

# *St. Hyacinth Catholic Church*

**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**



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*Let the Church Say "Amen"*

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## **From the Pastor**

Welcome to the St. Hyacinth Catholic Parish Family!

It is often said that one of the most important parts of the Catholic Church is the parish; because the parish impacts people's lives.

It is in the parish setting where we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, listen to the Word of God proclaimed, find forgiveness of our sins in Reconciliation, communal support, and ways to give life to our faith.

The parish is a living, breathing entity because in it God interacts with His people. We hope that this will be your experience of St. Hyacinth and that you will find warmth and hospitality here in a spiritually and emotionally nourishing environment.

As you become more acquainted with us, we hope that you will find an area in which to share time and talent with our parish family. Like any family, we function most efficiently when all our members involve themselves in parish life.

We welcome you to our parish family, the family of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church.

We are happy that you chose to become a member of this Christian community.

Sincerely,

Fr. Reginald Samuels  
Pastor

## Mass Schedule, Reconciliation and Adoration

### Liturgy

Weekday:  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 AM

First Saturday only:  
HEALING MASS 8:00 AM  
No other Saturday morning Masses

Vigil:  
Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday:  
8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Holy Day:  
Vigil 7:00 PM; Holy Day: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confessions:  
Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM, and before/after all weekday Masses, and by appointment

Hearing Assistance Devices for use in church are available from the ushers

### Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

On June 13, 1980 the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Hyacinth Church opened a small prayer chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration, day and night. Volunteers come at appointed hours to pray in our Lord's Eucharistic Presence.

The Chapel is located at the North parking lot, in north wing of St. Hyacinth's church building.

"Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in Adoration, and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great sins and crimes of the world." May our adoration never cease. (Donimicae Canae: February 24, 1980)

All are welcome. Contact the Parish Office for information.

## Parish Staff

### Pastor:

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### Parish Administrator:

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# Religious Education

## **Faith Formation Children and Teens**

The program, centered on the Eucharist and participation in the liturgy, reflects gospel values and Church teaching, is an ongoing process of formation, supports the enrichment of the family, actively involves the student, and is developmentally appropriate. Classes are held on Sunday.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C.)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) adapted for children and youth is the process for children over the age of seven that have not been baptized Catholic or in some cases have been baptized in a different denomination. In this process, the child will be prepared to receive all sacraments of initiation: Baptism, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church and also includes adults that were baptized Catholic as infants, but have had no formal formation in their faith. Contact the Office of Faith Formation at (281) 479-8832 to attend R.C.I.A. Inquiry classes are on Sunday.

For more information, contact the Office of Faith Formation (281) 479-8832.

## **ACTS**

An ACTS retreat is a Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord through:

## **Men and Women's Retreats**

The Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center gives the opportunity for men and women to attend each year .

## **Bible Study**

**Monday Evening Bible Study** - Adults gather at 7 pm weekly in the Meeting Room to read the sacred writing of the bible and through a group discussion deepen .

**Tuesday Bible Study** - Adults gather at 10 am and at 6:30 pm Meeting Room 2.

# Sacraments

## **Baptism**

Baptism is the First Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Baptisms are performed monthly.

**Infant Baptisms** - for children 0-7 years of age are held on Sunday afternoon, four (4) times a year.

**Children 7 years and older** are considered adults by the Church and receive the sacraments of initiation after attending RCIA for children.

Baptism Preparation Class is required prior to a baptism for parents. Registration for the class and a certified copy of birth certificate are required. Please call the parish office one month ahead of class or go to [www.sthyacinthchurch.org](http://www.sthyacinthchurch.org).

## **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (for baptized children)**

This is a two (2) year program beginning in first grade Faith Formation. Preparation for each sacrament is separate and distinct, with Reconciliation preceding the reception of First Eucharist.

Students who are older than second grade and need to make their sacraments will attend a Sacraments class in addition to regular Faith Formation classes.

## **Confirmation (Youth)**

For Youth is a two-year process usually beginning in ninth grade, but may be started anytime during high school. Students will be required to attend Confirmation sessions in addition to their regular Faith Formation class, perform community and church service.

## **Confirmation (Adults)**

Adults preparing to be confirmed attend separate classes and are confirmed along with the youth who have prepared for the sacrament.

**Marriage** - Couples wishing to be married at St. Hyacinth need to contact the pastoral staff six months before the planned date of the wedding. A consultation with a priest is required. Requirements and preparations will be explained at that time. No arrangements should be made before talking with a priest!

## Parish Ministries

### M.O.T.H.R. (Mothers of the Holy Rosary)

This is a prayer and support group for mothers of young children which meet monthly for prayer, support and socialization while the children play. Meetings end with a potluck lunch.

### St. Hyacinth 50+ Club (for Senior Citizens)

All St. Hyacinth parishioners 50 years of age or older, their spouses or friends, are eligible for membership. The group meets in Guyot Hall on the second Saturday monthly.

### St. Vincent De Paul Society

Give temporary assistance to needy families within our parish boundaries. A volunteer will return the call. Funds are raised through several yearly collections.

### Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee offers advice to the Pastor whenever needed. They are most helpful to the Pastor in matters of parish finances, budgeting, and are consulted on matters of major commitments of parish resources.

### Legion of Mary and Junior Legion of Mary

All are invited to be a guest at any of the weekly meetings on Thursday at 6 pm. The primary function of Legionnaires is to be apostles for JESUS CHRIST through His Blessed Mother-THE VIRGIN MARY.

### Library

The parish has a library catalogued and open. All parishioners are invited to make use of this facility for reading materials and audio and videotapes.

### Liturgy

Liturgy is a Greek word meaning “work of the people. The focus is the worship of God and making present the Pascal Mystery. The goal is to assist those assembled to grow and deepen their relationship with God through good liturgy and catechesis.

### Liturgical Environment

This committee fosters the community’s awareness of “Holy Ground” and develops the ability to experience the sacred in the actions, signs, living words, gestures, sacrifice and meal. They work behind the scenes to create, support, stimulate, inspire and focus the assembly’s experience of Church in Liturgy.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

There are several ministries that fall under Parish Social Ministry. Their main focus are corporeal works of mercy and social justice. They also support recruitment for every other ministry and apostolate in our parish.

### Legion of Mary

Meetings are each Thursday at 6pm in Room 4 of Guyot Hall.

### Light of Christ Disciples

Light of Christ Disciples is a Saturday morning ministry for community outreach. **Saturday at Guadalupe Center Food Pantry** .

**Life Chain Sunday** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

### Hospital Spiritual Companion Ministry

Spiritual Care Companion Program offers the opportunity to spend time with those who are hospitalized, homebound or being cared for in a nursing or residential facility. Spiritual care companions must attend a training program.

## Elementary Activities and Fundraisers

### Fellowship and Spiritual Activities

#### December Christmas Program

Each formation classes presents a short skit or song representing the theme of the season.

#### End of the Year Fun Day

Games, food and outdoor activities are provided for the classes to enjoy.

#### First Communion Retreat for parents and students

A retreat for parents and students is held to spiritually prepare the children receiving the first holy communion. Important instructions concerning the expectations of the children and the parents at First Communion Masses are discussed. This will be a good opportunity for the parents to learn some the process of what will happen that day.

#### First Communion Reception

A reception is held for the First Communicants, parents and their families after each of the First Communion.

#### Trunk or Treat

Every October the children celebrate by enjoying games sponsor by parish organization and the Formation Department. At the end of the evening the youth go trunk or treat. Parents have parked decorated vehicles and pass out candy.

### Fundraisers

#### Candle Fundraiser

Around the first of the year, the formation classes sell orders for candles to support Formation and Youth Ministry programs.

#### Candy Sale

Candy are sold by the student to support the Formation and Youth program. Prizes are awarded to students and classes that sell the most candy.

## Youth Activities and Fundraisers

**High School Youth Night** - Youth up to graduation from high school meet each Wednesday. They get together for ministry, eat, enjoys games and just hanging out with each other. The slogan for High School and Jr. High School youth Ministry is **Faith, Fun and Friendship**. Experiences that enhance their growth both personal and spiritual

**Jr. High Youth Night** - Jr. High night is for youth in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. They enjoy eating together, hanging out, playing games and faith ministry.

**Fun Friday:** The Youth Ministry get together every 3 or 4 months for Fun Friday. They discuss their faith, eat of course, and have fun playing basketball, etc.

**Summer Youth Ministry** - The youth have different fun activities during the summer months, such as bowling, movies, etc.

**Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)** - Every July, youth attend AYC in Houston. Through this event, young people are challenged to live out their faith, learn from exciting and informative presentations from outstanding national speakers and musicians, and make new friendships.

**Stewardship Activities** - The youth live out their faith by leading and participating in activities in the parish and in the community. Live Stations of the Cross, Helping the Guadalupe Center Food Bank, visiting nursery homes, parish vacation bible school and Santa's Workshop for the children.

### Fund Raising

Youth Fundraisers are held throughout the year to raise funds toward their fees for AYC, retreats and youth activities.

**Chili Cook-Off** - Contestants cook and present their best chili recipe. Guests are invited to taste and vote for their favorite chili for a fee.

**Car Wash** - A yearly car wash raises funds for AYC.

**Occasional Bake Sales** are held during the year.

## Annual Events at St. Hyacinth Parish

January :	King's Feast Christmas Cantata
February:	Women's Brunch <i>Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters</i> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> Mystery Dinner <i>Sponsored by the Music Ministry</i> Lenten Fish Fry Sponsored by Knights of Columbus <i>(Every Friday during lent except for Good Friday)</i>
March/April	Lenten Mission Lenten Penance Service Easter Cantata
April/May	Bazaar
June	Ministry Appreciation Dinner
July	Vacation Bible School ACTS - Men Retreat
August	Feast of St. Hyacinth (August 17th)
September	Parish Stewardship Weekend
October	Life Chain Sunday Oktoberfest <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> Trunk or Treat <i>Sponsored by the Office of Formation</i>
November	Craft Show <i>Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters</i> ACTS - Women Retreat All Souls/Vespers
December	Angel Tree Deck the Hall with program for children

## Things You Might Need to Know

**Altar Flowers** - Flowers may be offered as a remembrance of special loved ones, friends or a special family event, etc. Please contact the Parish Office to request Altar flowers. There is a \$50 minimum to cover the cost of the arrangement.

**Bulletin Announcement** - Ministries wishing to place announcements in the bulletin must email their detailed information to the Parish Bulletin Editor by 12 noon on Friday the week prior to the bulletin date.

**Funeral Arrangement** - For funeral arrangement for a loved one please contact the Parish Office.

**Guyot Hall Rental** - Contact the Parish Office to rent Guyot Hall for your events or functions to check availability

**Mass Intentions** - Come by the Parish Office Monday - Friday to schedule a Mass Intention. There is a customary stipend of \$5 for each Mass Intention.

**Meeting Room Reservations** - Ministers and groups needing to reserve a room to meet or gather must contact the Parish Office to check availability and to make reservations.

**Quinceanera Arrangements** - To make arrangements for a Quinceanera please contact the office of Liturgy at least 4 to 6 months in advance. Visit [www.sthyacinth.org](http://www.sthyacinth.org) and go to Liturgy/Worship and click on Quinceanera for a brochure.

**Sick/Hospital Visits** - If you or a family member is hospitalized or ill and would like to be visited by a priest or member of our parish, please call the Parish Office.

**Wedding Arrangements** - Arrangements for weddings must be scheduled 6 months in advance. Your first telephone call should be to a priest to begin your preparation and set the wedding date.

## Liturgy & Worship

**Acolytes** - Assist at weekend and holy day liturgies in the role of Master of Ceremonies, as well as the privilege of overseeing the purification of the sacred vessels used with Eucharistic liturgies. This liturgical ministry is open to adult Catholic men in the parish who have been confirmed and if married, married within the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Altar Servers** - Assist the Priest and deacon at the Mass by carrying candles, the cross and occasionally incense during the procession. Youth, 2nd grade and older, may become altar Servers. Prospective Altar Servers must be baptized and have received 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist. Training sessions are announced in the bulletin and on the website.

**Arts & Environment** - plans and prepares the church environment for the major liturgical season such as Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter and Feast Days. This includes flowers, banners, other decorations and religious symbols.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** – Serve the Body of Christ as well as the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Those who serve are adults who have made their confirmation and if married, married within the Sacrament of Matrimony. All new EMHC candidates must attend training. EMHC are commissioned at a designated Mass and are scheduled based on their availability. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must attend yearly retreats.

**Hospitality** (Ushers / Greeters) - Hospitality is an expression of reverence for the presence of Christ in each of us. Ministry of Hospitality includes greeters and ushers.

**Readers** - are ministers who Proclaim the Word of God in the celebration of the Mass and other parish liturgies. The ministry is open to High School students and adults who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are actively receiving the sacraments and have a love for sacred scripture. Candidates must attend training and receive a commissioning at a designated Mass.

**Sacristan** - are ministers that set up before mass insuring that all sacramentals – vessels, books, candles, etc. are in place – working behind the scene. Sacristans must attend training and are commissioned at a designated Mass. Sacristan must arrive 40 minutes prior to Mass.

**Music Ministry** – are ministers who lead the rest of us in joyful worship. This ministry is open to all ages and skill levels. Rehearsal is once a week.

**Cantors/Song Leaders** - Lead the congregation in song during weekend and Holy Day liturgies. Cantor training is required. Rehearsal is once a week.

## Parish Organizations

### Knights of Columbus Squires

The Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. The Squires is designed to develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, have a strong commitment to the Church and who are ready, willing and capable of patterning their lives after the Youth Christ. It is open to young men from 10 to 18 years of age. The Squires under the direction of the Knights of Columbus helps to prepare Catholic young men to become leaders among their fellow citizens. Since the founding of the Columbian Squires, these intentions have been steadfastly pursued.

### Military Ministry

The purpose is to provide spiritual support and prayer for those in military service and their families. At times, special Masses and prayers are offered, and lists of military members with ties to St. Hyacinth are made available so that parishioners may support them in prayer and through correspondence and gifts of practical value for their situations.

### M.O.T.H.R. (Mothers of the Holy Rosary)

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### St. Hyacinth 50+ Club (for Senior Citizens)

Organized in September 2001, this non-profit club provides social gatherings and spiritual guidance to members. All St. Hyacinth parishioners 50 years of age or older, their spouses or friends, are eligible for membership. One-day bus trips, outings and some extended trips are available during the year. The group meets in Guyot Hall on the second Saturday monthly. Minimal dues charged.

### St. Vincent De Paul Society

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# Sacraments

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is the anointing which is given by a priest to those who are seriously ill, advanced in years, or anticipating serious surgery. The effects of this Sacrament are to comfort and strengthen those who are ill, to forgive their sins, and to restore their health if this is God's will, or to prepare them for eternal life.

For emergencies, please call the parish office at (281) 479-4298.

For emergencies after regular office hours or Saturday and Sunday, call (281) 479-4298, ext. 31.

For non-emergencies, such as scheduled surgeries or hospitalization, the priests are available after any Mass, including weekday Masses, to administer this sacrament.

Notify a priest of any person who requires this sacrament of grace and healing during a critical illness or prior to surgery or a stay in the hospital. Please notify the parish office of hospitalized parishioners and homebound parishioners.