

Together in Holiness

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | St. Helen Catholic Church, Pearland, TX

HOPE IN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

9:45 AM	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN Childcare Check-In Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:45 - 10:30 am Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
10:30 – 10:45 AM	WORDS OF WELCOME Elisa Mazzarolo, Program Coordinator, St. John Paul II Foundation
10:45 – 11:45 AM	HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT: A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY Mallory Smyth, National Speaker, Author, and Podcaster
11:45 AM – 1:45 PM	BREAK FOR LUNCH AND PRAYER Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:45 - 1:45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 12:45 - 1:45 pm Benediction – 1:30 pm Exhibitor Booths – available throughout conference
2:00 – 3:00 PM	IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD Speaker TBA
3:15 – 4:15 PM	THE FAMILY AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OTHERS Mario Sacasa, PhD, LMFT, Host of the Always Hope Podcast
4:15 – 4:30 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS AND SENDING FORTH Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
4:30 PM	TRANSITION TO MASS Childcare Check-out Last Chance for Exhibitor Booths
5:00 PM	VIGIL MASS AND MARRIAGE BLESSING Celebrant: Rev. Philip Wilhite

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PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT: A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Mallory Smyth, National Speaker, Author, and Podcaster

St. Paul exhorts us to “rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us” (Romans 5:3-5). Hope is a challenging virtue when we are faced with the cross in different ways in life. This talk will focus on how the virtue of hope can strengthen a married couple and their family during difficult moments in their vocation as domestic church.

IN GOOD TIMES AND IN BAD

Speaker TBA

No marriage is spared the reality of the Cross. Spouses have committed to love one another faithfully in both “good times and in bad.” How can a couple weather the bad storms that may arise in the marriage vocation? This presentation will highlight ways in which a married couple is called upon to focus on Jesus Christ as the ultimate source of hope for marriage and will offer some practical advice in how couples can navigate the challenging storms of marriage and family life.

THE FAMILY AS A BEACON OF HOPE FOR OTHERS

Mario Sacasa, PhD, LMFT, Host of the Always Hope Podcast

According to St. Peter, we must “always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). This talk will offer insights into how our witness to marriage and family life can become an authentic witness of hope for others.