



St. Mary OF THE Expectation

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

AUGUST 31, 2025 | TWENTY-SECOND 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 - Friday | 8:30 AM

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. John Rooney, OP (Gal/Hou)

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Rev. Simon Kipiti

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Dcn. Steve Stich

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Pre-K Through 8th Grade
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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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:30 PM - † Vivina Perkins

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:30 AM - † Mary Theresa Gutschewski

10:15 AM - People of the Parish

12:00 PM - † Gerald Heinz

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:30 AM - † Janet Faye Schaefer

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8:30 AM - † Paul Miller

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:30 AM - † Charles & Edith Sabatier

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:30 AM - † Chris Leavell

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:30 PM - † Danny Heffernan, Jr.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30 AM - Bob Ingersoll

10:15 AM - † Scott Bates

12:00 PM - People of the Parish

† deceased

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Joseph Stares, Carli Morgan, Teri Martin • Kyle Littrel, Jean Dupuis • Sybil Deville, Ryan Lilly, Levi Lilly • Dennis Doherty, Joe Tannos, Wayne Langford, Elena Flores • Hannah Lilly • Travis Voigt, Grace Lofaro, 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, Tebertha Henderson, Lourilla Pettit, 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 •

PARISH CALENDAR

MON 1	Parish Offices Closed NO Daily Mass (in observance of Labor Day)		
TUE 2	Grief Share Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary	5:00-7:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Ministry Building Cargill Hall Gabriel
WED 3	Grace and Wellness Young Adult Couples: Women	9:15 AM 6:30-8:00 PM	Annunciation Hall Luke/John Ministry Building
THU 4	Women's Study KC Ladies Auxiliary Young Adults: The Bridge	9:15-11:15 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Matthew/Mark Ministry Building
FRI 5	First Friday Adoration	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	Church
SAT 6	Junior Legion of Mary First Saturday Rosary	9:30 AM 3:45 PM	Gabriel Chapel
SUN 7			

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18;
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11;
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11;
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8;
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers were
donated in memory of
Dick & MaryAnn Hoffman.



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 Cry Out with **JOY** TO THE LORD!

We are called to Cry Out with Joy to the Lord! and extend His love to others.

Through your gift to the Diocesan Services fund, you support 64 vital ministries that care for the vulnerable, educate our youth, and form future priests. Make your commitment using the envelopes found in the vestibule or in your pews, or online at archgh.org/dsf, and join us in sharing God's love and mercy with those most in need. To have your gift counted towards our parish goal, please select St. Mary-League City when donating online.



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DSF 2025 DONATIONS

Parish Goal\$181,000
Donations.....\$131,526.91
Remaining Balance\$49,473.09
DSF Donors..... 296

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.



NO MONEY KEPT ON PREMISES

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

August 24, 2025

Regular Collection.....\$20,579.69
Faith Direct..... \$16,582.56
Subtotal\$37,162.25
Budgeted Weekly.....\$37,923.00
Difference(\$760.75)



SPECIAL COLLECTION

August 24, 2025

Gaza Humanitarian Relief\$5,181.45

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Pastor
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Deacon
Deacon
Deacon

Ministries and Services

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Director of Elementary Faith Formation
Director of Youth Ministry
Director of Adult Faith Formation
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Join us on a Thursday evening through Sunday morning retreat focusing on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

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.



Mail or drop off completed forms to the parish office or email them to the director.

Questions? Contact Michelle, the 2025 Women's ACTS Retreat Director.

Women's Retreat Director:
Michelle Kapfer
thekapfers@gmail.com
832-563-5463



Monday, September 15

Please join us for Adoration for Life on Monday, September 15, following the 7 PM daily Mass.

BELLES OF ST. MARY

It's that time of year, the coming of Fall and fun! The Belle's first meeting is Tuesday, September 9. Please join us in Annunciation Hall.



6:30 PM - Fellowship and Food

7:00 PM - Meeting

Annual dues: \$15 (Please bring your checkbook.)

We look forward to seeing you all! Please invite your friends. Everyone is welcome!



We will begin scheduling Masses for the fourth quarter of 2025 (October, November, December) THIS Friday, September 5. You may request two Mass Intentions per household. One of those days can be a weekend Mass and the other a daily Mass. All requests must be made in person at the parish office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish is thriving, but it takes all of us to keep it going! See page 7 and the back page of the bulletin for details on specific volunteer needs.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE



In observance of Labor Day, our parish offices will be closed Monday, September 1, and there will be no daily Mass. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK



We will have a second collection next week for Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas. Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. This is the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S.

It supports students during this crucial time and helps the university conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

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. 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, September 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Annual Dues: \$15

Come join us for fellowship!!!!



RESPECT LIFE DAY OF SERVICE



Join us to build 15 twin beds for vulnerable children sleeping on the floor in our area. This rewarding service project will be done in conjunction with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*. No experience needed.

Saturday, September 27

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Houston Furniture Bank

Scan to learn more and volunteer.



SCAN HERE



NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!

ADORATION & ROSARY

We are blessed to have monthly devotions at our parish. We hope you are able to take advantage of one or both of these great opportunities!

First Friday Adoration:

Friday, Sept. 5

9 AM - 7 PM

In the church

First Saturday Rosary:

Saturday, Sept. 6

3:45 PM

In the chapel



St. Mary of the Expectation BAZAAR

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Donation drop-off weekends

Aug. 30/31: Gift Cards

Sept. 6/7: Auction Items

Sept. 20/21: 2 liter bottles of soda

Oct. 4/5: Bottled Water

Oct. 4/5: Name brand canned soda

Oct. 11/12: Cakes and Plants

Volunteer sign-ups are open. See the back page of the bulletin for information!



THIS WEEKEND

AUGUST 30 & 31

DONATION
DROP-OFF

\$5, \$10, \$15 & \$20 Gift Cards
(to local establishments)

Donations also accepted in the parish office during regular business hours.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Catechism Class for Adults is Finally Here!
Late Registration Available
 Presented by: Ascension Press

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.

Late Registration is Open
saintmcc.org/tuesday-thursday-study

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.



Grief Support

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



TUESDAY EVENINGS

5:00 - 6:30 PM

August 26—November 18

LATE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

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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 10TH
 IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING

SCAN TO REGISTER

BOOK ORDERS CLOSED- SEE WEBSITE FOR LATE REGISTRATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBPAGE OR CONTACT: TERRI.RYAN@SAINTMCC.ORG

YOUNG ADULT COUPLES

Small Group

Ongoing Meetings
 Men's & Women's Alternating
 Wednesday Study

Scan the QR code for details or visit our website: saintmcc.org/young-adult-couples

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." – Dorothy Day

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

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

We all have that one family member or friend who gives the best gifts, always has free tickets to sporting events, or gives the best compliments. Having someone like this in your life is truly wonderful. It is incredible to see the generosity of others. We also all have that homeless person we may or may not interact with, the alcoholic family member, or the person who always asks for money. Dealing with these people is a completely different story. Sometimes, depending on your relationship with them, you may have a strong emotional reaction when they call or reach out. That emotion might be sadness or anger. These are the people who seem to bring out the worst in us. So what about them? If you are familiar with Jesus' teachings, then you know that the Christian life is really about how we respond to these people. Jesus is not concerned with whether we love those who give us good reason to love them because of their actions or fun personalities. Instead, Jesus challenges us to love those who are the most difficult to love. This does not mean you should constantly put yourself in situations where you can be hurt by someone who is physically or emotionally abusive. In fact, the loving thing to do in those cases is to remove yourself from the relationship in a way that prevents further harm. But many times, the issue is not abuse. It is simply that we do not want to deal with people who seem beneath us or too difficult to handle. The message of today's gospel is that we must find a way to love even the most difficult people, so that we can reflect the radical love of our Father. Let us close by reflecting on the final words of today's gospel reading when Jesus says "Blessed indeed will you be because of their [the lowly] inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Be blessed! -David

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 7	Mandatory Chosen Review Class for students being Confirmed in Sept. 2025	5:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
SEP 10	Confirmation rehearsal for sponsors & teens	7:00 PM	Church
SEP 11	Confirmation Mass	7:00 PM	Church

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MORE THAN 20 VOLUNTEERS FOR EDGE, LIFE TEEN & CHOSEN. PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP TO HELP MAKE OUR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL!



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized a Saint next Sunday by Pope Leo XIV. He will be the patron saint of youth groups. St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, pray for us!

STAY CONNECTED



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EDGE



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LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Elementary Faith Formation
K-5th

SEE YOU SOON

Classes begin-
Sunday, September 21

Wednesday, September 24

Save the date

Catechist Training
Saturday, September 6
10:00am

Interested in volunteering?

Email Hannah at
hannah.richardson@saintmcc.org

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation is open for **ONE MORE WEEK!!**

SCAN TO REGISTER!





Mass Worksheet for Beginners - August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ The color vestments the priest is wearing are...
circle your answer!


RED


GREEN


VIOLET


ROSE


WHITE

+ The first reading is from Sirach

+ Responsorial Psalm: "God, in Your goodness,
You have made a home for the poor."

+ The Second Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews

+ The Gospel is according to Luke

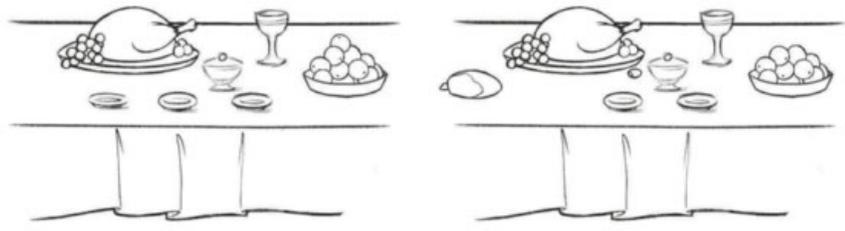
"... when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; [...] you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Can you find these words from the readings today?

HOST	POOR
FRIEND	LAME
TABLE	BLIND

H	O	S	T	B	O	H
G	P	L	A	M	E	F
D	O	K	B	U	S	E
R	O	B	L	I	N	D
F	R	I	E	N	D	I

How many DIFFERENCES can you find between the two banquets? Circle what you find!



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Saint Spotlight

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Feast day:
September 5

Hobbies:
Taking care of and loving the poor, sick and homeless

Interesting Fact:
Started the religious order called the Missionaries of Charity and they serve the poor, sick and homeless.





Teaching kids to walk like Jesus through the Gospels

Parable of the Wedding Banquet
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Lesson of the week: Humility

Recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of yourself

Say you love soccer, and your friends want to play with you. Which should you say:

- "I am much better than you so I will win!"
- "Yes, let's play, I love soccer!"

That's right, the second one! You may be great at soccer, but that doesn't mean you should brag to your friends about it. Playing with humility is knowing your gift comes from God and being able to give him praise while you play.



THANK YOU!



THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LADIES AUXILIARY, & BELLES!

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, and Belles of St. Mary for the many ways they support St. Mary Catholic School. Your dedication to our students, staff, and families is a true blessing.

From organizing and serving at Spaghetti Dinners, to preparing delicious lunches for our students and staff on Field Day, to generously providing scholarship funds to help families in need—your commitment to our school community is a reflection of Christ’s love in action.

At St. Mary Catholic School, our mission is to ensure that every child who desires a Catholic education has the opportunity to receive one. Thanks to your support—both financial and through your time and service—we are able to reach more families and help students thrive spiritually, academically, and personally.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school family. May God continue to bless you for all that you do!





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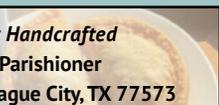


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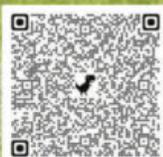




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