



St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm

Sunday: 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday & Friday noon

ROSARY

Saturday: 3:45pm

Sunday: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Wednesday & Friday noon mass

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00

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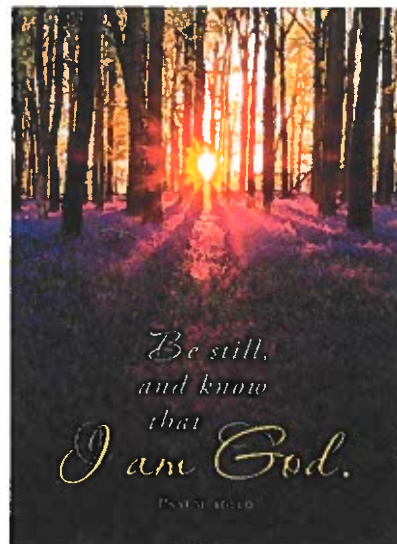
RCIA : Jaime Diehl

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January 14, 2024

The Lord invites us to come and stay a while with him.

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel how to answer: *Speak, for your servant is listening.* Paul exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him. Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus.



Mass Time & Intentions
Wednesday January 17th Closed

Friday January 19th noon

Marion & Bettie Wrobleski
John, Agnes, David & Pearl Busa

Saturday January 20th 4:15

Felix Kimich and all the
Kimich & Sechelski family

Sunday January 21st 10:00

Bill (Billy) Thomas

Father Giovanni Nguyen
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule



Saturday January 20th 4:15 pm

Lectors: Larry Sechelski & Carolyn Kimich
EMHC: Larry Sechelski & Joan Pushee
Rosary: Barbara Dibello
Altar Servers: Makayla Marek, Jillian Wisnoski, Lily Prukop
Ushers: Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Johnny Pasket Jr., Stephen Paskett

Sunday January 21st 10:00 am

Lectors: Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman
EMHC: Wayne & Loraine Weaver, David Borski, Kelly Bohnert
Rosary: Henry Ostermann
Altar Servers: Laura Contreras, Daniel Contreras, Morgan Moriarty
Ushers: Ben Leman, Darrin Pasket, Carl Schroeder, Lance Schroeder

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement

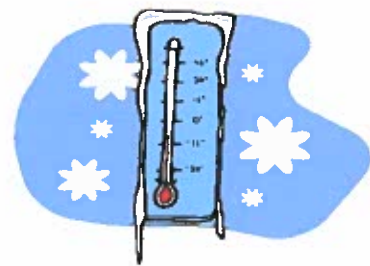
Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church:

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Church, Adoration & Office Closed
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday due to
freezing weather.



Church Grounds

If you see something that may need to be replaced, repaired, or changed, please let the office know so that we can let the maintenance team take care of it.

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*CCE Classes will start on January 24th at 6:00*

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Please make note of our new email address

office@saintstans.org

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## **Growing Into Our Future ~ With Faith and Grace**

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**As of 12/31/2023**



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What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him. If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

*The Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.*

*Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00*

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Ray Reaves, Robin Reaves, Christy Smythe, LaNell Szymczak,  
Melissa Vargas, Dana Wagner, Joanne Willis

*Lord-hear our prayers*

**Please pray for those in active military duty**

Andrew Anderson, Lukas Diorio, Hayden Fontaine, Stash Kurten

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**January 28th**

Latin America

**February 14th**

Social Ministries

**Weekly  
Collections**

January 6th & 7th

\$6,589.00





## A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**“W**hat are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

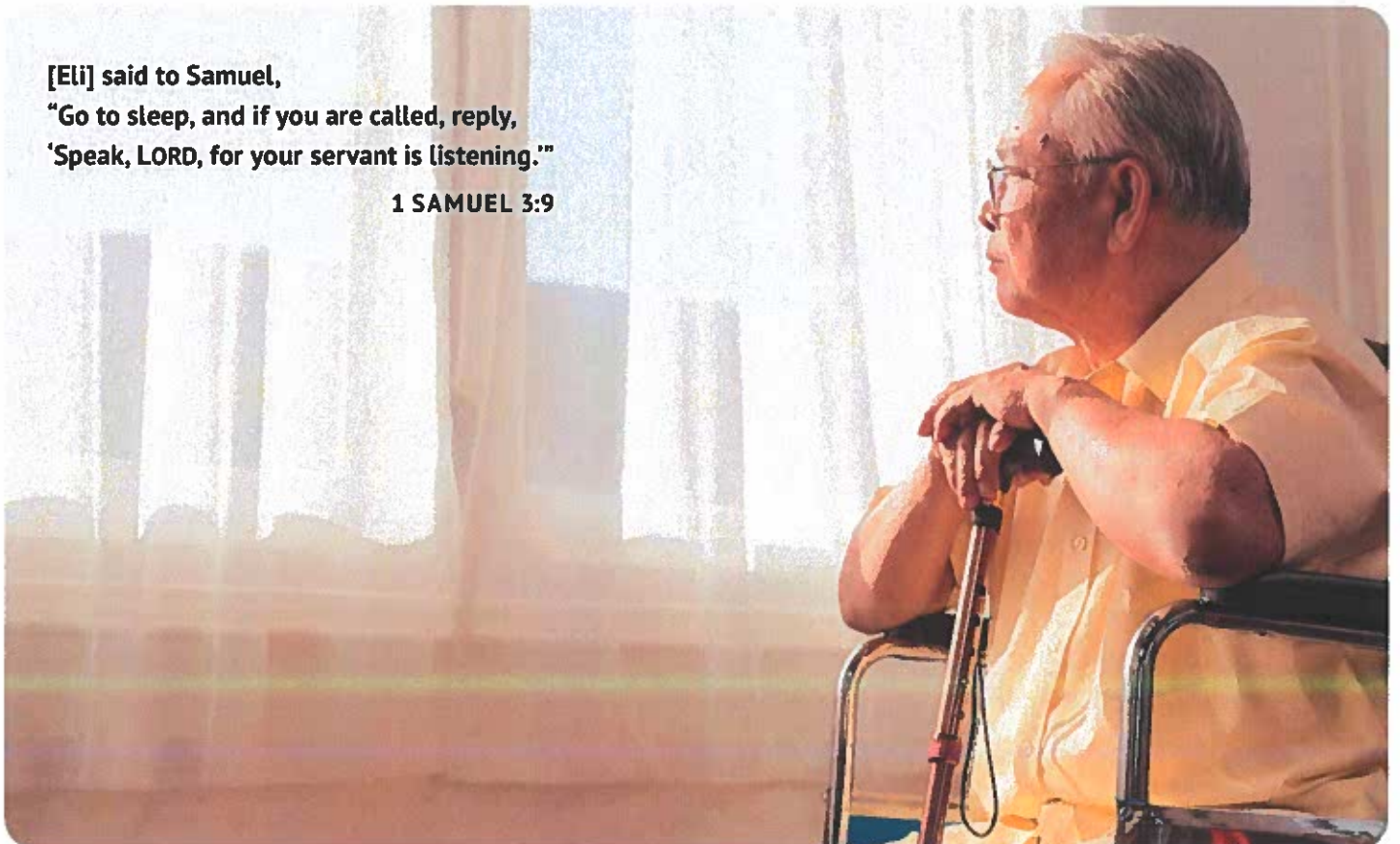
I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

### Reflect

*When you pray, what are you looking for?*

[Eli] said to Samuel,  
“Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,  
‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’”

1 SAMUEL 3:9



# Dear Padre,

*If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?*

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

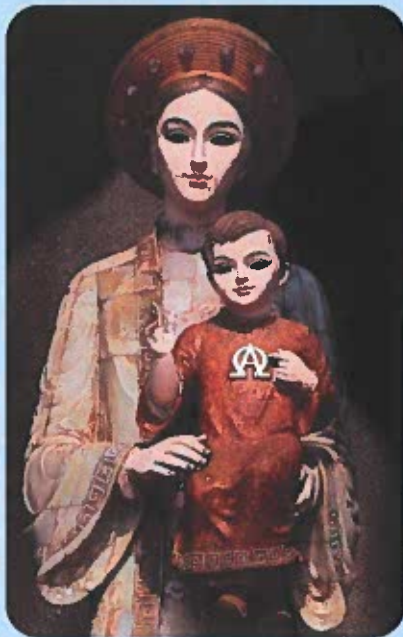
The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



Fresco of Apostle St. Matthew the Evangelist by Pietro Gacliaro / Renata Sedmakova

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JANUARY 17, 2021

### MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

### TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

### WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,  
40–51

Mk 3:1–6

### THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

### FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

### SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19,  
23–27

Mk 3:20–21

### SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

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# Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



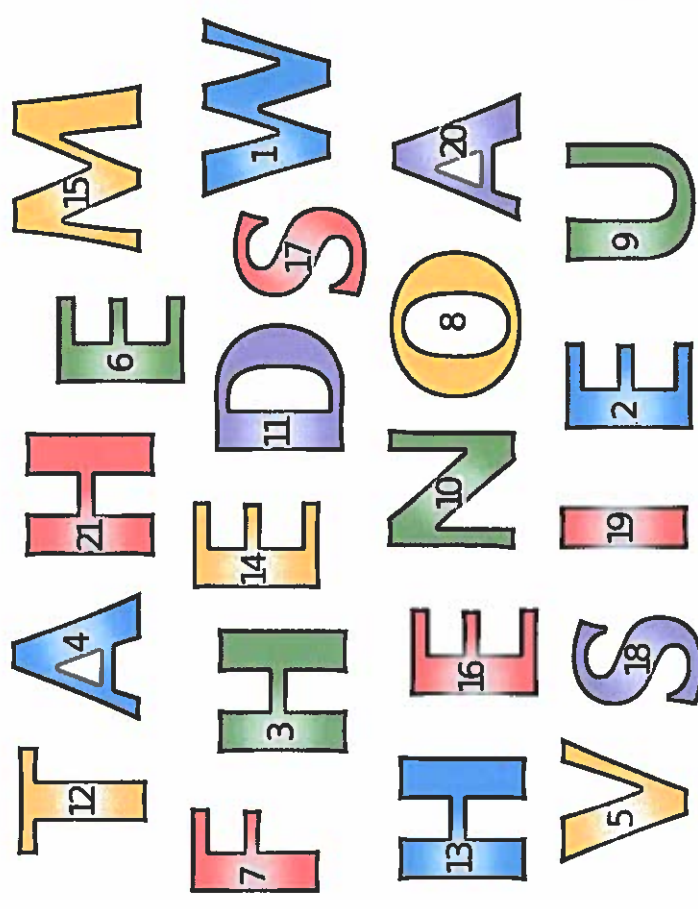
Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!  
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

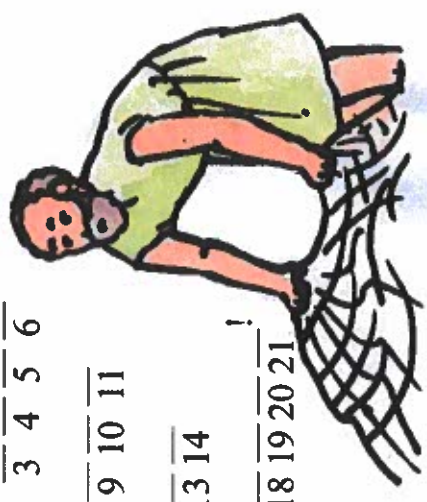
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What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!

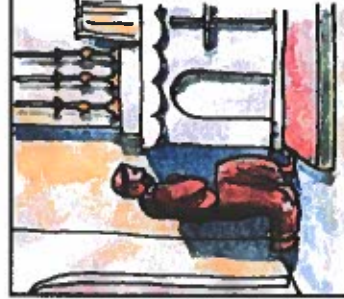


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# Saint Bernard of Corleone

## January 12



SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?

# Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in **CAPITALS** in the puzzle.  
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

SAMUEL was sleeping in the **TEMPLE**. He heard a voice calling him, so he **RAN** to **ELI** and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go **BACK** to sleep."

So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice **CALLED** Samuel again, for the **THIRD** time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "**HERE** I am. You called me."

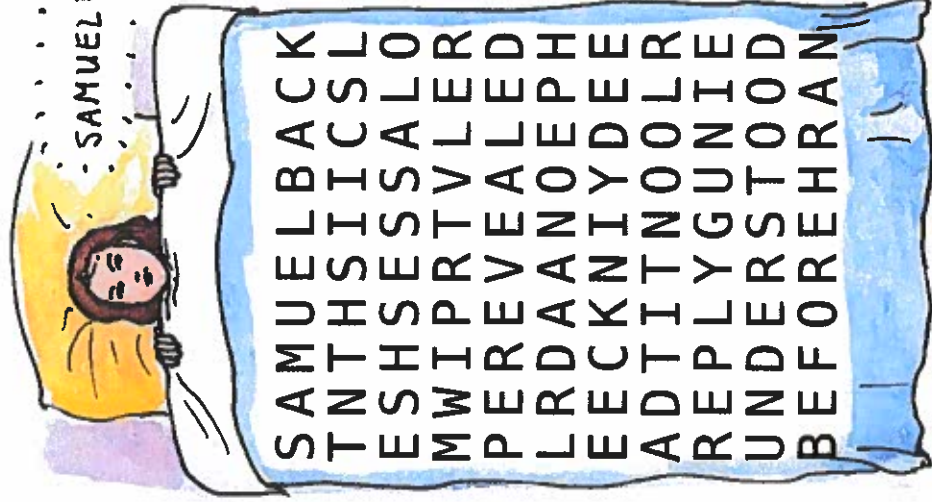
Then Eli

**UNDERSTOOD** that the

Lord was calling the **YOUTH**. So he said to Samuel, "Go to **SLEEP**, and if you are called, **REPLY**, "**SPEAK**, Lord, for your **SERVANT** is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the **LORD** came and **REVEALED** his presence, calling out as **BEFORE**, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel **ANSWERED**, "Speak, for your servant is **LISTENING**."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?  
It was





### Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday,  
September to May.  
The next meeting will be  
February 1st at 6:00 in the  
rectory. All Catholic ladies  
are welcome.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

On the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every  
month Fr. Giovanni will  
bless anyone with a  
birthday or wedding  
anniversary that month.

### Next Blood Drive February 11th 2024

in the parish hall

### Counseling:

Gratia Plena is a nonprofit  
organization that provides  
mental and spiritual health  
services for mental illnesses,  
addictions, and marriage/family  
problems. All counselors are  
Catholic and provide services in  
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For more information, see their  
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or call (832) 532-0129, or  
email  
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### Anointing of the Sick

The anointing of the sick will  
be held after the 3rd Sunday  
mass each month.

### Choir Practice:

Choir practice is on  
Thursday evenings at 6:15pm  
in the church.

### Divine Mercy:

Every Friday after the noon Mass

### Gabriel Project:

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O'Brien 936-597-6328 or  
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### 12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every  
Monday 8 am to 8 pm.  
September 11th to the end of  
May. Everyone is welcome to  
join in the worship with the  
scheduled persons.

### RCIA & RCIC:

Anyone seeking the Rite of  
Christian Initiation of Adults/  
Children or adult  
confirmation. Please call the  
church office at 936-873-2291  
RCIA classes to start in  
the fall.

### Baptism:

Classes are necessary for  
baptism. Please contact the  
parish office to make needed  
arrangements.

### Cemetery Guidelines:

If you have any questions of  
concerns pertaining to the  
cemetery, please contract  
Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113.  
If work needs to be done you must  
call Charles Posinski first.  
*The first week of February ALL  
flowers will be removed, and in  
August, a light cleaning.*

### Knights of Columbus:

KC Council #4054 meets at the  
KC Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at  
7pm. Please join us.  
Contact Deen Miller  
936-524-1700 for membership  
And James Moran  
936-306-9663 for rental  
information .

### Marriage:

There is a required preparation  
process that must be completed  
prior to one being married in the  
Catholic Church. Call the office  
for more info.

### Reconciliation:

30 Minutes before Wednesday  
& Friday Masses (When the  
Priest is available) and 3:00  
to 4:00 on Saturdays

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference

### "Christ the Good Shepherd of Navasota and Anderson"

For more information call 936-873-5002

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