

**Ragar International, LTD.**  
Steve Ramos, III  
President  
Tel.: (956) 726-1127  
Fax: (956) 725-1571  
Toll Free: 1 (877) 250-6809  
E-mail: steve@ragar.com  
www.ragar.com  
827 Nafta Blvd.  
East Point Industrial Park  
Laredo, Texas 78045

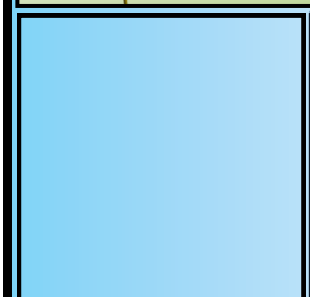
So I say to you,  
ask and you shall receive;  
Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and it shall  
Be opened to you  
Luke 11:9  
Reno Sand & Gravel Co., Inc

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL  
**Ulloa's Plumbing**  
NEW CONSTRUCTION-ADDITIONS  
PLUMBING REPAIR  
RPM-18399 J-21930  
**(956)645-9760**

WE ARE ALL  
SINNERS. BUT  
GOD HEALS US  
WITH AN  
ABUNDANCE OF  
GRACE, MERCY  
AND  
TENDERNESS.  
POPE FRANCIS

In Loving Memory  
**Diana Canales Rodriguez**  
Beautiful and Loving  
Friend, Grandmother, Mother, and Wife

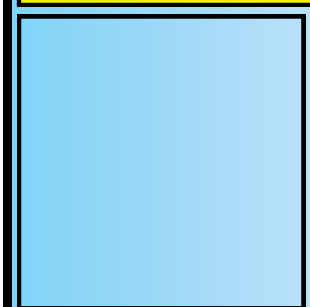
**la central**  
DRY CLEANING  
2438 Monarch Dr. Suite A-200  
Independence Plaza  
Laredo, Texas 78045  
(956)725-5330  
lacentraldryclean@aol.net



"Lo único que se necesita para que triunfe el mal es que los hombres buenos no hagan nada"  
Edmund Burke

**DANIEL B. HASTINGS** INC.  
U.S. CUSTOMS BROKERS

**GREGORY'S DRIVING SCHOOL**  
QUALITY EDUCATION  
DEFENSE DRIVING CLASS  
PRIVATE ADULT DRIVER'S EDUCATION  
TEENS DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES  
TEEN & ADULT DRIVING TEST AVAILABLE NOW  
MOTORCYCLE COURSE  
4217 Marcella Ave. Laredo, Texas 78041  
(956) 722-6151



¡APOYE A NUESTROS PATROCINADORES!  
**ST. BENEDICT ON LENT**  
"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting."

**PREMIER**  
ENGINEERING SURVEYING  
1302 Calle Del Norte Laredo TX. 78041  
Phone: (956)717-1199 Fax: (956)717-1196  
www.premier-ce.com

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!**

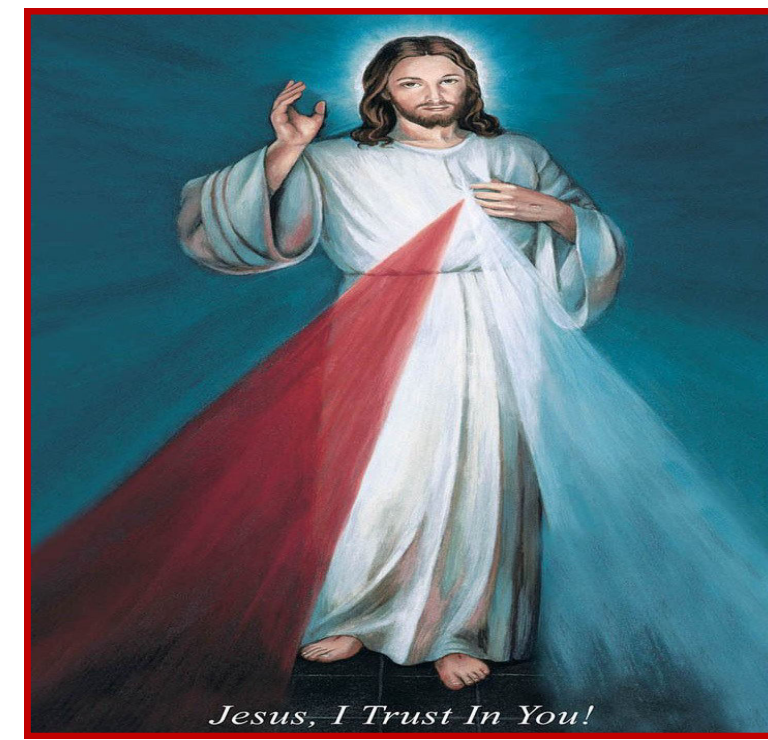
**¿POR QUÉ NO CANTAMOS EL ALELUYA DURANTE LA CUARESMA?**  
NO ME HABIA FIJADO  
LA PALABRA "ALELUYA" VIENE DEL HEBREO QUE SIGNIFICA "ALABAD A YAHVE". ES UNA PALABRA ALEGRE CON LA QUE NOS UNIMOS A ALABAR A DIOS JUNTO AL CORO DE ANGELES DEL CIELO.  
SEÑOR MIO Y DIOS MIO  
EN CAMBIO, DURANTE LA CUARESMA, NOS CENTRAMOS EN EL REINO QUE VENDRÁ, NO EL REINO YA EN LA TIERRA.  
EL "ALELUYA" NOS RECUERDA QUE, AL PARTICIPAR DE LA MISA, TAMBIÉN PARTICIPAMOS EN EL REINO DE DIOS EN LA TIERRA.  
POR ELLO, NO CANTAMOS EL ALELUYA, SINO MÁS BIEN RECONOCEMOS NUESTROS PECADOS Y NOS ARREPENTIMOS PARA ALGÚN DÍA ADORAR A DIOS EN EL CIELO JUNTO A LOS ANGELES.  
DIOS TE ESPERA!  
CatholicLink FUENTE: ARQUIDIOCESIS DE TORONTO - WWW.ACHTORONTO.ORG

**You Can Advertise with Us**  
Contact us for more information Ph. (956)726-0210

# Divine Mercy

**Catholic Church**

**9350 Amber Ave. Laredo TX, 78045**



Jesus, I Trust In You!

## MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Friday: 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass (English)  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Mass (English)  
12:00 noon Mass (Spanish)  
4:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.  
At other times call for appointment

## Sacraments

- ◆ **Baptisms**  
By appointment only. On the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Contact the Parish Office for more information regarding preparation.
- ◆ **Marriage:**  
By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the proposed wedding date to avoid any complications or scheduling conflicts.
- ◆ **Quinceañeras Mass:**  
By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the proposed Quinceañera date. They must have received: Baptism, and First Communion. The also must be enrolled in Confirmation Classes and/or Youth Group.
- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick:**  
Please call the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

## Mission Statement

Divine Mercy Catholic Church strives to create a parish that reflects unity by witnessing, teaching and proclaiming the love of our Lord Jesus Christ; to educate our community through the teachings of the Catholic Church by spreading the message of mercy; to dedicate ourselves to the mission of Christ through the celebration of the sacraments, evangelization and services to others.

## Clergy and Staff

**Father Michael A. De Leon, Pastor**  
**Father Luis E. Mares, Parochial Vicar**  
Deacon Mario Guerra  
Deacon Gerardo Mares  
Deacon Michael Santasieri

Aby Acosta ..... Administrative Assistant  
Imelda Castro ..... Administration / Office Assistant  
Veronica D Garcia.. Coordinator of Religious Education

## Ministries and Organizations

Any information about Ministries, Parish Groups, Organizations or Parish events please call the parish office.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Parish Office (956)726-0210 ext. 100  
Religious Education Office (956)726-0210 ext. 113

## Welcome New Parishioners



We are glad you were led by God to join us!  
If you are new to Divine Mercy Parish, we invite you to register as a parishioner.

## Weekly Schedule 2023

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
05:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
10:00pm Mass (English)  
12:00pm Mass (Spanish)  
04:00pm Mass (Spanish)

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**  
No Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**  
**06:00pm Via Crucis**  
6:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**  
05:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

## Sunday Readings

**FIRST READING**  
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, Samuel anointed David to be king.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
10-13a Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

**SECOND READING**  
Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, children of light.

**GOSPEL**  
John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 I know this much: I was blind, but now I see.



## Holy Thursday Candles

Take home a candle that is lit before the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on **Holy Thursday**. **Donation per candle \$6.00**

Place your Order @ the office

## Veladoras del Jueves Santo

Lleve a casa una vela encendida el **Jueves Santo** en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento. **Donación por vela \$6.00**

## Last Week Offertory Collection

05:00pm Saturday Mass	\$ 1,290.00
10:00am Sunday Mass	\$ 1,210.00
12:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 1,466.00
04:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 916.00
Sunday Collection Online	\$ 636.20
Building Fund	\$ 0.00
Online Building Fund	\$ 0.00
2nd Collection (non-parochial)	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,518.20</b>



## Monthly Dedications (Devotions)



MARCH IS DEDICATED TO **ST. JOSEPH**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's readings explore the theme of blindness, both literal and metaphorical. The man born literally blind receives his eyesight by Jesus' action in the Gospel, but we also witness Samuel's metaphorical blindness to David's fitness for kingship, the Pharisees' blindness to Jesus' holiness, and even the willful blindness of the blind man's parents when they are questioned. May God's word help us examine our own blindness as we welcome the light of Christ.



*Las lecturas de hoy exploran el tema de la ceguera, tanto literal como metafóricamente. El hombre que nació literalmente ciego recibe su vista por la acción de Jesús en el Evangelio, pero también somos testigos de la ceguera metafórica de Samuel a la idoneidad de David para el reinado, la ceguera de los fariseos a la santidad de Jesús, e incluso la ceguera deliberada de los padres del hombre ciego cuando son cuestionados. Que la palabra de Dios nos ayude a examinar nuestra propia ceguera mientras damos la bienvenida a la luz*

## Question Of The Week

What keeps me from seeing the truth? What keeps me from acknowledging what I see?

¿Qué me impide ver la verdad? ¿Qué me impide reconocer lo que veo?



**Saturday, March 25, 2023**  
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Texas A&M International University  
**Register today: [www.dofl.org](http://www.dofl.org)**

## This Week Observances

<b>Sunday 19</b>	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday Second Scrutiny of the Elect
<b>Monday 20</b>	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Spring begins
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	Lent Weekday
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Lent Weekday
<b>Thursday 23</b>	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
<b>Friday 24</b>	Lent Weekday <b>Abstinence</b>
<b>Saturday 25</b>	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**  
05:00pm † Juan R. Molina

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**  
10:00am Alberto Alvarado (Blessings)  
Alan Jay Urquieta (Health)  
† Matthew E. Bondoc  
† Erasmo Chapa  
† Ana Laura Click  
† David Garcia

12:00pm † Sergio Mauricio Gonzalez  
† Fr. Charles Van Der Heyder

04:00pm Divine Mercy Parishioners

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**  
No Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**  
06:30pm † Consuelo Dovalina  
† Ramiro Garcia

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
06:30pm † Fr. Charles Van Der Heyder  
† Roberto Veloz Jr.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
06:30pm † Pablo Rivera  
† Fr. Charles Van Der Heyder

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24**  
06:30pm † Francisco Javier Ramirez Jr.  
† Tomas M. Rodriguez Sr.



## Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns for  
† Ana Laura Click & † Henry Miller  
From March 18 — March 25, 2023



# Confessions

## Confesiones

Tuesday - Friday 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Saturday - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Jesus, praying and fasting, prepared himself for his mission, the beginning of which was a harsh confrontation with the tempter.

*Jesús orando y ayunando se preparó a su misión, cuyo inicio fue un duro enfrentamiento con el tentador.*

- **Benedicto XVI**

## Announcements

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent @ 6pm, followed by Daily Mass.

**JOIN US IN THIS SPECIAL LENTEN DEVOTION.**



YOUR VOICE MATTERS TU VOZ CUENTA

The Disciple Maker Index survey starts this week!

Divine Mercy along with all parishes in the Diocese of Laredo will participate in this survey on discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute.

Please help us participate by responding to an online survey of 10 to 15 minutes by accessing the link below or using the QR code.

The survey will only be available from now until March 27 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and allow you to offer your feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will remain confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community at large.

This information will be invaluable in planning the future in an effort to be the best disciples we can be.

Thank you for helping us in this important project.

\* You can obtain a printed copy at the parish office or by contacting Aby Acosta at our office.

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g0pa44>



¡La encuesta del Índice de Creadores de Discípulos empieza esta semana!

Divine Mercy al igual que todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Laredo participaremos en esta encuesta acerca del discipulado dirigida por el Instituto Católico de Liderazgo (Catholic Leadership Institute).

Ayúdenos por favor a participar respondiendo a una encuesta en línea de 10 a 15 minutos accediendo el enlace de arriba o usando el código QR.

La encuesta solo estará disponible del desde hoy hasta el 27 de marzo y le pedirá que reflexione acerca de su propio crecimiento espiritual y le permitirá ofrecer sus comentarios acerca de los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para ayudarlo a crecer. Todas las respuestas serán confidenciales y la parroquia solo recibirá información acerca de la comunidad en general.

Esta información será de valor incalculable planificar el futuro en un esfuerzo por ser los mejores discípulos que podemos ser.

Gracias por ayudarnos en este importante proyecto.

\*Pude obtener una copia impresa en la oficina parroquial o comunicándose a nuestra oficina con Aby Acosta.