

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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MASS TIMES

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has issued a decree removing the general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation effective Sunday, January 2nd, 2022.

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



WAYS TO GIVE



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ap.church/give



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to **77977**



Give through
General Offertory

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	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

DEC. 13TH - DEC. 19TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 101,983.97
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 8,329.94
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 12,320.05
DSF	\$ 11,749.46
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 14,287.44
TOTAL \$ 148,670.86	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

DEC. 20TH - DEC. 26TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 117,789.89
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 14,313.93
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 11,150.50
CHRISTMAS	\$ 46,998.55
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 10,518.44
TOTAL \$ 200,771.31	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

Current Figures are not available due to printing schedule.

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.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

BIRTHDAY: August 28, 1774

BIRTHPLACE: New York City

DIED: January 4, 1821

FEAST DAY: January 4th

PATRONAGE: Catholic Schools, Seafarers, Widows, Loss of Parents

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, a pillar in the foundation of the American Catholic Church, led a life that was not far removed from yours or mine. She didn't have any heavenly visions, she didn't levitate when she prayed, nor did she preach to the far ends of the Earth. Instead, she focused on two important and accessible devotions that would change her life and change the world: true abandonment to the will of God, and a passionate love for the Blessed Sacrament.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774. A daughter of the American revolution, she was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family just two years before the Declaration of Independence. Her father was one of the first health officials in New York City, and she enjoyed the prominence of growing up in the upper class of New York society.

Her mother, Catherine Charlton Bayley, would pass away in 1777, when Elizabeth was only three years old, and her baby sister died the following year. This early experience of sorrow and suffering led her to grow deeply attached to her father. Raised a staunch Episcopalian, she learned from him the value of prayer at a young age, and the Scriptures became a mainstay for young Elizabeth, who quickly became a prolific reader and would turn to the Bible as a source of instruction, support, and comfort.

By the age of 19, Elizabeth was a bright, beautiful young woman, who caught the eye of William Magee Seton, a hard-working businessman in the import trade industry. The two were married on January 25, 1794 and they moved into an upscale house on Wall Street. They enjoyed a straightforward life, with William busy at his family's shipping business, and Elizabeth raising their five children. The family was involved at the Trinity Episcopal Church, and Elizabeth started volunteering in the social ministry, caring for the sick and dying around New York City, eventually becoming a charter member of The Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children, founded in 1797.

This time of happiness and peace in Elizabeth's life would come to be short-lived however, as tragedy would soon strike her family yet again.

Her husband's father would pass away in the late 1700's, leaving the young couple in charge of the importing business, as well as taking in William's large extended family of half brothers and sisters. The Seton family fortunes dwindled due to the volatile economic climate at the time, and when a dispute between the United States and the French Republic led to chaos amidst the shipping industry, the family business sank and the Seton's were penniless.

Tormented by the crushing weight and worry of debt, William's health soon began to decline as well. He had suffered from tuberculosis for most of their married life, and now the stresses of life had worsened his condition. Elizabeth and her children would briefly move in with her father, who continued to work as a health officer for the Port of New York all the way up until his death in the early 1800's – another victim of the yellow fever epidemic.

At this point, Elizabeth had grieved more than she could have ever expected at such a young age. In the midst of all the loss and suffering, she more and more turned to her spiritual life as a source of inspiration, accepting the hardships as they came, and surrendering to the will of God.

She wrote a letter in May of 1802 that her soul was "sensibly convinced of an entire surrender of itself and all its faculties to God." Furthermore, amidst the troubles she faced, she wrote, "Troubles always create a great exertion of my mind, and give it a force to which at other times it is incapable... I think the greatest happiness of this life is to be released from the cares of what is called the world."

In 1803, a doctor suggested a trip to Italy in hopes the warmer climate would bolster William's health. Elizabeth, along with Anna Maria, their eldest daughter, set sail for Italy to visit their friends, the Felicchi family. In order to pay for the voyage, Elizabeth sold the last remaining possessions she had in New York – silver, vases, pictures, and anything of value.

When the family arrived in the port of Leghorn on November 19th their plans were abruptly derailed, as they were immediately placed in quarantine for a month as authorities were concerned about the transmission of yellow fever from New York. The three were placed in a stone tower located outside the city for a grueling month, with Elizabeth tending to her fading husband, entertaining Anna Maria with games and stories, and holding family prayer services to pass the time.

The three were released from the tower on December 19th. William would pass away only eight days later, dying on December 27, 1803.

Widowed and despairing, Elizabeth and her daughter were received by the Filicchi family, friends and business partners of her late husband. While waiting to return to America, Elizabeth began to attend the churches of her Italian friends, and she was captivated by the Catholic belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Impressed by her kindness, patience, and newly-developed interest in Catholicism, her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction. While she struggled with indecision about converting, she was riveted by the true presence, and eventually the truth was too great to ignore.

She returned to New York City, asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to guide her to the truth, and on March 14, 1805, she entered the Roman Catholic Church.

Many of her friends and family rejected her upon her conversion, and she pondered her next move. Details vary regarding the next stage of Elizabeth's life, but a few key events occurred.

Elizabeth met a visiting priest, the Abbé Louis William Valentine Dubourg, SS, a member of the French community of Sulpician Fathers and president of St. Mary's College in Baltimore. Dubourg was in the process of establishing the first Catholic seminary in the United States, and saw Elizabeth's need, as well as a spark. He suggested she start a school in order to support her family.

Around 1808, Elizabeth left New York and traveled to Emmitsburg, Maryland in order to start a school, which would become the Saint Joseph's Academy and Free School, the first free Catholic school in America. She was joined in Maryland by her daughters, her sisters-in-law (Cecelia Seton, one of her sisters-in-law, had also become a Roman Catholic), and a handful of young women who also saw Elizabeth's spark, and desired to follow her. The plans for a Sisterhood were fully underway.

In March of 1809, Elizabeth Seton pronounced her vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience before Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore. From that moment on, she was known as Mother Seton, and given some property in Emmitsburg, for which she used to found the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women in the United States. By 1811, the women had received the ecclesiastical authority needed to become an official religious order, and Mother Seton adopted the rules of the Daughters of Charity, which had been founded in France by St. Vincent de Paul. Buildings sprung up quickly in a flurry of activity, in order to accommodate the sisters, create a novitiate program, found a boarding school, an orphan asylum, and much more.

The remainder of Mother Seton's life was spent leading and developing the congregation. Two of her daughters passed away from tuberculosis in 1812 and 1816, and towards the end of the decade, she too was growing weak and subject to poor health. She

suffered greatly from the pain of tuberculosis over the course of her last three years of life, but felt peace in the knowledge that God was getting ready to call her home. On January 4, 1821, she began the prayers of the dying herself, and passed away later that night. She was 46 years old.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was beatified by Pope John XXIII on December 18, 1959. Three miracles were attributed to her in the 1900's, including the miraculous recovery of Carl E. Kalin, who after being diagnosed with meningitis of the brain in 1963, was comatose and given only a few hours left to live by his doctors. The New York chapter of the Sisters of Charity visited Kalin, and placed on him a relic of Seton, a piece of her bone, and prayed for her intercession. He woke a few hours later, healed completely.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was officially canonized a saint on September 14, 1975, by Pope Paul VI. She became the first native-born saint of the United States of America.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton led a quintessential life to be the charter saint for our great country. While seemingly ordinary in nature, she displayed an extraordinary ability to grow in faith and hope because of trial, not in spite of it. With her compassion, desire to help others, and attachment to the truth of the Catholic faith, she resigned herself to the will of the Lord, and in doing so, planted seeds of immense importance in our country regarding Catholic education and religious orders that we still see blooming today. A small thread of this very veil to place in the Our Lady of the Angels Chapel. May this relic guide us closer to Jesus in order to grow in faith and love for Him, just as the wearer of this beautiful veil demonstrated every day of her life.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has issued a decree removing the general dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation effective Sunday, January 2nd, 2022, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Cardinal is asking the Catholic faithful of our Archdiocese to resume regular Sunday Mass attendance, but please note that the normal dispensations (those who find it impossible to attend Mass, due to illness, advanced age, caring for a sick person, or being at high-risk for contracting COVID-19) are still in place. Those who cannot attend Mass for one of these reasons are encouraged to watch our live-streamed Mass and to meditate upon the Scriptures at home.

Also noteworthy among the new protocols is the ability to resume the use of holy water at our parish. We will soon begin the process of refilling the Holy Water font and stoups.

For the time being, the suspension of receiving the Precious Blood from a common chalice remains in effect.

We are excited to celebrate our upcoming liturgies with you, as well as welcome everyone back to the parish in the new year. Together, let us continue to love and glorify the Lord in 2022!

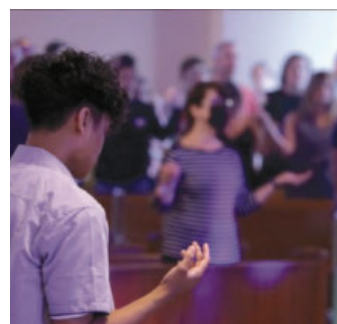
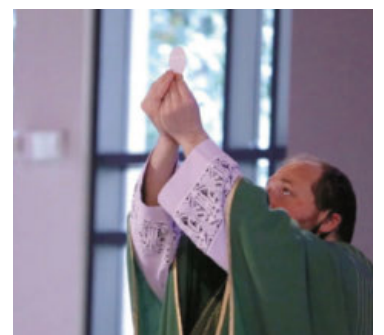
Cardenal Daniel DiNardo ha emitido un decreto que elimina la dispensa general de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical y en los días de obligación a partir del domingo 2 de enero de 2022, solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor.

El Cardenal está pidiendo a los fieles católicos de nuestra Arquidiócesis que reanuden la asistencia regular a la Misa dominical y en los días de obligación, tenga en cuenta que las dispensaciones normales (aquellos a quienes les resulta imposible asistir a Misa, debido a una enfermedad, edad avanzada, cuidado de una persona enferma o alto riesgo de contraer COVID-19) todavía están vigentes. Animo a aquellos que no pueden asistir a Misa por una de estas razones a que vean nuestra Misa en vivo y mediten sobre las Escrituras en casa.

También cabe destacar entre los nuevos protocolos, el de reanudar el uso de agua bendita en nuestra parroquia. Pronto comenzaremos el proceso de rellenar la Pila Bautismal y fuentes de Agua Bendita.

Por el momento, sigue vigente la suspensión de recibir la Preciosa Sangre de un cáliz común.

Estamos emocionados de celebrar nuestras próximas liturgias con ustedes, así como también darles la bienvenida a todos a la parroquia en el nuevo año. ¡Juntos, continuemos amando y glorificando al Señor en 2022!



LITURGY AND PRAYER

MASS READINGS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD • JANUARY 9, 2022

- First Reading : Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30
- Second Reading : Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
- Gospel : Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Background on the Gospel

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning

of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.. - Loyola Press - Sunday Connection

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**

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

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 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.

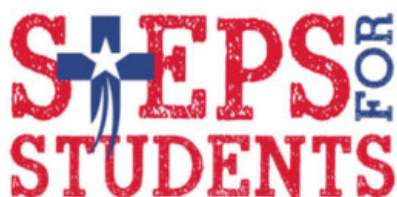
Our Future Family Open House will give you the opportunity to meet members of our faculty, learn about our academics and activities, and visit your future students' classrooms.

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/apschool!**

- **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 16
- Anchor – January 18
- EDGE – January 18

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

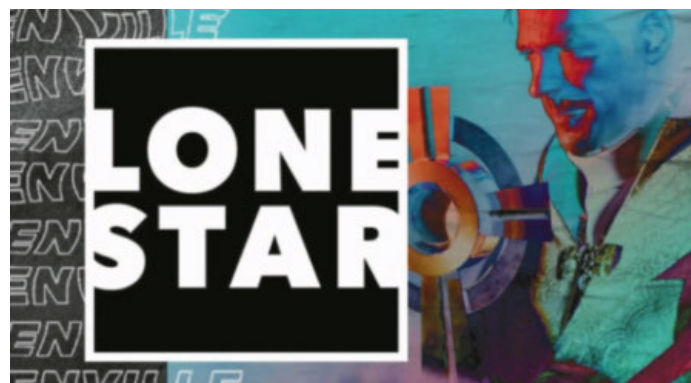
The Confirmation Retreat will be held February 4-6. Please pray for our Teens, Teen Assistants, Core Members, and Staff Members that the Holy Spirit will be upon us at retreat and reach the hearts of the teens preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. If you picked up a prayer card for a Confirmation teen and would like to send a note assuring them of your prayers and encouragement, please drop them off to the Parish Office by January 18.

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 Espailat, Emily Wilson, Bob Lesnefsky, and Andrew Laubacher

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



OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONS

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE

JANUARY 22, 2022

2022 marks 49 years since Roe v. Wade. Join thousands of Texans to march in support of each human life at Austin at the annual event Texas Rally for Life.

Join St. Anthony's and Sts. Simon and Jude this year. Visit ap.church/events to register for your spot on the bus!

Questions? Contact Curt Locklear at 512-434-9829 Visit texasrallyforlife.org for specific information about the Austin event.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 8:30 AM - Mass at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 9:00 AM - Pick up riders at St. Anthony's
- 9:15 AM - Pick up riders at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 12:30 PM - Arrive in Austin, TX
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - March and Rally
- 3:30 PM - Return to bus.
- 6:30 PM - Drop off at Sts. Simon and Jude
- 6:45 PM - Drop off at St. Anthony's.

*****PLEASE NOTE** The Texas Rally consists of a one-hour March through downtown Austin, followed by a one-hour Rally at the State Capitol building. The March will proceed through downtown Austin, for a distance of 2-2.5 miles, some of which requires walking up and down hills. Persons having mobility issues or difficulty walking long distances are encouraged to take appropriate precautions and/or bring any assistive devices they may need on the bus. Rally attendees who are unable to participate in the March are welcome to proceed directly to the State Capitol grounds for the Rally following arrival in Austin.



PRO-LIFE NIGHT OF PRAYER

JANUARY 21 - 22, 2022

Join Catholics across the country in praying for the protection of the unborn on January 21st and 22nd. St. Anthony's will be hosting a Night of Prayer starting with a Holy Hour in the Church followed by adoration in the Chapel and culminating with Mass on Saturday morning.



PRO-LIFE NIGHT OF PRAYER AGENDA

- **HOLY HOUR** : Friday, January 21, 9 PM in the Church for the entire parish.
- **ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL** : Friday Night through Saturday Morning, 10 PM - 10 AM. Reservations for a holy hour can be made at ap.church/dayofprayer
- **PRO-LIFE MASS** : The Night of Prayer will culminate at Mass on Saturday, January 22, 10 AM for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on the 49th anniversary of Roe v Wade.

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/outreach to volunteer with our Outreach Ministries.
Please visit our website at ap.church/organizations to get involved in our Parish Organizations.**

ADULT FORMATION

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Join other women at St. Anthony's this spring for a semester-long bible study! Weekly group sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

FEARLESS & FREE - STARTING FEB. 2ND!

Fearless and Free is a six-lesson Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. So many of us are wrestling through the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing. Suffering can slam into us from left field, leaving us reeling. This study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way. Register today at : 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 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 is now open. For more info and registration: ap.church/aff



LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

(LTMTTP) 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 One Sessions available starting on January 19th. Sign up today!

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



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

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

ADULT FORMATION

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

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

All are welcome every Wednesday morning after the 6 AM Mass to gather for scripture reflections of the day.

There is no registration or sign up for this group and no cost. We use "The Word Among Us" booklet for daily readings and reflections. Readings and reflections are also available free in the Laudate app. Visit ap.church/aff for information.

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 from 5:30 - 7 AM Parish Life Building room 205. All men are welcome. Visit ap.church/aff for info and registration.

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s? Do you desire to meet other young adults? For info, contact Betsy Cole at youngadult@ap.church about our upcoming events.

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. 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.

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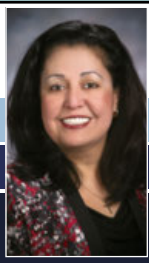
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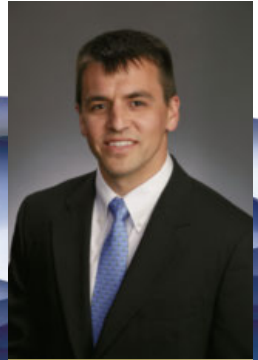
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