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Columbian Squire Roses

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Serving in Strange Times

These are strange times, aren't they?! We are no longer attending school, sporting events or the mall. Hanging out with friends occurs on Zoom calls and in chat rooms. It seems like our world has been turned upside down.

For Catholics, though, this seemingly interminable situation is not void of purpose and meaning. We know that 'all things work together for good for those who serve the Lord'. Even in struggle, we can be thankful for the many gifts God has given us. And, one of the best ways to do this is by serving others.

In our current situation, sharing God's love might require a little creativity and out of the box thinking, but the the Squire Roses are ready to answer the call!

Sisters Who Sew

As soon as the Hill sisters (pictured above) heard there was a shortage of masks for hospitals, they immediately knew what they could do to help. With a little help from their mom, they've sewn hundreds of masks for healthcare workers, neighbors and friends!

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Calendar At A Glance

- 5/1 - Officer Meeting**
- 5/5 - Rose General Meeting
Zoom at 7p**
- 5/5 - Affirmation Challenge
Begins**
- 5/01 - Clothing & Baby
Furniture Pick-Up**
- TBD - Easter Egg Pick-Up**
- TBD - May Crowning**
- 5/7 - Mother's Day Service
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Mother's Day

Bath Bombs for Samaritan's Inn

Mother's Day is almost here, and that means breakfast in bed, cards, flowers, and showers of appreciation for many moms. But several moms in our community are struggling to both financially and emotionally.

Let's bless these moms with a little gift to brighten their day and let them know they are not alone. We are making flower wrapped bath bombs to take to the mothers at Samaritan's Inn.

Do you and/or your family have a few minutes to assemble these little cuties? If so, we'd love to drop the supplies and instructions to you and pick them up when you've finished.

Select Samaritan's Inn Bath Bombs on the SignUp Genius to help out: <https://bit.ly/3c2EgNO>



Kindness Challenge

Living in close quarters all day with immediate family, while being isolated from friends, extended family, and activities is challenging for many. Additionally, those living in long-term care facilities and hospitals are on lock down for their safety. This isolation and loneliness can lead to apathy and depression. The Rose Officers have initiated a 30 day kindness challenge to help support and love our neighbors, family and friends. Roses who complete the challenge will receive a prize. You can download the calendar and additional information here:

<https://bit.ly/2YrynWt>

More Opportunities to Serve



Mother's Day at St. Francis

We have not forgotten how special our St. Francis moms are to us, too! Help us remind the moms of the parish that they are the ones who typically 'light' the spiritual flames in our homes, the way Mary did when she bore The Light. We are filling little organza bags with an encouraging note and a candle. Please select Mother's Day at St. Francis on the SignUp Genius: <https://bit.ly/2z58Jfo>



Tea Time for the Nuns

We often forget how important our spiritual mothers are to us! Please help us show the nuns at St. Joseph's Residence, as well as other area religious, our appreciation and love this Mother's Day! We will be mailing them a Tea Party In A Box - teacups, teas, cookies, and sweet messages. If you are able to make sweet cards for the nuns, select Tea Time for the Nuns on the SignUp Genius: <https://bit.ly/3c2ErbW>



Mobile Food Pantry

The Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry partners with the North Texas Food Bank to provide food to those in need. They are reporting a rapid increase in the number of families needing help. The Roses donated \$150 in canned goods to this week's drive. If you would like to support our canned goods drive, you can donate on the website in the SHOP: <https://bit.ly/2WoHwwg>.

We will also be making Mother's Day cards for the families who pick up food on May 9th. If you can help write messages in cards, select Mobile Food Pantry Cards on the SignUp Genius: <https://bit.ly/3aYji1p>

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Donation Pick-Up Supporting St. Vincent de Paul and Area Maternity Homes

Both St. Vincent de Paul, as well as area maternity homes like White Rose and Birth Choice, rely on your generosity to continue in their mission of serving the community's most vulnerable. In an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, these organizations have been unable to accept clothing and household items. We have rented a space and will be accepting donations of clothing and small household items for these groups until they are able to officially begin accepting them again.



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Congrats to our Grads!



Lia Flamiano

Hi, I'm Lia! I'm a senior at Centennial High School, where I have been a part of the swim team for all four years. I have also been involved in our parish community, St. Francis. I have been a teen leader in the RISE Youth Ministry as well as President of the Squire Roses. Currently, I am the Rose Hospitality Chair. I plan to attend Texas Women's University in the Fall, where I will major in nursing.



Daniella Fregoso

Hey Roses, I am Dani! I graduated from Lone Star High School this past December, where I played golf for the school team. I am currently the Hispanic Chair for the Squire Roses. I have also been involved in RISE High School's youth ministry leadership. I love to ride horses in my spare time. I will attend the University of Dallas as a pre-Veterinarian and hope to continue serving the Roses next year. Love you all!

May Crowning

A Walk-Up Experience?

We are sad not to celebrate our end-of-year banquet and May Crowning in person this year, but we are working on a way to have an outdoor Crowning that meets the current safety requirements. Parishioners will hopefully crown Mary at their own leisure throughout the day. We will provide a reflection and a tissue flower, in case they forget to bring their own. If you are able to make tissue flowers for parishioners to take part, please select Tissue Paper Flowers on the SignUp Genius: <https://bit.ly/35qkqtf>



Eggstravaganza

The Easter Bunny Still Hoping to Visit St. Francis

Due to the Shelter In Place orders, the Easter Bunny was not only unable to attend the annual festivities of St. Francis but those of the wider community as well. The Roses are working on a way that sacks of eggs, with a letter from the Bunny and a craft can be given out by either drive thru or pick up. Keep on the lookout for details:



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy! I am SUPER excited for all of the things coming up this may, especially our Kindness Challenge! The officer's and I have worked together to come up with a 31 day challenge to help spread positivity and kindness this May!

I absolutely can't wait to see how everyone does with this challenge! I encourage you to include your family and friends in this challenge also! A little extra positivity goes a long way!

xoxo Allie