



# St. Mary OF THE Expectation

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

JULY 27, 2025 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:30 PM Live & Streamed  
Sunday | 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM  
Monday | 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM

### PARISH CLERGY

#### Pastor

Rev. John Rooney, OP (Gal/Hou)

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Simon Kipiti

#### Deacons

Dcn. Russ Carroll  
Dcn. Andy DeYoung  
Dcn. Steve Stich

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-K Through 8th Grade  
281-332-4014 | stmarylc.org

#### Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM  
Thursday | 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Location: In the church

#### Baptism

Contact the Parish Office or visit our website for forms.

#### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office for a marriage packet and information.

#### Communion for the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

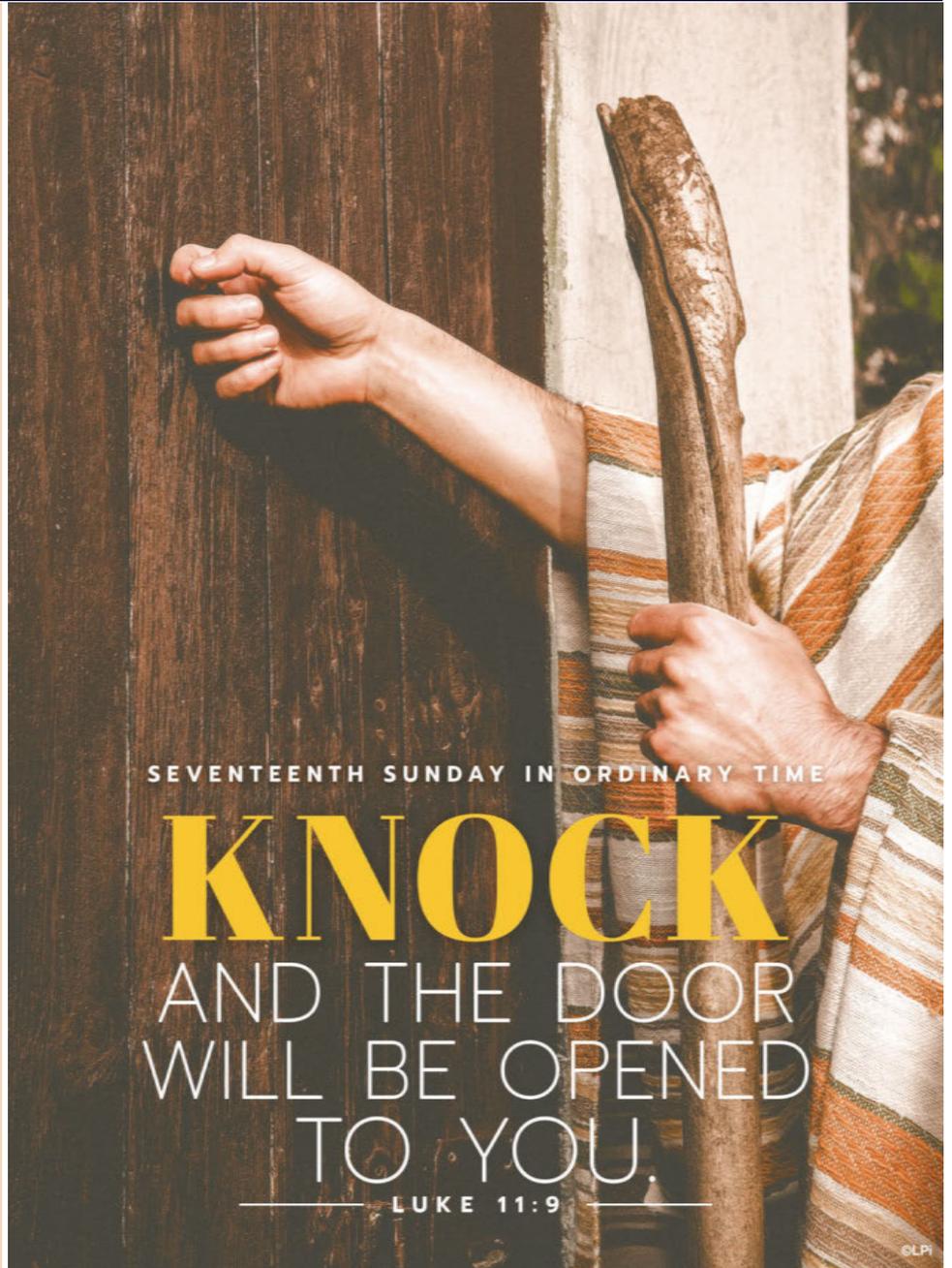
### CONTACT US

#### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Fri | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### Ministry Office Hours

Elementary FF | Youth & Adult Ministry  
Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 26, 2025

4:30 PM - † Cordelia Reddy

### Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:30 AM - Timothy & Kristen Quast

10:15 AM - † Msgr. Eugene Cargil  
12:00 PM - People of the Parish

### Monday, July 28, 2025

7:00 PM - † Alice Sauser

### Tuesday, July 29, 2025

8:30 AM - Monica Martinez

### Thursday, July 31, 2025

8:30 AM - † Jesusa Macrohon

### Friday, August 1, 2025

8:30 AM - † Jennie Barker Solak

### Saturday, August 2, 2025

4:30 PM - Tebertha Henderson

### Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:30 AM - † Roseolary Stogre

10:15 AM - People of the Parish  
12:00 PM - † Charles Brady, Jr.

† deceased

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Hannah Lilly • Travis Voigt, Grace Lafaro, Sandra McDermott, August Bishop, Elroy Bishop, Kaylee Klyng, Cindy Johnson, Shauna Billingsley • Kerr County • Mike Phares, Delorse Garcia • Ken Orlando, Becky Irwin, The Strebeck Family • John "Jake" William Fulkman IV, Theresa McNutt, Tebertha Henderson, Lourilla Pettit, Anne Owens, Cathy Erminger, Letha Frederick, Francis Bergsma, Amy Pruet, The Mizwa Family • Barbara Hart, Melanie Bobrowski • Bunny Farley, Mike Reznicek, Sherri Reznicek, Jimmy Sissom, Ethel Villagonzalo, Marlowe Villagonzalo, Liberty Pazo, Amanda Gregory • Amelia Zavattieri, Laura Gardner • Joe Coronado Family, Carli Morgan, Miguel Scheurman, Lou Higgins • Mary Wagner, Donna Theriot, File Salinas, Tina Salinas, Randy Rance, Kyle Littrel, Jean Dupuis, Cathy Erminger, Robert & Linda Crooks • Marvin Schneider, Keicha Flowers, Edna Lemiska • Carol Base, Bernie Roan, Bessilyn Piazza, Harold Kingham, Melissa Messenger • •

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>MON</b> <b>28</b>	Grace and Wellness	9:00 AM	Cargill Hall
<b>TUE</b> <b>29</b>	Adult Bible Study: Ephesians Legion of Mary	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Gabriel
<b>WED</b> <b>30</b>	Grace and Wellness Prayerfully Pieced Young Adult Couples: Men	9:00 AM 11:30 AM-3:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Cargill Hall Luke/John Ministry Building
<b>THU</b> <b>31</b>	Women's Study Young Adult: SoulCore Junior Legion of Mary	9:15-11:15 AM 6:00-7:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Annunciation Hall Matthew/Mark
<b>FRI</b> <b>1</b>	First Friday Adoration	9:00AM-7:00 PM	Church
<b>SAT</b> <b>2</b>	First Saturday Rosary	3:45 PM	Chapel
<b>SUN</b> <b>3</b>	Coffee & Donuts (breakfast tacos for purchase) Ladies Auxiliary—religious items sale	Following 8:30 and 10:15 AM Masses	Cargill Hall

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34;  
Ps 106:19-23;  
Mt 13:31-35

### Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;  
Ps 103:6-13;  
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

### Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9;  
Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11;  
Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;  
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11b; Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;  
Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23;  
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers were  
donated in appreciation  
for our Respect Life  
Committee.



## SILENT PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a Prayer Warrior for the group, please call Gary at 281-332-1303.

# DSF SPOTLIGHT: OFFICE OF THE AGING MINISTRY

## DSF Cry Out with JOY TO THE LORD!

The Office of Aging Ministry recognizes the gifts and needs of senior adults and responds with resources and programs to enhance these years of their lives. The office is called to share the Christian belief in the value and importance of family life at each stage that it is lived. Each of us is called to minister according to the gifts, talents, and charisms given us by God throughout our life's journey.

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) supports 60+ programs benefitting 1.7 million Catholics in our Archdiocese. Learn more at [archgh.org](http://archgh.org)



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### DSF 2025 DONATIONS

Parish Goal .....\$181,000  
Donations.....\$123,384.79  
Remaining Balance .....\$57,615.21  
DSF Donors.....291

### ONLINE GIVING

We are thankful for any way you choose to support our parish. If online giving is your preference, both one-time and recurring options can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.saintmcc.org/give](http://www.saintmcc.org/give).



### NO MONEY KEPT ON PREMISES

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

July 20, 2025

Regular Collection ..... \$18,191.18  
Faith Direct ..... \$15,070.25  
Subtotal.....\$33,261.43  
Budgeted Weekly .....\$37,923.00  
Difference.....(\$4,661.57)

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Thank you for joining us for Mass today! If you would like to register as a parishioner or update your existing information with the parish, call the office or visit the 'New to the Parish' section of our website.

### PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor  
Parochial Vicar  
Parish Administrator  
School Principal  
Deacon  
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#### Ministries and Services

Maintenance Facilitator  
Music Ministry  
Director of Elementary Faith Formation  
Director of Youth Ministry  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
Coordinator of OCIA-C  
Spiritual Direction

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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING ACTS RETREATS

**ACTS**  
**MEN'S RETREAT**  
 SEPTEMBER 4-7  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
 NOVEMBER 6-9

Registration is now open for all men interested in this year's men's ACTS retreat!

The retreat is scheduled for September 4-7, 2025. An ACTS retreat is a wonderful opportunity for all men to become closer to God, to

receive His grace, and to be filled with His love.

Men's retreat registration forms are located in the parish office, the vestibule of the church and on our parish website by scanning the QR Code or visiting [www.saintmcc.org/future-acts-retreat](http://www.saintmcc.org/future-acts-retreat).

Mail or drop off completed forms to the parish office or email them to the director, Frank Prochaska, at [frankprochaska@gmail.com](mailto:frankprochaska@gmail.com).

Questions may be addressed to Frank Prochaska at 281-896-7474.

Women's ACTS retreat registration will open shortly! Save the retreat dates: November 6-9, 2025.



## ST. JOSEPH MINISTRY UPDATE



The St. Joseph Ministry supports vulnerable children, especially those impacted by the foster care system. The generous donations to the *Families Helping Families Shower* have enabled the growth of this ministry. In the last year, forty-four children have received their own bed and bedding and are no longer sleeping on the floor. Fifteen families were provided with food, safety supplies, and/or clothing. The children and families are so appreciative. In the words of an excited 4 year old, "I have my own pillow!"

## SECOND COLLECTION



We will have a second collection next weekend for our school. We thank you in advance for your generosity as we support our school and their mission to develop the whole child's spiritual, moral, and intellectual growth and well-being in a Catholic environment. For more information, visit their website at [www.stmarylc.org](http://www.stmarylc.org).

Supporting Houston Pregnancy Help Center

**CONCERT FOR LIFE 2025**

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Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30-9pm  
 BAYOU MUSIC CENTER  
 520 Texas Avenue  
 Houston, TX. 77002

## ENCOUNTERING MARY THROUGH THE ROSARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 • 9AM - 12PM



Join Catholic author, speaker, and spiritual director Kim Brown for a day retreat exploring *Encountering Mary* through the Rosary. Through various decades, we will gain a deeper theological, historical, and spiritual understanding of Mary's unique role in Salvation History and how she leads us closer to her Son.



**\$19 PER PERSON REGISTER**

<https://retreatcentercrc.org/mary>

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LADIES AUXILIARY

The League City Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus is an organization for all women of St. Mary of the Expectation. We establish a creative outlet for the wives of the Knights of Columbus and the women of the parish, to grow spiritually, socially, and civically. Our objective is to provide limited scholarships to senior high school students who are registered members of St. Mary of the Expectation Church and meet certain requirements.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in Annunciation Hall, except for the months of July, October, and December.



**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Annual Dues: \$15

Come join us for fellowship!!!!

## ALTAR FLOWERS



Do you have a special occasion coming up? Is there a loved one that you would like to honor?

The large display of flowers behind the presider chairs honors something or someone special each week!

The cost is only \$50 and the flowers remain all week.

ST MARY OF THE EXPECTATION

# COME AND PRAY WITH US

*This Week*

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**FIRST FRIDAYS**  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Join us in praying the Rosary  
**FIRST SATURDAYS**  
3:45 PM  
In the Chapel

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# NEXT WEEKEND

FOLLOWING  
SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:15 AM MASSES  
IN CARGILL HALL

OUR KNIGHTS ARE SERVING FREE

Coffee and Donuts

ALSO FEATURING...

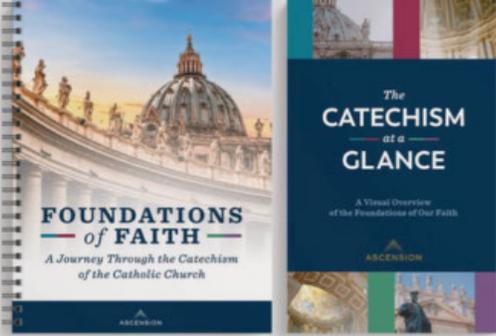
Breakfast tacos  
available for purchase

OUR LADIES AUXILIARY WILL HAVE RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE AS WELL!

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Catechism Class for Adults is Finally Here!**  
 Presented by: Ascension Press

Register Today! Deadline Sept 2nd



Have you ever wished you would have learned more as a youth about our Catholic Faith? If so, you're not alone, and now is your opportunity to dive in by joining us for a journey beginning this September. This is a 2-Semester Course that will be offered with your choice of a Tuesday Morning or Thursday Evening session.

**Online Registration Now Open!**  
[saintmcc.org/tuesday-thursday-study](http://saintmcc.org/tuesday-thursday-study)



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

**COME & SEE SESSION**  
 Tues, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
 7pm: Ministry Building  
 RSVP or Contact Terri Ryan at: [Terri.Ryan@saintmcc.org](mailto:Terri.Ryan@saintmcc.org) for more info.



Join Terri for a night of Q&A on the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This session is informational only. No commitment is required.

## CURRENT & UPCOMING OFFERINGS

Registration and further details on our events and studies are available on our parish website by scanning the QR code or visiting: [www.saintmcc.org/adult](http://www.saintmcc.org/adult).



**GRIEF SHARE**  **TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
 5:00 - 6:30 PM  
 August 26—Nov 18

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you as you grieve a loved one.

  
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**COME AS YOU ARE**

*WWP BIBLE STUDIES COMBINE PERSONAL STUDY WITH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, LINKING OUR EVERYDAY CHALLENGES TO SOLUTIONS GIVEN THROUGH SCRIPTURE.*

*IF YOU DESIRE TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH— IN A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN— JOIN US!*

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
 7PM-8:30PM  
 OR  
**THURSDAY MORNINGS**  
 9:15AM-11:00AM  
 BEGINNING SEPT 10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OR CONTACT: [TERRI.RYAN@SAINTMCC.ORG](mailto:TERRI.RYAN@SAINTMCC.ORG)

**THE BRIDGE**  **(21-30 yr old) Young Adult Hangout**

To Request to join the GroupMe Scan below or go to:  
[groupme.com/join\\_group/95987004/2CLq3wLH](https://groupme.com/join_group/95987004/2CLq3wLH)

Scan QR Code to sign up for the GroupMe for updates and more events (Sports, Dinners, Games, etc.)



# YOUNG CHURCH MOVEMENT & FAITH FORMATION

## HOT TAKE

I spend much of my time in ministry teaching others how to read and understand the Bible. One question that I hear often is that God seems “different” in the Old Testament than He does in the New Testament. Many people think that God in the Old Testament is vengeful, harsh, and unapproachable, but God in the New Testament, namely God in the person of Jesus, is much more loving and caring. Although this might seem to be the case if you take certain stories or chapters of the bible out of context, it is simply not true. Jesus actually tells us many hard truths in the New Testament, and God in the Old Testament is extremely merciful. We know that God is love and true love requires hard truth, mercy, and sacrifice. God, who is unchanged, continually shows us this throughout the entirety of scripture. In today’s first reading, we see an example of God’s abundant mercy. In this reading, Abraham is interceding on behalf of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. These cities were known to be extremely sinful. These cities were inhospitable, sexually perverse, and prideful. God revealed to Abraham that these cities were going to be destroyed because of their grave sins. All sins have consequences and God, who is perfect justice, has a right to give those consequences. But Abraham begs God to not destroy the city for the sake of a handful of people. Starting at 50 and working his way down to 10 Abraham asks if there are just a few righteous people in the city would God spare it and what did God say each time, “yes”. The harsh God of the Old Testament is willing to spare cities full of ungodly people for the sake of just a few, as long as we ask. That sounds pretty similar to the God I know in the New Testament. So maybe the real question to ask is- why is God so merciful when throughout human history we continue to reject him and deserve destruction? The simple answer, because God is love, and with perfect love comes perfect mercy. God Bless-David

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL 29	Rock The Summer	9:30 AM	Ministry Building
JUL 30	Rock The Summer	9:30 AM	Ministry Building
AUG 1	Rock The Summer	9:30 AM	Ministry Building
AUG 5	Teen Drop-in	3:00-5:00 PM	Ministry Building
AUG 6	Teen Bible Study	3:00-5:00 PM	Ministry Building

**2025-2026  
FAITH  
FORMATION  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN!**

**REGISTER BEFORE  
REGISTRATION  
CLOSES ON JULY 31!**



**Christianity, Judaism,  
and Islam all trace  
their faith origins  
back to Abraham.**

## STAY CONNECTED



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# ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

## Saint Spotlight

**Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**  
Feast Day: July 29

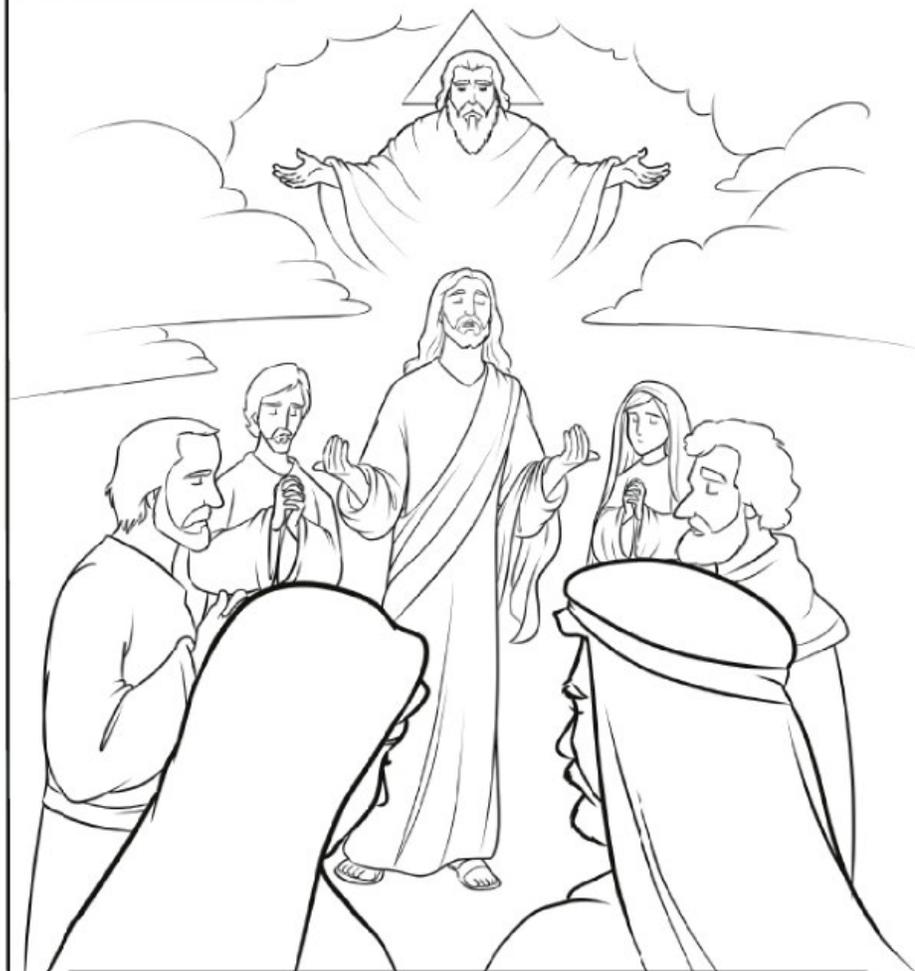
"In the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death." ~Congregation for Divine Worship, February 2, 2021



If you have a child entering second grade or above who will need First Communion next year, make sure to register for Faith Formation classes to be eligible.

**HOLY HEROES**

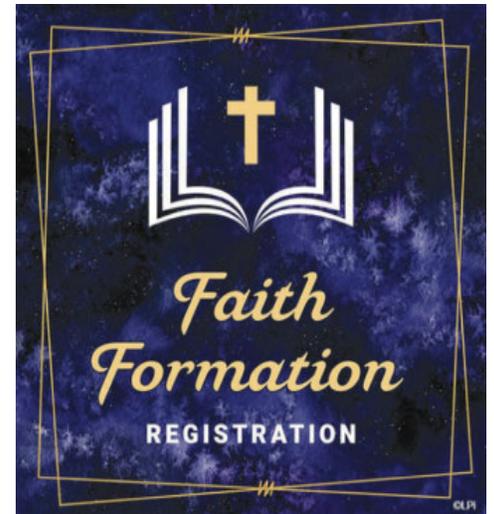
July 27: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

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Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year is closing soon!

**Registration closes July 31.**



Use the QR code to register for Kindergarten—12th Grade.

Classes begin:

**Sunday, September 21 &  
Wednesday, September 24**

## SAVE THE DATES

Elementary Faith Formation  
(Kindergarten—5th Grade)

Parent Orientation:  
**Sunday, August 24  
2:00 PM**

Catechist Volunteer Training:  
**Saturday, September 6  
10:00 AM**

## ✨ **DISCOVER THE EXCITEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!** ✨

This year, our students explored a world of learning and creativity in the library! They learned coding skills, took on hands-on STREAM challenges, and grew their love of reading through engaging read-alouds and our new book club. We also had special author visits that brought stories to life and inspired our young writers.

At our school, the library is more than just books  
— it's where curiosity, innovation, and imagination come alive!





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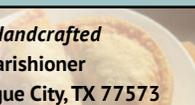
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