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Lourdes Virtual Tour - On Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m., a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ will be presented at Raphael's Refuge. Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Mother.

Feast Day of the Holy Innocents - Please join us on Saturday, December 28. A rosary will be prayed at 10:15 a.m., followed by Christmas carols. The Mass with Bishop Brendan Cahill as the main celebrant will begin at 11:00 a.m. Following the service, we will gather on the porch for light refreshments. You are welcome to bring something to share, but please do not feel that you must.



Help Needed - Our attention is now turned to the needs of the exterior of the Chapel. We are in the process of re-staining the wood on the porch. Anyone who would like to help with this large project would be welcome. Some of the work involves climbing on ladders or scaffolding. Please contact the office if you are willing to volunteer.

Pictured is Francisco Torres who has been doing some of the prep-work for this project.

Facebook - Please check our new Facebook page, filled with current and upcoming events at Raphael's Refuge. We are excited to use this media to keep you informed. It will not be open to public posts, but please feel free to "like" and share our page with friends to spread the message of peace and healing at the Refuge. (<https://www.facebook.com/raphaelsrefugetexas/>)



Cross of Light - After much anticipation, the base of the Cross of Light has now been tiled. Many thanks to Cecil Delgado (Masonry Works) and Tony Ramirez for the beautiful work.

The plans are in the works for lights to illuminate the cross, for benches to provide additional seating, and for electricity to be made available to that area.

Volunteers - Pedro Villegas and Elias Flores helped beautify the grounds by weedeating for hours in the October sun.

CHSRT - Our gratitude goes out to the Crossroads High School Republicans of Texas who gave up an afternoon to clean at the Monument. They had a great turnout and did a fantastic job.



Pews and Benches - We are pleased to announce that all of our pews and benches in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents have been sponsored. Thank you to those who contributed so generously.

We remain deeply grateful to Ken Andrews (*KK Creations*) who designed and built both the pews and the benches, as well as to Doug Baker and Joe Gajdos who assisted him.

May the months ahead be filled with God's holy peace, joy and love for each of you.

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"My spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" (Luke 1:47)