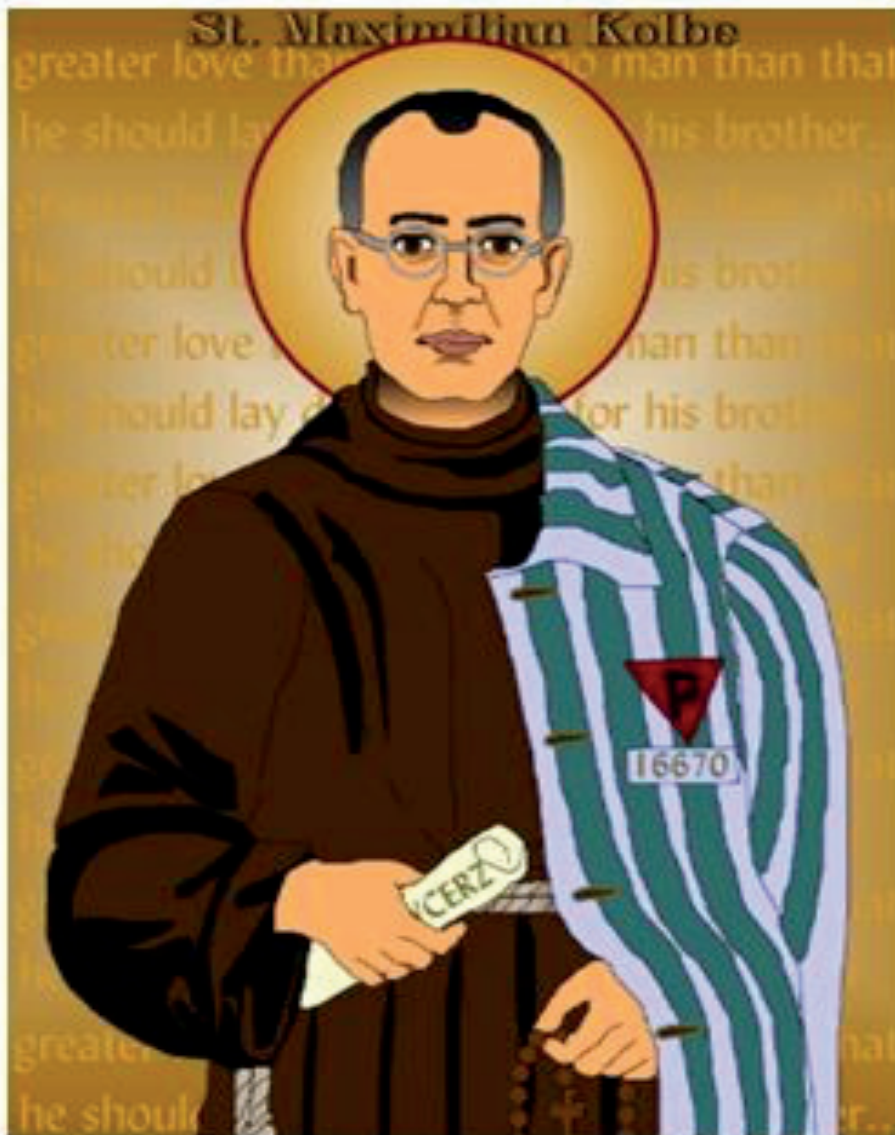


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 am

10 am

12 Noon

Daily Mass

8:30 am Monday

6:30 pm Tuesday

8:30 am: Wed.- Friday

Confessions

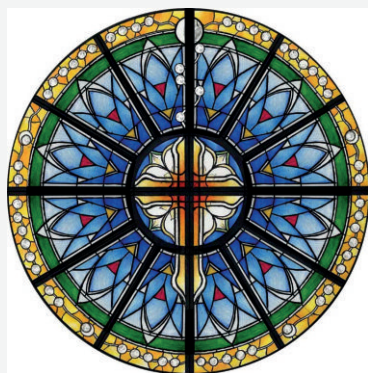
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Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass**

After Friday 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 3 pm – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023



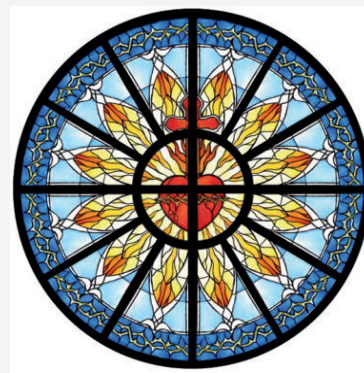
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Deacon Dennis Hayes • Deacon Steve Klak
Deacon John Naber • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir**

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

ADULT BAPTISM: Adults who desire to become Catholic will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

INFANT BAPTISM (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Parents of infants to be baptized are to attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born. Godparents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

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 are to contact the parish office, at least six (6) months (preferably earlier) 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.

Joseph A. Ratzinger—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Born: April 16, 1927

Ordained a Priest:

June 29, 1951

Ordained a Bishop:

May 28, 1977

Became a Cardinal:

June 27, 1977



Became Pope: April 19, 2005

Resigned as Pope, effective: February 28, 2013

Died: December 31, 2022

Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI †

William Onorato †, brother of John Onorato

Travis Maher †, nephew of Frank Maher

Ernest Douglas †, husband of Diona Douglas

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family & friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness & doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.

20 + C + M + B + 23

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

January 8, 2023

Last week, I taught on the central truth of the Catholic faith: the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion—what appears to be bread & wine have been transformed into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Christ (the doctrine of transubstantiation) & how one receives the full Christ in either the consecrated Host or the Chalice alone (doctrine of Concomitance). Christ can never be separated & one receives the full graces of the Eucharist under the Host or the Chalice alone. This weekend the option to receive from the Chalice begins. It is important to review some of the basics of church etiquette & receiving Holy Communion.

1) All people are welcome to worship here at Mass. The Order of the Mass is listed in the hymnal, #166-#187 (for a quick reference, the Gloria & Creed are on the inside front cover of the hymnal). In order to receive Holy Communion, you are to be a Catholic. It is not only believing in what the Catholic Church teaches on the Eucharist (the doctrine of transubstantiation), but you are to believe in the rest of the teachings / doctrines of the Catholic Church. If you are not a Catholic but believe in the Eucharist, then you should investigate becoming a Catholic through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

2) To receive Holy Communion, a Catholic is to be in a state of grace. If you, as a Catholic, are aware that you are in a state of grave / mortal sin, you are to go to confession first (Canon 916; cf. 1 Cor. 11:27-29). Once you have received the priest's absolution in confession, you can receive Holy Communion, even if you have not had time to complete the penance given by the priest in confession. But you are to complete your penance ASAP.

3) Before leaving home, does your clothing attire reflect the worthiness of receiving Jesus' Real Presence? Or have you become too casual in what you wear?

4) You are to abstain at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food & drink, except for water & medicine (Canon 919). Gum chewing in church is inappropriate.

5) Arrive early to Mass so as to prepare yourself in prayer, by reading the scriptures (# in hymnal listed in the bulletin on p. 4). If you arrive late once the Scriptures have begun, wait to be seated during the *sung* Gospel Acclamation after the 2nd reading & prior to the Gospel. This is out of the respect for the Word & others listening to the Word. The same is true if your child becomes a distraction during Mass. Take your child to the cry room or narthex when necessary.

6) Participate as fully as possible during Mass.

7) Are you "joyful" when you receive Jesus Himself in Holy Communion? Or are you just going through the motions or just look bored? Even if you are experiencing hardships in life, you can receive with reverence, appreciation & joy Jesus, the food of life.

8) When approaching the Host or Chalice distributor, you are first to make a sign of reverence normally by *bowing* toward Jesus in Holy Communion. If you genuflect, be careful that person behind you is not "surprised" & possibly stumbles by your genuflection. The norm in the U.S. is to receive Holy Communion standing, though one may kneel if you so choose (Roman Missal #160).

9) You are to respond clearly & audibly "Amen" when the distributor states "The Body or Blood of Christ."

10) The person who receives the consecrated Host may choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. Make your choice obvious to the distributor (with no mixed signs).

—If receiving on the tongue, your tongue is fully extended over your bottom lip (with your hands folded).

—If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean & extended outward & upward. If one is right handed, the left hand should rest upon the right. The Host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand & then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed, this is reversed. This forms a "throne" to receive the Real Presence of Christ—cf. p. 4.

—Step immediately to the side a very short distance & consume the Host immediately (whether in the hand or the tongue). It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers & take the Host from the distributor. It is the act of *receiving* Communion, not taking it from the distributor. Never walk away with the Host in your hand. You are to consume the Host immediately upon reception next to the distributor.

—If the Host accidentally falls to the floor, pick it up & consume it. Or allow the distributor to pick it up.

—If your hands are impeded by holding a child, a cane, crutches, etc., then it might be best to receive on the tongue.

—It is your own piety if you make the sign of the cross after receiving the Host or from the Chalice. It is not required to do so.

11) It is your decision alone to receive from the Chalice or not. Make a sign of reverence, normally by bowing, when approaching the Chalice. Say "Amen" when you hear "The Blood of Christ." Gently take the Chalice & take a small sip. Gently return the Chalice to the distributor.

—If you have a cold or are not feeling well, you are encouraged not to receive from the Chalice.

12) When you have returned to your pew, say a prayer of thanksgiving for receiving Christ. You are also encouraged to join in with singing. Depending on your ability to kneel, you may kneel or be seated. It is each person's decision on how long to kneel. Some choose to kneel until the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle.

12) You are to stay for the final blessing of the Mass and ideally until the closing hymn has finished. Some like to say a prayer after the Mass.

Let us always reverence the celebration of the Mass!

"The Cross is the school of love."

"The most deadly poison of our time is indifference."

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

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

Liturgy Corner for Weekend Masses

Scripture readings: Hymnal: #1011



Order of Mass: Hymnal #166 - #187

Gathering Hymn: #459—Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Gloria (inside cover of hymnal); **Alleluia**

Profession of Faith (Creed): #174 or inside cover of hymnal

Preparation Hymn: #460—The First Nowell

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith; Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymns:

#463—We Three Kings of Orient Are

Sending Forth Hymn:

#465—As With Gladness Men of Old



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — All the nations will worship you, Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

Receiving Jesus in the Throne of your hand

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the 4th century offered a beautiful & powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving Holy Communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then cup your open hand and the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.' Then sanctify with all care your eyes by touching the Sacred Body, and receive it. But be careful that no particles fall, for what you lose would be to you as if you had lost some of your members. Tell me, if anybody had given you gold dust, would you not hold fast to it with all care, and watch lest some of it fall and be lost to you? Must you not then be even more careful with that which is more precious than gold and diamonds, so that no particles are lost?"

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort

5 pm Joe & Jeanette Coury

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

8 am Crystal & Nuvia Josh

10 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

12 Noon Nicholas Rousse †

Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am Charles Wiggins †

Tuesday, January 10 1st Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 pm Michael Tone †

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 am Jearald Dyer †

Thursday, January 12

8:30 am Peter Lee Hun Boon †

Friday, January 13 St. Hilary

8:30 am Nhat John the Baptist Nguyen †

Saturday, January 14

5 pm Olin Boudreaux

Sunday, January 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am Kathleen Logan †

10 am Noel Cowart †

12 Noon Parishioners of St. Maximilian

READINGS for the WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4, 6-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted on our parish webpage:

<https://stmaximilian.org/homily>



Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <https://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. Or go to our parish website. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.



**Donuts & Coffee
every Sunday, starting
THIS Sunday, January 8th!**

Plan to join us for fellowship
in the Education Building
after each Sunday Mass.



BUNKO NIGHT!!



LADIES BUNCO NIGHT

The Catholic Daughters are
hosting a Ladies Bunco Night
on Saturday, Jan. 21st after the
5 pm Mass. Come join us for
food, fellowship and fun.

Tickets are available after each Mass today for
\$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. If you have
questions, call Ginger McKnight 713/412-0678.

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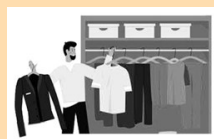
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CLEAN-OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

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Sponsored by:
*That Man is You!,
Fishers of Men,
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in collaboration with the
**Kolbe House's homeless outreach
program.**

**We will be collecting used clothing items
before & after all Masses the weekends of
Jan 14/15 & Jan. 21/22 for distribution to
the Houston Downtown Homeless.**

Special need for:
**MEN'S JEANS, SHOES, COATS,
Hoodies, sweatshirts, socks, hats,
gloves, blankets, etc.**

The vast majority of downtown homeless
are men, but we'll accept women & children
clothing too. Anything not distributed will be
taken to Cypress Assistance Ministries
(CAM).



How to Bless Your Home on Epiphany

- Let this be a family prayer event. Gather all who live in your home together (and invite others if you so desire).
- Make the sign of the cross.
- **"Let us pray: Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the child Jesus, so enable those who dwell here and all who visit to be your light in the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**
- Read **Colossians 3:12-17**
- Using chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside, horizontal frame of the doorway to your home. Place a cross in between each of the letters. Wetting the chalk will make it easier to write with. It should look something like this: **20 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 23**
- After completing the markings, pray the **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be** & the following prayer:
**May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find that Christ lives here.
May we seek & serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord of all people forever & ever. Amen.**
- Conclude by making the sign of the cross and praying:
**May God bless us and keep us. May his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.
May God look upon us kindly and give us peace (Numbers 6:24-26). Amen.**

Why do this? Christians have found that this is one way to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. The crosses indicate that your house is a Christian home. The initials **C-M-B** represent the legendary names of the Magi: **Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar**. The **C-M-B** also stands for the Latin words **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** which translates: **"May Christ bless this dwelling place."** When visitors ask about the markings above your door, you can explain the above to them & so you will be giving a witness to Christ. The markings are left all year & then renewed on the next Epiphany.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried . . . Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" . . . Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. . . . Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



Now accepting applications for 2023-24: Join us for our next tour on January 16th at 10am- RSVP to Valerie Ragusa at vragusa@rcahybrid.org or contact her with any questions.

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, University-Style Hybrid® operating in the Catholic tradition. Pre-school - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week and home-school the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. We are also hiring part time Classical teachers! To learn more or to apply visit our website www.rcahybrid.org

On January 15, 2023, there will be a 3 pm Mass of Remembrance in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebrant will be Danial Cardinal DiNardo, and it will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., 77002.

ACTS Women's Retreat Team '23 is Forming



The 2023 ACTS Women's Retreat: April 27-30! Women who have attended an ACTS retreat are invited to join the Retreat Team to help keep the ACTS sisterhood alive in the Spirit for our 2023 retreatants. **The first team meeting for discernment will be on Tuesday, January 10th @ 7pm, location to be determined.** For details or to sign up, contact Team Director Nena Sexton @ 713-594-0198.



Food Pantry is open: Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org

The pantry could use the following items: canned chicken, canned tuna, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), pasta sauce, body soap, shampoo, & deodorant. No outdated food products please. The Food Pantry is not able to accept any medications, either over the counter or prescription.

Weekly Devotional Prayer: All in the Chapel

Power Hour of Prayer @ 7 pm on Mondays.
Holy Rosary @ 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.
Evening Prayer @ 7 pm on Wednesdays.
Divine Mercy & Rosary @ 3 pm on Thursdays.
Rosary @ 9:15 am on Sundays.

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**"Never be afraid of loving Mary too much.
You can never love her more than Jesus did."**

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our families be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values & our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future & the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

**Collection for the weeks of
Dec. 19, 2022—Jan. 1, 2023**

(includes Christmas & New Year's weeks)

Collections	\$38,664
Christmas	\$21,333
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 2,248
Total	\$62,245

Faith Direct: 12/31/2022 (received twice a month)

Collections	\$10,940
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 192
Total	\$11,132

Archdiocesan 2nd Collection: \$ 800

One verse in every six in the first 3 Gospels relates, either directly or indirectly, to money.

Sixteen of our Lord's 44 parables deal with the use or misuse of money.

A loving, joyful person, with a generous giving to the Lord's work, is an acid test of a spiritual heart, pleasing to God. —William E. Allen

THERE IS STILL TIME to make a donation to offset the cost of the new pews ordered, or for the cost of the new electronic organ. If you do so, mark your contribution for pews or organ. Remember to be generous also for the Maintenance & Repair fund.

This QR code will link you to our Faith Direct account where you can make ongoing contributions or a one-time contribution. It is quick, easy & efficient. Whether it is a parish contribution for a the New Year gift, or any other parish contribution, please consider using this QR code.



Parish Trivia ?

How much did the lighting of the outside rose window cost?

a) \$325, b) \$590, c) \$795 or d) \$855

See answer at the bottom of this page.

FINAL Mandatory Amt: \$144,900

- **Donors: 404 out of 2,080**
- **Amount Paid: \$176,916**
- **Paid over mandatory amount: \$32,016 over!**
100% of overage comes back to the parish!



Feast of the Baptism of Christ - Monday, January 9th Today we celebrate the baptism



of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself

among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan. —

The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.

Are you interested in becoming a facilitator for a Divorce support group?

DATES for a training session: Jan. 14 & 15, 2023

Time: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm (both days)

Place: St. Dominic Building 2, room 140. 2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston. TX 77021

The objective of this Program is training leaders to learning the basics to establish & accompany a support divorce group in a parish. The talks will help you understand why does divorce hurt so badly, how to cope with anger & fear, why did God allow this to happen. And you will learn to experience Christ as the Great Healer & the power of prayer. Dealing with your former spouse, sex & dating, and help children to cope with divorce are issues we will address. We will speak about what the Church teaches about divorce. You will get tips to work on raising self-esteem & forgiveness.

If interested: Contact Molly Smith in the office: 281-955-7324 or molly.smith@stmaximilian.org

Parish Trivia (answer)

How much did the lighting of the outside rose window cost?

b) \$590 Cost of garland \$520, 8 sets of lights \$40, Wall anchors & mounting cable \$30, plus free labor of Mike & Theresa Sicola who assembled & installed it.





Adoration: To increase your relationship with God through prayer life.
Community: To create a spiritual environment in your parish, family, and friendships & live strong moral values.
Theology: To learn more about scripture and our Catholic faith.
Service: To join in fellowship in church ministries & share your talents to help meet pastoral needs.

Men, be part of a brotherhood of faith & friendship during the 2023 Men's ACTS Retreat! The retreat is a great way to start the New Year with a commitment to better connect to Jesus and follow His teachings. This 3-day/night Catholic lay retreat (presented by parishioners) begins on a Thursday evening and ends Sunday at noon Mass. **Watch for sign-up tables after Masses in January or download a registration form from the St. Max website.** Contact Team Director Mark Kohlschmidt at 281.236.7203 for more info.

Women's ACTS Retreat: April 27–30, 2023



Pray each day for David & Lori Persich as David prepares for the diaconate ordination on Friday, February 17, 2023. Pray each day for a seminarian below.

Vocations: Ignatian Silent Retreats for Young Men & Women Whether you want to close your year with prayerful reflection or kick off 2023 with the capacity to listen deeper to the Lord, the Office of Vocations has retreat opportunities for both men & women. Vocations is offering 2 separate silent retreats geared for young adults who truly desire to hear the Lord. Each retreat has different dates & locations, but both will offer space for conversation with the Lord, time with a spiritual director, daily Mass & brief talks each night to guide your prayer. Cost is \$150 & space is limited. For more info for either retreat, go to: <https://houstonvocations.com/events/>

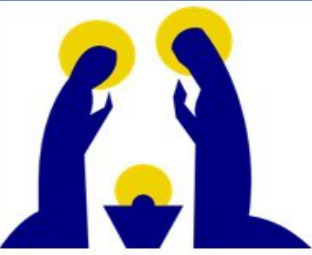
PRAYER for VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious & consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, God, for ever & ever. Amen.

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DENNEGHY MASON	2 WESLEY HENRY	3 HAI DAO	4 PEDRO RUBIO	5 JOHN CLARK	6 DANIEL PHILLIPS	7 AN HONG VO
8 NAM NGUYEN	9 THEODORE BIRKOFER	10 FONTENELLE DIMARG	11 ANDRES CARABEZ	12 BEN MUELLER	13 DCN. ZACHARY MULDROW	14 SHAWN VARKEY
15 DEACON J SERRATO	16 MITCHELL SCHUMANN	17 RYAN BERGER	18 PEDRO RUBIO	19 TIMOTHY SPJUT	20 JOHN PAUL ELLWANGER	21 JOSE VERA
22 DAVID RAMIREZ	23 VIET NGUYEN	24 ANTHONY SOMMER	25 BILL WATERS	26 LUIS ARMAS	27 ETHAN SICKING	28 JAMES SCHNITZLER
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O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS: SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS: BUT ABOVE ALL, TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST. AMEN.



Happy Holidays

No Faith Formation
Classes until Sun, Jan 8
or Thurs, Jan 19.



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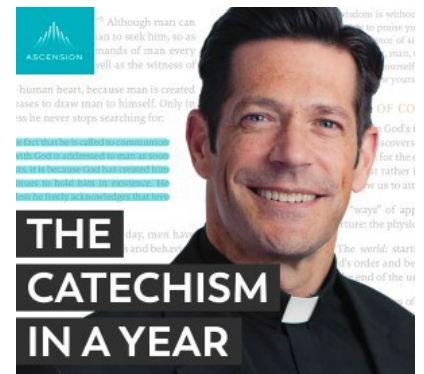
Another Formed Resources:
Families can get some idea for Catholic practices around the Christmas season by checking out *Catholic All Year At Home* video on Formed:
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Celebrate the New Year by looking at the birth of Jesus through this new lens and then check out the series that is re-introducing Jesus to our lives in a new way.

<https://watch.formed.org/the-chosen-christmas-special-with-catholic-commentary>

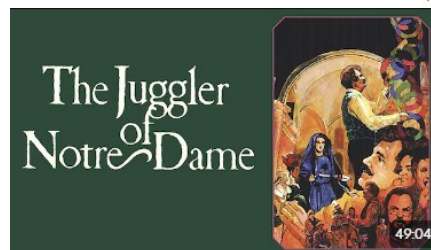
After the success of the *Bible in a Year* podcast, Fr Mike Schmitz is launching a new podcast that will go through the *Catechism in a Year*. The richness of the faith is explained in the Catechism and thoroughly supported by Scripture, Church documents, and Saints.



Looking for a way to engage in 2023?? Try a podcast (available on multiple platforms like Google Podcasts, iTunes, Spotify, Stitcher, etc) Fr Mike Schmitz has a podcast where he reads a selection of Scripture and gives a short reflection every day. You can listen to the entire *Bible in a Year* podcast just by investing about 25 minutes a day. If you have tried in the past, try again. God has more spiritual fruits for those who desire to listen to His Word.



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... has 448 priests, 411 religious sisters, 13 religious brothers & 438 permanent deacons.
... includes some of Texas' largest parishes, such as Epiphany of Our Lord (Katy) with 6,200 households, St. Laurence (Sugar Land) with 7,300 households, Christ the Redeemer with 7065 households. St. Anthony of Padua (The Woodlands) with 7066 households & Prince of Peace with 9610 households. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the largest parish, with 10,255 families. At least 17 other parishes have 3,500 households or more.
... reflects the region's multicultural character with one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the nation. Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages in the Archdiocese.

JANUARY: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Texas Rally for Life 2023

Join the Archdiocese & thousands of others from & around Texas on January 28, 2023 for the annual Texas Rally for Life at Austin in remembrance of & to march in support of all human life. For more info, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-440-3443

Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer again the Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss on Sat., Feb. 5th. This single-day retreat is part of the Jerome's Hope ministry. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 for couples. Register 713-741-8728 or online at <https://archgh.cventevents.com/> or

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

That we are generous with all of our gifts, especially the one thing that means the most to us.

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Mt 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

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*"So you could not keep watch
with me for one hour?..."*
Mt 26:40

Sensory Friendly Mass The deaf & hard of hearing ministry along with the ministry for persons with disability invites you to attend a ASL interpreted Sensory Friendly Mass on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at 5 pm. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Dell'Oro at Warren Chapel, 2401 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, 77021. No registration is required; masks are required. All are welcome to a social after the Holy Mass. For any questions, feel free to reach Melissa Alvarez 713-741-8798.

Tuesday	12 Midnight—1 am
Wednesday	2 am—3 am
Wednesday	9 am—10 am
Thursday	2 am—3 am
Thursday	5 pm—6 pm



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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Laura Aguianga, Eleanor Antunez, Rosa Avalos, Chau Tung Bach, Lupe Batey, Melissa Batey, Isabel Bernal, Gloria Cantu, Anna Cardona, Bill Carew, Carolyn Cartafalsa, Marisela Castaneda, Emilio Chavez-Cody, Kayson Clay, Robert Coldwell, Michael Contreras, Jesse Corona, Aurora Corral, Brayden Vossler Corson, Jim Dodge, Bobby Embesi, Harold H. Emmers, Jr., Greg Evans, Lisa Everett, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, James Geary, Mary L. Broussard-Gee, Kenny Gordon, Ellis Goss, Mack Harper, Mitzi Harper, Georgia Hohensee, Danette Isaacs, Lupe Kaminski, Madison Koopmann, Noemi Lopez, Charlie Lozano, Jr., Barrett Mandel, Marc Maraccini, Rachele Marchisio, Frank Martone, Russell Neal, Diem Le Nguyen, Richard Ornelaz, Carmen Ortiz, Reyna Parkhurst, Walker Pennington, Wyatt Pennington, Stan Petty, Anthony Phillips, Irma Phillips, Jose Rodriguez, Kent Rogers, Richard Ramirez, Kyle Rosenfeld, Anita Roth, Nelda Ramos Ruiz, Alveraize Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Patricia Simon, Sam Sinclair, Anthony Sliva, Louise Slott, Bradley Smart, Lance Smith, Doris Soukup, Michael Spears, Albert Stocker, Michael Svemith, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Consuelo Estrada Torres, Merlita Velasquez, Linda Webb, Carolyn & Gary Webber, Chuck Woodruff, Frances Wooley, Dee Worrell, & Calvin Sing Yeung

The next **Café Catholica Lite** will be held on Jan. 19th at Christ the Redeemer (11507 Huffmeister Rd, 77065) from 7-8:45 pm. The speaker is Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, Vocations Director for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, and his talk will be, "Scripture in Art: Mary's Fiat." The night will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A & communal prayer. The talk will be available to view online as well (link available online at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica). The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ & his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more info, contact the Office for Young Adult & Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.



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