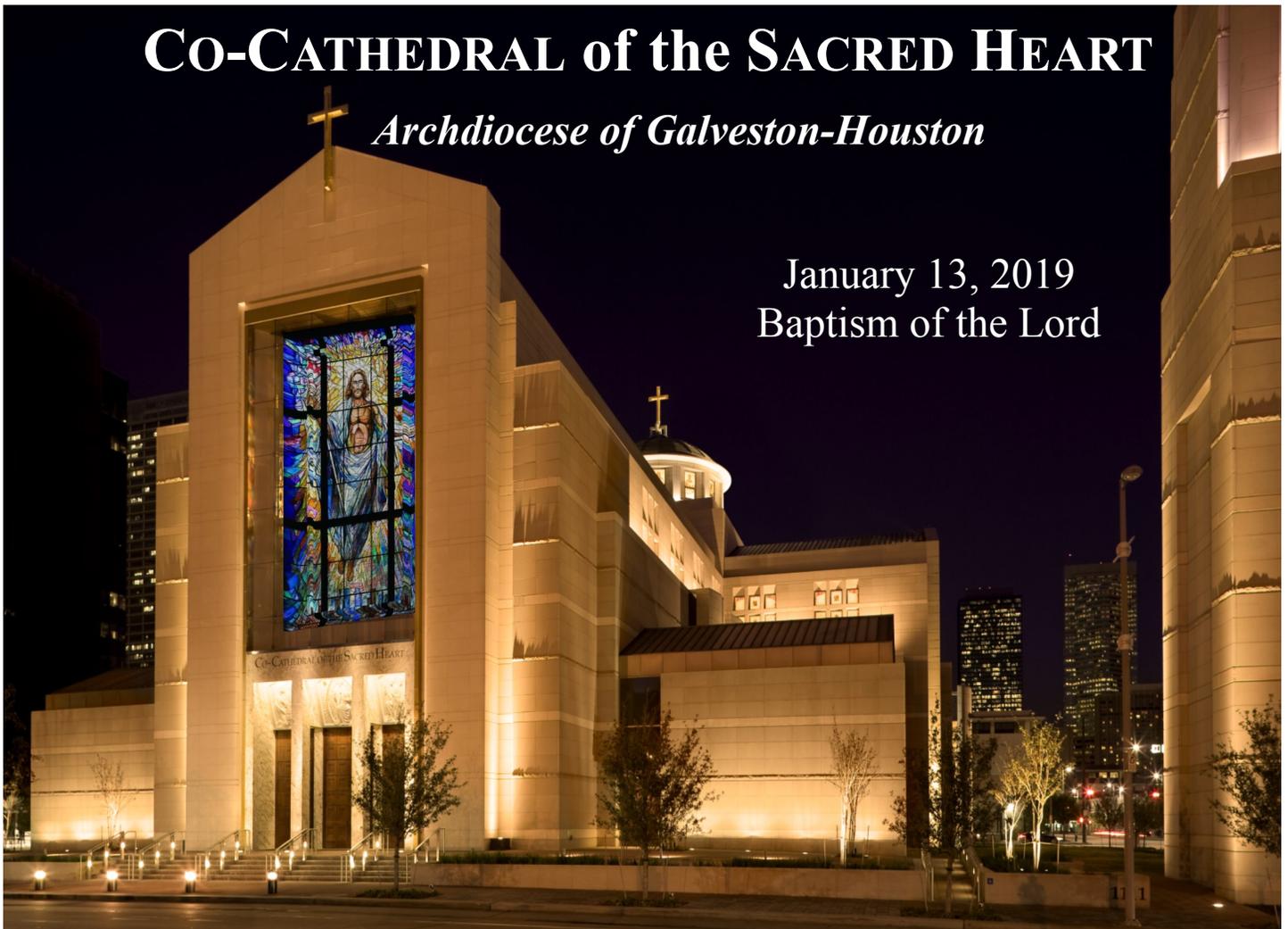


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord



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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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@sacredhearthouston.org

Tours of the Church: ext. 143

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

January 13, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ:

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

In the Catholic Church, Christmas is way too important to celebrate it only on one day of the year, and the same is true with Easter which we celebrate for 50 days. The Season of Christmas begins with the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this time, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

Prior to 1969, some might remember that the Christmas Season lasted for 40 days through February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple (also known as Candlemas). Once we conclude the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 13, we then begin the 1st Week of Ordinary Time. Only then do the Christmas decorations come down. There is no such 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time since the Baptism of the Lord preempts it. Ordinary Time includes all those times outside of Advent, Christmas, Lent and the Easter Season.

But remember “ordinary” does not infer this time is not special, distinctive, interesting or does not include important events in the life of Jesus. All of those realities occur during Ordinary Time. We focus on the life and ministry of Jesus. On the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear the great miracle at the wedding feast in Cana when Jesus changed water into wine in such great volumes! That is no ordinary event!

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

The vestment color during Ordinary Time is green. Why green? Green for many signifies hope and growth, just like the first buds in spring time. We are hopeful and grow when we hear the life and ministry of Jesus.



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". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak,
Pastor/Rector

This Weekend: 2nd Collection—Debt Reduction

Just like you, I receive many emails. Of course, I receive my share of emails that people need something, complaining about something, etc. But every once in a while, I receive an email that is affirming of what we strive to do. The following came on the 4th Sunday of Advent:

“I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the following: A sumptuous Co-Cathedral facility which makes available the most gratifying Mass celebrations and great homilies, awesome Opus XIX Pipe Organ, wonderful music and recitals, great confessionals, user friendly schedules, abundant holy sacraments, extraordinary Pastoral-Apostolic functions and events, excellent security and safety, unique and classy services and hospitality, a superb Cathedral Centre, great support staff, awesome Priests, Deacons, Bishops, and a top Cardinal. Plus, a great and free Christmas booklet for us 'ordinary people', by Matthew Kelly. Thanks to the Blessed Heart of Jesus, and to His instrument, our pastor Fr. Jozwiak and his team of wonderful people, for making possible the most wonderful and gratifying daily Catholic religious experiences.”

Thank you for your generosity! We are doing well with our weekly collections, but we could always improve if those who do not contribute would start. See p. 12 for an update. With the 2018 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), we exceeded our mandatory goal by \$26,380. FYI, 50% of that amount is being returned to the parish. The other 50% goes to a diocesan fund to assist poorer parishes with major repair expenses, etc. With the Ignite campaign, we have done very well, reaching 81% of our parish goal, slightly over \$1 million. Thank you to the 224 households (11.7%) that have pledged. FYI: we will be receiving our parish 1/3 share back every quarter, starting in March. For those who have not pledged (1697 households—88.3%), you still may pledge so that we can reach our goal. Pledge envelopes are next to the bulletins (or online if you know your parishioner constituent code). If we exceed our goal, then the parish will retain 2/3 of such pledges exceeding our goal. Due to all busyness prior to the holidays and the holidays themselves, the Chancery personnel who are inputting the Ignite pledges are behind. So as soon as we receive more updated numbers, I will pass them on to you.



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: Jan. 6

Entrance: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. *Mt. 3:16-17*

Communion: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. *Jn 1:32,34*

MUSIC for MASS

Gathering Hymn:

#538 When John Baptized by Jordan's River

Offertory Music:

Anthem (9am): This is the Record of John—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Chorus (11am): And the Glory of the Lord from *Messiah*—George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Hymn: #490 On Jordan's Bank

Communion Music:

Chant: Omnes (mode II): As for all of you who have been baptised in Christ, you have put on Christ, alleluia.

Anthem: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People—David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Hymn: #912 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Recessional Hymn:

#529 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Order of Mass

Introductory Rites

Gathering Hymn

Greeting

Penitential Rite

Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.

Gloria

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Readings: #993 & Gospel C--above #992

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104

R: O Bless the Lord, my soul.

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 Fidei (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

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Christmas Sung Mass Setting (Ordinary)

Gloria

Glo-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 glor-i - fy you, we
give you thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, Al-might - y 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-ed 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 of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glor - - - ry. Ho - san - - - na in the
high - - - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - - - na in the high - - - est.

Memorial Acclamation B



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen



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

Agnus Dei

Cantor:  *Assembly:* 

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

Co-Cathedral Music

Join the Children's choirs!

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Children's Choir —Ages 8-14

Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:30—6:30 pm

Beginning January 23, 2019

Wednesday rehearsal attendance is required to join the choir.

Contact Dr. Crista Miller for more information
cmiller@sacredheartouston.org

Join the choir for the NEW YEAR!

The COR JESU ("Heart of Jesus") Choir—ages 16 & older

Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm

Wednesday rehearsal attendance is required to join the choir.

Contact Dr. Crista Miller or Patrick Schneider
cmiller@sacredheartouston.org
pschneider@sacredheartouston.org



Above: Cor Jesu performs their Christmas Concert at St. Mary Cathedral Basilica in Galveston last Sunday.

Music Notes for Today's Liturgy

Today at the 9am Preparation, Schola Cantorum offers the verse anthem "This is the Record of John" by English renaissance composer Orlando Gibbons. A verse anthem alternates between sections sung by a soloist and the full choir; in this case, the soloist tells the whole story, and the choir repeats only certain sentences at the end of each section.

At the 11am Preparation, Cor Jesu sings the very first chorus in Handel's *Messiah*, "And the Glory of the Lord." Handel split the text of this chorus into four short lines, giving each its own motive: A) And the glory, the glory of the Lord B) shall be revealed C) and all flesh shall see it together D) for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The first section of the chorus presents and develops A and B, the second does the same for C and D. In the final section, all four motives are combined and intertwined.

At the Eucharist, we hear contemporary Houston composer David Ashley White's a cappella setting of the hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People." White is a professor of music at the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. His compositions are widely performed and published, and his hymns are included in several prominent hymnals.

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(grades 4-12)

Saturday, March 30, 2019 • 5:00 pm
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1111 St Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002

TBA, Celebrant

Dr. Timothy Westerhaus, Conductor





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

MASS INTENTIONS

Deceased †

Saturday Jan. 12

(Eng) 5:00 pm Paolo Umali †
(Viet) 7:00 pm For Community Intentions

Sunday Jan. 13

(Eng) 7:00 am For the People of the Parish
(Eng) 9:00 am Bob, Michael and Elizabeth Vinson
(Eng) 11:00am The Ramatowski Family
(Viet) 1:00 pm For Community Intentions
(Eng) 5:30 pm Barbara Marino †
(Span) 7:30pm Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb

Monday Jan. 14

(Eng) 7:00 am Jaime R. Delphin
(Eng) 12:10 pm Fr. Jorge Rativa, OP

Tuesday Jan. 15

(Eng) 7:00 am Lorina Gonzales †
(Eng) 12:10pm James R. Strauss †

Wednesday Jan. 16

(Eng) 7:00 am Anita Perez †
(Eng) 12:10 pm Rev. Fr. Anthony Nguyen Huu Van †

Thursday Jan. 17

(Eng) 7:00 am Luis Pimentel †
(Eng) 12:10 pm Robert & Daisy Thomas

Friday Jan. 18

(Eng) 7:00 am Intentions of S. Pena
(Eng) 12:10 pm Harry H. Hanger †

Saturday Jan. 19

(Eng) 5:00 pm Norberto S. Vigil †
(Viet) 7:00 pm For Community Intentions

Sunday Jan. 20

(Eng) 7:00 am Mark Capistran † & Family
(Eng) 9:00 am For the People of the Parish
(Eng) 11:00 am Lucy Amenta †
(Viet) 1:00 pm For Community Intentions
(Eng) 5:30 pm Russell Witherspoon †
(Span) 7:30 pm L. Pena

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.



Weekday Readings

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!

—St. Jerome, 5th century

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.

Pray for those getting married

Jan 19—Ryan Breaux & Jana Thompson

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the souls of our dearly departed:

Maria Do Thi Nhi†, mother of Fr. Thu N. Nguyen

Fr. Serafin Cejudo†; Fr. Frank Fabj†

Leo Johnson†, husband of Sandra Johnson

Grace Dixon†, mother of Charlene McQuitty

Irma Gonzales†, aunt of Rose Gallardo

Amada Loera†, mother of Connie Saucedo & Daniel Loera

Sidney August Usner III†, uncle of Jordyn Woods

Larry Babbitt†, father of Sharon Babbitt

Jose Luis Gonzalez†, father of Adalia Gonzalez

Rafael Montemayor†, uncle of Rigo Montemayor

Norman Arguello†, past Grand Knight of Council 803

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

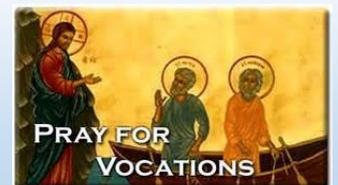
For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.

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: Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.





January 13, 2019 *The Baptism of the Lord*

This Week's Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

All Sessions will begin at 9 am with Opening Prayer

Question of the Week:

What difference does being baptized make in the choices you make?

Connecting GOSPEL and DOCTRINE

Jesus is Filled with the Spirit

The story of Jesus' baptism in Sunday's Gospel shows the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. After John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan, God announces to the crowd that Jesus is his beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove settled on him. Baptism makes all adopted children of God and gives all the gift of that Holy Spirit. Living the Gospel helps those who follow Jesus be a witness to the world that the Good News is for everyone.

We receive the Sacrament of Baptism only once during our lives. How do we keep the spirit of our Baptism alive on our hearts?
Source: Pflaum

Each of the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation - welcome and strengthened people in their Catholic Faith.
Source: Pflaum

FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- Our commitment in baptism is to be a servant of God, spreading the good news of Jesus to others. Discuss one action that you could do as a family this week to spread the good news of Jesus to others.
- Bring out pictures and remembrances of the baptism of each family member. Then tell the story of those events.
- Place holy water in a special dish near the entrance of your home. Encourage family members to bless themselves with the sign of the cross each time they enter or leave the house. Practice making the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism and of our identity as God's adopted sons and daughters.
- Discuss these questions: What are we called by our baptism to become? Where do we get the power to do this? How does the Spirit act in our lives?

Source: Our Sunday Visitor

FAITH FORMATION

SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Sundays 9:00am—10:30am Cathedral Centre

**2019: January 13: Topic: "Baptism of our Lord"
January 20: NO SESSIONS - Martin Luther King Jr.
January 27: Unit 2 Evaluation**

Parenting Help? The office of Family Life Ministry have trained eight professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to provide services to parents who are willing and need help raising their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral problems in children. To obtain more information please contact the Office of Family Life Ministry at: 713-741-8739 or 713-741-8711.



Youth Ministry



"So, as you receive Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him, and build upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" - Col. 2:6-7

LEADING YOUTH INTO A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHRIST

✠ WORSHIP ✠ WITNESS ✠ COMMUNITY ✠

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 **High School Youth**

*It is our goal that every youth involved in **ROOTED** is not only prepared to live their Catholic Faith after they have graduated high school, but are boldly living a spirit-filled life NOW!*



NEXT MEETINGS: Saturday, January 19th - 2:30 pm—4:30 pm
Saturday, February 16th - 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

InSight Retreat for Young Women in High School

January 19, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

InSight is an opportunity for **high school girls** to visit a convent, interact with Sisters from several congregations who serve in our Archdiocese, pray together, build friendships, learn about religious life, share lunch, and ask questions. The day will be held at the Home of Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi (22730 Lain Rd., Spring, TX 77379) and will end with a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (families welcome to attend Mass). No cost to attend; donations are accepted. For more information, call the Vocations Office at 713-652-8239.

To register: <https://archgh.event.com/VocInSightJan19>



Charis Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults

Charis is an Ignatian Spirituality Retreat for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. This year's theme is:

"What Next? Finding Answers with Faith."

Cameron Retreat Center,

2403 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77021

Begins: 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2019

Ends: 3:00 p.m. on February 10, 2019

Cost is \$60 per person, includes lodging and food.

Charis retreat provides an opportunity to connect with others experiencing big shifts in life, encounter God who is present in the midst of uncertainty, and grow in your understanding of how faith anchors us in times of transition.

Registration is available online at www.archgh.org/yacm.

Spaces are limited; registration deadline is February 1.

For more information, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.



World Youth Day Houston and Eucharistic Vigil

Come join young adults (ages 18-39) in celebrating WYD in Houston.

At St. Jerome Catholic Church

8825 Kempwood Dr, Houston TX 77080

Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Event includes fellowship, multicultural music, talks, and a Vigil Mass. Cost to attend WYD-Houston is \$20 per person and is presented in English and Spanish.

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.

The vigil is a free event and open to families.

For more information and registration, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778 or www.archgh.org/yacm

Texas Rally for Life

Saturday, January 26, 2019

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer transportation to Austin, Texas for the Texas Rally for Life march on January 26, 2019.

January 2019 marks 46 years since Roe v. Wade.

Join thousands of Texans to march in support for each human life.

For more information call the Office of Pro-Life activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443 for Spanish or to register visit:

<https://archgh.cvent.com/TexasRallyforLife2019>.



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.**



WEDDINGS

Interested in getting married at the Co-Cathedral?

Currently scheduling weddings for 2019-2020

To begin the process

Contact: Bree Delphin at (713) 659-1561 x 131 or email: bdelphin@sacredheartheouston.org

Also Available

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

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 2019:

Sunday – January 27: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Sunday – March 24: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Sunday – May 26: 2:15pm-5:15pm

In the Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto St.

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

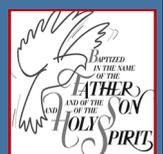
- the *Core Topics Session.*

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.sacredheartheouston.org/baptism>



Marriage Preparation:

Advance approval required to begin sessions.



- **Sunday, Jan. 20: Session B**
- **Sunday, February 3: Initial**
- **Sunday, February 17: Session C**

Location: Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto
(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.sacredheartheouston.org

PRE-LENTEN MISSION Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart- Cathedral Centre

7 pm -- Monday through Wednesday
February 18th, 19th & 20th

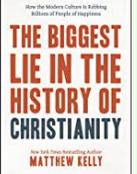
ABIDING IN CHRIST: THE SOURCE of FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP

- *Jesus calls us to follow Him
- *Jesus desires us to be fruitful disciples
- *We bear fruit by abiding in & with Jesus
- *Without Jesus you can do nothing
- *How can we remain in Jesus?



Speaker: **Fr. Jude E. Ezuma**
Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Galveston, TX

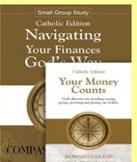
Group Discussion on Matthew Kelly's Book The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity



Cathedral Centre 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Tuesday: January 15—Chapters 1-6
Tuesday: January 22—Chapters 7-10
Tuesday : January 29—Chapters 11-15
Email Selma DeMarco to register for sessions
sdemarco@sacredhearhouston.org

Navigating Your Finances God's Way Bible Study

New Class starting in this Spring.
Spaces limited. To reserve yours email
Selma at sdemarco@sacredhearhouston.org



Join us on Sundays in the Cathedral Centre to
Open the Word of God together!
9:05am—10:25am & 12:30pm-1:30pm



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



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Register at <http://formed.org/register/#/registration/individual?>
ParishCode: 0be7ec (first digit is the number 0)

You can now listen to our homilies on-line!
Go to: www.sacredhearhouston.org



Click on "Homilies" at the top of the home page, taking you to our "Pastor's Weekly Message" page, where you can click to listen to recent homilies of our pastor, Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak.

Christian Meditation

Wed. 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.

Pastoral Visitor:

Participating in the Church's Ministry to the Infirm, Aged, Imprisoned and Dying

Do you feel the call to serve Christ in this way?

Training starting January 19 offered through our Archdiocesan Catholic Chaplain Corps

More information can be obtained by contacting

Denice Foose, CCC Training Program
dfoose@archgh.org or 713-747-8445
<https://www.archgh.org/chaplaincorps>



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4 WAYS:



WELCOME!

**Thank you for choosing to worship with us.
Please come back any time.
You are always welcome here!**

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

The Parishioners, Staff and Clergy of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

If you are new to the area and would like to become part of our parish faith community, contact our parish office: **Phone: 713-659-1561**
Or register online by visiting our website: www.sacredheartouston.org

Happy New Year to Everyone!!!



The Vietnamese Community at the Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart will have their **First IGNITE Food Fundraiser of 2019 on Sunday, Jan. 20th from 10AM – 3PM.**

Fried Rice, Eggrolls, Spring rolls, Tapioca drinks, Vietnamese coffee, etc.
Please come to eat and support our IGNITE Fundraiser!

Men Alive / Women Alive

Parish men's and women's monthly gathering is **normally the third Friday of the month,** on the 3rd Floor of the Cathedral Centre from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.



**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

Join **Women Alive** on **January 18** for (Book is roughly \$8 and can be found on Amazon)

Bring a Dish to Share. Pot Luck is at 7:00pm. Meeting is after Pot Luck.



The Archdiocesan 34th Celebration in remembrance of the
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 @ 3 pm**
CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Join us as we remember the birthday and life of **the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Reception immediately following in the Cathedral Centre. For further info, call 713-652-4406.



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:

HOWEVER Our Next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 22 —7 pm
Due to the Cathedral Centre being Closed on January 21 for MLK Day

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

Legion of Mary

English Language:

Every Thursday: 7 pm-8:30 pm
Contact—Charlene McQuitty:
hollycharlena@yahoo.com
Next meetings: January 17 & 24



Vietnamese Language:

Every Sunday: 10:00 am-12:30 pm
Contact—Mrs. Soi Luu:
281-235-0103
Next meetings: January 13 & 20



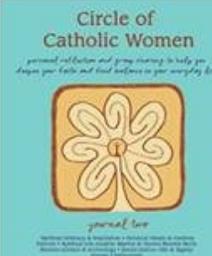
Spanish Language:

Every Tuesday: 6 pm-8 pm
Contact—Deacon Daniel
danjaddis@gmail.com
Next meetings: January 15, 22, & 29



Circle of Catholic Women—
Journal Two: Personal Reflection and Group Sharing to Help You Deepen Your Faith and Find Balance in Your Everyday Life

By Karen Pavlicin



Weekly Collection	Dec. 29 / 30	Year to Date
Actual Collection:	\$33,515*	\$916,720
Budgeted Collection:	\$30,000	\$914,336
Amount over (Under):	\$ 3,515	\$ 2,384
*Includes \$13,032 from Faith Direct		
Jan. 1, 2019: Mary, the Mother of God:		\$ 7,372*
*Includes \$1,184 from Faith Direct		
	Jan. 5 / 6	Year to Date
Actual Collection:	\$33,387*	\$950,107
Budgeted Collection:	\$34,167	\$948,503
Amount over (Under):	(\$ 780)	\$ 1,604
*Includes \$13,584 from Faith Direct		

Second Collections

Jan. 12 / 13: Parish Debt Reduction
 Jan. 26 / 27: Bishops' Fund for Latin America

Thank you:

—KC #803 for sponsoring the 2019 parish calendars at a cost of \$2800.
 —All those who planned & executed the parish Epiphany Party & for those who donated food, drink, DJ music, etc. Thank you to those who came.
 —Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Stewardship Reflection:

Baptism of the Lord: January 13

That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Note new text number

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Want to donate but you don't have cash or a check?



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281-462-5300 and text a dollar amount.

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Call today: 866-507-8757

Our church code is TX363.

“To Be a Christian Steward” (Introduction)

Reflecting back last week on the *Magi* and the gifts they presented to Baby Jesus at *Epiphany*, we celebrate today the *Baptism of the Lord* as a sign to die to ourselves and to do God’s Will. Should we not also reflect on the gifts that God has given to each of us? Everything we have is a gift from God. Are we truly grateful? Should we not ask ourselves, “Are we using these gifts in the way God intended?” Are we being good Christian stewards of these gifts?” To help us come to an understanding of “What is a good Christian steward?” let us look at:

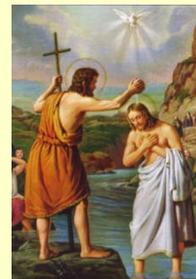
“To Be a Christian Steward”:

A Summary of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).

“What identifies a steward?”

- Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly is one answer;
- So is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure.
- But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards,
- We receive God's gifts gratefully,
- Cultivate them responsibly,
- Share them lovingly in justice with others,
- And return them with increase to the Lord.”



Complete Summary found at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/index.cfm>



The Co Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Invites You to participate in a Lenten Day of Service & Outreach to our community in need.

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AGENCY SERVED	LOCATION	START TIME & AGE
Animeals	Volunteers will sort and bag pet food that will be delivered to homebound seniors.	AniMeals on Wheels	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Bag It Up	Color and Decorate brown lunch bags that will be used to provide our homeless friends lunches all year long.	Parish Outreach Ministry	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Bean Soup	Assemble family size soup bags with assortment of beans, recipe and prayer card. These will be distributed to families in need	Society of St. Vincent de Paul.	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Birthday Boxes	Assemble and wrap special Birthday Boxes for foster children in crisis due to abuse, neglect and HIV/AIDS and local children.	Casa de Esperanza and Boys and Girls Club	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Blanket Bonanza	Make "no sew" fleece blankets for kids who are undergoing chemotherapy	Ronald McDonald House	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Boo -Boo Bunnies	Create a cute dual purpose bunny that brings comfort to children in times of crisis and also holds ice for boo boos.	DePelchin Center	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Breakfast to go	Make Breakfast On the Go kits for cancer patients and their families. These go packs make it easy for the whole family to grab a nutritious start before their medical treatments	Ronald McDonald House Family Stay Residency	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Brown Bag	Help make 500 sandwiches and 250 brown bag lunches for the area homeless	Loaves and Fishes	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Age 14+ Under 18 with Parent
Busy Boards	Volunteers will screw, hammer, and glue latches, hooks, and other hardware to boards to entertain and help develop toddlers hand eye coordination	Blessed Beginnings and Casa Esperanza	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon
Cookie in a Jar	Fill mason jars with healthy cookie mix that promotes healthy nursing for new moms. .	Blessed Beginnings and Gabriel Project	Cathedral Centre	10am—Noon
Diaper Duty	Assemble diaper cakes for expecting mamma's! These will be gifted to mom's who can use something to brighten their day.	Blessed Beginnings and Gabriel Project	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Eggstravanganza	Volunteers will assemble and decorate plastic Easter Eggs for children receiving medical services through San Jose Clinic	San Jose Clinic	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
ESL Cards	Create fun ESL flashcards for children new to the U.S	Catholic Charities	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	9am—Noon Family Friendly
Flip Flop Fun	Upgrade a pair of plain flip flops with ribbons, jewels, and flowers for women in emergency shelters.	Star of Hope Mission Emergency Shelters	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Girl Power	Volunteers will make feminine hygiene kits for U.S. Veteran Women living in short term housing.	Women Veteran Services	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Home Sweet Home	Crafty volunteers will create welcome wreaths for female veterans transitioning to stable housing	Women Veteran Services	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Hope Totes	Turn old T-shirts into bags and fill with hygiene items.	The Beacon	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Joy in a Jar	Volunteers will assemble jars filled with snacks and activities to keep children busy while they wait for their parents to receive services.	Casa Juan Diego	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly

E-Mail questions to: outreach@sacredhearhouston.org



“WHATSOEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY PEOPLE, YOU DO FOR ME.” (Matt 39:40)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AGENCY SERVED	LOCATION	START TIME & AGE
Lifebooks	Do you love to Scrapbook? Use your creativity and help put together special LifeBooks for children In foster care	Casa de Esperanza Casa Hope	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Play Day	Volunteers will provide a fun play day at the neighborhood park for young foster children living at Casa de Esperanza.	Casa de Esperanza Casa Hope	Location TBA 4.4 Miles from Cathedral	10am—Noon Age 18+
Refugee Resettlement	Volunteers will help organize and sort house ware items for newly arrived refugees.	Catholic Charities Warehouse	Catholic Charities Warehouse 326 S Jensen Dr	10am—Noon Age 16+
Shoe Shine	Help sort, pair up and tie donated shoes from our Texas 2-Step Drive and prepare them for Distribution to those in need for Easter	Guadalupe Centre	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Snack Pack	Volunteers will assemble 1000 emergency snack kits for our homeless friends.	Parish Outreach Ministry	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Swag bag	Assemble Birthday Bags for individuals who come to our monthly Tailgate.	Parish Outreach Ministry	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Sweet Seamstress	Bring your sewing machine and create bibs, books, and baby gifts	Gabriel Project And Blessed Beginnings	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly
Welcome Home Treats	Volunteers will assemble gift bags with basic kitchen tools for women veterans transitioning to stable housing	Women Veterans Services	Cathedral Centre 1701 San Jacinto St	10am—Noon Family Friendly

January Fill The Crib Event!

In January we are collecting items for our Gabriel Project and victims of Human Trafficking baby showers.

Please bring your new or gently used baby items and fill the crib in the Narthex.

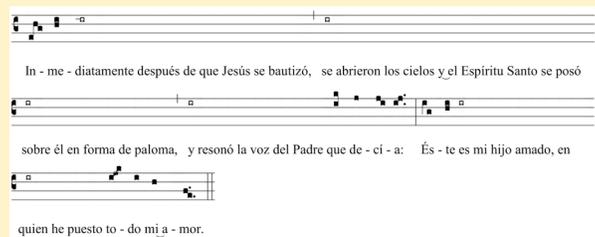
Caritas Day- March 16th Know before you go!

1. We will begin with mass promptly at 9:00 AM. Please sit with your assigned project.
2. Co-Cathedral Young Adults are providing a free lunch at noon at the Cathedral Centre. You must RSVP before hand.
3. All volunteers are asked to wear **red shirts**.
4. Register early! Spaces fill up quickly and only registered volunteers will be allowed to participate.
5. Project leaders will be taking pictures during the day. If you do not want your picture taken, please notify your project leader at the start of the project.

REGISTER NOW! www.sacredhearthouston.org

Liturgia

-Antífona de Entrada:



In - me - diatamente después de que Jesús se bautizó, se abrieron los cielos y el Espíritu Santo se posó sobre él en forma de paloma, y resonó la voz del Padre que de - ci - a: És - te es mi hijo amado, en quien he puesto to - do mi a - mor.

- Entrada: Tú Eres Mi Hijo (#303)
- Kyrie (Misa Gregoriana, #89)
- Gloria (Misa San José, #5)
- Salmo: Bendice, alma mía, al Señor .
- Canto de Ofertorio: La Gente Camina (#703)
- Santo (Misa Melódica, #109)
- Anunciamos Tu Muerte (Misa Melódica, #110)
- Amen (Misa Melódica, #111)
- Cordero de Dios (Misa Melódica, #112)
- Antífona: [Omnes qui] *Éste es aquel de quien Juan decía: Yo lo he visto y doy testimonio de que él que él es el Hijo de Dios.*"(Cfr. Jn 1, 32.34)
- Comunión: Eres Tú, Jesús (#573)
- Salida: Cantemos al Señor (#627)



Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complace".

El Sacramento de la Confirmación

La Confirmación es el sacramento por el cual recibimos – como los Apóstoles en Pentecostés – el Espíritu Santo. Estamos registrando para el nuevo curso de preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación para los jóvenes de 16 y 17 años. Aquellos que estén interesados, por favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial. Al registrarse, es muy importante de traer la fe de bautismo de su niño.

Ministerios Espirituales

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

La Legión de María: Debajo del liderazgo de María, cultive su relación con Cristo cada lunes a las 7:00 pm en la biblioteca del primer piso del Centro Catedral, para rezar el santo rosario, reflexionar sobre las enseñanzas del Señor, y hacer planes para servir al Señor.

Anuncios

Los Misales del Año 2019 por una donación de \$6.00. En el Misal encontrará las lecturas y oraciones de las Misas de domingo y días festivos; al igual, el rosario, el vía crucis y reflexiones sobre las lecturas.

La Palabra entre Nosotros por una donación de \$2.00. *La Palabra entre Nosotros* tiene las lecturas y meditaciones espirituales de cada día del mes de enero.

La Santa Biblia por una donación de \$7.00.

Día de Caritas, 16 de Marzo: Caritas es un día de servicio cristiano a los más necesitados. Las personas de la Co-Catedral van a diferente lugares para ayudarle servir a los más necesitados. Necesitamos personas que hablen español. Puedan inscribirse en el sitio de web de la Co-Catedral Se encuentran más información en las paginas 12 y 13 del boletín.

Música Litúrgica

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. Practicamos cada domingo a las 6 de la tarde en el Centro Catedral.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

En el Bautismo Somos Ungidos en Cristo

El Bautismo nos incorpora en el cuerpo de la Iglesia, en el pueblo santo de Dios. Y en este cuerpo, en este pueblo en camino, la fe viene transmitida de generación en generación: es la fe de la Iglesia. Es la fe de María, de los Apóstoles y de los Mártires, que ha llegado hasta nosotros, a través del bautismo. ¡Una cadena de transmisión de fe! ¡Y esto es muy bello! Es pasar de mano en mano la luz de la fe: lo expresaremos dentro de poco con el gesto de encender las velas del gran cirio pascual. Dios, como un buen papá y una buena mamá, quiere dar cosas buenas a sus hijos. Y ¿qué cosa es este alimento sustancioso que Dios nos da? Es su Palabra: su Palabra nos hace crecer, nos hace producir buenos frutos en la vida, como la lluvia hacen bien a la tierra y la hacen fecunda. Así ustedes padres, y también ustedes, padrinos y madrinan, abuelos, tíos, ayudaran a estos niños a crecer bien si darán a ellos la Palabra de Dios, el Evangelio de Jesús. ¡Y también lo harán con el ejemplo! Todos los días, tendrán la costumbre de leer un pasaje del Evangelio, pequeño, y será el ejemplo para los hijos, ver a papá, a mamá, a los padrinos, abuelos, abuelas, tíos, leer la palabra de Dios. El gran cirio representa Cristo resucitado, vivo en medio a nosotros. Ustedes, familias, tomen de Él la luz de la fe para transmitirla a sus hijos. Enseñen a sus hijos que no se puede ser cristianos fuera de la Iglesia, no se puede seguir a Jesucristo sin la Iglesia, porque la Iglesia es madre y nos hace crecer en el amor a Jesucristo.