

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

LUKE 4:18



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



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to **77977**



Give through
General Offertory

DEC. 27TH - JAN. 2ND GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 186,703.99
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 13,512.70
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 6,526.70
DSF	\$ 9,910.00
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 9,315.64
TOTAL \$ 225,969.03	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

JAN. 3RD - JAN. 9TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 64,992.15
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 3,732.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,662.50
BISHOPS FUND	\$ 943.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 2,357.64
TOTAL \$ 75,688.23	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

JAN. 10TH - JAN. 16TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 84,580.13
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 3,156.50
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,471.50
BISHOPS FUND	\$ 1,299.94
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 1,503.00
TOTAL \$ 94,011.07	<i>*Includes Online Giving</i>

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. THOMAS AQUINAS

BIRTHDAY: 1225

BIRTHPLACE: Castle of Roccasecca

DIED: March 7, 1274

FEAST DAY: January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas was an invaluable gift to both the Catholic Church and to the world for his ability to bridge the gap between faith and reason. A 13th century Dominican friar, he is recognized today as the most significant figure in scholastic theology, and an unparalleled voice on biblical interpretations during the Middle Ages.

Thomas Aquinas was born in 1225, inside a castle owned by his parents, Count Landulf of Aquino and Theodora, the Countess of Teano. The family, with Thomas being the youngest child among his eight siblings, were descendant of Emperors Frederick I and Henry VI, though they were generally regarded as lower nobility in the Kingdom of Sicily.

At the age of five, Thomas was sent to study among Benedictine monks at the Abbey of Monte Cassino. He was regarded as a "witty child" who was often quizzical and curious, posing questions to the monks such as "What is God?" to the surprised monks.

Eventually the military conflict between the Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey in 1239, forcing 13-year-old Thomas to return to Naples. While studying at the University of Naples, he was attracted to the work of Aristotle and became greatly intrigued by philosophy. He also took interest in the newly founded Dominican order of friars, thanks to meeting John of St. Julian, a Dominican preacher who was part of an active effort to recruit more followers to their order.

Thomas was attracted to their emphasis on academic learning, poverty, purity, and a life of spiritual service, and at the age of 19, he secretly joined the order of Dominican monks.

When his family found out, they were outraged with his decision. His parents demanded that Thomas become a Benedictine instead, in order to enjoy a more affluent and influential position in the church; they couldn't stand to imagine their son begging as a poor monk.

The Dominicans attempted to prevent his parents from interfering with his decision and arranged to move him to Rome, but on their way to Rome, he was kidnapped by his own brothers and returned to his family's castle, San Giovanni at Rocca Secca.

His family tried desperately for an entire year to sway Thomas from his new beliefs as he was held captive, but instead he passed the time by tutoring

his younger sisters and secretly communicating with the Dominicans. His family even went so far as to offer him a position as Archbishop of Naples and hire a prostitute to attempt to break his resolve. He resolutely rejected both, and legend tells of Thomas chasing the prostitute out of his room with a flaming iron, branding a cross into his door, and then seeing two angels appear in a dream to strengthen his resolve to remain celibate.

When his mother realized their attempts were futile, Theodora arranged for him to escape through a window. So prideful was their family that they preferred a secret escape rather than appearing to accept his position at the sake of their family name.

After his escape around the year 1245, Thomas returned to Naples, where he resumed his studies with the Dominicans. He began studying theology at the University of Paris – the leading center for academic studies in Europe at the time – and likely fell under the wing of another future saint, Albert the Great. Albert was by far the best theological teacher Thomas could have met, and when he was sent to teach at a new university in Cologne in 1248, Thomas would follow the theologian, declining the offer of Pope Innocent IV to become the abbot of Monte Cassino.

Thomas was appointed magister studentium of the university by Saint Albert, but many were confused by the quiet, introverted friar with lopsided eyes, and he gained the nickname "the dumb ox." Nonetheless, after reading Thomas' thesis and finding it brilliant, Saint Albert proclaimed to the university, "We call this young man a dumb ox, but his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world!"

The next years of his life would find Thomas spending his time teaching and writing across Europe. He taught in Cologne as an apprentice professor, wrote commentaries on the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Lamentations, and rapidly gained prominence through his public speaking and preaching.

At the time in Medieval thought, many were struggling to reconcile the relationship between faith and reason. Many great minds of Christianity and brilliant philosophers were present, but few sought to harmonize the two prior to Thomas Aquinas.

Averroes, a Muslim Andalusian who wrote many books on philosophy and theology, had created a popular "theory of the double truth" at the time, which viewed the two types of knowledge, faith and reason, as being in direct opposition of each other.

Thomas preached a revolutionary new focus on the theological aspects of faith and the philosophical principles of reason not as contradicting opposites, but instead as complementary fountains of knowledge

that both flowed from God alone. Not only were the two compatible, according to Thomas, but he believed that "revelation could guide reason and prevent it from making mistakes, while reason could clarify and demystify faith."

To expand on the many teachings and defenses of faith that Thomas provided would require hours upon hours of explanation, but at its core, Thomas combined traditional principles of theology with modern philosophic thought to bring clarity and truth to the world, answering the questions of church authorities, medieval intellectuals, and common people alike.

Thomas would later go on to receive a master's degree in theology, and teach in Paris, Ostia, Bologna, Rome, Naples, and more. He would write more than 60 books, ranging from topics such as apologetics, philosophy, and Biblical commentaries.

He was appointed regent master in theology at Paris in 1256, served as general preacher of Naples in 1260, and in 1261 traveled to Orvieto, where he worked to form friars who were unable to attend a university, while also producing works for Pope Urban IV, such as writing a newly created liturgy for the feast of Corpus Christi. In February of 1265, Thomas was called to Rome by the newly elected Pope Clement IV to serve as papal theologian. The same year, he began teaching deep theology courses at a newly established Dominican school at Santa Sabina, one of the first advanced schools for the province.

It was while teaching at Santa Sabina that Thomas began his most famous work, the Summa Theologica, a timeless book on Christian doctrine that is also a highly practical guide for spiritual leaders. While it eventually would remain unfinished by Aquinas, to this day it is regarded as one of the most influential works of Western literature.

In 1268, Thomas was called again to serve as regent master at the University of Paris, partly due to a sudden rise of "Averroism", a resurgence of a "radical Aristotelianism" that opposed the compatibility of faith and reason. Thomas ended up penning two works which combatted these beliefs and reprimanded Averroism as being "incompatible with Christian doctrine." The Catholic church would publicly condemn the works of Averroes in 1270 and later in 1277.

At the end of his regency in Paris, the Dominicans requested Thomas to establish a university at the place of his choosing. He chose Naples for the new institution and moved there upon its founding to serve as regent master. He continued to write and preach in Naples, until two mystical experiences would change everything for Thomas.

In 1273, during the Feast of St. Nicholas, Thomas Aquinas had a mystical vision at Mass where he heard the voice of Christ speak to him saying, "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you

have for your labor?" Thomas replied, "Nothing but you, Lord."

Stories tell of Thomas being found by a sacristan crying and levitating in front of an icon of the crucified Christ while praying, and following this mystical experience, Aquinas found himself unable to continue his writings, saying, "I can do no more. Such secrets have been revealed to me that all I have written now appears to be of little value."

After his confessor, Father Reginald of Piperno, urged him to continue writing, he refused, admitting that "all that I have written seems like straw to me." He would never write again.

In 1274, Thomas Aquinas was invited to participate in the Second Council of Lyons to help bridge the gap between Eastern and Western churches, which was rapidly widening at the time. While on his way to the council, Thomas hit his head on the branch of a fallen tree and became ill. He was ushered to Monte Cassino to rest, but after attempting to set out again, he was unable to continue and stopped at the Cistercian abbey in Fossanova, Italy. The monks there offered Thomas a spot inside the castle, but sensing his death was near, he requested to remain in the monastery saying, "If the Lord wishes to take me away, it is better that I be found in a religious house than in the dwelling of a layperson."

His health continued to dwindle for several days before receiving his last rites and praying "'I have written and taught much about this very holy Body, and about the other sacraments in the faith of Christ, and about the Holy Roman Church, to whose correction I expose and submit everything I have written."

He died on March 7, 1274, while giving commentary on the Song of Songs.



LITURGY AND PRAYER

MASS READINGS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading : Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 19:8,9,10,15
- Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
- Gospel : Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Background on the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces

God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God..
- 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**

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.

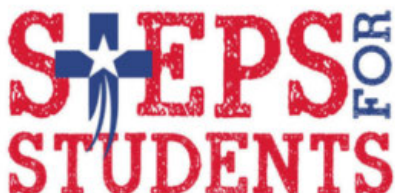
FEBRUARY 7-16, 2022

New Student Enrollment is from Feb. 7-16. Applications found at **ap.school/admissions**.

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!**



CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

FEBRUARY 26 • 6:30PM • GYMNASIUM

All are cordially invited to a Celebration of Gratitude! Join your fellow parishioners for a night of food, music, and dancing at the Celebration of Gratitude Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 26 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.

Menu: Red beans and rice with sausage, Jambalaya with French bread and dessert catered by our own Danel Brodie.

Purchase tickets online at **ap.church/events** (\$20 per person, \$60 per family) before Sunday, February 20.

Contact Dcn. Tom Vicknair **tvicknair@ap.church** with any questions.



SCOUT SLAM BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 13 • AFTER 7, 9, 11 AM MASSES

Join the Scouts for breakfast after the 7 AM, 9 AM, and 11 AM Sunday 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. For more information visit, **ap.church/events**

Please visit our website at ap.church/events for all the upcoming events, community groups, outreach opportunities and more!

PRISON OUTREACH MINISTRIES

KOLBE RETREAT

St. Anthony's Kolbe Prison Ministry will be hosting a 3-day retreat on April 21-23, 2022 for the incarcerated men at the Ferguson Unit in Huntsville, Texas.

If you are interested in serving as an onsite or offsite team member, you can meet some of the current Kolbe volunteers and sign-up to receive more information beginning this weekend in the piazza after each mass. For more information visit ap.church/events

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.

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!

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me... Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me. - Matthew 25:34-40

ST. DANIEL INFO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 17 • 7:00PM • PLB ROOM 205

Deacon Lopez from Sacred Heart parish will present an informational meeting on how you can enrich the spiritual life of the incarcerated through leading bible studies and sharing faith based materials.

St. Daniel Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to join a team to serve in our area.

Within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston there are 26 State Prisons, 10 County Jails, One Federal institution, and countless county jails. At any given time here are 60,000-70,000 people in these facilities and 28% of the incarcerated men and women are Roman Catholic.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Each visit requires a team of 3 people to serve together. Couples are welcome to serve together with another solo person. Each team will work with ministry leaders, Diann and Stan Ross, until trained and comfortable leading a class. The current schedule is a Monday night bible study/teaching DVDs 6:00-8:00pm with 30 men attending and the 2nd/4th Saturdays are prayer and worship services.

VOLUNTEER PRE-QUALIFICATIONS

- Safe Environment Compliance
- TDCJ - TX Dept of Criminal Justice Compliance



FAITH FORMATION

INFANT BAPTISM

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS (0 – 6 Years Old)

It is always a joyful experience for us to welcome a new Christian into the Church and into our parish community. Through baptism, your child will be adopted into God's family, receive the grace of salvation won for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and have life in the Holy Spirit.

- Is your child 6 years old or younger?
- Have the parents of the child attended a Baptismal Preparation class?
- Are the parents of the child registered parishioners of St Anthony of Padua?

If you can answer YES to all the questions above, you are ready for Baptism. If you and your spouse have not attended a Baptismal preparation class in more than 3 years, visit us at ap.church/baptism to check our calendar of dates, register for a Baptismal class or to obtain more information.

BAUTISMO PARA INFANTES (0 – 6 años)

No llena de gozo dar la bienvenida a un nuevo cristiano en la Iglesia ya nuestra comunidad parroquial. A través del bautismo, su hijo será adoptado en la familia de Dios, recibirá la gracia de la salvación ganada para nosotros por la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo, y tendrá vida en el Espíritu Santo.

- ¿Tiene su hijo 6 años o menos?
- ¿Han asistido los padres del niño a una clase de preparación bautismal en los últimos 3 años?
- ¿Los padres del niño son feligreses registrados de San Antonio de Padua?

Si puede responder Sí a todas las preguntas anteriores, está listo para solicitar el Sacramento del Bautismo para su hijo. Si usted y su cónyuge no han asistido a una clase de preparación bautismal en más de 3 años, visítenos en ap.church/baptism para consultar nuestro calendario de fechas, registrarse para una clase bautismal u obtener más información.

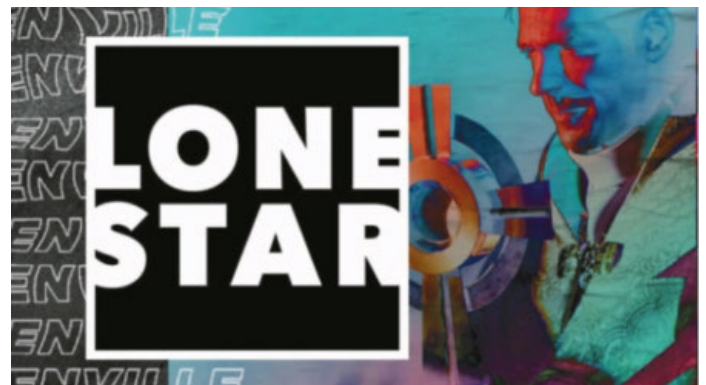
YOUTH MINISTRY

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 Espallat, Emily Wilson, Bob Lesnefsky, and Andrew Laubacher

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



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: 18 months – 5 years. Hours: 9 AM – 2 PM

- In-house registration for the 2022-23 school year: January 24th – February 2nd
- New family open house: February 3rd at 6:30pm
- New family registration for the 2022-23 school year: February 7th – 17th

Now accepting tours M-F, between 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM or by appointment.

**Contact : 832-381-2093 • LittleSaints@ap.church
More information at LittleSaintspreschool.org**

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.

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. Check the website for the monthly meeting times (generally scheduled for 9:45am on the second Saturday of the month) and other events. For more information, **call Joan Sabino at 281-298-6683 or visit ap.church/organizations**

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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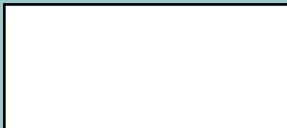
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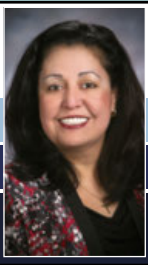
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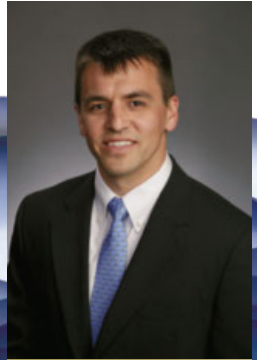
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SUNDAY OBLIGATION

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!

