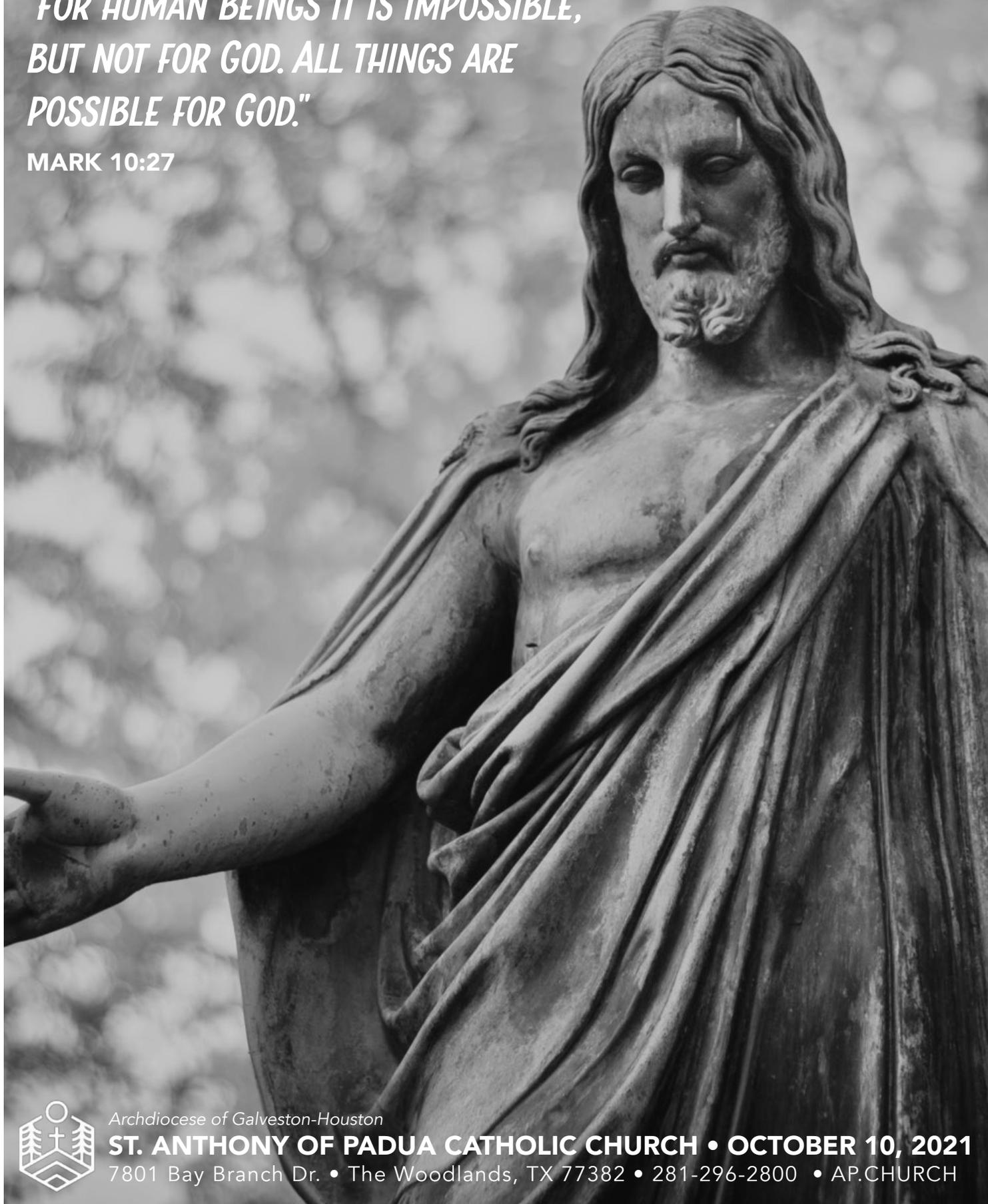


*JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID,  
"FOR HUMAN BEINGS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE,  
BUT NOT FOR GOD. ALL THINGS ARE  
POSSIBLE FOR GOD."*

**MARK 10:27**



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH • OCTOBER 10, 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



Give Online at  
[ap.church/give](http://ap.church/give)



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



Give through  
General Offertory

## SEPT. 13TH - SEPT. 19TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 82,041.95
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 4,949.94
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 4,594.50
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$ 1,092.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 1,761.00

**TOTAL | \$ 94,439.83** \*Includes Online Giving

## SEPT. 20TH - SEPT. 26TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 58,582.56
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 4,482.54
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,651.50
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$ 739.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 737.00

**TOTAL | \$ 68,193.04** \*Includes Online Giving

## SEPT. 27TH - OCT. 3RD GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 99,976.61
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 8,986.14
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 4,743.50
US DISASTER RECOVERY	\$ 3,718.52
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 3,284.95

**TOTAL | \$ 120,709.72** \*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. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**BIRTHDAY:** 1181 or 1182

**BIRTHPLACE:** Assisi, Italy

**DIED:** October 3, 1226

**FEAST DAY:** October 4th

***Continued from last week's bulletin.***

His moving warmth and sincerity began attracting devoted disciples. A rich merchant named Bernard Quintavalle invited Francis to stay at his house and after a long night of talking, Bernard was convinced of Francis' dedication to the Lord and sold all his goods, gave the proceeds to the poor, and joined him. Another man, Peter de Cattaneo, also began following Francis, and together they traveled to the Portiuncula with him where they built small huts near his and received one of the rough tunics he was wearing, which would become their new habits.

Around 1209, now with companions alongside him, Francis now knew there needed to be a set direction for their lives. He picked up the Bible, and randomly flipped it to three different readings. The first he landed on was the command from Jesus to the rich, young man to sell at that he had and give to the poor. The second reading was the order of Jesus to the apostles to take nothing on their journey, and the final landing spot was the demand to take up the cross daily.

"This shall be our rule of life", Francis declared, and from then on, the group grew steadily in numbers as they set out among the countryside to proclaim the good news of the Lord through their radical poverty.

After a year, Francis had eleven followers and the group called themselves "the Penitents from Assisi." Francis decided to head to Rome to get approval from Pope Innocent III to recognize his group as an official religious order. There are varying accounts of how Francis came to stand before the pope, but many report that upon arriving in Rome, the brothers came across Bishop Guido of Assisi (the same Bishop who in front of, Francis had renounced his father) who was traveling alongside the Cardinal Bishop of Sabina, Giovanni di San Paolo. Cardinal Giovanni also happened to be the confessor of the pope. The Cardinal agreed to present Francis, and reluctantly Pope Innocent III met with Francis and his brothers the following day.

Many advisors to the Pope looked down harshly upon Francis and his mode of life, deeming it impractical and unsafe, and the Pope listened hesitantly as he considered the matter. Francis was persistent and passionate, and Pope Innocent III chose to informally approve the group. He added that when "God increased the group in grace and number, they could return for an official admittance." Before they could even return to Assisi, Pope Innocent reportedly was moved by a vivid dream in which he saw Francis holding the teetering Basilica of St. John Lateran upon his shoulders. Encouraged by this dream, he summoned Francis and his companions and officially approved of their mission, with the conditions that they always get the proper consent from local church authorities and choose a leader for ecclesiastical authorities to communicate with.

According to tradition, this official founding of the

Franciscan Order occurred on April 16, 1210, and with Francis naturally being elected the leader, the group was tonsured (the practice of shaving some of the hair on the scalp as a sign of religious devotion or humility) and returned to Assisi in jubilation.

The early years of the Friars Minor (named by Francis as such to remind them of their humility) were spent training the brothers in embracing actions of poverty and brotherly love. They traveled two-by-two, announcing to the people in the towns surrounding Assisi the joys and wonders of the Lord. They would sleep in haylofts or on church porches, worked alongside laborers in the fields, and if no work was available, would beg. He encouraged his brothers to follow these commands so literally that when a thief stole the hood of one brother, Francis invited him to run after the man and offer him his robe too.

The brothers gained immense attention by their starkly different way of life. Their Order quickly grew at an astonishing rate, and Francis was often preaching in up to five villages per day. He gained a special recognition for his love with all natural phenomena, including the sun, moon, air, water, etc. He loved nature, and many stories tell of him "preaching to the birds" when a group of noisy swallows were disturbing his preaching. The birds immediately fell silent and stood all around him, listening intently as he spoke of God's praise. Another legend tells of Francis taming a killer wolf near Gubbio that had terrorized the town; Francis persuaded it to cease attacking the local people if they agreed to feed "Brother Wolf" as he called it. He wrote a famous "Canticle of the Creatures" (or "Canticle of the Sun") in which he mentions Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and other embraces of God in nature.

As the legend of Francis grew, many unexpected followers flocked to his side. Among those was a young heiress of Assisi named Clare, who was moved while hearing him preaching during Lent of 1212. You can learn more about this future saint, whose relic will also be present in the Our Lady of the Angels Chapel here. Clare would go on to form the first monastery of the Second Franciscan Order, who became known as the Poor Ladies and eventually the Poor Clares.

As the Order began to grow far and wide, Francis grew determined to spread the Gospel not just across Italy but across the world. In spring of 1212, he set course for Jerusalem with the hopes to convert the Saracens, but rough seas ended up leaving Francis shipwrecked and forced to return to Assisi. The same year, he tried to make it to Morocco, but an illness caused him to end that endeavor early as well. In 1219, he made it to Egypt during the Fifth Crusade, and during a ceasefire he crossed army lines and entered the camps of the Muslims seeking to convert the Sultan of Egypt himself.

His biographers recount Francis boldly walking among the enemy army calling out, "Sultan! Sultan!" When he was brought before the Sultan and told to state his errand, he boldly announced, "I am sent by the Most High God, to show you and your people the way of salvation by announcing to you the truths of the Gospel." The sultan received Francis courteously and was intrigued by his preaching, but ultimately wary of the passionate preacher

when he offered to challenge the Sultan's priests to a "trial by fire" in order to prove the truth and authenticity of the Gospel. Nonetheless, the sultan allowed Francis to pass through unharmed, and gave him permission to travel to the sacred places of the holy land and even preach there.

Following this visit, Francis hastened back to Italy because of trouble brewing since his absence. The Friars Minor had grown at an unprecedented rate, and the organizations' structure had not been able to keep up with the growth. Furthermore, the two vicars whom Francis had left in charge of the Order, had called a general chapter in which new or adjusted rules were causing strife among the friars.

The issues surrounded Francis on all sides: new fasts had been imposed upon the friars which were more severe than their rule required, a Cardinal had conferred on the Poor Ladies a new written rule that was essentially the same as the Benedictine Nuns, one motivated brother had assembled a large number of lepers with the hope of forming a new religious order with them and had already set out for Rome to seek approval, some of the friars in Bologna had built an opulent new monastery, and there was even a rumor spreading that Francis himself had passed away while in Egypt.

Sensing the Order to be on the verge of a serious crisis, Francis accepted that while some measure of change was needed in order to run the large organization, no change would ever divert the focus away from their founding principles: poverty, humility, and love of the Lord. In 1220, he resigned as minister general, and in May 1221, offered the first draft of a new and revised Rule for the Order. It was a very long and confusing document, and two years later he took to the solace of a mountain to rework it entirely. But when he returned with the rewritten rule, one of his brothers negligently lost the new draft, and Francis had to return to the mountain and write it all over again.

This revised rule was finally approved by Honorius III on November 29, 1223 and is known as the Second Rule, or the Franciscan Rule, as it is the one still observed the Friars Minor to this day. It is based on the three specific vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, with the notion that a special focus be placed on poverty. It also set specific regulations for discipline, preaching, and entry into the Order.

This new rule ushered in stability and unity among the Friars, and upon its completion and approval, Francis began to withdraw from external affairs regarding the Friars Minor. The Order he had founded was back on the right track, and he felt peace in its trajectory.

Around 1223, Francis was praying on the mountain of Verna during a forty-day fast ahead of "Michaelmas", also known as the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. During his retreat, he meditated deeply on the sufferings of Christ, and around the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14), he had a vision of a winged seraph, nailed to a cross, flying towards him, followed by keen stabs of pain in hands, feet, and sides. He had received the very first stigmata, with the five wounds of Christ appearing on Francis.

The wounds, as well as a bout of trachoma affecting his eyes, weakened the great preacher, but he refused to stop spreading the word of God. He would regularly ride down the mountain to preach, heal people, and rein in any members of the Friars Minor who were stepping too far away from the ideals of the Order. He continued this



mission even as his health continued to slip away, with Francis undergoing gruesome treatments in an attempt to heal his ailments.

Francis paid a final visit to the future St. Clare at San Damiano (where he would compose the famous "Canticle of the Sun") before setting out for Assisi on his deathbed. So renowned was Francis that he was forced to take a roundabout path home, due to concerns over neighboring towns attempting to carry him off by force so that he might die in their town (thus awarding them the glory of possessing the coveted relics of the future saint).

He was able to safely return to his beloved Portiuncula, where he had finally discovered his true vocation, and he spent his final days in a small hut next to the building. The night before he died, he had bread brought to him and breaking it, he distributed it among those present, blessing them and saying, "I have done my part. May Christ teach you to do yours."

His final request was to leave the earth free of any last bit of attachment, and as the Gospel reading for Holy Thursday was read (the Passion according to St. John), he removed his habit, lay on the bare ground, and embraced "Sister Death" on October 3, 1226. He was 45 years old.

Francis in his humility had initially requested to be buried in a cemetery designated for criminals in the Colle d'Inferno (a despised hill where the criminals themselves were typically executed), but a crowd of people from Assisi came down to the Portiuncula to process his body to the church of St. George in Assisi. Numerous miracles were soon taking place at his tomb, and they were attributed to Francis.

On July 16, 1228, just two years after his passing, Pope Gregory IX canonized Saint Francis of Assisi, and laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of Saint Francis the very next day. Saint Francis was buried in the Basilica bearing his name on May 25, 1230, but the exact location of this tomb was later hidden on orders from the Friars Minor in order to protect it from Saracen invaders. It was rediscovered in 1818, refashioned between 1927 and 1930, and examined and confirmed to be authentic by a group of scholars appointed by Pope Paul VI in 1978.

Saint Francis of Assisi is an incredibly admirable saint. He followed the teachings of Jesus Christ with a vigor, dedication, and literal nature that led many to view him as being utterly insane. However, those that once chased "God's fool" out with mud and stones would soon have their hearts moved by his renouncement of the world, rebuilding of God's churches, and renewal of the Catholic faith that this great saint brought about through his reckless love of Jesus and His people.

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

# 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**.

**STAOPCS is seeking substitute teachers for the school year.** We are looking for all substitutes to help in our classrooms (Prek3-8). Please email your resume to [vtucker@staopcs.org](mailto:vtucker@staopcs.org)

**Spirit Night @ Grub Burger Bar on 10/13!** Say that you're with St. Anthony of Padua Catholic school and some of the profits for the evening come back to our school!

## JOB OPENING

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is seeking a part-time facilities technician. This person will provide support for groups meeting on campus. This support includes setting up tables and chairs and other items needed for events. This person will also assist with minor maintenance of buildings and grounds and will be responsible for opening and locking the facilities. No previous facilities experience is required.

- Applicants must be over the age of 18;
- Must be able to lift 40 pounds;
- Must be able to push and pull heavy carts;
- Can work in a standing position;
- Can work outdoors.
- Weekday evening shifts and weekend shifts are rotated with other technicians.

**Send letter of interest to [jbraun@ap.church](mailto:jbraun@ap.church).**

## ST. JOHN PAUL II RELIC

**Veneration of a First-Class Relic of St. John Paul II Friday, October 22, 2021 • 3:00 PM Daily Mass St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish • Spring, Texas**



Celebrate the feast day of St. John Paul II with the opportunity for veneration of a first-class relic of his blood. This

relic is being brought to St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish from the St. John Paul II Foundation, who received it as a gift from His Eminence, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, who was personal secretary for St. John Paul II.

It will be a perfect opportunity to honor this great saint and pray for his intercession, especially for the married couples, medical professionals, and clergy that the St. John Paul II Foundation serves through their mission for life and family!



## BEYOND THE BULLETIN

**Guess who's back, back again. Beyond the Bulletin is back, tell a friend!**

When Covid-19 shutdown public Masses and parish activities, our beloved podcast sadly also fell victim to the pandemic. But after a long hiatus, we're back and better than ever. Join Nate Hoffman and Michael Gormley as they turn the page on Beyond the Bulletin and talk about the new direction and purpose of our parish podcast!

Listen at **[beyondthebulletin.church](https://beyondthebulletin.church)**, or on your favorite podcast app!

# LITURGY & PRAYER

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

**ALL SAINTS DAY • NOVEMBER 1ST**

**9AM** (English) • **12PM** (English) • **6:45PM** (Spanish)

**ALL SOULS DAY • NOVEMBER 2ND**

**9AM** (English) • **12PM** (English) • **6:45PM** (Spanish)

Beginning Saturday, October 16th, The Book of the Names of the Dead will be near the Pascal Candle at the Baptismal font. We invite you to write the names of your loved ones in that book at anytime before the November 2nd 9 AM Mass.

Prior to mass you will have the opportunity to write your loved ones names on a card to be presented at the Preparation of the Gifts Candles will be lit for and remain burning for one week. We hope you can join us in prayer.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

The Church teaches that whatever is set aside for use in liturgy takes on "a certain sacred character both by the blessing it receives, and the sacred function it fulfills." Thus, the cloths used at the altar in the course of the Holy Mass need to be treated with care and due reverence. If you are interested in assisting with the cleaning and care of our beautiful altar linens, **contact Rocio Magallanes: romagallanes@icloud.com**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The mission of 40 Days for Life is a focused campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. Join us for a STAOP Prayer Vigil for Life

**WHEN?** Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15 AM

**DATES:** October 12, 19, 26

**WHERE?** Planned Parenthood, 4747 Louetta Rd., Spring

## 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 Vaishall 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](mailto: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!



# OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONS

## COMPUTER DONATIONS

Catholic Daughters (CDA) and Junior Catholic Daughters (JCDA) are partnering with Children's Books on Wheels, the Society of Samaritans, and after school tutoring programs for students and families in lower income communities by hosting a computer drive to collect computers you no longer need.

**The HP Refresh Program allows you to donate your unwanted computers to help these community services with remote schoolwork, homework, and job assistance programs.**

**Just bring your old computer by St Theresa Center from 8:30 AM - 11 AM on Nov. 14.** We will take them and wipe them clean with an HP program. If you would prefer, we can provide the program for you to do it yourself. You can also contact us at [cdacourt2699@gmail.com](mailto:cdacourt2699@gmail.com) for more information or a different drop off time.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls' Troop is made up of girls aged 5-18 who meet together to enjoy learning new skills, giving service, growing in their faith, practicing leadership, experiencing teamwork, building friendships and strengthening character. We provide opportunities for the girls to earn merit badges, sports pins, religious awards, and service stars. [ahgtx1180.trooptrack.com](http://ahgtx1180.trooptrack.com)

## AL ANON

All family members or friends who have been, or are being affected by someone else's alcoholism or addiction are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, you can contact Joe at 713-252-7623 or Debbie at 407-221-7038. All inquiries and attendance are strictly confidential. **All are welcome on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM in the St Teresa Center Room 120.**

## SCOUT SLAM BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 7TH**

Join the Scouts for breakfast after the 7,9, and 11 AM Masses in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a plate with fluffy buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon strips and sausage links. \$5 per person \$20 per family.

## ADVENT WREATH SALE

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 13/14**

The Ladies Auxiliary will sell Advent Wreaths the weekend of November 13/14 in the Fellowship Hall. The wreaths are decorated by our members and are complete with a set of Advent Candles for \$25.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in Ministry Activities. Please visit our webpage at [ap.church/cof](http://ap.church/cof) for details on more Events.

## SENIOR PALS

Anyone 50+ is invited to join our community! We host a multitude of events every month! There is a monthly meeting, trips, luncheons, and other activities to participate in. For more information, **call Joan Sabino at 281-298-6683**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 12327 is for Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. It is through these five service areas – Faith, Community, Family, Youth and Fellowship – that we truly make a difference. **Visit : [kofc12327.org](http://kofc12327.org)**

# ADULT FAITH & SACRAMENTS

## ACTS DISCERNMENT

We are pleased to announce that we will have our next **ACTS Retreat for Women in English, March 3-6, 2022.**

**Thinking about teaming this year? Discernment meetings are Tuesday October 19th and October 26th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Paduan Center (AMR).**

Join us and enjoy visiting with your ACTS sisters, pray, "break bread", meet the leadership team, learn about the retreat theme, sing, reflect, listen to various ways you can participate, and then decide if you are being called by the Holy Spirit to team on this retreat.

We look forward to seeing everyone! If you have any questions, feel free to email us at **acts.2022.staop@gmail.com** or call us.

## 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. We have various classes and programs and we would love to talk to you about what program would be the best fit for you.

### WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those baptized in another Christian faith tradition

Those who are interested in learning more about Catholicism and interested in Converting, Please email Mary Batey at **mbatey@ap.church**.

## RETIRO DE ACTS

**Retiro de ACTS para Mujeres en Español  
Noviembre 11-14, 2021**

Un retiro de ACTS es una actividad parroquial que ofrece a sus feligreses la experiencia de un encuentro con el amor de Jesucristo. Esto a su vez fomenta el deseo del discipulado. El retiro de ACTS es dirigido por miembros de la parroquia y llevado a sus mismos feligreses.

El retiro inicia el jueves por la tarde y termina con la misa del domingo en la parroquia. Utilizando oración, servicio y enseñanza, el retiro de ACTS toma lugar en el camino espiritual donde se encuentra cada participante. A través de los cuatro pilares del apostolado, adoración, comunidad, teología y servicio, se les invita a los participantes a que consideren por medio de la oración, como corresponder a su infinito amor y rendirse por completo a Jesús con la finalidad de experimentar una nueva vida con El.

Para registrarse visite **ap.church/retreats**. El costo del retiro es \$225.

## EL CAMINO

El Camino es un grupo donde poder redescubrir, crecer y fortalecer tu Fe en un ambiente amigable, respetuoso y sin presiones, que responde a la Nueva Evangelización a la que estamos invitados.

¡con un programa totalmente dinámico y actual, especialmente diseñado para ti! Este año estudiaremos el programa:

### "PARA QUE TODOS TE CONOZCAN: INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA"

- Curso Gratuito. Todos los jueves de 6-8:30 PM
- Cada mes: 3 reuniones vía Zoom, y 1 reunión presencial en el AMR de St Anthony of Padua.
- A partir del 9/Septiembre/2021 (Zoom)

El Camino siempre tiene abiertas sus puertas para ti! **elcaminostaop@outlook.com**

# 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](https://ap.church/aff)

## 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. :**

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## PRAYER SERIES

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This semester we will be studying the book *Blessed, Beautiful, & Bodacious* by Pat Gohn. For more information and to register. Contact Katie at [mrsgreen.katie@gmail.com](mailto:mrsgreen.katie@gmail.com) or Meg at [mmv0818@comcast.net](mailto:mmv0818@comcast.net)

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