



ST. MARY OF THE CENACLE

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Mission Statement: St. Mary of the Cenacle is a compassionate, evangelizing, worshiping Catholic Parish called to holiness for life-long faith formation and sharing and caring for others.

April 26, 2026 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter — Good Shepherd Sunday

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Mike Davis: 903 826-5748

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ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Ana Ramirez 915 494-0942

LUNCH WITH FATHER:

3rd Monday of each month, At Maria's.
 Meet at 11:30 AM



See, I have today set before you life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I am giving you today, loving the LORD, your God, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and ordinances, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. — Dt. 30:15-16

OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 4:00 PM Monday and Wednesday

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday: 10:30AM • Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

DAILY: Monday—Thursday: 9:00AM

Holy Hour: Thursday after Mass—until 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday: 10:45 — 11:15 AM

Tuesday: 10:45 — 11:15 AM

Wednesday: 10:45—11:15 AM

Thursday: 11:15—11:45 AM

Saturday 3:30-4:30PM

OR by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact priest at least 9 months before anticipated date of wedding.

Formation preparation is required

BAPTISM: Pre-Baptismal instruction classes required.

Call for appointment

SICK CALLS/COMMUNION CALLS

Please notify *Fr. Palmer* when confined to home or in a nursing Facility. Confession and Holy Communion is brought to those *unable* to attend Mass.

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES/LOCATIONS

1-800-Mass Times or visit
www.Masstimes.org

READERS

April 25-26	Dawn Sorsbee	Rudy Ramirez
May 02-03	Maria Tidwell	
May 09-10	Luella Rediess	Fred Libby
May 16-17		Rich Goodsell

PLEASE Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

I would encourage you to do more than pray! Offer a day of Penance (acts of self-denial, prayer, and works of mercy) for one or more of these people — make a spiritual investment in their lives. Begin with the daily offering (below) and then, everything in your day goes to the benefit of the person(s) for whom your day is offered.

Parishioners

Ellen Davis, Kelly Morales, Paola Loar, Lena Fontenot, Luella Rediess, Warren Thibeaux, Gary Leiras, Sharon Davis, Tracy Sorsby, Margaret Howard

Friends and Family

Kalan Berry, friend of Patricia Brantley; Richard Stieb, brother of Linda Norrid; Rev. Thaddeus Brown, Gregory Brown, Elaine Brown, family of Patricia Brantley; Douglas Hall, husband of Joyce Hall; James Burns husband of Mary Burns; Susy, daughter of Maria Tidwell; Marisa Olague, niece of Ana Ramirez, James Drennan, husband of Franca Drennan, Brian, Kathy; Barbara Orr, friend of Karen Davis, Kim Ross, teller at Cadence Bank, Bill Ratcliff, Former Parishioner

Shorter Morning Offering: O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of N., and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father and Your Holy Catholic Church. Amen.

Daily Devotions:

Sunday: Most Holy Trinity

Monday: Holy Angels

Tuesday: The Apostles

Wednesday: St. Joseph

Thursday: The Most Holy Eucharist

Friday: The Passion of the Lord

Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Devotion for April: The Holy Eucharist

—PREVENT ABUSE—

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult 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 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 be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

April 25: Mike and Karen Davis
 April 26: The People of St. Mary of the Cenacle
 April 27-30: Fr. Palmer is on vacation
 May 02: The People of St. Mary of the Cena

◇DONATIONS◇

March 28-29 **\$738.00**

**YOUR OFFERINGS ARE MOST APPRECIATED!
 YOU ARE MOST APPRECIATED!
 THANK YOU!**

April 25-26: USCCB Catholic Home Missions

What Are We To Do?: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter :

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant..

From: St. Paul Center

FOR THOSE WHO WILL PRAY FOR PRIESTS: if you will pray for the Priests of the Diocese of Tyler, I am making a calendar for the Priests of the Diocese and their assigned Parishes. As a prayer I will have prayers in next week's bulletin and separately in the vestibule of the Church.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

The BLUE Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Campaign had its early beginning following the death of a very young child. In the Spring of 1989, Bonnie Finney, a Virginia grandmother received the devastating news that her beloved grandson had died of injuries inflicted by his parents. In an expression of her grief and outrage, this grandmother did something that has given us a symbol around which people can rally for the course of child abuse prevention.

Flowers for the Altar this week are donated by Mike and Karen Davis in honor of their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar, please contact Chris Goodsell. Donations for flowers are \$45.00.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday! It is also a day that Bishop Kelly has designated as "Called By Name" Sunday. Each and every Priest is instructed (mandatory) to tell his vocation story with detailed instructions what to included. Also, the Bishop is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-35) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names please visit tylervocations.org/calledbyname. Those whose names are submitted will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Kelly, invitations to discernment events, and support from the Diocesan Vocation Team.

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC Symbols of the Church

753 In Scripture, we find a host of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church. The images taken from the Old Testament are variations on a profound theme: the People of God. In the New Testament, all these images find a new center because Christ has become the head of this people, which henceforth is his Body. Around this center are grouped images taken "from the life of the shepherd or from cultivation of the land, from the art of building or from family life and marriage."

754 "The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep.

755 "The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing.

756 "Often, too, the Church is called the building of God.

The Lord compared himself to the stone which the builders rejected, but which was made into the corner-stone. On this foundation the Church is built by the apostles and from it the Church receives solidity and unity. This edifice has many names to describe it: the house of God in which his family dwells; the household of God in the Spirit; the dwelling-place of God among men; and, especially, the holy temple. This temple, symbolized in places of worship built out of stone, is praised by the Fathers and, not without reason, is compared in the liturgy to the Holy City, the New Jerusalem. As living stones we here on earth are built into it. It is this holy city that is seen by John as it comes down out of heaven from God when the world is made anew, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

757 "The Church, further, which is called 'that Jerusalem which is above' and 'our mother', is described as the spotless spouse of the spotless lamb. It is she whom Christ 'loved and for whom he delivered himself up that he might sanctify her.' It is she whom he unites to himself by an unbreakable alliance, and whom he constantly 'nourishes and cherishes.'"

II. THE CHURCH'S ORIGIN, FOUNDATION AND MISSION

758 We begin our investigation of the Church's mystery by meditating on her origin in the Holy Trinity's plan and her progressive realization in history.

A plan born in the Father's heart

759 "The eternal Father, in accordance with the utterly gratuitous and mysterious design of his wisdom and goodness, created the whole universe and chose to raise up men to share in his own divine life," to which he calls all men in his Son. "The Father . . . determined to call together in a holy Church those who should believe in Christ." This "family of God" is gradually formed and takes shape during the stages of human history, in keeping with the Father's plan. In fact, "already present in figure at the beginning of the world, this Church was prepared in marvelous fashion in the history of the people of Israel and the old Alliance. Established in this last age of the world and made manifest in the outpouring of the Spirit, it will be brought to glorious completion at the end of time."

The Church- foreshadowed from the world's beginning

760 Christians of the first centuries said, "The world was created for the sake of the Church." God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the "convocation" of men in Christ, and this "convocation" is the Church. The Church is the goal of all things, and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels' fall and man's sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world:

Just as God's will is creation and is called "the world," so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called "the Church."

**PARISH POTLUCK:
 SUNDAY, MAY 10
 AFTER MASS!**