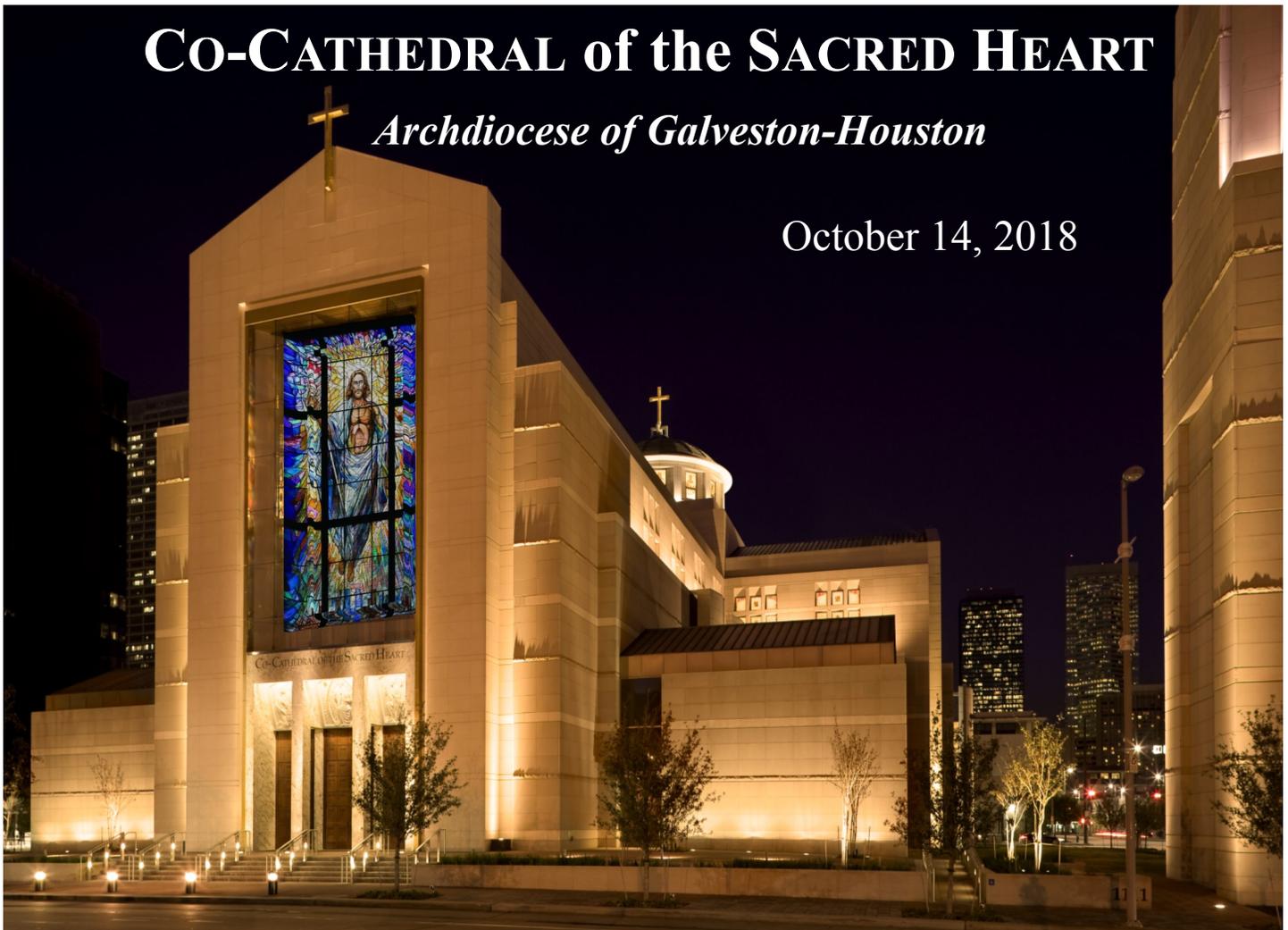


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

October 14, 2018



1111 St. Joseph Parkway at San Jacinto / Fannin St.

Church Hours — M - F: 6:30 am - 6 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 8:30 pm; Sunday: 6:30 am - 9 pm

Weekend Mass

English: Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7 pm
Sunday 1 pm

Spanish: Sunday 7:30 pm

Weekday Mass

7 am, 12:10 pm Monday - Friday

8 pm, First Fridays & Fridays during Lent:
Vietnamese Mass

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Monday - Friday: 30 minutes prior to Mass
First Thursday of the month: 4:30 - 5:15 pm
(*Weekdays: Confessional near the Sacred Heart transept*)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:15 - 8:45 am (between 7 & 9 am Masses)
10:15 - 10:45 am (between 9 & 11 am Masses)
4:30 - 5:00 pm

Vietnamese and Spanish 30 minutes prior to Mass
(*Weekends: Confessional near entrance way on the right*)

CATHEDRAL CENTRE

The Parish office is located in the Cathedral Centre
1701 San Jacinto at Jefferson St.

Houston, TX 77002-8215
(Parking behind the Centre)

Phone: 713-659-1561 Fax: 713-651-1365
Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm
(Closed: 12 noon - 1 pm)



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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

The Most Reverend George A. Sheltz, D.D., *Auxiliary Bishop*
The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., *Archbishop Emeritus*
The Most Reverend Vincent M. Rizzotto, D.D., J.C.L., *Retired Auxiliary Bishop*



Co-Cathedral Clergy

The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, J.C.L., *Pastor / Rector*
The Reverend Alfonso Dat-Nhan Tran, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacons: Leonard Lockett, John Carrara, Daniel Addis, Lynn Carney and Vincent Think Tran

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Deacon John Carrara - *Business Manager*; **Gwenne Buck** - *Facilities and Project Coordinator*

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Jordyn Woods - *Parish Outreach Coordinator*; **Katherine Buck** - *Baptismal Secretary / Receptionist*

Ruben Valenzuela, Trong Pham - *Maintenance*; **Guillermo Herrera, Ray Garcia** - *Sextons*

New Parishioners:

Register online or with the parish office: ext. 101.

Church Certificates:

For all sacramental certificates: ext. 131.

Baptism:

—For infants & children under age 7—713-337-3570.

—Best to take baptismal classes while pregnant.

—For 7 years & older (Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children): ext. 142.

Children's Catechesis & Evangelization (CCE):

For pre-K through high school: ext. 142.

First Penance & First Holy Communion:

For 2nd through 12th grade: ext. 142.

Confirmation:

—For high school youth: ext. 142.

—For adults: ext. 141.

High School Youth Ministry: ext. 142.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

For adults inquiring about becoming Catholic and baptized Catholics who lack Confirmation and Holy Communion: ext. 141.

Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation: ext. 141.

Music Ministry: ext. 152.

Young Adults: cocathedralya@gmail.com

Marriage:

Contact ext. 131 at least 9 months prior to wedding date.

Vocations for Priesthood and Religious Life:

Contact the Office of Vocations: 713-652-8239 or
www.houstonvocations.com

Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound: ext. 101.

Anointing of the Sick:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness; any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital.

Contact the parish priest to be anointed: ext. 101.

Funerals: ext. 143.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesday before 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday during 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

—First Thursday of the Month (English)

Conclusion of 12:10 pm Mass until 6 pm

—First Friday of the Month: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

8 pm Mass (Vietnamese)

Parish Outreach: outreach@sacredheartouston.org

Tours of the Church: ext. 143

Phone: 713-659-1561 Visit our website for vital info: www.sacredheartouston.org

October 14, 2018

Sign-in books for the deceased for All Souls are in the Sacred Heart transept.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:
Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

Last weekend, our newly assigned permanent Deacon Lynn Carney was introduced at all the English Masses by preaching a Respect Life homily. Thank you, Deacon Lynn, for preaching so well on this important topic. If you missed him last week, a picture of Deacon Lynn and his wife, Anne, is on p. 11. I ask for prayers for his wife, Anne, who suffered a stroke on Monday, Oct. 8. As I write this message, it is too early to assess any lasting effects of this stroke, but her speech is impaired with some paralysis in her right arm and leg. Please pray for a complete recovery.

Our health can be so fragile. One moment we think we are fine. Another moment our life can be so impaired. Please pray for all the sick. How frightening it can be when one does not know the future of your health. FYI, it appears that I have recovered very quickly from my Bell's palsy diagnosis. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

October is Respect Life month. Life is the supreme gift to us by God. The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him (cf. Genesis 1: 27). Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished. That is why it is so sinful to denigrate any human being.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen. We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent. Let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

Respect Life covers all the big issues that affect life: abortion, euthanasia, end of life challenges, etc. But it covers all the issues between the beginning and end of life, as well as how we treat one another. If we really treated one another with God's transforming, life-giving love, how dif-

ferent our world would be. The 4th series in the USCCB's presentation on life issues is on pp. 12-13, dealing with end of life challenges.

Technology can be wonderful, but also challenging. If you receive an email supposedly from me with the following "bogus" email address, Reverend Lawrence W Jozwiak J.C.L. [<mailto:rev.lwjozwiak@gmail.com>], please delete it. This bogus email is asking for money to send out iTunes gift cards to some sick patients in the hospital, promising you reimbursements. It is possible that the reason could change.

As I mentioned last weekend, please note the upcoming Masses on p. 10. Invite others for the White Mass on Saturday, 5 pm Vigil Mass when we pray for all those in the medical and healing professions. On Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 6:15 pm, we will have the Red Mass. Though we are praying for all judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty and law students, anyone may attend this Mass. It is so important to pray for wisdom, lessons learned and healing in light of the recent Supreme Court nomination experience. And on Sunday, Nov. 25 at the 11 am Mass, we will be praying for all fire fighters and EMS personnel. We give thanks for all these various people who serve the community.

Our archdiocesan and parish Ignite capital campaign continues. Refer to p. 11 on how this campaign (Rebuilding our Parishes & Schools Fund of \$20 million and Future Disaster Recovery Fund of \$20 million, for a total of \$40 million) will assist various parishes that were flooded by Hurricane Harvey and for future natural disasters. Four churches were flooded *severely* by Harvey. Only St. Francis of Assisi parish is still not in their renovated church, though their school has been repaired. Pray that they will be able to get back into their church ASAP. But note over 80 parishes, schools, communities, and chancery locations had damage from Harvey.

Our next campaign reception is on Thursday, Oct. 25 in the Cathedral Centre at 7 pm. You are all invited to attend to learn more about how this Ignite campaign will benefit both the Archdiocese and the parish. Keep checking the Ignite banner in the narthex for our progress with pledges!



Praised be the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Now and forever, amen!
Hãy chúc tụng Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu đến muôn đời, amen!
¡Alabado sea el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús! ¡Por siempre, amen!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence W. Jozwiak".

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak,
Pastor / Rector



WELCOME to the Co-Cathedral!

We are a community of faith where all people are welcome! Visitors, please come back as often as possible. If you do not have a parish home, consider joining our parish, sharing your time and talent with us. For any questions, ask the Greeters in the narthex. Participate as fully as you are able to do so, using these pages. Silence all cell phones please!

7 am Mass Antiphons

Entrance: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel. *Ps 130 (129): 3-4*

Communion: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. *Cf. Ps 34 (33): 11*

MUSIC for MASS

Gathering Hymn:

#858 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Offertory Hymn:

Motet: Like as the hart—Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

#811 The Summons

Communion Music:

Antiphon: Aufer a me (Mode II): Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments.

Anthem: (9AM): Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One—Healy Willan (1880-1968)

(11AM): Two Fishermen—Marie Rubis Bauer

Hymn: #922 At That First Eucharist

Recessional Hymn:

#823 For the Healing of the Nations

Order of Mass

Gathering Hymn

Introductory Rites

Penitential Rite

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Readings: #1153

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90

R: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading

Gospel

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven,

(We all are to make a bow of the body during the next 2 lines.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Music

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts

P. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy / Sanctus (see pg. 6)**The Mystery of Faith / Mysterium Fidel (B)**

Amen

The Communion Rite**The Lamb of God / Agnus Dei**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Holy Communion:

For those who are practicing actively the Catholic Faith.

Please bow before receiving the Body and/or Blood of Christ.

Communion Music

The Concluding Rites

Recessional Hymn

SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

- 1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.
- 2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words (and by the Holy Spirit...and became man—highlighted in red words in the Creed).
—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

GLORIA

Gl - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise - you,
— we bless - you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - ty Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
— you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
— in the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord - God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in - the high - est. Bless - ed is he - who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho san - na in - the high - est.

MYESTERIUM FIDEI - A

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

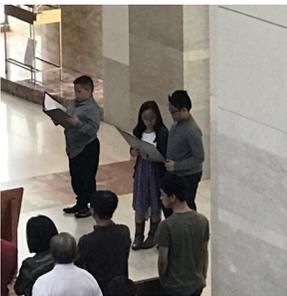
Music Notes for Today's Liturgy

Herbert Howells, one of the foremost twentieth-century composers of Anglican church music, found himself snowed in at Cheltenham while London was under air assault in January of 1941. Today at the Preparation, the choir offers one of the beautiful anthems he composed during this short period: "Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks." Most of the piece is written without a "choral" texture; it begins with a hauntingly beautiful unison melody sung by the men, which comes back later in the piece accompanied by a soprano descant. A full choral texture is only used in a couple places, one of them being the soft and poignant plea, "when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?" Though certainly melodious and beautiful, "Like as the hart" conveys a strong sense of uncertainty, which is highlighted by the lack of commitment to a single mode or key area—it seems to never decide whether it wants to be major or minor, instead waffling between the two. And while the opening section centers around G, the next section is clearly in E—it even forays into D minor for a brief moment.

At the Eucharist, we hear a lively setting of the story of the two fishermen of Galilee by contemporary composer Marie Rubis Bauer. Rubis Bauer is the Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. Cecilia in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mass in Honor of St. Michael

Below you can see some of our CCE Music students helping to lead the Gloria during Sunday morning Mass in September.



For practice and extra help on the Mass of St. Michael, enjoy our video tutorial series, recorded by the Schola Cantorum at the Co-Cathedral:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHsfkEGufME>

Upcoming Recital Series

Join us for our FREE monthly recital series. Every first Friday is dedicated to an organ recital. This series has run since 2010 and features university students performing sacred organ music on our Pasi Op. 19 organ. A new series takes place on most third Thursdays. This recital has hosted a variety of vocalist and small ensembles.

FALL SEMESTER

Friday, November 2, 2018—12:45

Thomas Marvil, Organ—University of Houston

SPRING SEMESTER

Thursday, February 21, 2019—12:45 PM

Voice Students of Dr. Gwen Alfred, Texas Southern University

Thursday, March 21, 2019—12:45 PM

Dr. Gwen Alfred, Soprano—Texas Southern University

Friday, April 6, 2019—12:45 PM

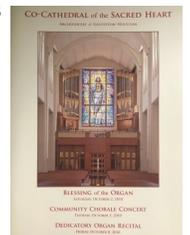
Olga Wong, Organ—University of Houston

Worship, Teach, & Inspire: A look back to 2010.

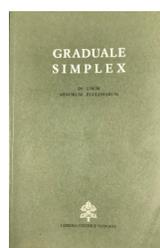
This past week, our pipe organ turned 8 years old! Blessed by Cardinal DiNardo, and dedicated to Cathedral service on October 2, 2010, all 5499 pipes of Austrian native Martin Pasi's 19th constructed pipe organ are operated by four keyboards played by the hands and one pedal board played by the feet. Beginning in 2006, a committee comprised of clergy, musicians, and liturgical consultants decided that the new cathedral's organ should well serve the singing of the liturgy (including a range of sound from one solo singer to the full assembly), accompanying choirs, and playing treasures of 500 years of organ repertoire, particularly from the Catholic traditions of France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. The week-long dedication included three events: a solemn Vespers, a choral evening with three choirs of Houston, and an organ dedication recital played by David Higgs of the Eastman School of Music.

The large horizontal trumpets in the organ, often heard powerfully singing the melody of our hymns, were modelled after historic pipe-work in the Cathedral of Mexico City. These historical aspects of both European and Latin American organ building had to be tempered by the large Christ over the City stained glass window. The instrument-building challenge was solved by the use of artificial intelligence between the two sides of the case! It is not an exaggeration to say that we fully expect the organ to last 200 more years.

History buff? A limited number of booklets documenting the organ dedication are available from the music department. Email musicoffice@sacredhearthouston.org for more information.



If you attend daily Mass, you may have noticed choir volunteers have been leading music for the Liturgy of the Word. There is a deliberate liturgical and pedagogical method here: the psalm tones are from the Church's Gradual Simplex, prescribed either as a primer to melismatic Gregorian chant, or for use by small parishes. Our tones drill musical intervals from sight singing courses, and repeat daily, on a 4-week rotation.



18. Among the faithful, special attention must be given to the instruction in sacred singing of members of lay religious societies, so that they may support and promote the participation of the people more effectively.[18] The *formation of the whole people in singing, should be seriously and patiently undertaken together with liturgical instruction*, according to the age, status and way of life of the faithful and the degree of their religious culture; this should be done even from the first years of education in elementary schools.

- From *Musica Sacram: Instruction on Music in the Liturgy*, Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 1967.



WELCOME ALL VISITORS to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart!

MASS INTENTIONS DECEASED †

Saturday	Oct. 13
(Eng) 5:00 pm	Frank Konieczny, Jr. †
(Viet) 7:00 pm	For Community Intentions
Sunday	Oct. 14
(Eng) 7:00 am	For the People of the Parish
(Eng) 9:00 am	Edward P. White Family
(Eng) 11:00 am	Christian Renewal Center
(Viet) 1:00 pm	For Community Intentions
(Eng) 5:30 pm	Corine G. Dixon †
(Span) 7:30 pm	George Heofner †
Monday	Oct. 15
(Eng) 7:00 am	Jesse Diaz †
(Eng) 12:10 pm	Barbara Cruz Sissom †
Tuesday	Oct. 16
(Eng) 7:00 am	Bernadine † & F.R. † Pizzitola
(Eng) 12:10 pm	Bernadine † & F.R. † Pizzitola
Wednesday	Oct. 17
(Eng) 7:00 am	Niko Oliveros Kafarela †
(Eng) 12:10 pm	Special Int. of Connie Broussard
Thursday	Oct. 18
(Eng) 7:00 am	Esmeralda Cervantes
(Eng) 12:10 pm	Jane DiNardo †
Friday	Oct. 19
(Eng) 7:00 am	Corine G. Dixon †
(Eng) 12:10 pm	Sharon Messa †
Saturday	Oct. 20
(Eng) 5:00 pm	James Konieczny †
(Viet) 7:00 pm	For Community Intentions
Sunday	Oct. 21
(Eng) 7:00 am	The Mendez Family
(Eng) 9:00 am	Mary Helen Padilla †
(Eng) 11:00 am	Jerry Bond †
(Viet) 1:00 pm	For Community Intentions
(Eng) 5:30 pm	MaryAnna Montalbano & Family
(Span) 7:30 pm	For the People of the Parish

Pray the Rosary daily:

- * For all Life Issues and Marriage.
- * For just solutions to our society's problems.
- * For healing for all who have been affected by abuse.



Weekend Readings: # 1153

READINGS for the WEEK

Mon:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 -- 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tues:	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wed:	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thur:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Fri:	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Sat:	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sun:	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

For the scriptures used at Mass every day and to hear a Reflection, go to: <http://www.usccb.org> The daily readings calendar is on the right hand side of the page. Click on the date of the readings you would like to see. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

"Life becomes more beautiful when we discover that our spirit finds rest in God alone."

— Pope Francis

Pray for those getting married

Oct. 20—Jose Ricardo Cardenas & Iris Janet Maranon
Oct. 20— Lucas Fertitta & Mary Elizabeth Kueser

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the soul of our dearly departed:

James Raymond Strauss †, brother of Bob Strauss
Jesus Padilla †, father of Lupe Padilla †
Kevin James Jozwiak †, (29 year old grandson of Fr. Lawrence's first cousin)

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
—And let perpetual light shine upon them**

May they rest in peace. —Amen.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.
For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.

PRAY for ...

- peace in our world, especially in the Holy Land, for an end to terrorism and civil strife; for all hostages, refugees & immigrants.
- the safety of all those who protect us: military personnel, police officers, fire fighters and all others.
- a transformation of mind and heart for those who do not believe in the sanctity of human life.
- for all healthcare professionals to make wise and ethical decisions to promote health.
- the spread of the Gospel and the sanctity of all marriages and families.
- an end to all discrimination, prejudice and hatred.
- all the sick and suffering, the dying and the faithful departed †.

Pope's Prayer Intention: Universal – Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.





Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The goal of Children and Youth Faith Formation here at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is to provide a comprehensive process of the highest possible quality of Catholic Christian Education and Spiritual Formation for the Children and Youth of our Parish. **We do this in a safe, welcoming, caring, and hospitable environment while enabling their parents and guardians to successfully accept and perform their role as the primary teachers and role models of their children.**

Focus for Faith Formation Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 14

“Jesus invites us to follow Him.”

All sessions will begin promptly at 9 am with morning prayer.

Scripture Background This Sunday's Gospel, **Mark 10: 17-30**, is about how easy it is for the things we own to rule our lives. Jesus compares the rich man in the Gospel to an overloaded camel. The rich man sadly walks away when Jesus calls him to sell his possessions and give the money to the poor. The question remains for us: Would we walk away?

REMINDER: Faith Formation Sunday: October 21

FAMILY CONNECT SUNDAY: “SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS”



Our Parish Faith Formation is partnering with Catholic Charities and our own Outreach Ministry for “Share your Blessings”, a program that provides Christmas gifts to children in need. **Faith Formation Parents are expected to join with their child/youth (Track 1, K-12) for a morning of activity and creativity.** We will be creating Christmas ornaments to hang on our Christmas trees. Each of these ornaments will have gift information for each child.

Location: Cathedral Centre—4th Floor

Will begin promptly at 9 am with Opening Prayer

Youth Ministry News

LEADING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH INTO A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST

Rooted, the Co-Cathedral Youth Ministry, purpose is to empower **YOU** to be who God has called you to be! **Rooted** is a place of belonging, and encountering Christ through activities, bible studies, and community with other youth.

Join us! We meet the 3rd Saturday of the Month from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the Cathedral Centre- Youth Room (2nd Floor)

Next Youth Gathering : October 20th

Immediate Sacrament Preparation Sessions **For High School Confirmation**

Requirements to enter into Immediate Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation are the following:

1. Participating in our Co-Cathedral parish community;
2. Registered and attending the Co-Cathedral's CCE process **OR** attending a Catholic School.
3. In the 10th grade or above
4. In their 2nd consecutive year of H. S. Faith Formation

***** A baptismal certificate must be turned in prior to beginning Immediate Sacrament Preparation.*****

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION DECEMBER 2019

Will be available in November 2018 with sessions beginning with Orientation in January 2019

Young Adults

Are You a Single, Engaged or Married Young Adult, 18-30's?

Do you regularly attend the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and would like to get to know other single, engaged, or married young adults, who are choosing to make this their Parish home also? Then you may be interested in the **“Co-Cathedral Young Adults”** Contact us at cocathedralya@gmail.com to get connected and to start receiving our Newsletter to learn about

upcoming events

CY-A Mass & Lunch Date: **TODAY**, Sunday, October 14

Time: 11 am Mass followed by Lunch at 12:30 pm

Place: Mia Bella Trattoria, 1201 Caroline St.

Flea by Night Date: Saturday, October 20

Time: 6pm - 10pm **Place:** Discovery Green

Movies at Miller: Poltergeist Date: Wednesday, October 31

Time: 7 pm

Place: Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park

World Youth Day Houston and Eucharistic Vigil

Come join hundreds of young adults (ages 18-39) in celebrating **WYD in Houston**. We will celebrate at St. Jerome Catholic Church (8825 Kempwood Dr, Houston 77080)

Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 1pm-8 pm.

Event includes fellowship, multicultural music, talks, and a Vigil Mass. Cost to attend **WYD Houston** is \$20 per person. Afterward, join us for a Eucharistic vigil with all-night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. Come for all or part of the night. For more information and registration, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778 or www.archgh.org/yacm

Contact: Carmen Benitez, Faith Formation Associate & Youth Minister , cbenitez@sacredheartheouston.org

A Baptism Preparation Information Session

is the required **first step for Infant Baptisms** at the *Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart*.

(RSVP for Initial Session Needed: See Below)

Initial Information Sessions 2018:

THIS Sunday – October 14: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Sunday - December 9: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Sunday - January 27: 2:15pm-5:15pm

In the Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto

1. Being on time is absolutely essential:
No one will be admitted after 15 minutes into a session.
You are welcome to arrive as much as 30 minutes early.
2. We need your undivided attention for both
 - the *Initial Information Session* and
 - the *Core Topics Session*.

Therefore no children will be admitted into either of these sessions.

Plan Ahead. No exceptions.

For more information and to RSVP for one of these Initial Sessions go to <https://www.sacredhearhouston.org/baptism>



Weekday Mass Liturgical Ministers Needed!

We are in need of sacristans, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Monday through Friday 7am and 12:10 pm Masses.

If you are interested please contact

John Carrara - jcarrara@sacredhearhouston.org



Co-Cathedral Gift Shop—October 20 & 21

We will be in the church narthex Oct 20th before & after the 5pm Saturday Mass and 8am-6pm Sunday, Oct 21st.

Some of the Items available:

- Beautiful stone cross or paperweight created from the stone used on the exterior walls of this church.
- An artist's rendition of the crucifix that hangs above our Altar
- Handmade rosaries decade bracelets, coil rosary bracelets, key rings, and "stretchy" bracelets that include a decade of the rosary.
- The Divine Mercy chaplet that comes with an 8x10 Divine Mercy picture.

Take a few minutes after Mass, see what else is available. Maybe a birthday present, a reminder of the place where we worship, a Christmas present!

Join us on Sundays in the Cathedral Centre to

Open the Word of God together!

Sunday, October 14: 12:30pm-1:30pm AND 9:05am—10:25am in Room 315/316



Available on **"FORMED"**

Register at <http://formed.org>

Parish Code: **0be7ec**

(first digit is the number 0)

AND Mass Readings Explained

By Dr. Brant Pitre



Christian Meditation: Wednesday Evenings

At 6:30 PM Parish Library On the first floor of the Cathedral Centre.

What is Christian Meditation?

Christian Meditation is not a study or discussion, but a weekly meeting of

Christians coming together to silence their minds/hearts and listen to the quiet voice of God speaking. After a brief, pre-selected Christian message, participants meditate in silence for about 20 minutes. Meditation is an ancient form of Christian prayer practiced by the saints, and religious communities throughout the world.



Marriage Preparation:



Advance approval required to begin sessions.

- **Sunday, October 21: Session C**
- **Sunday, November 4: Initial**

Location: Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto

Please check White Board for room assignment each time.

Time: Sign-in: Noon-12:30 pm/Session: 12:30-2:30 pm

Marriage Guidelines: Visit www.sacredhearhouston.org

WEDDINGS

Interested in getting married at the Co-Cathedral?

Initial interview should be at least 9 months prior to your desired wedding date.

We are currently scheduling weddings for 2019-2020

for parishioners and non-parishioners

We also have Cameron Hall with the beautiful view of downtown and the Co-Cathedral for your wedding reception venue.

To begin the process, contact

Bree Delphin at (713) 659-1561 x 131

or email: bdelphin@sacredhearhouston.org





Maria Goretti Network For Recovery and Forgiveness

Support Group for the Abused
<http://www.mgoretti.org/>

Regular monthly meetings at the Cathedral Centre:
Abused physically, sexually, spiritually or emotionally
For Recovery and Forgiveness, *normally* every
3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm:

Our Next Meeting is Monday, October 15, at 7 pm

For meeting info, send a confidential email to
sacredheartmgn@gmail.com or call 832-544-6491.



Knights of Columbus Sponsored *Parish Pancake Breakfast* **Sunday, October 21**

Cathedral Centre beginning at 7:30 am
Third Floor - Room 315

If you would like to learn more about the *Knights of Columbus*
and the amazing group of men who make up its membership,
contact Robert Horan GK of Council 803 at
HoranKC.GK2017@gmail.com

If you would like to become an associate member of
Council 803 of the Knights of Columbus
you can sign up at KofC.org/JoinUs.



Court Our Lady of Victory #234 **Fall Fundraiser** **Saturday, October 27**

Location: 1701 San Jacinto
Cathedral Centre, 3rd Floor
Donation: \$10
Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm



For tickets, see your CDA #234 members.
Tickets will also be available at the door or
call Antonia Ledesma at (713)882-6072

All proceeds to benefit local, state, and national charities.

Parish Men's and Women's Groups of the Co-Cathedral:



"Men Alive"



"Women Alive"

Next Gathering: Friday, October 19
Cathedral Centre - Potluck starts at 7pm
Make Friends!

Build Parish Community!
Learn God's Will! Have Fun!

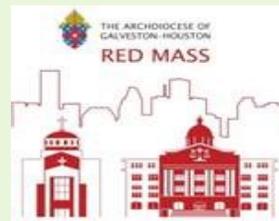
For more information contact:

Larry Monks: lpmonks@gmail.com or 713-459-8009
Celina Monks: 42celina@gmail.com or 832-544-6491

UPCOMING MASSES

5 pm White Mass - **Saturday, Oct. 20**

The White Mass honors all those in the medical
& healing professions and their families.



6:15 pm Red Mass — Tuesday, Oct. 30 **Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Celebrant** **All are welcome to attend this Red Mass.**

The Red Mass tradition dates from the 13th century and received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the priest celebrants and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justice. In the U.S., an annual Red Mass is celebrated in most major metropolitan areas and is attended by judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty and law students. Members of the judiciary and legal profession of all faiths are welcome to attend the Red Mass.

Following this Red Mass
for those who wish to attend the,
OPTIONAL RED MASS DINNER
in the Cathedral Centre:

Dinner Address by
The Most Rev. Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.,
Bishop of Brownsville

\$100 for attorneys & their guests (\$110 after Oct. 22)
\$35 for clergy, law students & their guests (\$45 after Oct. 22)
\$50 for judges & their guests (\$60 after Oct. 22)
\$1,500 for sponsored table of 10 with premium seating
(\$1,600 after Oct. 22)

Dinner Seating is Limited

If you plan to attend the optional dinner, register before
Monday, October 22

at <https://archgh.cvent.com/RedMass2018>

Dinner registration will close Friday, October 26.

Members of the legal profession who have died this year will
be recognized at the Mass.

11am Fire Fighters Mass — **Sunday, Nov. 25**

The Fire Fighters Mass honors
all fire fighters & EMS personnel,
including the deceased, and all their families.

	<u>October 6 / October 7</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual Collection:	\$32,789*	\$445,320
Budgeted Collection:	\$34,167	\$471,335
Amount over (Under):	(\$ 1,378)	(\$ 26,015)
*Includes \$12,589 from Faith Direct Debt Reduction		
2 nd Collection	\$6,186**	
**Includes \$1,671 from Faith Direct		

Second Collections

Oct. 20-21: **Propagation of the Faith** 

Stewardship Reflection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 14

That we are generous with all our gifts, especially those that mean the most to us.

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
(Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Our next *Ignite* reception at the Cathedral Centre:

Thursday, October 25th at 7 pm

Refreshments will be served.



Our newly assigned deacon:

Lynn Carney and his wife, Anne

Deacon Lynn was ordained in 2011 and has served at Holy Family Church in Missouri City from 2011-2017 and Sacred Heart Church in Conroe since July 2017 when they moved to The Woodlands. Deacon Lynn has retired recently and has agreed to serve the Co-Cathedral.

IGNITE: Our Time to *Ignite* Our Faith, Our Mission and Our Future

Case Elements Pertaining to Hurricane Harvey: \$40 Million

Rebuilding our Parishes & Schools \$20 Million

These funds will allow parishes to apply for grants to assist with their Hurricane Harvey related damages and repair costs. Additionally, parishes may apply for grants to address deferred maintenance issues. A committee has been established to review grant proposals and make recommendations on the disbursement of funds.

Future Disaster Recovery Fund \$20 Million

As of May 2018, the total losses are in excess of \$31 Million from Harvey. As a result, the Future disaster recovery fund built following Hurricane Ike 2008 will be used in its entirety. Planning for the future must once again be undertaken. To reflect the present-day realities as well as lessons learned, \$20 Million will be allocated to replenish the Disaster Recovery Fund.

A letter containing campaign information and a personalized pledge card is being mailed to every registered household.

Commitment Weekend will be held the weekend of Nov. 3rd-4th. During Mass, Fr. Lawrence will ask every household to join him in making a sacrificial pledge to the campaign. If you received a personalized pledge card in the mail, please bring it with you that weekend. If you did not receive one, we will have them available in the pews.



An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. **Invite God In:** Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”¹ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.
2. **Listen:** Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.
3. **Inform Yourself:** Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*
4. **Be Steadfast in Compassion:** As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”⁴ The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.
5. **Help Them Achieve Closure:** Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.
6. **Provide Opportunities for Resolution:** Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*** how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as *viaticum*⁵ and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.
7. **Reminisce:** Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.
8. **Provide a Peaceful Presence:** There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage,
9. **Show Tenderness:** Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.
10. **Bear Their Transition Patiently:** Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”⁶ praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

*As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.”⁷ At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

**References do not indicate endorsement.

¹Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae: Choosing the Better Part*, 8 October 2013, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

²More information: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed, (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009). United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).

³Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 27, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

⁴United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

⁵Viaticum is “the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one’s ‘passing over’ to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the ‘last sacraments’ of the Christian.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Glossary.) See also *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1331, 1392, 1517, 1524-25.

⁶Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

⁷United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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Prayer for Respect Life

God of life and love,
you created us in your image
and sent your Son to bring us life.
Instill in us a respect for all life,
from conception to natural death.

Empower us to work for justice for the poor.
Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.
Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.
Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.
Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.
Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Surround them with love, support,
and companionship that are
“anchored in unconditional respect
for their human dignity, beginning
with respect for the inherent value
of their lives.”

To Live Each Day with Dignity,
USCCB



THANKSGIVING MEAL BASKET PROJECT

Sharing God's blessings with others in need is a wonderful way to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Parish Outreach Ministry has a list of over 200 homebound seniors and families who are in need of food.

Please help us provide them with a special Thanksgiving Meal.

Pick up your Orange Bag or Turkey Tag NEXT WEEK!



To View Details about these Outreach Projects and to Register as a Volunteer, visit our Parish "Outreach" Page www.sacredhearhouston.org
Questions? Email Us at : caritas@sacredhearhouston.org

**To donate a Turkey OR all the Trimmings
Look for our Turkey Table in the Narthex
after all Masses Next Week**

⇒ **Grab a Turkey Tag** if you would like to donate funds to purchase Turkey & Pie for a family or senior

⇒ **Grab an Orange Bag** if you would like to donate all the Trimmings for their meal

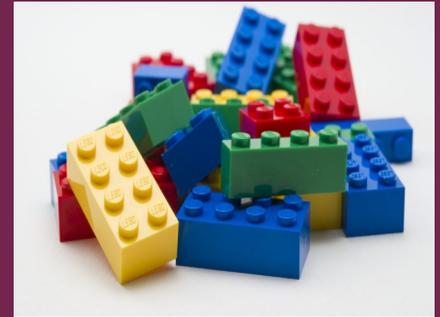
If you would like to use a credit card to purchase all of the trimmings or give a turkey donation please visit our online

Virtual Thanksgiving Meal Basket at www.sacredhearhouston.org

On our Outreach page Click on our Outreach Tab and then Virtual Food Basket *No store to visit and no heavy bags to carry*

The Thanksgiving Meal Basket Project will be our November Parish Food Drive

We are collecting gently used and new regular size Legos. Bring your donations to the black bins in the Narthex or drop off at the Cathedral Centre.



Thanks to all those who attended our Annual Blessing of the Pets and our volunteers who packaged pet meals for 80 companions of homebound seniors.



DONATE YOUR LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY!

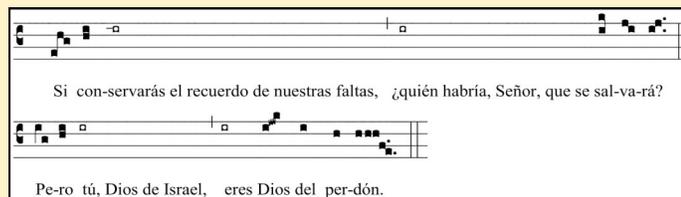
Your unopened leftover sweet treats will bring a smile to our Homeless friends we serve through our Brown Bag and Snack Pack Projects.

Candy can be dropped off at the Cathedral Centre Mon-Fri or Sundays



[@ccsh.outreachministry](https://www.instagram.com/ccsh.outreachministry)

Liturgia

-Antífona de Entrada:


Si con-servarás el recuerdo de nuestras faltas, ¿quién habría, Señor, que se sal-va-rá?
Pe-ro tú, Dios de Israel, eres Dios del per-dón.

-Entrada: Dios Es Amor (#631)**-Gloria (Misa San José, #5)****-Salmo:** Sáciarnos, Señor, con tu bondad; para que nos llene la alegría.**-Canto de Ofertorio:** Hoy Perdóname (#497)**-Santo (Misa Melódica, #109)****-Anunciamos Tu Muerte (Misa Melódica, #110)****-Amen (Misa Melódica, #111)****-Cordero de Dios (Misa Melódica, #112)****-Antífona:** *[Aufer] Los ricos se empobrecen y pasan hambre; los que buscan al Señor, no carecen de nada. (Cfr. Sal 33, 11)***-Comunión:** Ubi Caritas (#566)**-Salida:** Te Den Gracias (#604)

Jesús lo miró con amor y le dijo: Sólo una cosa te falta: Ve y vende lo que tienes, da el dinero a los pobres y así tendrás un tesoro en los cielos. Después, ven y sígueme." Pero al oír estas palabras, el hombre se entristeció y se fue apesadumbrado, porque tenía muchos bienes.

Ministerios Espirituales

Estudio Bíblico: Conozca al Señor mejor a través de nuestro platica de Biblia, cada martes a las 6:00 pm en la biblioteca del Centro Catedral, conducido por el Diacono Daniel.

La Legión de María: Cultive su relación con Cristo debajo del liderazgo de María cada martes a las 7:15 pm en la biblioteca del Centro Catedral, por medio de rezar el santo rosario, reflexionar sobre las enseñanzas de Jesús, y servir al Señor.

Monaguillos: Niños, si han recibido la Primera Comunión, pueden ser monaguillo. Hablen con el Diacono Daniel después de la Santa Misa.

Anuncios

La Novena para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es cada domingo, empezando a las 6:40 pm hasta el día de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Todos están invitados.

La Palabra entre Nosotros para el mes octubre por una donación de \$2.00. Con sus lecturas, comentarios espirituales y oraciones, *La Palabra entre Nosotros* nos ayuda a mejorar nuestra relación con el Señor.

La Santa Biblia por una donación de \$7.00.

El Coro: Denle gloria a Dios por medio de su voz, cantándole y alabándole, como miembros del coro. No necesitan experiencia, solo su voluntad para alabarle con himnos hermosos al Señor. Ustedes aprenderán a cantar música solemne para la Santa Misa. Practicamos cada domingo a las 6 de la tarde en el Centro Catedral.

La Forma Escrita de las Homilias del Diacono Daniel se encuentran a: <http://diaconodanieladdis.blogspot.com/>

Palabras del Papa Francisco

Dios y las Riquezas

El Evangelio de hoy presenta el encuentro entre el Maestro y un hombre que se identifica como un «joven»: el encuentro de Jesús con un joven. Este se le acerca corriendo, se arrodilla ante él y lo llama «Maestro bueno». Y seguidamente le pregunta: «¿Qué haré para heredar la vida eterna?», es decir la felicidad. «Vida eterna» no es solo la vida del más allá, sino la vida plena, cabal, sin límites ¿Qué hemos de hacer para alcanzarla? La respuesta de Jesús sintetiza los mandamientos que se refieren al amor al prójimo. A ese respecto, el joven no tiene nada que reprocharse, pero, evidentemente, la observancia de los preceptos no le basta, no satisface su deseo de plenitud. Y Jesús intuye el deseo que ese joven lleva en su corazón, por lo que su respuesta se traduce en una mirada intensa llena de ternura y de afecto. Así dice el Evangelio: «Se quedó mirándolo, lo amó». Se dio cuenta de que era un buen chico... Pero Jesús comprende también cuál es el punto débil de su interlocutor, y le hace una propuesta concreta: que dé todos sus bienes a los pobres y que lo siga. Pero ese joven tiene el corazón dividido entre dos amos: Dios y el dinero, y se marcha triste. Esto demuestra que no pueden convivir la fe y el apego a las riquezas. Así, al final, el impulso inicial del joven se entibia en la infelicidad de un seguimiento naufragado. «Mirando alrededor, dijo a sus discípulos: «¿Qué difícil les será entrar en el reino de Dios a los que tienen riquezas!»». Ante la sorpresa de los discípulos, que se preguntan: «Entonces, ¿quién puede salvarse?», Jesús responde con una mirada de aliento —se trata de la tercera mirada— y dice que la salvación, en efecto, es «imposible para los hombres, no para Dios». Si nos encomendamos al Señor, podemos superar todos los obstáculos que nos impiden seguirlo por el camino de la fe. Encomendarse al Señor. Él nos dará la fuerza, él nos da la salvación, él nos acompaña por el camino. Jesús declara, «En verdad os digo que quien lo deja todo para seguirme tendrá vida eterna en el futuro y cien veces más ahora, en este tiempo.» Este «cien veces más» lo componen las cosas poseídas primero y después dejadas, que se ven multiplicadas infinitamente. Uno se priva de los bienes y recibe, a cambio, el disfrute del bien verdadero; se libera de la esclavitud de las cosas y gana la libertad del servicio por amor.