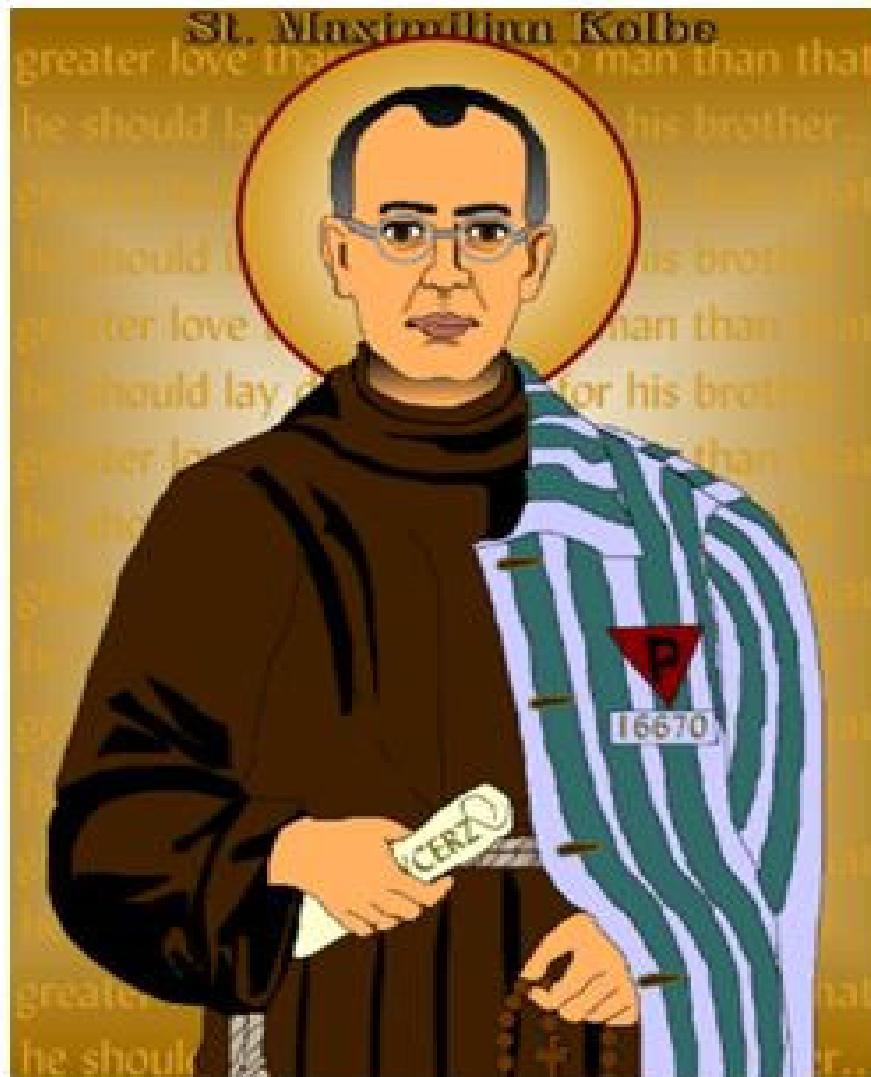


# ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



## Weekend Masses

### **Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass**

(Recorded & shown on  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church  
YouTube channel)

### **Sunday**

**8 am  
10 am  
12 Noon**

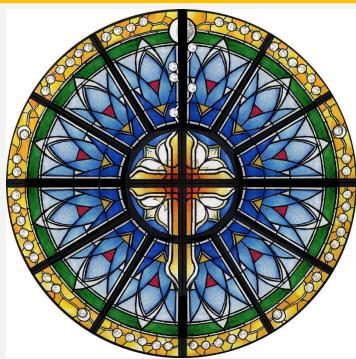
## Daily Mass

**Monday – Saturday  
8:30 am**

## Confessions

**Saturdays  
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**  
or by appointment.

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 4, 2020

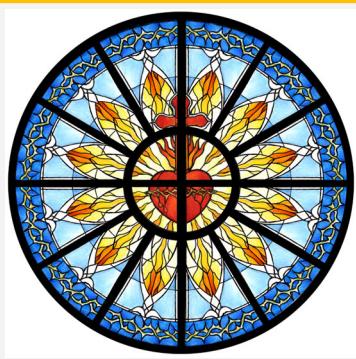


**Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm**

**10135 West Road  
Houston, TX 77064**

**Parish Office:** 281-955-7324  
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**The Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, J.C.L., Pastor  
Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak  
Deacon John Naber • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir**

## OUR PARISH MISSION

*We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.*

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Martha Alvarado  
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### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

**ADULT BAPTISM:** Adults who are preparing to become Catholic, will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation at Easter.

**INFANT BAPTISM** (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except during Lent. Parents and Godparents of infants to be baptized should attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born.



### SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

Adults and older youth who have not been Confirmed should contact the parish office.

### SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:

Couples who are considering marriage should contact the parish office, at least six (6) months or more before the couple's projected wedding date.

### SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.



Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or know someone who is? Or were you baptized Catholic but never completed your Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & Eucharist)? If your answer is "yes" to any of these, then RCIA is for you! Our sessions have begun. We would normally meet in person but due to current COVID-19 restrictions, we will begin our program with virtual meetings.

Contact Deacon Matt Rust at [matt.rust@stmaximilian.org](mailto:matt.rust@stmaximilian.org) or 281-300-9923 for more information or should you have any questions.



The 2020 – 2021 Faith Formation Calendar is now available on the St. Maximilian website. All classes will be Virtual. Parent meetings are set and will be held soon. Please check at [www.stmaximilian.org](http://www.stmaximilian.org) for more information. **Registration deadline has past—please contact the parish office.**

**Let us pray for all those called to the priesthood and religious life, in thanksgiving for their lives and service in our Church and our world.**

**Weekend Homilies** are recorded & posted now on our parish webpage above the menu bar next to bulletins: <https://stmaximilian.org/>

**October 4, 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ:

For several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October as Respect Life Sunday, but they have designated the entire month of October as Respect Life Month. On p. 6, I have included the full statement from the U.S. Bishop who chairs the Pro-Life Office. Please read in its entirety.

The USCCB runs a series of reflections on pro-life issues each October. On p. 7, I have included the first reflection (and more to come) on the Gospel of Life (*Evangelium vitae*), the encyclical (letter) written by Pope John Paul II 25 years ago (March 25, 1995). He stresses the importance of life from the “womb to the tomb.”

People have some strong feelings about various life issues: abortion, infanticide, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, euthanasia, murder, capital punishment, genocide, war, torture, etc., and the important moral & ethical issues that affects human dignity: racism, immigration, poverty, health care, human trafficking, etc.

Whenever anyone speaks on these important issues, someone will be offended by what is said. People were offended when Jesus preached. Yet, the Gospel message is clear about the sacredness of all human life. No one article can address all these important issues. But we have to start somewhere, and the starting point has to be with the beginning of life in the womb.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2270-2271 states clearly "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable."

The Catechism #2271 states since the 1<sup>st</sup> century in an ancient document called the *Didache* 2:2 (the Lord’s Teachings through the 12 Apostles to the Nations), “You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.” The Catechism #2271 then quotes the Vatican II documents (*Gaudium et spes* 51, §3): “God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes.”

But making those statements, the Church goes on to talk about the infinite forgiveness and mercy on both women and men who have participated in an abortion or an infanticide and have regretted their decision. Let’s all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.” (The Gospel of Life, #99).

From my experience, people who have had an abortion still struggle with their decision even many years afterwards. They mourn the loss of their child, even when they later go on to have children or when they cannot have children. People go through such pain and guilt. Christ and His Church wants you to heal. So the Archdiocese offers Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreats to help a person to be reconciled with God, self and one another with their heartache of an abortion. See p. 8 for more info. Let us all pray for a greater respect for all life from the womb to the tomb. May we address these delicate issues compassionately so that healing may come.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak  
Pastor

**“There is no greater love, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friend.” John 15: 13**

**“The Cross is the school of love.”**

**“The most deadly poison of our time is indifference.”**

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

## p. 4 THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

## Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day and to hear a Reflection, go to:

<http://www.usccb.org> On the very top Menu bar, tab in on "Daily Reading." Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

**Psalm** — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

**Gospel** — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 5

Chris Barr † 8:30 am

### Tuesday, October 6

St. Bruno 8:30 am

Alveraize Saizan, Intentions

Ryan and Jamie Moore, Intentions

### Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Margaret Yong †, Dianne Hyde †, Helen

Schoelman † 8:30 am

### Thursday, October 8

Jaylan Davis † 8:30 am

### Friday, October 9

St. Denis and Companions,

St. John Leonardi

Donald Burchfield, Jr. † 8:30 am

Rose Pineda †

### Saturday, October 10

Evelyn Boriskie † 8:30 am

Joe & Jeanette Coury, Intentions 5 pm

### Sunday, October 11

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Parishioners of St. Maximilian 8 am

Joseph Gallagher, Intentions

Lindsay Bowker † 10 am

Jonathan Radke † 12 Noon

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## SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

A bow signifies reverence & honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words "**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**"

—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

# 2020 Fall Festival



## VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION 2020

Ministries and parishioners are encouraged to donate new items, art/crafted pieces, and gift cards now through Sunday October 4th. The VSA will be held online October 11 - October 25. You may email [stmaxfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stmaxfallfestival@gmail.com) if you have questions or donations.



10 Prizes  
All Gift Cards!  
\$100-\$500  
Will be dispersed starting this weekend!



## T-shirt Preorder

You can preorder a t-shirt today!  
\$12 cash or check after Mass.  
You can also order the shirts online on the St. Maximilian Kolbe website under the FALL FESTIVAL tab. Pick up date in October TBD.



YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

## Financial Sponsors Needed.

St. Maximilian Kolbe depends on the funds raised to cover church expenses. Please see the donation form online, or contact Joy at [jonorato5@att.net](mailto:jonorato5@att.net) if you have any questions.

## QR Code for Festival



<https://stmaximilian.org/fall-festival>

or

<https://qtego.net/qlink/stmaxkolbe>

## ASK FOR HELP

Ask Our Lady to help you. Ask her to entreat her Son to let you know what you should do.

—Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

## Power Hour Prayer Time

Need a spiritual boost? Join us at 7pm on Monday nights in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Immaculata Chapel. One hour of prayer includes the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, consecrations and litanies to Jesus and Mary along with meditation music and hands on healing prayer. A special hour of adoring Jesus will bring peace and healing as promised by Our Lady. Call Jeanette Coury at 281-914-3676 for more information.

## St. Max "Day of Prayer for Life" 40 Days for Life: Sat., Oct. 24<sup>TH</sup>

Co-sponsored by Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston & Houston Coalition for Life  
<http://houstoncoalition.org/stand-and-pray>

**You could help save a life by praying**  
—at the Planned Parenthood

Abortion Facility 4600 Gulf Freeway  
one - two hour shifts between 7am - 3pm  
(Social distancing precautions mandatory)

OR

—You can sign up also to pray at home.

For more info, to sign-up, or follow someone, stop by Respect Life Table after MASSES on Oct. 10/11 & Oct. 17/18, or call Tom 281-380-0403, Karen 281-639-1999 or email [kcomstock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcomstock@sbcglobal.net)

Join the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance & conversion. We ask God to assist America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday, October 10th at 12 noon**. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the **corner of Jones Road & Bridge Down Drive**. Contact Linda Sturgill at 281-468-1789 for more info.



## FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Using Catholic morals in making decisions how to vote.

"10. What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person, about the sacredness of every human life, and about humanity's strengths and weaknesses helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). We are also called to promote the well-being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless."

"22. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, "abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others" (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed."

"23. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life are also intrinsically evil. These must always be opposed. Other direct assaults on innocent human life, such as genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified."

**NOTE:** This press release, as well as any past & future press releases, are **direct quotes** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Public Affairs Office.

### U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chair Launches Respect Life Month and Invites Catholics to "Live the Gospel of Life"

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 BY THE USCCB'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON — October is Respect Life Month, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas and chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued a statement encouraging Catholics to allow "the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make." Archbishop Naumann's full statement follows:

"As Catholics in the United States, we will soon mark our annual observance of October as Respect Life Month. It is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

"This year's theme, 'Live the Gospel of Life,' was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, [The Gospel of Life](#). Pope John Paul's masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized is more relevant today than ever before.

"Last November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.' While we noted not to 'dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,' we renewed our commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.

"This past January, I shared with Pope Francis that the bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a preeminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

"The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life."

# Live the Gospel of Life

## Respect Life Reflection

Twenty-five years ago, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). In taking on human flesh, dwelling among us, and sacrificing his very life for our redemption, Christ reveals the profound dignity of every human person. This God-given dignity does not change with our stage of life, abilities, level of independence, or any other varying circumstance.

Rather, it is rooted in the permanent fact that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, created to share in the very life of God himself. The human person is a "manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory" (EV 34). And we must reflect this truth in how we act and how we treat one another.

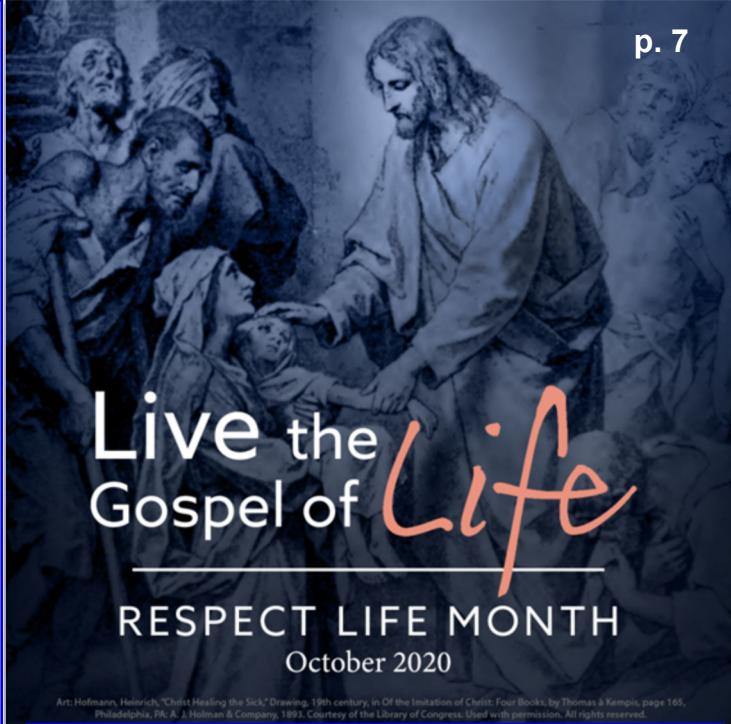
The truth of the Gospel of life is at the foundation of who we are as followers of Christ. In his earthly life, Jesus provided the perfect model for how we are to love our neighbor and live out the Gospel call: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 5:40).

**"to imitate Christ  
and follow in his footsteps"**

*The Gospel of Life* 51

Jesus calls each of us to "care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible" (EV 87). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make on a daily basis. For, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a *single and indivisible* Gospel" (EV 2, emphasis added).

In his encyclical on the Gospel of life, Pope St. John Paul II recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. He places particular emphasis, however, on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the "least of these" in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern.



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As the Church celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope St. John Paul II's prophetic encyclical, let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I talk about and act towards others as I would talk about and treat Jesus himself? Do I inform myself of the Church's teachings and engage in the civic arena as first a follower of Christ? Do I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect and defend human life? Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? Am I ready to support a loved one nearing death?*

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life.

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## What have others said about abortion?

Susan B. Anthony (1889), an abolitionist & early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying:

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."



**Faith Direct:** \$16,668.00    09/30/2020    # of Donors

Offertory:	\$13,458.00	115
Debt Reduction:	\$ 2,600.00	23
Mass Intention:	\$ 10.00	1
First Reconciliation Prep:	\$ 30.00	1
Lector Workbooks:	\$ 550.00	1
Pamphlets:	\$ 5.00	1
Catholic University of America University of St. Thomas	\$ 15.00	1

#### 3 Ways for you to give to our parish:

1. Online at [FaithDirect.net](http://FaithDirect.net); You may easily schedule a monthly offertory; or make a one-time donation to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church using Faith Direct; our parish code is TX625.
2. Deliver envelopes with cash or checks to the parish office during office hours.
3. Mail checks (do not mail cash) to the parish office: St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church; 10135 West Road, Houston, TX 77064.

**Stewardship is a way of  
being in the world.**

#### Sunday Collection for September 26/27

Offertory:	\$ 8,285.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 1,040.00
Propagation of the Faith:	\$ 5.00
Collection Total is:	\$ 9,330.00

#### Mass Attendance & # of Envelopes for 9/26 & 27, 2020

5 pm	218;	23 Envelopes
8 am	138;	16 Envelopes
10 am	245;	29 Envelopes
Noon	195;	18 Envelopes
Total:	796;	86 Envelopes

#### **OUR PARISH DEBT**

**Original Loan, October 2010:** \$5,200,000  
**Amount to be paid:** \$39,815.89

#### IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$1,442,331.00</b>
Pledged:	\$689,017.27
Paid:	\$334,000.75
Percent Paid:	24.00%
Percent Pledged:	48.00%
Pledged Under Goal:	\$753,313.73
Paid Under Goal:	\$1,108,330.25
Number of Participants:	212
Total Number of Households:	1,995

## One of the many Faces of DSF supported programs

#### **Pro-Life Activities supported by DSF!**

With complete confidence in God's providential mercy, the Office of Pro-Life Activities seeks to bring about a true appreciation for God's gift of life from conception to natural death. The office works to educate about Catholic principles and to advocate for society's most vulnerable on issues of abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, capital punishment and Catholic bioethics. The office strives to bring God's loving mercy to men and women in need of support and healing through the Gabriel Project, **Project Rachel**, Courage and Jerome's Hope apostolates.

#### **BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD**

<b>DSF 2020 Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$138,000.00</b>
Pledged:	\$ 92,284.28
Paid:	\$ 86,210.38
Percent Paid:	63.00%
Pledged Under Goal:	\$ 45,715.72
Paid Under Goal:	\$ 51,789.62
Number of Participants:	292
Average Participant Pledge:	\$ 165.00
Total Number of Households:	1,995

#### **Post-Abortion Hope & Healing: DSF supported**

Experiencing an abortion is sometimes a traumatic experience for the mother, anyone accompanying her to the procedure, and sometimes also for the father and grandparents. Some regret the abortion almost immediately, and others at various points in the future. **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats** provide a safe & nonjudgmental space for psycho-spiritual healing, a program designed by a Catholic psychologist. Counselor Cindy Renaudo, LPC is the president of **Rachel's Vineyard in Houston**. The local retreats are a joint project with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Office of Prolife Activities. **There is an upcoming retreat Oct. 23-25 in English & Nov. 13-15 in Spanish.** Call 713-825-0649 or 713-440-3443 (Spanish). Or visit [rvhouston.org](http://rvhouston.org)

#### **Have you made your DSF pledge yet?**

Our mandatory amount is \$138,000. We are **short \$51,790**. If we do not reach this \$51,790 shortfall, then we must dip into parish income to make up the difference.

To donate, go to: <https://www.archgh.org/dsf>

**OCTOBER: Prayer intention for evangelization—The Laity's Mission in the Church** We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### ***Items currently needed in the Food Pantry:***

Canned chicken Jelly Peanut Butter Pancake mix  
 Canned soup—ready to serve Canned mixed veggies  
 Syrup Oatmeal Packages Boxed Cereals Instant  
 Mashed Potatoes Canned pasta sauce Canned Fruits  
 Gravy mix packages

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### **Weekly Devotional Prayer**

Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays

Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays

Divine Mercy @ 3 pm on Thursdays

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If you would like someone added to our Parish Prayer List, please contact the parish office @ 281-955-7324. Going forward the Prayer List in the bulletin will be reviewed periodically and names on the list over 90 days will be removed unless we receive notification to retain them. May God bless you, protect you and please keep all those on our list in your prayers. Thank you.

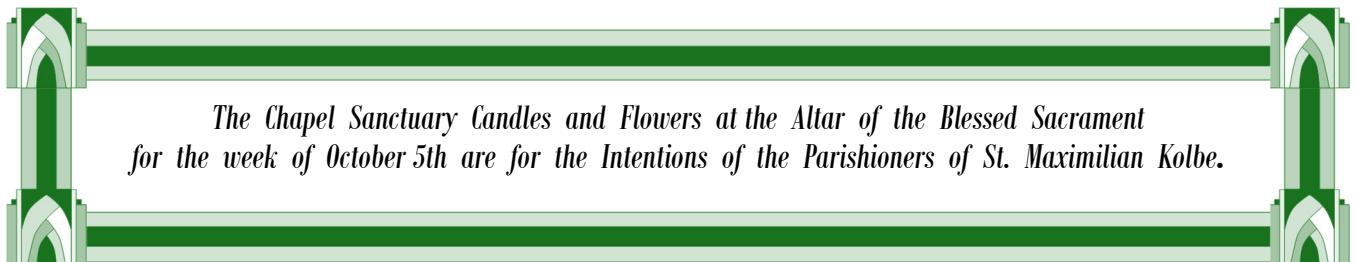
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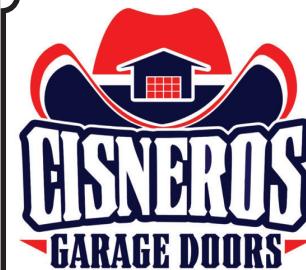
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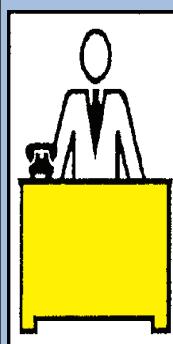


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