



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of Galveston- Houston

Clergy | *Clero*

Fr. Wencil Pavlovsky, Pastor

Deacon Scott Daniel

Deacon Bob Milmo

Deacon Arturo Monterrubio

Deacon Servando Rojas

Deacon Tom Spicer

Office Hours | *Horarios de Oficina*

Monday -Thursday | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Baptism | *Bautizos* — 7 PM

Interviews are 1st Tuesday of the month

Entrevistas cada 1er martes del mes

Marriage | *Matrimonio* — 7 PM

Intro Session every 4th Tuesday of the month

Sesión Introductoria cada 4to martes del mes

Mass Times | *Horarios de Misa*

Mass in English

Tuesday — Friday | 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 PM

Sunday | 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Misa en Español

Jueves | 7:00 PM

Sábado Vigilia | 7:00 PM

Domingo | 12:00 PM

Reconciliation | *Reconciliación*

Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30-6:30 PM

Martes y Jueves | 5:30-6:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

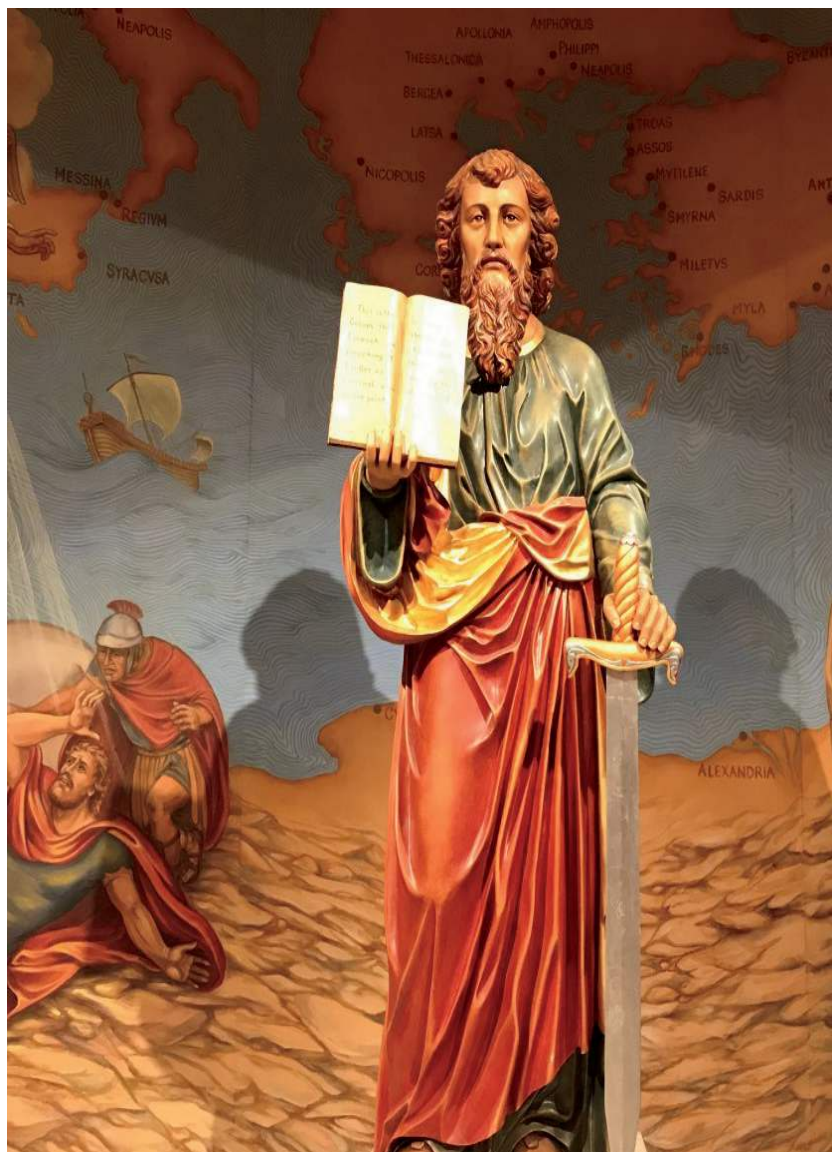
Continuously in the Chapel

6:00 PM Sunday — 9:00 AM Saturday

Adoración Eucarística

Perpetuamente en la capilla

Domingo, 6 PM — Sabado, 9 AM



OUR PARISH MISSION

Though diverse in many ways, we are united in glorifying Christ and being of service to our brothers and sisters. Embracing the Holy Spirit, we are drawn more deeply into the love of the family.

NUESTRA MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

Distintos de muchas formas, estamos unidos glorificando a Cristo y sirviendo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Recibimos con los brazos abiertos al Espíritu Santo, conforme nos lleva más profundamente al amor de la familia.

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TO REQUEST PRIEST ASSISTANCE IN HOSPITALS**CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN CORP.****713-747-8445**

Provide:

- Patient's Full Name
- Name of the Hospital
- Patient's Room Number or Location
- Contact Name & Phone Number

PARA SOLICITAR ASISTENCIA DE UN SACERDOTE EN HOSPITALES**CAPELLANES CATOLICOS****713-747-8445**

Información:

- Nombre del paciente
- Nombre del hospital
- Número de Cuarto o sitio del paciente
- Nombre y teléfono de la persona de contacto

**St. Vincent de Paul****SVDP****Food Pantry****Ayuda de Comida**

Wednesday | miércoles 8:30 AM – 11 AM
Thursday | jueves 6 PM – 8 PM

Volunteer/Voluntarios @
<https://www.stpaulcatholic.org/svdp>

Financial Assistance**Ayuda Financiera**

281-333-2509

Call & leave a detailed message

Llame y deje mensaje con sus detalles

**Gabriel****Project**

Pregnant ?
Need help?

¿Embarazada?**¿Necesitas ayuda?****713-225-5826****Pastoral Council**pastoralcouncil@stpaulcatholic.org

The Pastoral Council **meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month** and is a representative body of the faithful, whose focus is on the parish community and fostering the mission of the Church. It is presided over by the Pastor, with members assisting in a consultative basis to represent the interests & spiritual well-being of the parish. **Meetings are open to parishioners.**

Members

Joseph Kappil Penny Hunter Andry Delhomme Albert Rivera
Corina Gomez Oscar Phillip Mallory Jennings Kathy McClain
Keithan Jones Fr. Wencil Pavlovsky Isaiah Ogedegbe
Sharon Reed Jessica Ruiz

Finance Councilfinancecouncil@stpaulcatholic.org

The Finance Council assists the pastor in a consultative role with administration of parish goods, encouraging support of Archdiocesan stewardship programs for time, talent and treasure.

Members

Fr. Wencil Pavlovsky Chima Akanwa **Maria Conner** Jesus Adame
Cynthia Lopez Kathy Tamer Diana Tran
John Khoury Jim Kukla AJ Delhomme



All Priests	Felix Quiles
World Peace	Rick Fitts
Debbi Bush	Malcolm Himel
Bill & Jan Sebastian	Rex Moses
Adriana Horta	Max Walz
John Mrozek	Wendy Mattingly
Marie Meyer	Marvaette
Camille Johnson	Washington
Greg Wilson	John McClain
Mirta Herring	Christina
Gloria Braccio	Turco Franklin
Barbara Scheirman	Sharon Lee &
Cecilia Ritchey	Family
Karen Kohan	Lisa Kirk & Family
Patricia Mattingly	Glen Kelley
Jane Lee	Savannah Evans &
Shchoenbalcher	Family
Mary Ann Carlisle	
Debbie King	

The Blessed Sacrament *El Santísimo Sacramento*

Partner Needed *Se Necesita Compañero de Adoración*

Mondays = 12noon, 11pm
 Tuesdays = 1am, 3am, 4am, 11pm
 Wednesdays = 2am, 3am, 7am, 5pm, 10pm
 Thursdays = 2am
 Fridays = 1am, 2am, 3am, 7am, 7pm
 Saturdays = 5am

Readings | Lecturas

Sat	18 Apr	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21 [272]
Sun	19 Apr	Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35 [46]
Mon	20 Apr	Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29 [273]
Tues	21 Apr	Acts 7:51-8; 1a, Jn 6:30-35 [274]
Wed	22 Apr	Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40 [275]
Thurs	23 Apr	Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51 [276]
Fri	24 Apr	Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59 [277]

Mass Intentions | Intenciones de Misa

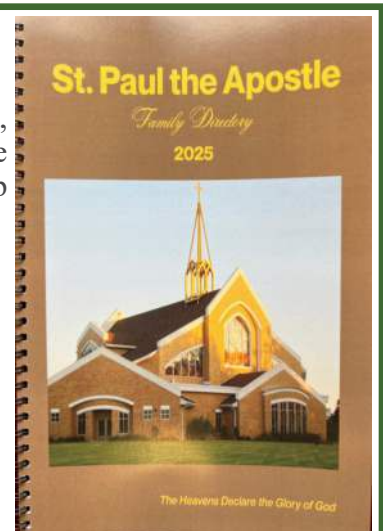
Saturday	18 Apr	5:00 PM	Deacon Scott Daniel (Birthday) Rachel Schultee Helena Evangeline Gardner
		7:00 PM	The Martinez Family †Reinaldo Benavides Hernandez †Vitalina Larias—Herrera
Sunday	19 Apr	9:00 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		12:00 PM	†Juvenal Ventura Hernandez †Reinaldo Benavides Hernandez †Giovanna Falco
		5:00 PM	†Bienvenido Reyes †Katherine Ryan †Sonia Villamin
Monday	20 Apr	8:30 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	21 Apr	8:30 AM	Father Norbert Medina (Anniversary) †Layla Janda †Sister Isabel Jasso
			†Martha Basket Sandor Luckas—Pereny †James Williams
Wednesday	22 Apr	8:30 AM	†Isabel Canales †Bette Johnson †Frank Schneck Sr.
		7:00 PM	†Alicia De Leon Nuñez Liliana Williams Maria Alejandra Soriano
Thursday	23 Apr	8:30 AM	†Justy George †Robert Camina
			†Bette Johnson
Friday	24 Apr	8:30 AM	

Parish Picture Directories

The parish Picture Directories are here! If you had a portrait taken, your **FREE** directory is ready for pick up. If you did not have a picture taken, we have a limited number of extras available for \$10. Directories may be picked up at the Welcome Center M-F 8:00 to 5:00.

Directorios Fotográficos de la Parroquia

¡Los directorios fotográficos de la parroquia han llegado! Si se tomó una foto, su directorio gratuito está listo para recogerlo. Si no se tomó foto, tenemos disponible un número limitado extras por \$10. Los directorios pueden recogerse en el Centro de Bienvenida, lunes a viernes, 8:00 a 5:00



CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH 2026		CONTRIBUCIONES MARZO 2026	
Monthly Parish Need (Does Not Include DSF)	\$156,532	Necesidad Parroquial Mensual (No Incluye DSF)	
Received	\$80,651	Recibido	
Still Needed	\$75,881	Aún necesitamos	
St. Vincent de Paul		\$3,918	
2026 DSF		DSF 2026	
\$152,716 ANNUAL GOAL		\$152,716 OBJETIVO ANUAL	
		\$34,702	

PLEASE NOTE:

We will never solicit money or gift cards for staff or clergy via text, email or phone. Contact parish office for questions or concerns.

TENGA EN CUENTA:

Nunca solicitaremos dinero o tarjetas de regalo para el personal o clero a través de mensajes de texto, llamada o correo electrónico. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si tiene preguntas.

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or call their Customer Service
866-930-4774



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o llamar al Servicio al Cliente
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Get the latest updates from the parish via text and email.
Scan the code to sign up today.
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Obtenga las últimas actualizaciones de la parroquia a través de texto y correo electrónico. Escanea el código para registrarte hoy. ¡Es fácil y gratis!



**WALKING WITH ST. MONICA
WIDOWS MINISTRY**

JOIN US FOR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP,
ENCOURAGEMENT, PRAYER, SHARING A MEAL AND
DISCUSSING TOPICS RELATED TO WIDOWHOOD
PLEASE CONTACT MAITE EVANGELISTA 713-548-4701

Clear Lake Good Times Show



The Houston Tidelanders are excited to return for our first performance of the year — the Clear Lake Good Times Show!

Join us again at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church for an exciting performance of four-part barbershop harmony. This year's program features new songs like the Beatles' From Me to You alongside beloved classics like Shenandoah.

April 25th

1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

Enjoy popcorn and soda at our afternoon matinee, or make it a date night at our evening show featuring tamales and beer.

The Tidelanders are happy to serve you at the table and in song.

✦ Scan the QR code to get your tickets. Harmony awaits!

Contact Pete Hasbrook if you have any questions at 713-502-7729



**Houston
Tidelanders
Chorus**



**Use code STPAUL5 for
discount on your tickets**

BUY TICKETS NOW!



**St. Paul's
Holy Hour
for Life**

**Thursdays following 8:30 am
Mass
Please join us!!**

Lleva a tu hogar a la Virgen de Guadalupe



Te invitamos a rezar junto a la Virgen Peregrina por todos los migrantes

Informes:

Escanéame



Nahiely De la vega: 832-340-8005



Oswaldo Lozano: 832-563-4357



**SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANA
DE LA IGLESIA DE SAN PABLO** ✦

Pray for our Priests Oremos por nuestros Sacerdotes

Dios te Salve Maria, llena
eres de gracia, el Señor es
contigo Bendita tu eres entre
todas las mujeres y Bendito es
el fruto de tu vientre Jesus.

Santa María Madre de Dios
ruega Señora por nosotros los
pecadores, ahora y en la hora
de nuestra muerte amén.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Catholic Charities
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Phone: 713.526.4611
(Bilingual speaking) 2900 Louisiana
Street Houston, Texas 77006

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

What is Spiritual Direction?

The purpose of Spiritual Direction is to grow in holiness and
strengthen one's relationship with God.

Julie Dienno-Demarest julie.dienno@gmail.com

Dorothy Ruiz-Martinez | 832-704-6710

Don Schmidt | 832-428-0163

DIRECCIÓN ESPIRITUAL

¿Qué es la dirección espiritual?

*El propósito de la Dirección Espiritual es crecer en
santidad y fortalecer tu relación con Dios.*

Dorothy Ruiz-Martinez | 832-704-6710

Diana Adame | 281- 889-9755

Irma Martinez | 713- 858-1603

Tomas Martinez | 713- 858-9433



St. Paul the Apostle Knights of Columbus

Join the Knight of Columbus Council 6234,

www.kofc.org/join, Or

contact Alejandro (Alex) Pabon 713-385-0284.

Join us in Serving God, Church, Community, Faith, Life, Family, through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm room 10/11.

Únase al Consejo de Caballeros de Colón 6234, kofc.org/join, o comuníquese con Alejandro (Alex) Pabón 713-385-0284

Únase a nosotros para servir a Dios, a la Iglesia y a la comunidad, a través de la caridad, la unidad y la fraternidad. Meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm room 10/11.



Scholarship Application Time

FREE MONEY for College

CALLING ALL PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 6234 is accepting applications for the **Fr. Walter Sheffield Memorial Scholarship** that will provide scholarship money to 2026 graduating class.

St. Paul's high school seniors whose families are registered as St. Paul's as parishioners.

Details of the scholarship qualifications and Application can be sent to applicants by emailing Carl Conder at cconder@comcast.net

Deadline for submitting application and all documents is **May 1st, 2026**

Don't wait, there are numerous documents required from your school and teachers.

April 24th, Friday, Knights of Columbus State Convention to April 26th.

April 25th, Saturday, Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity at St. Clare's 3131 El Dorado Blvd. at 10:00AM Registration in the Family Life Center, 10:30AM Ceremony starts. Candidates bring your families.

April 26th, Sunday, Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Sunday, St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Rosary after 9am Mass, everyone is invited to join.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

DATES

March 4

March 11

March 18

April 15

April 22



ADULT FAITH STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00 PM

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Presenters

RICK AND MYRA BANKE



BEGINS MARCH 4, 2026

FIVE WEEK SERIES

Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Through the videos and course materials, we'll walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from Gethsemane to the Cross.

STUDY MATERIALS

are available online at ascensionpress.com

RSVP encouraged but not required.

Contact Rick and Myra Banke at rtbanke@mac.com to RSVP or for more info.



St. Paul ECP

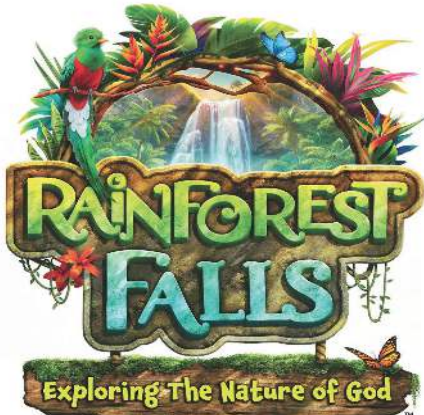
St. Paul ECP is requesting donations for our childcare/school program. Unlike other parish programs, ECP does not receive funding from DSF or the parish. Our entire operating costs are funded through tuition, fundraising, and donations to our program. These operating costs include expenses such as payroll, activity and learning programs, supplies, teacher fees, training and licensing expenses, etc.

Rising inflation also affects our program. Please prayerfully consider helping us with a donation. You can do this through a designated donation in the weekly collection, through Faith Direct, or by contacting

Sheri at 281-333-0176
or szombory@stpaulcatholic.org.

Donations are tax deductible and allow us to continue to enrich the children in our community by expanding their access to education and fun! Thank you so much for helping to support the future by supporting the children of ECP!

VBS 2026



Explorando la naturaleza de Dios

JULY 13-17 / 13-17 DE JULIO

Espacio de Dios

Grupo de Jóvenes 18 a 35 Años Solteros
Todos los martes a las 7 PM

*Último martes del más

Adoración al Santísimo
9-10 PM

18223 Point Lookout Dr. Houston Tx 77058
Salón de Jóvenes



@Espacio_De_Dios



Espacio de Dios

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 7, 2026



Ministerial formation (or simply formation). Access Daily Reflections, award-winning studies and parish programs, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books, and family-friendly kids' programming from over 100 content providers, all in one app. <https://formed.org/> (available through donations from Knights of Columbus)

Formación ministerial
(o simplemente formación).

Tenga acceso a Reflexiones diarias, estudios galardonados y programas parroquiales, con de audios de inspiración, películas, libros electrónicos y programación infantil familiar de más de 100 proveedores de contenido, Todo en una sola aplicación. <https://formed.org/> (disponible a través de donaciones de los Caballeros de Colón)

FORMED

Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 19th in 10/11 @10:30 AM

Clase de Confirmación es el 19 de Abril
en salones 10/11 a las 10:30 AM



HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Parents, please join us for our
Vocations Panel on Monday, April
20th @7 PM



CLASE DE PREPARATORIA

Padres de familia, por favor de atender a nuestro panel de vocaciones

Lunes, Abril 20 a las 7 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parents, please join us for
our Vocations

Panel Wednesday, April 22nd @6:30 PM



CLASE DE SECUNDARIA

Padres, por favor atender a nuestro panel de
vocaciones Miércoles, Abril 22 a las 6:30 PM

VOCATIONS | VOCACIONES



(713) 652-8239

vocations@archgh.org.com



Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."
(Luke 24:31)

Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy.

Tercer Domingo de Pascua - 19 de abril de 2026

"Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y lo reconocieron."
(Lucas 24:31)

Así como los discípulos reconocieron a Jesús en medio de ellos, las parejas están llamadas a ver a Cristo presente en su matrimonio. En momentos de amor compartido, sacrificio y convivencia diaria, Cristo se revela y fortalece su vínculo. Oremos para que más parejas abran sus corazones a su presencia y vivan su vocación con fe y alegría.



El Viñedo de Raquel

24-26 ABRIL 2026

Para más información, contacte 713.440.3445
Las consultas son estrictamente confidenciales



Ministering to Families: A Pastoral Approach to Infertility and Miscarriage



**ST. DOMINIC
CHANCERY
AUDITORIUM**
2403 Holcombe Blvd.

**Friday, May 1, 2026
8:30am - noon**

This workshop for pastoral ministers and parish staff will focus on common concerns of Catholic couples experiencing infertility and pregnancy loss/miscarriage.

Presenters will discuss helpful responses to the spiritual, psychological and practical needs of families and outline strategies for improving our response to parents and couples experiencing these struggles.

Presenters:

Ann Koshute
Executive Director,
Springs in the Desert
Catholic Infertility Ministry

Julie Dumalet
Director,
Office of Pro-Life Activities

Adam Brill
Director,
Office of Worship



Springs
IN THE
DESERT
CATHOLIC INFERTILITY MINISTRY




The Archdiocesan Office of Aging Ministry invites you to a Senior Resource Fair including providers of healthcare, senior living, counseling, mental health, home care, caregiving resources and much more.

For: Seniors (people 50+) and Families
Saturday, May 2, 2026 (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
Location: Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1224 Cedar Dr., La Marque, TX 77568
Cost: FREE (Registration Encouraged)

For more information/registration, click the link or QR Code: <https://www.archgh.org/aging>



La Oficina Arquidiocesana del Ministerio para Adultos Mayores tiene el honor de invitarlos a participar en la Feria de Recursos.

Para: Adultos Mayores y Familia el sábado 2 de mayo de 2026 (10:00 a. m. – 1:00 p. m.)
Ubicación: Iglesia Católica de Queen of Peace, 1224 Cedar Dr., La Marque, TX 77368
Costo: GRATIS (Asientos limitados; se requiere registro)

Para obtener más información/registro, haga clic en el enlace o código QR:



<https://www.archgh.org/aging>



cherished

A retreat for those in a season of infertility

INFERTILITY IS A HEAVY BURDEN THAT NOT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARRY IT ALONE!

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer *Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility*. Wherever you are on the path of infertility, we invite you to join the Springs in the Desert Team as they reflect on the emotional, relational, and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse.

COME WITH YOUR SPOUSE OR ON YOUR OWN FOR A TIME OF PRAYER, HEALING, AND FRIENDSHIP.



-  Circle Lake Retreat Center Pinehurst, TX
-  May 1-3, 2026
-  Registration for individuals and couples

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
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Save the Date

**Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy
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**English
(New and Current)
Training**

May 16th 9AM to 1PM



*Thank you to the Art & Environment
Committee for all their hard work to ensure
each Celebration was decorated
appropriately.*



*Gracias al Comité de Arte y Ambiente por
todo su arduo trabajo para asegurar que
cada celebración estuviera decorada
adecuadamente.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

Antecedentes de la Lectura del Evangelio

Cuando leemos el Evangelio de hoy, podemos sorprendernos al saber que estos amigos de Jesús podían caminar y conversar con él durante un buen tiempo y, sin embargo, no reconocerlo. Una vez más descubrimos que Jesús resucitado no siempre es fácilmente reconocido. Cleofás y el otro discípulo caminan con una persona a quien creen un desconocido; solo más tarde descubren que ese desconocido es Jesús. Aprendemos que la primera comunidad se reunía y reconocía a Jesús al partir el pan, así como nosotros lo encontramos en la Eucaristía.

Jesús mismo se acerca a los dos hombres, pero ellos lo toman por un extraño. Jesús les pregunta de qué están hablando. Los invita a compartir su experiencia y su interpretación de los acontecimientos relacionados con su crucifixión y muerte. Cuando los dos discípulos lo hacen, Jesús ofrece su propia interpretación de su crucifixión y resurrección, citando la Sagrada Escritura. En ese encuentro encontramos el modelo para nuestra Liturgia de la Palabra: lo que hacemos cada vez que nos reunimos como comunidad para la Eucaristía. Reflexionamos sobre nuestras experiencias de vida y las interpretamos a la luz de la Escritura. Nos reunimos para profundizar en la Palabra de Dios.

En la siguiente parte del relato, encontramos un modelo para nuestra Liturgia de la Eucaristía. Los discípulos invitan al desconocido (Jesús) a quedarse con ellos. Durante la comida, al compartir la fracción del pan, se les abren los ojos y reconocen al desconocido como Jesús. Así como los discípulos regresaron a Jerusalén para contar su experiencia a los demás, también nosotros somos enviados desde nuestra celebración eucarística. Nuestra experiencia de Jesús en la Eucaristía nos impulsa a compartir esta Buena Nueva con los demás.

The Pope goes to New York. He is picked up at the airport by a limousine. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you let me please?" The driver is hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that." But the Pope persists, "Please?" The driver finally gives in. "Oh, all right, I can't say no to the Pope." So the pope takes the wheel, and BOY! Is he a speed demon!! He hits the gas and goes about 100 mph in a 45 zone. No too long, they hear a siren and a policeman pulls the car over. The cop walks up and motions to the driver to roll down the window.

Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute.

He goes back to his patrol car and radios his chief.

Cop: "Chief, I have a problem."

Chief: "What sort of problem?"

Cop: "Well you see, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit, but it's someone really important."

Chief: "Important like the major?"

Cop: "No, no, much more important than that!"

Chief: "Important like the governor?"

Cop: "Wayyyyyyyy more important than that!"

Chief: "Like the president?"

Cop: "More!"

Chief: "Who's more important than the president?"

Cop: "I don't know, but he's got the Pope DRIVING for him!"

El Papa viaja a Nueva York. Una limusina lo recoge en el aeropuerto. El observa el hermoso vehículo y le dice al chófer: "¿Sabes? Casi nunca tengo la oportunidad de manejar. ¿Me dejarías hacerlo, por favor?" El chófer sorprendido responde. "Lo siento, pero no creo que tenga permitido hacer eso." Pero el Papa sigue insistiendo, "¿Por favor?" Finalmente, el chófer cede, "Vaya, bien. No puedo negarle al Papa." Así que el Papa toma el volante y... ¡vaya si es un fanático de la velocidad! Pisa el acelerador y alcanza las 100 millas por hora en una zona limitada a 45. Poco después, escuchan una sirena y un policía los parra. El policía se acerca y toca la ventana haciendo señale que se baje. Sorprendido, el joven oficial le pide al Papa que espere un minuto.

Regresa a su patrulla y contacta a su jefe por radio.

Policia: "Jefe, tengo un problema."

Jefe: "¿Qué clase de problema?"

Policía: "Pues, detuve a un sujeto por conducir muy por encima del limite de velocidad, pero resulta que es alguien muy importante."

Jefe: "¿Importante como el alcalde?"

Policía: "¡No, no! ¡Mucho más importante!"

Jefe: "¿Importante como el gobernador?"

Policia: "Muuuuucho más importante que eso!"

Jefe: "¿Como el presidente?"

Policia: "¡Más!"

Jefe: "¿Quién puede ser más importante que el presidente?"

Policía: "No sé, ¡pero tiene al Papa como su chófer!"





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- 1) Dignity of the Human Person:** Human life is sacred; each person is made in the image of God. This is the foundation of all Catholic Social Justice teaching.
- 2) The Common Good and Community:** To "love your neighbor" has individual and broad social commitments. Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the common good.
- 3) Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:** The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. The poor have the most urgent moral claim on the conscience of a nation.
- 4) Rights and Responsibilities:** Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to the things required for human decency, including food, shelter, clothing, employment, health care, and education. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities. We are called to work globally for justice.
- 5) Subsidiarity and the Role of Government:** The principle of subsidiarity holds that the functions of government should be performed by and at the level as close as possible to and by the people most affected. Only when needs cannot be met adequately is a higher level of government required to provide help for the common good. Authentic development must be full, human development as a requirement for human dignity.
- 6) Economic Justice: The economy must serve people, not the other way around.** Workers have a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to safe working conditions, and a right to organize. Rights to economic initiatives and private property have limits. Catholic teaching opposes amassing excessive wealth when others lack the basic necessities of life.
- 7) Stewardship of God's Creation:** How we treat the environment is a sign of our respect for our Creator. The goods of the earth are gifts from God and are intended by God for the benefit of everyone. We have a responsibility to care for these goods as stewards, not as consumers.
- 8) Promotion of Peace and Disarmament:** Peace is the fruit of justice and is dependent upon right order among human beings. Peace is a positive, action-oriented concept. "Peace is not just the absence of war. It involves mutual respect and confidence between peoples and nations. It involves collaboration and binding agreements." (Pope John Paul II)

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