunes 31 de julio, a las 6:00 p.m.** Los días de entrenamiento de la **Segunda Sesión** serán el **jueves 3 de agosto a las 6:00 p.m. Y sábado 5 de agosto, 10:00 a.m. en St. Mary.** Si tienes preguntas, favor de llamar a Imelda at (254)967-6075 o Connie (512)652-8006. ¡Gracias!

**NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES**

**WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT, October 5-8, 2017**  
**Bridgeport, Texas.** Grow in your relationship with God and meet those who want to grow in faith and love. Transportation is provided. Fee is \$185 (\$100 deposit will hold your spot). Payment /Deposit may be made at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office, 108 NW 4th Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas 76067 or contact **Susan Moore at 325-338-3789** or **susan.moore@cisco.edu**

**GUITAR LESSONS**

The Youth Choir will be hosting weekly guitar lessons for ages 10-18 years starting **Saturday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart.** Please bring your own guitar. All parishes are invited to participate. If you are interested, please contact Annette Calderon at 325-330-2431. Thank you!

**PRAYER CORNER:** Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Peter DeJong, 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, Estela Patlan Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill

**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!

THE VIRTUE OF MODESTY IS ONE OUR LADY OF FATIMA SPOKE OF IN HER APPARITIONS.

Here is a Q&A about Modesty in Dress from the EWTN website:

**Question:**

Is there an updated, official dress code from the Catholic Church for how women should dress? I am a 21-year old young lady who has always dressed according to society, but now I am willing to completely revamp my wardrobe so I can pursue a life of purity and modesty. In trying my best not to offend God with my style of dress, I find myself getting both confused and frustrated because I can't decide what is acceptable and what is off limits. Obvious, for example, are shirts that show cleavage and mini-skirts. But I've also heard that tight pants are immodest. So does that mean jeans are unacceptable? Do I have to walk around every day in a long skirt? I've heard that tight shirts are also immodest, even if they cover everything. Does that mean that I should wear an oversized T-shirt every day? Being that it's summer, I am especially stressed because there are so many opportunities to offend God with my wardrobe! Are there any shorts that are acceptable at all for women to wear? And bathing suits would be completely off limits, right? If the Catholic Church came out today and stated exactly what God expects of me in my dress, I would obey. But this confusion only leaves me frustrated. Where can I find a resource for how I should dress?

**Answer:**

Let me begin by saying that it is truly wonderful to read that you are willing to "completely revamp" your wardrobe according to a life of purity and modesty. Bravo to you!

The Catholic Church does not have an official dress code yet stresses that modesty (and common sense) be used regarding clothing. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we know that "purity requires modesty" and "guides how one looks at others and behaves towards them in conformity with the dignity of persons and their solidarity" (CCC, 2521). In conjunction, "Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing" (CCC, 2522). Also, it is worth noting that in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, there is a dress code. You can check out a picture describing it here: <http://stpetersbasilica.info/Pics/SOR/DressCode-JG.jpg>

When you want to get down to the heart of modest clothing it is best to remember that modesty is truly not about a hemline. It is something that inspires one's heart to amend their whole lives to a greater level of purity. It does, however, take on a certain look.

Personally speaking, as I go through the process of sorting out modest outfits from immodest ones, I generally keep to these rules, however this is not an exhaustive list:

**-Jeans/Pants:** If I cannot pull an inch of fabric from my thigh area, they are too tight. **-Skinny Jeans/Leggings:** These can be worn modestly, as long as you have the right top that covers your backside and upper thigh. **-Tops:** A usual sign that a top is too tight is when there is a gathering or stretching of material between a woman's chest. Tanks and shells under shirts can also help with modesty in button up shirts or shirts with a lower neckline. **-Dresses:** When trying on dresses, be sure to sit down in the dressing room to see how far the dress comes up on your leg. Some dresses look fine while you are standing but as you go to sit, you realize that you're showing more of your leg. **-Bathing suits:** A one piece or tankini are great alternatives to the bikini. Bikini's emphasize nakedness while one pieces emphasize shape. Furthermore, when looking at yourself in the mirror, if your eyes are directed to a certain part of your body, decipher if that part is being emphasized too much. In giving these personal recommendations, it should be noted that every woman has a different shape and will need to adjust her own modesty guidelines to make sure they fit her.

Lastly, I'd like to suggest checking out Pure Fashion's website, where you can find a more detailed account of their modesty guidelines:

<http://affiliate.purefashion.com/overview>

In Christ through Mary, Leah Darrow Catholic Answers  
<http://www.ewtn.com/v/experts/showmessage.asp?number=609949>