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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 30, 2022

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SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (E): †Pedro Chacon
†Carlos De la Rosa
†Rudy Elizondo
†Mike Garza
†Manuel Guerra
†Diego Guerrero
†Teresa Rodriguez
†Gene Solis
†Ben & †Rosa Soto

Sunday, January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am (S): **Pro Populo**

9:00 am (E): †Selina & †Rolando X. Champion
†Maria Elena Garcia
†Antonio & †Carmen Longoria
†Luis A. & †Arturo Rincon
†Cris Vasquez
†Mauro Vasquez
♥ In thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of Alvin & Bennie Ohlhauser

11:00 am (E): †Carlos Castillo Jr.
†Sergio Gonzalez
†Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria
†Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez
†Carmen Alicia Martinez
†Mariano & †Ana Ruiz
1:00 pm (S): †Carmen Alvarado
†Maria Rosa Gonzalez
†Juanita Romeros
†Concepcion Romeros
Por la salud de Dora Muñoz

Monday, January 31 – Saint John Bosco

Daily Mass celebrated privately:

Tuesday, February 1 –

Daily Mass celebrated privately:

Wednesday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord

6:30 pm (S): †Teodora Gomez
Special Intention for Elias Abrego & Family

Thursday, February 3 – Saint Blaise; Saint Ansgar

Daily Mass celebrated privately:

Friday, February 4 –

No Daily Mass

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, January 31, 2022:

Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tuesday, February 1, 2022:

Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wednesday, February 2, 2022: Presentation of the Lord

Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44

Thursday, February 3, 2022:

Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25

Friday, February 4, 2022:

Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31

Saturday, February 5, 2022:

Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44

Sunday, February 6, 2022:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

PHONED IN INTENTIONS

If you call the Parish Office to schedule a Mass/Flower Intention please be prepared to give your donation via Debit or Credit card. You are also encouraged to use the Parish Office Mail Box located on the wall by the handrail. Write your name and information of your reserved intention on the envelope.

2022 SUNDAY ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

LAST FEW WEEKS TO PICK UP YOUR SUNDAY ENVELOPES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. Stop by the Parish Office if you would like to have Sunday envelopes. Registered members of the Parish may pick up a calendar at the Parish Office.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE FEB. 26

Sellados Por El Espíritu Santo – Charismatic Renewal Conference with Bishop Daniel E. Flores and Father Alfonso Guevara is set for Feb. 26 from 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish in San Juan

Conference, Holy Hour, testimonies and Holy Mass
Special guest: Father Luis Fernando Méndez Villagómez
Music by: Fuente de Esperanza and El Buen Pastor

St. John the Baptist Church is located at 216 W. First St. in San Juan. For more information, call the parish office at (956) 783-1196.

"Benedictine Monastery of the Good Shepherd Presents

Men's Retreat

The Father's Love
John 3:16



Almighty God created us "in his image and likeness", both men and women, with equal dignity. However, God created men to take responsible leadership of the family. As men, we will come together asking for God's healing touch. We will ask God to pour out his Spirit of Courage upon us, that we may be free for the task ahead of leading the family in heroic virtue!

Confessions, Healing, Deliverance, Holy Mass, Social Distancing



What you need to know:

Saturday, February 12, 2022
Benedictine Monastery of the Good Shepherd in RGC, TX
Beginning at 7:30am to 6pm
Donation: \$50, includes light breakfast, snacks, and lunch

Presenters include:

Deacons
Juan Martinez-Eagle Pass
Rudy Sepulveda Jr. McAllen

TO SIGN UP: CALL BENEDICTINE MONASTERY AT (956) 486-2680 OR
CONTACT DEACON RUDY DIRECTLY AT (956) 624-6300.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

January 29-30, 2022

***IN THANKSGIVING**

**FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ALVIN & BENNIE OHLHAUSER**





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