



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Week of May 11**



# Liturgies

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**Wednesday:** 9:00 – 11:00 am

**Thursday:** 5:00 – 7:00 am

**Saturday:** **CANCELLED**

**Sunday:** 7:30 – 10:45 am



# Saturday Vespers and Praises

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1. **Vesper Praises:** 6:30 – 7:00 pm
2. **Vespers:** 7:00 – 7:30 pm
3. **Midnight Prayers & Praises:** 7:30 – 10:00 pm





# Confessions

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## Fr. Younan:

- **Open Confession (no appointment necessary)**
  - **Friday: 7:15 pm**
- Appointments: <https://fryounan.youcanbook.me/>

## Fr. James:

- **Open Confession (no appointment necessary)**
  - **Saturday: NONE**
- Appointments: <https://confessions.frjames.org>



# Bible Studies

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## 1. English:

❑ **Monday**: 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the CYC

## 2. Arabic:

❑ **Monday** 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the main sanctuary



DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH: NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES

# *Know What You Believe*

*A Study in Christian Traditions and World Religions*

**Starting April 20**

Held during English Bible Study

**7:30 PM**



# Other Meetings

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## 1. Arabic Prayer Meeting:

- Friday: 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Cry Room

## 2. St. Timothy Servants Preparation Class:

- Friday: 7:00 – 8:30 pm on second floor of SS bldg

## 3. St. Augustine Youth Fellowship:

- Friday: 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the CYC/main sanctuary



# Hymnology Academy **Children**

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Archdeacon Habib Girgis	Rites	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fridays	6:30 - 7:30
Children of Light	Praises	Middle School	Saturdays	5:00 - 6:30
King David Hymnology	Hymns	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fridays	7:30 - 8:30
St. Stephen Chorus (Advanced Hymns)	Group B Chorus (years 1 & 2) - Learning  Group A Chorus (>2 years) - Review	High School and Above	Sundays	2:00 - 3:00  As needed before special occasions



## Hymnology Academy

# Adults

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Three Sainly Children	Beginners Hymns	Adult	Saturdays	11:30 – 1:00
	Intermediate Hymns		Fridays	6:30 – 7:30

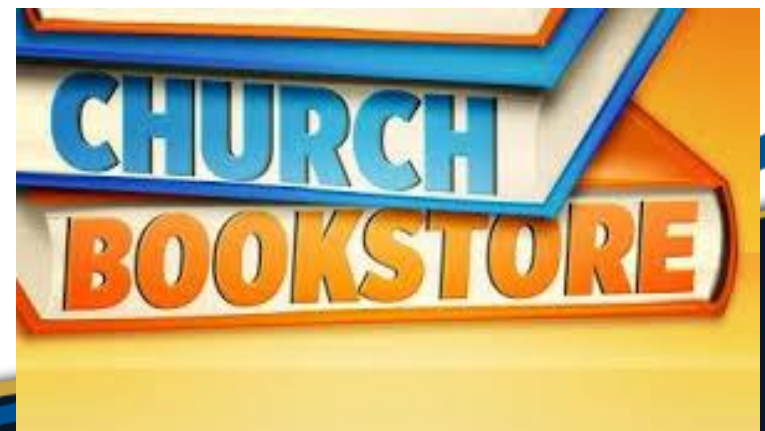
## ONLINE CLASSES

Class	Purpose	Grades	Day	Time
Ti-tchrompi	Coptic Lang. & Hymns	Ladies	Tuesdays	8:00 - 9:00
Coptic Rites	Coptic Lang. & Rites	Open: 4 <sup>th</sup> and up	Tuesdays	6:30 – 7:30



# Church Bookstore

- Featured books and supplies on church website
- URL: <http://www.saintmaryhouston.org/category/image-galleries/bookstore-st-mary>
- Please visit the church bookstore to see what's new and available.



# 2026 Summer Events Schedule

St. Mary's Events	Dates	Houston Events	Dates
<del>HS FIGHT</del>	<del>4/17 – 4/18</del>	HS Girls	7/3 - 7/5
MS FLIGHT	5/15 – 5/17		
Truth or Doubt (HS)	6/11 – 6/13	HS Boys	TBD
Hymns Retreat	6/22 – 6/26	MS Boys	7/31 – 8/2
JR Bible Quest (PreK-KG)	7/10 – 7/11	MS Girls	7/18-20
Bible Quest (Grades 1 – 8)	7/12 – 7/17	Elementary	7/3-5
Camp Connect (Elem)	7/19 – 7/21	Summer Festival Test	8/1 & 8/3

# HS Girls Coptic Soccer League

- ❖ **Sundays (06/07 – 06/28)**
- ❖ **From 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm**
- ❖ **30 Spots**
- ❖ **\$30 Registration Fee**

Registration Opens

05/09/2026 @5:00 pm

Registration Closes

05/31/2026 @10:00 pm





## Egypt 12% - May Al-Qatosha Village Development

The *Southern Diocese*, in partnership with *BLESS Social Services*, is blessed to announce the adoption of **Al-Qatosha Village** in *North Minya, Egypt* — home to nearly 3,000 families living in extreme poverty and facing urgent challenges in healthcare, education, housing, and economic opportunity.

Through the BLESS Sustainable Development Program (BSDP), this 3–5 year initiative will deliver comprehensive, life-changing support including mobile medical care, nutrition programs for children, literacy and education initiatives, vocational training, small business support, home restoration, and access to clean water and sanitation.

Together, we aim not only to meet immediate needs, but to empower the community to build a sustainable and dignified future. Your support will directly impact thousands of lives, bringing blessings, opportunity and growth to an entire village.

Donate Today and Be a Part of the Transformation!





# MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Container from Houston  
benefitting the Coptic  
Orthodox Church in  
Kenya!



**KENYA**

A white silhouette map of Kenya is positioned on the left side of the image. The word "KENYA" is printed in bold, dark blue capital letters across the center of the map.

Contact to donate  
**Magdy Hanna**  
**(713) 299-9887**  
[mag8834@yahoo.com](mailto:mag8834@yahoo.com)



HAPPY  
**Mother's Day**

**Simeon the Elder meeting**

**Monday May 11**

**Our meeting at the CYC**

**from 9 am to 2 pm**

**Speaker**

**Fr. Augustinus Fouad**

**Pray for us**

**أسرة سمعان الشيخ**

**أجتماعنا سيكون**

**يوم الاثنين 11 مايو**

**من 9 ص الى 2 م فى ال**

**CYC**

**هيباركنا بالحضور قدس ابونا**

**أغسطينوس فؤاد**

**راعى كنيسة مارجرس و الأنبا**

**أنطونيوس بالاسكندرية**

**فى انتظاركم و اذكرونا فى صلاتكم**

HOUSTON • SAN ANTONIO • AUSTIN

# Built — DIFFERENT —

• 2026 GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP •

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10



**WHERE:**

Jordan Ranch Retreat (2123 FM 2238, Schulenberg, TX 78965)



**WHEN:**

July 18-20



**WHO:**

MS girls who completed 6th-8th grade



**REGISTRATION:**

April 26th @ 5 pm to June 12th @ Midnight



**COST:**

\$220 (NO refund after June 12th)



COPTIC ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF  
THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES



FIRST COME,  
FIRST SERVED.



# HS Girls **SUMMER CAMP**

**HOUSTON, AUSTIN, & SAN ANTONIO**

**JULY 3 - 5, 2026**

**Jordan Ranch Retreat  
Center**

**2123 FM2238,  
Schulenburg, TX  
78956**





**ELEMENTARY  
SUMMER  
CAMP**

**3RD-5TH**

**Friends of Faith**

**JULY  
3-5**

**Jordan Ranch Retreat  
Center  
2123 FM2238,  
Schulenburg, TX  
78956**



**Houston**

**San Antonio**

**Austin**



# South Africa & Namibia

## MISSION TRIP

June 28 - July 10

### INCLUDED:

- Accommodation & Meals
- Transportation
- Domestic flight (Johannesburg - Windhoek roundtrip)
- Safari!!!

### SERVICES:

- Orphanages & Sunday School
- Soup kitchens
- Local tribe visits
- Health awareness
- Prison visits



[sshelphinghands.org](http://sshelphinghands.org)

REGISTER NOW

AGE LIMIT:  
18-40 YEARS OLD

\$600  
per  
person

\*International Airfare  
not included!

SAINT MARY AND ARCHANGEL MICHAEL  
COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

# Arise, AS HE HAS RISEN

PRESENTED BY

The Seraphim Team

Come and experience the joy, hope and victory  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ resurrection through  
powerful spiritual songs, praises and hymns.



THURSDAY,  
MAY 14



7:00 PM



CYC

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*We look forward to celebrating with you!*

St. Mary Theater  
Presents  
The High School Play



# BLACK COFFEE

Thursday, May 14th, 2026  
7:00 PM  
CYC Hall



# ***JOIN THE COPTIC BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BROADCASTING TEAM***

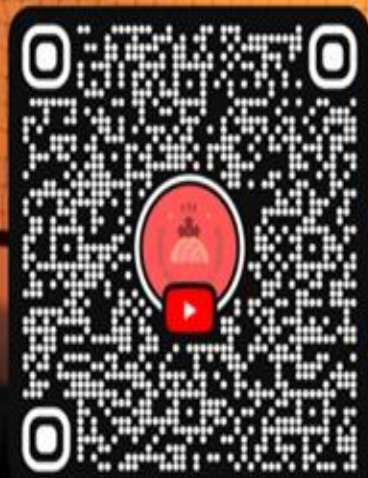


**SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE  
TO COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM**

**QUESTIONS**

**TEXT 346-213-8510 | EMAIL [CBA.STREAMING.HOUSTON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CBA.STREAMING.HOUSTON@GMAIL.COM)**

THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT  
WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE



YOUTUBE CHANNEL



INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

SUBSCRIBE AND SHARE!

YOUTUBE CHANNEL: COPTIC VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

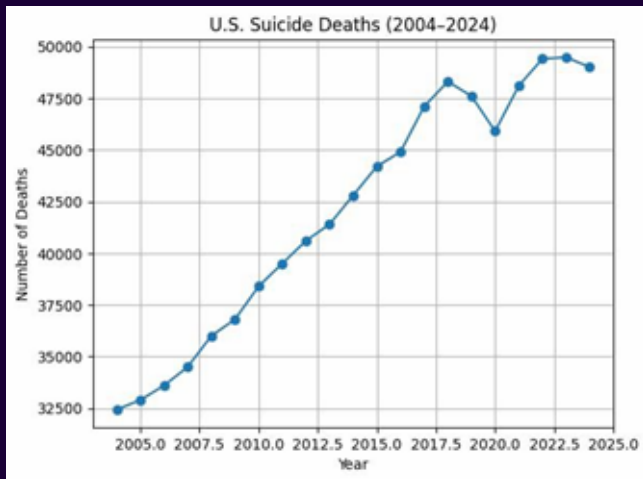
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24/7 PRAYER  
for LIFE



God's plan for mankind is to live and have an abundant life. However, Satan deceives many people, causes them to drift from God's plan, and takes them to very dark places until they choose death over life (decide to commit suicide). See ***John 10:10***



The increasing number of suicidal death year over year is very alarming. In 2023, almost 50,000 individuals committed suicide in USA.

**One life is lost every 10 minutes, non-stop, 24/7, for an entire year.**



As a church, “God’s people” are salt and light to the world, we cannot be passive while Satan steals and kills our brothers and sisters!

We believe prayer opens heaven, bringing help and turning hearts from death to life, from darkness to light. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

***John 14:6***

So, our church by God’s grace, will be starting a prayer ministry: **“24/7 PRAYER FOR LIFE”**

It is 100% based on His word that men ought always to pray and not lose heart. ***Luke 18:1***

**If 144 people pray for 10 minutes a day, we will have a non-stop 24/7 prayer for those struggling with suicidal thoughts.**

The service will start on Lazarus Saturday (April 4) to get the blessing of that day when Jesus ordered Lazarus to come out to life after being dead for three days!

**Please BOOK your 10-minute prayer time through the booking link on the website below.**



[www.Prayerforlives.org](http://www.Prayerforlives.org)



# Truth OR DOUBT

## Timeless Truth in Truthless Times

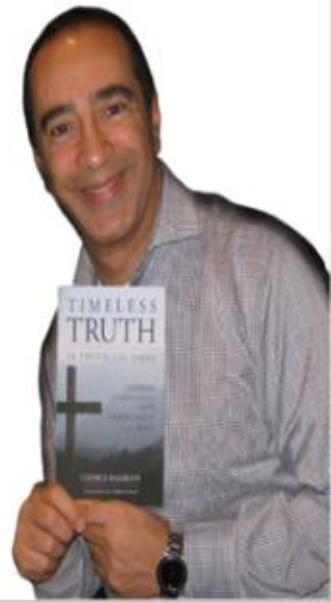
Annual Apologetics Conference  
For High Schoolers

Thursday, June 11 – Saturday, June 13

Speaker: Dr. George Bassilios

Registration Opens: Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Registration Closes: May 25<sup>th</sup> or once spots are filled



# Camp CONNECT 2nd- 5th Summer Camp 2026

## *A Life of Thankfulness*



LET'S GET CONNECTED

July 19 3:30 P.M-8:00 P.M  
July 20 9:00 A.M-4:00 P.M  
July 21 9:00 A.M-4:00 P.M (Outing)



Guest Speaker: Victor Garas

**One parent/guardian MUST REGISTER to join on Sunday July 19 from 4:00 P.M-7:50 P.M for attendee to be able to register and attend Camp**

### REGISTRATION:

- 2nd & 3rd registration opens April 14 at 6 pm, and closes April 15 at 11:59 pm
- 4th & 5th registration opens April 16 at 6 pm, and closes April 17 at 11:59 pm
- Waitlist for all grades opens April 18 at 6 pm, and closes April 19 at 11:59 pm
- Price: \$100

\*Dinner is provided for Max 2 parents/Guardians accompanying Camper on Sunday, July 19

Chaperone registration opens April 14 at 6 pm, and closes April 17 at 11:59 pm

Questions:  
Please contact  
Shirley Milad  
713-859-2297

Saint Mary & Archangel Michael



Houston-Texas

# BIBLE QUEST 2026



SAINT MARY & ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH HOUSTON

July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

## REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Open to current 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School Children

**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**



Opens Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**



Opens Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Waitlist:** Opens Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm on the Church Website

For children outside of St. Mary's church: registration opens Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> on Church Website

## CHAPERONE SIGN-UP:

For 12<sup>th</sup> grades & older: Opens Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

# Pre-K - Kinder Bible Quest

Event Date:

July 10 9:00 am-4:00 pm

July 11 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Registration Details:

Opens: Tuesday March 31 at 6:00pm

Cost: \$75 per child

Eligibility: Kids must be fully potty trained to attend

Chaperone Registration:

opens alongside the kids registration

on March 31 at 6:00pm

Chaperones: 10<sup>th</sup> grade and above

For more information, please contact

Mary Farouz [marysbotros@gmail.com](mailto:marysbotros@gmail.com)



Please Join us!

# St. Monica's Ladies' Study & Fellowship Meeting



Qs? Contact:  
Bassma:  
832-715-9547



**Where?**

**Women's Communion Room**

**When?**

**Sunday: 11am to 12pm  
(During Sunday School)**

# JOIN

## *St. Mary Choir*

### HIGH SCHOOL & ABOVE

I WILL SING A NEW SONG TO YOU, O GOD;  
ON A HARP OF TEN STRINGS I WILL SING PRAISES TO YOU  
PSALMS 144:9

Weekly Choir Rehearsals on  
Sundays: 1:45-3:00 pm in the  
Sunday School Building



SCAN TO REGISTER



Join us for: Fellowship, Food, and  
Praising the name of our Lord  
together in Unity!

For further questions,  
contact Maria Benjamin: 832-997-7050



# Deacon Habib Guirgis Deacon's Class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Deacons



Registration is now open. Parents of interested children should register using this form:

<https://forms.gle/5SUorr3k6efkVGRV6>

Class will meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Sunday School Portables.

Children will learn liturgical rites, Coptic language, and deacon responses.

# Volunteers needed for St. Verena's Service



- St. Verena's cleaning service needs volunteers to help clean the Church and the CYC
- The service is every Sunday starting at 3:00 PM
- Please Contact Mrs. Mervat Tedross at 832-590-9084



# Donations via Zelle for Egypt 12%



## Donate Here

We hope to find you and your families all well.

If you would like to donate, there are 4 options outlined below:

Please note that the last option has fees associated with it.

## NO TRANSACTION FEES DONATION

### Option 1: Zelle Online Banking (Preferred)

#### **Zelle Donations to the Church**

- Locate the option to send money using Zelle within your online banking account.
- For recipient, enter the church's Zelle email address: [zelle@saintmaryhouston.org](mailto:zelle@saintmaryhouston.org)
- You may setup one-time or recurring donations and can cancel at any time.

#### **Zelle Donations to the Egypt 12% Project:**

- Locate the option to send money using Zelle within your online banking account.
- For recipient, enter the email address: [Egypt12@saintmaryhouston.org](mailto:Egypt12@saintmaryhouston.org)
- You may setup one-time or recurring donations and can cancel at any time.

## At St. Mary's

- Service Schedule
- Online Broadcast
- **Donate Online**
- Join E-Mail List
- Job Postings

## Downloads

# The Good Shepherded recreation center

## Once a Month

**Together, we can make  
a difference  
We need your hands,  
heart, and strength to  
make the Good  
Shepherded a  
welcoming place for all.  
Let's work together to  
make it better, your  
time and effort will  
make a lasting impact**

**Sign up now with  
Moheb Attalla  
(281) 919-6117**



## مرة واحدة شهرياً

مع بعض هنقدر نعمل  
تغير, محتاجين مساعدتكم  
و مجهودكم معانا في  
مركز خدمات الراعي  
الصالح علشان عائلتنا  
تستفاد و تستمتع روحياً  
و ترفيهياً.  
وقتكم و مجهوداتكم  
بالتاكيد هتعمل تأثير دائم

**للمشاركة يرجى الاتصال ب  
مهيب عطالله  
(281) 919-6117**



## The goal of the Service

1. Helping with moving from/to a new house/apartment
2. Helping with simple handy work that don't require license (Plumbing, carpentry, electrical, etc.)

## الهدف من الخدمة

- 1- المساعدة في النقل (العزال) من مكان لآخر
- 2- المساعدة في الأعمال اليدوية البسيطة التي لا تحتاج رخصة (نجارة، سباكة، كهرباء، الخ)



**HAND**  
**in HAND**

If you need any help or you would like to join the service, contact  
**John Iskandar (925)435-3850**



ANGELS Sunday

School class

—  
St. Didymus Class

For Children and Adults with Special Needs

For new members please register with Mary Maher Youssif

732- 484-6354

Email :[maryyousif33@yahoo.com](mailto:maryyousif33@yahoo.com)

ΔΑΥΙΔ  
ΠΙΕΡΟΨΑΛΤΗΣ



# King David Hymnology School

- Every Friday 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- Six Classes (in the portable buildings)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades → First Class on Right
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade → Second Class on Right
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade → Third Class on Right
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade → Third Class on Left
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade → Second Class on Left
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade → 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr Classroom in SS Building
- Midterm and Final Examination
- 70% Attendance Required
- Use the Link Below to Register Now:

<https://forms.gle/wiFEo9SXZBX2VGZA7>

# Deacon Habib Guirgis Deacon's Class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Deacons

- Registration is now open. Parents of interested children should register using this form:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q4N91NYjuQu4RU98Br0\\_Y8U2vAW3KTad0s2-RQcZ5XI](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Q4N91NYjuQu4RU98Br0_Y8U2vAW3KTad0s2-RQcZ5XI)
- Class will meet every Friday from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Sunday School Portables.
- Children will learn
  - liturgical rites
  - deacon responses



Registration QR code  
for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade



Deadline for the registration  
on October 5<sup>th</sup>



Children  
of Light



# ABC Sports Registration

## ABC sports for Middle and High School:

- Every Wednesday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- One week for the boys and one week for the girls
- To register contact Basim Bacenty at 646-286-3352 (text only)

## ABC sports for Elementary School:

- Every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
- One week for 3rd grade to 5th grade and another week for 2nd grade and below
- To register contact Sabry Eskandr at 832-419-3782 (text only)



# Weekly Sports Activities

	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Elem. ABC (KG-2<sup>nd</sup>)</b> <i>Alternating weeks</i>		6:30 – 8:30 pm	
<b>Elem. ABC (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)</b> <i>Alternating weeks</i>		6:30 – 8:30 pm	
<b>MS &amp; HS Boys ABC</b> <i>Alternating weeks</i>			6:30 – 8:30 pm (alternating weeks)
<b>MS &amp; HS Girls ABC</b> <i>Alternating weeks</i>			6:30 – 8:30 pm (alternating weeks)
<b>Soccer</b> <i>(HS &amp; above)</i>	7:30 – 10:00 pm		8:30 pm – 10:00 pm
<b>HS Boys Basketball</b>			8:30 pm – 10:00 pm
<b>Ping Pong</b> <i>(College &amp; above)</i>	7:30 – 10:30 pm	6:30 – 10:00 pm	
<b>Volleyball</b> <i>(College &amp; above)</i>	6:00 – 10:30 pm		

# ST. VERENA CLINIC

IS A NON-PROFIT COPTIC ORTHODOX ORGANIZATION PROVIDING PRIMARY AND MULTI-SPECIALTY CARE TO LOW-INCOME AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

SERVING EVERY  
**2ND**  
SATURDAY

OF THE MONTH  
FROM 1:00pm  
TO 4:00pm

WE ARE LOCATED AT  
**2615 FANNIN ST**  
HOUSTON, TX 77002

✓ **ELIGIBILITY**  
713-490-2610

✓ **APPOINTMENTS**  
713-228-9411

✓ **VOLUNTEERING**  
inquire@stverenaclinic.org

✓ **DONATION**  
P.O. BOX 562, BELLAIRE, TX 77402-0562



For more information, visit our website

SERVICES ARE OFFERED AT AND IN  
COLLABORATION WITH SAN JOSE CLINIC

[www.stverenaclinic.org](http://www.stverenaclinic.org)

# Church's reverence and respect – guidelines (1)

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1. Attending early is a mandate for communion
2. Deacons must arrive by 8:00 am to serve
3. No talking inside the church during the service
4. Cell phones are to be turned off or set on Silent Mode
5. Men and women are to be seated on their respective side (north side for the men and south side for women)

# Church's reverence and respect – guidelines (2)

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6. Children are not to be permitted to roam inside the church  
– no running or talking
7. No eating or drinking inside the sanctuary or the cry room
8. Decent dress code is to be strictly observed – ladies are to refrain from using lipsticks

# Church's reverence and respect – guidelines (3)

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9. Cooperation with the church ushers is expected from all parishioners.
10. No gathering in the foyer during the service or the announcements
11. Deacons are asked to kindly join the chorus outside

# “GOD OF ORDER” POLICY

- No disruptions to Sunday School classes will be tolerated.
- After 2 warnings, the student will continue the class's time in meeting with one of the fathers or the SS Coordinator.
- For other voluntarily activities (Hymns – Bible study – Choir ), after 2 warnings, the student will be dismissed.

