



# ST. ANGELA MERICI

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”  
- Lk 6:38

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# Welcome to St. Angela Merici

“St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Missouri City, TX is a diverse community, united in the Mission of Christ through the Eucharist, proclamation of the Gospel, and service to the people of God.”

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Bulletin announcements must be print ready and submitted to Tressy Garcia, our bulletin editor at [communications@stamericigh.com](mailto:communications@stamericigh.com) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday (9 days) before the Sunday of intended publication.

## Weekly Prayer and Readings

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

#### Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

#### Gospel

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**Sunday** | 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday** |

**Tuesday** |

**Wednesday** |

**Thursday** | St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

**Friday** |

**Saturday** |

**Next Sunday** | 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**Sunday** | 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Monday** | Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday** | Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday** | Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday** | Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday** | Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday** | Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday** | Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

### PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

*Dear Jesus,*

*Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard.*

*Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you.*

*Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me.*

*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

Mon 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 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: February 22 - March 2

† Deceased

<b>Saturday February 22</b> 09:00 a.m. † Herminia C. Luna 05:00 p.m. † Maria Nguyen & † Peter Lai
<b>Sunday February 23</b> 08:00 a.m. † Maura Quinlan 10:00 a.m. † Lilita Austria Abastilla 12:00 p.m. † Joe & † Esperanza Zamora 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Monday February 24</b> 09:00 a.m. † Ricardo Peña, Sr.
<b>Tuesday February 25</b> 09:00 a.m. † Mary Chandy
<b>Wednesday February 26</b> 09:00 a.m. † Horacio Erminy Imery
<b>Thursday February 27</b> 09:00 a.m. † Jacobo E. Garcia 07:00 p.m. † Carmen Muñiz
<b>Friday February 28</b> 09:00 a.m. Eden Abraham
<b>Saturday March 1</b> 09:00 a.m. † Ancy Louis 05:00 p.m. † Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday March 2</b> 08:00 a.m. Jainy Keezangattu 10:00 a.m. † Maria Felicidad La'O 12:00 p.m. † Jose Toruno 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## Please Pray for Them

#### OUR SICK

Joey Myers	Rodney Cook
Marc Carter	Isabela Corridore
Veronika de la Mata	Letta Sim
Earl Florentino Sr.	Sonny Acevedo
Yellis Ortega	Mary Meta
Joe Mims	Mary Monsanto
Zelie Murray	Carter Vann
Elvira Sta. Ana	Cindy Corbett
Kristian Lewis-Fernando	Anne Higgins
Renee Robbins	Monica Ruiz
Gary Bentz	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Kit Messa	Rose Foucher
Ernestina T. Elizondo	Dorothy Petru
Ruby Goff	Elsy Thomas
Toni Weber	Stephen Long
Veva Harrison	Suzanne Long
Mary Mauricio	Doris Korenek
Sally Bowden	Marguerite Haas

#### OUR MILITARY

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

#### OUR DECEASED

Maria Mata	Louisa Bent
Tommy Boney	Maria Marrero
Perla Boyoneta Cuaycony	Rolando Ocampo
Zenaída Lim Pruna	Margaret Fiore
Diane Mangan	Josefina Serrano
Kim Ralph Hernandez	Ikechukwu Obiekwe Nwana
Doris Korenek	Benjamin Castro Guzman

## Happening this week

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 23

10:00 a.m.	Breaking Open the Word OCIA
10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
01:00 p.m.	Jr. Legion of Mary Meeting
02:30 p.m.	SAM Filipino Ministry Meeting
05:30 p.m.	Moms of Teens Meeting
06:30 p.m.	LifeTeen/BEYOND Session

#### Monday, February 24

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
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
06:00 p.m.	ACTS Women's Team Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina via Zoom

#### Tuesday, February 25

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study AM Session
04:15 p.m.	Elem Faith Form Class Session C
06:00 p.m.	Elem Faith Form Class Session D
06:30 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
07:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study PM Session

#### Wednesday, February 26

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
01:00 p.m.	ACTS Women's Lead Meeting
06:30 p.m.	SVDP Meeting
06:30 p.m.	EDGE Session

#### Thursday, February 27

06:15 A.M.	That Man is You (TMIY)
09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
05:30 p.m.	1st Reconciliation Workshop
06:30 p.m.	KC Officers Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
07:00 p.m.	Workshops of Prayer & Life

#### Friday, February 28

06:00 a.m.	Men's Scripture Reflection
07:00 p.m.	Karaoke Idol Fundraiser

#### Next Saturday, March 1

### PRACTICING CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

#### Judgment and Love

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

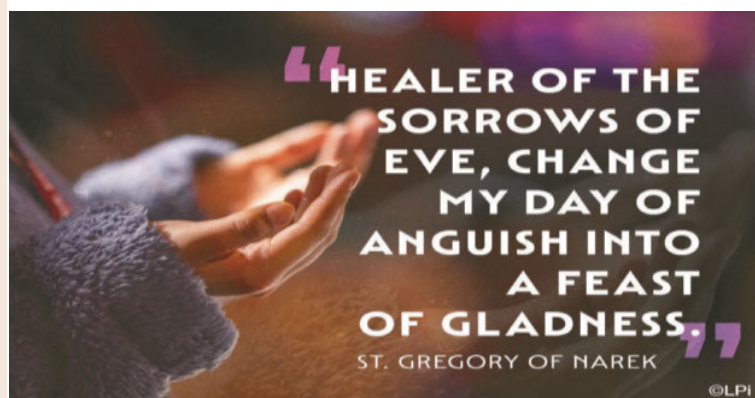
It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churched ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it. But it *is* judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

- 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](mailto:kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com) or 281-778-9178.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their dark-nesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "**Be merciful just as your Father is merciful**" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God's* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— *Father John Muir*

## Elementary Faith Formation



### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

This week's lesson is on Why and How does Jesus Christ want me to make good choices? We will be handing out information on this year's Discipleship Project this week. We will be working with the Salvation Army.

Soup and Stations with St Angela Angels, Elementary Faith, and Youth Ministries will be Friday, March 7. Come join us for a light meal and the Stations of the Cross led by the youth of our parish.

### CLOW( Children's Liturgy of the Word)

CLOW is held each week during the 10am Mass. 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.



## Youth Ministry

### EDGE/LIFETEEN

Please pray for our Middle School students as we attend the Archdiocesan Middle School Rally Saturday, February 22 in Spring, Texas. We will be taking 37 middle school students for a day of prayer, fun, and fellowship!

### CONFIRMATION

Mark your calendars!! Our Confirmation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 16 at 7:00pm.

### SUMMER SAVE THE DATE

Middle School Day Camp will be held July 15-18. This 4-day camp is open to incoming 6th graders to outgoing 8th graders. More info to come. Steubenville Retreat. This year our youth will be headed to the Youth Conference in Dallas June 20-22. This retreat is for incoming 9th graders to outgoing 12th graders.



## Mother's Day Out

### MDO THIS WEEK

Join us for a Family friendly Soup and Stations on March 7 at 6:00pm. Children may follow the Procession through the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

### FALL CLASS REGISTRATION

Tell your friends! MDO has a few spots available in our 2's classes for next school year. Email [stangelaangels@stamericigh.com](mailto:stangelaangels@stamericigh.com) for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER CAMP 2025

Save the Dates - Preschool Summer Camp dates have been announced. Registration begins in March.

June 17-19

June 24-26

July 1-3

July 8-10



# Parish and Community Life

**THANK YOU!**



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## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

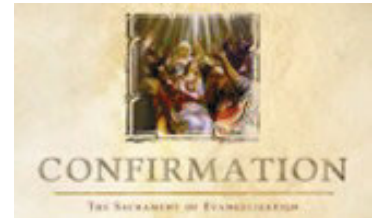
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Starts Tuesday, March 18, 2025 , Fee \$30 (to cover the Study Guide)

Offered on Tuesdays from 10-12pm or 7pm-9pm. Join renowned biblical scholar Dr. Brant Pitre as he delves into the riches of Scripture and Tradition to shed light on this all too often misunderstood sacrament. Gain a deeper understanding of the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to us in Confirmation and how we might live them out more fully as we take up our crosses and follow

Christ. **Note:** Evening class could be offered via zoom if less than 10 people register for the evening session. Please scan the QR code here for more info or to register.

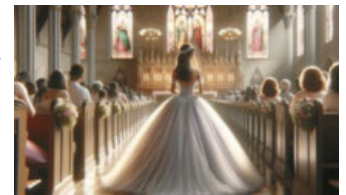


## QUINCEANERA CELEBRATIONS

Now Available



Quinceañera Celebrations are now available at St. Angela Merici. Quinceañera is a Spanish word that refers to a celebration for a girl's 15th birthday To attend an informative meeting about what a Quinceañera is and how we celebrate them at St. Angela, please contact Denise Rios at 832-359-4879 dprios687009@gmail.com Or Claudia Sereno at adultff@stamereicigh.com. To register or for more information, scan the QR code here.



## LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Save the Date

Please save the date to join us for this year’s Lenten Parish Mission. We will have a special guest speaker, Rev. Richard Hinkley, STL. Father Richard is Coordinator of Spiritual Formation, and Spiritual Director at Houston’s St. Mary’s Seminary.

**March 10, 11, and 12**

Theme: Liturgies of Holy Week

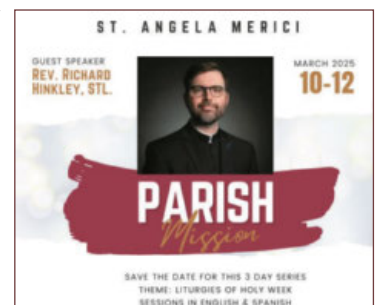
1st Session: Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper

2nd Session: The Paschal Triduum

3rd Session: Easter Season ending with Pentecost

English: 9:45am - 11:00am; and 6:30pm-7:30pm

Spanish: 8pm-9pm



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It has come to my attention that there is some confusion regarding Mass intentions. I would like to take this opportunity to articulate the teaching of the Church regarding Mass intentions and to announce the policy the parish will follow with regard to them. A Mass intention is the application of the mass by the priest for anyone living or dead. The custom grew out of the tradition in the early church that the offerings of bread and wine were actually brought as gifts to the Eucharistic celebration by members of the community. Over the course of the centuries the actual gifts were replaced by contributions of money and these were also used to help in the support of the clergy. In addition the practice grew of offering votive masses. These were masses offered for particular intentions or vota of an individual or group of people. By the eleventh and twelfth century the practice was that a priest celebrating a mass could receive a single offering or stipend for remembering a specific intention at Mass. The practice continued through the Council of Trent where some of its theology was formalized. It allowed the faithful to help in the support of the clergy, to participate a little more in the sacrifice of the mass, and to receive one of the fruits of the mass, namely the personal prayers of the priest offered for the Mass intention.

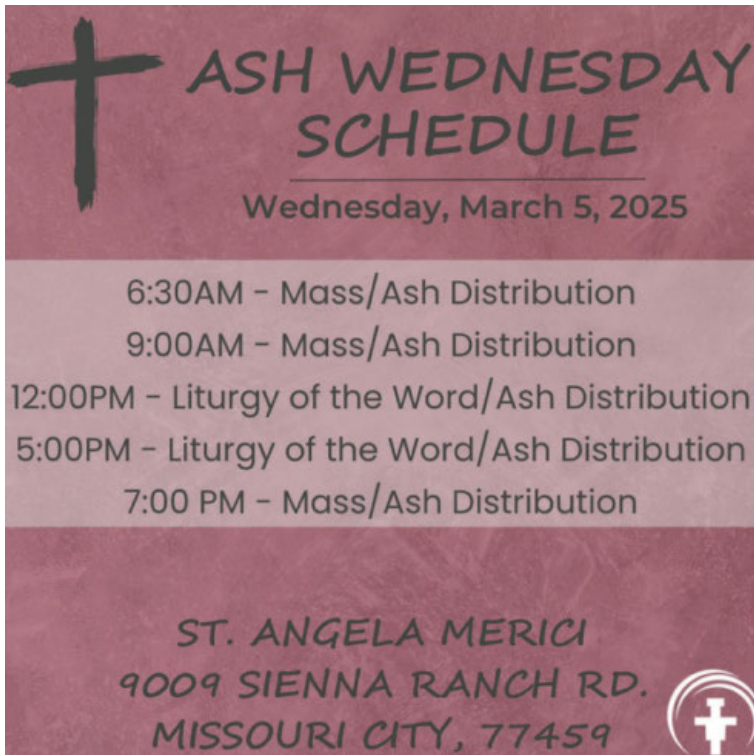
Even today there is some confusion as to the theology of the Mass intention. However, the Church has made it very clear in its teachings and its laws some of the things Mass intentions are not. It is not "buying" a Mass or "paying for" a Mass. It is not the "purchase" of any rights associated with a Mass. The donation for a Mass intention is a free-will offering made to the Church. The priest does have an obligation to apply a Mass for the particular intention, but it is an obligation imposed upon him morally and because of canon law, not because of a mercantile transaction. Canon law imposes restrictions upon Mass intention, indeed there are many canons devoted to it because the Church wants to avoid any appearance of "trafficking" in Masses. For example, the priest may only accept one intention for each Mass he offers. A priest may not accept any more offerings for Masses than he can apply in a single year. Masses over and above this yearly restriction should be sent to poor or missionary parishes. Mass intentions should not be conjoined, that is two or more intentions should not be celebrated at the same Mass unless this was clearly understood to happen before hand by all the persons involved. The conference of Bishops is allowed to set a suggested minimum for Mass intentions. This has been set by our Bishops at five dollars. This means that when someone asks what the offering is for a Mass we may suggest five dollars, however a person may request Mass be applied for an intention and may make no free-will offering or an offering of an amount lower than five dollars. It also means that when a contribution is made of a sum of money for a number of Masses and the amount is not specified per Mass it is assumed that the offering is five dollars per mass.

This brings us to the parish policies that need to reflect the Church's concern for the practice of Mass intentions. First, each priest can only apply one Mass for one intention. Consequently, we can only accept offerings to apply one intention for each Mass. Second, given the number of priests we have and given the number of Masses that can be applied in one year, we can only accept a certain number of intentions in one year. Mass intentions that are requested that are over and above that number will be sent to mission churches or to poor parishes or to other institutions than can apply the Masses. Because of these other considerations we must follow a first-come first-served policy. We may also need to restrict the number of Masses that may be requested at a single time (Eg.. "give me every first Friday for the rest of the year"). Finally, we come to perhaps the most controversial application of the policy. It has been my experience that confusion and misunderstanding is created when the Mass intention is "announced" either prior to or during Mass. The history and theology of this practice does not suggest that it is appropriate to do so. In fact, if it were necessary to do so this would be mandated by canon law or Diocesan law but it is not. Nor is "announcing the Mass intention", part of the Roman ritual of the Mass. There is, however, a very appropriate part of the Mass in which all of our intentions are prayed for and that is the Prayers of the Faithful or, as they are also known, the general intercessions. The Church reminds us that these should be "general" intercessions applicable to all the faithful. I have noticed that the faithful attending daily mass, at which I allow the assembly to add their own intentions, are very sensitive to this and have included the names of their loved ones in a general prayer for the sick or in a general prayer for all those who have died. This shows a great sensitivity to the liturgy. The policy therefore will be that we will not automatically announce the Mass intention at every Mass. If someone wishes the name of a loved one "announced" it will be at the appropriate time which is the prayers of the faithful. If the intention is to be offered on a Sunday, you must inform the office one week in advance to include the intention with the prayers of the faithful. If it is a weekday Mass you must meet with the priest who is to celebrate the Mass prior to that Mass and it will be up to him as to how to accommodate your request. I understand that it sometimes the custom for family and friends to gather to celebrate the Mass on the day a Mass intention is being offered. However, it should not be the expectation of the family that the name of the intention will be announced at the beginning of the Mass. I hope this helps to clarify the issue.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. John E. Cahoon Pastor



## Parish and Community Life



**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:30AM - Mass/Ash Distribution  
9:00AM - Mass/Ash Distribution  
12:00PM - Liturgy of the Word/Ash Distribution  
5:00PM - Liturgy of the Word/Ash Distribution  
7:00 PM - Mass/Ash Distribution

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#### Meat Gumbo

1st Place: Tiger Roux Crewe

2nd Place: Coops and Bloodz

Peoples Choice: Coops and Bloodz

Best Tent: Le Feed Yard

Please save the date for our 9th Annual Gumbo Cook-off and Carnival February 7, 2026!



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN SPANISH

March 22



Starts on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 10am-12pm. Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Scan the QR code here to register or more for info.



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In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 14 families, providing \$15,738 in food, utilities, rent, bills, etc. Thank You!

Join us for our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, February 26** at 6:30PM in the SAM room. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact

Maggie Woods:  
stamsvdp@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call the SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002



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## ST. ANGELA KARAOKE IDOL

February 28



Join the St. Angela Merici Music Ministry for their Karaoke Idol fundraising event on Friday, February 28th from 7PM to 10PM in the PLC! Adults aged 18 and up are invited to queue up your favorite tunes and let loose before the Lenten season with libations and food grilled up by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets will be \$15 during pre-sale, \$20 at the door, and include a complimentary drink voucher. All funds raised from this event will go towards supporting the Music Ministry and our Chancel Choir's participation in a concert at Carnegie Hall this November alongside choirs from around the world. Scan the QR code here for tickets or to donate online!



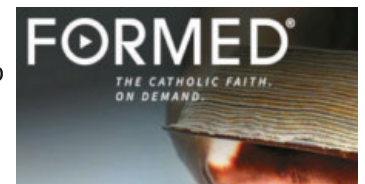
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## ACTS ENVELOPE CHALLENGE

Please Donate

The Envelope Challenge and Raffle is an online campaign to raise funds for our ACTS Retreats for scholarships, supplies, and other expenses. We challenge YOU to claim envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$200 – there is ONE envelope for each dollar amount. For each dollar you donate, you will receive one entry into our raffle for a chance to win a \$500 gift card or a \$300 gift card! Please consider donating, the campaign ends on March 31. Scan the QR code here to purchase. For more information, please contact: samactscore@gmail.com



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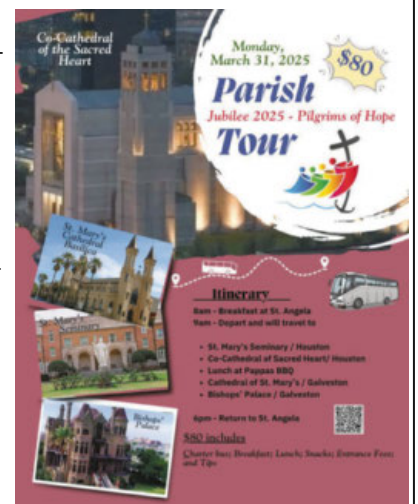


## JUBILEE 2025

Pilgrims of Hope



During the Jubilee Year, this year it is called, Pilgrims of Hope, we are encouraged to visit the designated archdiocesan churches as "Holy Door" churches. Join your fellow parishioners for a visit to the Cathedral in Galveston, the Co-Cathedral in Houston, and two other places. To learn more details and register, please scan the QR code here.



# Parish and Community Life

## SAM SENIOR MINISTRY MEETING

March 6

Our SAM Senior ministry is hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 6 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the SAM room. All parishioners 55 and older are welcome to attend. We will have a special guest speaker, Cheryl McClamrock of Fourth Dimension Wellness speaking on Health and Wellness. Please scan the QR code here to let us know if you are attending or to register and receive information about future events.



## KC SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Apply Now



The Knights of Columbus Council #14617 is now accepting applications for their thirteenth annual scholarship. The Knights will award up to four \$1000 non-renewable educational grants.

There are two different scholarship applications. Up to 3 scholarships will be awarded in each group.

- Application for a member of St. Angela Merici who is currently an 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grader and who will attend a Christian-based or Catholic high school for 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the Fall semester.

- Application for a family member of a St. Angela Merici parishioner who will be going to or is currently attending a two- or four-year college and will continue in the Fall semester.

We are looking for qualified boys and girls to apply. Scan the QR code for more information and applications. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked by April 8, 2025. Please direct all questions or needs for further information to Bob Fawcett at [mrbfawcett@gmail.com](mailto:mrbfawcett@gmail.com). Apply now and good luck!



## PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

August 4-10

Join Father Joy on a Pilgrimage of Faith, Art, and Culture to the shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe and colonial Mexico. The Trip will be on August 4-10, 2025 but registrations are already underway. Cost: \$1850 (\$500 deposit at registration). First payment \$675 due April, with final payment due July 04. This cost Includes: Flights, 4 star hotels, breakfast and dinner, transportation, tour guide, entrance to sites, tips for guide and driver. Learn more details and register by scanning the QR code here.



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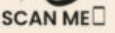
- DAY 1** - Houston - Mexico City
- DAY 2** - Basílica of Guadalupe
- DAY 3** - Teotihuacan - Puebla
- DAY 4** - Puebla - Cholula
- DAY 5** - San Miguel del Milagro - Tlaxcala - Ocotlan - Mexico City
- DAY 6** - San Jose del Altítillo: Blessed Conchita's House
- DAY 7** - Back home

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## PARISH PICNIC 2025

Help Coordinate!

We had a great time at our first annual Parish picnic this past November and we would like to keep this event going! We are looking for anyone interested in being part of the planning committee to help with the Parish picnic in 2025! You will be working with the Pastoral council to help coordinate and plan the event. If you are interested or have any questions, please email our business manager, Crystal Iscovitz: [businessmgr@stamericigh.com](mailto:businessmgr@stamericigh.com)



## Parish and Community Life

### WOMENS ACTS RETREAT

Now registering!



We invite you to join us on this year's Women's ACTS Retreat! The ACTS retreat meets ladies where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. Retreatants leave from the Admin Building, the evening of Thursday, May 1st and return on Sunday, May 4th for the 12:00PM Mass. The cost is \$280 for a private room and includes all meals, activities, and transportation to/from the Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Registration will be on a first come first-serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter.

Questions: Please contact Darla Goolsby at [samactswomen@gmail.com](mailto:samactswomen@gmail.com) or 281-630-2012. Please note that financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made. Registration is now open using the QR code above.



### PARISH EMAIL SCAM

Please Report

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support and meeting requests. These scams are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests or Parish staff. As a reminder, priests/churches would never make such appeals to our parish community. We advise you to please notify the church office immediately if you receive **any** unfamiliar donation requests or emails. You can also report spam to the Federal Trade Commission by forwarding the spam email directly to [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org)

### DSF COLLECTION

Please Donate



The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is an annual effort of our local Church that provides essential support for 64 ministries that serve those in need in our Archdiocese. The broad areas of ministry that receive DSF support include: Catholic education of children and adults; pastoral ministries for the sick, the poor and the incarcerated; the formation and education of church leadership; and social service programs such as San José Clinic, St. Dominic Village and Catholic Charities.

Each year our Parish is given a goal to collect to help meet the Archdiocesan goal for the year to be able to give back to these ministries. This year our goal is \$74,700. We prayerfully hope that you help us meet this goal by donating to DSF. Scan the QR code here for additional information and a chance to donate online.



### SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires compliance with applicable laws regarding incidents of actual or suspected child abuse including abuse involving child on child conduct. Failure to report suspected physical or mental abuse or neglect of a child in Texas is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. To report suspected abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) by an unknown perpetrator, member of the clergy or by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, please immediately contact Child Protective Services (CPS) of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services 800.252.5400 and the local police Department. Please also contact Diane Vines, Victims' Assistance Coordinator: [vac@archgh.org](mailto:vac@archgh.org) or 713-654-5799 (confidential voicemail).



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## CHARITY IS PRICELESS

### FEBRUARY 16TH COLLECTIONS

6th Sunday Ordinary Time \$14,236  
Registered Households 2194

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

January Monthly Budget \$136,950  
January Offertory \$60,093  
January Online Giving \$58,642  
OVER/UNDER January \$10,884  
OVER/UNDER Fiscal YTD \$14,949

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2025 DSF GOAL \$74,700  
Amount Received \$14,197  
Participants 57

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



### Online

[stamericigh.com/contribute-to-our-parish](http://stamericigh.com/contribute-to-our-parish)

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Monica Agostinelli | [stangelafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stangelafundraising@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Second Collection Dates

Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection: 3/5/25  
Black & Indian Missions Collection: 3/9/25



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Due to special circumstances, the Archdiocese financially supported our parish with a 100% loan to grow our parish campus. We prayerfully ask you to help us pay this debt by donating to our Capital Campaign.

Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total Pledged	\$3,928,750
Remaining Goal	(\$228,750)
Loan Balance	\$5,323,091
Pledges Collected	\$3,157,567
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