

Lent/Easter Message

I'm sure that you will agree with me that last year, 2017, was a very difficult year for the people of Ingleside, especially those directly impacted by the devastating disaster of Hurricane Harvey. August 25, 2017 is a day that we will never forget. It was the day that so many of us in Ingleside and throughout the coastal bend were seriously impacted by the effects of Hurricane Harvey.



Many people had damage to their properties, some even losing their homes. It was at this difficult moment that so many in our community came together to assist those in need. Our parish teamed up with the City of Ingleside by allowing our church to be an allocation point for the distribution of cleaning supplies and food items for those hardest impacted by the hurricane. I was so proud to see our Knights of Columbus, Guadalupanas and other parish groups come together to

feed over 1,500 people, many of who had no electricity at that time. 2018 will be a year of rebuilding for all of us! Since taking over from Fr. Tom Wellar, who retired last summer, it has been a joyful experience for me personally getting to know the many people who make up the city of Ingleside. In a small town like this it's fair to say that everyone knows everyone.

With the increase of new businesses and industry moving into our area, and with new families moving in as well, many of whom claim to be Roman Catholic, I felt it important to share with you a little information about our church, who we are and what we are all about. Our Lady of the Assumption is the only Roman Catholic Church in Ingleside. We are a Catholic community with a mission of bringing Christ to others and leading others to Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist together at each Mass. After all, the Eucharist is one of the seven sacraments, and it stands above the others. While baptism is the gateway sacrament, the beginning of belief in Jesus as Lord and incorporation into the Body of Christ, the Church, it is the Eucharist that is the source and summit of the Christian life. Baptism is celebrated once; Eucharist is celebrated over and over again. Baptism is the beginning of the life of grace; Eucharist is a rich source of grace throughout life, spiritual sustenance for our pilgrimage on earth. Again, we invite you to



In early 1973, a 400-year-old stained glass window depicting the "Presentation of Jesus in the Temple" was found in Spain and bought and donated to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Minor Culli. Father Charles Doherty, the first pastor, was remembered as saying, "Now all we need is a church to go with the window." Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church was built in 1974 under the supervision of Fr. Charlie Doherty. Since then, the parish has grown into what we have today.

As the Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us "worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that He must have. Worshipping the Lord means stating it and believing it - not only by our words but by our actions as well - that He alone truly guides our lives. Worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.



Perhaps you have just moved into the area; perhaps you have not gone to church for a while, or perhaps you have a desire for a deeper love of God and knowledge of the Catholic Church. I would like to personally invite you to come to one of our weekend Masses and strengthen your relationship with God.



The first commandment of God asks us to keep holy the Sabbath day. Perhaps you are a fallen away Catholic, or perhaps you don't attend Mass as you should. I would like to personally take this opportunity to invite you to take the Lord's invitation and return to the church. We would love for you to attend Holy Mass with us each week. Our Lady of the Assumption is located at 2414 Main Street just opposite the Ingleside police and fire station. Please visit our website at www.oloaingleside.org.



Our Mass & Confession Schedule is as follows:

- * Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm
- * Sunday Masses at 8am, 10am & 6pm
- * Weekday Masses at 8am (except for Wednesday)
- * Confessions are available on Saturday from 5pm-6pm.
- * Ash Wednesday, February 14th, marks the beginning of Lent, a special time in which we journey together with Jesus through His passion and death on the cross up to His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We hope you can join us at Our Lady of the Assumption for Mass during the Season of Lent.
- * Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday at 7pm throughout Lent.

Besides the regular Mass schedule our Lent/Easter Schedule is as follows:

- * Wednesday, March 21st - Penance Service at 7pm.
- * Holy Thursday, March 29th - 7pm Mass of the Last Supper.
- * Good Friday, March 30th - Stations and Veneration of the Cross at 3pm followed by confessions. 7pm The Passion and Veneration of the Cross.
- * Holy Saturday at 8pm - Easter Vigil Mass. At this Mass those who have spent the last year learning about the Catholic Faith in the RCIA process will be formally received into the church. This is a beautiful and emotional celebration for all involved.
- * Easter Sunday, April 1st all regular Sunday Masses will be celebrated. 8am, 10am, 6pm

