

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

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January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 six churches)

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LIVE STREAM MASSES

Facebook: Holy Family Catholic Parish

These videos are public and can also be accessed through our Website at: holyfamilygb.com

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 5-5:30PM at St. Patrick's Church

Or by appointment, call 409.762.9646.

ADORATION

Wednesdays only at St. Patrick 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

5 PM St. Patrick Church*

6 PM Our Lady by the Sea Church

7 PM Mary Star of the Sea Church

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Sacred Heart Church

9 AM Holy Rosary Church

10 AM St. Patrick Church (Youth Mass)*

11 AM Sacred Heart Church

12 PM St. Patrick Church (español)*

12:30 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10 AM St. Patrick *

WEDNESDAY

6 PM St. Patrick (español)*

*Denotes Mass is also available online.

(St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica will be closed during the week for construction.)

Welcome to Holy Family Parish. We are 6 Catholic churches united in the service and worship of God in the Galveston-Bolivar area.

Church Addresses of Holy Family Parish



Holy Rosary (HR)
1420 31st Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



Mary Star of the Sea (MSOS)
16626 San Luis Pass Road,
Galveston, TX 77554



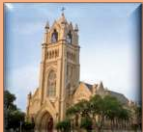
Our Lady by the Sea (OLBS)
2400 State Hwy 87,
Port Bolivar, TX 77650



Sacred Heart Church (SH)
1302 Broadway,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (SMC)
2011 Church Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Patrick Church (SP)
3424 Avenue K,
Galveston, TX 77550

You can find Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (OLG), the Parish Office and your Parish Life Center all located at the St. Patrick's premises. New Parishioners can register online or at the office:

1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550.

Thank you for joining us!

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Message from the Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

The Christian is one who is called to embrace the life of love. The author of the First Letter of St. John puts it succinctly: "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. ... In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us" (1 John 4:8, 10-12).

Christ himself would summarize the commandment into love of God and of neighbor (see: **Matthew 22:35-40**), and made the practice of love an important criterion for the last judgment (see: **Matthew 25:31-46**). Here at Holy Family Parish, I have been fortunate to witness many inspiring examples of the exercise of charity. I would like to share two important opportunities for us to carry on the work of charity.

The first is regarding the legacy of Catholic education on the island. Many of you have been very supportive of our Holy Family Catholic School; thank you! This year, the annual **Steps4Students** fundraiser will be done virtually due to the pandemic. Our goal this year is to raise twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to help make needed renovation to the school's playground as well as help with other operational costs. For more information on how to participate and support this year's **Steps4Students** campaign, please see page 6.

The second is a **Charity Drive** to help support the **Office of Correctional Ministries** of the archdiocese. This Office provides assistance to our brothers and sisters who are transitioning from incarceration to society by providing them with support and resources that would help them become stable and contributing citizens of the community. Donations sought are clothing items (coats, jackets, socks, shoes, etc.), furniture and other charitable donations. Donations can be dropped at the parish office.

Consider this as an opportunity to start your annual **spring cleaning** earlier! Many of us have items in our closets, garages, store rooms and other areas around the house that we might have probably thought of giving away. This charity drive gives us the opportunity to do that as well as exercise an important aspect of our faith – to offer a loving and helping hand to Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need! Thank you in anticipation of your great generosity!

We are one Holy Family Parish, united in the joy of the Holy Spirit and in charity, as missionary disciples, amen!

Your Servant-Leader in Christ,
Fr. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
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Mensaje del Pastor

Queridos amados en Cristo:

El cristiano es aquel que está llamado a abrazar la vida del amor. El autor de la Primera Carta de San Juan lo expresa sucintamente: "Quien está sin amor no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. ... En esto está el amor: no que hayamos amado a Dios, sino que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo como expiación por nuestros pecados. Amados, si Dios nos amó tanto, también nosotros debemos amarnos unos a otros. Nadie ha visto nunca a Dios. Sin embargo, si nos amamos unos a otros, Dios permanece en nosotros, y su amor se perfecciona en nosotros" (1 Juan 4: 8, 10-12).

Cristo mismo resumiría el mandamiento en amor a Dios y al prójimo (ver: **Mateo 22: 35-40**), e hizo de la práctica del amor un criterio importante para el juicio final (ver: **Mateo 25: 31-46**). Aquí, en la parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, he tenido la suerte de presenciar muchos ejemplos inspiradores del ejercicio de la caridad. Me gustaría compartir dos oportunidades importantes para que podamos llevar a cabo el trabajo de caridad.

El primero se refiere al legado de la educación católica en la isla. Muchos de ustedes han apoyado mucho a nuestra Escuela Católica Sagrada Familia; ¡gracias! Este año, la recaudación de fondos anual **Steps4Students** se realizará virtualmente debido a la pandemia. Nuestro objetivo este año es recaudar veinte mil dólares (\$ 20,000.00) para ayudar a realizar la renovación necesaria en el patio de recreo de la escuela, así como para ayudar con otros costos operativos. Para obtener más información sobre cómo participar y apoyar la campaña **Steps4Students** de este año, consulte la página 6.

El segundo es una **campaña de caridad** para ayudar a apoyar la **Oficina de Ministerios Correccionales** de la arquidiócesis. Esta Oficina brinda asistencia a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están en transición del encarcelamiento a la sociedad brindándoles apoyo y recursos que los ayudarían a convertirse en ciudadanos estables y contribuyentes de la comunidad. Las donaciones solicitadas son prendas de vestir (abrigos, chaquetas, calcetines, zapatos, etc.), muebles y otras donaciones benéficas. Las donaciones se pueden dejar en la oficina parroquial.

¡Considere esto como una oportunidad para comenzar su **limpieza anual de primavera** antes! Muchos de nosotros tenemos artículos en nuestros armarios, garajes, almacenes y otras áreas de la casa que probablemente hayamos pensado en regalar. Esta campaña de caridad nos da la oportunidad de hacer eso, así como de ejercitar un aspecto importante de nuestra fe: ¡ofrecer una mano amorosa y amiga a Cristo presente en nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados! ¡Gracias en anticipación a su gran generosidad!

Somos una parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, unidos en la alegría del Espíritu Santo y en la caridad, como discípulos misioneros, ¡amén!

Tu Siervo-Líder en Cristo,
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Office Announcements:

Interested in Volunteering?

We would love for you to get involved! Holy Family has an active community with numerous organizations and ways to help. Ask the Parish Office for a stewardship directory to learn more about each group and where you would love to contribute!

Every volunteer must complete the diocesan safe environment training (CMG which has replaced the old Virtus program). You can get started at with your CMG training in the comfort of your own home at: galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/, or stop by the office if you need a computer.

NEED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?

Email theofficehfp@gmail.com 2 Wednesdays prior to distribution. Please include the word "Bulletin" along with desired posting dates in the header of your email. Thank you!

Preparing for sacraments?

INFANT BAPTISMS: We look forward to welcoming your little one into the faith of the Church. Come meet with a priest who will guide you through the process. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Fr. Jorge for an appointment, or Fr. Stephen for English Baptism interviews. Walk-ins welcome.

MARRIAGE: Our office manager, Vera Gavlik, is experienced in helping you get started with your wedding plans at Holy Family Parish. She can help answer any questions. Please see our website at holyfamilygb.com to begin the process by filling out the marriage intake form which can be found under the Sacraments/Marriage tab at the top of the front page. 409-762-9646 Ext. 114

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office or call our emergency line: 409-354-6598

FOR OTHER INQUIRIES: Please contact the Religious Education Department 409-762-9646 Ext. 202

Financial Updates

Thank you for your generous tithes which help maintain our beautiful churches and facilities where we draw closer to God. If you are unable to attend Mass, you are welcome to donate online or mail your contribution to:
 1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550
 May God bless your generosity.

Parish Contributions	Combined Churches
January 17, 2021	\$ 13,288.25
Online Contributions (1/11-1/15/21)	\$ <u>6,763.13</u>
TOTAL	\$ 20,051.38

For those who are able, it is easy to sign up for online giving. Go to holyfamilygb.com and click the link on the front page.

Or text "give" to 409.515.7625.

Online Giving is available 24/7 at holyfamilygb.com, on MyParish App and on the Online Giving website at: <https://tinyurl.com/n3jrmq>. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Parish.

Fund	Goal	Pledge	Paid	Participants
DSF	\$81,000.00	\$92,505.72	\$92,288.42	340
IGNITE	\$1,180,291	\$643,128.00	\$542,848.22	234

2020 Contribution Statements are available by request:

Please email secretaryhfp@gmail.com for your statement or call 409-762-9646 ext. 114.



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Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2367961>

Notices

- ◆ Sunday Masses have resumed at their regular times in all the churches, except the 11:30 Spanish Mass at St. Patrick's which has been moved to 12 PM.
- ◆ The Masses at St. Patrick will continue to live stream for those who are unable to attend in person.
- ◆ Churches can accommodate worshipers at up to 50% Capacity.
- ◆ Please be sure to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, and help clean/disinfect the churches.
- ◆ Daily Masses have been moved to 10AM at St. Patrick's Church and Wednesday night at 6PM in Spanish. You can now attend in person or online through our facebook page.
- ◆ Confessions are available on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's from 5-5:30 or by appointment.

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- ◆ Las misas dominicales se han reanudado en sus horarios regulares en todas las iglesias, excepto la misa en español a las 11:30 en San Patricio, que se ha trasladado a las 12 p.m.
 - ◆ La misas de San Patricio continuará en línea para aquellos que no pueden asistir en persona.
 - ◆ Las iglesias pueden acomodar a los fieles al 50% de su capacidad.
 - ◆ Asegúrese a cubrir la boca, desinfecte sus manos y ayude a limpiar/desinfectar las iglesias.
 - ◆ Las misas diarias han sido trasladadas a las 10 a.m. en la iglesia de San Patricio y el miércoles a las 6 p.m. en español. Ahora puede asistir en persona o en línea por nuestra página de Facebook.
 - ◆ Las confesiones se reanuda los miércoles desde 5-5:30 en San Patricio o con cita previa.

Mass Intentions

**Online Masses can be found through our facebook page: Holy Family Catholic Parish.*

SATURDAY, 1/23/2021 Vigil

- 5PM SP † Yvette Svoboda
6PM OLBS Patrick Danesi (for improved health)
7PM MSOS † Bishop Vincent Rizotto

SUNDAY, 1/24/2021 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 7:30AM SH † Mary Johnson (improved health)
9AM HR † Verna Jackson York
10AM SP* † Gloria Gonzales
11AM SH † Holy Souls in Purgatory
12PM SP* (ESP) † Cecilia Charalambous
12:30PM SMC † Juan Vargas

Jon 3:1-5, 10 ; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ; 1 Cor 7:29-31 ; Mk 1:14-20

MONDAY 1/25/2021

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

10AM SP/ONLINE

† Niki Brouillard

TUESDAY 1/26/2021

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

10AM SP/ONLINE

† Jenny Deem

WEDNESDAY 1/27/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE

† John and Tammy Dafonte

† Antonia Copado

6PM SP (ESP)/en línea

† James Gowdy

THURSDAY 1/28/2021

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

10AM SP/ONLINE

† Gerald Mallia

FRIDAY 1/29/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE

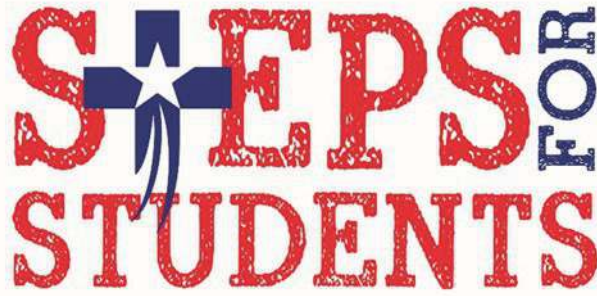
† Robert Vorpe

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org.

Just click on the Daily Readings tab.



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Holy Family Catholic School (HFCS) is excited to announce our first ever on-campus color run! The color run is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th. The school and parish community are encouraged to register for the event or sponsor a runner at steps4students.org.

The Steps for Students website has options to sign up or to make a donation. Make sure to select Holy Family as your team, so all of the money raised comes back to our school. The proceeds from Steps for Students will assist the school in replacing the playground. The outdoor elements of our island have rusted out the upper elementary school playground, leaving it unusable. Our fundraising goal is \$20,000. Fr. Jude placed in the top 10 fundraisers for the entire Archdiocese last year, putting Holy Family on the leaderboard. Let's see if we can do it again! Thank you for your continued support of our local parish school.





WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY'S RCIA PAGE

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Come Learn About the Catholic Faith.

**Catholic? Come learn more about your faith,
and/or Complete Your Sacraments.**

IN RCIA, WE LEARN ABOUT PRAYERS AND PRAYING

THIS GREAT PRAYER CAME FROM... JESUS Himself.

One day, Jesus and some of His very close friends (called Disciples) were sitting around talking, when one of them asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us how to pray."



Christ answered, teaching them and us the "OUR FATHER". It is a VERY important prayer because it teaches us what to believe and how to act. In this prayer, we speak directly to God our Father. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4)

We start by saying, "OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN". We are stating that we firmly believe that God is our Father in spirit and also in Heaven. It also unites Christians everywhere because we pray "OUR" Father, not "MY" Father.

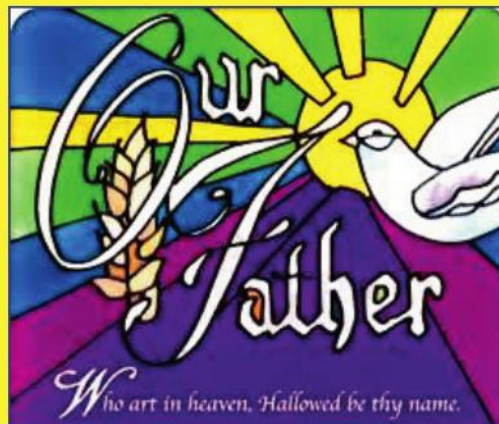
"HALLOWED BE THY (YOUR) NAME" Hallowed means *really* holy. God's name is the most holy name of all names. There is no one else as holy as the Lord" (1 Samuel 2:2).

Big Idea

God, our loving Father, has given us the gift of prayer so we can get to know Him better.

"THY (YOUR) KINGDOM COME"

We are praying that our world will become a place filled with faith, hope, and love. (1 Corinthians 13:13) We are also praying that the faithful will live with God in His kingdom (Heaven) forever. (Revelation 21:1-4).



Look for more in next week's Bulletin

Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS—FAITH FORMATION

Jan 24	Faith Formation K-5th		At Home
	Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Group	11-00am-12:00pm	In Person
	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group	1:00pm-2:00pm	In Person
Jan 31	Faith Formation K-5th		At Home
	Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Group		At Home
	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group		At Home

UPCOMING EVENTS—ADULT CONFIRMATION

Jan 28	Class — Prayer and Spiritual Life	6:00 pm—7:30 pm	In Person
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UPCOMING EVENTS— RCIA-C

Jan 27	RCIA-C Year 2 English & Spanish	6:15pm - 7:30PM	In Person
Feb 3	RCIA-C Year 1	6:15pm - 7:30pm	In Person

UPCOMING EVENTS— SACRAMENTAL PREP

Feb 3	First Holy Communion Prep English	6:00pm - 7:30pm	In Person
Feb 11	First Holy Communion Prep Spanish	6:00pm - 7:30pm	In Person

Adult Confirmation Registration



Holy Family Parish would like to invite all adults baptized Catholic, who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, to consider joining us this fall, to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are 19 years old or older and have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then call the faith formation office to begin the preparation process.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held sometime in 2021, for all adults in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. An initial and final interview will be required, as well as attendance at all sessions. For more information, contact Sr. Betty Kalu, HHCJ at 409-762-9646 Ext 202 or religiouseducationhpf@gmail.com.

Confirmaciones para Adultos Registro

La Parroquia de Sagrada Familia hace una cordial invitación a todos los adultos bautizados en la Iglesia Católica que aún no han recibido su confirmación. Se les invita a formar parte de las clases de preparación para dicho sacramento que dará inicio esta primavera. Si usted es mayor de 19 años y ha recibido el Sacramento del Bautizo y Primera Comunión, pero no ha recibido la Confirmación por favor comuníquese a la Oficina de Formación de Fe para comenzar el proceso.

El Sacramento de Confirmación para Adultos se celebrada en algún momento de 2021. Como parte del proceso se requiere una entrevista inicial y final también se le pide que asista a todas las sesiones/clases. Para más información favor de comunicarse con la oficina de formación de fe al 409-762-9646 Ext 202 o religiouseducationhfp@gmail.com.



Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29, 2021

Pray one Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, and one Glory Be each day with the daily intentions and reflections listed below. The full novena, including daily suggested actions and additional information can be found at www.9daysforlife.com.

24TH | DAY FOUR:

May expectant fathers lovingly support the mothers of their children in welcoming new life.

Reflection: Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special role “in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God” (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Fathers are called to exhibit “generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother” (*FC* 25). They are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, in safeguarding the sanctity of human life. As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father “is of unique and irreplaceable importance” (*FC* 25). Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the child’s father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort. At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children’s lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that expectant fathers will find courage in the example of Saint Joseph—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.

JAN 25TH | DAY FIVE:

May each person suffering from the loss of a child through abortion find hope and healing in Christ.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit hopeafterabortion.org.

Reflection: After more than four decades of legalized abortion, many children’s lives have been ended, and many parents and family members suffer that loss—often in silence. Yet God’s greatest desire is to forgive. No matter how far we have each strayed from His side, He says to us, “Don’t be afraid. Draw close to my heart.” Be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider the parable of the Prodigal Son. After repenting of sinning against his father, he returns from far away to seek forgiveness and work as a servant. But the father sees him approaching, runs to warmly embrace him, and hosts a banquet to celebrate his return. So, too, does God welcome all of His repentant children, no matter how serious the sin. Let us turn confidently to Our Lord, Who is love and mercy.

JAN 26TH | DAY SIX:

May expectant mothers choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option.

Reflection: Mothers placing their children for adoption often face many challenges along the way. One of the greatest obstacles can be inaccurately perceiving adoption as abandonment. But mothers who make an adoption plan for their children are not abandoning their children. Rather, they are exemplifying the sacrificial love of Christ on the Cross in choosing to do what is best for their children, even at great cost to themselves. Like Christ, they pour out their bodies and souls for the sake of another. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, in the face of fears and trials, we can “hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm” (Heb 6:18-19). We pray that each expectant mother choosing adoption will be filled with “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding” (Phil 4:7) as she makes a loving choice for her child. Let us all cling fast to the anchor of hope, for we have received “a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’” (Rom 8:15).



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JAN 27TH | DAY SEVEN:

May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy.

Reflection: When God fashioned the human person in His own image and likeness, He destined us for eternal life with Him. Yet because of the sin of our first parents, death entered the world. The book of Genesis recounts the first occasion in which a person takes the life of another, as Cain violently kills his brother Abel. This instance of brother rising up against brother “at the very dawn of history is thus a sad witness of how evil spreads with amazing speed” (*Evangelium vitae* 8). From the time of creation, disregard for human life has continued to spread. When we, like Cain, allow sin to find a place in our hearts, we become blinded to the truth. Sometimes this blindness might be so deep that we fail to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children. We may even tragically believe the lie that abortion is an act of compassion. But we know that “life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself” (*EV* 9). Let us pray that all who support abortion will encounter the transforming love of the Father and, with repentant hearts, seek His mercy.

JAN 28TH | DAY EIGHT:

May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

Reflection: The Declaration of Independence boldly affirms that first among our inalienable rights is the right to life, given to us by the Creator. Yet despite being so solemnly proclaimed, the right to life is today threatened and often denied, particularly at the moments when life is most fragile. Our laws should—first and foremost—protect life. But “our highest Court does not recognize children in their mothers’ wombs as persons and claims that abortion is a constitutional right. Further, many political leaders work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right” (*Priorities at the Polls*). Laws and policies that legalize or promote an intrinsic evil like abortion violate the virtue of justice. Those who work as public officials and civic leaders have a duty to serve the common good, and therefore have a profound obligation to safeguard this most fundamental right to life. Through our own prayer, witness, and civic participation, we can encourage our leaders to truly answer their call to protect the rights of all people. For “there can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person’s dignity and without respect for his or her rights.” (*Evangelium vitae* 101).

JAN 28TH | DAY NINE:

May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: God has carefully, tenderly created every person in His own image and likeness, to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother’s womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God: “It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, *especially when it is weak or threatened* [emphasis added]” (*Evangelium vitae* 77). In a world in which those who are most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In answering this call, we help to build “a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love” (*EV* 77). May the Holy Spirit continually renew us as we strive to faithfully defend God’s gift of life.



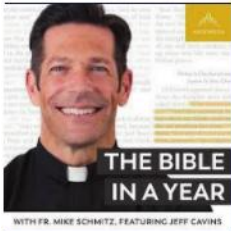
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PRAYER LIST

Dear Holy Family Parish,

Please join us in praying for Linda Bradford, Thaddeus and Theresa Hunter, Mary Guidry, Rita Guidry, Cathy Taylor, and Anita Taylor.

"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it: if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body and individually parts of it." 1 Cor. 12:26-27

*Our Holy Family Parish will pray for your intentions. Please go to holyfamilymb.com and search for prayer list under the Home tab and send us your or your loved one's name. The names will be listed in the bulletin for 2 weeks. For those without computer access, you may call the parish office at: 409.762.9646.

Around the Parish



Society of Guadalupanos

Feliz año nuevo que el Señor te bendiga y te mantenga a salvo. Los Guadalupanos comenzarán un nuevo año con la primera reunión este mes el 25 de enero de 2021. Nos reuniremos en la cafetería del centro de vida parroquial

a las 7 pm. Se requerirá distanciamiento social y habrá desinfectantes de manos disponibles. Tengo muchas ganas de reunirme con la mayor cantidad posible de hermanos y hermanas.

Tenemos temas muy importantes que debemos discutir y decidir. Por favor, haga un esfuerzo por atender su aporte es muy importante para nuestro grupo y para mí.

Society of Guadalupanos

Happy New Year may the Lord bless you and keep you safe. The Guadalupanos will begin a new year with the first meeting this month on January 25, 2021. We will meet in the parish life center cafeteria at 7 pm. Social distancing will be required and hand sanitizers will be available. I am really looking forward to reunite with as many of my brothers and sisters as possible. We have very important issues that we must discuss and decide. Please make an effort to attend your input is very important to our group and me.

January 24, the Church is celebrating The Sunday of the Word of God.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

(Col. 3:16)



Knights of Columbus #787 will be continuing the Altar Society's sale of delicious tamales and salsa after many of our Sunday Masses, beginning January 9-10. If you miss us, you may stop by the office at the **KC Hall on 1912 Winnie**, M-F 10:00-1:00 to place your order. The tamales will arrive in time to enjoy during the Super Bowl, February 7.



Galveston Catholic Young Adults

Look for upcoming Tuesday events with Galveston Catholic Young Adults through our facebook page.



Knights of Columbus Monsignor Kirwin Council 787 Super Bowl Raffle Drawing At Halftime

Sunday February 7, 2021

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(Winners need not be present.)

Prizes:

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3rd Place: \$500

4th Place: \$250

Only 300 tickets will be sold.

You do not have to be a member to sell these tickets.

Donation: \$50

- Each ticket includes a square which pays \$100 per quarter. (No overtime)
- Due to current restrictions on social gatherings, the hall will not be open to the public.
- Higher raffle amounts are awarded this year due to the unavailability of food and drink accommodations as done in previous years.
- Halftime Raffle will be viewable as a Facebook Live stream only event.

Seller of the 1st Place Winning Raffle Ticket will receive \$200

For additional information or ticket purchases, the office hours for KC Hall are 10AM-1PM, Tuesday-Saturday. 409.762.2112.



A New Group is Forming at Holy Family

Hooks and Needle Bible Study- This is a group to foster friendship while talking about Sunday readings, other study materials, and working on any type of crochet, knitting or other type of handiwork. Everyone is encouraged to come. If you are interested in joining please contact the Parish Office.



The Lay Carmelites will be meeting on Sunday, January 31st at 2pm at St. Patrick's in room 2 right across from the chapel.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Carmelite Order is welcome to attend. We are not a club or organization but truly members of this beautiful Marian Order.

Please call; Ellen Perry 409-740-6842 or Mary Ramirez 409-692-7735 for more information.



Prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

From the Apostolic Letter, With a Father's Heart, PATRIS CORDE , Pope Francis



Congratulations to Barbara Roberts who has completed the Nullity Case Sponsor Program!

She will be an integral part of assisting couples in need of annulments.

If you are divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church, and would like assistance with getting an annulment so you can be married in the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Jude at shepherdhfp@gmail.com.



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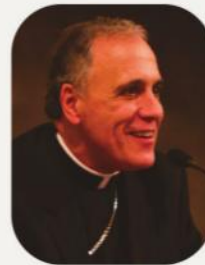
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Register now, before the event is sold out!

Bioethics Module 2: End of Life Issues

The Office of Pro-Life Activities, in collaboration with Christ the Redeemer parish, will offer the Bioethics Module 'End of Life Issues' on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 16. All sessions will be virtual. Topics include dignity and illness, assisted suicide, advance directives and DNR orders, ordinary and extraordinary care and ethics of palliative care. Registration is \$30. Classes are scheduled Feb. 16, 23, March 2, and 9 from noon–1:30 p.m. Register at <https://cvent.me/L4z1mN> or contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or jkfritsch@archgh.org for more information.

Bioethics Module 3: Healthcare Ethics

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer its new Bioethics Module on Healthcare Ethics on Saturdays in 2021, beginning Feb. 6. This virtual course concerns many current issues of interest to Catholics, including vaccine creation and Catholic teaching about ethical vaccine use. Other topics include organ donation, human experimentation and the ethics of transgender or "sex reassignment" therapies. Registration is \$30. Classes are held Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10:30 a.m.–noon. Register at <https://cvent.me/VN0PQm> or contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or jkfritsch@archgh.org for more information.



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