

Alleluia . . . He Has Risen!

May the blessings of Christ be upon you as you celebrate the glory of the Easter season.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pilgrimage * June 18-23 *

- Fr. Victor invites you to join him on pilgrimage to Mexico City to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Estimated** land & air travel cost: \$1000. If interested, give your name to Fr. Victor or Maggie Conder.
- There will be a meeting for all who have signed up on Saturday, May 19 at 6pm. Location TBD.

The **Diocesan Marian Conference** is Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on the campus of Bishop Gorman Catholic School in Tyler. The conference will mark the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The day will include presentations in English and Spanish, and Bishop Joseph E. Strickland will celebrate Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. For information, contact Deacon Rubén Natera, 903-530-2164, Father John Mary Bowlin, 903-322-3705, Father Raymundo García, 936-404-8182, Father Carlos Rangel, 903-742-5000, or Sisters Maria Carmen and Georgina Sierra, 903-931-1836. Donations for the conference are accepted.

Edible Mother's Day Bouquets

A fantastic way to show Mom how much you care **and raise money for our new church**. Place your order now. Available for pick-up at the church on Mother's Day, May 14th. Call Roxana Rojo 903-714-6025 to place an order.

May Procession & Crowning of Mary

It is a Catholic tradition to especially honor the Blessed Mother of Jesus, and to give thanks to her for bringing our Savior into the world during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. This year St. John's May Crowning will be held on "Mother's Day" Sunday, May 14th, at the 11:00am Mass.

All girls and women are invited to bring a flower to church that morning and to participate in the entrance procession at the beginning of Mass while singing the traditional May Crowning hymn "Bring Flowers of the Rarest." As the girls and women approach the altar, the flowers will be placed in vases in front of the statue of Mary.

Everyone is invited to "wear" a white flower in remembrance of a mother who has died or a red flower to honor mother's who are living.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

A **retreat** for those in the **1st Year of Sacrament Preparation** will be held Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

A **retreat** for those in the **2nd Year of Sacrament Preparation** will be held Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



YOUTH NEWS

- The Office of Youth Evangelization is sponsoring a **Catholic Family Camp** weekend June 23-25 at Casa Betania near Tyler, featuring nationally known Catholic speaker Cooper Ray. There will be family activities, Mass and adoration, formation opportunities, campfires, games and skits, and much more! This will be an opportunity to help your family grow closer to one another and to Christ. For more information, see www.dioceseoftyler.org/youth/.

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference Elevate 2017

Where Heaven and Earth Collide July 7-9 9-12 Grade

- Spend the weekend at Harvey Hall Convention Center with over 400 Catholic youth from across the Diocese of Tyler!
- Be transformed by the presence of Jesus in the sacraments and make friends that will support you in your walk of faith.

Early Registration:	April 1-May 15	\$65
Registration:	May 15-June 15	\$75
Late Registration:	June 15-July 1	\$85

Registration fee includes:

- Conference registration
- Saturday lunch and dinner

- Hotel and Friday Dinner NOT INCLUDED. This must be arranged by parish groups.
- Visit <https://www.dioceseoftyler.org/youth/> for more information and registration form. Or Monica 804-477-5424.

**Ladies Guild Clothing Drive
COLLECTION DATES
May 1 – August 1**

We are collecting gently used and "CLEAN" men's, ladies', & children's clothing & shoes for all seasons. Purses, hats, backpacks, scarfs, gloves, ties, socks, baby accessories. Drop off items at St. John's or call/txt Kathy Roel at 832-563-0609 to make other arrangements.

Resisting Happiness Workshop

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR LIFE?

ARE YOU OVERWHELMED?

ARE YOU YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY?

Come take part in a June Sunday workshop with Lyn Baldwin 9:30 am to 10:30am before Mass. We are using Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly. Don't have a copy? We will be giving FREE copies at the workshop. Come learn how to be a Dynamic Catholic!

Church Building Update - subject to change

The Diocese of Tyler is working with the insurance company to procure a temporary building to be placed in the field between Fr. Victor's house and the damaged building. This building will be used for Mass etc. until the new church is built.

Last Thursday parishioners got to work "squaring up" the building site for the new church. Setting the piers and installing utilities is the next step — then the concrete will be poured.

A temporary building has been set-up on the East side of the campus to house the parish office and a very small meeting room. Normal office hours will resume as soon as the plumbing, phone and internet service has been installed.

The damaged church and hall will be reconstructed as a parish hall, meeting rooms and classrooms.

Please pray / Por favor, orar

. . . for all who are sick, elderly or alone. / para todos los que están enfermos, ancianos o solos.

Jean Hardin (5/30) Paula Linder (5/30) Flavia Rodriguez (5/30) Roger Darisse (5/30) Mary & Willie Villanueva (5/30) Kathy McDermott (5/30) Jeannie Prendergast (5/30) Fr. Efrén Nano (5/30) Maeanna (Dusty) Forette (5/30) Edwina & Janice Hayes (5/30) Amie Wilburn (5/30) Elia Murphy (5/30) Michael Renfro (5/30) . . . **and for our Military Families / y para las familias militaría.** William Bell, Kristine Diaz, Maria Homan, Stephen Linn, Jayde E. Mack, Dylan Nix, Gary Robinson, Jr., Mark H. Sutton, Sergio Cardena, Jr.

May God bless all care givers.

Pope's Prayer Intention For May

Christians in Africa. That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

This Week's Calendar

Monday/lunes, May 8

Español Prayer Grp/ de oracion 7:00pm

Quinceañeras Class 7:00pm

Tuesday/martes, May 9

Faith Formation 6:00pm

Mass / Misa (Bilingual) 6:30pm

Wed/miercoles, May 10

Spanish Choir 6:30pm

Sacrament Prep Year 2 7:00pm

Thursday/Jueves, May 11

English Choir 1:00pm

Friday/viernes, May 12

Saturday/sabado, May 13

1st Year Sacrament Retreat 9:00am-12:30pm

Sunday/domingo, May 14

Mass / Misa (English) 11:00am

Mass / Misa (Español) 12:30pm

Looking Ahead

MAY 13 Diocesan Marian Conference

MAY 14 Mother's Day

MAY 20 Bingo

MAY 26 Last day of School

JUNE 10 Confirmation w/Bishop

JUN 18-23 Guadalupe Pilgrimage

Jun 23-25 Catholic Family Camp

JUL 7-9 DCYC Youth Conference

Clergy

Rev. Victor Hernandez, Pastor 903-474-4382

Deacon Federico Aguilar 903-473-7258

Deacon Marcelino Espinosa 903-474-4692

Sacrament Preparation & Celebration

Reconciliation

Before and after First Friday Mass or by appointment.

Antes y después de Misa en primer Viernes o con cita.

Baptism - By appointment. Por cita.

Wedding & Quinceañeras

Consult Father Victor 6 months in advance.

Hable con el Padre seis meses pro adelante.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Concerns about the conduct of Church personnel can be directed confidentially to:

Rev. Gavin Vaverek, JCL, Promoter of Justice

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