

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



September 14, 2025 *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 churches)

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(25th St. & Ursuline)

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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CONFESSIONS

St. Patrick: Sat. 3:30-4:30 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

Ursuline Chapel: Wed. 4:30-5:30 PM

Or by appointment, call 409-762-9646

ANOIDTING 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
Rosetta Bonnin
Member
Matt Chiara
Member

Capital Campaign

Because of You

In 2021, our parish set an ambitious goal for something we have needed for decades: a new Parish Life Center! Further, we established a second goal of raising **the funds needed to fully pay for the facility**--as in, no additional debt for Holy Family Parish. By the grace of God and because **of you--of your great generosity**--here's just how close we are as of August 2025:

BECAUSE of You...

Beginning Debt/ Campaign Goal: \$5,500,000

Funding Received from 873 Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family: \$5,118,643
Grant funding pledged by local and regional philanthropies: \$ 797,000 (All Funds will be received by 3/30/26)
Funding still needed to fully pay for our new Parish Life Center: \$ 100,000

BECAUSE of You...we have raised the full amount of the Angel Matching Goal of \$400,000

Because of you, and our Lord's gracious blessing, we will succeed!

It is not too late to be part of this success. Phase 1 of our One Faith One Family Capital Campaign ends 11/30/2025. Contact Grace Mansfield or the Parish Office.

Grace Mansfield, Chair (409/771-0345)

Very Rev. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma



One Faith, One Family Campaign Update

Our Parish Goal:	\$5,500,000
Pledge Total:	\$5,669,361
Pledge Payments Received:	\$5,143,469
Total Number of Donors:	878
Total "ANGEL CHALLENGE" Pledged	\$ 513,395

*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:	\$5,669,361
Total en Pagos Recibido:	\$5,143,469
# de Familias Participando:	878
Total "DESAFÍO DEL ÁNGEL" Prometida	\$ 513,395

*¡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:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The cross, in itself, is not something beautiful. If anything, it connotes death, for it was used as an instrument of capital punishment for the worst offenders, especially in the Roman Empire.

Yet, we not only celebrate the Cross of Christ, but we exalt in it because through Christ, the cross and all it connotes has forever been transformed into something glorious and beautiful. Christ Himself, in today's Gospel reading, makes an explicit reference to His death on the Cross through the analogy of the desert experience where Moses lifted up the serpent (Numbers 21:4-9, today's First Reading), showing us precisely the inestimable gift that proceeds from His Cross: "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

By dying on the Cross, Christ has forever transformed an instrument of death into the means and symbol of life, life eternal. Therefore, he invites us to carry our crosses and follow him faithfully. Those who do so, relying on His grace and not on their own strength, experience the transforming power of the Cross of Christ.

In addition to carrying our crosses and following Christ faithfully, He also invites us to lend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters who sometimes feel crushed under the weight of life's challenges. On His way to Calvary, Christ accepted the help of Simon of Cyrene. He still carries His Cross in all those who suffer, and He looks to us to lend him a helping hand. Will we?

Our annual **Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)** is one great way to lend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters who need some help with carrying their crosses. This year's theme invites us, through our generous support, to be the reason why our brothers and sisters in need can *cry out with joy to the Lord!*

To all those who have already given to the DSF we say, thank you and God bless you! We have raised a little over 70% of our allotted parish goal. We need your help to get to the finish line.

Let us not shy away from the Cross, ours and those of our brothers and sisters, but embrace it with faith. Knowing that through it Christ lifts us into glory. May our generosity and compassion be the beams by which others rise with Him.

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

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Este fin de semana celebramos la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz. La cruz, en sí misma, no es algo bello. Si acaso, connota muerte, pues se usaba como instrumento de pena capital para los peores delincuentes, especialmente en el Imperio Romano.

Sin embargo, no solo celebramos la Cruz de Cristo, sino que nos exaltamos en ella porque, a través de Cristo, la cruz y todo lo que connota se ha transformado para siempre en algo glorioso y hermoso. Cristo mismo, en el Evangelio de hoy, hace una referencia explícita a su muerte en la cruz mediante la analogía de la experiencia en el desierto donde Moisés levantó la serpiente (Números 21:4-9, Primera Lectura de hoy), mostrándonos precisamente el don inestimable que procede de su cruz: «Y como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así es necesario que el Hijo del Hombre sea levantado, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna».

Al morir en la cruz, Cristo transformó para siempre un instrumento de muerte en medio y símbolo de vida: la vida eterna. Por eso, nos invita a llevar nuestras cruces y seguirlo fielmente. Quienes lo hacen, confiando en su gracia —y no en sus propias fuerzas experimentan el poder transformador de la Cruz de Cristo.

Además de llevar nuestras cruces y seguir a Cristo fielmente, también nos invita a tender una mano amiga a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que a veces se sienten abrumados por el peso de los desafíos de la vida. Camino al Calvario, Cristo aceptó la ayuda de Simón de Cirene. Sigue cargando su cruz en todos los que sufren, y espera que le echemos una mano. ¿Lo haremos?

Nuestro **Fondo Anual para Servicios Diocesanos (DSF)** es una excelente manera de ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que necesitan ayuda para llevar sus cruces. El tema de este año nos invita, a través de nuestro generoso apoyo, a ser la razón por la que nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados *puedan clamar con alegría al Señor.*

A todos los que ya han donado al FSD, les decimos: ¡gracias y que Dios los bendiga! Hemos recaudado un poco más del 70% de nuestra meta parroquial asignada. Necesitamos su ayuda para llegar a la meta.

No rehuimos la cruz, la nuestra y la de nuestros hermanos, sino abracémosla con fe, sabiendo que por ella Cristo nos eleva a la gloria. Que nuestra generosidad y compasión sean la luz que ilumine a otros con Él.

Somos: **una sola Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, unidos en la alegría del Espíritu Santo y en la caridad, como discípulos misioneros. ¡Amén!**

Su líder-siervo 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. Please contact the Parish Office for information. Walk-ins welcome.

MARRIAGE: Please see our website at holyfamilymb.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. Email completed forms and any questions to 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

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:

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

Parish Contributions	Combined Churches
Weekend September 7	\$22,358.00
Online Contributions (Sept 1 - Sept 5, 2025)	<u>\$14,664.13</u>
TOTAL	\$37,022.13
Catholic Univ. of America/ Univ. of St. Thomas	\$ 1,537.00



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	\$100,000		\$83,168	222
Capital Campaign	\$5,500,000	\$5,669,361	\$5,143,469	878

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:

Please remember to bring your envelope(s)!
October 19, 2025 - World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith Collection)

2024 Contribution Statements are available by request:
Please email secretaryhfp@gmail.com for your statement or call 409-762-9646 ext. 5.



Cry Out with JOY TO THE LORD!

This weekend, as we **Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!** together at Commitment Weekend, we lift our voices in joyful praise and share God's blessings with those in need through the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). By supporting DSF, you help sustain 64 ministries that shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, foster vocations, and more. Please consider making your gift this weekend in your parish, or online at archgh.org/dsf, and join our mission to be Christ's hands and heart in our community.

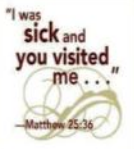
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Prayer List

Dear Holy Family,

Please join us in praying for Mary Horwitch, Kim Schattel Tindel, Ann Nguyen Boren, Maris Helfrich, Dennis Daryl Shamblin, Chris D., Camille Termini Loftin, Dolores Gabrillas, Amelia Collins, Mark & Cindy Raulerson, Cookie Taylor, Allen Mchone, Gloria Guisti, Isabel Maples, Rose Etienne, Sandra Jones, Marie Oliver, Robert Hogan, Brenda Irvine, Mary Jane Cernosek, Bruce Banks, Tom and Kendra Dunning, and Meridith Tinney, for improved health. Also, for the repose of the soul of Richard Allan Dickman.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY!

If you are homebound and want a homebound minister to visit you and bring you Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at (409) 762-9646.

Si usted está enfermo en casa y desea que uno de los ministros le traiga la Santa Comunión, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial a (409) 762-9646.



We are currently taking Mass Intention Requests for Masses in September, October, and December.

(All Masses in November are for all the dead, no individual masses are done.)

We will begin taking requests for January, February, and March 2025 on Tuesday December 1st.

Please visit the Parish Office at 1525 25th Street to place your request or email theofficehfp@gmail.com to for a Mass Intention Request form.

Mass Intentions

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

Click on the Daily Readings Tab.

Saturday September 13th- Vigil Mass

5:00pm (SP) † Joseph (Joey) Collier

6:00pm (OLBS) † Rev. P.A. Heckman

7:00pm (MSOS) † Audrey Jasper

Sunday September 14th

7:30 am (SH) † Tom Frankum

9:00am (HR) † Bennett Gonzales
(Birthday)

10:00am (SP) For the People

11:00am (SH) † Dr. Francis Essex

12:00pm(SP)Esp Holy Family Paish Priests

12:30pm (SMCB) † Roland Guidry

Monday September 15th

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00am (UCHPL) † Florence D. Cruz

12:10pm (SMCB) † Justin Etienne

Tuesday September 16th

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00am (UCHPL) † Dominga Maligaya
(Birthday)

12:10pm (SMCB) † Rogelio Calzada

Wednesday September 17th

7:00am (UCHPL) Patti McLeod & Cheryl
Castillo (Improved Health)

12:10pm (SMCB) † Ricardo Dizon

6:00pm (UCHPL)Esp † Msgr. Joseph A. Valenta

Thursday September 18th

7:00am (UCHPL) † Juan Francisco Vargas &
Julio Lacayo

12:10pm (SMCB) Tina & Paul Hoffman
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday September 19th

7:00am (UCHPL) Teresa Johnson

12:10pm (SMCB) † Sam Arcidiacono
(Anniversary of Death)



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
GALVESTON

Holy Family Catholic School needs volunteers!

JOIN OUR CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP TEAM!

Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you have a sales background? Have you spent years developing relationships across the Galveston area? Do you have a few hours each month you can offer up to help our school? If you answer yes to any of these, we could use your help recruiting Corporate Partnerships for our school.

Our first organizational meeting will be happening soon. If you have any questions or interest in joining our team, please reach out to our Development Director, Joe Bahun at (409) 765-6607 or development@hfcsgalv.org



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT our Saints and Scholars Annual Fund drive is off to a great start. We are currently at 38% of our goal! We've still got a long way to hit our goal so if you can help us, PLEASE scan our QR code and donate today!

Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/14/2025	Faith Formation K-5 th - Spanish	10:00 - 11:00am	Holy Family Catholic School
09/14/2025	Faith Formation K-5 th - English	11:30am - 12:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/14/2025	Edge Middle School Faith Formation	4:00 - 5:00pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/14/2025	LifeTeen High School Faith Formation	6:00 - 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/16/2025	OCIA-Children Year 1 Class	6:00 - 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/16/2025	OCIA-Children Parent Orientation	6:00 - 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/17/2025	First Communion Parent Orientation	6:00 - 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School

Formación en la Fe para Primaria (Español)

Domingo, 14 de Septiembre

10:00 a 11:00 a. m.

Escuela Católica Sagrada Familia

Elementary Faith Formation (English)

Sunday, September 14th

11:30 to 12:30PM

Holy Family Catholic School

Faith Formation First Day of Class & Parent Meetings

Lifeteen High School

Sunday, September 14th

6:00 to 7:30PM

Holy Family Catholic School

Edge Middle School

Sunday, September 14th

4:00 to 5:00PM

Holy Family Catholic School



HFF Elementary Faith Formation

First Communion Parent Orientation

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 to 7:30PM

Holy Family Catholic School

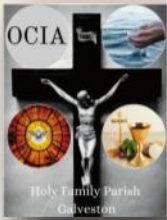


HFF Elementary Faith Formation



Required Parent Orientation for children preparing for First Communion (Parish and School parents).

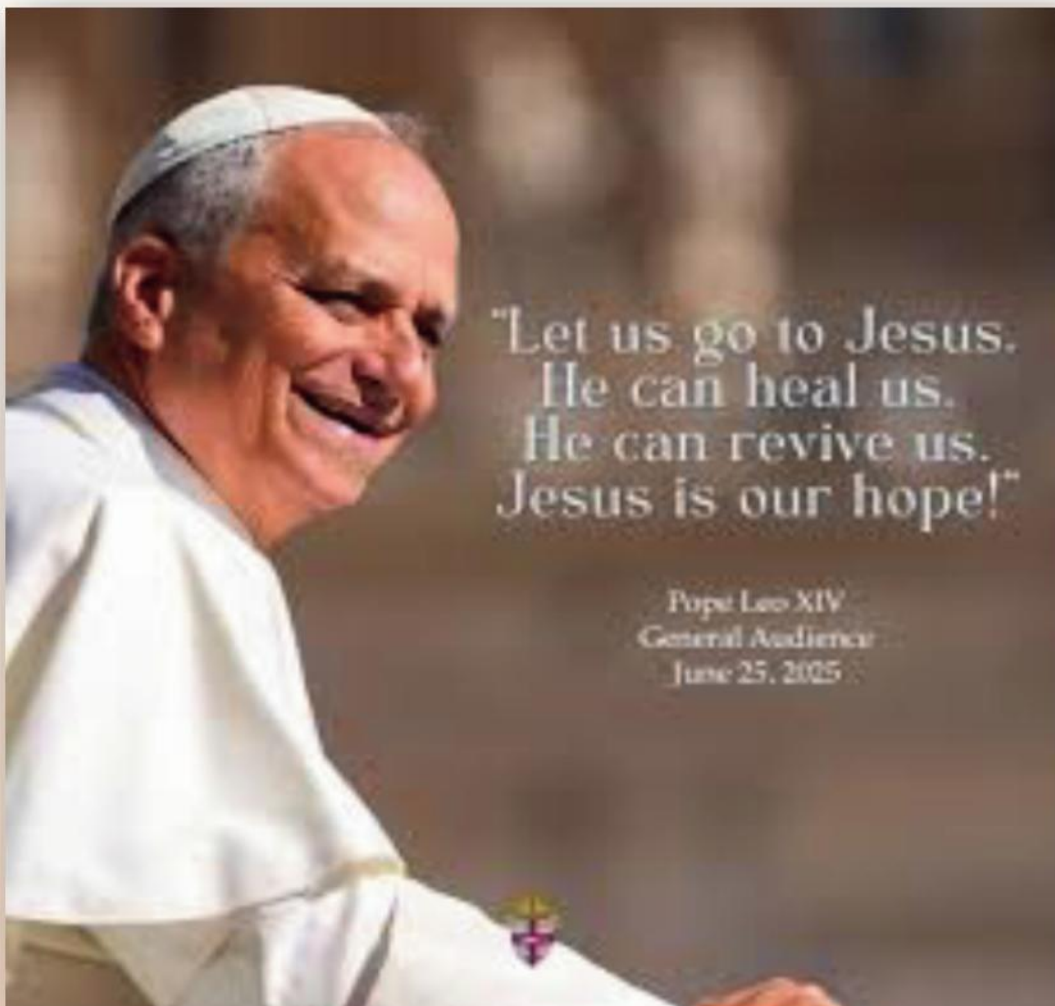
- Child is 7 years or older & in 2nd grade
- Child has Regularly attended 1 year of faith formation or catholic school
- Child has been baptized in the Catholic Church.



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.



Around the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Damas Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Sunday, September 14th from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Youth Choir Practice @ St. Patrick Church

Sunday, September 14th from 9:00 – 10:00am

MFCC - New Cycle Orientation @ Life Center Rooms 137/138/139/140

Sunday, September 14th from 11:00am – 4:00pm

Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Sunday, September 14th from 2:00 – 4:00pm

Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Monday, September 15th from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Monday, September 15^h from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Men's ACTS Meeting @ Life Center Rooms 137/139

Monday, September 15th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Women's ACTS Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Monday, September 15th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Holy Rosary (Weekly Rosary) @ Holy Rosary

Tuesday, September 16th from 4:30 - 5:30pm

Galveston Catholic Young Adult (18 - 45 yrs) Event @ Life Center Staff Meeting Room 120

Tuesday, September 16th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

(See Facebook Page or email)

Legion of Mary (Spanish) @ Life Center Rooms C101/C102

Tuesday, September 16th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

MFCC - Advisory Meeting @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Wednesday, September 17th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Women's Spanish ACTS Meeting @ Life Center Room 137

Wednesday, September 17^h from 7:00 – 9:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Wednesday, September 17th from 7:00 – 8:00pm

Adult Confirmation Classes @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Thursday, September 18th from 6:00 – 8:00pm

Grupo de Oracion de Sagrada Familia prayer Meeting @ Life Center Rooms 138/140

Friday, September 19th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

English Baptisms @ St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 – 11:00am

Womens ACTS-retreat for servers @ Life Center Rooms 137/138 & 139/140, Dining Parlor

Saturday, September 20th from 8:00am – 4:00pm

Aposteles Meeting @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Saturday, September 20th from 5:30 – 7:30pm

Gift Shop

Business Hours

Tuesdays: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Wednesdays: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Thursdays: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Fridays: 9:30am - 12:00pm

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW CATHOLIC GREETING CARDS ???



1224 Cedar Dr, La Marque, TX 77568 409-958-7000

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER BLESSED

Queen of Peace Catholic Church

Sunday

October 5, 2025

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Join us for a day of faith, fun, and community as we come together to support our parish!

Delicious Food Games for All Ages

Loteria Silent & Live Auctions

Vendors Music & Performances

Jubilant Couples and Families - Are You Ready!?

Our couples' love is a testament to God's covenant — more than a promise, it is a living witness of His faithful and lifegiving love made visible through the beauty of marriage.

To honor this achievement, Archbishop Joe. S. Vásquez invites jubilant couples and their families to join him in this annual Eucharistic Celebration reminiscent of when you said "I do" before Him.

Mass celebration: bilingual (English & Spanish)

Registration for Mass will include a professional photo with Archbishop Vásquez, your names featured in the Worship Aid, and a signed certificate congratulating you on your anniversary.



Date: September 21st Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Date: October 26th Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002)

For more information contact the Office of Family Life at: 713-741-8710 or Email:

familylifehouston@archgh.org

Around the Parish

At the invitation of His Excellency, Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, and the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston Mission Office, the Basilian Fathers Missions are grateful to Rev. Jude Ezuma and the parishioners of Holy Family for hosting Rev. Terence Kersch CSB and Rev. Mark Gazin CSB Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th. Please visit to hear Father Kersch and Father Gazin's appeals in support of the Basilian Fathers' work in Mexico and Colombia! The Basilian Fathers' Latin American apostolate is founded on the Basilian principles of goodness, discipline, and knowledge. Your support helps to deliver the Sacraments and the Gospel, along with food, clothing, and medical services to the impoverished people of San Lorenzo in Tehuacán, Mexico, as well as Bogota and Medellin in Colombia. To donate to the Basilian Fathers Missions, please make gifts payable to Holy Family with 'mission appeal' noted on the memo line. With your support, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia.

THE BASILIAN FATHERS MISSIONS

The Basilian Fathers Missions is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) serving underprivileged communities in Mexico and Colombia through education and Catholic evangelization. Our apostolate is founded on the Basilian principles of goodness, discipline, and knowledge. These values have guided the cause of the Basilian Fathers Missions since the 1930s when Basilian priests first began ministering to migrant workers south and west of Houston, Texas.

In 1961, the Basilian Fathers Missions expanded into Mexico and began a process of taking over at poor parishes, building them up, and giving them over to the local diocese for continued ministry. There is one parish where we have continued working for almost forty years: San Lorenzo (Saint Lawrence) in Tehuacán. We first started serving at San Lorenzo when it was a chapel of Divino Salvador in 1978. In 1987, it became a parish, and the Basilian Fathers were entrusted with it.



San Lorenzo parish in Tehuacán.



Father Jose Alberto CSB greets parishioners at San Lorenzo.

The Basilians have been blessed with young Mexican vocations to the priesthood. These men begin their Basilian journey in the Novitiate in Tehuacán and then they move to the Basilian House of Studies (Scholasticate) in Mexico City to complete their university courses and their theological training. Ongoing services provided through our mission in Mexico include spiritual direction, psychological counseling, assistance to students, legal aid, a medical clinic, clothing, shelter, toys, and school supplies. Recently, through the help of our donors, the Basilian Fathers founded the Betania (Bethany) Community Center in Tehuacán to help provide an after-school program for children who need food and a place to stay before their parents can come home from work.

Regarding our apostolate in Colombia, we presently serve in the cities of Medellín and Bogotá. In 1995, the Basilian Fathers established a presence in the city of Medellín by ministering in an area of town designated as a war zone by the authorities. In time, relative peace would be gradually restored. In 2023, the Archbishop of Bogotá entrusted the Basilians with the administration of the parish of Nuestra Señora de Egipto (Our Lady of Egypt). The church dates from the 17th century. Because of a shortage of diocesan clergy, the parish had been underserved for some time; only one Mass was celebrated on Sundays, and the church was usually closed during the week. But now, with the Basilians, a new era of ministry has begun.



Our Lady of Egypt in Bogota.



Father Javier Higuera CSB shares the Eucharist with a parishioner.

Religious formation in Colombia begins at Casa Annonay in Bogotá. It is here that our Novices begin to live Basilian community life. Some of our Scholastics (Seminarians), in the Basilian tradition, also serve as full-time teachers. Basilian Fathers are also helping to organize women's ministry in Colombia to share in our evangelization.

In 1822 the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) began a holy ministry of education and evangelization in Annonay, France. We the continued support of new donors, together with our longtime patrons, may the Basilian Fathers continue to educate and evangelize in the Basilian tradition for years to come in Mexico and Colombia.



Dear brothers and sisters
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If you feel called to this ministry, please join
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Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 PM
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Both current and potential new members will
be present as we prayerfully seek those whom
the Lord may be inviting to serve.

Come with an open heart, and let the Holy
Spirit guide your discernment.



Third Order Secular (Lay Carmelites)

Then next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will take place
on September 28th at 2pm in the Holy Family dining
room. There will be the election of new officers,
followed by our usual spiritual reading and prayers.
Anyone interested in Carmelite spirituality should plan
to attend.

The Brown Scapular: The Brown Scapular was given to
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wear the great gift of the Scapular. Our Blessed Mother
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the Brown Scapular.

Blessings in Carmel!
Ellen Perry, Director



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- Ushers will seat parishioners until the end of the Opening Prayer, and then again from the end of the Homily until the end of the Prayer of the Faithful.
- To assist with this effort, we kindly ask that you slide toward the center of the pews when you arrive. This simple gesture creates space at the edges, making it easier for our ushers to seat others especially those who arrive after Mass has begun.



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