

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



*November 3, 2024*

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## **HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**(Administrative Office for all 6 churches)**

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## **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Principal: Jeanna Porter [jporter@hfcsgalv.org](mailto:jporter@hfcsgalv.org)

## **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**

### **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 Ursuline Chapel (1525 25th St.)

12:10 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

### **WEDNESDAY ONLY**

6 PM Ursuline Chapel (español) (1525 25th St.)

### **FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ONLY**

8:00 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica  
(7:30 AM Rosary Recitation)

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION\***

OLG Chapel (1525 25th St.)

\*Contact Parish Office for access code.

*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



**Ursuline Chapel & OLG Chapel of Perpetual Adoration**  
1525 25th Street  
Galveston, TX 77550

(Note: The entrances to both Chapels are located on 25th Street)

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*Member*

## Capital Campaign

Hurrah!, we are beginning the 4th and final year of the Phase I of our ongoing Capital Campaign, *One Faith One Family*.

We are only about \$850,000 away in pledges to reach our goal of \$5.5 million. So many have given generously to our campaign thus far and we are immensely grateful for your support. Gratitude! That is our theme for this final year of the campaign. We are introducing the *Angels Among Us* Recognition Program to acknowledge and express our gratitude for all who have generously donated to the Capital Campaign, especially our major donors; please see below for the details of the program. In addition, all donations of \$10,000 or more will be recognized on a donors' plaque that will be placed in the main lobby at the new Parish Life Center Please review the details of the program. So whether you were the first donor in 2021 or the last donor in 2025, we will recognize all of our donors with heartfelt gratitude, tributes and post campaign receptions. THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Blessings to you and yours,  
Grace Mansfield, Chair (409/771-0345)

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma

# Holy Family Parish

## One Faith One Family - Phase I

### Angels Among Us! Recognition Program



Angels  
Among Us

#### Seraphim - \$1,000,000 and above

- Name entered on Phase I Donor Plaque
- 15 tickets to the Donor Reception
- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin

#### Cherubim - \$100,000 and above

- Name entered on the Phase I Donor Plaque
- 10 tickets to the Donor Reception
- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin

#### Thrones - \$50,000 and above

- Name entered on the Phase I Donor Plaque
- 8 tickets to the Donor Reception
- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin

#### Dominions - \$25,000 and above

- Name entered on the Phase I Donor Plaque
- 4 tickets to the Donor Reception
- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin

#### Virtues - \$10,000 and above

- Name entered on the Phase I Donor Plaque
- 2 tickets to the Donor Dinner
- Name Printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin

*Donor plaques begin at virtues level and above.*

#### Powers - \$5,000 and above

- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin
- Celebration Reception

#### Principalities - \$2,500 and above

- Name printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin
- Celebration Reception

#### Archangels - \$1,000 and Above

- Name Printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin
- Celebration Reception

#### Guardian Angels - Below \$1,000

- Name Printed on the Phase I Celebration Bulletin
- Celebration Reception

## Message from the Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

Today is the start of the **National Vocations Awareness Week** (Nov. 3-9). I think it is safe to say that for many, the word "vocation" only applies to priests and those in the Religious Life. That is not completely true. Every human being has a vocation from God! God calls all his children to live the best version of themselves in praise of his holy name and for the wellbeing of their brothers and sisters. Therefore, every one of us has a God-given vocation. Do you know what is yours? Are you striving to faithfully live out your vocation?

It is our custom here at Holy Family Parish to pray for an increase of holy vocations through our **Vocation Cross Ministry**. Families and/or individuals receive the vocation cross at the start of the month and pray for holy vocations for the entire month. We hope that you will join us in this beautiful ministry in response to the invitation of Christ who said: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (**Matthew 9:37-38**).

Also attached in this week's bulletin is a simple **Vocations Prayer Calendar** (see: **page 12**). We hope you can use it to pray for priests, Lay Brothers, seminarians, discerners, Religious Sisters, and for holy marriages, especially during this week. Parents, the prayer calendar can also be used as a great tool for speaking with your children about vocation.

Also, let us not underestimate the power of inviting people to consider a religious vocation to the priesthood and the Religious Life. Many priests, for instance, indicate that their vocational journey began from a simple invitation and/or words of encouragement from a priest, a parishioner, a family member or a friend. This is similar to stories of married couples who were introduced to each other through a (mutual) friend. In the Gospel of John we are told that Simon Peter was introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew (see: **John 1:35-42**). This week, let us help promote vocational awareness through prayers and words of encouragement.

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](mailto:shepherdhfp@gmail.com)

## Mensaje del Pastor

Queridísimos amados en Cristo:

Hoy es el comienzo de la **Semana Nacional de Concientización sobre las Vocaciones** (del 3 al 9 de noviembre). Creo que es seguro decir que para muchos, la palabra "vocación" solo se aplica a los sacerdotes y a los que pertenecen a la Vida Religiosa. Eso no es completamente cierto. ¡Todo ser humano tiene una vocación de Dios! Dios llama a todos sus hijos a vivir la mejor versión de sí mismos en alabanza a su santo nombre y por el bienestar de sus hermanos y hermanas. Por lo tanto, cada uno de nosotros tiene una vocación dada por Dios. ¿Sabes cuál es la tuya? ¿Estás esforzándote por vivir fielmente tu vocación?

Es nuestra costumbre aquí en la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia orar por un aumento de vocaciones santas a través de nuestro **Ministerio de la Cruz de Vocaciones**. Las familias y/o individuos reciben la cruz de vocaciones a principios de mes y oran por vocaciones santas durante todo el mes. Esperamos que se una a nosotros en este hermoso ministerio en respuesta a la invitación de Cristo que dijo: "La mies es mucha, pero los trabajadores son pocos; Rogad, pues, al Dueño de la mies que envíe obreros a su mies" (**Mateo 9:37-38**).

También se adjunta en el boletín de esta semana un sencillo **Calendario de Oración por las Vocaciones** (ver: **página 12**). Esperamos que podáis usarlo para orar por los sacerdotes, los Hermanos Laicos, los seminaristas, los que están en discernimiento, las Hermanas Religiosas y por los matrimonios santos, especialmente durante esta semana. Padres, el calendario de oración también puede ser utilizado como una gran herramienta para hablar con vuestros hijos sobre la vocación.

Además, no subestimemos el poder de invitar a las personas a considerar una vocación religiosa al sacerdocio y a la Vida Religiosa. Muchos sacerdotes, por ejemplo, indican que su camino vocacional comenzó a partir de una simple invitación y/o palabras de aliento de un sacerdote, un feligrés, un familiar o un amigo. Esto es similar a las historias de parejas casadas que se conocieron a través de un amigo (en común). En el Evangelio de Juan se nos dice que Simón Pedro fue presentado a Jesús por su hermano, Andrés (ver: **Juan 1:35-42**). Esta semana, ayudemos a promover la conciencia vocacional a través de oraciones y palabras de aliento.

Somos: **una sola 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,  
Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma  
[shepherdhfp@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdhfp@gmail.com)

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### Office Announcements:

#### NEED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?

Email [theofficehfp@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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. 5 [secretaryhfp@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhfp@gmail.com)

**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. 8)



**To sign up for Flocknote and get parish announcements:**

**Text: FULLOFGRACE to 84576**

**Or sign up online at [HFParish.flocknote.com](http://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](http://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:

1525 25th St, Galveston, TX 77550  
May God bless your generosity.

Parish Contributions	Combined Churches
Weekend October 27	<b>\$18,865.00</b>
Online Contributions (Oct 21- Oct 25, 2024)	<b><u>\$ 5,445.13</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,310.13</b>



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](http://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	\$95,000		\$98,546.00	275
Capital Campaign	\$5,500,000	\$4,648,522	\$4,021,800	800

#### UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:

**Please remember to bring your envelope(s)!**  
**November 3, 2024 - Retired Priests Collection**  
**2023 Contribution Statements are available by request:**  
Please email [secretaryhfp@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhfp@gmail.com) for your statement or call 409-762-9646 ext. 5.

*We are the Lord's*

This week, we invite the Faithful to prayerfully consider giving to DSF and bring Christ to those in our own parish communities, in our neighborhoods, in our towns, and throughout the Archdiocese. Through your generosity, you will live out our Faith in an authentic and inspiring way.

[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf)

**SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT**



**Dear Holy Family,**

Please join us in praying for Sharon Fullen Mollenkopf, Edna Patane Grillo, Danny Weber Jr., Julia Lazare, Deacon Jeff Willard, Judy Dolfi, Ramona Trevino, Joie Soske, Rose Zapp, and Mary Jane Cernosek for improved health. For the repose of the souls of Giovanni (John) Giacona, Mary Weber, George Rockers, Arthur & Ruth Welter, Bob Welter, and George Jr. & Catherine Helffrich. Also, for Ella Mae Young (personal intentions).



**SHARE THE CROSS**

**PRAY FOR  
VOCATIONS**

**Every Mass has a special  
Vocations Cross to plant a  
seed of prayer.**

*Thank you to the following families for  
praying during the month of November:*

- 5:00 St. Patrick - Rose and Lumas Etienne
- 6:00 OLBS - Beth and Tim Appleby
- 7:00 MSOS - Jim and Linda Griffeth
- 7:30 Sacred Heart - Sylvia and Rodney Pollan
- 9:00 Holy Rosary - Steve and Jessica Marsh
- 10:00 St. Patrick - Betty Henry
- 11:00 Sacred Heart - Patricia McDonald
- 12:00 St. Patrick - Gonzales Chavez
- 12:30 St. Mary's - Virginia Garcia

*Would you or your family like to host the  
Vocations Cross for a month? You can sign  
up by contacting the Evangelization and  
Stewardship Committee through Monica  
Ott at: [mpott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mpott@sbcglobal.net).*

*The readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).  
Click on the Daily Readings Tab.*

**Saturday, November 2nd All Souls'**

**8:00pm (SMCB) For the People**

**10:00am (UCHPL) For the Dead**

**Saturday November 2nd - Vigil Mass**

**5:00pm (SP) For the Dead**

**6:00pm (OLBS) For the Dead**

**7:00pm (MSOS) For the Dead**

**Sunday November 3rd**

**7:30 am (SH) For the Dead**

**9:00am (HR) For the Dead**

**10:00am (SP) For the Dead**

**11:00am (SH) For the Dead**

**12:00pm(SP)Esp For the People**

**12:30pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

**Monday November 4th**

**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

**7:00am (UCHPL) For the Dead**

**12:10pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

**Tuesday November 5th**

**7:00am (UCHPL) For the Dead**

**12:10pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

**Wednesday November 6th**

**7:00am (UCHPL) For the Dead**

**12:10pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

**6:00pm (SP)Esp For the Dead**

**Thursday November 7th**

**7:00am (UCHPL) For the Dead**

**12:10pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

**Friday November 8th**

**7:00am (SP) For the Dead**

**12:10pm (SMCB) For the Dead**

# FALL FESTIVAL 2024

Thank you to all that made the fall festival possible!

*Academy*

Barry and Mona Barlow  
Bel Pri Jewelry & Gifts  
Bent on Healthy Living  
Bone Voyage Pet Resort  
Carol Sullivan Martarell  
Chalmers Ace Hardware  
Charlie Simon  
Christine Welter  
Clay Cup Studios  
Cordray Drug Store  
Cutting Edge Barber Shop  
Dana Ashbacher  
Danny Hartman  
Dirty Mike & The Boys  
Dogs at Dolphin View  
Empouria  
Gaby & Grace  
Galveston Island Market  
Galveston Primetime  
Gregory & Deborah Powell  
Guaranteed Roofing  
Hey Mikey's Ice Cream  
Home Depot  
HomeTown Bank  
Irene Wallace  
Island Treaty-Gelu Italian Ice  
Jamie Leimer  
Jeffery Harrington  
Jennika's A Bazaar Place  
Jo Anita Smith  
Jo Llewellyn  
Joyce Daniels  
Kempner Capital  
Knights of Columbus 787 & 9978  
Koop's BBQ Kitchen  
Krewe D Esprit Rosaire  
Lonestar Rally  
Maid U Shine

*Mama Teresa's Flying Pizza*

Mark & Peggy Foster  
Martie Terry  
McDaniel Construction  
Michael Arden  
Mod Coffeehouse  
Moody Bank  
Mr. & Mrs. Murphy  
Muffin Tops Catering  
Nerd Girl Art & Design  
Patricia Bolton-Legg  
Paul & Allison Brown  
Pontikas Vending  
Proforma Info Pros  
Ray & Carol Proctor  
Rita & Richard C. Ashley  
Rita's Italian Ice  
Robert Mihovil  
Ronald & Joan Rust  
Salsa's  
Salty Dog  
Scented Magic  
Seawall Hospitality  
Simply Twisted Boutique  
South Dallas Smiles  
Star Drug Store  
Strand Brass  
Sun Ray Patio  
Sunflower Bakery and Café  
The Bryan Museum  
The Coggins Family  
The Filipino Christian Bible Group  
The Grand Galvez  
The Holy Family Altar Society  
The Naked Mermaid  
The Rozas Family  
The Ruiz Family  
The Vargas Family

Berkshire Hathaway - Frank Petronella, Fr. Jude, Fr. Stephen, and Fr. Jacob;  
Galveston Island Running Co. Henry Freudenburg Insurance, Holy Family  
Parish Grupo de Oración, Holy Family Parish Spanish Men's Acts Group, In  
Loving Memory of Paul Luna, Jr., KPC Madonna Court 20 Ladies Auxiliary, The  
Families & Staff of Holy Family Parish, and The Families and Staff of Holy  
Family Catholic School

## Faith Formation

### UPCOMING EVENTS

11/03/2024	Faith Formation K-5 <sup>th</sup> - Spanish	10:00 – 11:00am	Holy Family Catholic School
11/03/2024	Faith Formation K-5 <sup>th</sup> - English	11:30am – 12:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
11/03/2024	Middle School Faith Formation	4:00 – 5:00pm	Life Center Room#'s 139/140
11/03/2024	High School Faith Formation	6:00 – 7:30pm	Life Center Room#'s 139/140
11/06/2024	First Reconciliation Parent/Child session English #3	6:00 – 7:30pm	Life Center Room#'s 138/139/140
11/06/2024	Life Teen Lifeline/High School Faith Formation	6:00 – 7:30pm	Life Center Room# C101/C102

Contact Jenny Gay  
Youthministerhfp@gmail.com to sign up

Games, Bonfire,  
Movies, Basketball,  
Prayer, Adoration,  
and Food!

# MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

November 15 at 6:30 PM to  
November 16th at 11:00 AM  
St. Patrick Rectory

**BRAVE THE WILDERNESS**

Brave the Wilderness is a week long, overnight camp for youth hosted and put together by several parishes from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Held at Forest Glen in Huntsville, Texas.

Brave the Wilderness is for all 7th through 12th grade students.

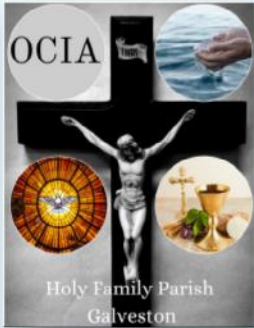
Cost: \$440 per camper (\$110 deposit due at registration)  
Scholarships and fundraising available.

Contact Jenny Gay (Youthministerhfp@gmail.com) to sign up or scan the QR code.

**RUNNING JUNE 23-28, 2025**



## ***OCIA AND ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION***



### ***OCIA and Adult Confirmation***

***(RCIA has now been changed to OCIA  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)***

OCIA 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.



## ***Holy Family Parish Faith Series***

***Do you have a dynamic, living relationship with Jesus Christ?***

***Do you want to get to know Him better? Wherever you are in your relationship with God, we would like to invite you to join us as we launch our parish Faith Series, starting on Thursday, October 24, from 6:30-7:45 pm.***

***Our Faith Series will take place in fall and in spring, with each series lasting for only 4 weeks.***

***The theme for this year's fall Faith Series is:***

***"Knowing the Lord and Sharing Him with Others".***

***So, here is all the information you need one more time:***

***What? - Fall Faith Series***

***Why? - Because Jesus loves you and you want to grow in your relationship with God***

***When? - Thursdays, from 6:30 - 7:45 PM (from October 24 - November 14)***

***Who Can Attend? - Everyone!***

***Where? - New Parish Life Center (in the Dining Parlor).***

***We hope to see you there!***

## Around the Parish

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Youth Choir Practice @ St. Patrick Church**  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00am

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (LAKPC) @ Life Center Dining Parlor**  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00pm

**Bible Study (Dcn. Buzz-Gospel of Matthew) @ Life Center Conference Room**  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00pm

**Bible Study (Dcn. Buzz-Bible Timeline) @ Life Center Conference Room**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Youth Liturgy Group @ Life Center Room 138**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Capital Campaign Committee meeting @ Life Center Room 139/140**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30pm

**Betania XVII @ Adoration Chapel or C101/C102**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm

**Bible Study (Dcn. Buzz-St. Paul's Letters to Corinthians) @ Life Center Conference Room**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**Men's ACTS Directors Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**Women's Spanish ACTS Meetings @ Life Center Room 137**  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**Pastoral Council Officers Meeting @ Life Center Conference Room**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 2:30pm

**Holy Rosary (Weekly Rosary) @ Holy Rosary**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 5:30pm

**MFCC Meeting @ Life Center Room 140**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00pm

**OCIA Adults @ Life Center Dining Parlor**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm

**OCIA Adults (Spanish) @ Life Center Deacon's/Volunteer Office**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30pm

**Galveston Catholic Young Adult (18 - 45 yrs) Event @ Life Center Staff Meeting Room 120**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm  
(See Facebook Page or email)

**Legion of Mary (Spanish) @ Life Center Rooms C101/C102**  
Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**English Baptism Class @ Life Center Conference Room**  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 – 11:00am

**Women's Spanish ACTS Meetings @ Life Center Room 137**  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**Adult Spanish Choir @ St. Patrick Church**  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00pm

**MFCC Aseorias- Tema 7 @ Life Center Staff Meeting Room 120**  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00pm

**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor**  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00pm

**Food Bank Distribution @ St. Patrick Large Parking Lot**  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 12:00pm

**Adult Confirmation Classes @ Life Center Room#s C101/C102**  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS - CONT'D

**Fall Faith Series @ Life Center Dining Parlor**  
Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm

**Rosary Garden-Weekly Rosary @ Sacred Heart**  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30pm

**Grupo de Oracion de Sagrada Familia prayer meeting @ Life Center Room 137/138**  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm

**Aposteles Meeting @ Life Center Room 137/138**  
Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30pm

### Gift Shop Open

**Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:00pm**  
We are needing more volunteers to open more hours. Please stop by the Parish Office for more information.



### Christmas Season Flower Fund



Honor family and friends with a donation for Christmas flowers for our 6 churches. Their names will be listed in the **Christmas bulletin**. You can fill out the form on the normal collection envelopes designated for Christmas Flowers, which you receive in the quarterly boxes, or the larger ones provided in the Church. Please designate

**IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF** when filling out the names.

A donation of \$5 per name is requested for each name remembered. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.** Please limit one name, one couples' name, or one family name per line. Be sure to include your **name & phone number** in case additional information is needed. Place your completed envelopes in the collection location by

**Weekend of December 7 & 8 DEADLINE**

Thank you for your support of our Parish & honoring your loved ones & our Lord JESUS CHRIST in this Holy Christmas Season.



**ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE CORDIALLY INVITED**

**TO THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**COURT #228 STAR OF THE SEA**

**MONTHLY MEETING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

**ROSARY AT 10 A.M./MEETING AT 10:30 A.M.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 19TH AND WINNIE**

**QUESTIONS? CALL/TEXT REGENT SUSIE BAZIN**

**AT 713-304-4494**

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE FINALIZE CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS  
AND WORK TO HELP OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY!**

**UNITY AND CHARITY**



### 9 DAY NOVENA FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Prayer to Jesus Christ for the Holy Souls (Author: St. Alphonsus Liguori)

*(May be said in common or individually, anytime or as a novena, especially for All Souls Day. Being a novena (9 days of prayer), this prayer can be invoked at any time of the year. Ideally, it would be best to commence the novena on October 25th. This will allow the novena to coincide with the All Souls Feast Day on November 2nd .)*

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these Blessed Souls. Have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

*(Recommend yourself to the Souls in Purgatory and mention your intentions)*

Blessed Souls, we have prayed for thee; we entreat thee, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for us miserable sinners, who are in danger of being damned, and of losing God forever.

**Let us pray:**

O God, the author of mercy, the lover of the salvation of mankind; we address thy clemency, in behalf of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, who are departed this life, that by the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, and of all the saints, thou wouldst receive them into the enjoyment of eternal happiness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Conclude with: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory Be.**

### NOVENA DE 9 DÍAS POR LAS ALMAS POBRES DEL PURGATORIO

Oración a Jesucristo por las Benditas Ánimas (Autor: San Alfonso de Liguori)

*(Se puede decir en común o individualmente, en cualquier momento o como novena, especialmente para el Día de los Muertos. Al ser una novena (9 días de oración), esta oración se puede invocar en cualquier época del año. Idealmente, sería mejor comenzar la novena el 25 de octubre, lo que permitirá que la novena coincida con la fiesta del Día de Todos los Santos del 2 de noviembre).*

O dulcísimo Jesús, por el sudor de sangre que sufristeis en el Huerto de Getsemaní, ten piedad de estas Benditas Almas. Ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por las penas que sufristeis durante vuestra flagelación más cruel, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por las penas que sufristeis en vuestra dolantísima coronación de espinas, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por las penas que sufristeis al llevar vuestra cruz al Calvario, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por las penas que sufristeis durante vuestra cruel Crucifixión, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por las penas que sufristeis en vuestra amarga agonía en la Cruz, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

O dulcísimo Jesús, por el inmenso dolor que sufristeis al exhalar vuestra Bendita Alma, ten piedad de ellos.

R. Ten piedad de ellos, Señor.

*(Recomendarse a las Almas del Purgatorio y mencionar sus intenciones)*

Benditas almas, hemos orado por vosotros; te suplicamos, que eres tan querido por Dios y que estás seguro de no perderlo nunca, que ruegues por nosotros, miserables pecadores, que estamos en peligro de ser condenados y de perder a Dios para siempre.

**Dejanos rezar:**

Oh Dios, el autor de la misericordia, el amante de la salvación de la humanidad; dirigimos tu clemencia, en nombre de nuestros hermanos, parientes y benefactores, que han partido esta vida, que por la intercesión de la bienaventurada María, siempre virgen, y de todos los santos, los recibas en el disfrute de la felicidad eterna; por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

**Concluya con: 1 Padre Nuestro, 1 Ave María y 1 Gloria.**

# National Vocations Awareness Week

*pray for an increase in vocations*



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

I prayed today!



## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Loving God, by your grace, Catholic Sisters throughout the world continue to respond to your Baptismal invitation to live lives dedicated to prayer and loving service. Enkindle in their hearts a renewed desire to be zealous servants of the Gospel and continuing signs of your presence in our world. Preserve and strengthen in them the passion and the vision to welcome and to serve all your people without hesitation or pause. As they strive to live the mission of their respective congregations, empower them to do so with courageous simplicity, consecrated celibacy, and committed obedience to your will. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

I prayed today!



## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - PRAY FOR DISCERNERS

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen.

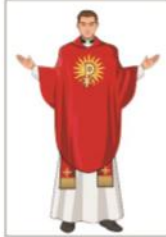
I prayed today!



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - PRAY FOR HOLY MARRIAGES

God our Father, we come before You to Praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. As the grace of Jesus flowed forth at Cana at the request of the Blessed Mother, we pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received through the Holy Spirit, and as small domestic churches, may they know how to witness to your Presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church. Amen.

I prayed today!



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

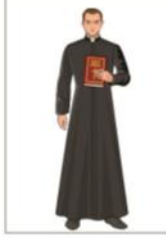
I prayed today!



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS BROTHERS

God of mercy and compassion, thank you for the extraordinary life, witness, and ministry of Religious Brothers in our Church. In your wisdom, you have called these ordinary men to generously serve, pray, and share your healing love with others. Deepen our appreciation for the vocation of Religious Brothers, their congregational charisms, and their commitment to vowed community life. Strengthened by our baptismal call to holiness, inspire us to invite men to consider religious life as a Religious Brother. Grant all Religious Brothers the grace and perseverance they need to proclaim your Holy Word for the life of our Church and our world. Amen.

I prayed today!



## Saturday, November 9 - Pray for Our Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, we pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.

I prayed today!



## Around the Parish



THE

HOUSTON  
VOCATIONS

### Andrew DINNER

A dinner for high school men who want to have a conversation with priests about priesthood.

- ④ SACRED HEART - MANVEL  
Friday - October 18th
- ④ ST. MARTHA - KINGWOOD  
Saturday - October 19th
- ④ STS. SIMON AND JUDE - THE WOODLANDS  
Tuesday - October 22nd
- ④ ST. MARY MAGDALENE - HUMBLE  
Friday - November 15th
- ④ QUEEN OF PEACE - LA MARQUE  
Friday - November 15th
- ④ ST. MATTHEW - HOUSTON  
Monday - December 9th
- ④ SHRINE OF THE TRUE CROSS - DICKINSON  
Friday - December 13th

SCAN TO REGISTER  
**TODAY**



An Evening with  
*Religious Sisters & Consecrated Women  
for High School Girls*

**FALL 2024:**

@ ST. VINCENT DEPAUL  
FRIDAY - OCTOBER 25TH

@ ST. HELEN  
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 15TH

Scan Here for More Information



### Mobile Food Distribution Ministry

Location: St. Patrick's Church  
(parking lot)

**Next distribution date is Thursday,  
November 7, 2024**

Time: 9:30 AM - 12 Noon  
(\*volunteers arrive at 9 AM)

\* We need volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please email Fr. Jude shepherdhfp@gmail.com) or call the parish office (409-762-9646)\*



### LADIES OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN OUR ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING ON November 12 - at 12 noon. We are excited to MOVE ALONG on plans to ASSIST our PARISH & PRIESTS. We will serve lunch & begin the meeting about 12:30. THE MAIN TOPICS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE THE results of the A. S. Sweet Shoppe FOR THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL & THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER & LUNCHEON. PLEASE JOIN US & LEND A HELPING HAND!**

See you there.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST & SUPPORT!!  
HFPAS MARTIE TERRY 713-504-4202



Holy Family Catholic Parish of Galveston-Bolivar

# GOT A MINUTE?

**LET US HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS!**



HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL WANTS YOU TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## HOW TO RESPOND?

1. Scan the QR code and complete the digital survey, **OR...**
2. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/HFPsurvey2024>, **OR...**
3. Complete the paper survey (*see below*) and turn it in,

**SCAN HERE**



**THIS SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 11TH**  
**ALL PAPER SURVEYS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 11TH AT 4:00PM**

ADDRESS: 1525 25TH STREET, GALVESTON, TX 77550

PH: 409-762-9646

WEBSITE: HOLYFAMILYGB.COM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

We are trying to gather information from our parishioners to see how **Holy Family Parish** can continue, or improve, how welcoming we are as a parish community.

**How are you affiliated with Holy Family Parish (pick one)**

Registered Parishioner

Regular attendee, but not registered

Visitor to the parish

**On a scale of 1-10, with 1 feeling unwelcomed and 10 the most welcome, how welcomed do you feel at Holy Family Parish?**

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

**What would make Holy Family Parish more welcoming to you (circle all that apply)**

Meeting different ministries at Holy Family Parish	Welcoming each other at the beginning of mass	Church tours for children to be more comfortable at mass	Make it easier to find and access information
Opportunities for a meet and greet with the priests	Being greeted as you walk into the church	Historical Church tours of the 6 churches in our Holy Family Parish	More communication about programs offered in the parish (ex: Bible Study, Catechism, different ministries, etc.)
Better upkeep of the parish	A small welcome packet with information and a prayer card, rosary, etc.	Making more space in the pews (it's hard to find a seat when I come in late)	Is there anything that we didn't add that would make you and your family feel more welcomed at our parish?
Better ADA accessibility	Having a designated person in the parish to connect with	Recognizing those who help serve in the parish	

**What would entice you to attend an event at the new Holy Family Parish Center on 25th street?** \_\_\_\_\_





Holy Family Catholic Parish of Galveston-Bolivar

# ¿TIENES UN MINUTO?

**¡Cuéntanos tu opinión!**



CONSEJO PASTORAL DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA QUIERE QUE USTED CUENTE NOSOTROS LO QUE PIENSAS DE NUESTRA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL

## ¿CÓMO RESPONDER?

1. Escanee el código QR y complete la encuesta digital, O...
2. Vaya a: <https://tinyurl.com/HFPsurvey2024>, O...
3. Complete la encuesta en papel (ver a continuación) y entréguela,

**ESCANEAR**



**ESTA ENCUESTA SE CERRARÁ EL 11 DE NOVIEMBRE**  
**TODAS LAS ENCUESTAS EN PAPEL DEBEN ENTREGARSE ANTES DEL 11 DE NOVIEMBRE**  
**A LAS 4:00 P. M.**

ADDRESS: 1525 25TH STREET, GALVESTON, TX 77550

PH: 409-762-9646

WEBSITE: HOLYFAMILYGB.COM

Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Estamos tratando de recopilar información de nuestros feligreses para ver cómo la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia puede continuar o mejorar cuán acogedores somos como comunidad parroquial.*

### ¿Cómo está afiliado a la Parroquia Sagrada Familia (elijá uno)?

Feligrese Registrado

Asistente regular, pero no registrado en la iglesia

Visitante de la iglesia

En una escala del 1 al 10, 1 se siente no bienvenido y 10 es muy bienvenido, ¿qué tan bienvenido se siente en la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia?    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

¿A qué servicio religioso sueles asistir?: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Qué haría que la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia fuera más acogedora para usted? (marque con un círculo todo lo que corresponda)

Encuentro con diferentes ministerios en la Parroquia Sagrada Familia	Bienvenida al inicio de la misa	Visitas a iglesias para que los niños estén más cómodos en misa	Facilitar la búsqueda y el acceso a la información
Oportunidades para conocer y saludar a los sacerdotes	Ser recibido al entrar a la iglesia.	Recorridos históricos por las 6 iglesias de nuestra Parroquia Sagrada Familia	Más comunicación sobre los programas ofrecidos en la parroquia. (ej: Estudio Bíblico, Catecismo, diferentes ministerios, etc.)
Mejor mantenimiento de la parroquia	Un pequeño paquete de bienvenida con información y una estampa de oración, rosario, etc.	Hacer más espacio en los bancos (es difícil encontrar un asiento cuando llego tarde)	¿Hay algo que no hayamos agregado que haría que usted y su familia se sintieran más bienvenidos en nuestra parroquia?
Mejor accesibilidad ADA	Tener una persona designada en la parroquia con quien conectarse	Reconociendo a quienes ayudan a servir en la parroquia	

¿Qué le incitaría a asistir a un evento en el nuevo Centro Parroquial de la Sagrada Familia en la calle 25? \_\_\_\_\_

# The Role of the Church in American Political Life



*The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). .... Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. .... 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families.... Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”<sup>1</sup>

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. .... A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.<sup>2</sup> The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”

## Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.<sup>3</sup> By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.  
2 *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.  
3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.





## El papel de la Iglesia en la vida pública

*La Iglesia es el cuerpo de Cristo, que reina como rey sobre toda la Creación. Todo, incluida la vida política, pertenece a Jesucristo y, por tanto, la participación en la vida política pertenece a la misión de la Iglesia. “El mandato es: ‘Id por todo el mundo, anunciad la Buena Noticia a toda la creación’ (Mc 16,15), . . . Toda la creación quiere decir también todos los aspectos de la vida humana . . . ‘Nada de lo humano le puede resultar extraño’”.*

Papa Francisco, *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 181, citando el Documento de Aparecida, n. 380

Nuestra tradición nacional de libertad religiosa permite y alienta a todas las personas de fe a aplicar las ideas de sus tradiciones religiosas en cuestiones políticas. Como afirmó el Papa Francisco durante su visita a Estados Unidos, “[L]a libertad religiosa, por su naturaleza, trasciende los lugares de culto y la esfera privada de los individuos y las familias... [E]l hecho religioso, la dimensión religiosa, no es una subcultura, es parte de la cultura de cualquier pueblo y de cualquier nación”.<sup>1</sup> “Para que una sociedad tenga futuro es necesario que haya asumido un sentido respecto a la verdad de la dignidad humana, a la que nos sometemos . . . Una sociedad es tradición y administrar los sacramentos. Los laicos están llamados a llevar el evangelio al mundo. Si bien muchos laicos participan en roles de liderazgo y servicio dentro de la Iglesia, el papel principal de los laicos sigue siendo abogar por la justicia, servir en cargos públicos e informar la vida diaria con el evangelio. “El deber inmediato de actuar en favor de un orden justo en la sociedad es más bien propio de los fieles laicos” (*Deus Caritas est*, n. 29).

La participación en la vida política requiere juicios sobre circunstancias concretas. Si bien los obispos, junto con sus compañeros de trabajo, ayudan a formar a los laicos de acuerdo con principios básicos, no les dicen que voten por ciertos candidatos en particular. En estos asuntos, a menudo complejos, es responsabilidad de los laicos formar su conciencia y crecer en la virtud de la prudencia para considerar las muchas y variadas cuestiones del día con el modo de pensar de Cristo.

### Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles

La conciencia es “un juicio de la razón” mediante el cual uno determina si una acción es correcta o incorrecta (consulten el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, n. 1778). No nos permite justificar hacer lo que queramos, ni es un mero “sentimiento”. La conciencia, debidamente formada según la revelación de Dios y las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, es un medio por el cual se escucha a Dios y se discierne cómo actuar de acuerdo con la verdad.<sup>2</sup> La verdad es algo que recibimos, no algo que hacemos. Sólo podemos juzgar usando la conciencia



noble y respetable también por su cultivo de la búsqueda de la verdad y por su apego a las verdades más fundamentales” (*Fratelli Tutti*, n. 207). Las verdades que guían la vida pública pueden ser conocidas por la razón natural. La naturaleza sagrada de la vida humana, la igual dignidad de todos los individuos, la obligación de proteger a los vulnerables, la naturaleza y los propósitos del sexo, el matrimonio y la familia, no son verdades exclusivamente “religiosas”, sino verdades que todas las personas de buena voluntad pueden llegar a conocer sin la ayuda de la revelación. Nuestra fe católica ilumina estas verdades y por eso tenemos el deber de llevar esa luz a nuestra nación.

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“La verdad es algo que recibimos, no algo que hacemos. Sólo podemos juzgar usando la conciencia que tenemos, pero nuestros juicios no hacen que las cosas sean verdaderas”.

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### Muchas partes, todas en un solo cuerpo

Cada uno de los obispos y sus colaboradores pastorales tienen funciones distintas en la misión de la Iglesia. Los obispos tienen la responsabilidad de gobernar la sociedad de la Iglesia, transmitir la doctrina y la que tenemos, pero nuestros juicios no hacen que las cosas sean verdaderas.

Es nuestra responsabilidad aprender más sobre la enseñanza y la tradición católicas, participar en la vida de la Iglesia, aprender de fuentes confiables sobre las cuestiones que enfrentan nuestras comunidades y hacer todo lo posible para hacer juicios sabios sobre los candidatos y las acciones gubernamentales. Estas decisiones deben tener en cuenta los compromisos, el carácter, y la integridad del candidato, así como su capacidad para influir en una cuestión determinada. Así equipados, y aún más impulsados por nuestro sentido de patriotismo, ejercemos nuestro derecho y deber de votar y de participar activamente en la vida pública.<sup>3</sup> Al formar nuestra conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles, podemos buscar mejor el bien común y así obedecer el mandato de nuestro Señor de amar a nuestro prójimo.

Este boletín informativo, junto con otros cinco, fue aprobado por el cuerpo de obispos de EE. UU. en noviembre de 2023. Encuentre este y más recursos complementarios en [www.ciudadanosfieles.org](http://www.ciudadanosfieles.org).

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1 Papa Francisco, Encuentro por la libertad religiosa con la comunidad hispana y otros inmigrantes, 26 de septiembre de 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes (La Iglesia en el mundo actual)*, n. 16. Consulten también *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, n. 1785.

3 *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, nn. 2239–40.

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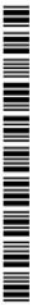
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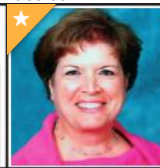
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