

# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

*Matthew 22:14*



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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## OUR MISSION

Making Room For All At The Table  
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MON	16	6:30 P.M. CCE 2nd - 5th GRADE, EH, RM A,B&C, RM 5&6 7:00 P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC 7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL
TUE	17	10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC 7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA
WED	18	10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC 11:00 A.M. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, RA 7:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS, CH
THU	19	9:00 A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH 6:30 P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY FC, BRIDE ROOM 6:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH 7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB
FRI	20	6:00 P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, CH/FC 7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB
SAT	21	4:00 P.M. CONFESSION, CH
SUN	22	9:45 A.M. CCE PRE-K - 1ST GRADE, FC 10:30 A.M. BAPTISM PREP, RB 10:30 A.M. CCE 2ND GRADE (SPANISH), RC 3:00 P.M. EDGE PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II, PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM 6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM

Calendar online: [calendarwiz.com/strose1947](http://calendarwiz.com/strose1947)

Ch = church      FC = fellowship center      RA / RB / RC =  
Chpl = chapel      PH = parish hall      administration bldg.,  
WH = west hall      EH = east hall      upstairs meeting room

**FINANCIALS | FINANZAS**

**WORSHIP | CULTO**

**COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Masses	\$10,301.41
Drop Off & Mail In	\$2,670.00
Online	\$11,013.87
Weekly Total	\$23,985.28
Weekly Goal	\$24,185.58
Actual vs. Goal	-( <b>\$200.30</b> )
Year to Date Total	\$294,813.01
Year to Date Goal	\$316,709.09
Actual vs. Goal	-( <b>21,896.08</b> )

**OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA**

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Lunes - Viernes: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN**

Wednesday / Miércoles: 6 - 6:45 pm  
Thursday / Jueves: 6 - 6:45 pm  
Saturday / Sábado: 4 - 4:45 pm

**PRAYER LIST / LISTA DE ORACIÓN**

**Prayer List / Lista de Oración:** Sharon Vezolles, Kyle Yao Dacdac, Balder Brooks, Matthew Smith, Jose Lopez, Artur Zancanaro, Nishah Charania, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ailen E. Vazquez, Ranses Ramos, Chuck Gremillion, Jasmine Armitage, Damianus Aditya Christie, Laurie Reinmann, Alysha Fath, Yolanda Falcon, Marianna Watkins, Josephine Reeves, Kerri Salinas, Jordan Anthony, Bobo Olivo, Sonja Evans, David Diaz, Robert Matthew, Michelle Isler

**Rest of the Souls of / Por el Descanso Eterno:** Gerard Hetmaniak, Gilbert Koterak, Eleanora Hoffman, Richard Benfiel, Ana Maria Polito, Martha Cullen, Barbara Liollo, Steven Figueroa, Jordan Longoria

**DSF PROGRESS TRACKER**

PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$89,480.00</b>
<b>LEFT TO RAISE</b>	<b>\$15,520.00</b>

Scan the QR code to set up online giving:

**Upcoming Second Collection:**

Oct. 15 - DSF  
Oct. 22 - Propagation of the Faith



**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS / HORARIOS E INTENCIONES DE MISA**

<b>Monday</b> Lunes <b>16</b>	8:15 am [English]: <i>† Gene E. Guglielmi</i>	<b>Tuesday</b> Martes <b>17</b>	8:15 am [English]: <i>Alice Markowski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> Miércoles <b>18</b>	8:15 am [English]: <i>† Steve Ramirez</i> 7:00 pm [Español]: <i>Young People of the Parish</i>	<b>Thursday</b> Jueves <b>19</b>	8:15 am [English]: <i>† Minnie &amp; Frank Rejmaniak</i>
<b>Friday</b> Viernes <b>20</b>	8:15 am [English]: <i>† Francis Guzman Garcia</i>	<b>Saturday</b> Sábado <b>21</b>	5:00 pm [English]: <i>Barbra Dopson</i> <i>Barbra Dopson -</i> <i>Altar flowers in honor</i> <i>of 90th Birthday</i>
<b>Sunday</b> Domingo <b>22</b>	8:00 am [English]: <i>Bulletin Sponsors</i> 10:00 am [English]: <i>† Maria de Jesus Arriaga</i>	12:00 pm [Español]: <i>SRL COMMUNITY</i> 5:00 pm [English]: <i>Allison Claire Coal</i>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

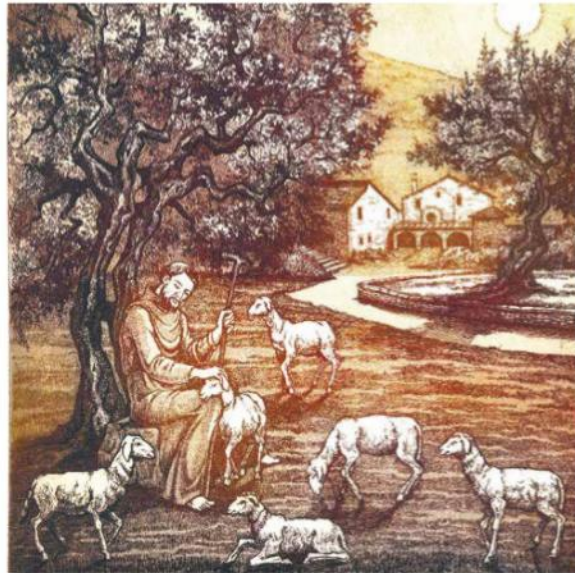
# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

*The Miracle of the Devoted Lambs of the Eucharist*

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ITALY, 13TH CENTURY

Saint Francis nurtured a particular affection for lambs, to whom Jesus Christ is often paralleled in Sacred Scripture, most especially for His gentle nature.



Portrait (Image) of Saint Francis, Speco



Saint Francis of Assisi, Cimabue



J. Van Eyck, *The Mystical Lamb*



Upper Basilica of Saint Francis, Assisi



Saint Francis, Francisco Ribalta Museum of Prado, Madrid



The Franciscan historical chronicles tell the story that “during a trip to Rome, the saint kept with him a little lamb, inspired by his devotion to Christ, his most beloved Lamb. Upon his departure, it was entrusted to a noble matron, Lady Jacopa of the Sette Soli (Seven Suns), so that she would have custody of it in her home. And the lamb, as if spiritually educated by the saint in matters of the soul, would not leave the woman’s side when she went to church, when she stayed, or returned. Some mornings, when the lady was late in awakening, the lamb would gently pounce and nudge her with his little horns, and woke her with his bleats, encouraging her with his gestures and expressions to hurry to church. For this, the lady had much admiration and love for that lamb, disciple of Francis and teacher of devotion. [...] One day

while walking in the outskirts of Siena, Saint Francis encountered a huge herd of sheep at pasture. As he always did, he kindly saluted them, and they, having stopped grazing, all ran towards him, raising their heads and meeting his gaze. *They greeted him with such festivity* that the shepherds were stupefied, seeing the lambs and the rams jumping around in such a wondrous way. [...] Another time, at Santa Maria della Porziuncola, some people brought as a gift to this man of God, a sheep, and he accepted it with gratitude, because he loved the innocence and the simplicity that the sheep demonstrated by nature. The man of God admonished the little lamb to praise God and to absolutely not bother the brothers. The

sheep, for his part, sensed the piety of this man of God, and he put these teachings into practice with great care. When he heard the brothers singing in the choir, he would enter the church, bend his knees, and emit tender harmonious bleats in front of the altar of the Virgin Mother of the Lamb, as if with a strong desire to greet her. During the celebration of the Mass, at the moment of elevation, he would bow down, knees bent, as if it were that this devout little animal wished to reproach men of little faith for their irreverence and encourage devout men for their reverence towards the Blessed Sacrament.”

# WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH

In This week’s Gospel, Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, “ but, ”some ignored the invitation and went away...”

In speaking of the heavenly kingdom, Jesus expounds on what being invited to heaven looks like, and by extension what being invited to participate at mass should look and feel like. Jesus tells us that heaven is the greatest wedding feast imaginable, something to truly be desired. And our mass is a glimpse of that eternal party. Gathering at mass, gathering at the Eucharistic table is also supposed to be like a wedding feast.

Over and over in the Gospels, Jesus describes eternal life, describes heaven, as a great big party: a feast, a wedding feast, the greatest marriage imaginable between Jesus and his followers!

Perhaps too often we think of our eternal life as beginning with us as the defendant in front of the almighty judge who looks down to us from his bench – his throne. And that’s ok, because Jesus does make it clear in Matthew 25 that we will be judged by the way we treated and cared for the less fortunate in our world. But let’s not forget the rest of the story; let’s not forget the Good News of eternal life that Jesus tells us about 15 other times in the Gospels of how heaven, our eternal life will be a feast – a party like no other!

So, what do we do? For many of us, we attend church out of a sense of duty, and that’s good. We are supposed to go to church; that’s a good thing. But why do we do so? Do we do so just because we think we are supposed to or required to, or do we do so because we understand that this is a true celebration that we are fortunate enough to have been invited to; that we are blessed to have been invited to?

We do so because we want to be part of the party...part of the feast!

There’s a reason it’s called the Eucharistic Celebration; because it is! The mass is a celebration!

We gather, we pray the penitential act asking for forgiveness and mercy (I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters...).

Next, we sing The Gloria.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, “The Church, in the Gloria, has extended this song of praise, which his angels sang in response to the event of the holy night (Jesus’ birth), into a hymn of joy at God’s glory...’We praise you for your Glory’”. In the Gloria, we are anticipating the party, the feast, we sing with a joy at the goodness of God by his sending of his only Son, our Redeemer!

Sometimes I wonder why some people choose not to sing. Sometimes I wonder just how excited I am, how excited we are that we get to be at Church; that we have been invited to the party. That the Eucharistic celebration, the wedding feast of the Paschal Mystery is just before us!

That’s what Jesus is talking about today. This celebration, this glimpse of heaven, this Paschal mystery that we are invited to celebrate; we are always invited to by Him! That’s a BIG deal!

The Body of Christ, this greatest of wedding feast: how excited am I, how happy am I, to be invited to this party? Maybe I should take some time in reflection to ask myself that question. And then maybe I should take some time to make sure that I have my wedding garments in order.

The only people who don’t get in, who don’t get to be part of the greatest wedding feast, are those who don’t really want to come.

So I guess I have to ask myself, I guess we have to ask ourselves, “Do we really want to come?” Peace be with you. – Deacon David

## CCE CORNER

**Ten Good Reasons to Go to Mass #4:** “God has a special message for us.” Each time we attend Sunday Mass, the desire of hearts should always be “speak Lord, for Your servant is listening.”

These words were spoken by many of the prophets as they heard God calling them to their very special and crucial ministry. We too, in a very real way, are called to be prophets as well. We live in times that are bewildering, confusing and sometimes even scary. In the midst of all of this each and every one of us has a responsibility to be the voice of God. The Liturgy of the Word is the first of the two parts of the Mass. When we listen attentively to the readings, the homily, the Prayers of the Faithful, God is speaking to us directly. Lectors who share the Word with us at Sunday Mass are cautioned that they are not to “read” the Word. Rather, they are to “proclaim” it. If you really think about it, when we profess what we believe in the Creed, which is part of the Liturgy of the Word, we acknowledge that we are ready, willing and able to bring God’s message into the world in which we live. As you listen to the voice of God in the Liturgy of the Word, seek to come away from Mass inspired by what you hear, and diligently reflect on how it can change your life. We need to listen attentively so that we might be open to what the Lord is telling us.

When we hear the Word proclaimed, let us powerfully respond

“Thanks be to God.”

PARISH LIFE

# Celebrating Religious Sisters

*Sunday, October 22, 2023*

KC Hall  
607 E. Whitney Street  
Houston, Texas 77022

**Doors open at 2:00 p.m.**

**Entertainment and activities begin at 2:30 p.m.**

**Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m.**

This event is to honor all Religious Sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

All Brother Knights, their family and friends are invited to attend this event to show support and appreciation for the sisters.

*Gift bags will be given to every Sister who attends. Donations of \$10 gift cards (grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, fast food restaurants, etc.) and cash donations are greatly appreciated.*

If you are able to celebrate with us, **tickets are \$12 each and include appetizers, dinner and drinks.**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

Please contact: John Buck at 713-398-6196 or [john.t.buck@att.net](mailto:john.t.buck@att.net)

**Please RSVP by October 10.**

*This event is sponsored by:  
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# PARISH LIFE

Dear Parish Community,

We have some thrilling news to share, and we want you to be part of the excitement! Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our dynamic new Directors of Advancement and Communications, who are eager to connect with our wonderful parish family.

Date: Tuesday, October 24th, 2023

Time: 6-8PM

Location: Parish Hall

This meet & greet promises to be an evening of fellowship, creative brainstorming, and the chance to get to know one another better. We'll be serving delightful light snacks and refreshing beverages to make this gathering even more enjoyable.

Warm regards,  
Audrey Davis

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**Notice:** Additional Parking is available in parking lot D by the Early Childhood Center for the 10 AM and 12 Noon Masses.

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## MEN'S CLUB



The St. Rose Men's Club recently enjoyed its annual outing to an Astros' game. Although the team lost to the Baltimore Orioles, a good time was had by all enjoying fellowship, riding on the luxury shuttle, eating dollar dogs, and cheering on the eventual AL West Division Champions! The Men's Club is a social and service organization serving St. Rose. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 in the East Hall. If you are interested in joining, please call or text President Rick Burrell at 713-494-5975.

# PARISH LIFE

## WANT TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?

Flowers for the altar can be donated in loving memory of a relative, or for a special occasion. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements and to find out the dates available. Upcoming Schedule for the altar flowers:

October 21&22 • Barbra Dopson - 90th Birthday

## ¿QUIERES DONAR FLORES PARA EL ALTAR?

Las flores para el altar se pueden donar en memoria amorosa de un familiar o para una ocasión especial. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para fechas disponibles. Próximo horario para las flores del altar:

21 y 22 de octubre • Barbra Dopson - 90th Birthday

## IN NEED SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual Direction can help to identify God's action on a daily basis. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact:

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## ¿NECESITA DIRECCIÓN ESPIRITUAL?

La Dirección Espiritual puede ayudarte a identificar la acción de Dios en tu vida diariamente. Les podemos apoyar en buscar un director espiritual que hable español. Directores Espirituales Santa Rosa de Lima:

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## TRAVELING CHALICE

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sign up sheet is in the church or you can send an email to Fr. John • [frjohn@stroselima.org](mailto:frjohn@stroselima.org)

Upcoming schedule:  
Sunday, Oct. 15th - Marva Gurrola - 5 pm Mass  
Sunday, Oct. 22nd - Durchholz Family - 5pm Mass

## CÁLIZ DE VIAJE

Oren por un aumento a las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa. Las inscripción para el Caliz está en la iglesia o puede enviar un email al P. John • [frjohn@stroselima.org](mailto:frjohn@stroselima.org)

Próximo calendario:  
15 de octubre - Marva Gurrola - Misa de 10am  
22 de octubre - Familia Durchholz - Misa de 5pm

## ADORERS NEEDED!

No weekly commitment required, just a willingness to help when you can!

Please contact Chrissy Witney to get added to the weekly adoration scheduling email.

[figgysmall@gmail.com](mailto:figgysmall@gmail.com)  
832.459.144

## ¡SE NECESITAN ADORADORES!

No se requiere compromiso semanal, ¡solo la voluntad de ayudar cuando puedas!

Comuníquese con Chrissy Witney para que se agregue al correo electrónico semanal de programación de adoración.

[figgysmall@gmail.com](mailto:figgysmall@gmail.com)  
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Our conference is in need of basic protein options for the average 150+ families we serve in our community every weekend at the food pantry. We are asking you to help us by participating in Peanut Butter Sunday by bringing a jar of peanut butter to the Mass you attend the weekend of October 15th and leave them in the donation baskets inside the church.

**OCT 15 | ALL WEEKEND MASSES**





# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the children at the ECC brought their favorite stuffed animals for a special blessing by Father John. We hope that this blessing will serve as a reminder of God's presence in their lives.



# SRL SCHOOL NEWS

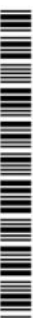
SRL JV Volleyball defeats St. Ambrose to claim 1st place in the St. Ambrose JV Volleyball Tournament. Congratulations to the JV Team!



5th graders got to spend a week at Camp Kappe!



## 8TH GRADE VISIT TO IWA AND ST. THOMAS



October 15, 2023



28th Sunday

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5- 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	<b>Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary</b>
<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Alacoque, Virgin</b> Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	<b>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	<b>Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist</b>
<b>Oct. 18</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday	<b>Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues,</b>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>Martyrs</b> Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	<b>Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Oct. 21</b>	
Sunday	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Oct. 22</b>	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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