HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



September 28, 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 six churches)

1525 25th St. Galveston, TX 77550

(25th St. & Ursuline)

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Principal: Tscherina Telesford principal@hfcsgalv.org

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

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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Mark Cochran Angelica Reyna Tommy Woodard

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Deacon Jeff Willard

Deacon Robert 'Buzz'

Standridge Susie Caradec

Moylam Wong

Rev. Jude Ezuma

Pastor

Matthew Furlong
Chairman
Deacon Sam
Dell'Olio

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: \$5,781,039
Pledge Payments Received: \$5,166,153
Total Number of Donors: 881
Total "ANGEL CHALLENGE" Pledged \$625,073

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

<u>It is never too late to pledge or donate</u>. Visit holyfamilygb.com/capitalcampaign to learn more and participate.

Una Fe, Una Familia Actualización de campaña

Nuestra Meta Parroquial: \$5,500,000
Total en Promesas: \$5,781,039
Total en Pagos Recibido: \$5,166,153
de Familias Participando: 881
Total "DESAFÍO DEL ÁNGEL" Prometida \$625,073

¡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:

We joyfully welcome Frs. Terrence Kersh and Mark Gazin to our parish this weekend. They are members of the Basilian Fathers and are with us for the annual Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative initiative, which highlights the work and apostolate of various Religious communities ministering within our archdiocese. Fr. Terrence and Fr. Mark will be preaching a mission appeal, inviting us to share in the mission and apostolate of the Basilian Fathers through our financial and prayerful support.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of noticing the plight of our brothers and sisters and acting in their best interest. The Rich man in today's Gospel was not condemned for being rich, but because he was **so absorbed in himself** that he failed to notice the "poor man Lazarus, covered with sores who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from rich man's table."

Lazarus still lives on our streets and in our neighborhoods. **He is among** our unhoused brothers and sisters, many of whom would gladly beam with joy and appreciation if someone simply stopped to notice them and engage them with respect and dignity. May we not be like the rich man, who was too engrossed with self and neglected the Christian call to offer aid with love.

The name Lazarus means "God has helped," or "God helps." There are only two instances of this name in Scripture, and in each case, we see the loving help of the Lord extended to those in distress. The paradox is that often, when things are going well for us, we fail to realize our need for God's help. But is there ever anytime we are not in need of God's help?

Recognizing that our blessings come from God helps us to remember to give Him thanks in times of prosperity and be quick to run to Him for aid in times of adversity. More importantly, having such an attitude helps us to always be mindful of those in need, the Lazarus around us. And when we render help to them, God who is our helper, will greatly reward us.

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:

Recibimos con alegría a los Padres Terrence Kersh y Mark Gazin en nuestra parroquia este fin de semana. Son miembros de los Padres Basilianos y están con nosotros como parte de la iniciativa anual de Cooperación Misionera Arquidiocesana, que destaca la labor y el apostolado de las distintas comunidades religiosas que sirven dentro de nuestra arquidiócesis. El Padre Terrence y el Padre Mark compartirán una invitación misionera, animándonos a participar en el apostolado de los Padres Basilianos mediante nuestro apoyo financiero y nuestras oraciones.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos recuerda la importancia de prestar atención a la situación de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, y de actuar en favor de su bienestar. El hombre rico no fue condenado por ser rico, sino porque estaba tan absorto en sí mismo que no se dio cuenta del "pobre Lázaro, cubierto de llagas, que hubiera querido saciarse con lo que caía de la mesa del rico."

Lázaro sigue viviendo en nuestras calles y vecindarios. Son nuestros hermanos y hermanas sin hogar, muchos de los cuales se llenarían de alegría si alguien se detuviera a notar su presencia y los tratara con respeto y dignidad. Que no seamos como el hombre rico, tan centrado en sí mismo que descuidó el llamado cristiano a ayudar con amor.

El nombre Lázaro significa "Dios ha ayudado" o "Dios ayuda." Solo aparece dos veces en las Escrituras, y en ambas vemos la ayuda amorosa del Señor hacia quienes están en necesidad. La paradoja es que, cuando todo va bien, a menudo olvidamos cuánto necesitamos la ayuda de Dios. Pero ¿acaso hay algún momento en que no la necesitemos?

Tomar conciencia de que nuestras bendiciones vienen de Dios nos ayuda a alabarlo en tiempos de prosperidad y acudir a Él con prontitud en tiempos de dificultad. Más aún, esta actitud nos mantiene atentos a quienes están en necesidad, los Lázaros que nos rodean. Y cuando les brindamos ayuda, Dios, que es nuestro auxilio, nos recompensará abundantemente.

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 shepherdhfp@gmail.com

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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?

<u>INFANT BAPTISMS:</u> We look forward to welcoming your little one into the faith of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office for information. Walk-ins welcome.

<u>MARRIAGE:</u> 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. 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 21 Online Contributions	\$22,160.00 \$11,442.00
(Sept 15 - Sept 19, 2025) TOTAL	\$33,602.00



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

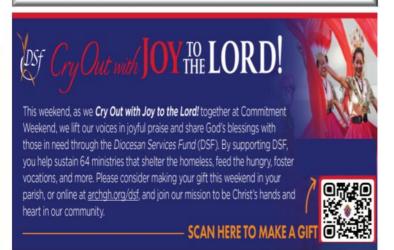
Online Giving option. Also, you can text the word, "give" to 409-515-7625 or scan this QR code to make a contribution. All forms of giving are **secured**. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Fund	Goal	Pledge	Paid	Partici- pants
DSF	\$100,000		\$84,198	224
Capital Campaign	\$5,500,000	\$5,669,361	\$5,166,153	881

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.



Mass Intentions

Dear Holy Family,

Please join us in praying for Steve Harding, Sally Kline, Susie Falcon, Mary Horwitch, Kim Schattel Tindel, Ann Nguyen Boren, Maris & FrankHelfrich, 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 2026 starting 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.

The readings can be found at www.usccb.org. Click on the Daily Readings Tab.

Saturday September 27th- Vigil Mass

5:00pm (SP) † Refugio De La Cruz

(17th Anniversary of Death)

6:00pm (OLBS) † William B. Huthnance

7:00pm (MSOS) † Tom Fairbanks

Sunday September 28th

7:30 am (SH) † Domenica & Anello

D'Ambra

9:00am (HR) † Elizabeth Anne Curley 10:00am (SP)

† Giovanna & Sebastiano

Buzzurro

11:00am (SH) † Sylvia Nelson Boggess

(In Memory of)

12:00pm(SP)Esp For the People 12:30pm (SMCB) † Marco A. Garza

Monday September 29th

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,

Archangels

† Ben & Isabelle Garcia 7:00am (UCHPL)

† Fred & Carrie Wimhurst Jr. 12:10pm (SMCB)

Tuesday September 30th

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of

the Church

7:00am (UCHPL) † Jane & Walter Terry

12:10pm (SMCB) **Tonia Theriot**

Wednesday October 1st

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00am (UCHPL) † Barbara & Morris Bateman

12:10pm (SMCB) **†Tom Fairbanks**

6:00pm (UCHPL)Esp † Bishop Wendelin J. Nold

Thursday October 2nd

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

† Barbara & Leo Metcalf 7:00am (UCHPL)

12:10pm (SMCB) † Edith Strybos

Friday October 3rd

7:00am (UCHPL) † Msgr. Dan Scheel

12:10pm (SMCB) † Francis Obichukwu Emeodi



CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALVESTON

FALL FESTIVAL 2025

RAFFLE.SILENT AUCTION.FUN. FOOD. GAMES HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPONSOR FORM

NOVEMBER 2ND 11AM − 4PM Thank you for your support of our great school serving the next generation of Saints and Scholars!

Sponsor forms and contributions can be

mailed, emailed or dropped off at:

Holy Family Catholic School. 2601 Ursuline · Galveston, TX 77550

409-765-6607

hfcsfundraiser@gmail.com

hfcsgalv.org

The demands of running a safe and quality school are vast and far exceed the income derived only from tuition. As a registered 501 (c) 3 non-profit, Holy Family relies on the generosity of our community to keep our doors open. Our main fundraising effort for 2025 is our Fall Festival and we are seeking sponsorships for this well attended event.

All sponsors will receive the following benefits:

Listed as a Sponsor in Facebook and parish bulletin "Thank You"

Please visit our school website to find out more about HFCS and our rich 178-year history!

- Pumpkin Sponsor \$100 (helps purchase supplies for kids games) Sponsors will receive the benefit listed above
- Scarecrow Sponsor \$250 (helps purchase kid zone prizes for festival)

All the above benefits, plus:

- Your name listed on the banner (due by 10/6)
- Black Cat Sponsor \$500 (helps purchase food for festival)

All the above benefits, plus:

- Your logo displayed on Sponsors' Banner (due by 10/6)
- A Facebook announcement with your logo
- Sponsor noted on our website
- Harvest Moon Sponsor \$1,000 (helps rent the bounce houses for kids zone)

All the benefits above, plus:

- Kid Zone Sponsor Your business name and logo will be sent home to all the families (due by 10/6)
- Cornucopia \$2,500 (helps purchase raffle prizes)

All the benefits above, plus:

- Your name on raffle tickets if purchased before August 29, 2025
- Your logo larger than others on the sponsor banner
- Hang your personal banner at festival (Banners needed by 10/6 and need to have grommets or some way to hang them.

Name of Business or Individual:					
Email:	Phone:		_		
Primary Contact:			_		
Address:			_		
For office use only: Date paid	Method paid	Receipt #			

Faith Formation

UPCOMING EVENTS

09/28/2025	Faith Formation K-5th - Spanish	10:00 - 11:00am	Holy Family Catholic School
09/28/2025	Faith Formation K-5th- English	11:30am - 12:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/28/2025	Edge Middle School Faith Formation	4:00 – 5:00pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/28/2025	LifeTeen High School Faith Formation	6:00 – 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
09/30/2025	OCIA-Children Year 1 Class	6:00 – 7:30pm	Holy Family Catholic School
10/02/2025	Confirmation Rehearsal	6:00 - 8:00pm	St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica



Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 1:30 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Please join us in praying for our youth as they complete this important sacrament

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR HARD WORKING FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS!



OCIA

















CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Youth Choir Practice @ St. Patrick Church Sunday, September 28th from 9:00 – 10:00am Guadalupanos Meeting @ Life Center Room 137 Sunday, September 28th from 1:00 – 4:00pm Carmelite Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor Sunday, September 28th from 1:30 – 5:00pm Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Sunday, September 28th from 2:00 – 4:00pm **Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Rooms 137/139**

Monday, September 29th from 10:00am – 12:00pm Foundation of Faith - Bible Study @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Monday, September 29th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

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

Monday, September 29th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Women's ACTS Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Monday, September 29th from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Holy Rosary (Weekly Rosary) @ Holy Rosary

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

OCIA Adults @ Life Center Dining Parlor

Tuesday, September 30th from 6:30 – 8:30pm

OCIA Adults (Spanish) @ Life Center Room 137

Tuesday, September 30th from 6:30 – 7:30pm

Galveston Catholic Young Adult (18 - 45 yrs) Event

@ Life Center Staff Meeting Room 120 Tuesday, September 30th from 7:00 – 9:00pm (See Facebook Page or email)

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

Tuesday, September 30th from 7:00 – 9:00pm MFCC - Advisory Meeting @ Life Center Conference Room 103

Wednesday, October 1st from 7:00 – 9:00pm Women's Spanish ACTS Meeting @ Life Center Room 137

Wednesday, October 1st from 7:00 – 9:00pm **Adult Spanish Choir @ St. Patrick Catholic Church** Wednesday, October 1st from 7:00 – 8:00pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting @ Life Center Dining Parlor**

Wednesday, October 1st from 7:00 – 8:00pm **Food Bank Distribution @ St. Patrick Large Parking Lot**

Thursday, October 2nd from 9:30am – 12:00pm **Adult Confirmation Classes @ Life Center Dining Parlor**

Thursday, October 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm **English Baptism Class @ Life Center Conference Room 103**

Thursday, October 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00pm **Grupo de Oracion de Sagrada Familia prayer Meeting @ Life Center Rooms 138/140**Friday, October 3rd from 7:00 – 9:00pm **Aposteles Meeting @ Life Center Conference Room 103**

Saturday, October 4th 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 ???





OUR LADY OF GUADELUPE BAKE SALE



SATURDAY October 18th after 5 PM MASS

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

COME FOR HOME MADE GOODIES OF ALL KINDS

COOKIES, CAKES, CUPCAKES, BROWNIES, BARS, FALL BREADS.....

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT OUR PARISH WITH THIS BAKE SALE!



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 Basilan 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 Tehuacár



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.



Mobile Food Distribution Ministry

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

Next distribution date is Thursday, October 2, 2025

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)



Third Order Secular (Lay Carmelites)

The next meeting of the Carmelites will take place on Sunday, September 28th at 2pm in the Holy Family Parish Dining Room. Please plan to attend if you are interested in Carmelite Spirtuality. The Third Order is not an organization or club. Members are actually part of the Carmelite Order. What is required to be a Lay Carmelite?

- 1. Wear the Brown Scapular, our habit. The Scapular according to St. John Paul II is "a habit, and those who receive it are associated with the Carmelite Order and are consecrated in a special way to Mary."
- 2. Say the "Liturgy of the Hours," Moning and Evening Prayer.
- 3. Attend daily Mass, if possible.
- 4. Attend a monthly meeting.
- 5. Candidates learn about the Order in Formation 1 and Formation 2 guided by a professed member.

That's it! Not difficult at all! In these frightening times, we cannot stress enough that everyone should be enrolled in the Brown Scapular and wear it. Many heavenly promises are attached to it. Our Lady at Fatima asked everyone to wear it, and She appeared in the Carmelite Habit there and at Garanbandal, Spain. Our Lady said to St. Dominic, "With the Brown Scapular and the Rosary, I will save the world." Let's all help Her. Wear the Brown Scapular.

Blessings in Carmel! Ellen Perry, Director



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Thursday, Oct. 9th—Movie Meeting for an exclusive screening of Walt Disney's classic Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1937), a timeless film with strong allegorical ties to the Catholic Faith. Details coming soon!

Thursday, November 6th—5-6 p.m., DiNardo Hall, Thanksgiving Potluck. Please bring something to share. We will also begin our December craft.

Thursday, December 11th—5-6 p.m. Completion of our baby blankets and a little pre-Christmas shopping at our very own parish gift shop!

Contact information: Julie Ruiz 281-642-7404 or mrsiruiz22@amail.com



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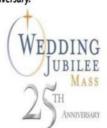
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Date: September 21st Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

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

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

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