



ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 29, 2026 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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“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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Weekly Prayer and Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

GOSPEL

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026

Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday |

Tuesday |

Wednesday | April Fools' Day

Thursday | Holy Thursday

Friday | Good Friday

Saturday | Holy Saturday

Next Sunday | Easter Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday

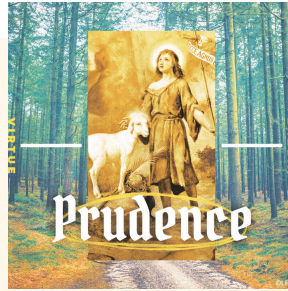
Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED PRUDENCE

Those who have the vision condition of nearsightedness need glasses in order to discern objects which are far away. Without the aid of glasses, a nearsighted person's world is small; anything which lies beyond their strength of vision is hidden to them. The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. "A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties," said St. Isidore of Seville.

The Catechism teaches that prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good. Prudence is "the charioteer of the virtues," guiding the judgment of our conscience and directing our actions in accordance with that judgment (CCC 1806). Without prudence, not only can we not clearly see what is good, but we have no hope of realizing that good.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED

NOVENA

The word novena comes from the Latin word, novem, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles.

Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead!

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: MAR 28 - APRIL 5

† Deceased

Saturday, March 28

09:00am † All Souls
05:00pm † Eufracia de la Paz

Sunday, March 29

08:00am † Reynaldo Giron
10:00am † Chester Wang
12:00pm † Iluminada Abellar
05:00pm People of the Parish

Monday, March 30

09:00am Biju Jose

Tuesday, March 31

09:00am Silver Grace

Wednesday, April 1

09:00am † Bridget Thomas

Thursday, April 2

09:00am † Mary LeJeune Lemoine
07:00pm People of the Parish

Friday, April 3

03:00pm People of the Parish
07:00pm People of the Parish

Saturday, April 4

08:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5

06:00am People of the Parish
08:00am People of the Parish
10:00am People of the Parish
12:00pm People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM

OUR SICK

Veronika De La Mata	Cindy Corbett
Zelie Murray	Monica Ruiz
Joey Myers	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Gary Bentz	Rose Foucher
Kit Messa	Dorothy Petru
Toni Weber	Marguerite Haas
Mary Mauricio	Joe Messina
Guadalupe Nazareno	Solange Gijon
Rosendo Morales	Nelson Marin

OUR DECEASED

Robert Craig	Renee Lyons
William Martin	Alma Lechnar
Edwin Borgman	Joe Mims

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	Cadet David Terrones, USMA
Garrison Phillips, US Army	FSO Kevin O'Driscoll
	David Ansari

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 11:00am Fifth Sunday Rosary
- 01:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary Meeting
- 06:15pm Moms of Teens Meeting
- 06:15pm LifeTeen & BEYOND Session

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 09:45am Lenten Confession
- 04:15pm Elementary Faith Formation Session A
- 05:00pm Legion of Mary Meeting
- 06:00pm Elementary Faith Formation Session B
- 06:00pm Women's ACTS Retreat Team Mtg
- 07:00pm Lectio Divina via Zoom

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 09:00am Mother's Day Out
- 04:15pm Elementary Faith Formation Session C
- 06:00pm Elementary Faith Formation Session D
- 06:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 07:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 09:00am Mother's Day Out
- 10:00am Quilt Plus Ministry Meeting
- 06:30pm Glad Tidings Theresian Meeting
- 06:30pm KC Business Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - HOLY THURSDAY

- 06:15am That Man is You (TMIY) Session
- 09:00am Morning Prayer
- 07:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 08:00pm Night Watch

***Parish Office Closed**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 06:00am Men's Scripture Reflection
- 09:00am Morning Prayer
- 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 03:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 07:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

***Parish Office Closed**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - HOLY SATURDAY

- 09:00am Morning Prayer
- 10:00am Veneration of the Cross until 7:00pm
- 08:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver. We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophecy for me!" At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter. In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

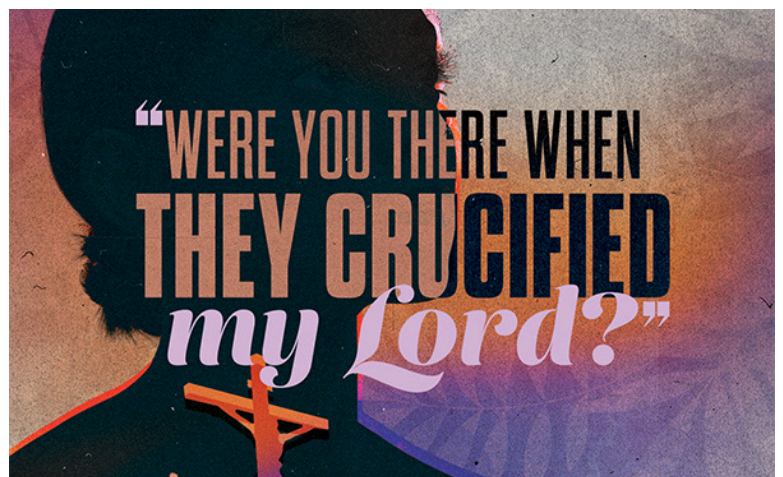
Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophecy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

- 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 scan the QR code 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 Maria Kotsonis: mariakotsonis7@gmail.com or call 832-612-6905.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Matthew 26:14-27:66

Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: "A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head" (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: "She has done a good thing for me" (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about. What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir

Elementary Faith Formation



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

This week's lesson we will be praying the Stations of the Cross together as a group as well as reviewing the Easter lesson. Discipleship Project items are due to class this week:

- ☒ Kinder: gallon sized ziplock bags, combs
- ☒ 1st grade: bar soap, hand sanitizer
- ☒ 2nd grade: toothbrush, toothpaste
- ☒ 3rd grade: lotion, socks
- ☒ 4th grade: deodorant, razors
- ☒ 5th grade: men's boxer/briefs (M/L/XL)

First Sacraments: Banners are due to class this week. Completed workbooks due April 13th .

PLEASE COLLECT FOR VBS DECORATIONS- paper towel cardboard rolls, cardboard boxes, and the brown paper filler in Amazon packages. These can be dropped off to the Admin office or PLC.



Youth Ministry

EDGE/LIFETEEN

Our Lenten Service projects have been a wonderful success! Edge, collected and created over 150 Easter bags to give the elderly at various local nursing homes. Thank you to all the Edge parents for supporting this service project! In Life Teen, we participated in a Digital Detox Challenge in order to prioritize their relationship with God. We will be concluding the season of Lent with our session topics, preparing our Hearts for Holy Week.

To our Youth Ministry Families, as we enter Holy Week, let us turn our hearts toward Jesus's great sacrifice and walk with Him in love, gratitude, and hope. May this week bring your family closer to God and fill your home with joy of the Resurrection.

CONFIRMATION

Mark your calendars!! Our Confirmation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 27th .



Mother's Day Out

AROUND MDO

Library Day - Did you know that MDO students get to go to the Library twice a month? Thanks to our parent volunteers, our Mobile Librarians visit each classroom and each child picks out a book to bring home. Reading with mom or dad helps to foster a love of reading at an early age. Reading is FUN! No school on Friday 4/3 for Good Friday.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer Camp Registration will open to the Public on April 12th. Registration links will be in the April 12th bulletin and on the MDO webpage

MDO REGISTRATION - 2 YR OLDS

We have a few spots left in our 2 year old class. If you are interested in learning more, please request a tour on our webpage, or call Meredith Canny at 281-778-0400



PALM SUNDAY

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Friends, on this Palm Sunday, Matthew's magnificent Gospel of the Passion bids us to reflect on the seriousness of sin. To be sure, the Gospel proclaimed by the first Christians involves the glorious Resurrection, but those initial evangelists never let their hearers forget that the one who had been raised was none other than the one who had been crucified.

So the question was—and remains—why would God's salvation of the human race have to include something as horrifying as the Crucifixion of the Son of God?

Here's the point. The scriptural authors understand sin not so much as a series of acts as a condition in which we are stuck. No amount of merely human effort could possibly solve the problem. Something awful had to be done on our behalf in order to offset the awfulness of sin.

With this biblical realism in mind, we can begin to comprehend why the Crucifixion of the Son of God was necessary. The just rapport between God and human beings could not be reestablished either through our moral effort or with simply a word of forgiveness. Something had to be done—and God alone could do it.

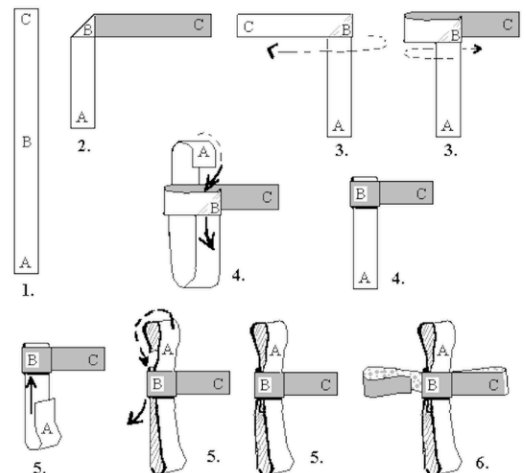
Bishop Robert Barron

"Pilate said to them, 'Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' But he said, 'Why? What evil has he done?' They only shouted the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'"

Matthew 27:22-23



HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



Holy Week **SCHEDULE**

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday

9AM: Daily Mass

9AM to 8PM: Church open for Private Prayer

Holy Thursday

9AM: Morning Prayer

7PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper with Night Watch until Midnight

Good Friday (Wear Red)

9AM: Morning Prayer

12PM: Stations of the Cross

3PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

9AM: Morning Prayer with Ephphetha Rite

10AM to 7PM: Veneration of the Cross in the SAM room

8:30PM: Easter Vigil with Rites of Initiation

Easter Sunday

6AM, 8AM, 10AM, 12PM EASTER MASS

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Parish and Community Life

LENTEN MUSIC

During the season of Lent our parish utilizes the Latin setting of the Mass Ordinary from Jubilate Deo, a collection of Catholic sacred chants in Latin that Pope Paul VI published after the Second Vatican Council. These chants were intended to be a standard music repertoire for all Catholics to know. While it's commonly known that the Second Vatican Council allowed for the celebration of mass in the local vernacular language, it's often forgotten that it also was clear in stating "Nevertheless steps should be taken enabling the faithful to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass belonging to them." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 54, Second Vatican Council). The beauty of using this Mass Ordinary is that it reflects the universality of the Catholic Church. No matter where you go in the world, whether from the smallest mission chapels to St. Peter's Basilica itself, these chants will also be sung by faithful Catholics. In order to encourage participation there will be worship aids in the Narthex for each weekend mass during Lent and we have also compiled a playlist of videos to aid those who may be encountering these chants for the first time. Scan the QR code here for a video example.



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

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 evening of Thursday, May 7 and return on Sunday, May 10 for the 12:00PM Mass. The cost is \$280 for a private room and includes all meals, activities, and transportation. 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 Michelle Espinosa at samactswomen@gmail.com. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, arrangements can be made. Register using the QR code here.



HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY RETREAT

All high school families are invited to join our Youth Ministry team for a fun, spirit-filled day of faith, family, and fellowship! We are excited to host two fantastic guests who will help lead us through this special event on Saturday, April 11th, 11AM - 7PM. Being a family retreat, teens must be accompanied by at least one parent. We look forward to sharing the day with you. Register TODAY for \$25/person, which includes lunch, snacks, mass and adoration using the QR code. If the cost is an issue, please contact the Youth Ministry team.

TRUST

A FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

INTRODUCING THE **RETREAT TEAM**



Hector and Merrie Guerra
SAM YOUTH MINISTERS



Wade McNutt
WORSHIP LEADER



Ryan Janise
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

All High School teens and parents welcome. Register Today!

KC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the St. Angela Merici Knights of Columbus Council #14617 annual Fr. Bob Duggan Memorial Golf Tournament. This year the event will be held on Monday, April 20 with a 1:00PM start at the Sienna Golf Club. This golf tournament is our Council's major fundraiser with the proceeds going towards KC charities that benefit our parish and community. You are able to sign up to play individually or as a foursome. We are also looking for sponsors and welcome all donations. Please scan the QR code to learn more about sponsoring, donating, or playing in the tournament. Please contact Truitt Raun with any questions at truitt.raun@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14617 PRESENTS

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FR. BOB DUGGAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 20, 2026 @ 1PM

Sienna Golf Club
1 Waters Lake Blvd
Missouri City, TX 77459

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ATTEND ADORATION

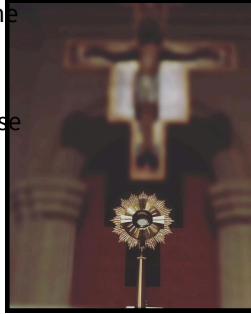
Have you visited the Blessed Sacrament in the New Year? Have you thought about worshipping Jesus Christ outside of Mass? This is a time to pray and be in the presence of Christ. The consecrated Eucharist is displayed in a monstrance on the altar. You are invited to come and go and spend as much time as you like. Everyone is welcome to spend time with our Lord. Please note our weekly adoration schedule below:

Monday: 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Thursday: 9:45am - 11:59pm

Friday: 12:00am - 6:00am (by appt);

Friday: 6:00am-8:45am



WHISPERS OF WISDOM

Congratulations, we've entered the final stretch of Lent! We start Palm Sunday hearing about Jerusalem celebrating Jesus' arrival on a donkey (Matt 21:5-9). This passage is an early indication of the resurrection, Christ's redemption. Isaiah's example in today's reading serves as the prefigurement of Good Friday. Like Jesus, the prophet offered his back for beatings and his face for receiving insults and people's spit knowing he will never be put to shame since God is watching (Is 50:6-7). Paul expands on this by describing how Jesus emptied and humbled himself, becoming a slave and obedient to the cross (Phil 2:7-8). Then, Paul talks about God's reward, an indicator of Easter Sunday (Phil 2:9-11). Combining both passages, you get Matthew's account of Jesus' suffering (Matt 26:65-68), followed by his death and burial (Matt 27:45-61)

Today's gospel story is unique to Christianity because Christ participates in the divine eternity, transcending all times while being made present in them all (CCC 1085). Last month, I encouraged all of you to focus on your redemption, a process in which mass attendance and punctuality are crucial on Sundays and the six other days of the week.

The liturgy represents the accomplishing work of our redemption. Through it, we're able to express our lives while showing others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church (CCC 1068). This expression was shown through the sacrifice of St. Jose Sanchez del Rio in the film "For Greater Glory" (2012). Additionally, St. Maria Goretti showed this illustration through her commitment to purity as both of them chose eternity over mortality. Mentioning Abraham, Moses, Jonah, and Sts. Peter and Paul from my June reflection (06-29-2025) was an indicator of what is expected of us. It's intimidating to compare our lives with these holy stars, so let me lead by example.

When I turned 40 in 2019, it became my decade of redemption and here are two reasons explaining why: 1. My dating history from 2007-2014 involved three women, I never knew it would turn into a Theology paper in seminary on "Aelred of Rievaulx and the Three Types of Friendship". 2. I watched lots of television and movies growing up yet now, I reference their images when explaining the faith to others. With Easter coming up, it'll be your time to bat. Holy week represents the Paschal sacrifice along with the sacrifice of the New Covenant. Feasting on this daily bread will accomplish our redemption, restoring us to communion with God (CCC 613). As we start the upcoming Easter season, I encourage you all to attend mass every day and your lives will get better, trust me I know.

Joseph Mathai Olickan, Jr.
St. Angela Merici Acolyte

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

WE NEED YOU!!! As we prepare for our 2nd Annual Parish Fall Festival we are seeking the following donations for our silent auction baskets. We NEED all parishioners' help for a successful auction. If you have any questions please reach out to Tracy Ardoin or Christine Stephenson, please email us at parishfallfestival@stamericigh.com.

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Nail Salons	Wine Basket
Hotel Stays/Vacation Rentals	Coffee Lovers
Wine Tastings	Movie Night
Restaurant Gift Certificates	Golf Outing/Country Clubs

FORTY CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive. All parishioners are asked to donate 40 non-perishable food items as part of their charitable outreach. Donations can be placed in the collection bin located in the narthex. All items will be sent to local food pantries. Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate over 1,500 pounds of food last year. Let's try and exceed that amount and go for 2,000 pounds this year. If you need more information please contact Truitt Raun (truitt.raun@gmail.com).



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LENTEN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Don't go it Alone this Lent!

Invite a Spiritual Director to accompany you on your Lenten journey. St. Angela's spiritual directors are available to meet with you once a week during Lent to support your desire to deepen your relationship with the Lord. Jesus didn't travel alone, neither should we. To meet with a spiritual director or to obtain more information contact Maria Kotsonis: maria kotsonis7@gmail.com or call 832-612-6905.



SAM SENIORS MINISTRY MEETING

All parishioners over the age of 55 are welcome to attend the SAM Seniors meeting on Thursday, April 2nd from 10am to 12pm in the SAM room, which is inside the Church. Daily Mass is at 9am and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is also on Thursday if you wish to attend as well. We always host a Potluck so please bring your appetite or a dish if you like (not mandatory). If this is your first time, you do not need to bring anything - we will just welcome you with open arms! If you have any concerns or questions, email Christine Stephenson christine.hazen374@gmail.com



17TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 5th, immediately after the 12:00pm Mass, at approximately 1:15pm. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the event.

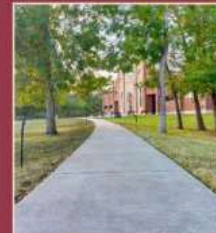
The grassy area between the PLC and Admin. building will be setup for kids ages 0 to 4 and the grassy area between the PLC and Church will be setup for kids ages 5 to 9. Bring your Easter baskets to Church on Easter Sunday and meet outside the PLC after Mass. Happy Hunting!



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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

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. Please use the QR code to donate today to this special cause.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Join us for our upcoming meeting: Wednesday, April 8 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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PARISH EMAIL SCAM

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

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February Monthly Budget \$115,208

February Offertory \$59,683

February Online Giving \$64,926

Total Contributions \$124,609

OVER/UNDER February \$9,401

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2026 DSF Goal \$95,675

Amount Received \$18,412

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How can you support the Campaign?

Thank you to the many parishioners who have contributed to the campaign, we appreciate your support! If you have not yet made a pledge we ask that you please prayerfully consider doing so.

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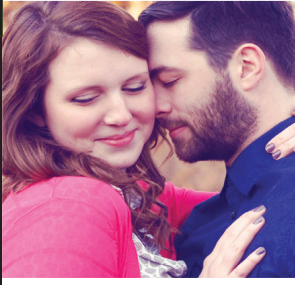
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