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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Generous Love

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
MATTHEW 20:16

God's ways are higher than our ways. His mercy is greater than we imagine. We are all called to work in His vineyard, and His grace is a gift for everyone.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
PSALM 145

25º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El Amor Generoso de Dios

"Así, los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos."
MATEO 20, 16

Los caminos de Dios son más altos que los nuestros. Su misericordia es más grande de lo que imaginamos. Todos estamos llamados a trabajar en su viña, y su gracia es un regalo para todos.

El Señor está cerca de todos los que lo invocan.
SALMO 145



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WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE		WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE		SPECIAL LITURGICAL EVENTS			FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY VIGIL OF REPARATION	
Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Saturday	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	English Spanish	First Friday Holy Mass	8:00 am 6:00 pm 11:00pm	English Spanish English	First Friday 7:00 pm Holy Mass (Spanish) - Sacred Heart of Jesus
Wednesday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	English Spanish English	Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday Benediction	7:00 am 9:00 pm	English Spanish	8:00 pm 8:30 pm 9:00 pm 9:30 pm 11:30 pm Exposition/Consecration Prayers Scriptural Rosary (Sorrowful) Confession (ongoing) Scriptural Rosary (Joyful) Nine Offices of Sacred Heart of Jesus Scriptural Rosary (Luminous)
Thursday	8:00 - 9:00 am 6:00 - 6:45 pm	Monday	7:30 am	English	First Saturday Holy Mass	9:00 pm	English Spanish	12:00 am 12:15 am 12:45 am 1:00 am 2:00 am Office of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Blessed Sacrament Procession/Rosary (Glorious) Benediction/Divine Praises/Repose the Blessed Sacrament Holy Mass-Immaculate heart of Mary End Two Hearts Communion of Reparation Vigil
Friday	9:30 - 10:30 am	Tuesday	7:30 am	English	<i>*Any temporary adjustments to this Mass schedule can be found inside the bulletin on the next page.</i>			
First Saturday Other Saturdays	8:00 - 8:45 am 8:00 - 10:00 am	Wednesday	7:30 am	English				
		Thursday	7:30 am 7:00 pm	English Spanish				
		Friday	8:00 am	English				

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Second Sunday of The Month After 5pm Mass
During Parish Office Hours

Sacraments in case of emergency or Last Rites After Office Hours

Fr. Denzil Vithanage (903)578-2277
Fr. Jose Marin (903)339-4578

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YHWH A YHWH GRACE — A GRACIA



FROM THE

Food For Thoughts:

On this Catechetical Sunday, as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I am reminded of the profound generosity of God and the often-challenging call to embrace His perspective over our own. Isaiah's reminder that "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Is 55:8) resonates deeply, inviting us to step beyond our limited understanding and into the vast divine wisdom.

In the Gospel, the parable of the workers in the vineyard challenges us to confront our human instinct to compare and judge based on our efforts. Those who toiled all day protested the equal payment offered to the latecomers, reflecting a mindset that counts merit based on hours worked rather than the grace of the landowner. This narrative compels me to reconsider my attitudes toward service and contribution, particularly within my community of faith. Am I seeking acknowledgment for my efforts, or am I ready to celebrate the shared grace of being called to work in God's vineyard?

Catechetical Sunday serves as a vital reminder of our collective mission as baptized individuals to witness and pass on the faith. It prompts a recommitment to our shared responsibility in evangelization and education. In this context, I am grateful for the catechists in our community whose dedication enriches our spiritual lives. May we all embrace the joy of serving others, remembering that our worth is found not in comparison but in our response to God's invitation to labor in love.

Fr Denzil Vithanage



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PASTOR

Reflexiones: En este Domingo Catequético, al reflexionar sobre las Escrituras del Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, recuerdo la profunda generosidad de Dios y el llamado, a menudo desafiante, a adoptar su perspectiva por encima de la nuestra. El recordatorio de Isaías: "Mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos son mis caminos" (Is 55:8) resuena profundamente, invitándonos a trascender nuestra comprensión limitada y adentrarnos en la vasta sabiduría divina.

En el Evangelio, la parábola de los obreros en la viña nos desafía a confrontar nuestro instinto humano de comparar y juzgar según nuestros esfuerzos. Quienes trabajaron todo el día protestaron por el pago igualitario ofrecido a los que llegaron tarde, reflejando una mentalidad que valora el mérito según las horas trabajadas en lugar de la gracia del dueño de la tierra. Esta historia me impulsa a reconsiderar mi actitud hacia el servicio y la contribución, particularmente dentro de mi comunidad de fe. ¿Busco reconocimiento por mis esfuerzos o estoy dispuesto a celebrar la gracia compartida de haber sido llamados a trabajar en la viña de Dios?

El Domingo Catequético nos recuerda nuestra misión colectiva como bautizados: dar testimonio de la fe y transmitirla. Nos impulsa a renovar nuestro compromiso con la responsabilidad compartida de evangelización y educación. En este sentido, agradezco a los catequistas de nuestra comunidad, cuya dedicación enriquece nuestra vida espiritual. Que todos podamos disfrutar de la alegría de servir a los demás, recordando que nuestro valor reside no en la comparación, sino en nuestra respuesta a la invitación de Dios a trabajar con amor.

Padre Denzil Vithanage

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Princesa

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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, in ways both big and small, to the success of our 2026 Fiestas Patrias celebration! This special event would not have been possible without the dedication, generosity, and hard work of our volunteers, organizers, sponsors, parishioners, school families, and community members.

It was a beautiful day filled with delicious food, wonderful entertainment, colorful cultural dances, fellowship, and plenty of joyful moments shared among family and friends. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate this wonderful occasion!

¡Muchas gracias a todos los que contribuyeron, en cada forma, grande o pequeña, al éxito de nuestras Fiestas Patrias 2026! Este evento tan especial no habría sido posible sin la dedicación, generosidad y el arduo trabajo de nuestros voluntarios, organizadores, patrocinadores, feligreses, familias de la escuela y miembros de la comunidad.

Fue un día hermoso lleno de deliciosa comida, maravilloso entretenimiento, coloridos bailes culturales, convivencia y muchos momentos alegres compartidos entre familiares y amigos. ¡Gracias a todos los que nos acompañaron para celebrar esta gran ocasión!

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Upcoming Events
in the Diocese of Tyler



Mark your calendar!

OCTOBER 3, 2026

Three to Thrive: United at the Altar Retreat
(Registration now open!)

OCTOBER 10, 2026

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)
(Late registration is available.)

OCTOBER 17, 2026

Diocesan Spanish Women's Retreat
(Registration now open!)

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Tres Para Siempre: Unidos en el Altar
(Registration now open!)

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

English Advent Retreat
(Registration now open!)

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Diocesan Men's Conference
(Registration now open!)

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Spanish Advent Retreat
(Registration Now Open!)



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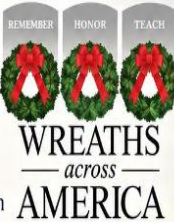
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Fiestas Patrias 2026
FESTIVAL INCOME
(INGRESOS DEL FESTIVAL)
SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

INCOME (INGRESOS)	DESCRIPTION (DESCRIPCIÓN)	AMOUNT (CANTIDAD)
Food & Games Booths (Puestos de Comida y Juegos)	Food & Games Booths at Festival Puestos de comida y juegos en el festival	\$ 10,041.90
Booth Rentals (Renta de Puestos)	2 Booth Rentals (Lolis Barajas & Rebeca Banuelos) 2 rentas de puestos (Lolis Barajas y Rebeca Banuelos)	\$ 200.00
Boot Raffle (Rifa de Botas)	Boot Raffle (thru 9/13/2026) (Boots donated by T & K Allen) Rifa de botas (hasta el 13/09/2026) (Botas donadas por T y K Allen)	\$ 411.00
Silent Auction & Donations (Subasta Silenciosa y Donaciones)	Silent Auction & Donations Subasta silenciosa y donaciones	\$ 4,450.00
Tex-Mex Night (Noche Tex-Mex)	Tex-Mex Night Noche Tex-Mex	\$ 480.00
Food Sales by Groups (Venta de Comida por Grupos)	Food Sales by Groups from 7/12/26 to 9/6/2026 Venta de comida por grupos del 12/07/26 al 06/09/2026	\$ 5,385.00
TOTAL OF ALL ABOVE TOTAL DE TODO LO ANTERIOR:		\$ 20,967.90
+ RAFFLE TICKET TOTAL + TOTAL DE BOLETOS DE LA RIFA:		\$ 14,889.15
= TOTAL FIESTAS PATRIAS SO FAR = TOTAL DE FIESTAS PATRIAS HASTA AHORA:		\$ 35,857.05

**Expenses not shown.
**Gastos no incluidos.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Serving Christ by Serving Our Neighbors
Sirviendo a Cristo al Servir a Nuestros Hermanos



Serving Christ by Serving Our Neighbors
The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organization that helps those in need in our local community. Guided by the Gospel, Vincentians offer person-to-person service through:

- Emergency assistance with rent, utilities & basic needs
- Food & household support for struggling families
- Visits to listen, pray & support neighbors facing hardships

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40
Thank you for supporting St. Vincent de Paul and helping bring Christ's love to our community.

Sirviendo a Cristo al Servir a Nuestros Hermanos
La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl es una organización laical católica que ayuda a quienes lo necesitan en nuestra comunidad. Guiados por el Evangelio, brindamos asistencia personal mediante:

- Ayuda económica con renta, servicios & necesidades básicas
- Apoyo con alimentos & artículos del hogar para familias
- Visitas para escuchar, orar & apoyar a los vecinos que atraviesan dificultades

Gracias por apoyar a San Vicente de Paúl y llevar el amor de Cristo a nuestra comunidad. → Mateo 25:40
Gracias por apoyar a San Vicente de Paúl y llevar el amor de Cristo a nuestra comunidad. → Mateo 25:40



RAFFLE WINNERS
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Premio de \$500 | **Alma Prieto**

3rd Prize of \$500
Premio de \$500 | **Hortencia Jacobo**

4th Prize of \$500
Premio de \$500 | **Lorraine Lambert**

5th Prize of \$250
Premio de \$250 | **Carlos Escobedo**

6th Prize of \$250
Premio de \$250 | **Raudel Rodriguez**

Congratulations! ¡Felicidades!
Thank you for your continuous support to our Parish and School!
¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra Parroquia y Escuela!



Announcements / Anuncios

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH | LUFKIN, TEXAS

All Are
Welcome
Todos Son
Bienvenidos

SEPTEMBER
28

Mum Fundraiser Pre-Sale Ends

The pre-sale for mums ends September 28th.
Delivery of purchased mums will be on October 9th.

La preventa de crisantemos para recaudar fondos finaliza el 28 de septiembre.

La entrega de los crisantemos comprados se realizará el 9 de octubre.



OCTOBER
3-31

St. Patrick Pumpkin Patch is Open

October 3-31.

Del 3 al 31 de Octubre,

el huerto de calabazas de San Patricio estará abierto.



OCTOBER
3

St. Patrick Catholic School Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

3 de Octubre,
desayuno benéfico de panqueques
de la escuela católica St. Patrick.



OCTOBER
5

Blessing of the Pets

after 5pm Mass.

5 de Octubre,

bendición de las mascotas después de la misa
de las 5 de la tarde.



OCTOBER
7

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

7pm Mass with procession around the church
to follow.

7 de Octubre,

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

Misa a las 19:00 horas seguida de una procesión
alrededor de la iglesia.



OCTOBER
16

Mass of Remembrance for Pregnancy and Infant Loss

Friday, October 16 at 8am and Holy Hour at 9am.

Misa de recuerdo por la pérdida gestacional
e infantil

viernes 16 de octubre a las 8am y hora santa a las 9am.



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23-24

Spanish Couples Retreat

at San Andrews Catholic Church.

23 y 24 de Octubre,

Retiro para parejas en la Iglesia Católica
de San Andrés.



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Salvation Army's Angel Tree registrations are now open.

Contact them to register.

Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el
programa Angel Tree del Ejército de Salvación.
Comuníquese con ellos para inscribirse.



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!

Mark Your Calendar!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at the **SCHOOL GYM** at **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

We are accepting **DONATED ITEMS!**

Drop off is on **FRI. 10/2** from 9AM-5:30PM

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