

**ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH - 9/08/19**  
**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

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**Masses for Sunday: Saturday Vigil—5:30pm English & 7pm en Español**

**Sunday 8 & 10:00am in English; 12:00 mediodia, 1:30 & 7pm en Español**

**Weekday Liturgy: Monday 8am thru Saturday 8am in English;**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & 1st Friday, 7pm en Español**

**Holy Day Liturgy: Vigil 7pm in English; Feast 8am in English; 7:00pm en Español**

**Sacrament of Penance: Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30pm; Saturday-3:30 to 5pm**

**Parish Office Hours: 9am to 5pm School Office Hours: 8am to 3pm (713-472-5172)**

**Adoration: Friday from 8:30am until 10pm in the PLC Chapel**

**Pastoral Staff: Rev. Joseph Doran, Pastor**  
**Rev. Ricardo Lazo, Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Heath Hampton**  
**Deacon Celestino Perez**  
**Deacon Dan Seiler**  
**Dr. Felicia Nichols, Principal**

**Connie Wilson, Director of Music & Social Media**  
**Felicitas Palacios, Faith Formation (Spanish)**  
**Gina Pasket, Faith Formation (English)**  
**J P Rodriguez, Director of Parish Social Ministry**  
**Alice Layton, Business Manager**

**In case of an emergency needing a priest, please call 713-397-7451 (bi-lingual) or 832-651-7329 (English only).**

**Mass Intention Schedule for this Week**

**Saturday, September 7— Weekday**

8:00 a.m. — Marjorie Wilkerson— Special Intentions  
5:30 p.m. — Gerardo Orocio Padre e hijo †  
7:00 p.m. — Daniel & Jesus Perez Delgado †

**Sunday, September 8—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. — Liam Guerra—B-day  
10:00 a.m. — For the People of the Parish  
12:00 p.m. — Juan Antonio Balderas—B-day  
1:30 p.m. — Catalina Luz Sibiria †  
7:00 p.m. — Jesus Perez Delgado †

**Monday, September 9— St. Peter Claver**

8:00 a.m. — Frank & James Konieczny †

**Tuesday, September 10—Weekday**

8:00 a.m. — Steve & Dolphie Hamala †  
7:00 p.m. — Daniel & Jesus Perez †

**Wednesday, September 11— Weekday**

8:00 a.m. — Those who died on 9/11/2001  
7:00 p.m. — Betha Marquez †

**Thursday, September 12— Weekday**

8:00 a.m. — John Drey †

**Friday, September 13—St John Chrysostom**

8:00 a.m. — Linda Seiler † B-day

**Saturday, September 14— Weekday**

8:00 a.m. — Angeli & Simi—B-day  
5:30 p.m. — Zacarias de la Garza †  
7:00 p.m. — Jose Ignacio Perez †Gabriel Perez



World Day  
of Prayer for  
Care of Creation

**A Season of  
Creation**

**1 Sept – 4 Oct.**

La Jornada Mundial  
De Oración Por  
El Cuidado De La  
Creación

**La Temporada  
de Creación**



***Find the Missal (Ordinary of the Mass) at 150 in Oramos Cantando/We Pray in Song***

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading WIS 9:13-18B

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm PS 90 R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading PHMN 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel LK 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

***El Misal (Ordinario de la Misa) esta en Oramos Cantando/We Pray in Song a Partir de 150***

XXIII Domingo Ordinario

Primera lectura Sab 9, 13-19

¿Quién es el hombre que puede conocer los designios de Dios? ¿Quién es el que puede saber lo que el Señor tiene dispuesto? Los pensamientos de los mortales son inseguros y sus razonamientos pueden equivocarse, porque un cuerpo corruptible hace pesada el alma y el barro de que estamos hechos entorpece el entendimiento. Con dificultad conocemos lo que hay sobre la tierra y a duras penas encontramos lo que está a nuestro alcance. ¿Quién podrá descubrir lo que hay en el cielo? ¿Quién conocerá tus designios, si tú no le das la sabiduría, enviando tu santo espíritu desde lo alto? Sólo con esa sabiduría lograron los hombres enderezar sus caminos y conocer lo que te agrada. Sólo con esa sabiduría se salvaron, Señor, los que te agradaron desde el principio.

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 89 R. Tú, Señor, nuestro refugio.

Segunda lectura Fmn 9-10, 12-17

Querido hermano: Yo, Pablo, ya anciano y ahora, además, prisionero por la causa de Cristo Jesús, quiero pedirte algo en favor de Onésimo, mi hijo, a quien he engendrado para Cristo aquí, en la cárcel. Te lo envío. Recíbelo como a mí mismo. Yo hubiera querido retenerlo conmigo, para que en tu lugar me atendiera, mientras estoy preso por la causa del Evangelio. Pero no he querido hacer nada sin tu consentimiento, para que el favor que me haces no sea como por obligación, sino por tu propia voluntad. Tal vez él fue apartado de ti por un breve tiempo, a fin de que lo recuperaras para siempre, pero ya no como esclavo, sino como algo mejor que un esclavo, como hermano amadísimo. Él ya lo es para mí. ¡Cuánto más habrá de serlo para ti, no sólo por su calidad de hombre, sino de hermano en Cristo! Por tanto, si me consideras como compañero tuyo, recíbelo como a mí mismo.

Evangelio Lc 14, 25-33

En aquel tiempo, caminaba con Jesús una gran muchedumbre y él, volviéndose a sus discípulos, les dijo: "Si alguno quiere seguirme y no me prefiere a su padre y a su madre, a su esposa y a sus hijos, a sus hermanos y a sus hermanas, más aún, a sí mismo, no puede ser mi discípulo. Y el que no carga su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo. Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla? No sea que, después de haber echado los cimientos, no pueda acabarla y todos los que se enteren comiencen a burlarse de él, diciendo: 'Este hombre comenzó a construir y no pudo terminar'. ¿O qué rey que va a combatir a otro rey, no se pone primero a considerar si será capaz de salir con diez mil soldados al encuentro del que viene contra él con veinte mil? Porque si no, cuando el otro esté aún lejos, le enviará una embajada para proponerle las condiciones de paz. Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo".

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**FF (Faith Formation/Formación de Fe) 9-08-19**  
**Directors:** Felicitas Palacios [palaciosfst.piusv@gmail.com](mailto:palaciosfst.piusv@gmail.com) & Gina Pasket [gpasket@spvpsadena.org](mailto:gpasket@spvpsadena.org)

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YOUR CHILDREN FOR FAITH FORMATION?**

If not, no problem! Here are the last sign-up dates...

September 9, 10, 11, 16,17, & 18 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Once classes are full we will no longer take registrations for that class!

**¿HA INSCRITO A SUS HIJOS PARA FORMACIÓN DE FE?**

Si no, no hay problema! Aquí están las últimas fechas de inscripciones...

9, 10, 11, 16, 17 y 18 de septiembre de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.

Una vez que las clases estén completas, ya no tomaremos el inscripciones para esa clase.

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**SPV YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Come Join Us!**

We meet every Sunday evening in the GYM from 6:00 PM -8:00 PM. However, occasionally we have fun off campus. Come and get the schedule on where the fun will be!

¡Ven y únete a nosotros!

Nos reunimos todos los domingos por la noche en el gimnasio de 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. Sin embargo, ocasionalmente nos divertimos fuera del campus. ¡Ven y obtén el horario sobre dónde será la diversión!

**Question of the Week /Pregunta de la Semana**

Jesus is the one sent by God to save us. — Jesús es el enviado de Dios para salvarnos

**Children/ Niños:**

Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you. —Jesús está presente en cada uno de nosotros de una manera diferente. Cuenten sobre una ocasión en que Jesús estaba con ustedes.

**Youth/Adolecente:**

Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible? —Menciona un momento o situación en tu vida en que Jesús estuvo presente. ¿En qué situaciones o lugares quisieras que Jesús se hiciera más visible?

**Adults/Adultos:**

Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally? — Jesús vino para traer buenas noticias a los pobres y liberar a los esclavos. ¿Cómo los ha afectado personalmente esta misión de Cristo en el mundo?

**Catechist Corner—Rincón del Catequista**

**Catechist Thank you for your Servant Hearts and your Volunteer dedication to teaching our young people!**

**Catequista ¡Gracias por sus corazones de servicio y su dedicación voluntaria para enseñar a nuestros jóvenes!**

**Upcoming Sacrament meeting in September!**

**¡Próxima reunión sacramental en septiembre!**

**Parent Mandatory Meeting for Confirmation students**—Sunday, September 8, 2019. Meeting will be held the same time during your child is class.

**Reunión obligatoria de padres para estudiantes de**

**Confirmación.** Domingo 8 de septiembre de 2019. La reunión se llevará a cabo al mismo tiempo durante la clase de su hijo.

**Parent Mandatory Meeting for First Sacraments**

**Reunión obligatoria de padres para primeros sacramentos**

If your child is preparing in Spanish: September 5, 2019

Si su hijo se está preparando en español: 5 de septiembre de 2019

If your child is preparing in English: September 24, 2019

Si su hijo se está preparando en inglés: 24 de septiembre de 2019



**Around The Archdiocese**



**Vocations Announcements and Opportunities**

**Andrew Dinners 2019** This year the Andrew Dinners for young men in High School will be held at various parish locations. The program includes an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with the Vocation Director, Fr. Richard McNeillie and other priests from the Archdiocese. Questions? Contact the Vocations office at 713-652- 8239 or [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org). More info and registration:

[www.houstonvocations.com/andrew-dinner](http://www.houstonvocations.com/andrew-dinner) —Dates and Parish Locations and times: September 6 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. September 8 at Christ the Redeemer Church, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. October 26 at St. Martha Church, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. November 7 at St. Theresa, Sugarland TX, 6:30 to 8:30p.m. The web link to register is

<https://cvent.me/WDXWn>

**Myriam Dinners 2019** This year the Myriam Dinners for young women in High School will be held at various parish locations. The program includes an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with the Vocation Associate Director, Joelma Regis and other religious sisters from the Archdiocese. More info or questions? Contact us at 713-652-8239 or [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org) Parish locations: September 13 at St. Vincent de Paul Church November 21 at St. Theresa Catholic Church

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.houstonvocations.com/myriam-dinner>.

To register, please use the web link:

<https://cvent.me/QEgOZ>

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**LITURGY...LIVE IT!** (14)

**LITURGY OF THE MASS - PART II: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*“When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.”* General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM, 29.)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The responsorial psalm follows the first reading and “fosters meditation on the Word of God” (GIRM 61). The assigned psalm usually coheres with the message of the first reading. Since the Psalms are scripture, they should be proclaimed from the ambo. Because the **Psalms are sung scripture** “it is preferable that the psalm be sung” (GIRM 61). The psalm is led by a psalmist, which is a distinct role since they are **proclaiming** the scripture. However, a cantor or reader may also lead the psalm.

But there is another role in the Responsorial Psalm, the role of those assembled. After hearing and taking to heart God’s word, **ALL RESPOND**. That is why it’s called a **RESPONSORIAL** Psalm. It doesn’t matter if we are the best singers, God gave us our voices and we in turn use our voices **to RESPOND to God**, whether it be one of wonder and praise, repentance and sorrow, hope and trust, or joy and exultation.

Do you have a question about Liturgy? Please email your question to Connie Wilson at [cwilson@spvpasadena.org](mailto:cwilson@spvpasadena.org) or drop a note in the collection basket marked **“Liturgy Live It! Question” attention Connie.**

**LITURGIA ... ¡VIVA!** (14)

**LITURGIA DE LA MISA – PARTE 2 – LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA**

*Cuando se leen en la Iglesia las Sagradas Escrituras, Dios mismo habla a su pueblo, y Cristo, presente en su palabra, anuncia el Evangelio.* Instrucción general del Misal Romano (GIRM, 24).

**SALMO RESPONSORIAL**

El salmo responsorial sigue a la primera lectura y "fomenta la meditación en la Palabra de Dios" (GIRM 61). El salmo asignado generalmente es coherente con el mensaje de la primera lectura. Como los Salmos son escrituras, deben ser proclamados desde el ambón. Debido a que **los salmos son escrituras cantadas** es preferible que se cante el salmo" (GIRM 61). El salmo es dirigido por un salmista, que es un papel distinto ya que están **proclamando** la escritura. Sin embargo, un cantor o lector también puede dirigir el salmo.

Però hay otro papel en el Salmo Responsorial, el papel de los reunidos. Después de escuchar y tomar en serio la palabra de Dios, **TODOS RESPONDEN**. Por eso se llama un salmo **RESPONSORIAL**. No importa si somos los mejores cantantes, Dios nos dio nuestras voces y, a su vez, usamos nuestras voces para **RESPONDER a Dios**, ya sea de maravilla y alabanza, arrepentimiento y tristeza, esperanza y confianza, o alegría y júbilo.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta sobre la liturgia? Envíe su pregunta por correo electrónico a Connie Wilson a [cwilson@spvpasadena.org](mailto:cwilson@spvpasadena.org) o coloque una nota en la canasta de la colección titulada **“Pregunta sobre Liturgia ¡Viva! ” atención a Connie.**

**Knights of Columbus** (on Preston near Vista) will have their next **fish fry** on **Friday, September 20th** Served with coleslaw, fries and drink for \$9. desserts available for \$1. Bring the family - also have take out.



**Welcome To All Visitors**

If you need specific information regarding St Pius Church, go to our website [www.stpiusvchurch.com](http://www.stpiusvchurch.com) or call the parish office during the week between 9am and 5pm at 713-473-9484

**A todos los visitantes**

Si necesita información específica sobre la Iglesia de San Pío, visite nuestro sitio web [www.stpiusvchurch.com](http://www.stpiusvchurch.com) o llame a la oficina de la parroquia durante la semana entre las 9 am y las 5 pm al 713-473-9484

**The Women’s Club meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Life Ctr — Meeting room.**  
*Listed below are the upcoming trips & meetings*

**Thur. Sept. 12** - - Women’s club meeting at PLC at 10 am

**Wed. Sept. 25** - - Visit religious sites in Port Arthur: Buddhist Temple, Vietnamese shrine and gardens, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Leave at 8:45, Cost: \$4 for bus, donation requested at Buddhist temple, and lunch (Port Arthur).

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Readings for the week of 9/9/19**

Monday: Col 1: 24—2:3; Lk 6: 6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6: 12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6: 20-26  
 Thursday: Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6: 27-38  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14; Lk 6: 39-42  
 Saturday: Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17  
 Sunday: Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1: 12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

**Faith Commitment Contribution  
 Weekly Contributions for Church Support  
 Last week's report**

| Masses        | Collection         | PSM              | Upcoming 2nd Collections:                                           |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:00          | \$2770.00          | \$ 148.00        | Sept 8 — Catholic Univer.                                           |
| 8:00          | \$1547.00          | \$ 334.00        | Sept 15 — DSF                                                       |
| 10:00         | \$1707.00          | \$ 580.00        | Sept 22 — Mission Appeal                                            |
| 12:00         | \$2100.00          | \$ 469.00        | Sept 29 — Parish Projects                                           |
| 1:30          | \$1090.00          | \$ 259.00        | Oct 6 — PSM                                                         |
| 7:00          | \$1179.50          | \$ 304.00        |                                                                     |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$ 10393.50</b> | <b>\$2094.00</b> | <b>Other Receipts:</b><br>Breakfast \$901.00—<br>Festival Committee |

**Join us for Breakfast**

St. Pius V Community continues offering breakfast in the Cafeteria beginning after the 8am Mass. Each weekend is sponsored by a different ministry group. Plan to join other parishioners this Sunday for breakfast after the 8 & 10am Masses or lunch after the 12 & 1:30pm Masses. Help support your parish through the efforts of these groups and enjoy a good meal and fellowship.



La comunidad de St. Pius V continúa ofreciendo el desayuno en la cafetería a partir de la 8 a misa. Cada fin de semana es patrocinado por un grupo diferente. Planea unirse a otros feligreses este domingo para el desayuno después de las Misas de 8 y 10 am o para el almuerzo después de las Misas de 12 y 1:30 p.m. Ayude a apoyar a su parroquia a través de los esfuerzos de estos grupos y disfrute de una buena comida y compañerismo.



**RETIRO ESPIRITUAL  
 (S.I.N.E.)**

**Sept 13—16, 2019**

**aquí en St. Pius V  
 UN ENCUENTRO VIVO CON  
 CRISTO RESUCITADO**

*“Mira que estoy en la puerta y llamo: si uno escucha mi voz y me abre, entraré en su casa y comeré con él y él conmigo.” (Apocalipsis 3:20)*

*Si eres mayor de 18 años y sientes que tu fe y tu vida Espiritual son débiles y deseas tener o renovar una relación con Cristo Jesús estas invitado a participar de este Retiro.*

**Horario – 9/13—16/ 2019**

*Viernes Sept 13 de 7:00pm -9:00 pm.  
 Sábado Sept 14 de 7:40am - 5:30pm.  
 Domingo Sept 15 de 8:00am - 5:30pm  
 Lunes Sept 16 de 7:00pm - 9:00pm.*

Para mayor información o para inscribirte llama al 713-473-9484  
 “Habrá cuidado para niños de meses hasta 10 años”... ¡TE ESPERAMOS!

**IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission**

*Total Amount pledged: \$156,814.00 (over a 4 year period)*

**Amount paid: \$34,719.67**

*If you would like to make a pledge or a donation, envelopes are available in the brochure rack at the front entrance.*



*Do Not Neglect to  
**SHARE**  
 What You Have*

**2019**

**Our DSF goal is \$60,000.00**

As of 9/1/19

Amount paid \$30,179.98  
 Amount pledged \$35,136.65

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**Pray for Peace ~ & Remember in your Prayers — Recuerda en sus oraciones**

Hermina Rodriguez, Manuel Reyna, Sr., Armando Duran, Dora Meraz, Chito Trujillo, Ida Hinojosa, Maverick Kingsolver, Carmel Baker, John Hagyar, Marjorie Solley, Mildred Reese, Gayle Theriot, Bob & Ruth Broughton, Debbie Morgan, Evelyn Reyna, Patty Huerta, Deacon Gary Hilbig, Ernest Morales, Jr, and Lisa Morales family, Jerry Johnson, Tatiana, Felicitas Gutierrez, Carla Grimaldo, Charles Lopez, Jean Rhoden, Ryan McCauley, Jackie Peck, Dennis Eckenrode, Tim Huddleston, Ismarelda Bazan, Miguel J Perez, Miguel A Jimenez, Maria ‘Lola’ Vasquez, Alfredo P Garcia, Alfredo P Melendez, Jesus P Delgado, Eduardo D Prieto, Raymond Romero, Pat Riggins, Vicky Ortiz, Daoud Forouzan, Amy Arthur, Betty Riess, Lori Riess, Evelyn Reyna, Patty Huerta, Alexavier Martinez, Lauren Morgan, Rhonda Hill, Eloy Martinez, Greg Diaz, Loretta, Mathew & Edison Cochey, Lois Tooley, Alberto Rodriguez, Ruth Simpson, Janet Anderson, Elena Ubias, Carol Baker, Helen Stoughton, Mary Fleming, Alberta Welch, G W Layton, Jr., Marjorie & Weldon Wilkerson, Maria Martinez, Kim Coxie, Santos Pulido, Larry Armendariz, Katherine Whitfill, Jose Pedro Rodriguez, Angelica Antao, Gilberto & Angela Palacios, Samantha Ann Ordaz, Winiferd Romero, Eva Marquez, Elaine Blake, Natalia Trevino, Dora Meraz, Jesus Angel Garza, Emma Sanchez, Linwood Babineaux, Julie Wagner, Roberto Cavazos, Juan Cansino, Jr., David Lane.

*(Please notify the church office when someone can be removed from the list)*

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear friends,

Like many institutions which are an integral part of our modern world, we sometimes forget that the idea of a University is a Catholic idea. The first true university was the University of Bologna founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century as a center for theology and canon law. The University of Paris was founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century to teach theology and philosophy and became the model for the University of Oxford which was founded shortly thereafter.

Our Second Collection today continues that ground-breaking work of the medieval Church with our support for two great Catholic universities: The Catholic University of America and the University of St. Thomas.

The Catholic University of America was established as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pontifical University in the United States by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical letter, *Magni Nobis*, on the fest of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1889. In his letter, the Pope wrote to our brothers and sisters of the time and his words still apply to us today:

*Truly, since this great University of higher studies not only brings increased glory to your country, but promises salutary benefits in the propagation of sound doctrine and in the protection of Catholic piety, we are justly confident that the American faithful in their liberality will not disappoint you in bringing to magnificent completion the work they have so generously begun.*

The University of St. Thomas is a younger institution, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947. However, it is our own Houston jewel with a unique core curriculum solidly grounded in philosophy which insures that every student understands the origin and development of the central ideas that underpin our society. It offers over 40 undergraduate majors in Science, Arts, Education, Business, Engineering, Medicine and Law, in addition to Philosophy and Theology. The University of St. Thomas grants Masters and Doctoral Degrees in Business, Nursing, Theology, Music, Applied Data Science, Philosophy, Education, Counseling, and Philosophy.

The second collection which is being taken up in all the parishes of the Archdiocese is used to fund scholarships for parishioners at both universities (equally divided). Your generosity helps to prepare a new generation of men and women for their roles in the world and in the Church.

Saint Thomas of Aquinas, pray for us.

Fr. Joe

Queridos amigos,

Al igual que muchas instituciones que son parte integral de nuestro mundo moderno, a veces olvidamos que la idea de una universidad es una idea católica. La primera universidad verdadera fue la Universidad de Bolonia, fundada en el siglo XI como centro de teología y ley canónica. La Universidad de París se fundó en el siglo XII para enseñar teología y filosofía y fue modelo para la Universidad de Oxford, que se fundó poco después.

Nuestra Segunda Colecta continúa el trabajo innovador de la Iglesia medieval con nuestro apoyo a dos grandes universidades católicas: la Universidad Católica de América y la Universidad de Santo Tomás.

La Universidad Católica de América fue establecida como la 2da Universidad Pontifical en los Estados Unidos por el Papa León XIII en su carta encíclica, *Magni Nobis*, el día de la fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino en 1889. En su carta, el Papa escribió a nuestros hermanos y hermanas de la época y sus palabras todavía se aplican a nosotros hoy:

*Verdaderamente, dado que esta gran universidad de estudios superiores no solo brinda mayor gloria a su país, sino que promete beneficios saludables en la propagación de una sana doctrina y en la protección de la piedad católica, estamos seguros de que los fieles estadounidenses en su liberalidad no decepcionarán para que completes magníficamente el trabajo que tan generosamente han comenzado.*

La Universidad de St. Thomas es una institución más joven, fundada por los Basilianos en 1947. Sin embargo, es nuestra propia joya de Houston con un currículo único y sólidamente basado en la filosofía que asegura que cada estudiante entienda el origen y el desarrollo de las ideas centrales que sustentan nuestra sociedad. Ofrece más de 40 especializaciones en ciencias, artes, educación, negocios, ingeniería, medicina y ley, además de filosofía y teología. La Universidad de St. Thomas otorga Maestrías y Doctorados en Negocios, Enfermería, Teología, Música, Ciencia de Datos, Filosofía, Educación, Asesoramiento y Filosofía.

La segunda Colecta de todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis se utiliza para financiar becas en ambas universidades (divididas en partes iguales) para los estudiantes que pertenecen a una parroquia. Su generosidad ayuda a preparar a una nueva generación de hombres y mujeres para sus papeles en el mundo y en la Iglesia.

Santo Tomás de Aquino, ruega por nosotros.

P. Joe

**News from the Archdiocese:**

**Annual Hispanic Ministry Conference** —The Annual Hispanic Ministry Conference is Saturday, Sept 21 at St. Dominic Center. Conference is bilingual with sessions in English and Spanish. Topics include: Inclusion and Diversity, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Leadership, Discipleship and Mission, Building Community, Christus Vivit, Stewardship, and Hispanic Spirituality. The theme of the conference is “Una Iglesia, Un Solo Cuerpo: Fortaleciendo Lazos de Hermandad” / “One Church, One Body: Strengthening Fraternal Bonds” (Porque en un solo Espíritu hemos sido todos bautizados, para no formar más que un cuerpo. / For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. 1 Cor 12, 13a). All parish leaders, lay groups, priests, deacons, parish staff, religious communities, young-adults and all of those providing pastoral care to Hispanic Catholics in the Archdiocese are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 713-741-8727 or email [ohm@archgh.org](mailto:ohm@archgh.org) Registration is available at: [archgh.cvent.com/ConferenciaAnual2019](http://archgh.cvent.com/ConferenciaAnual2019)

**Hurricane Dorian Aid** Visit [www.archgh.org/dorianrelief](http://www.archgh.org/dorianrelief) to read the statement from Cardinal DiNardo regarding Hurricane Dorian. There is information below the statement on relief efforts and how to assist those in need overseas. Donations can be made to Catholic Relief Services via the CRS website. In the U.S., Catholic Charities USA works with local agencies to provide immediate disaster relief and long-term recovery. For more information on Catholic Charities USA, call 703-549-1390 or visit [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org).

**Stewardship Workshop:** Casting Nets Ministries: Discipleship – Stewardship – Evangelization Casting Nets, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will be at St. Laurence Catholic Church September 21. The workshop will be led in the Ave Maria Parish Life Center from 8 a.m. – 12 noon. A light continental breakfast will be served. Casting Nets will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in three talks that are humorous and entertaining. Tickets are \$15 before September 1 and \$20 after September 1. Please register by September 18 at <https://event.me/MNaoa>

**Archdiocesan Blue Mass**— The annual Blue Mass honoring all law enforcement, criminal justice personnel, support staff and their families will be at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m. Officers are encouraged to wear their dress uniforms without hat. Agencies are encouraged to bring equipment for the public to see and be blessed after the Mass. All law enforcement and criminal justice personnel, their support staff and families are invited to attend. All priests are also invited to attend and concelebrate. For more information, call 713-741-8745 or by e-mail at [BlueMass@archgh.org](mailto:BlueMass@archgh.org).

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**Silent Discernment Retreat for Single Young Adults ages 18-40** — November 23 – Silent Discernment Retreat for single men and women ages 18-40 who are seriously discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood and consecrated religious life. This is an opportunity to set aside some time of silence to listen to the voice of God in your life. Learn more about the St. Ignatius' Discernment of Spirits following Fr. Gallagher's book "The Discernment of Spirits." Lunch and opportunities for spiritual direction are included. Telephone interview required for registration; \$20 registration fee, scholarships available; space limited. Deadline to register Nov. 15. Retreat to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m.; Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill, Houston, TX. For more information, please go to: <http://www.houstonvocations.com/silentretreat>

**God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage** —Couples preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony can spend a day contemplating the rich theology of the sacrament by participating in this Theology of the Body-based program. This seminar explores theology and sexuality in a holistic way and includes a session called “What are you saying 'I do' to?” a participant favorite! Upcoming dates for God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage are: • September 21 at Sts. Simon and Jude in the Woodlands • October 19 at St. Edward in Spring • November 9 at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center This program is a supplement and does not take the place of a parish based or an Archdiocesan primary program. Cost is \$75 per couple. Registration is online: <https://archgh.cvent.com/GodsPlan> For more information contact Teresa at 713-741-8776 or email [tjohnson@archgh.org](mailto:tjohnson@archgh.org)

**Hope, Help and Healing** —A Catholic Response to Domestic Abuse and Violence October 1 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. This workshop will be presented at the Auditorium of St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021. Domestic abuse and violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive conduct that is usually exercised by one adult in an intimate relationship over another. It affects the whole family as well as the whole community. For registration and more information send an email to: Elsa Aguilera at [eaguilera@archgh.org](mailto:eaguilera@archgh.org).

**Esperanza, Ayuda y Sanación** La Respuesta Católica al Abuso y a la Violencia Doméstica 1 de octubre de 12:15 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. El costo es de \$20 por persona. Este evento se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio del Centro Arquidiocesano de St. Dominic, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021. El abuso doméstico y la violencia se refiere a un patrón de conducta violento y coercitivo, ejercitado usualmente por un adulto en una relación íntima o cercana. No es un asunto privado y afecta a la familia en general, así como también a la comunidad. Para inscribirse y para obtener mayor información, por favor contacte a Elsa Aguilera at [eaguilera@archgh.org](mailto:eaguilera@archgh.org).