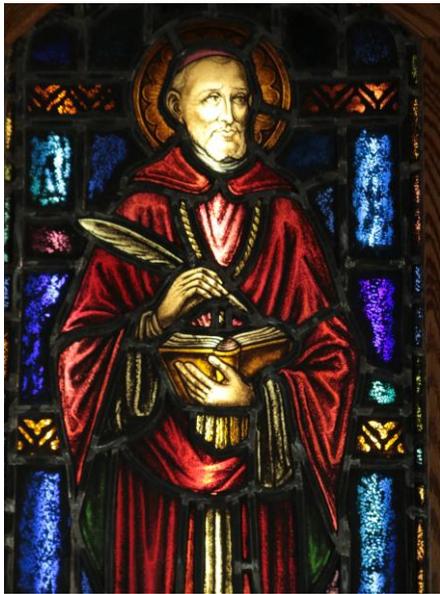


St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

BLESStival

Thursday, Oct. 4th, from 4:00-7:00pm
In and Around the Angel Hall



This year we're going beyond the standard St. Francis pet blessing!

Blessings will begin at 4pm. Then stay for the *KofC Holy Hour for Vocations & Children's Rosary* in church at 7pm (with free pizza dinner in Angel Hall at 6pm)!

Come to the BLESStival and bring any or all of the following items to be blessed by the clergy:

**Family Members • Animals/Pets • Emergency Candles
• Sacred Images • Sacramentals • Rosaries •
Crucifixes • Bibles • Food Items • Cars/Motorcycles**

Plus, we'll have lots of Holy Water available!

Bring your holy water bottles to refill.

But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

Here are the Details: The Church offers various blessings—animals, candles, garden produce and more—throughout the year; however, it is rarely convenient to attend Mass on those specific days and bring the specific items requested (e.g., candles for Candlemas). So the clergy of St. Robert/Good Shepherd will provide an afternoon of blessings for all of your needs. In an increasingly secular world, it is important to surround ourselves with blessed objects to ward off the evils that surround us. So please come and ask the clergy to bless the people, pets and useful items in your life. Learn how to use holy water more effectively (and bring your holy water bottles to refill them). Learn as parents how to bless your children. We’ll bless the vehicles and pets outside Angel Hall (in the parking lot) and bless the rest inside. Then stay for the *KofC Holy Hour for Vocations & Children’s Rosary* at 7pm (with a free pizza dinner in Angel Hall at 6pm). Everyone is welcome! Although we’re hosting this at one parish location (St. Robert), it is open to the entire region. As a priestly people, it is our job to sanctify the world and leave it better than we found it! BLESS YOU! BLESS YOU ALL! – Fr. Gordon

For Further Study: Click on the following links...

- ❖ [**How to Bless Your Children – Focus on the Family**](#)
- ❖ [**How to Bless Your Children – Catholic Gentleman**](#)
- ❖ [**Why Bless Your Children Daily with Holy Water?**](#)
- ❖ [**Holy Water as a Spiritual Weapon – Catholic Gentleman**](#)
- ❖ [**Ten Uses of Holy Water**](#)