# FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# DECEMBER 19, 2021



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH • DECEMBER 19, 2021** 7801 Bay Branch Dr. • The Woodlands, TX 77382 • 281-296-2800 • AP.CHURCH

# WELCOME HOME



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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 is 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.

**WEDNESDAY |** 6 - 8 PM English On Dec. 22nd there will only be 2 priests.

**SATURDAY |** 8 - 10 AM English & Español No Confession on December 25th.

# ADORATION CHAPEL

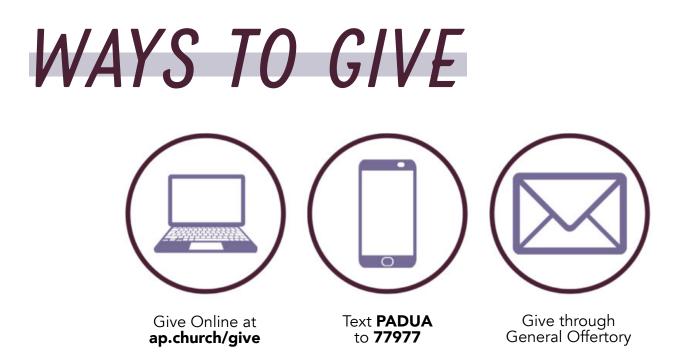
All are welcome to visit Christ in the chapel. It is open :

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** 





### NOV. 22ND - NOV. 28TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 70,014.23
SAB & THANKS PROJECT	\$ 4,476.94
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 4,620.50
CAMP. FOR HUMAN DEV.	\$ 1,054.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,511.00

TOTAL | \$ 82,677.11 \*Includes Online Giving

### NOV. 29TH - DEC. 5TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 100,338.82
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 9,217.69
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 5,392.05
DSF	\$ 9,013.48
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 6,834.94

TOTAL | \$ 130,796.98 \*Includes Online Giving

# DEC. 6TH - DEC. 12TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 71,407.32
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 12,996.94
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,052.50
FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS \$ 10,689.23	
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 20,845.00
TOTAL   \$ 118,990,99 */nc	ludes Online Givina

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# DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

The Diocesan Service Fund is an annual fundraising drive by our Archdiocese that supports over 60 Archdiocesan-wide ministries and services, all of which are essential to the greater mission of the church. Some of those ministries are dedicated to serving the retired clergy of the Archdiocese. The Clergy Pastoral Outreach Ministry and the Residence for Retired Priests continue to care and provide for these men. This was possible due to the generous gifts to support the Diocesan Services Fund.

Another ministry supported by the DSF is the Office of the permanent Diaconate. The Archdiocese is estimated to have the third most permanent deacons in the United States. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is responsible for all aspects associated with the formation of deacon candidates and the ongoing formation and coordination of the Archdiocese's permanent diaconate community. Currently, the Archdiocese has 423 permanent deacons and 138 additional men that are considered "inquirers" as they discern the call to this vocation. Through DSF, Deacons can provide ministry outreach to the marginalized in the community, such as those in prisons and hospitals that would not be possible due to a shortage of priests.

You can make a gift to the DSF at **ap.church/dsf**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping St. Anthony's support our Archdiocese.

# POSADA NAVIDEÑA

We invite you to participate in the Posada Navideña 2021. Let us open our hearts in preparation for the arrival of Our Lord Jesus.

The Posada will take place on Sunday, December 19th after Holy Mass at 1:00 pm. There will be a living rosary, Litany, and request for a posada, followed by a gathering with food from various countries, fruit punch and candy for the children. There will also be games and piñata.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS INN**

We need volunteers to help serve food, be part of the Living Rosary and / or to donate a traditional dish from your country, candy or 2-liter sodas for the Posada.

#### If interested contact by WhatsApp or by text: Lucy Andrade 281 706 4390 or Maritza Correa 832 907 0709

You can bring candy donations to the lobby of the parish office, there is a plastic box with a sign to deposit them. Let's all help to make St. Anthony of Padua our home away from home!

### HISTORY OF LAS POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

The gospels of Matthew and Luke tell us that Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem on the eve of Jesus' birth. When they were unable to find a place to sleep for the night, a kind innkeeper allowed the family to stay in his stable. It was there that Mary gave birth to Jesus, placing him in a crib fashioned for him out of a manger. They were soon to be visited by shepherds, wise men and angels.

Las Posadas Navideñas—The Christmas Inns—is a nine-day religious observance meant to honor Mary and Joseph's quest for shelter. Every night from Dec. 16-24, neighbors gather to recreate the Holy Family's experience. They sing, pray and celebrate in preparation for the Savior's birth in their hearts once again at Christmas.

Immigrants in search of refuge much like the Holy Family, brought this 400-year-old Latin American tradition to their new countries. La Parroquia de San Antonio de Padua y el Ministerio Hispano cordialmente les invitan a participar en la Posada Navideña 2021. Abramos nuestros corazones en preparación a la llegada de Nuestro Señor Jesús.

#### La posada se llevará a cabo el Domingo 19 de Diciembre después de la Santa Misa de 1:00pm

Habrá rosario viviente, Letanía y petición de posada, seguida de un convivio con comida de diversos países, ponche y dulces para los niños. También habrá juegos y piñata. ¡No se la pueden perder!

### VOLUNTARIOS PARA LA POSADA NAVIDEÑA

Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a servir comida, formar parte del Rosario viviente y/o también donar comida típica, dulces o sodas de 2 litros para la Posada.

#### Interesados comunicarse por Whatsapp o por texto con: Lucy Andrade 281 706 4390 ó Maritza Correa 832 907 0709

Pueden traer sus dulces (mexicanos o locales) al lobby de la oficina de la parroquia, hay una caja de plástico trasparente con un letrero para depositarlos. ¡Ayudemos todos para hacer de St. Anthony of Padua nuestra casa fuera de casa!

### HISTORIA DE LAS POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

Los evangelios de Mateo y Lucas nos dicen que José y María viajaron a Belén en la víspera del nacimiento de Jesús. Cuando no pudieron encontrar un lugar para dormir por la noche, un amable posadero permitió que la familia se quedara en su establo. Fue allí donde María dio a luz a Jesús, colocándolo en un pesebre a falta de una cuna para él. Pronto serían visitados por pastores, sabios y ángeles.

Las Posadas Navideñas es una celebración religiosa de nueve días destinada a honrar la búsqueda de refugio de María y José. Todas las noches del 16 al 24 de diciembre, los vecinos se reúnen para recrear la experiencia de la Sagrada Familia. Rezan, cantan, y celebran en preparación para el nacimiento del Salvador en sus corazones una vez más en la Navidad.

Los inmigrantes en busca de refugio al igual que la Sagrada Familia, trajeron esta tradición latinoamericana de 400 años a sus nuevos países.

# LITURGY & PRAYER

# SIMBANG GABI

### MONDAY • DECEMBER 20, 2021 • 7:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Simbang Gabi, an ageless Filipino tradition, rich in culture handed down through generations. It is a novena of Masses for peace, unity, and family leading up to Christmas. Simbang Gabi is celebrated to observe a deep homage and fervor for the Blessed Mother. All are welcome to celebrate this religious Filipino tradition.



### SUNDAY READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 19, 2021

- First Reading : Micah 5:1-4
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
- Second Reading : Hebrews 10:5-10
- Gospel Reading : Luke 1:39-45

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah. Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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# OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONS

# THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Thanksgiving Project. We had about 200 volunteers on our distribution days and we had hundreds of families participate in the project through the month of November. Thank you!

### Families Served : 1,693 families Individuals Served : 6,920 individuals

### POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED:

1,700 Turkeys from HEB 1,700 Hams from HEB 1,700 pies from HEB 200 extra turkeys from MCFB 1,693 TGP-Box Box of Cereal Box of Produce (Qty 800) **TOTAL**  23,800 lbs 5,100 lbs 3,400 lbs 2,800 lbs 52,483 lbs 1,100 lbs 12,800 lbs **101,483 lbs** 









# ADVENT PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Advent Project. The Advent Project supported multiple ministries in our community and we are grateful for your support. Thank you!

### Kolbe Halfway House: Socks & Sweatshirts:

1240 items, which includes 1035 pairs of socks

### SVDP/KOC

Coats 184 coats between the drive and their own members participating

**St. Clare Prayer Blanket Ministry:** Fabric for 83 blankets.

### **PACN/Loving Choice:**

Diapers/Wipes and Formula: 315 items, which included diapers, wipes, and formula

### **Catholic Charities:**

Toys/Gifts = 1,349 total Gift Cards = 217 cards (\$7,080.00 total value)

# ALTAR GUILD

St. Benedict's Altar Guild at St. Anthony of Padua is a service organization formed to serve the priests, the deacons, and the parish by preparing the sanctuary for liturgical events and by caring for the wares necessary for our liturgies.

Volunteers in the ministry reflect the Catholic tradition of preparing the altar and sanctuary for Mass, caring for the vestments and altar linens, providing flowers in the sanctuary, taking care of the candles throughout the church, caring for the holy water fonts, polishing the brass appointments on the candles, and preparing for funerals.

We are always looking for new members. Training is provided. Contact Brian Jones for more information: bjones@ap.church

# OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONS

# ST. LEONARD SOCIETY

St. Leonard Society makes specially designed rosaries for incarcerated men and women in prisons throughout the state of Texas.

Even though rosaries may be readily available to us, those who are imprisoned have to request one, and can wait up to two years to get it due to the lack of supply. SLRG has provide 9000 plus rosaries over the last four years. .

Visit our website at **ap.church/outreach** if you are interested in helping with this ministry even from the comfort of your own home!

# KOLBE PRISON MINISTRY

Kolbe Prison Ministries is an apostolate to those incarcerated in Texas prisons. We run three day retreats in multiple state prison units, proclaiming the Gospel to hundreds of men each year. Other opportunities to help at the Ferguson Unit with a) Bible Timeline Program, b) RCIA classes or c) Monday "lay-in" sessions. Visit **ap.church/ outreach** for more information

### FIRST SATURDAY STUDY

Join with others to understand the Fatima message as well as the unique importance of the First Saturdays within the context of the entire Fatima Message. Discussion content is from the book, Fatima and the First Saturdays.

The study group will :Be one hour, once a week for 13 weeks. The group will be held via Zoom and will begin the week of January 9th, 2022 (different days and times available).

- Sundays from 7-8 PM
- Tuesdays from 1-2 PM
- Tuesdays from 7-8 PM
- Wednesdays from 7-8 PM
- Thursdays from 7-8 PM
- Visit our website for registration communalfirstsaturdays.org/study-groups

# 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** 

# 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.** 

# GRIEF SUPPORT

### HOPE: HELPING OUR PAIN EASE

HOPE is a 7-week adult informative grief support group open to all those interested in processing and learning more about coping with the death of a loved one either recently or in the distant past. There is no cost to attend; sessions are limited to 10 participants.

#### SESSIONS:

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm January 12, 2022 - February 23, 2022.

Call Jeanette Strauss at 936-273-3776 for more information and to register.

Please visit our website at ap.church/ organizations or ap.church/outreach for all the ways you can get involved!

# AROUND THE PARISH

# STAOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Anthony of Padua

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 visit: **AP.SCHOOL** or visit us on Facebook or Instagram **@apschooltx**.

### JANUARY 29-30, 2022

National Catholic School's Week Second Collection Supporting St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

### FEBRUARY 3, 2022

#### Future Family Open House at 6:30 PM.

Our Future Family Open House will give you the opportunity to meet members of our faculty, learn about our academics and activities, and visit your future students' classrooms.

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

St. Anthony of Padua's **Steps for Students** team will be raising funds to fund a technology iPad cart to facilitate our new NWEA testing program. This is critical in allowing our testing to be conducted more efficiently among all grade levels. Thank you for supporting this effort!

Join or support our team at **runsignup.com/ap-school!** 

- **December 27, 2021:** Deadline to guarantee your Archdiocesan race t-shirt size AND the last day to order Dri-Fit shirts.
- January 26, 2021: Deadline to guarantee a "St. Anthony Race Shirt" sponsored by Doucet Safety Analysis.
- January 31, 2021: All race fees increase \$10



# YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and Joyous New Year! Programs are on break until the New Year. See our first 2022 Session Dates below:

- Life Teen Year 1 and UpperClass January 9
- Anchor January 11
- EDGE January 11
- Confirmation January 5

### STEUBENVILLE LONESTAR

Join us this summer for a road trip to the Dallas, Texas area for the Steubenville Lone Star Conference! June 24-26, 2022

The theme for the conference is FEARLESS. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and inspire teens in their journey with Christ. Amazing speaker lineup includes Fr. Joseph Espaillat, Emily Wilson, Bob Lesnefsky, and Andrew Laubacher

Open to current (2021) 8th – 12th Graders. More information can be found at **stanthonyym.org/ summer-trips** 



# BEYOND THE BULLETIN

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,** or on your favorite podcast app!

# ADULT FORMATION

# 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 the best fit for you.

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

# ANNULMENTS

The ending of a marriage is a difficult experience, and divorce is one of life's tragedies. Many marriages end in divorce in spite of good intentions and the establishment of a family. We are sensitive to the pain and stress that a failed marital relationship brings to all involved. We are here to assist those who petition for a possible annulment. For more information and FAQ's about annulments, visit **ap.church/annulments**. Questions? Contact Mary Batey at **mbatey@ap.church** 

# MARRIAGES

Are you newly engaged and looking to get married in the Catholic Church? Contact us at least 9-12 months before your desired wedding date. We are here to answer your questions and help you receive the sacrament of Marriage! For all inquires visit: **ap.church/marriage** 

# 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** 



# LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

(LTMTP) is a three-part prayer series, rooted in Ignatian spirituality. It helps deepen prayer life and offers ways to overcome dryness and obstacles in prayer. It introduces the methods of Ignatian prayer: meditation, contemplation, and Consciousness Examen

There will be two Part 1 Sessions available starting in the Spring.

Visit our website ap.church/events for more information and registration.



# ADULT FORMATION

# THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The heart of The Great Adventure is The Bible Timeline<sup>™</sup> Learning System. The Bible Timeline<sup>™</sup> 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 Spring semester, starting in January, we will have different classes offered morning, afternoon, and evening.

- Revelation Tuesday Mornings
- Prophets Wednesday Evenings
- Prophets Thursday Mornings
- 1st Corinthians Friday Mornings

Registration will open on December 1st. For more info and registration: **ap.church/aff** 

### 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** 



# MEN'S ACTS DISCERNMENT

ACTS English Men's Discernment Meetings: Join us and enjoy visiting with your ACTS brothers, pray, "break bread", meet the leadership team, listen to various ways you can participate, and then decide if you are being called by the Holy Spirit to team on this retreat.

**The retreat will be May 12-15, 2022.** We look forward to seeing everyone!

### **DISCERNMENT MEETINGS:**

Monday, Jan. 3rd from 6:30-8:30 in the AMR. Monday, Jan. 10th from 6:30-8:30 in the AMR.

### ACTS WOMENS RETREAT

ACTS Women's English Retreat offers an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ which fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. The Retreats begin on Thursday evenings and end with Sunday Mass in the parish. Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people wherever they are on their Spiritual Journey. Through the four pillars of the apostolate, adoration, community, theology, and service, retreatants are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to His love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have a new life with Him.

The retreat will take place **March 3-6, 2022** at Circle Lake Retreat Center.

Registration is now open at **ap.church/events** 

### YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s? Do you desire to meet other young adults? Do you desire to grow in your faith? Then come join us! We are re-starting the St. Anthony's Young Adult Group, and we'd love to have you. For info, contact Betsy Cole at **youngadult@ap.church** about our upcoming events.

# ADULT FORMATION

### CRISTIFICATE

#### CRISTIFICATE ¡Cristifiquemos al mundo y no mundanicemos a Cristo! ¡Imitemos la vida de virtudes de Jesús!

Ven y conoce de una forma amena y sencilla sobre la necesidad de vivir en clave de eternidad y cómo una vida de virtudes es básica para ser santos -y felices-.

Este año nuestro curso será sobre Teología Moral, de Ricardo Sada y Alfonso Monroy. La moral cristiana expuesta en forma sencilla y actualizada. Un compendio orgánico y estructurado de las normas del actuar moral, puesto al día y con total fidelidad al Magisterio perenne de la Iglesia. Diseñado para todas aquellas personas que desean ser consecuentes en las variadas circunstancias que presenta la existencia diaria, resolviéndolas de acuerdo al querer de Dios.

### CALENDARIO

Lunes from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in PLB Room 202. El curso comienza Sept 13, 2021 y termina Mayo 2nd, 2022.

#### REGISTRARSE

NO COSTO. Enviar Nombre complete, Número complete de WhatsApp, Ciudad y País, Parroquia a la que pertenece **cursocristificate@gmail.com** 

### ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY

St. Monica's Society is for mothers of school age children. They share the joys and struggles of motherhood and learn more about how to apply their faith to their vocation. St. Monica's Society holds weekly Friday Meetings at noon.

# This January-February they will be studying the book *Embracing Edith Stein-Wisdom*

**for Women.** by Rev William P Saunders Ph D. For more information and to register. Contact Katie at mrsgreen.katie@gmail.com or Meg at mmv0818@comcast.net

Please visit our website at ap.church/aff for all the upcoming Bible Studies, Classes, and Community Groups in English and Spanish!

# TALLERES DE ORACION

La inscripción es por correo electrónico a Cecilia Brossard brossard\_cecilia@yahoo.com o Monica Lozano mlozano0804@gmail.com Duración: 15 sesiones Una sesion de dos horas por semana.

#### Un Taller de Oración y Vida es:

- **Primero.** Ante todo un método práctico para aprender a orar, igual que en un taller en que, trabajando se aprende a trabajar, aquí, orando, se aprende a orar. Paso a paso se aprende a entrar en una relación personal con el Señor.
- **Segundo**. También es Taller de Vida. Por la práctica de la fé y el abandono, y como consecuencia de la práctica de la oración, casi sin pretenderlo, el tallerista va sanando las heridas del corazón, sofocando las angustias del alma, ahuyentando los miedos. Desaparece la tristeza y se recupera la alegría del vivir.
- **Tercero**. Contemplando la figura de Jesús y copiando sus rasgos, lentamente el tallerista va transformándose en una persona paciente como Jesús, humilde como Jesús, comprensivo como Jesús, manso y bondadoso como Jesús. Así el tallerista llega a superarse a sí mismo y a trascender sus propios límites.

# TMIY!

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 at 5:30 AM - 7 AM in the Parish Life Building Room 205. All men are welcome!

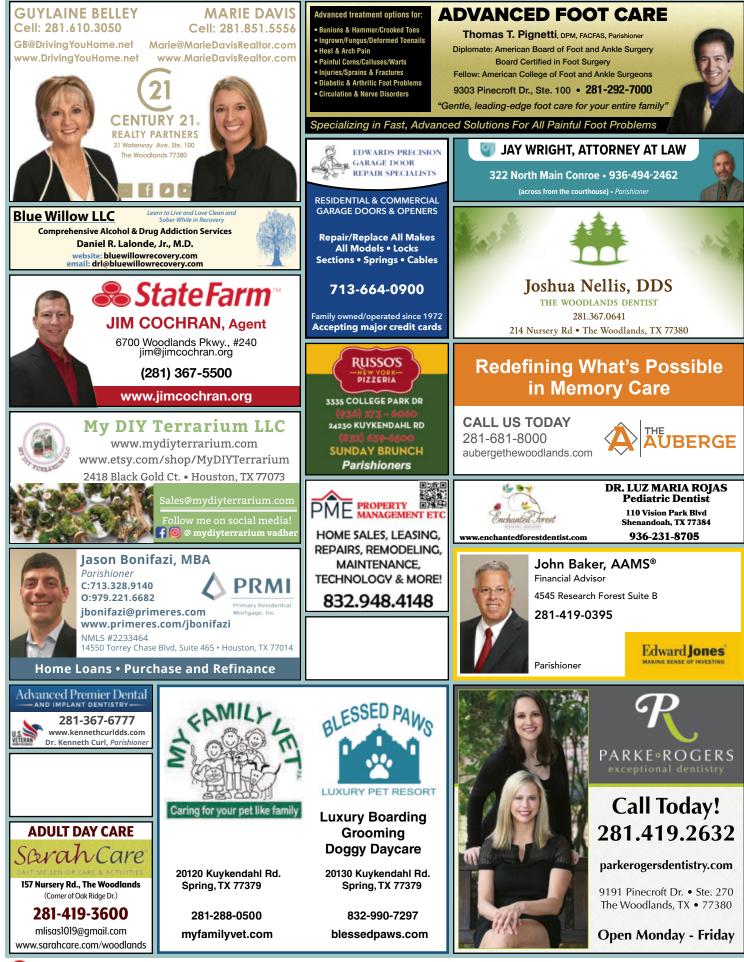




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### FRIDAY • DECEMBER 24

- 9:00 AM Daily Mass
  Friday Daily Mass
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church - Contemporary Music Gym - Cantor & Accompanist
- 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass Church - Traditional & Bell Choir Gym - Cantor & Accompanist
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Contemporary Music
- Midnight Christmas Eve Mass Traditional Choir & Orchestra

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 25

- 7:00 AM Christmas Day Mass Cantor & Accompanist
- 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass Cantor & Accompanist
- 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass Cantor & Accompanist
- 1:00 PM Christmas Day Mass Spanish - Luz y Sal
- There will not be a 6:00 PM Christmas Mass nor will there be a 5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Sunday.
- There will not be Confessions on Saturday, December 25.

### SUNDAY • DECEMBER 26

 Feast of the Holy Family Normal Sunday Mass Schedule except there is no 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

### FRIDAY • DECEMBER 31

• Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God 6:45 PM Mass in English

### SATURDAY • JANUARY 1

- Reconciliation 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM in the Church
- Mary Mother of God Mass 10:00 AM in English
- Vigil Mass for Feast of the Epiphany 5:00 PM Mass in English

### SUNDAY • JANUARY 2

- Feast of the Epiphany Normal Sunday Mass Schedule
- Eucharistic Procession 3:00 PM - Join us for a Eucharistic Procession to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.