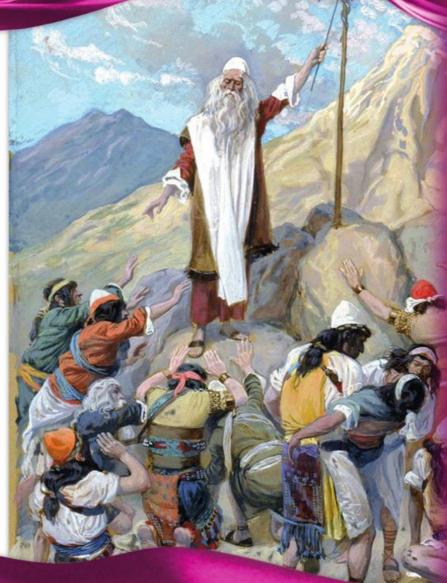


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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

> The Brazen Serpent James Tissot, circa 1899



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Msgr. Bill's Weekly Letter ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

CNA (part of EWTN) posted this article and I think it is worthy of greater exposure.

Pope Francis: Gender ideology is the ugliest danger of our time

Addressing participants in the international Symposium "Man-Woman: Image of God." Pope Francis describes so-called gender ideology as the "ugliest danger" of our time, because it cancels out all differences that make humanity unique. (By Lisa Zengarini)

Pope Francis on Friday again spoke out against gender theory describing it as an "ugly ideology of our time", because it erases all distinctions between men and women. To cancel this difference "is to erase humanity. Man and woman, instead, exist in a fruitful 'tension'", he said.

The Symposium

The remarks came as he opened his address to participants in the international Symposium "Man-Woman: Image of God. Towards an Anthropology of Vocations" held in the Vatican on March 1-2.

The Congress is organized by Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Prefect Emeritus of the Dicastery for Bishops, together with the Centre for Research and Anthropology of Vocations (CRAV) and is a follow-up to the previous 2022 Symposium dedicated to the theology of the priesthood.

Introducing his address the Pope said he still has a cold and asked his assistant, Monsignor Filippo Ciampanelli, to read it out for him, "so I don't get so fatigued." In the prepared text the Pope reflected on the theme of the Congress which is aimed first of all at highlighting the anthropological dimension of every vocation.

The human person is a vocation.

Indeed, he remarked, "the life of the human being is a vocation" which has a relational character: "I exist and live in relation to who generated me, to the reality that transcends me, to others, and to the world around me, in which I am called to embrace a specific and personal mission with joy and responsibility."

"Each one of us discovers and expresses oneself as called, as a person who realizes oneself in listening and response, sharing our being and gifts with others for the common good."

This fundamental anthropological truth is sometimes overlooked in today's cultural context, where human beings tend to be reduced to their mere material and primary needs. Yet, Pope Francis said, they are more than this: created by God in His own image, man and woman "carry within themselves a desire for eternity and happiness that God himself has planted in their hearts and that they are called to fulfil through a specific vocation."

"Our being in the world is not a mere fruit of chance, but we are part of a design of love and are invited to go out of ourselves and realize it, for ourselves and for others," the Pope said. "We are called to happiness, to the fullness of life, to something great to which God has destined us."

We all have a mission in Church and society.

Recalling Cardinal Saint John Henry Newman's "Meditations and Prayers", Pope Francis further remarked that not only have we all been entrusted with a mission, but "each and every one of us is a mission."

The Pope therefore welcomed the symposium and the studies conducted on this topic because, he said, "they spread awareness of the vocation to which every human being is called by God", and are also useful to reflect on today's challenges, on the ongoing anthropological crisis, and on the need to promote human and Christian vocations.

Promoting a more effective "circularity" of vocations

He also emphasized the importance of promoting "a more effective circularity" of the different types of vocations in the Church, including lay vocations, ordained ministry, and consecrated life so they "can contribute to generating hope in a world overwhelmed by death."

"Generating this hope, placing oneself at the service of the Kingdom of God to build an open and fraternal world is a mission entrusted to every woman and man of our time," he said.

The courage to seek God's will.

Closing his address, Pope Francis encouraged the participants in the Symposium not to shy away from risks in seeking God's will in their work, reminding them a living faith is not an artifact in a museum:" The Holy Spirit asks of us fidelity, but fidelity moves, and often leads us to take risks", he said.

Ideas have consequences and if not careful can lead one to disaster in this would. We should always beware of reality. Reality WILL come to bear sooner or later, it ALWAYS happens. God never makes a mistake. We on the other hand, make a lot of them. It behooves us to go along with the creator of reality.



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Weekly Mass Times and Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10, 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00 am - † Martin Vanek 9:00 am - † Souls in Purgatory 11:00 am - Parishioners 1:00 pm - Emilie Ramos 3:00 pm - Steven Coker 5:00 pm - † Tag Green

Monday, March 11, 6:45 am - Teresa Theccanat & Family 12:10 pm - Hortensia Trevino

Tuesday, March 12, 6:45 am - St. Jude League 12:10 pm - † Louis Morales Morones, Jr. 7:00 pm - † Andrea Christine Regnier

Wednesday, March 13, 6:45 am - † Ray Dunlop 12:10 pm - † Susie Magdaleno

Thursday, March 14, 6:45 am - † Aleyamma Joseph 12:10 pm - † Nubria Gallon de Montoya

Friday, March 15, 6:45 am - † Kay Truxillo 12:10 pm - † Billy Reagan

Saturday, March 16, 8:15 am - † Menino Menezes 5:00 pm - † Dr. Oscar Maldonado

Sunday, March 17, 5th Sunday of Lent

7:00 am - † Kathleen Sullivan Kuzik
9:00 am - † Wayne Vogelsang
11:00 am - Parishioners
1:00 pm - † Barbara Stoever
3:00 pm - Christina Thomason & Family
5:00 pm - † Oralia Galvan

We will post the names of the sick for one month. Please let us know if you would like your name or your loved ones names to be newly posted or reposted. <u>email: bulletin@svdp-edu.org</u>

Please pray for the sick:

Sr. Antonetta Martinka Mavis Kathryn Dugas Ed Lesage Suellen Pometto

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Keneda Guevara Sonja Tudela Maurice Odumodu Guadalupe Rojas Hedy Lee

Mass Schedule Monday, through Friday 6:45 AM 12:10 PM Tuesday (not the first Tuesday) 7:00 PM

> Saturday 8:15 AM

Sunday Vigil—Saturday, 5:00 PM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM (Spanish) 5:00 PM

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Donation Totals March 3, 2024 Total Collection: \$ 58,732 St. Jude Fund: \$ 12,386

The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services. The next Special Collection will be for The Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29.

Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Confession Schedule

Saturday, March 9, 3:30-4:30 PM Tuesday, March 12, 6:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, March 13, 6:00-7:00 PM Thursday, March 14, 6:00-7:00 PM Saturday, March 16, 3:30-4:30 PM Tuesday, March 19, 6:00-7:00 PM

NO CONFESSIONS

March 20

Thursday, March 21, 6:00-7:00 PM Saturday, March 23, 3:30-4:30 PM NO CONFESSIONS March 26 - 30

Easter is quickly approaching. Don't mis this opportunity!

Join us ...



Time: 10:00 AM

SIAHI UT DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY. THEN DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND SLODENLY YOU ARE DOING THE MPOSSIBLE" COmments St. Thomas More Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 2:00 pm immediately after 1:00 pm Mass, in MJFC Room 208 A & B. We will study St. Francis' rule. Visitors welcome.

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. We aim to bring the gospel to life where we live and work.

We look for practical ways to embrace and live out the gospel in our lives as St. Francis of Assisi did. Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis? Come and See! For more information, contact Kathryn Wohnoutka at kwohnout006@gmail.com.



For all couples who are preparing for marriage or convalidation, our Parish and Family Life Ministries offers a weekend retreat entitled "Married in the Catholic Church (MICC)." MICC is designed to assist couples by providing real life, practical, and spiritual advice for their married life together. The weekend consists of talks, discussions, and exercises led by married couples covering a wide range of topics, such as faith life, parenting, conflict resolution, finances, careers, and forgiveness.

The one and a half day retreat is held onsite at SVdP and all materials, including food and drinks, are included. The MICC retreat is offered twice a year, in the Fall and the Spring.

The next retreat is set for May 17-18, 2024.

To register, please use this qr code or go to

https://svdp-married-in-the-catholic-church-retreat.pushpayevents.com/.





The Stations of the Cross are prayed as a community on Fridays during Lent, through Friday, March 22.

We will gather in the church at 6:00 PM to pray the stations in English

We will gather in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at 6:00 PM to pray the stations in Spanish.



Sorrows





Holy Week

Passion of the LORD - Palm Sunday March 23-24 Blessing and distribution of Palms Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Distribution of Palms at all Masses Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Masses 6:45 am and 12:10 pm

Triduum

Holy Thursday - In the Church Mass of the Lord's Supper March 28 7 pm

Altar of Repose - In Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel following Mass until Midnight

Good Friday - In the Church March 29

12 pm Stations of the Cross followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm Good Friday Services in English 5 pm servicios de viernes santo en español 7 pm Good Friday Services in English

> Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil March 30 8:30 pm

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March 31 Usual Mass Schedule 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm

From our Parish Office ...

The Sunday nursery... is now open

AND

during the 9:00 am

> the 11:00 am Masses.



- Our nursery is staffed by adults.
- We are fully compliant with the Archdiocesan requirements for child care.
- Our free nursery is for children ages newborn through 3 years.

The nursery opens 15 minutes before each Mass and is locate in the MJFC.

A message about Guayaquil Gala 2024

Thank you for your continued support of the Guayaquil Mission. The Guayaquil Gala and Dinner to be held in the fall. Date is to be determined. Watch the bulletin for details.



DSF 2024

Our goal this year is: \$279,000

Please, use the envelope sent to your home, one of the envelopes provided in the pews, or the link provided here to give.

Your donation is greatly appreciated.



Use this link to give!





Revival's in the Air

NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Come experience **REVIVAL** with us

05/30/24

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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Get Involved: How Will You Respond? (eucharisticrevival.org)

Juan Diego Route - Archdiocese of Galveston-



Evening of Prayer at St. Laurence Catholic



Save the date!

06/01/24 5:00 PM

Parish Feast of Corpus Christi Procession and Celebration



Parish Point Persons:

St. Vincent de Paul Events

Kim Muncy kmuncy@svdp-edu.org Laura Rivera Irivera@svdp-edu.org Ana Couriel aecouriel@bellsouth.net

More to come ...

Interested in training to walk the 15-mile or 1-mile Processions on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Houston?

Contact Shannon Powers at cowgirlshan1@aol.com and start now walking 30 min a day.

Church | Sugar Land, TX 05/31/24 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Mass at St. Laurence Catholic Church | Sugar Land, TX 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM Solemn Procession to Oyster Creek Park 1 mile Procession from St Laurence Catholic Church to Oyster Creek Park 10:15 AM - 4:15 PM Procession to St. Benedict Catholic Church 15 mile Procession from Oyster Creek Park to Holy Family to St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Church to St. Benedict. (please bring your own water and food) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Evening of Prayer at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham, Houston, TX 06/01/24

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Fellowship with Young Adults at UST 06/02/24

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass with Cardinal DiNardo at St.

Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Galveston, TX

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Solemn Procession from the Basilica 1 mile Procession after Mass from St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica to Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Holy Family Parish)



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Be There When GOD MOVES



With the National Eucharistic Revival underway and the 10th National Eucharistic Congress on the horizon, it's an exciting time to be Catholic in America! Join Cardinal DiNardo and the Archdiocese and participate in this pivotal moment in the Church. Draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Your life – and our Church – will never be the same



Register

Scholarships available, please contact one of the Point Persons ASAP.

Opportunities for Spiritual growth ...



Visions of the promised land. St. Helen Catholic Church Thursday, March 21, 7 - 9:30 pm

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment.

Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive ...

> For More Information: Paul Ambro paul@sthelenchurch.org (281) 485-8867







Weekend Silent Retreats

Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Houston, TX Retreat Dates Mount Carmel House of Prayer

Men March 22-24, 2024 Women April 26-28, 2024





For more information or to register, please call 858-768-0872 or email: texas@spiritualexercises.net MilesChristi.org/spiritual-exercises

... By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

SVdP Men's ACTS Retreat, April 25-28, 2024

Registration is now open!

Attention: Women's 2024 ACTS Retreat coming November 14-17.





For more information contact: svdp-houston.org/acts-retreat

Scan here for information



Ray Rivera 787-587-2610 Mark Johnson 713-553-0622 Adolfo Suniaga 832-326-6373 Email: actssvdp2024@gmail.com

Relic of St Jude in the Houston Area

Friday, March 15, 2024

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 6646 Addicks Satsuma Dr, Houston, TX 77084 Public veneration of relics begins: 2:00 PM Special Mass: 7:00 PM Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

Saturday, March 16, 2024 Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church

1530 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX 77450 Special Mass: 1:00 PM Public veneration of relics begins: Immediately following the Mass Public veneration ends: 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Catholic Charismatic Center

1949 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX, 77023 Special Mass: 3:00 PM Public veneration of relics begins: Immediately following the Mass Public veneration ends: 8:00 PM

Monday, March 18, 2024 St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

7801 Bay Branch Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77382 Public veneration of relics begins: 2:00 PM Special Mass: 7:00 PM Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 St. Theresa Catholic Church

705 St. Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77498 Public veneration of relics begins: 2:00 PM Special Mass: 7:00 PM Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

This is an extraordinary opportunity! All events are open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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María Antonia of St. Joseph (Mama Antula) 1730-1799 Consecrated Laywoman



Pope Francis canonized Argentina's first female saint, María Antonia of St. Joseph — known affectionately in her home country as "Mama Antula" — in a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday, February 11.

María Antonia was born into a wealthy family in 1730 and expressed a fervent desire to serve God at a young age. She spent the early part of her ministry helping parents with the instruction of their children and administering care to the sick and poor.

Following the expulsion of the Jesuits from the Spanish Empire by King Charles III, she traveled around northern Argentina by foot to safeguard and promote Ignatian spirituality, organizing retreats despite the widespread hostility to the Jesuits. She also universalized their scope, calling absolutely everyone to participate, regardless of social class, profession, or any other difference.

After the success of these early retreats, she expanded her reach into other regions of Argentina and relocated to Buenos Aires in 1779. While denied permission by imperial authorities to restore the Ignatian tradition, her perseverance paid off when a year later she earned the trust of the local bishop, culminating in the establishment of the House for Spiritual Exercises in Buenos Aires.

She died on March 7, 1799, in Buenos Aires and was buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Pietà there. Her body was later moved inside the church and has become a popular pilgrimage destination.

In addition to being the first saint to have been born and died on what is today Argentinean soil, she is considered by some as a true founder of the Argentinean nation: not because of her political activity, but because of her tireless proclamation of the gospel that left its mark on the religious and cultural identity of the Argentines.

Mama Antula's feast day will be celebrated in March.

Excerpted from articles at catholicnewsagency.com (by Courtney Mares) and at Aleteia.org

Around the Archdiocese ...

LEAGUE MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL



GALA DINNER Sowing the Seeds of Hope in Nigeria APRIL 27, 2024, 7 P.M.

IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER 8250 CREEKBEND DRIVE, HOUSTON

Fr. John Ugobueze and the *The Catholic League for the Poor of Nigeria, Inc.*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, are raising funds to build *The League Medical and Mental Health Hospital* in Okoti-Odekpe, Anambra State, Nigeria. The land was donated by the local community. Architectural plans and engineering studies have been done. We now need your support. Please pray and donate so we can begin to build this first-ever Western model hospital for the poor in Southeastern Nigeria.

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\$15,000 - St John Paul II The Great \$10,000 - Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi \$7,500 - Msgr James A Jamail \$7,500 - Msgr William L Young \$5,000 - Our Lady of Guadalupe \$2,500 - All Saints

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INDIVIDUAL SEATS: \$200 EACH EVENT DETAILS AT: WWW.CLPNONLINE.ORG/GALA

Questions? Fr John Ugobueze 217-530-2610 or Frank Agraz - 713-838-8079



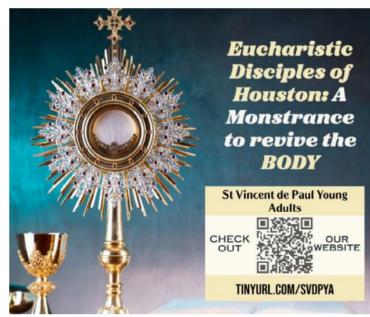
In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending His Son so that we may believe in Him. You demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your

almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Jude Collection Box.

Do you consider yourself a naturally caring, compassionate and giving person? If so, share your gifts with people in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In particular, the society needs more members with Spanish speaking skills. Please contact Matt Ryan, 713-494-7002, ryanmatt1@gmail.com.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Dios demuestra un gran amor por nosotros al enviar a Su Hijo para que creamos en Él. Demuestras nuestro gran amor a Dios haciendo buenas obras: extendiendo la mano a los demás, actuando con justicia y caridad. Con vuestra limosna estáis realizando una buena obra; mucho mayor de lo que piensas. Sepa que sus monedas de cinco centavos, diez centavos, veinticinco centavos o dólares se multiplican por las monedas colocadas por otras personas en la Caja de Colección de St. Jude.

¿Te consideras una persona naturalmente solidaria, compasiva y generosa? Si es así, comparte tus dones con personas necesitadas uniéndote a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. En particular, la sociedad necesita más miembros que hablen español. Comuníquese con Matt Ryan, 713-494-7002, ryanmatt1@gmail.com.





sociales en la comunidad buscando imitar el ejemplo de Jesús y las virtudes de nuestra Madre María. ;Reuniones todos los jueves a las 7:30 P.M.

en el salón 200 en el 2nd piso del Centro Familiar! Si eres joven y deseas participar, para más información síguenos por Instagram o envíenos un correo electrónico <u>pjauniversitaria@gmail.com</u> ¡Te esperamos!

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Comienza la semana del: 14-19 de enero del 2024

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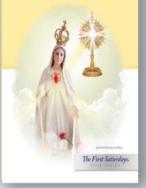
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