



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 22, 2023 | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

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Weekly Prayer and Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday | St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday | St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Wednesday |

Thursday |

Friday |

Saturday | Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2023

Sunday | Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday | Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday | Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday | Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday | Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday | Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday | Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday | Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Rafael Cordero y Molina was born October 24, 1790, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was the youngest of three children and his father worked in the tobacco fields, doing his best to carve out a meager living for them. At the time, in Puerto Rico, black families like his were banned from enrolling their children into local schools. Cordero's parents did their best to homeschool their children. At an early age, Cordero set his mind to becoming a teacher.

Along with instilling a love for education into their children, Cordero's parents also worked to teach them about God and their beloved Catholic faith. Cordero embraced Catholicism and was Confirmed at age 14. At age 20 he began working with his father in the local tobacco fields and hatched a plan to make a seriously positive change in his community that combined his love for education and his faith — start a free school for children like him who were excluded from traditional education in his community. Cordero ran his free school for the next 58 years!

Before his death, he sensed that his life would be coming to an end and prayed with his students, giving them his blessing. He passed away in 1868 at the age of 78 and more than 2,000 people attended his funeral. In 2013 Pope Francis declared that Rafael Cordero y Molina lived a life of "heroic virtue" and was worthy of the title Venerable. There are many schools that bear his name in the USA and Puerto Rico. Today, he is still fondly remembered as the *Father of Public Education in Puerto Rico*.

PRAYER

Our Lord and God, You instilled in your Servant, Rafael Cordero y Molina, a Puerto Rican layman, an ardent zeal for the integral education of children and a luminous charity toward the poor and helpless. Help me to also respond with the generosity of service to those in need in around me. I ask of You, if it is Your will, that You grant me (my intercession) so that Your servant Rafael is elevated to sainthood. Amen.

Let us Pray

JOIN US

In Spreading the Good News

Weekday Mass

Mon-Wed 9:00 a.m.
Thurs 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat 9:00 a.m.

Rosary

Fri Following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Sat Before 9:00 a.m. Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 5:00 p.m.
Sun 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thurs 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Fri 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Sat 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Other By Appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thurs 9:45 a.m. - Friday 9:00 a.m.
(Except during Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 8:45 a.m.

In Remembrance/Prayers

Please stop by the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for a loved one or those dearly departed. You are also able to honor someone by funding the Flowers in the Sanctuary. The cost of each arrangement is \$115, please visit the office to reserve a weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prayers for the Faithful: October 21 - October 29

† Deceased

Saturday October 21st

09:00 a.m. † Frank Moellar
05:00 p.m. † Jacob Rodriguez

Sunday October 22nd

08:00 a.m. Ngo Family
10:00 a.m. † Ester Cruz
12:00 p.m. Jarreau Family
05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday October 23rd

09:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday October 24th

09:00 a.m. † Tooran Foroughi

Wednesday October 25th

09:00 a.m. Phan Family

Thursday October 26th

09:00 a.m. † Refugio Champion Mata
07:00 p.m. † Galo Altamirano

Friday October 27th

09:00 a.m. Shayan Dioun

Saturday October 28th

09:00 a.m. All souls
05:00 p.m. Dioun family

Sunday October 29th

08:00 a.m. Joselin Jose
10:00 a.m. † Mary Fernandes
12:00 p.m. † Pauline Augustine
05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

Joey Myers	Patrica Hendrix
Annabelle Van Deursen	E L Guidry
Marc Carter	Mary Mauricio
Veronika de la Mata	Rodney Cook
Earl Florentino Sr.	Isabela Corridore
Yellis Ortega	Letta Sim
Joe Mims	Sonny Acevedo
Rick Gaillardetz	Mary Meta
Zelie Murray	Mary Monsanto
Elvira Sta. Ana	Carter Vann
Kristian Lewis-Fernando	Cindy Corbett
Renee Robbins	Anne Higgins
Gary Bentz	Monica Ruiz
Kit Messa	Renee Lyons
Ernestina T. Elizondo	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Ruby Goff	Richard Holliday
Louisa Bent	Jim Boney

OUR MILITARY

PFC Jonathon Rivas, US Army	Lt. Hailey Kryszewski, US Navy
Major Jose Carrejo, Army Reserve	Melina Thompson, US Coast Guard
Spec. Nicholas Watts	GSM2 Surface Warfare DePlata
USN Air Corps Robert Mangan	Lt. Tyson Stickler, US Navy
Col. James Romero, US Army	Juan P. Muniz II, US Navy
Col. Jonathan Esparza, US Air Force	SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, US Army
BU3 Matthew Roche	Capt. Samantha L. Guerrero,
Sailor Denzel Buzon, US Navy	USMC Artillery Division
PVT Jonathan Villasenor, US Army	CPL Andrew Molina, US Army

OUR DECEASED

Nona Tanoos Ray
Virgilio Cajipe
Gerry Mata

Mary Gold Casino Alfafara
Yvonne Laschon
Maria Marrero

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 22

10:00 a.m.	CLOW Session
03:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth RCIA Session
06:00 p.m.	Moms of Teens Book Group
06:30 p.m.	LifeTeen/Beyond Session

Monday, October 23

04:15 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session A
05:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary Meeting
06:00 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session B
07:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina via Zoom

Tuesday, October 24

04:15 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session C
06:00 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session D
07:00 p.m.	Gumbo Cook-off Planning Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
07:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

06:30 p.m.	EDGE Session
06:30 p.m.	SVDP Meeting

Thursday, October 26

06:15 a.m.	TMIY (That Man is You)
07:00 p.m.	Venturing Crew Youth Meeting

Friday, October 27

06:00 a.m.	Men's Frid Scripture Reflection
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Next Saturday, October 28

09:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Workshop
09:00 a.m.	Pastoral Council Discernment
10:00 a.m.	Confident Parenting Workshop
06:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat

Next Sunday, October 29

10:00 a.m.	CLOW Session
03:00 p.m.	Adult/Youth RCIA Session



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte *aren't* solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. *This* world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. *For when I have time*, I tell myself. *For when I am ready*.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Spiritual Journey



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism

To baptize your child at our parish, you must be a registered parishioner or live within our boundaries. For children older than age seven or Adults seeking Baptism, please contact the Parish office for information about the RCIA process.

Holy Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish office nine to twelve months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process at St. Angela Merici. One member of the engaged couple needs to be a Baptized Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound

Any parishioner who is scheduled for surgery is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, prior to hospitalization. We will hold an anointing of the sick every other month on the second Saturday during the 9AM mass. Parishioners who are seriously ill, and the elderly may also be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Communion/First Reconciliation

Students preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, at a minimum, must have regularly attended Catholic Faith Formation classes the year prior to their sacrament year (this could be through a parish Faith Formation program or Catholic school) and be at least seven years of age.

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. Angela Merici must have at least one year prior preparation in Life Teen, Faith Formation or Catholic school and then complete a year of immediate preparation before receiving the sacrament and be at least in tenth grade.

To learn more about any of the Sacraments at St. Angela Merici please visit our website or call the Parish Office at 281-778-0400

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

St. Angela Merici has experienced Spiritual Directors to accompany you (in English and in Spanish) as you more deeply explore your questions about a relationship with God and others. Here are some gifts of spiritual direction:

- Notice and savor your experiences of God.
- Grow in relationship with God, self, others, and creation.
- Deepen your freedom to live a more authentic life.
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life.
- Find understanding, encouragement, and affirmation.
- Celebrate joys and share losses.

To meet with a spiritual director or to obtain more information contact **Kathleen Messina** at kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com or 281-778-9178.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's. — *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



Elementary Faith Formation

Thank you to the parish for continuing to support our Faith Formation programs. We have several volunteer positions open for Tuesdays at 4:15p if you are available to help! Call the office if you have any questions.

This coming week our classes will learn about All Saints and All Soul's Days. Take this time to learn about everyone in the family's name Saint!

First Sacrament Families

First Reconciliation Parent and Child Workshops are October 28th and November 2nd. Make sure you have calendared the date you signed up for.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Led by two adults, CLOW invites children grades K-2nd to gather every Sunday during the 10am Mass for the Liturgy of the Word readings on a child's developmental level. The children are invited to join the Faith Sharers after the Gloria and process reverently to the St Angela Merici room in the back of church. They are then led back into the church and return to their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration is needed for the children.



Youth Ministry



EDGE/LIFETEEN

We kicked off with great success and are moving along! Our youth continue to learn their faith, build forever relationships and have fun! If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please contact us at the office, 281-778-0400, or by email, ymassistant@stamericigh.com

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Retreat is right around the corner! The Retreat will be held the weekend of November 3-5, and registration has now closed. If you missed the deadline to register your teen, please call the office at 281-778-0400. You may also email us at ymassistant@stamericigh.com.

Gumbo Cook-off

Preparations are underway for our next Gumbo Cook-Off! If you would like to be a part of the planning for our Cook-Off, please join us on Tuesday, October 24th at 7pm in the Parish office for our next meeting.



Mother's Day Out



Story Hour

Thank you to the Sienna Library for presenting an onsite story hour this week. Ms. Mary Muschel was kind enough to come out twice this week so all our children were able to enjoy the experience!

Picture Day

Parents please remember that picture day will be Thursday and Friday this week for the students.

Trunk or Treat

We look forward to seeing you at Trunk or Treat on Saturday the 28th!



Parish and Community Life

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Knights of Columbus Events



October is Respect Life Month and the Knights of Columbus are honoring this month by conducting a fundraiser and supply drive for the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center (PRMC) in Rosenberg. We ask parishioners to place their contributions in the baby bottles handed out last weekend and return them to the collection baskets located in the narthex throughout the month of October. We also encourage parishioners to contribute to much needed supplies such as: diapers (especially 5M/6M sizes), pull ups, baby wipes, formula, baby clothing (especially 6M to 12M sizes), and 6 or 8 foot tables and chairs for their classrooms. Gently used baby products are also welcome. Additional information on the PRMC can be found by scanning QR code.

The annual Sugar Land Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 22, from 2:00-3:30 PM. Please join fellow Pro-life advocates from neighboring parishes and churches to stand as silent witnesses to Life. St. Angela Merici's location is at the north corner of TX-6 and Lexington Ave. LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness, and a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community for Life in all its stages. It is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to Life. If you and your family would like to participate please contact Larry Effler at ljeffler@comcast.net or 979-299-0778.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the traveling Silver Rose on Thursday, October 26 with a special service after the 7:00 PM Mass. Every year, the Silver Rose travels under the benefices of our Lady of Gaudalupe from Canada to Mexico stopping along the way at select parishes to encourage the support of Life in all its stages. The final stop on its journey is at the Basilica of Our Lady of Gaudalupe in Mexico City on December 8th. It is an honor to have the Rose stop at our parish and we hope you will come and join us in prayer. More information is available at: Silver Rose - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

Respect Life
Sunday

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

Our fabulous MDO staff filled their brains at the Archdiocese ECC Conference 2023 held on October 9. They were able to meet other staff throughout the diocese as well as learn fun teaching techniques to bring back to St. Angela's Angels MDO program here at the Parish.



NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

Zayne Melvin Mathew

Scarlett Josephine Gabiola

Kachimra Joan Ugwuanyi-Chinedu

Sonia Olafikunayomi Chinyenum Alex-Oni



Parish and Community Life

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

Join Us!

Our next Eucharistic Revival Night is on Friday, November 3 with a special theme of the Eucharist and the Old Testament. We will have a special guest speaker, Brian Henritze. Brian Henritze is a disciple, husband, father, and nerd, in that order. He has an MA in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, and an MBA from LSU. Brian has served as a professional Lay Minister for over 18 years on both the parish and diocesan levels. He currently serves the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as an Associate Director of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization and the Director of the Capernaum Learning Management System. Brian will discuss how the Eucharist is the fulfillment of the promises and covenants of the Old Testament.

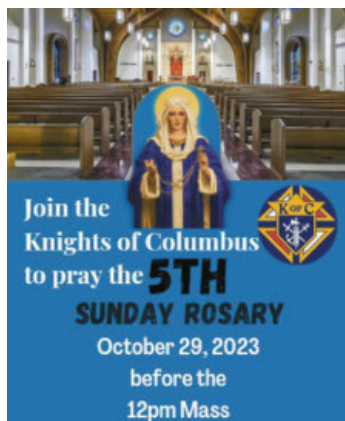
We invite you and your whole family to join us for this powerful night of music, Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.



5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

October 29

October is the month of the Rosary, all parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary on Sunday, October 29 BEFORE the 12pm Mass. The rosary will begin around 11:35am and will end about 5 minutes before 12pm Mass begins. Please join us and share the message with others.



COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

Save the Date - Feb 2024



Join Mark Gungor for his 2-day LIVE Couples' Comedy Event! Mark Gungor, one of the most sought-after speakers on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. His conference brings striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes.

Mark's humor makes this conference so enjoyable, effective, and memorable that husbands and wives will retain these insights and immediately put them to work. You don't want to miss this event; it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Share with those you care the most! TICKETS ARE NOW for sale using the QR code above!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

October Meeting

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, October 25** at 6:30PM in the SAM Room.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Rick Vice at honeyfarmer@fastmail.com.



Parish and Community Life

ENGRAVED PAVER/BENCH PROGRAM Capital Campaign

We are very excited to launch the Paver & Bench Project... and from the feedback we have heard, so are you! These pavers are being installed just to the right of the plaza as you approach the front doors of the Church. Personalized pavers are available in 4x8, 8x8, and 8x8 granite. In addition to the pavers, benches are available for \$3000. These are weather-resistant, maintenance-free benches that come with a personalized bronze plaque. These pavers and benches are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion! A very generous family in our Parish will be matching dollar-for-dollar every donation toward the capital campaign from now until the end of the year... up to \$250,000!!!

THE PAVER PROJECT

A Fundraiser for the St. Angela Merici Capital Campaign

Let's pave the way to a brighter future... together!

Help us create a space to celebrate, commemorate and communicate with one another!

Monies raised through this fundraiser will go toward the IGNITE and Built on Faith: Growing Together as One campaigns, reducing the church construction debt, and offering parishioners and friends the opportunity to be a lasting part of St. Angela Merici's history and future.

This is a wonderful way to give recognition to a family, individual (living or deceased), or an organization as a lasting display of your support and connection to our faith community.

AND THERE'S MORE...

We are so very grateful that one of our generous families has offered to MATCH ALL NEW DONATIONS toward the Capital Campaign between now and the end of 2023... UP TO \$250,000! So, your \$200 brick is actually \$400 toward our efforts... \$800 is \$1600... and so on! Let's make the most of this incredibly generous opportunity!

LARY & RACHEL
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\$200

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DON'T WORRY"
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TORRES FAMILY
2023

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11/18/2000
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FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

November 5



November seems to be a month in which people are intentionally thankful and grateful for the many blessings received from God. People in your life are gifts from God! What are you thankful for or whom are you thankful for? On the First Sunday Event, Sunday, November 5, we invite you to take a moment to think about the gifts that people in your parish have. You can write a thankful note to the persons in your parish (pastor, parochial vicar, parish administrator, staff members, choir directors, Mass captains, or anyone you see serving at Mass), your family members.....anyone you're thankful for. Scan the QR code for more information.

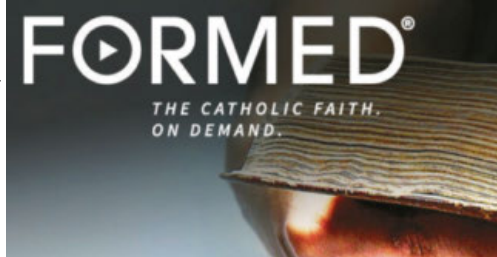
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TOTAL CONSECRATION



Join us as we begin a new round of Total consecration to Jesus through Mary on November 5. Anyone can get consecrated: women, men, children, youth, couples, singles, and entire families. This consecration will conclude on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prayers are emailed every day at 5am, but you can pray/meditate the time that is best for you. For details or to sign up, please use the QR code above.



Thank you so much for your commitment to growing our faith family! If you have any questions, or want to pay in person, please contact the Parish Office. Deadline to buy pavers for the December 2023 install is October 31, 2023.

Parish and Community Life

ADVENT 2023

A Season of Light



As we prepare for the Advent Season to begin in less than eight weeks, we want you to prepare your hearts and minds for the hope and joy of the season by saving the date for various Advent events we will be holding here at the Parish. Click the QR code above to find further information on each one of these events. The Advent Day of Reflection requires registration, but is free of charge. Most all of the events are meant to be for the entire family. We hope you join us for these events and share with friends and family.

Saturday, December 2

Advent Day of Reflection

9AM - 3PM

Centered on theme of "Re-igniting Our Hope" led by Kathleen Messina.

Saturday, December 9

Anointing of the Sick

9AM - 10AM

We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you at Mass.

December 9-12

Advent Parish Mission

9AM - 9PM

Join Deacon Herald for motivational talks to strengthen your faith.

Monday, December 18

Maranatha Concert

7PM - 8PM

A journey through scripture and song to prepare for Christ's coming.

Wednesday, December 6

Youth Ministry Advent Night

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Have the family join us for praise & worship, speakers and adoration.

Saturday, December 9

Project St. Nick

4PM - 7PM

Fun, games, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus for everyone.

Friday, December 15

Simbang Gabi

7PM - 10PM

Filipino traditional event of a novena of Advent Masses with songs.

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Penance Service

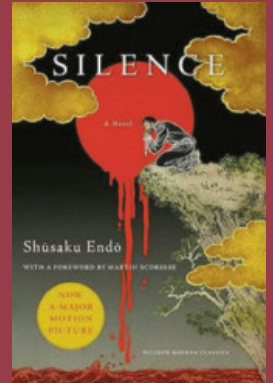
7PM - 9PM

Several priests will be available to hear confessions and reconcile.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB

November 8

Join us for the next meeting of the St. Angela Spirituality book club on November 8th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office. (We meet every other month.) The book we are reading is *Silence* by Shūsaku Endō. It is a historical novel set in 16th century Japan. It tells the story of how the Jesuit priests and converts to the faith were persecuted so that they would deny Christ. The book also raises the question of how much the Church may have to adapt to meet the culture in which it exists in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. So definitely a current discussion as well!



ROSARY RALLY

Thank you to all those who joined us for our rosary rally held on Saturday, October 14. Special thanks to the Filipino Ministry for organizing and providing delicious snacks after the rally was finished.



KC BLOOD DRIVE

November 12

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on Sunday, November 12 from 9:00AM - 1:30PM in the PLC. While 1 in 7 hospitalized people will need a blood transfusion in a lifetime, only 1 in 20 eligible blood donors actually donate. There is no substitute for blood - your donation saves lives. Schedule your appointment today by scanning the QR code below! You will receive a free pizza and blanket for all donations. Come help save a life with the gift of blood donation!

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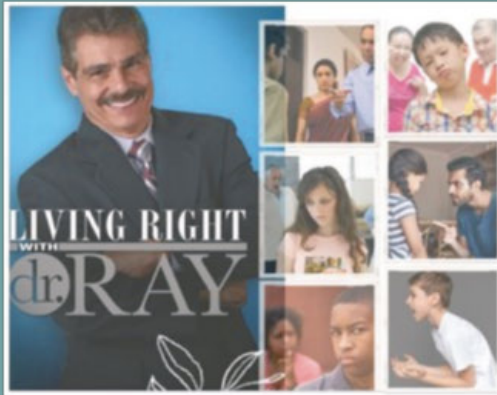
PARENTING CONFERENCE

Dr. Ray Guarendi



St. Angela will host Dr. Ray Guarendi on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10AM to 12PM in the Church building. The conference's theme is You're a Better Parent Than You Think! This conference is not only for parents but for anyone who deals with children and youth and wants to gain tools to "stand strong and keep the sanity of family and discipline."

Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. This presentation will foster self-confidence, peace of mind, and will put authority into your hands where it belongs. Childcare is available, please register today using the QR code here. Children 11-18 can also attend at a discounted price.



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Join us for a Advent Parish mission event with a dynamic Catholic Speaker! Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers – known around the world as the “Dynamic Deacon” – is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. In addition, he is the host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN television and is featured on the renown Chosen faith formation program by Ascension Press. He is also an award-winning author who has written six books.

He will be preaching at all masses the weekend of December 9/10 as well as holding his event from 10AM-12PM and 7-9PM on December 11th and 12th. Please save the date and share with friends.



13TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28



The Knights of Columbus and Adult Faith Formation Office invite you to participate in our 13th Annual Trunk or Treat Event, Saturday, Oct 28th from 6:00-7:30PM. Decorate your trunk and come in costume!

Use your favorite bible character or super hero! Note that costumes and car decorations should be tasteful and appropriate for an audience of small children. To register your vehicle, scan the QR code above, there are limited spaces. You can also sign up to volunteer the day of the event to help with games, set-up and clean-up. There will also be prizes as well for best costume! You can also begin dropping off candy donations now until the weekend of October 14/15. You can drop your donations off in the church narthex or to the Parish office. Thanks in advance for your participation. See pics below for trunk inspiration!



Parish and Community Life

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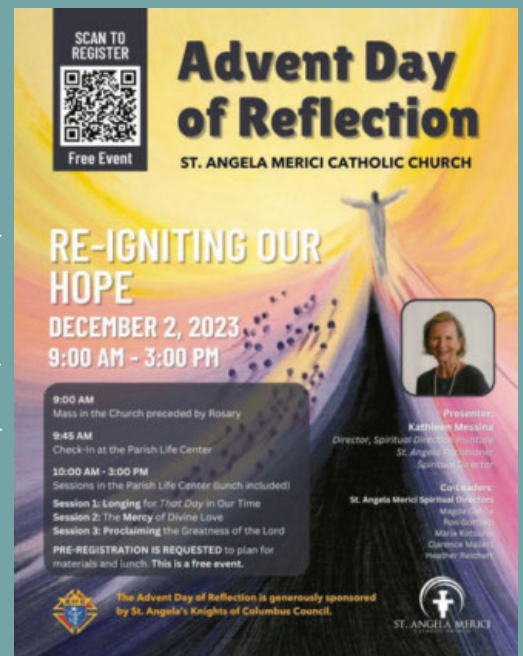
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ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

December 2

Accept God's invitation this Advent to re-ignite the hope that sustains us in all things, in all times. Join other parishioners as we step out of darkness and into the light of true blessed and joyful expectation of Jesus who was and is and is to come.

Sponsored by St. Angela's Knights of Columbus, the day will be led by Kathleen Messina, Director of the Spiritual Direction Institute and St. Angela Parishioner and Spiritual Director, along with other St. Angela Spiritual Directors. The three sessions will include talks, small group discussions, activities and music. There is no fee, but Registration is requested via the QR code or by visiting the parish website. Lunch is included. For more information contact Kathleen Messina 281-778-9178.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

In light of the most recent sex abuse scandal, I would urge anyone who has experienced sexual assault or harassment by ANYONE in the church to come forward. Where the incident may rise to the level of a crime, please also contact local law enforcement. Contact information for the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Diane Vines; vac@archgh.org or 713-654-5799.

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2023 DSF GOAL	\$50,000
Amount Received	\$66,734
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Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total Pledged	\$3,382,996
Remaining Goal	\$317,004
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