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## Mass Times

Please check our website for Mass guidelines, seat reservations, and possible schedule changes.

### Sunday

7:00am English (Ordinary Form)  
9:00am English (Ordinary Form)  
11:00am Latin (Extraordinary Form)  
5:30pm English (beginning Aug 30)

### Weekday English Mass

(Ordinary Form)  
6:30am Monday through Friday  
12:10pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday

### Weekday Latin Mass

(Extraordinary Form)  
12:10pm Tuesday & Thursday

### Saturday

8:00am English (Ordinary Form)  
5:30pm Sunday Vigil Mass -  
English (Ordinary Form)

## Livestream Schedule

The following Masses and Vespers are livestreamed via our Facebook page:

- Sunday 9am and 11am Masses
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6:30am Mass
- Tuesday through Friday 12:10pm Mass
- Tuesday through Friday 5pm Vespers
- All Saturday Masses

## Vespers

### Second Sunday Vespers

7:00pm Latin (Extraordinary Form)

### Weekday Vespers (Ordinary Form)

5:00pm Tuesday through Friday

## Reconciliation

- Sundays following 9am Mass until the 11am Mass begins
- 15 minutes before all other Masses

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office prior to going to hospital.

## Baptism

Please email [info@acchtx.org](mailto:info@acchtx.org)

## Marriage

Please email [weddings@acchtx.org](mailto:weddings@acchtx.org)

## The 23rd of August in the Year of Our Lord 2020

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, trad.)

## Welcome to The Church of the Annunciation!

If you are visiting from out of town, consider making Annunciation your parish home when in Houston. Please sign the guest book in our entryways. If you recently moved into the area, our pastor the Reverend Father Paul Felix would like very much to meet you and welcome you personally to The Church of the Annunciation. Please see him after Mass.

## Parish Clergy

Reverend Father Paul Felix, *Pastor*

Reverend Monsignor James Golasinski, *Former Pastor | Retired*

Reverend Father John Ugobueze, *Priest in Residence*

Deacon Kenneth "K.C." Curtis

## Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant to the Pastor: Lillian Kish | [administration@acchtx.org](mailto:administration@acchtx.org)

Activities Coordinator: Sherri Lindsey | [activities@acchtx.org](mailto:activities@acchtx.org)

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tammy Zanovello | [religiused@acchtx.org](mailto:religiused@acchtx.org)

Director of Sacred Music: Catherine Schaefer | [music@acchtx.org](mailto:music@acchtx.org)

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Wedding Coordinator: Denise McKeon | [weddings@acchtx.org](mailto:weddings@acchtx.org)

## Parishioner Registration

To become a registered parishioner, please complete a registration form located in the church foyer or on our website. Please inform the parish office of any changes to your contact information.

## Donations

To make a financial offering, please visit our website or text the word "Giving" to 713-322-5125.

## Parish Apostolates, Outreach & Volunteers

To learn about the many volunteer opportunities, please email [volunteers@annunciationcc.org](mailto:volunteers@annunciationcc.org)

## Please call the Parish Office for:

Funeral Scheduling, Group Tours of Our Historic Church, Mass Intentions, Re-Issued Sacrament Certificates, Sponsoring a Particular Sunday's Altar Flowers (currently \$150), and other inquiries.

Congratulations to the newest member  
of the Body of Christ!



We congratulate  
**Gwyneth Jane Hand**  
who received the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
on August 8.

We also congratulate her  
family and Godparents.

## OFFERTORY REPORT

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 16 \$10,501 | Online Giving \$2,136

## UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 6:

Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas



For DSF 2020, Cardinal DiNardo has agreed all donations over the parish's 100% goal will be returned to the parish. Typically a parish receives 50% of the overage amount and the other 50% goes to the Aid to Poor Parish Fund.

## CELEBRATING SACRAMENTS AND RITES IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

The Church of the Annunciation offers the  
celebration of the following sacraments  
and rites in the Extraordinary Form.

**BAPTISM**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**RITE OF BETROTHAL**

**MATRIMONY**

**REQUIEM MASS**

Please contact the parish office  
for additional information.

## NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES!

Mass is now being offered on Sundays at  
7:00am. The Sunday 5:30pm Mass will resume  
on August 30. *Seat reservations required.*

## The Blessing Table

On the first Saturday & Sunday of  
each month, bring your beloved  
devotional items, such as rosaries,  
crucifixes, medals, and statues to  
be blessed!

Leave your items (bagged is okay)  
on the Blessing Table in the  
narthex when you arrive.

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## MASS SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES

For seat reservations and important guidelines, please  
visit our website: [www.annunciationcc.org](http://www.annunciationcc.org) and click the  
PUBLIC MASS AND VESPERS page.

The resumption/continuation of public Masses is  
predicated on whether there are enough committed  
volunteers to provide ushering for social distancing and  
a committed group who will see to it that the church is  
properly sanitized after the end of each Mass/devotion.

For more information or to sign up,  
please go to <https://bit.ly/ACCHTX>

*First Friday Devotion  
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Friday, September 4, 2020  
8:00 - 10:00 PM



Holy Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Holy Rosary  
First Friday Prayers  
Benediction

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**First Holy Communion** – Candidates for First Penance and Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation must be: baptized, seven years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> (normally entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), and completed one year for Religious Education. Questions can be directed to Tammy at religiousED@acchtx.org.



**Confirmation** – Candidate for Confirmation must: be baptized, have received Holy Communion, are practicing their Catholic faith and living by God's commandments and the precepts of the Church. The minimum age for registering for the preparation classes is **fifteen** by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Candidates must also have completed one full year of Religious Education (minimum). More information concerning requirements and/or questions should be directed to Tammy at religiousED@acchtx.org.



We ask for prayers for our *confirmandi* who will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and his gifts on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please pray, "Come, Holy Spirit/ *Veni, sancte spiritus*".

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.  
R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium: et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.*

V. *Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.*  
R. *Et renovabis faciem terrae.*

*Oremus. Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti: da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere; et de eius semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.*

**Religious Education** – If you wish to enroll you child/children in Religious Education please email religiousED@acchtx.org.

**Service opportunity to serve our Lord and His Church** - Practicing, orthodox Catholics are needed as catechists for Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation. Please email Tammy at religiousED@acchtx.org.

**THE GABRIEL PROJECT**

A new mother has been referred to our parish and is expecting a baby girl on October 3, 2020. She is in need of a car seat, stroller, and baby girl clothes. If you can help, please contact Gabriel Project coordinator, Stephanie Couty at scmcouty@aol.com. Thank you for all your support of mothers in crisis pregnancy situations.

*The Gabriel Project is a pro-life apostate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need.*



## RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



*"God meets a soul at a crossroad of life and in some unexpected way makes His real presence known. A personal encounter with the Real Mystery of a personal God is at the heart of every great conversion."*  
~Fr. Donald Haggerty

The Church of the Annunciation invite new inquirers to the Catholic faith and Catholics seeking to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested, email rcia@annunciationcc.org. Please include your phone number. Father Felix will welcome you with a personal introductory interview. It is best to schedule this before classes begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Future classes will be Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the church offices. However, as of this date we may begin with remote "GotoMeeing" classes.

Please encourage your friends or a family member who may be searching, to join us. Help open their hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit and begin their conversion to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

**40 Days for Life begins Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

Please consider volunteering to stand and pray for an end to abortion on the following days (please note there are two distinct locations):

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7AM - 7PM**  
at 4820 San Jacinto St, Houston, TX 77004

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 7AM - 7PM**  
at 4820 San Jacinto St, Houston, TX 77004

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 AM - 6 PM**  
at 4600 Gulf Freeway

When people are present in prayer at the abortion site, through the grace of God, hearts are changed and lives are saved.

To sign up for one or more hours on one of the days listed above, please email Christine Kasper at kasperfam07@gmail.com or text 713-416-5233 or sign up for your own weekly hour for the 40 Days at Houston Women's Clinic by contacting James at james@northpole-net.net or 832-244-6255.

**Excerpts from “Devotion to the Five Sacred Wounds” ~ by the Rev. Deacon Nick Donnelly**

Devotion to the Five Sacred Wounds of Christ can be traced back to St. Peter’s insight into the wounds of the Crucified Christ; ‘He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. (I Peter 2:24.)’ Furthermore, the Church Fathers understood that it was Christ’s intention that we approach Him through His Holy Wounds. St. Augustine described the Resurrected Christ’s Wounds as ‘the result of his power, not of some necessity’ (Letter 95, 7). St. Ambrose also writes that Our Lord choose to keep His Wounds in His Glorified Body: “He chose to bring to Heaven those wounds He bore for us, he refused to remove them, so that He might show God the Father the price of our freedom. The Father places Him in this state at His right hand, embracing the trophy of our salvation: such are the Witnesses the crown of scars has shown us there.” (St. Ambrose).

Why does Christ want us to approach Him through His Holy Wounds? Though our sins wounded Christ, His Sacred Body, hypostatically united with the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, transforms these wounds into the means to heal the wounds of sin in ourselves.

This healing transformation is exemplified by the wound in Christ’s side. From this wound flowed blood and water from His Sacred Heart which has been traditionally understood as signifying the opening up of sanctifying grace through the sacraments. St. Augustine wrote: “Here was opened wide the door of life, from which the sacraments of the Church have flowed out, without which there is no entering unto life which is true life.” (Homilies on St. John the Evangelist, 120,2). Commenting on Medieval devotional practices, Prof. Duffy writes that the sacred wound in Christ’s side ‘had a particular fascination and devotional power, for it gave access to his heart, and thereby became a symbol of refuge in his love.’ (Stripping of the Altars, p. 244.)

This devotion to the Wounds of Christ as refuges, or hiding places, was an important expression and symbol of hope for the penitent sinner facing the struggle against the devil’s onslaught of temptations as well as the prospect of being a sinner standing before God’s Judgement. We can hide in Christ’s Wounds to seek protection from the devil and we can seek merciful healing of the self-inflicted wounds of sin within the Five Sacred Wounds.

The ancient Christological prayer, the Anima Christi, expresses this idea of Christ’s Wounds as a protective refuge against the devil: “O good Jesus, listen to me; In Thy wounds I fain would hide; Ne’er to be parted from Thy side; Guard me, should the foe assail me.” (St. John Henry Newman’s translation).

St. Mechtilde’s (1240- 1298) famous Prayer to Five Wounds approaches each wound individually as springs of healing medicine in which to submerge sins and sinful desires, as in this extract: “I thank Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, for the painful Wound of Thy LEFT FOOT, from which flowed the Precious Blood that washes away our sins. In it I sink and hide all the sins I have ever committed.”

Julian of Norwich (1342 -1416) describes the Wound in Christ’s side with the same sense of the infinite capacity to bring healing to man that we saw in the appreciation of a single drop of Christ’s Precious Blood to wipe away all of mankind’s sins: “With a kindly countenance our good Lord looked into his side, and he gazed with joy, and with his sweet regard he drew his creature’s understanding into his side by the same wound; and there he revealed a fair and delectable place, large enough for all mankind that will be saved and will rest in peace and love.” (Long Text, Vision Ten).

Thomas à Kempis (1380 -1471) also saw the Wounds of Christ as a consoling refuge, ‘Rest in Christ’s Passion and live willingly in His Holy Wounds. You will gain marvellous strength and comfort in adversities’. (The imitation of Christ).

Having said this, the Wounds of Christ also express the two polarities of eschatology – divine wrath and divine mercy. Prof. Duffy writes: “...it was believed that when Christ came as Judge he would display his Wounds, to the elect as pledges of his love for them, to sinners as bitter reproach – ‘they shall look on him whom they have pierced’. Thus the very image which spoke of Christ’s tenderness and compassion for the sinner could become a terrifying indictment of the impenitent.” (Stripping of the Altars, p. 246).

Making devotion to the Five Holy Wounds of Christ part of one’s life of prayer is helpful. Firstly, to gain the right disposition to receive the graces of repentance and healing that flow from His Wounds in this life, and, secondly, so that they become pledges of love at our Judgement after death. There are various traditional devotional prayers to each of the Five Holy Wounds of Christ that will draw you deeper into these refuges of mercy, such as St. Mechtilde’s Prayer to the Five Wounds and St. Alphonsus Liguori’s The Little Chaplet of the Five Wounds of Jesus Crucified.

## Mass Intentions

### Sun., August 23

7:00am The McGuire Family †  
9:00am Ana Martinez  
11:00am James W. Humphrey Jr. †

### Mon. August 24 *St. Bartholomew*

6:30am Eliseo and † Dolores Nerie †  
12:10pm Alberta Scanlan †

### Tues., August 25 *St. Louis*

6:30am Rosa †  
12:10pm Fr. Paul Felix

### Wed., August 26

6:30am Eliseo and † Dolores Nerie †  
12:10pm James W. Humphrey Jr. †

### Thur., August *St. Monica*

6:30am Robert Flores  
12:10pm Ardian and Alicia Arellano

### Fri., August 28 *St. Pius X*

6:30am Paul Turlock †  
12:10pm Margaret McAuliffe

*Secondary Intention* Protection of the Unborn

### Sat., August 29 *St. Augustine*

8:00am Elizabeth Jackson †, Karen Hill †,  
Jackson Chamberlain †  
5:30pm Mary Ellen Scanlan †

### Sun., August 30 *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

7:00am Tim Smith, Sr. and family  
9:00am Barbara Brunello †  
11:00am James W. Humphrey Jr. †  
5:30pm Norson Fernandez



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Pro-Life Activities

#### *Gabriel Project: Volunteers Needed*

The Office of Pro-Life Activities is seeking phone volunteers to assist with the Gabriel Project, a ministry for pregnant women and mothers in need. Volunteers will assist mothers and answer questions during initial intake calls. Volunteers should be available for at least one (two-hour) shift per week. Calls may be answered remotely. Training will be provided! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Cathy McConn at [cathymcconn@me.com](mailto:cathymcconn@me.com) or call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

#### *Project Rachel*

The Archdiocese offers a number of resources and programs through its Project Rachel ministry to those needing healing following abortion. If you have questions about the Project Rachel Ministry or would like to be more involved, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or [jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org).

### Young Adult and Campus Ministry

#### *Apostles on Mission for Young Adults*

"From Practicing Catholics to Apostles on Mission" is a nine-week online formation program in leadership and evangelization for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. This young adult formation program helps to cultivate your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, to understand your personal gifts and strengths, and to live out these gifts and strengths in a unique way within your community. Thursday nights starting Sept. 10 to Nov. 5 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$35 per person. Online registrations at [archgh.org/apostlesonmission](http://archgh.org/apostlesonmission) or call 713-741-8778 for more information. Deadline to register is Sept. 8.

#### *Café Catholica Lite: Sept. 24*

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held online on Sept. 24, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our speaker is Dr. Stuart Squires from the University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture. His topic will be "How Catholics Should Vote." Register at <https://bit.ly/CafeLiteSeptember>. The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at [yacm@archgh.org](mailto:yacm@archgh.org) or 713-741-8778.

### Resources for Parishioners in Need

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution at three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours and other information, call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

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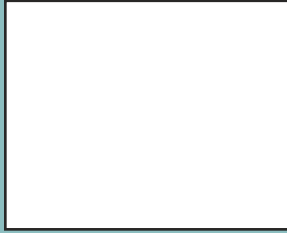


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