

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the  
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

**I Trust In You!**



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MERCY**

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9:00AM - 5:00PM

#### MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

*\*1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

#### CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT  
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

*\*Please see weekly schedule*

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date and complete marriage  
preparation.*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, John Ferguson, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Markus Klink, Joe Mangione, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, John David Navejar, Jim O'Brien, Servando Perales, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Rey Ramos, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.



#### TUESDAY, 9TH

- TMIY! - 6:15am
- Holy Hour - 7pm
- Knights Meeting - 7pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 10TH

- RCIA - 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7pm

#### THURSDAY, 11TH

- First Corinthians Bible Study - 6:30pm
- Opus Dei Women's Recollection - 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY, 12TH

- Opus Dei Recollection & Mass - 9:30am
- Marriage Preparation Retreat - 6:30pm

#### SATURDAY, 13TH

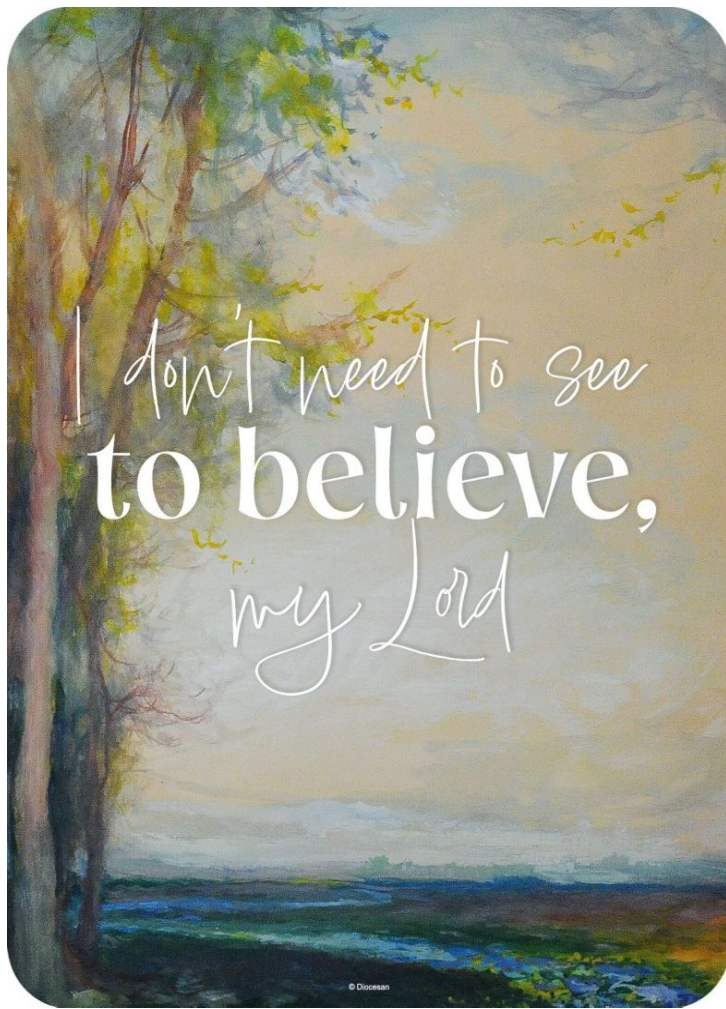
- Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am
- Marriage Preparation Retreat - 9am

#### SUNDAY, 14TH

- Marriage Preparation Retreat - 4pm

**New to the Parish?**  
**We welcome you to join  
our faith family!**





### Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,  
April 9, 2024 7 PM- 8 PM  
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction**



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

**The Men's Fellowship Group** The Men's Fellowship Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Madonna Lower Level. The current focus of our discussions is the weekly Sunday readings and sermons by Bishop Barron. All men are invited to join us as we prepare for Sunday Mass with scripture, spiritual discussion and fellowship. Coffee is provided.

### MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

#### Monday, April 8

**8:00 AM Fr. Abe**  
Richard & Celeste Rabel's 46th Anniversary

#### Tuesday, April 9

**4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe**  
For All Those Recently Brought Into The Church

#### Wednesday, April 10

**7:00AM Fr. Abe**  
For All Parish Ministry Leaders & Volunteers

#### Thursday, April 11

**4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe**  
Parish Priests & Staff

#### Friday, April 12

**7:00 AM Fr. Abe**  
Peggy 'Euleta' Johnson (d) - Marylin Johnson

#### Saturday, April 13

**4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge**  
**5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Jorge**  
Venancio Garcia (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

#### Sunday, April 14

**8:30 AM Fr. Abe**  
Dr. Francis Valcour (d) - John Doski  
**10:30 AM Fr. Jorge**  
In Thanksgiving - Dora Urrutia  
**12:00PM Fr. Jorge**  
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

### This weekend's second collection Is for the Parish Outreach

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group Every third **Tuesday of the month.**

Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



### GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).



# Divine Mercy

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, "My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

By analogy, if you were given a new car but never drove it, the car would be of no use. Or if you won the lottery and the money simply sat in your account unused, what's the benefit? Or if you were gravely ill and were given a medicine that would cure that illness but you never took it, then you would remain ill. So also, if we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything!

When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But "eternity" includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal.

In order to make the contemplation of The Divine Mercy the most important goal of your life, you must begin to understand it. That's why we were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy. Therefore, use this day as an opportunity to deepen your contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it remains incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

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## Peace Be With You

Chapter 20 of the Gospel of John emphasizes Peace and the Holy Spirit abiding within us. Christ's first word following His death is "Peace". I do not find that I am naturally a peaceful person. I tend to get easily distracted and upset by life not being "fair", or agitated when things do not go exactly as I had planned. I am flawed. Yet so much greater than this is that I am also loved. Above all else, Christ has laid down his life for me. I owe it to Him to do my best to try to find an inner peace. It is often a battle. My mind races at night, dwelling on what might go wrong. It is by listening to the word of God that I calmed down and am reminded of who I really am. Through dedicating my time to Him in prayer and good deeds, He will rejuvenate me, like the Living Water He declares to the Samaritan woman.

Again and again we must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit resides in each of us, guiding us, and that in each passing moment we can become more like Christ. Pope Benedict XVI explained, "Every person carries within himself, a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God, on what he is required to do in history to build His Church, a living temple of His presence." I have a calling, a reason for why God has created me, I was chosen for this life to share God's glory with those around me. We may not always know where we belong or how each passing moment might unfold. While I may not be at peace on my own accord, with God's grace, He will remain in me as a source of peace through the Holy Spirit. He will help me find the way.

"Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me". - Author Unknown

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



**Our Lady of Grace Parish**  
*Mission Pilgrimage*  
**Sunday, April 21st**

Annual Our Lady of Grace Missions Pilgrimage  
to  
Mission San Jose, Mission San Juan & Mission Espada

Bike, ride the bus, or drive your own car.

Prayer, reflections and children's activities at each Mission.

Outdoor Mass at Mission San Jose at 9:00 am.

Visit Mission San Juan for a tour and reflections.

End at Mission Espada with a picnic lunch.

*Save the Date!*  
Registration information available soon.

# Marriage Preparation Weekend Retreat

April 12 -14, 2024

Our Lady of Grace Church  
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Madonna Room  
Cost: \$40



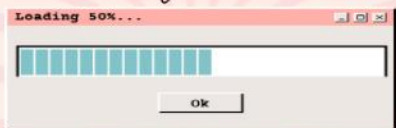
Friday 6:30pm - 9pm  
Saturday 9am - 12pm  
Sunday 4 - 6:30pm



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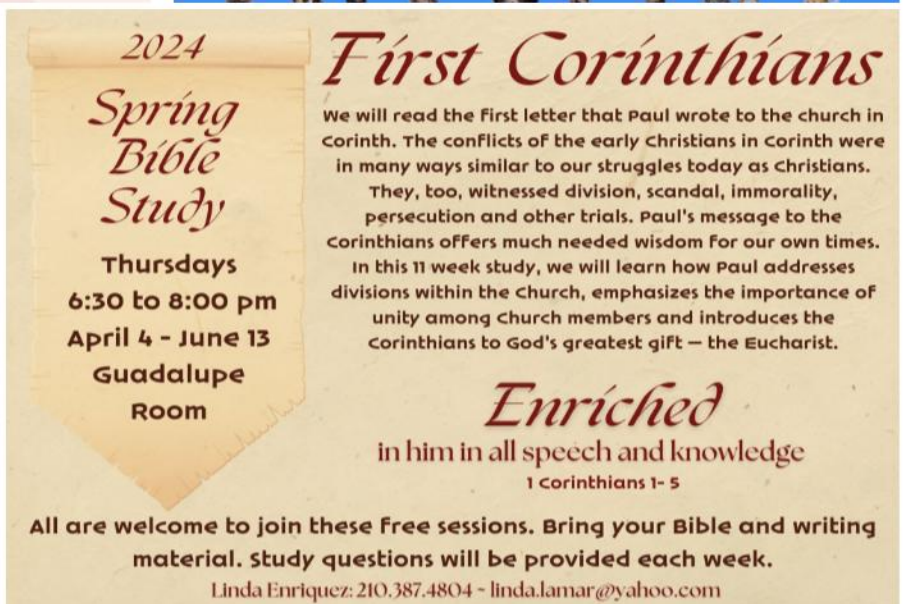
New young adult program incoming



TEEN ACTS  
JULY 18-21, 2024  
SAVE THE DATE



VBS SAVE THE DATE  
JUNE  
10th - 14th  
10AM 1PM



2024  
*Spring Bible Study*  
Thursdays  
6:30 to 8:00 pm  
April 4 - June 13  
Guadalupe Room

*First Corinthians*

We will read the first letter that Paul wrote to the church in Corinth. The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth were in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. Paul's message to the Corinthians offers much needed wisdom for our own times. In this 11 week study, we will learn how Paul addresses divisions within the Church, emphasizes the importance of unity among Church members and introduces the Corinthians to God's greatest gift — the Eucharist.

*Enriched*  
in him in all speech and knowledge  
1 Corinthians 1- 5

All are welcome to join these Free sessions. Bring your Bible and writing material. Study questions will be provided each week.  
Linda Enriquez: 210.387.4804 - [linda.lamar@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.lamar@yahoo.com)



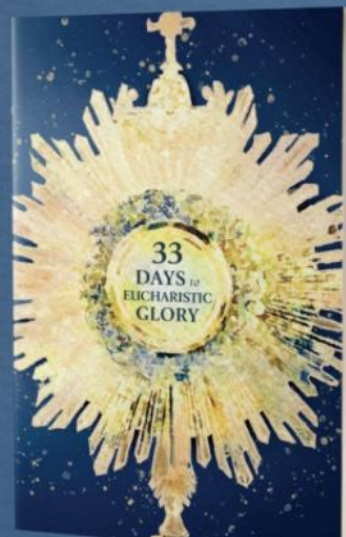
Join the Ladies Bible Study Group as we study

## 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Dynamic Catholic.

This book study will be held for 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday, April 24 through Wednesday, May 29th in the Guadalupe Room at 9:30 am.

We plan to consecrate ourselves to the Most Blessed Sacrament at Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 30.

Please call the office or Sarah Barlow (318-455-5458) to sign up or if you have any questions.



This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

*a Spiritual Pilgrimage*

## Youth and Young Adults Calendar

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	01	02	03	04	05	06 Young Adult Pilgrimage
07	08	09	10 Youth night @St. Peter 7pm	11 Young Adult Seraphic Praise	12 St. Peter confirmation Mass	13 Youth Spectacular
14	15 Youth night @OLG 7pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 Young Adult social @The Cottage Pub after Mass	22	23	24 Youth night @St. Peter 7pm	25	26	27
28	29 Youth night @OLG 7pm	30				

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