

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 six churches)

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CONFESSIONS

St. Patrick: Sat. 3:30-4:30 PM/Wed. 4:30-5:30 PM

Our Lady by the Sea: Sat. 5:30 PM

Mary Star of the Sea: Sat. 6:30 PM

Holy Rosary: Sun. 8:30 AM

Sacred Heart: Sun. at 10:30 AM

Or by appointment, call 409.762.9646.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Last Fridays of each month after the 12:10 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral-Basilica

MASS SCHEDULE

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at 100% Capacity)

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

5 PM St. Patrick Church

6 PM Our Lady by the Sea Church

7 PM Mary Star of the Sea Church

(6:00 PM Rosary Recitation)

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

7 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

12:10 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

WEDNESDAY ONLY

6 PM St. Patrick Church (español)

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ONLY

8:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

(7:30 AM Rosary Recitation)

ADORATION

7:30 AM Tue. - 5:30 PM Wed. at the OLG Chapel

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 (SMCB)
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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Member
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Member

Capital Campaign

YEAR END - Tax Planning

For those parishioners that would like to donate to the Parish Capital Campaign prior to the year end deadline.... here are some ideas.

1. Individuals with income levels that require income tax payments: Check with your tax advisor to determine the optimum way your donation can offer tax savings.
2. Sole proprietors and some corporations with income levels that require income tax payments: Check with your tax advisor to determine the optimum way your donations can offer greater tax savings.
3. Individuals over 70 1/2 with Retirement Plans that allow direct transfers of RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) provisions: This provision may give you the ability to take that distribution without triggering income tax on that withdrawal amount. The key is to make that donation DIRECTLY to the charity. Make a call to your Retirement Plan or Investment advisor with the name and address of charity and they will do the rest. Here is our information:

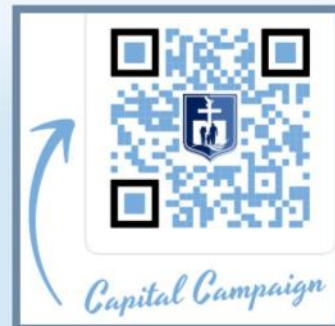
Holy Family Parish - Capital Campaign
1010 35th St
Galveston, TX 77550

Please feel free to call me if I can assist you.

Grace Mansfield, Chair (409/771-0345)

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma

WORK IN PROGRESS!!



One Faith, One Family Campaign Update

Our Parish Goal:	\$5,500,000
Pledge Total:	\$3,965,568
Pledge Payments Received:	\$3,265,057

Total Number of Donors: 724

*Thanks you for your continued support,
may God bless your generosity!*

It is never too late to pledge or donate. Visit holyfamilygb.com/capital-campaign to learn more and participate.

Una Fe, Una Familia Actualización de campaña

Nuestra Meta Parroquial:	\$5,500,000
Total en Promesas:	\$3,965,568
Total en Pagos Recibido:	\$3,265,057

de Familias Participando: 724

*¡Gracias por su apoyo,
que Dios bendiga su generosidad!*

Nunca es muy tarde para comprometerse o donar.
Visite holyfamilygb.com/campana para más información.

Message from the Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

Our *Dialogues with the Saints* series this week features a section of a letter on Prayer, written by Saint Augustine of Hippo to an individual named Proba

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“Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord’s house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple.* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it) but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no color. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man’s heart; man’s heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire and spur ourselves on to deepen it. The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

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,

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
shepherdhfp@gmail.com

Mensaje del Pastor

Queridísimos amados en Cristo:

Nuestra serie Diálogos con los Santos de esta semana presenta una sección de una carta sobre la oración, escrita por San Agustín de Hipona a un individuo llamado Proba—

“¿Por qué en la oración nos preocupamos de tantas cosas y nos preguntamos cómo hemos de orar, temiendo que nuestras plegarias no procedan con rectitud, en lugar de limitarnos a decir con el salmo: Una cosa pido al Señor, eso buscaré: habitar en la casa del Señor por los días de mi vida; gozar de la dulzura del Señor, contemplando su templo? En aquella morada, los días no consisten en el empezar y en el pasar uno después de otro ni el comienzo de un día significa el fin del anterior; todos los días se dan simultáneamente, y ninguno se termina allí donde ni la vida ni sus días tienen fin.

Para que lográramos esta vida dichosa, la misma Vida verdadera y dichosa nos enseñó a orar; pero no quiso que lo hiciéramos con muchas palabras, como si nos escuchara mejor cuanto más locuaces nos mostráramos, pues, como el mismo Señor dijo, oramos a aquel que conoce nuestras necesidades aun antes de que se las exponamos.

Puede resultar extraño que nos exhorte a orar aquel que conoce nuestras necesidades antes de que se las exponamos, si no comprendemos que nuestro Dios y Señor no pretende que le descubramos nuestros deseos, pues él ciertamente no puede desconocerlos, sino que pretende que, por la oración, se acreciente nuestra capacidad de desear, para que así nos hagamos más capaces de recibir los dones que nos prepara. Sus dones, en efecto, son muy grandes, y nuestra capacidad de recibir es pequeña e insignificante. Por eso, se nos dice: Ensanchaos; no os unzáis al mismo yugo con los infieles.

Cuanto más fielmente creemos, más firmemente esperamos y más ardientemente deseamos este don, más capaces somos de recibirlo; se trata de un don realmente inmenso, tanto, que ni el ojo vio, pues no se trata de un color; ni el oído oyó, pues no es ningún sonido; ni vino al pensamiento del hombre, ya que es el pensamiento del hombre el que debe ir a aquel don para alcanzarlo.

Así, pues, constantemente oramos por medio de la fe, de la esperanza y de la caridad, con un deseo ininterrumpido. Pero, además, en determinados días y horas, oramos a Dios también con palabras, para que, amonestándonos a nosotros mismos por medio de estos signos externos, vayamos tomando conciencia de cómo progresamos en nuestro deseo y, de este modo, nos animemos a proseguir en él. Porque, sin duda alguna, el efecto será tanto mayor, cuanto más intenso haya sido el afecto que lo hubiera precedido. Por tanto, aquello que nos dice el Apóstol: Sed constantes en orar, ¿qué otra cosa puede significar sino que debemos desear incesantemente la vida dichosa, que es la vida eterna, la cual nos ha de venir del único que la puede dar?”

Somos: **una Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, unida en el gozo del Espíritu Santo y en la caridad, como discípulos misioneros, ¡amén!**

Tu siervo-líder en Cristo,

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
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Office Announcements:

NEED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?

Email theofficehfp@gmail.com **Ten (10) days** 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. Jacob 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. 213)



To sign up for Flocknote and get parish announcements:

Text: FULLOFGRACE to 84576

Or sign up online at HFParish.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at flocknote.com/txt.

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
Weekend Dec 10	\$16,031.50
Online Contributions (Dec 4 - Dec 8, 2023)	\$18,160.38
TOTAL	\$34,191.88
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 1,888.00



Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Parish. To access our **secure** Online Giving, please visit the parish website at www.holyfamilygb.com, and click on the "Donations" tab for the Online Giving option. Also, you can text the word, "give" to 409-515-7625

or scan this QR code to make a contribution. All forms of giving are **secured**. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Fund	Goal	Pledge	Paid	Participants
DSF	\$92,000		\$96,725.12	302
Capital Campaign	\$5,500,000	\$3,965,568	\$3,265,057	724

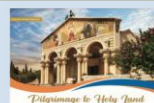
UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:

Please remember to bring your envelope(s)!

January 28, 2024 - Bishops' Fund for Latin America

2022 Contribution Statements are available by request:

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



Update on Holy Land Tour From Fr. Jacob

Greetings, after speaking with Inspirational Tours regarding the Holy Land Pilgrimage, I have been advised to wait until December for them to make a final decision regarding the trip. Inspirational Tours will provide options for a later date for the trip or a different destination with other attractions. Thank you for your patience and your concern regarding the pilgrimage. May we continue to pray for those affected by the violence and for peace among nations.

Peace,
Fr. Jacob

PRAYER LIST

Dear Holy Family,

Please join us in praying for Amelia Collins, Roxy Williamson, Betty Dyda, Erica Ojeda Long, Sean Fuhrmann, Armando Sanchez and Ernest Leal, for improved health.



COME AND ADORE JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please come and spend one hour or more with our master and redeemer Jesus Christ, and tell him how your day went. You will be renewed in mind and body, I promise you.

*Tuesdays: 7:30 AM to
Wednesdays 5:30 PM
At Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel*

HIGHLIGHTING OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES

*This week we recognize:
Sacred Hear Church
Cleaning Crew*



Mass Intentions

The readings can be found at www.usccb.org.

Click on the Daily Readings Tab.

Saturday December 16th- Vigil Mass

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| 5:00pm (SP) | Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered |
| 6:00pm (OLBS) | † Fr. John Devlin, LC |
| 7:00pm (MSOS) | † Fr. John Leonard Boscoe, CSB |

Sunday December 17th

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| 7:30 am (SH) | Drs. Edward & Marylee Kott (50th Wedding Anniversary) |
| 9:00am (HR) | † Winnie Allen |
| 10:00am (SP) | † Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Fitzsimmons |
| 11:00am (SH) | † Peter & Patricia Bowser |
| 12:00pm(SP)Esp | † Antonio Salvatierra |
| 12:30 pm (SMCB) | For the People |

Monday December 18th

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| 7:00am (OLG) | † Benjamin Mays |
| 12:10pm (SMCB) | † Gary John Young Jr. |

Tuesday December 19th

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| 7:00am (OLG) | † Silvio Vallecillo |
| 12:10pm (SMCB) | † Dario & Debbie Dafonte |

Wednesday December 20th

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 7:00am (OLG) | † Katarina Goitz |
| 12:10pm (SMCB) | † Jerome Borsellino |
| 6:00pm (SP)Esp | † Rev. Theodore Drees |

Thursday December 21st

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|----------------|------------------|
| 7:00am (OLG) | † Ursula C. Vina |
| 12:10pm (SMCB) | † Marco A. Garza |

Friday December 22nd

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 7:00am (OLG) | † Rev. Stephen Mandry |
| 12:10pm (SMCB) | † Silvio Vallecillo |



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HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SEEKING ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR

Holy Family Catholic School is seeking a dynamic individual to fill a part-time Advancement Coordinator position. This position reports directly to the Pastor and Principal. The Advancement Coordinator will be responsible for strategically promoting the school's brand, cultivating relationships with key constituent groups, and soliciting gifts that support the school's mission to Catholic education. Think you are the ideal candidate? Submit your resume and a letter of interest to Jeanna Porter at jporter@hfcsgalv.org

IN SEARCH OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Holy Family Catholic School is looking for an organized, energetic, task-oriented candidate to serve the school as an administrative assistant. Apply at <https://www.applitrack.com/archgh/onlineapp/>. We need you!



Basketball Season

- Jan. 10 Holy Family @ True Cross
- Jan. 17 Holy Family @ St. Clare
- Jan. 22 St. Mary @ Holy Family
- Jan. 29 St. Augustine @ Holy Family
- Jan. 31 Holy Family @ Queen of Peace
- Feb. 5 St. Helen @ Holy Family
- Feb. 7 True Cross @ Holy Family
- Feb. 12 St. Clare @ Holy Family
- Feb. 14 Holy Family @ St. Mary

BASKETBALL SEASON

holy Family School is pleased and proud to have a basketball team this season! The team is working hard and growing better each day. All of the games are on Monday or Wednesday starting at 4:30. Come to a game and support our Buccaneers!

GO BUCS!!

Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/17/2023	Spanish Faith Formation (K - 5th)	10:00 - 11:00am	Holy Family Catholic School
12/17/2023	English Faith Formation (K - 5th)	11:30am - 12:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
12/17/2023	High School Faith Formation	1:30 - 3:30pm	St. Patrick Youth Room & Live Cntr
12/17/2023	Middle School Faith Formation	4:00 - 5:00pm	St. Patrick Youth Room & Life Cntr
12/19/2023	RCIA-C Year 1 (Spanish)	5:00 - 6:30pm	St. Patrick Life Center Room #11
12/19/2023	RCIA-C Year 1 (English)	6:00 - 7:30pm	St. Patrick Life Center Room #2
12/20/2023	Life Line High School Faith Formation	6:00 - 7:30pm	St. Patrick Youth Room

RCIA AND ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION



Registration for RCIA and for Adult Confirmation Classes are currently ongoing.

RCIA is meant for adults who are either baptized in a different Christian denomination or are yet to be baptized but are interested in becoming Catholics. Adult Confirmation classes are for baptized Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion but are yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact the parish office (409-762-9646) for more information and registration details.

LET'S COOK TOGETHER
Youth Service Project

WE WILL BE COOKING A MEAL TOGETHER FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FAMILIES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND @ 4:00
PARISH LIFE CENTER

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION
INVITES YOU

Christmas Party

December 17, 2023
2.00 - 4.30p.m
St. Patrick's Life Center

RSVP
Fr. Jude Ekenechukwu Ezuma (Pastor)
Sr. Betty Kalu HHCT (DRE)
Ladies of Altar Society (Host)

Come, let's celebrate "The word made flesh and he ever continue to live among us."

There is no true peace without fairness, truth, justice and solidarity.

— Pope John Paul II —

Around the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Youth Choir Practice @ St. Patrick Church
Sunday, December 17th from 9:00 – 10:00am

MFCC Posada @ St. Patrick Life Center, Cafeteria, Kitchen
Monday, December 18th from 6:00 – 9:00pm

Youth (Spanish) Liturgy Meeting @ St. Patrick Upper Room
Monday, December 18th from 6:00 – 9:00pm

Holy Rosary (Weekly Rosary) @ Holy Rosary
Tuesday, December 19th from 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Christmas Nativity Practice @ St. Patrick Church
Tuesday, December 19th from 5:30 – 7:30pm

Grupo de Oracion Posadas @ St. Patrick Life Center, Cafeteria, Kitchen
Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 – 9:00pm

MFCC Meeting @ St. Patrick Life Center Cafeteria
Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 – 9:00pm

RCIA Adults @ St. Patrick Rectory
Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 – 8:30pm

Galveston Catholic Young Adult (18 - 45 yrs) Event @ St. Patrick Upper Room
Tuesday, December 19th from 7:00 – 9:00pm
(See Facebook Page or email GalvestonGCYA@gmail.com for details)

Altar Society distributes tamales @ St. Patrick Life Center
Wednesday, December 20th from 2:00 – 5:00pm

Guadalupanos Posada @ St. Patrick Life Center, Cafeteria, Kitchen
Wednesday, December 20th from 6:00 – 9:00pm

Altar Society distributes tamales @ St. Patrick Life Center
Wednesday, December 20th from 2:00 – 5:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting @ St. Patrick Rectory
Wednesday, December 20th from 7:00 – 8:00pm

Adult Confirmation Classes @ St. Patrick Rectory
Thursday, December 21st from 6:00 – 8:00pm

Men's ACTS Meeting @ St. Patrick Life Center Rm #4
Thursday, December 21st from 6:00 – 7:00pm

Guadalupanos - Weekly Rosary @ St. Patrick Chapel
Thursday, December 21st from 6:00- 7:00pm

Christmas Choir Rehearsal @ Sacred Heart Church
Thursday, December 21st from 6:30 – 7:30pm

Legion of Mary (Spanish) @ St. Patrick Life Center Room #6
Thursday, December 21st from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Grupo de Oracion de Sagrada Familia prayer meeting @ St. Patrick Life Center Cafeteria
Friday, December 22nd from 7:00 – 9:00pm

English Baptisms @ St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica
Saturday, December 23rd from 10:00 – 11:00am

Aposteles Meeting @ St. Patrick Life Center Room# 6
Saturday, December 23rd from 5:30 – 7:30pm

The Gift Shop is open at the Parish Life Center



The Gift Shop 's last day open for business this year will be Wednesday Dec. 20th!

The Staff is grateful for your generous support throughout the year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!!

Business Hours

Sundays	8:30am-Noon
Mondays	9:30 am– Noon
Wednesdays	9:30 am -Noon 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart will have a combined Midnight Christmas Mass. All singers and musicians are invited to participate in the combined parish choir for the Pre-Mass Concert and the mass. Remaining rehearsal dates are: December 21 at Sacred Heart Church @ 6:30p. For more information, please contact Amy Brennan Larison (409) 256-5669 and/or John Cooks (409) 771-2772.

**IT'S TAMALES PICK UP TIME!
RAMIREZ TAMALES JUST
IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!**



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
ST. PATRICK PARISH
LIFE CENTER**

**PICK UP YOUR ORDERS
FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.**



- **40 Day Perpetual Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration:**
 - ◇ **Pre-Advent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – Friday, December 8, 2023 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary); and
 - ◇ **Pre-Lent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – Tuesday, March 19 (Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker)
 - ◇ **Venue:** in the Chapel (of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
 - ◇ ***Please endeavor to come and spend some time with Jesus who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. He waits for you and would love to bless and comfort you!**
- **Presentations and Discussions on the Holy Eucharist:**
 - ◇ During Sunday homilies occasionally
 - **“Jesus and the Eucharist”** – a 7-Week Group Discussion Series by The Augustine Institute:
 - Every Thursday at 6:30 PM, from October 26 – December 14 (*EXCEPT on Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day);
 - Venue: Parish Life Center
 - ◇ Weekly bulletin inserts about approved Eucharistic miracles
- **Prayer and Worship:**
 - ◇ Eucharistic-centered hymns during Mass
 - ◇ Pray the National Eucharistic Prayer regularly (see the bulletin Page 11)
- **Christmas Gift to Parishioners:**
 - ◇ “Beautiful Eucharist” by Matthew Kelly (A book with beautiful, simple and very insightful testimonies from regular individuals about Jesus who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist)

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE

TUMACO, COLUMBIA 1906

On January 31, 1906 on the island of TUMACO at 10:00am the earth shook violently for almost 10 minutes. All the inhabitants of the village ran to the church and begged the pastor, Fr. Gerardo Larrondo to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. An enormous wave (tsunamis) a mountainous wall of water threatening to drown everyone and everything. Fr. Gerardo consumed the small Hosts in the ciborium and set the large Host aside. He called out: “Let us go, my people. Let us go toward the beach, and may God have pity on us.” They began their march, weeping and crying out to God. Scarcely had Fr. Larrondo reached the beach with the monstrance in hand when he advanced courageously to the water’s edge and as the wave came rushing in he calmly raised the Sacred Host and traced the sign of the Cross. THE WAVE HESITATED, PAUSED AND BACKED OFF -the people overjoyed, cried out “Miracle, miracle!”. In truth a force beyond that of nature prevailed – by the favor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

ENGLISH

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.



ORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

SPANISH

Señor Jesucristo, nos das tu carne y tu sangre para la vida del mundo, y deseas que todos los hombres vengan a la Cena del Sacrificio del Cordero.

Renueva en tu Iglesia la verdad, la belleza y la bondad contenidas en la Santísima Eucaristía.

Jesús que vives en la Eucaristía, ven y vive en mí.

Jesús, que sanas en la Eucaristía, ven y sáname.

Jesús, que te sacrificas en la Eucaristía, ven y sufre en mí.

Jesús, resucitado en la Eucaristía, ven y resucita a una nueva vida en mí.

Jesús, amando en la Eucaristía, ven y ama en mí.

Señor Jesucristo, por el misterio pascual de tu muerte y resurrección, hecho presente en cada Santa Misa, derrama tu amor sanador sobre tu Iglesia y sobre nuestro mundo. Concédenos que, mientras te elevamos durante este tiempo de Avivamiento Eucarístico, tu Espíritu Santo atraiga a todas las personas a unirse a nosotros en este Banquete de la Vida. Tú vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo, Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Madre de la Eucaristía, ruega por nosotros.



Around the Parish



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

5:00pm St. Patrick
5:00pm Sacred Heart
6:00pm Our Lady by the Sea
12:00am Sacred Heart

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

9:00am - St. Patrick
9:00am - Mary Star of the Sea
11:00am - Sacred Heart
12:00pm - St. Patrick - Spanish
12:30pm - St. Mary's Cathedral

****Regular Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated on
December 23th & 24th, 2023****

Las Posadas



SAVE THE DATES!

December 18th - MFCC (6:00-9:00pm)

December 19th - Grupo de Oracion (6:30-9:00pm)

December 20th - Guadalupanos (6:00-9:00pm)



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY & HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



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Email: hfp.svdvp@gmail.com *Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm, Rectory at St. Patrick's Church
Phone: 409-356-5135 Donations gratefully accepted, please make checks payable to: SVdP at Holy Family Parish



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**Saturday, Feb. 3: 10a—2p
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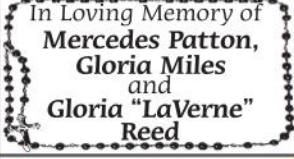
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