

LET'S CELEBRATE THE TRIDUUM TOGETHER!

Holy Thursday POTLUCK

THURS. APRIL 17, 2025

5:30 PM

Each family should bring place settings, a main dish, and one of the following salad, vegetable, or dessert. No RSVP required.

Blessed Sacrament
Social Hall & Gym





Blessed Sacrament Parish | April 2025

Our mission is to help everyone recognize & experience the presence of God.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	PARISH CENTER HOURS MON - THURS: 8:00a - 8:00p FRI: 8:00a - Noon SAT & SUN Scheduled Events Only					
	SPRING BREAK PARISH CENTER HOURS MON - THURS: 8:00a - 5:00p FRI: 8:00a - Noon SAT & SUN Scheduled Events Only	1 Ladies of Blessed Sacrament - 1:15pm	2 Mass – 8:30am Afternoon Bible Break - 12:00pm Evening Prayer - 6:30pm	3 Mass – 8:30am	4 Stations of the Cross - Noon 	5 Food Collection Weekend KoC Blood Drive - 8:00am - 12:30pm Rosary – 8:30am Reconciliation - 2:30pm Mass – 4:00pm
6 Food Collection Weekend Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:00am	7 Youth 2 Youth - 6:15pm	8 <i>Walk & Pray - 2:00pm @ Averill Preserve</i> Divorce Support & Care - 6:00pm Franciscan Reflections - 6:00pm <i>Walk & Pray - 6:30pm @ Averill Preserve</i>	9 Mass – 8:30am Taize Prayer – 6:30pm Pastoral Council - 7:00pm	10 Mass – 8:30am Social Justice - 4:00pm CARE - 7:00pm	11 Stations of the Cross - Noon 	12 Rosary – 8:30am Jesus Experience Day - 9:00am - 12:30pm Mass - 4:00pm
13 Palm Sunday Mass – 8:30am Mass w/ CLOW – 11:00am 	14 <i>Walk & Pray - 2:00pm @ Eagle Ridge</i> Knights of Columbus - 7:00pm Faith in Action Team - 7:00pm	15	16 Mass - 8:30am Evening Prayer – 6:30pm	17 Holy Thursday Potluck- 5:30pm Mass – 7:00pm Night Prayer- 10:00pm 	18 Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 12:30pm Parish Center Closed 	19 Holy Saturday Food Blessing - 11:00am Easter Vigil - 9:00pm Reception following Easter Vigil 
20 Easter Sunday Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:00am <i>He is Risen!</i>	21 Youth 2 Youth - 6:15pm	22	23	24 Mass – 8:30am Caring Card Ministry - 1:30pm & 6:30pm	25	26 Women's Christ Renews & Youth 2 Youth Retreats Rosary – 8:30am Mass – 4:00pm
27 Women's Christ Renews & Youth 2 Youth Retreats Mass – 8:30am Mass w/ CLOW – 11:00am	28	29	30 Mass - 8:30am Women of the Resurrection - 1:30pm or 7:00pm Evening Prayer – 6:30pm			 - No Meat



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MIDLAND-BASED STOVE TEAM

FEBRUARY 2025 MISSION TRIP

Stove Part Delivery

HELPS International managed the delivery of the stove and water filter parts to the communities before we arrived. The families have to carry their stove pieces long distances down rugged paths to their homes. They are willing because of the major benefits, the venting of the smoke outside, 70% reduction in firewood consumed, and reduced risk of burns.



Area Served

With support from **you**, our generous family of donors, this year's Guatemala Stove Team, made up of 21 U.S. volunteers, installed stoves and water filters in 161 homes. We served families in San Pablo Xucaneb, Cobán, and sectors of El Manantial, and Tactic, as well as a school in San Pablo Xucaneb, all in the department of Alta Verapaz. Seven sub-teams were accompanied by a translator and a community guide. Even the two bus drivers helped with the installations.

Firewood Gathering

The dramatic benefits of a more efficient stove is apparent when we drive past this common scene of families carrying firewood for their homes.



Old Stove



New Stove



The homes are typically basic wood boards for the walls, a steel lamina roof, and a dirt floor.

San Pablo Xucaneb School

There are eight classrooms at the San Pablo Xucaneb school. We provided a water filter for each classroom. Not enough rain water was available in the cistern for sanitizing the water filters, so each child was asked to bring a container of water to the school. One of our volunteers donated bags of much appreciated sports equipment to the school.



Guatemala is a stunningly beautiful country, with a mountainous region in the north where we visit. Broccoli is growing on the hill behind the children at the school.



An important part of our visit is to connect with the families and hopefully leave a lasting impression of our care and respect for them.

Climbs and Elevation

We managed some steep climbs on muddy and slippery trails, but fortunately without any serious falls. The elevation in this area was around 6500'. Because the coaster buses couldn't navigate some of the roads, we needed trucks to reach a few homes. The families made the same climbs with all of the heavy stove pieces.



Mayan Culture

Weaving is a special part of the Mayan culture. Maya women document and preserve stories and culture in their textiles. The patterns and colors vary by communities.



Water Filter



The water supply is rain water caught in a cistern or diverted from a stream, leaving families at risk of pathogens. This is why the water filter is so vital.

