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JANUARY 23, 2022

HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18

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## “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart”

(Matthew 11:29)

By Deacon Bill Seifert

First, I want to thank all of you who have offered up your prayers and good wishes for my wife’s recovery after she broke her legs in November. Thankfully, Margie is recovering nicely and is improving every day. I am very grateful for all the prayers and inquiries about how she is doing. I am positive those prayers have strengthened her and will continue to do so.

During her hospitalization and convalescence, I received a profound lesson in the virtue of humility. I gained a deep appreciation for what Margie and other patients go through when they require others to care for them, whether they be surgeons, physicians, nurses, patient care assistants, various therapists, and of course, family members. When a person is hospitalized or in another care facility, they give up most of the control they have over their own body, trusting others to do the things they would normally do for themselves, frequently being put a position in which they feel as if they have lost their dignity.

In reflecting on this, I was reminded of how our Lord Jesus Christ entered this world, not as royalty sleeping in an adorned cradle swaddled in luxury, but in an animal’s feeding trough. Jesus lived His life not grasping at His divinity, but embracing His human nature, humbling Himself to be obedient to His heavenly Father, even submitting to the degradation of being spat upon, tortured by flogging, being stripped of His clothes, and the agony of crucifixion.

Humility is not a virtue that seems to be valued in our society. The instances of road rage, violence, political posturing, etc., we see on the nightly news are evidence of that. But it is valued by our heavenly Father, for as the prophet Micah reminds us, what the LORD requires of us is “to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).



### WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD GAVE FIRST

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**DONATE** button. You can set up a recurring payment and select which funds to support, including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Building Fund, which helps us to reduce our building loan debt.

We are able to serve because of your generous prayers and financial support. If you haven’t already, consider giving through our online portal!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 24th

8:45 am: Naithy James (+) by Fr. Joy James, O.S.H.  
12:10 pm: Madeline Gresham (+) by Verna Edwards

### Tuesday, January 25th

8:45 am: Brianna M. Pena (-) by Grandparents  
7:00 pm: Jonalyn Patriarca (-) by the Alganion Family

### Wednesday, January 26th

6:30 am: T.O. Mathew Thaliachary (+) by Anthony Thaliachary  
8:45 am: Chris Inoma (-) by Family

### Thursday, January 27th

8:45 am: Emigdio Hinojosa (+) by Stella Hinojosa  
7:00 pm: Cirilo E. Toledo (+) by the Moreno Family

### Friday, January 28th

6:30 am: Joannes Edwards (+) by Verna Edwards  
8:45 am: Pete Gomez (+) by Norma Covarrubias

### Saturday, January 29th

8:45 am: Ikenna Inoma (-) by Family  
5:30 pm: Evie & Elton Courville (+) by Travis & Frances Courville

### Sunday, January 30th

7:00 am: Ejike & Chioma Obukwelu (-) by Teresa Uyanwune  
9:00 am: Gabriel Ernesto Barron Sanchez (+) by Patricia Barron Zepeda  
11:00 am: For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased  
1:00 pm: Jose Ascencion Rivera (+) by Familia Rivera

## TABERNACLE CANDLE SPONSORSHIP: JANUARY 2022

### January 3—January 9

In Memory of Horace Miles  
by Willard Roberts & Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 10—January 16

In Memory of Grace Inoma by Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 17—January 23

In Memory of Brian Chaison  
by Willard Roberts & Gloria Batiste-Roberts

### January 24—January 30

In Memory of Antoinette Pantoja  
by Charlie & Dee Davis

### January 31—February 6

In Memory of Pedro Pena  
by Bernardo Pena & Family

Tabernacle Candle Sponsorship: \$20 / week

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Michael Francis  
Frances J. Moreno  
Grace Stuart



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION

### NAVY

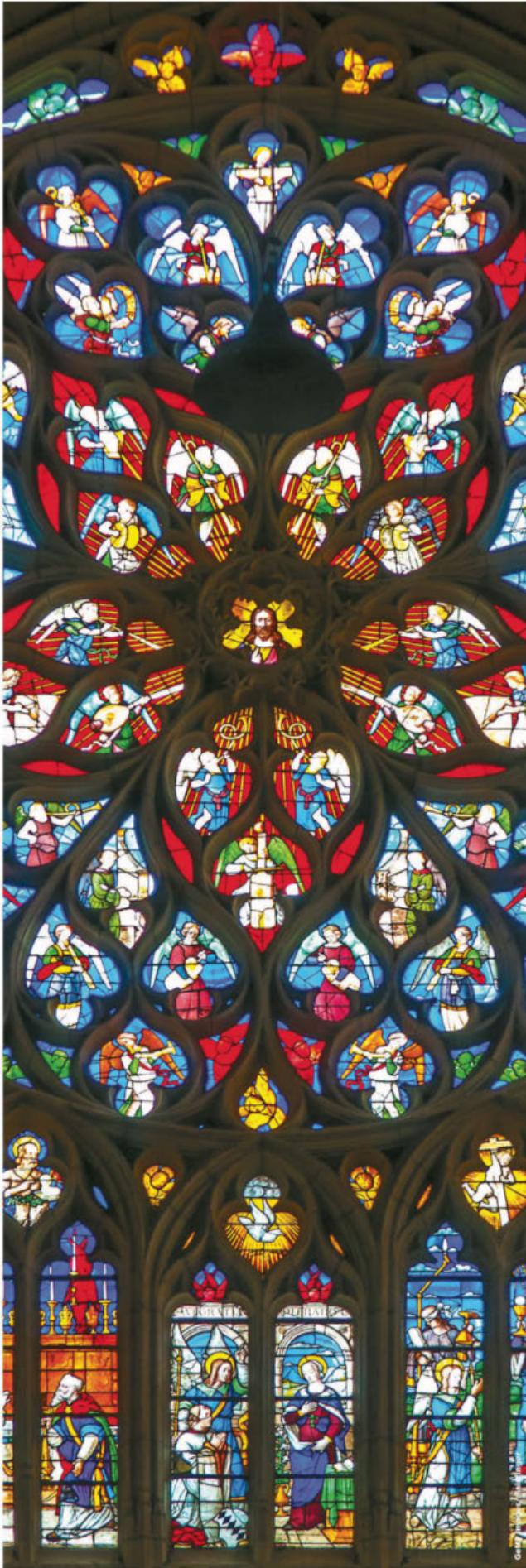
Jacob De Paz, Thomas Franklin Hill

*Do you have family serving our nation? Send us their name and the name of their branch of the armed forces and we will pray for them. Names can be sent via email to [information@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:information@holyfamilychurch.us) or by calling (281) 499-9688.*

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-29, we invite you to join our young adult ministry, **Gratia Plena**.

Find out more by emailing  
[yag@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:yag@holyfamilychurch.us)





January 23, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

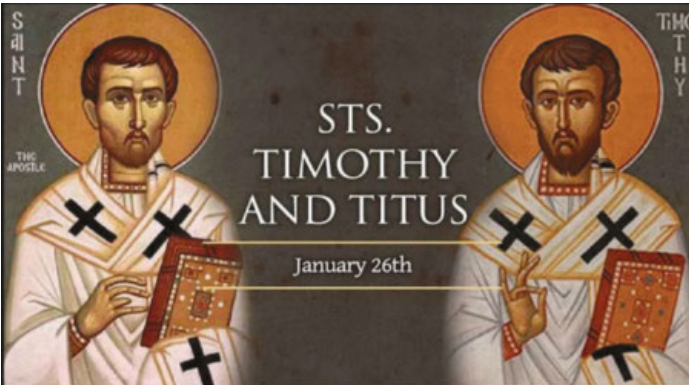
Do you ever find yourself feeling like you are at the cusp of something remarkable? Like you are witnessing an incredible, historic, athletic, or aeronautical feat? I wonder if that's what it was like for the followers of Jesus when he began his public ministry: "News of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." In today's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of the prophet Isaiah that are effectively a "job description" of his mission: glad tidings to the poor, liberty of captives, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed. What Isaiah prophesied, Jesus claims to fulfill. He thus inaugurates his public ministry with a claim that is straightforward, bold, true, and of great consequence. Today, by virtue of our baptism, we are part of the body of Christ and share in that mission. Whatever our backgrounds, abilities, or talents, we each have something to contribute to building up one another and the Church. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we, too, can be bold in our own proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've heard the phrase "Don't sell yourself short." Social media aside, many of us tend to focus on our shortcomings: We may wish we could run faster, be better at our jobs, have a cleaner home, in general, "get it together!" Truth is, we're all works in progress. That's what I love about Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that each one of us - whatever our strengths or weaknesses - is part of the body of Christ. God loves us with our imperfections, not in spite of them. As such, each of us has indispensable value and much to contribute to the mission of the Church. As we move into the week ahead, today's readings invite us to place ourselves at the service of the Church and one another. Beyond that, we can invite others to join us by recognizing that God values the talents - and foibles - that each of us brings to his service.

**PRAY** Yesterday on the liturgical calendar was the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of the body of Christ, let us join our voices with the universal Church and pray a Pro-Life Rosary each night this week. The USCCB Prayers and Devotions page is a good resource.



Be sure to request your time-off now for our **Parish Lenten Mission**, to take place on **Monday, February 28th** and **Tuesday, March 1st** at **7:00 pm!** Mark your calendar and bring the whole family. All are invited to listen to dynamic preacher and musician **Paul Koleske**.



**Luke Chapter 20: The Question about the Resurrection** - The question of the Sadducees is meant to be a trap for Jesus, a distraction. In what ways do you find yourself distracted from living the gospel? How do you regain your focus?

**Chapter 21: The Coming Persecution** - Jesus warns that believers will be persecuted for their faith. How strong is your faith? In what parts of your life do you feel you need more courage?

**Chapter 22: The Agony in the Garden** – During his agony Jesus fervently prayed that the Father’s will be done, not his own. What is your prayer in times of agony and stress?

**Lucas, capítulo 20: La cuestión sobre la resurrección** - La cuestión de los saduceos pretende ser una trampa para Jesús, una distracción. ¿De qué manera te distraes de vivir el evangelio? ¿Cómo recuperas tu enfoque?

**Capítulo 21: La persecución que se avecina** - Jesús advierte que los creyentes serán perseguidos por su fe. ¿Qué tan fuerte es tu fe? ¿En qué partes de tu vida sientes que necesitas más valentía?

**Capítulo 22: La Agonía en el Huerto** – Durante su agonía, Jesús oró fervientemente para que se hiciera la voluntad del Padre, no la suya. ¿Cuál es tu oración en momentos de agonía y estrés?



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Thanks **Norma Covarrubias** for letting us know that you've completed reading the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles!

If you've completed this goal as part of our Pastoral Plan, let us know by emailing [information@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:information@holyfamilychurch.us)





We are seeking a part-time **Maintenance Technician**. For full position details and submission information, visit [HolyFamilyChurch.us](http://HolyFamilyChurch.us)

Thanks to **Yolanda Castillo** for sponsoring and arranging this week's altar plants!



Angel's Choir rehearsals are held on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** in the CCE Music Room. All children are welcome to join, learn songs, and sing for the Lord! For more information, contact **Dr. Andre LaCour** at [andre.lacour@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:andre.lacour@holyfamilychurch.us)



**7 HABITS of CATHOLIC FAMILIES**

- PRAY TOGETHER**  
Pray every day. Try the Rosary or simple prayers as Our Father or Hail Mary
- ATTEND MASS**  
Go to church every Sunday and all Holy Days of obligation
- HAVE AN ONGOING FAMILY CHARITY EFFORT**  
Choose a cause to collaborate with financially or by volunteering
- GET SACRED ART IN YOUR HOME**  
Use Catholic paintings or statues to add richness to the family's devotion
- GO TO CONFESSION FREQUENTLY**  
It is important to encourage all members of the family to go to confession regularly
- USE CATHOLIC MEDIA**  
It is a good resource to keep all the members of the family close to God and the Church
- CELEBRATE!**  
Saints' Day, Church Seasons... Keep the joy of the Gospel in your family!

Ministry / Organization Leaders:  
Need to schedule a room for 2022?  
Email [roomscheduling@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:roomscheduling@holyfamilychurch.us)



Friendly reminder that all programs/ events must be approved by the Pastor/Parochial Vicar.

### Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



**"You won the Humilitarian of the Year award! How come you didn't tell anyone?!"**

If you need to contact a priest for an emergency anointing of the sick outside of office hours (Monday—Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm), please call the **Emergency Priest Line at 866-976-7415** where a live operator will ensure that your message gets delivered to the right person.



The **Mass Book for July—December 2022** opens on **May 1st**. Stop by the Parish Office beginning May 1st to complete an intention envelope.

TOO  
Blessed  
TO BE  
Stressed

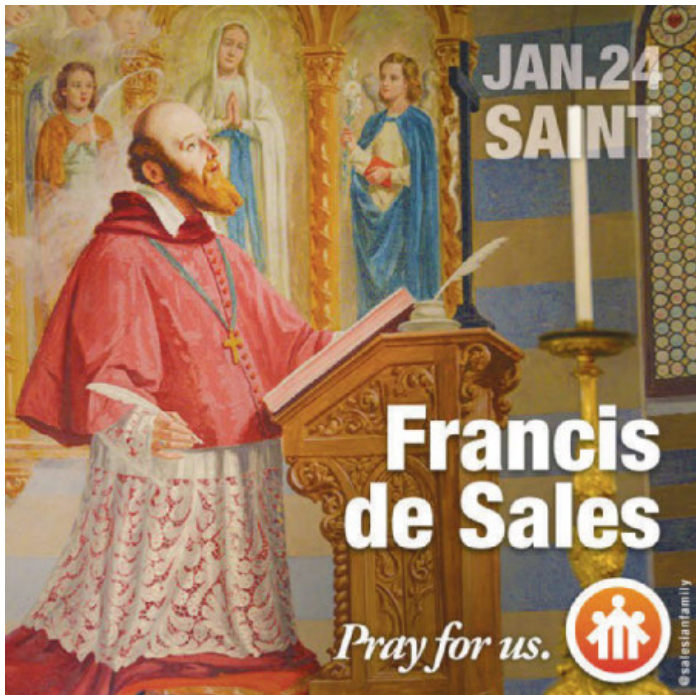
Come and experience the peace of Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration Monday—Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

¿Estás interesado en tener una ceremonia de Quinceañera en la Sagrada Familia? Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Oficina de CCE al (281) 499-4612 o por correo electrónico a [HolyFamilyCCE@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:HolyFamilyCCE@holyfamilychurch.us)

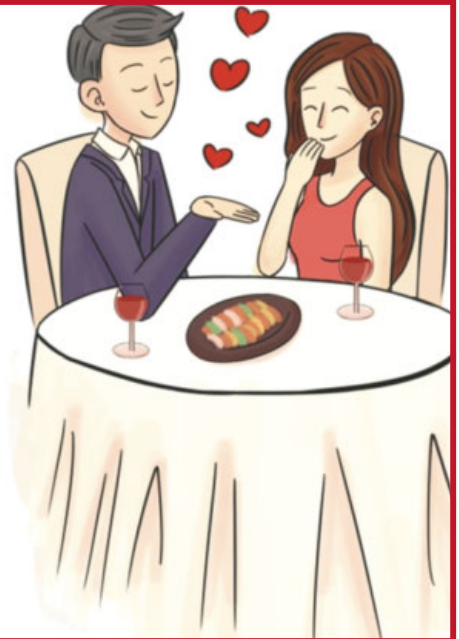


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Would you like to sponsor this year's Paschal Candle? Let us know by emailing [information@holyfamilychurch.us](mailto:information@holyfamilychurch.us) First come-first serve.



**DATE BY THE LAKE**



February 12th  
4:30 pm-11:00 pm  
Circle Lake  
Retreat Center

A **Date by the Lake** is the perfect opportunity for you to celebrate and nourish the loving union that you have formed in the name of the Lord.

Secluded in the woods of North Houston, you will be able to escape the turmoil of the city, unwind, enjoy nature, and reconnect with your loved one.

The Date will start with a Celebration of the Mass, followed by a romantic dinner for two, dancing, and participation in live auctions, accompanied by our beloved Bishop Italo Dell'Oro and other members of the clergy. And, of course, you two are also welcomed to take a stroll along the gardens and trails at Circle Lake, or simply observe the sunset over the lake.

There is also the opportunity to book one of the available houses if you would like to stay overnight. Each house can accommodate between 7-9 people. Non-participants are welcome to stay, but please note that children under the age of 15 must be under adult supervision at all times. To register, visit [www.archgh.org/flmevents](http://www.archgh.org/flmevents)

WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE LIKE  
**JESUS!**

# GIVE BLOOD

ORG

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus 7728 in partnership with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, present our quarterly **BLOOD & BONE MARRO DRIVE** on **Sunday, March. 20, 2022**

All drives take place in our Parish Hall from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

A full course breakfast along with juice and coffee will be available at no charge to all who participate. A full breakfast will also be available for a donation of \$5.00 by those that do not donate blood. All parishioners are welcomed to enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship!

Please register to reserve an appointment time by contacting

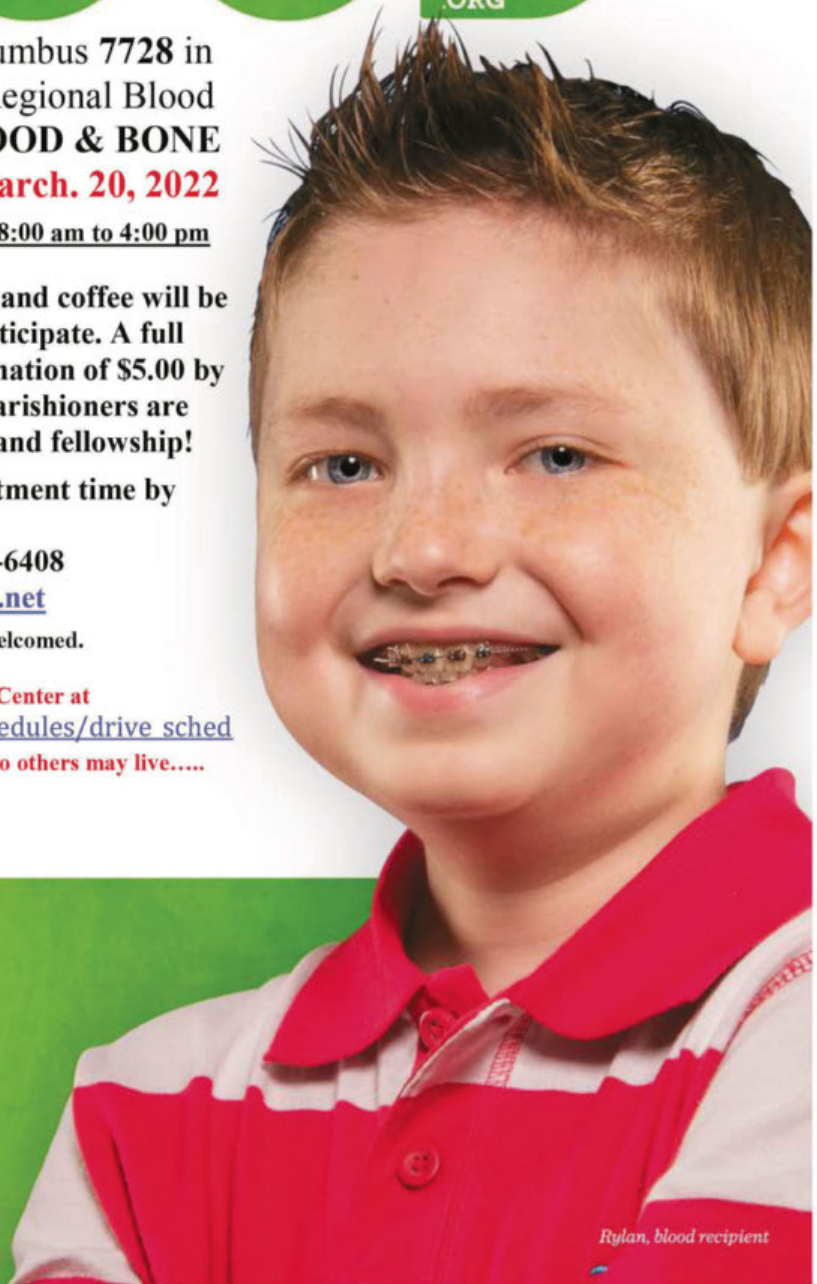
Joe L. Longoria at 832-473-6408  
or [jlongoria322@comcast.net](mailto:jlongoria322@comcast.net)

Walk-Ins are encouraged and very welcomed.

You may also register with the Blood Center at [https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/325447](https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/325447) Please come and give of yourself so others may live.....

Gulf Coast Regional  
Blood Center  
*Commit for Life.*

EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.



Rylan, blood recipient