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August 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIGÉSIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Lord, you are  
**THE BREAD  
FROM  
HEAVEN**

Señor, tu eres  
**EL PAN  
DEL CIELO**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm, Tuesday,  
6:00 – 6:45pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00-8:45am, Friday,  
11:00-11:45am and 6:00-6:45pm.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Contact a priest at least six (6) months before date of marriage  
about requirements.

### Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the office.

#### RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of faith sharing  
and liturgical celebrations for those who are seeking full initiation  
into the Catholic Church.

### First Reconciliation & Communion/Confirmation:

Children wishing to receive these sacraments must attend the PRE  
Program regularly for two years prior to special preparation for the  
sacraments. Special Preparation for Reconciliation &  
Communion is offered when a child reaches the age of seven (7)  
(typically during the 2nd grade).

Confirmation Preparation is offered when child reaches age 14 and  
9th grade.

**Sacramento de Reconciliación:** sábado 4-4:45 pm, martes,  
6:00 – 6:45pm, miércoles y jueves, 8:00-8:45am, viernes  
11-11:45am y 6:00-6:45pm.

### Sacramento de Matrimonio:

Hablar con la Sra. Shelton en la oficina de la iglesia seis (6) meses  
antes de hacer planes para su boda para revisar los requisitos.

### Sacramento de Bautismo: favor llamar a la oficina

#### RICA:

Preparación de Adultos para recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo,  
Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Para más información, llamar  
a la Sra. Victoria Shelton en la oficina de la iglesia

### Primera Reconciliación, Comunión y Confirmación:

Los niños que deseen recibir estos sacramentos necesitan asistir al  
catecismo dos años previos. Pueden recibir los Sacramentos de  
Reconciliación y Comunión a la edad de siete(7) años y la  
Confirmación a la edad de 14 y en el noveno grado.

### Quince años:

Se requiere asistir regularmente al Catecismo y recibir las Clases  
de Preparación si desea celebrar sus quince años en la Iglesia.  
Para más información hablar a la oficina de la iglesia.

*In case of death, please contact the Parish Office directly in order to make the necessary  
arrangements. A funeral meal may be provided. Please contact the office so the  
Bereavement team will be able to contact the family.*



## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Please Remember in your Prayers:

DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
Saturday—16	5:00 pm	St. Edward	Peggy Whiteside†
Sunday—17	8:00 am	St. Edward	Clarence A. Strutton†
Sunday—17	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Foreman	Juan Torres†
Sunday—17	11:00 am	St. Edward	Patricia Morgan†
Sunday—17	11:00 am	St. Elizabeth, Ashdown	Karen Bear†
Sunday—17	2:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	José Gerardo Peña García†
Sunday—17	6:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	Pro Populo (for the people)
Monday—18		NO MASS	NO HABRÁ MISA
Tuesday—19	7:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	Alejandro Morales†
Wednesday—20	9:00 am	St. Edward	Maria Mi Le†
Thursday—21	9:00 am	St. Edward	Don Williams†
Friday—22	12:05 pm	St. Edward	Evelyn Sanchez
Friday—22	7:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	M <sup>a</sup> del Carmen Vargas
Saturday—23	5:00 pm	St. Edward	Darlene Cigainero†
Sunday—24	8:00 am	St. Edward	John Papageorge†
Sunday—24	9:00 am	Sacred Heart, Foreman	Juan Torres†
Sunday—24	9:20 a.m.	St. Edward (Vietnamese)	Intention of Celebrant
Sunday—24	11:00 am	St. Edward	Pro Populo (for the people)
Sunday—24	11:00 am	St. Elizabeth, Ashdown	Peter Thomas Bui†
Sunday—24	2:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	Juana Ramirez†
Sunday—24	6:00 pm	St. Edward (Spanish)	Eve Covas

Mark Adams Gunner Ashby Jamie Ashby Jane Bansal Jim Barnes Shane Bellew Marilyn Jo Borgognoni Bourgeois Family Kaygan Bowman Sherry Brackeen Burke Brackett Angie Bui Amanda Brook Burt Scott Buzhardt Terah Marie Camponovo Gloria Candelaria Kitty Caplinger Edwina Cernosek Hugo Chávez Joyce Childs Bill Cigainero Danielle Cigainero George Cigainero Theresa Colbert Andrew & Brittany Downy Sheila Crossland Cathy Demets Clay Dews Michelle Akin Hannah Doan Jack Dodez Victor Durand Caroline Eckel Jennifer Eckelkamp Lynn Evans Dave Farren J. Marty Filogamo Wanda Foster Marjean Freeman Ruth Gill Alexander Girdner Christina Glass Lindola Griffin Raymond Griffin Ana Guzmán Jan Guzman Kinsley Hall Jeff Hallenbeck family Mark Hallenbeck family Khadijah Harden Augie Harder John Heath Lanie Heigle David & Patricia Henderson Julian Carson Hooper	Loretta Hopkins Rodney Jackson Suzy Jaixen Kathleen Johnson Hannah Judd Diana Lacaze Colton Lusk Janet Lynch Tom Lynch Catherine Marchand Moise Marchand Nancy Martin Coe Theresa Matthews Charlotte McClory Damian McCoy Kevin McCrary Loretta Morris Julie Moreland Marisol Moya Teresa Moya Pat Newman Phuong Nguyen Ly Nguyen Dusty Nichols Alvis Pate Lis Pennington Alex Perticone Karen Peters Anna Pickens Cindy Putman Joe Redden Donna Reed Laura Rios Jacobo Rivera Joel Rivera Jaxson Rivera Emily Roberts Sloan Roberts Sophia Rosas Jean Ruth Frances Sargosey Delores Sax Tamara Seiler Tambi Shirk Don Stanley Rhonda Steele Lisa Tirrito Malisa Trovence Mike Tullos Jenifer Unger Fr. Richard Walz OSB Jim Whiteside Tom & Loretta Williams Nancy Wilson Lesa Young
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If you know that someone on the list has passed away or no longer needs prayer, please call the church office. Thank you.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, 16th Sunday, 17th	2nd Collection for Catholic Home Missions <i>2ª colecta para las Misiones Católicas Locales</i>
Sunday, 17th	6 pm St. Edward serves at Randy Sam's shelter
Tuesday, 19th	5:30 pm Men's Prayer meeting
Tuesday, 19th	6 pm 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meeting
Saturday, 23rd	6 pm Youth Group Outing


The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the 5th Sunday Rosary on Saturday, August 30th after the 5:00 pm Mass in English and a Rosary after the 2:00 pm Mass on August 31st in Spanish.

*Los Caballeros de Colón están patrocinando el rezo del Santo Rosario el domingo, 31 de agosto al finalizar la Misa de las 2:00 p.m. Se alienta a la comunidad a participar.*



This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. It strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few. The funds collected help these Catholic communities survive and thrive, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. For many years Catholic Home Missions has given much support to the Diocese of Little Rock, which has enabled the diocese to help many parishes in need of special support.





# Hail Holy QUEEN Enthroned Above

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time How Much?*

*How much is good enough? How much is too much? How do we know when we've given all that is required of us? How do we know when we have been generous enough or faithful enough to please the Lord? How do we know we have done enough to avoid sin?*

*Although I do not for one minute believe that God is sitting up in heaven next to a giant scoreboard keeping a tally of our good and bad deeds, we will be judged at the end of our lives. Today's second reading provokes self analysis in this regard: "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." While this may most often be interpreted as becoming a martyr, it also makes me think of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemani. He sweat drops of blood because His whole being resisted the idea of enduring His Passion and Death.*

*How does our body react when we sin? Do we give into temptation so often that we don't even feel a ping to our conscience? Do we instantly regret what we have done and seek forgiveness from the person we have wronged? Do we look for the next available confession time? Do we let our sins pile up one upon the other and only seek the Sacrament when we can no longer stand it?*

*Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina sheds light on how much our sins hurt His Sacred Heart. If we truly took that to heart, we would flee from sin so much more often. It would become repugnant to us. During the Divine Mercy Novena, we read "bring to me all mankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me" (*Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*).*

*So let us turn away from sin and instead spread love and joy and truth. Let us set the earth on fire with the blazing love of God! (see today's Gospel) -Tami Urcia*



### **Women's ACTS Retreat - October 9th - 12th, 2025**

Looking for Ladies who are interested in an extraordinary weekend with an opportunity for spiritual renewal. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. The retreat begins Thursday evening at Sacred Heart Parish Hall and will end on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass and a meal of fellowship. Roundtrip transportation to Lakeview Baptist Assembly Camp in Lone Star Texas will be provided. Forms are available in the vestibule. Cost for each retreatant is \$200.00. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending as there are scholarships available. If you have any questions, contact the Director Rachel Townsend (903) 701-4989.



# A New Year of Faith Formation for Children, Youth and Adults

## ¡Un nuevo año del Catecismo para niños, jóvenes y adultos !

The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ. All evangelizing activity is understood as promoting communion with Jesus Christ.

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El fin definitivo de la catequesis es poner a uno no sólo en contacto sino en communion, en intimidad con Jesucristo. Toda la acción evangelizadora busca favorecer la comunión con Jesucristo.

DIRECTORIO GENERAL PARA LA CATEQUESIS, N.80

**Children & adults begin on Sun., Sept. 7th. ¡Niños y adultos comienzan el 7 de septiembre!**



Classes in **English** are  
9:15—10:45 am

Las clases en **español**  
son de 12 pm– 1:30pm

Please register your children  
NOW, before the first day.

Por favor, registre a sus  
hijos ahora, antes del  
primer día.



### Wise Elders Class Invitation \*\*\*All Adults Welcome\*\*\*

Come be part of the Wise Elders Class as we grow in faith and fellowship together.\*\* Each week, we are enriched and inspired by outstanding video presentations from Augustine Institute—known for their clear, faithful, and powerful teaching. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or simply seeking to deepen your understanding, you'll find a warm, welcoming environment and engaging discussion.

**Join us and bring a friend! We'd love to have you! Room 13**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**You are invited to join your faith family in reading, discussing and reflecting on the Sunday readings and how they challenge us to live more fully as followers of Jesus!**

**Room 14 All welcome!**





## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them "papal bulls."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or "Ring of the Fisherman." It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of "fishing for human beings." Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope's name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope's death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents. —Rev. James Field



If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, you are welcome to join us in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, OCIA (formerly RCIA) class, which will begin on August 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The first meeting will be a tour of the Church. For more information, please contact Dc. Greg Casteel or the church office.

### ARE YOU ATTENDING ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL?

If you plan on attending Arkansas Tech University or are a current student who has not received any information from us, we would like to get in touch with you. Please call us: (479) 968-8249 or email us [stleoatu@gmail.com](mailto:stleoatu@gmail.com). We are the Catholic University Parish built just for you at 509 West L Street Russellville, Arkansas. You can always come and visit us at our center as well. Check out our website at [www.stleosatu.org](http://www.stleosatu.org) or our social media platforms for more information.

The collection for the weekend 7/12-13 is as follows:

Regular	\$ 13,020
Calvary	500
Outreach	240
Building Fund	1,272
Peter's Pence	2,668
Youth	500

The collection for the weekend 7/19-20 is as follows:

Regular	\$ 11,906.55
Calvary	500
Outreach	1,284.58
Building Fund	369
Diocesan	20

The collection for the weekend 7/26-27 is as follows:

Regular	\$ 13,475
Calvary	500
Outreach	350
Building Fund	342

## El Grupo de Oración Carismática "Soldados de Cristo" te invita a un "Seminario de Vida en el Espíritu"

Fecha: 30 y 31 de agosto de 2025

Lugar: Salón Parroquial

Iglesia de San Eduardo

407 Beech St.

Texarkana, AR 71854

Sábado de 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

Domingo de 8:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

"Sé valiente y ten ánimo.

No temas ni te asustes, porque contigo está Yavé, tu Dios, adondequiera que vayas."

Josue 1:6,9

Para más información, comunicarse con

Sandy Banda al 903-306-5036 ó

Victoria Shelton al 903-831-9933.

Habrà cuidado de niños hasta los 12 años de edad.

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proteger a los niños y jóvenes.

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voluntarios o funcionarios de

la Iglesia, por favor

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(800) 482-5964 y con el

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por comuníquese con la

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Diócesis de Little Rock,

2500 N. Tyler Street,

Little Rock, AR 72207.





## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
<b>Thursday</b>	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
<b>Friday</b>	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
<b>Saturday</b>	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Lunes</b>	Jue 2, 11-19; Sal 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab y 44; Mt 19, 16-22
<b>Martes</b>	Jue 6, 11-24a; Sal 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14; Mt 19, 23-30
<b>Miércoles</b>	Jue 9, 6-15; Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mt 20, 1-16
<b>Jueves</b>	Jue 11, 29-39; Sal 39, 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mt 22, 1-14
<b>Viernes</b>	Ru 1, 1. 3-6. 14-16. 22; Sal 145, 5-6. 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; Mt 22, 34-40
<b>Sábado</b>	Ru 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17; Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5; Mt 23, 1-12
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 66, 18-21; Sal 116, 1. 2; Heb 12, 5-7. 11-13; Lc 13, 22-30



## Please contact the Church Office

when someone is in the hospital or nursing home. The hospital is not allowed to give us information due to privacy laws.

**NOTICES for the BULLETIN** must be called in (leave on voice mail #106-Victoria) or e-mailed to the office by **Thursday at 12 pm of the previous week** in order to be in the bulletin for the following weekend. You may e-mail notices to shelton.54@hotmail.com or office@saintedwardstexarkana.com.

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