

***BE STRONG, FEAR NOT!  
HERE IS YOUR GOD.***

**ISAIAH 35:4**



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

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## MASS TIMES

**Cardinal DiNardo, has granted us permission to have public Masses. There is no obligation to attend Mass in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** | 9 AM

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY** | 6:45 PM

**WEDNESDAY** | 6 AM

**SATURDAY** | 10 AM & 5 PM

**SUNDAY** | 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM,  
1 PM Español & 6 PM

## RECONCILIATION TIMES

Whether it has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a father who loves and forgives you.

*Confession is an act of honesty and courage, an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. - St. John Paul II*

**WEDNESDAY** | 6 - 8 PM English

**SATURDAY** | 8 - 10 AM English & Español

## ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to visit Christ in the chapel. It is open :

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** | 7:30 AM-10 PM

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment. Contact : [sdewlen@ap.church](mailto:sdewlen@ap.church)



# WAYS TO GIVE



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Text **PADUA**  
to **77977**



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## AUG. 9TH - AUG. 15TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 104,879.77
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 5,289.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 4,698.44
INFIRM PRIESTS	\$ 1,807.44

**TOTAL | \$ 116,675.15** \*Includes Online Giving

## AUG. 16TH - AUG. 22ND GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 65,216.13
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 4,791.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 2,790.42
INFIRM PRIESTS	\$ 987.44

**TOTAL | \$ 73,785.49** \*Includes Online Giving

## AUG. 23RD - AUG. 29TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 58,264.81
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 3,468.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,523.50
HAITI DISASTER RELIEF	\$ 7,020.01
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,157.44

**TOTAL | \$ 74,434.26** \*Includes Online Giving

## IRA ROLLOVER GIFT OPTIONS

**Are IRA rollover gifts an option for giving to St. Anthony of Padua?**

If you are 70½ or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to make a gift to support the Horizon Campaign. IRA rollover gifts can make a huge difference. These gifts will help sustain us in our important work to strengthen our community. For more information on making an IRA Rollover gift to the campaign, contact Michael Schillaci at 713-652-4418 or email [mschillaci@archgh.org](mailto:mschillaci@archgh.org). The IRA rollover is now permanent, and its key provisions are:

- The IRA rollover allows donors 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA on an annual basis.
- An IRA rollover gift is a tax-exempt distribution. Qualifying individuals can make charitable gifts using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after-tax assets to make a charitable gift.
- An IRA rollover gift can be used to meet all or part of an IRA's annual required minimum distribution.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

# ST. PADRE PIO

**BIRTHDAY:** May 25, 1887

**BIRTHPLACE:** Pietrelcina, Italy

**DIED:** September 23, 1968

**FEAST DAY:** September 23rd

Saint Padre Pio was a luminous and captivating Italian priest who generated immense interest and even controversy during his life, but at the core of his mission, served the Lord faithfully through his piety and charity.

Born in Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887, Francesco Forgione was focused on the Lord starting in his earliest days. Baptized the day after he was born, he decided at just the age of five to consecrate himself to Jesus. He enjoyed singing hymns, reading and praying, and even "playing church" where he acted out serving as presider of a Mass. His parents were peasant farmers who were very religious and supported his Catholic development, attending daily Mass and praying the Rosary nightly along with his older brother and three younger sisters.

It is written that even as a young boy, he possessed the ability to see and communicate with his guardian angel, Jesus and the Virgin Mary. He didn't think much of it though at the time, as he assumed other people could see them too.

To help support his relatively poor family, Francesco tended to a small flock of sheep for many years. While this helped his relatively poor family get by, it also delayed his education to the point that later when the first desires to become a priest began stirring in his heart, only having three years of public schooling quickly became an issue.

Francesco was also very sickly as a child. He suffered from gastroenteritis at the age of six and survived a bout of typhoid fever when he was ten. His health would continue to ail him for most of his life, but he never let it get in the way of his pursuit of holiness.

In 1897, a young Capuchin friar traveling across the countryside inspired Francesco to pursue religious life. "I want to be a friar... with a beard" he reportedly told his parents, who traveled with the future saint to Morcone, Italy, home to an order of Capuchin Franciscan Friars. While they were interested in admitting him, they told his family that more education would be needed before he could join.

In order to pay for the private tutoring needed for his son, Francesco's father Grazio traveled to the United States to search for work. Thanks to his father's dedication and hard work, enough money was sent home to tutor Francesco sufficiently so that he passed the necessary academic requirements to join the Friars. On January 6, 1903, he entered the novitiate in Morcone, and on January 22, donned the Franciscan habit for the first time. At the age of 15, he was now known as Fra Pio, in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he saw regularly at a chapel in his hometown.

Pio's seven-year study for the priesthood would begin with further health issues, when at the age of 17, he fell severely ill with loss of appetite, insomnia, exhaustion, and migraines. He could only stomach milk and cheese and experienced fainting spells regularly. During this time though, inexplicable phenomena began to occur with Pio, with fellow monks reportedly seeing him levitate during prayer. Pio's health continued to decline at the friary though, and his superiors decided to send him to a mountain convent, in hopes that the change of air would improve his health. This too proved to be little help, and eventually his doctors advised him to return home, all the while he continued his studies for the priesthood.

On January 27, 1907, he made his solemn profession, and on August 10, 1910, the twenty-three-year-old Fra Pio was ordained a priest by Archbishop Paolo Schinosi at the Cathedral of Benevento. Four days later, he celebrated his very first Mass at the church of Our Lady of the Angels.

From the very beginnings of his priesthood, Padre Pio became well-known for his immense piety. He would include long pauses of contemplative silence during various parts of the Mass, which could sometimes make the service last several hours. The parish priest in Pietrelcina called Pio "an incomprehensible mystery" and when asked to shorten his Mass, Pio responded, "God knows that I want to say Mass just like any other priest, but I cannot do it."

Many people began traveling to meet him, confess to him, or simply try to hear some of his wisdom. He compared weekly confession to the act of "dusting a room" and encouraged Christians to recognize God in all things, and to continually strive to do the will of God.

His life took a sudden turn in 1914 with the beginning of World War I. A number of Capuchin Friars became drafted in the Italian Army, and Pio himself was drafted on November 15, 1915. He was assigned to the 10th Medical Corps in Naples, but due to his poor health, he was continually discharged from active service until finally a bout of tuberculosis led to him being declared unfit for military service on March 16, 1918. He returned to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo, where he would remain for the rest of his life.

It was in the period of many people rebuilding their lives after the war that Padre Pio really began to emerge as a symbol of hope among the faithful. He became a spiritual director and began to experience extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit that captivated those who heard of the friar.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio had an intense vision of Jesus after serving at Mass earlier that day. When the vision ended, he felt a sharp pain and noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands, feet and side. They would soon become permanent and remain on his body for the next 50 years. Countless experts and doctors looked at the wounds, with numerous attempts to explain the miraculous nature of their appearance. Some questioned the authenticity of the wounds, which were perfectly round and said to smell of roses.

Pio felt a sense of humiliation from the wounds and the controversy that they created. It didn't help that many were also attesting to his ability to bilocate, levitate, heal wounds, prophecy, and abstain from sleep and nourishment for extraordinary amounts of time.

"Will he at least free me from the embarrassment caused by these outward signs?" Pio wrote. "I will raise my voice and will not stop imploring him until in his mercy he takes away, not the wound or the pain, which is impossible since I wish to be inebriated with pain, but these outward signs which cause me such embarrassment and unbearable humiliation."

Life became complicated for Padre Pio, as his

popularity soared and became a source of concern for the Church and the Vatican. The authenticity of the stigmata was called into question in 1924 and again in 1931, and the Vatican restricted Pio's ability to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain or argue against these decisions, and they were reversed soon after. A church investigation into his stigmata concluded that his condition was not faked.

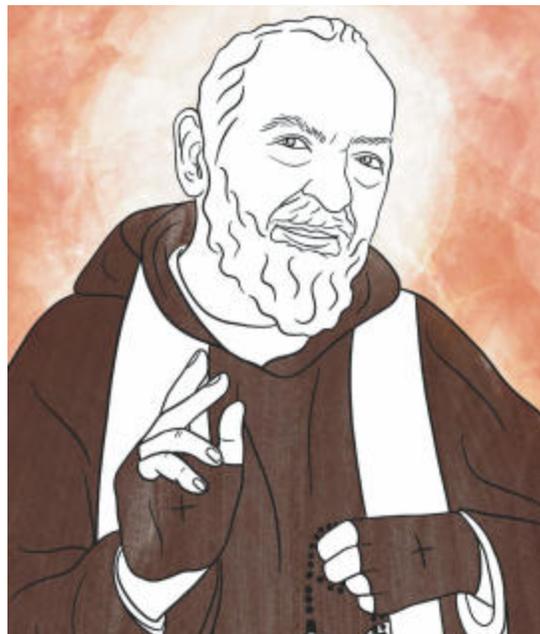
By 1934, he was back to performing his full public duties as a priest. He focused a large portion of his ministry as a "martyr of the confessional", hearing hours upon hours of confessions from those flocking to his convent to attain absolution. His superiors at the convent were forced to develop an organizational system for making reservations to keep the large crowds under control.

Around 1940, Pio was inspired to erect a hospital for the sick and suffering. In 1946, ground was broken on a plot of land near Mount Gargano that would eventually become a 350-bed hospital known as the "House for the Alleviation of the Suffering."

In 1947, a young Fr. Karol Wojtyla was studying in Rome, when he made the pilgrimage to meet Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, and have his confession heard by him. Decades later, when Fr. Wojtyla became Pope John Paul II (another saint whose relic will be

alongside Padre Pio's in the Our Lady of the Angels reliquary at St. Anthony of Padua), many speculated whether Pio had divulged any prophecy to the future Pope about what was to come. Pope John Paul II later clarified that while he did not tell him that he would one day be Pope, he did reveal that Pio had admitted a rare, significant detail about his stigmata – when asked by Wojtyla which one of his wounds caused him the most suffering, Pio replied "It is my shoulder wound, which no one knows about and has never been cured or treated."

With many historians providing a diligent analysis of Padre Pio's life, it is revealed that Saint Pope John Paul II was the only person Padre Pio ever told about his most painful wound. While it is remarkable that Pio refrained from telling the young Polish priest about his future papacy, it is perhaps even more



remarkable that he would choose John Paul II, and not any of the future Popes he would meet in his life, about this wound.

Padre Pio continued to carry out his ministries dutifully, garnering large crowds seeking to witness his piety, charity, and quality of his preaching. On June 5th, 1954, Pio was forced to celebrate Mass outside on the plaza in front of the church, because the size of the crowd was too large to accommodate all of the worshippers.

His health declined rapidly in his later years, battling everything from cancer to arthritis. He offered all of his bodily sufferings up to God as a sacrifice and for the conversion of souls, saying "I am fully convinced that my illness is due to a special permission of God."

On August 10, 1960, Padre Pio celebrated 50 years of priesthood. By 1965, he gained permission from the Holy See to continue to celebrate Masses but remain seated due to this health. He collapsed after celebrating Mass on September 22, 1968, but still went to the confessional in an attempt to administer the sacrament of reconciliation. He was unable to hear confessions due to his condition, but still managed to bless a large group of people who had crowded in front of his church, as well as bless a group of parishioners who had assembled in the church to pray later that evening.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 after receiving the sacrament of confession, renewing his priestly vows, receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, and holding a rosary. His last words were "Gesú, Maria" ("Jesus, Mary") repeated over and over until he breathed his last. He was 81.

His funeral on September 26 was attended by more than 100,00 people, and he was buried later that day.

On March 20, 1983, the diocesan procedure was initiated for the canonization of Padre Pio. He was beatified on May 2, 1999 and canonized on June 16, 2002, both by his close friend, Pope John Paul II. His canonization Mass was one of the largest liturgies in the history of the Vatican. Recalling his encounters with Padre Pio, Pope John Paul II said, "Prayer and charity–this is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching."

**The new Our Lady of the Angels Chapel will host 27 Saint Relics! We are blessed that St. Padre Pio will be one of them. To view the rest of the saints visit : [ap.church/saints](http://ap.church/saints)**

## CHOIRS ARE BACK!

We're excited to announce the return of choirs at St. Anthony of Padua! Both the 7AM and 11AM Sunday Masses will soon have choirs back in action, and we're looking for more parishioners willing to lend their voices!

**The St. Anthony Choir will sing at the 11AM Mass**, spearheaded by Choir Director Maura Brown, a high school choir director and cantor at St. Anthony for many years, along with Josh Blakesley, our Music Ministry Coordinator. The singing will consist primarily of traditional hymns and chants, with contemporary music intermittently included.

**The Schola Choir will sing at the 7AM Mass**, led by Vaishali Pradeepkumar, a former singer in the Oxford Chamber Choir, and Josh Blakesley. The singing will consist of Gregorian Chant, leading the congregation through the antiphons and Mass parts.

**If you are interested in joining a choir at St. Anthony, we invite you to submit a 1-2 minute video clip of you singing any composition to [ap.church/choir](http://ap.church/choir).** The first rehearsals will be held in September, so there's no time to wait!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Josh Blakesley at [jblakesley@ap.church](mailto:jblakesley@ap.church). We look forward to hearing your beautiful voices soon!



# AROUND THE PARISH

## STAOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Anthony of Padua  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Founded in 2001, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2012, and distinguished as an Archdiocesan S.T.R.E.A.M. Synergy school in 2019, our parish

school serves students in Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. For more information about our school please visit: **AP.SCHOOL** or visit us on Facebook or Instagram **@apschooltx**.

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School currently has openings in 5th Grade for the 2021-2022 school year.** To learn more about admissions, or be added to the waitlist for other grade-levels please contact Cathy Russell, at [crussell@staopcs.org](mailto:crussell@staopcs.org) or visit our website.

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

We are seeking substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. (Prek3-8th). Email your resume to [vtucker@staopcs.org](mailto:vtucker@staopcs.org)

### KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

We are looking for an experienced cook and/or helper for our school's kitchen! It's a part time position from 8:30AM - 1PM, Mon-Fri. Email : [marcel.chahda@gmail.com](mailto:marcel.chahda@gmail.com)

## LITTLE SAINTS

The Little Saints program is a ministry of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. The primary responsibility of Little Saints is to provide a quality, developmentally appropriate experience for young children in a Christian environment.

**Ages: 18m - 5 years • Hours: 9 AM - 2 PM**

- Currently accepting registrations for our M - F Transition, a bridge to Kindergarten, program for the 2021-22 school year.
- Now accepting tours between 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Monday-Friday or by appointment.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally!

**Saturday, September 18 • 10:15 - 11:00 AM**

Join us in person on the grassy esplanade outside Planned Parenthood-Spring at 4747 Louetta. The fall 40 Days for Life vigil runs from September 22 to October 31. For information and registration for the Kickoff rally, visit [ap.church/events](http://ap.church/events)

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, September 12 • 8 AM - 2 PM**

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be on the St. Anthony of Padua campus most of the day. To sign up for a time slot, visit [ap.church/events](http://ap.church/events)

## CUB SCOUTS

### Interested in Joining Cub Scouts? (K-5th grade)

Join Pack 1180 at our meeting on Monday, September 13th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We have exciting activities planned for the year. To learn more, please contact [pack1180@gmail.com](mailto:pack1180@gmail.com).

## JCDA

### Faith • Service • Community

Looking for a fun way to get service hours while learning more about your Catholic Faith and having fun with friends? Join Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA). To learn more, please contact [staopjcda@gmail.com](mailto:staopjcda@gmail.com).

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls' Troop is aged 5-18. AHG is hosting a **parent information night on September 9th**, Thursday evening in Sheltz Hall. Check-in is at 6:15pm. We would love for you to stop by and hear about our troop and meet some of the fantastic girls and our troop leaders.

For additional information contact Jennifer Childress at [ahgtroop1180@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroop1180@gmail.com).

# FAITH FORMATION

**Online registration for our Children's Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are temporarily closed.**

**Late registration will be open from:**

**Sept. 7th at 9 AM --- Sept. 23rd at 12 PM**

*\*Confirmation Year 2 registration will close September 15th at 12 Noon.*

For more information and registration visit [ap.church/registration](http://ap.church/registration)

## SUNDAY NURSERY

The Little Ones of the Little Way Ministry is a nursery program for children ages 1 year to 4 years old. Our mission is to provide love, care, and formation to our children under the patronage of St. Therese of Lisieux and her 'Little Way' of doing small things with great love.

**Currently, we are offering nursery for the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses only. We will also be using a reservation system** to be able to anticipate how many staff members we will need to serve the children each weekend. This reservation will guarantee your child a spot.

To reserve your spot at Sunday Mass, visit [ap.church/nursery](http://ap.church/nursery) for more information.

## CORE MEMBERS NEEDED

**Anchor, Edge, Life Teen Year 1, Confirmation and Life Teen UpperClass are in need of Core Members!** We are looking for adults dedicated to the Gospel and to the formation of young people.

**We are rebuilding our youth ministry, and we want you to be a part of our mission:** *"We win when we help teens belong to the church, believe in Jesus, and send them forth to bless others."*

**Apply online at [ap.church/events](http://ap.church/events) or contact the new Youth Ministers to get involved.**

PJ Pierce • [ppierce@ap.church](mailto:ppierce@ap.church)

Samantha Pierce • [spierce@ap.church](mailto:spierce@ap.church)

## FIRST COMMUNION

**2021 - 2022 First Communion / First Reconciliation Registration will reopen on September 7th!**

### PREPARATION FOR REGISTRATION:

- Is your child Baptized in the Catholic Church?
- Is your child seven years of age or older?
- Has your child received prior Faith Formation in any of the following forms: parish religious education program, Catholic school, home school or family context?
- Does your child desire to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion?

If you answered 'yes' to ALL the above questions, your child may apply to enter into the Sacrament Preparation Program in addition to weekly faith formation instruction. For More Information about the program, visit [ap.church/sacprep](http://ap.church/sacprep)

## TEEN CONFIRMATION

**2021-2022 Teen Confirmation Registration will reopen on Sept. 7th!**

Confirmation is a year-long formation program that gives your child the very heart and soul of the Catholic faith to prepare him or her to worthily receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2022. Mostly taught in classrooms, Confirmation is a vibrant part of our Life Teen ministry. Teens will be dual-enrolled in Confirmation and Life Teen Upperclass and we will do events and socials together throughout the year. This builds solid friendships that go beyond the reception of the sacrament.

The Confirmation program includes weekly classes, a retreat and service projects. For more information about how to enroll your teen for the upcoming 2021-2022 year of confirmation please visit [stanthonyym.org/confirmation](http://stanthonyym.org/confirmation)

***"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." -Acts 1:8***

# ADULT FAITH & SACRAMENTS

## BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian? Do you want to follow Jesus Christ for the rest of your life?** This is the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship! This is the Catholic Church's process to bring people, through study, spiritual growth and community, into the heart of the Kingdom of Heaven. Formally, it is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which is our formation process for adults who desire to follow Jesus Christ and be a member of His Catholic Church.

### WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those baptized in another Christian faith tradition but didn't grow up in a Christian setting or family.

Those who are interested in learning more about Catholicism and interested in Converting, Please email Mary Batey at [mbatey@ap.church](mailto:mbatey@ap.church).

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The sealing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. If, for whatever reason, you have not received this powerful sacrament, we encourage you to do so! During the Fall Semester, Adult Confirmation preparation is offered through an 8-10 week course.

### WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- Must be at least 18 years old AND graduated from High School.
- Have already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.
- Do not have any marriage impediments (i.e. in need of an annulment or convalidation)
- Are growing in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please email Mary Batey at [mbatey@ap.church](mailto:mbatey@ap.church) for more information and our upcoming classes.

## PRAYER SERIES

### Prayer – What is it & how do I do it?

What is prayer and how do I do it? This may seem like a rather simple question, but there is much to unpack here. Join Deacon Rick Vogel for his series unpacking and going deeper on this question.

**The one hour classes will begin on Monday, September 13 at 8 AM in PLB 205.** We will meet each Monday through the end of the year, with a few exceptions. If you ever thought about what prayer is and how do I do it - this is the class for you.

There is no registration or fees. Please come whenever it fits onto your schedule. Jesus is calling. For more information: [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff)

## THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

Join us for coffee, fellowship and faith Friday mornings starting September 17th at 5:30am to 7am Parish Life Building room 205. All men are welcome.

Visit [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff) for info and registration.

## SENIOR PALS

**Senior Pals will hold their next meeting on Saturday September 11th in Sheltz Hall from 9:45 - 11:45 AM.** Our speaker will be Holly Steinke from The Woodlands Neighborhood Watch who will be speaking about Emergency Preparedness and Smart 911. All seniors ages 50+ are encouraged to attend

For more information, contact Joan Sabino : 281-298-6683

# ADULT FORMATION

## CORNERSTONE

This year we will be studying the The Book of Genesis: Creation & Covenants! We strive to help you build, strengthen and deepen a personal and loving relationship with God and His people through prayer and the study of His Word.

The CCSS meets the needs of both those studying the Bible for the first time and those with previous Bible Study experience. The study is comprised of: questions, small groups, lecture and written commentary which are full of enrichment, fellowship and spiritual fulfillment.

**Join us either on :**

- **Mondays from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**
- **Wednesday from 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

For more information: [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff)

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Women of the Bible Series (Part 1) is a prayer-filled Bible Study. It focuses on 8 women of the Old Testament whose lives were transformed by God. As we get to know their stories, we will discover the feminine genius present in them through their greatness and imperfections, love for God and others, and how all this relates and applies to our own lives. This course will teach you to learn from the past and live your present more fully loving God.

**Dates and topics:**

- September 16- My Identity: Woman of God, for God and Others
- October 7- Eve: Created out of Love, to Love
- November 4- Sarah: From Infertility to Fruitfulness
- December 2- Miriam: Coworker in God's Saving Plan
- January 13- Deborah: A Leader at the Service of God
- February 13- Ruth: The Faithful Friend
- March 3- Hannah: Woman of Prayer
- April 7- Esther: Called by God for Such a Time Like This
- May 5- The Mother of the Maccabees: Living for Heaven

Presented by: Monica Treviño - Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi. Visit [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff) for more information and registration.

## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The heart of The Great Adventure is The Bible Timeline™ Learning System. The Bible Timeline™ Learning System ties all of Scripture together by following God's "family plan"... from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. With its unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. A Life-Changing Approach to Scripture!

**This semester we will have different classes offered morning, afternoon, and evening. :**

- **The Bible Timeline**
- **EPIC - A Journey Through Church History**
- **Prophets**
- **First Corinthians**
- **Gospel of John**
- **Psalms**

For more information: [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff)

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life?

We invite you to consider joining Walking With Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible Study, this fall at St. Anthony's. Weekly group sessions are starting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

There will be three different studies available at the same time. 2 year long studies and 1 semester long study.

For more information: [ap.church/aff](http://ap.church/aff)



# ADULT FORMATION

## CRISTIFICATE

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