

# Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** We, of the Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Sweetwater Texas; a community of believers in Jesus Christ and in honor of Blessed Virgin Mary, are called to proclaim the presence of Christ in the world through the Word of God, Sacraments and Deeds. Building by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to live out our calling through Worship, Community Life and Education in the Faith.

October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

511 West Alabama Sweetwater, TX 79556

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Bilingual)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (Spanish)

11:00 AM (English)

Wednesday: 6:00PM followed by Holy Hour

### Holy Family Church, 507 Crane, Sweetwater, TX 79556

Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 AM

### St. Albert Church, 205 Laurel, Roscoe, TX 79545

1st Saturday: 7:00 PM

## CONFESSION

Wednesday 5:15-6:00 PM; Saturday 3:30-4:45 PM;

Sunday 10-10:40 AM or by appointment

## BAPTISMS

Please call the office

## WEDDINGS / QUINCEAÑERAS

Please call the office 6 months in advance.

## PARISH PERSONNEL

Rev. Joshua Gray

*Pastor*

Deacon Bill Butler

Deacon David Mendez

Sr. Luisita Iglesias, OND

*Director of Religious Education*

Angelina Villa

*Secretary*

Yolanda Reyes

*Book Keeper*

Sally Peña,

*Parish Council President*

Patty Torres

*Finance Chairperson*



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Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
— Mark 10:14

### EQUAL BEFORE GOD

The basis of Jewish law says Jesus, is that all human beings are created equal in the image of God. The disciples attempt to keep some children and their parents from disturbing Jesus, probably thinking that women and children were not important enough to disturb the Master! Jesus is indignant. Gathering the children, he says self-important people should imitate them. Young children usually accept the rules of life without quibbling over details. They accept the love of parents and trust that rules are for their well-being, even if they do not fully understand them. A loving Father offers us the gift of faith. Jesus is asking us to be child-like, accepting this gift with simplicity and trust. Discussing faith is fine, but we cannot stop there. Since we do not earn faith—it is freely given to us—we are called to express this faith in how we live our lives. We are equal in God's sight and equally responsible to live up to our calling.

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### REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Of all the events and circumstances that draw people together, it would seem that marriage is the most universal and obvious manifestation of that longing to be one. Though some may sacrifice marriage for what they deem to be a greater good or need, and others may never find their heart's way to that dream, all of us long to be touched by the magic of committed love. There is something woven into the warp and woof of our lives that passionately searches for it. More than anything, it is the ideal of marital love that reveals what we are meant to be—all of life and love so united to one another that there is nothing to divide, since there is no longer anything but pure oneness. Then we are no longer two simply because we are one, one flesh.

That is what makes divorce such a sadness, such a personal and even communal tragedy—that it shatters the vision of what we are meant to be. That is also why it causes such pain, such a wrenching; for if marriage fails, might not then also God's dream of who we shall be? That seems to be too unbearable even to dare consider.

Into such fragile human becoming, then, comes the Lord Jesus, among the married and the divorced, among

the sad and the joyful, among the lost and the hopeful, into what we are no matter what we are. He is the most profound and transforming revelation of that unity to which we are called simply because He unites and embodies both the human and the divine in such a way that it can never again be alienated.

--Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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### Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!

Beginning this weekend until the end of October, the parish will be collecting baby items to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

#### ► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes, New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up, Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

#### ¡Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!

Comensando este fin de semana y continuando hasta el final del mes de octubre, la parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés para donar al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de la Mujer.

#### ► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas, Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada, preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante, Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés. Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las misas

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

**WORD OF LIFE** - "When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "I Came So That They Might Have Life"

#### “JAMAICA. . . Additional Sponsors”

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish appreciates the following individuals and businesses for their generous support of our 2024 Jamaica. Please support and thank all of our sponsors.

**La Cocina Gaxiola**  
**WR Snyder**  
**David Elyer**

#### **Saturday, October 5th**

**5:00PM-IHM** - Guadalupanas living and deceased

In Thanksgiving for Salvador Jesus Aguayo's birthday

**7:00PM – Roscoe** – Por el Pueblo



Happy are you  
who walk in  
the Lord's ways

**Sunday, October 6th**

**8:30AM** – +José Angel Zarate,  
Pete y Elidia Aguilar; +Julianah y  
James Falana

**11:00AM-** For Nayly Hernandez's  
health;  
In Thanksgiving for Lina Rodriguez's  
birthday

**Tuesday, October 8th 9:00AM - HF**

Communion Service

**Wednesday, October 9th 6:00PM - IHM**

Communion Service

**Thursday, October 10th 9:00AM - HF**

Communion Service

**Friday, October 11th 9:00AM-HF**

Communion Service

**Saturday, October 12th**

**5:00PM-IHM** – For the people

**Sunday, October 13th**

**8:30AM** – Por Grupo Misionero ; en acción de gracias  
por los cumpleaños de Francisco Medellin, Odilia  
Arredondo y Claudia Aguayo; +Rodrigo DeLoera;  
En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Salvador  
Jesús Aguayo

**11:00AM-** +Martina Herrera; +Belinda Gomez, Tomas  
& Guadalupe Morales

**OCIA (formerly known as RCIA)**

Need Sacraments? Looking to grow closer to God  
through baptism, communion, or confirmation?

Classes are held on Thursdays, at 6:00pm at  
Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane Street.

**CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025**

- Sunday Classes – Pre-K to 6th Grades  
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am
- Wednesday Classes – 7th to 11th Grades  
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm

**CONGRATULATIONS Jamaica Raffle Ticket Winners!**

- 1st Prize-Joe Castillo-\$2,500 Prepaid debit Card
- 2nd Prize- Mary G. Gutierrez-Riding Lawn Mower
- 3rd Prize-Cheyenne Smith-7 cu ft Freezer/1 Qtr. Beef
- 4th Prize-Eme & Eddy DelaCruz-7cu ft Freezer/1 Qtr. Beef
- 5th Prize-Jordan Matchen-Patio Furniture
- 6th Prize-Zulema Aguilar-Discount Tire Gift Card \$850
- 7th Prize – Nick Pantoja-iPad
- 8th Prize-Elsa Torres-PlayStation 5
- 9th Prize-Robert Hernandez Jr-12 Car Washes-Mighty Wash
- 10th prize- Brendon Schreiber-Hand Made Quilt

**HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Oct. 12 Grupo Misionero.– Oct. 19 Guadalupanas  
“**JAMAICA 2024**” **Biggest Jamaica ever! HUGE SUCCESS!!** What a Blessing for the parish! Our gratitude and appreciation to our Jamaica Committee, all the Workers, Sponsors, Donors, Raffle Ticket Sellers--Buyers, & **YOU!** This includes everybody! It was possible because of **YOU!** Thank you so much. More

info and report will be published in the bulletin next weekend. **God's Blessings!**

**WELCOME** Fr. Tom Barley who will be celebrating the Mass with us this weekend as well as next weekend; October 12-13. Thank you for coming.

**PRAYERS** – Remember to keep Fr. Josh in your prayers while he is on his “Prayer Walk Retreat”.

**Guadalupanas Eucaristicas del Padre Celestial**, a Community of religious nuns, are here this weekend. Their work is to restore families and their most wounded members through the Holy Trinity. They make religious articles and will be selling some after all Masses. They live from the generosity of their sales and donations. Please show your support.

• **FUNDRAISER dinner** next Sunday, October 13th, after both Masses. All proceeds will be used to cover expenses for celebration of “Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

**Parish Movie Nights!** - **Lord of the Rings** trilogy begins this Sunday@4pm IHM Hall, & continues until all 3 movies have shown.

**PARISH COSTUME CONTEST!** The parish will be hosting a costume contest for the children & youth of the parish at the trunk-or-treat event. More information to come later.

**CONCURSO DE DISFRACES PARROQUIAL!**

La parroquia organizará un concurso de disfraces para los niños y jóvenes de la parroquia en el evento de trunk-or-treat. Más información próximamente en adelante.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Sunday, Oct. 6th, 6:30-8:30pm.

**WEDNESDAY** - Communion Service followed by Adoration @IHM. During the time Fr. Josh is gone, Adoration will be until 7:30pm. No Confessions.

**WHY AM I CATHOLIC?** - Deacon Bill's sharing session is Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!.

**BAPTISM** – To schedule, please call the office

**CONGRESO EUCARISTICO DIOCESANO -**

26 octubre, 2024, 9:00am-6:00pm, Bush Convention Center, 105 Main Street, Midland, Texas.

**September 28/29, 2024 COLLECTION DATA**

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$4378.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1246.11
Diocesan Seminarian Education.....	834.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION.....</b>	<b>\$6458.11</b>