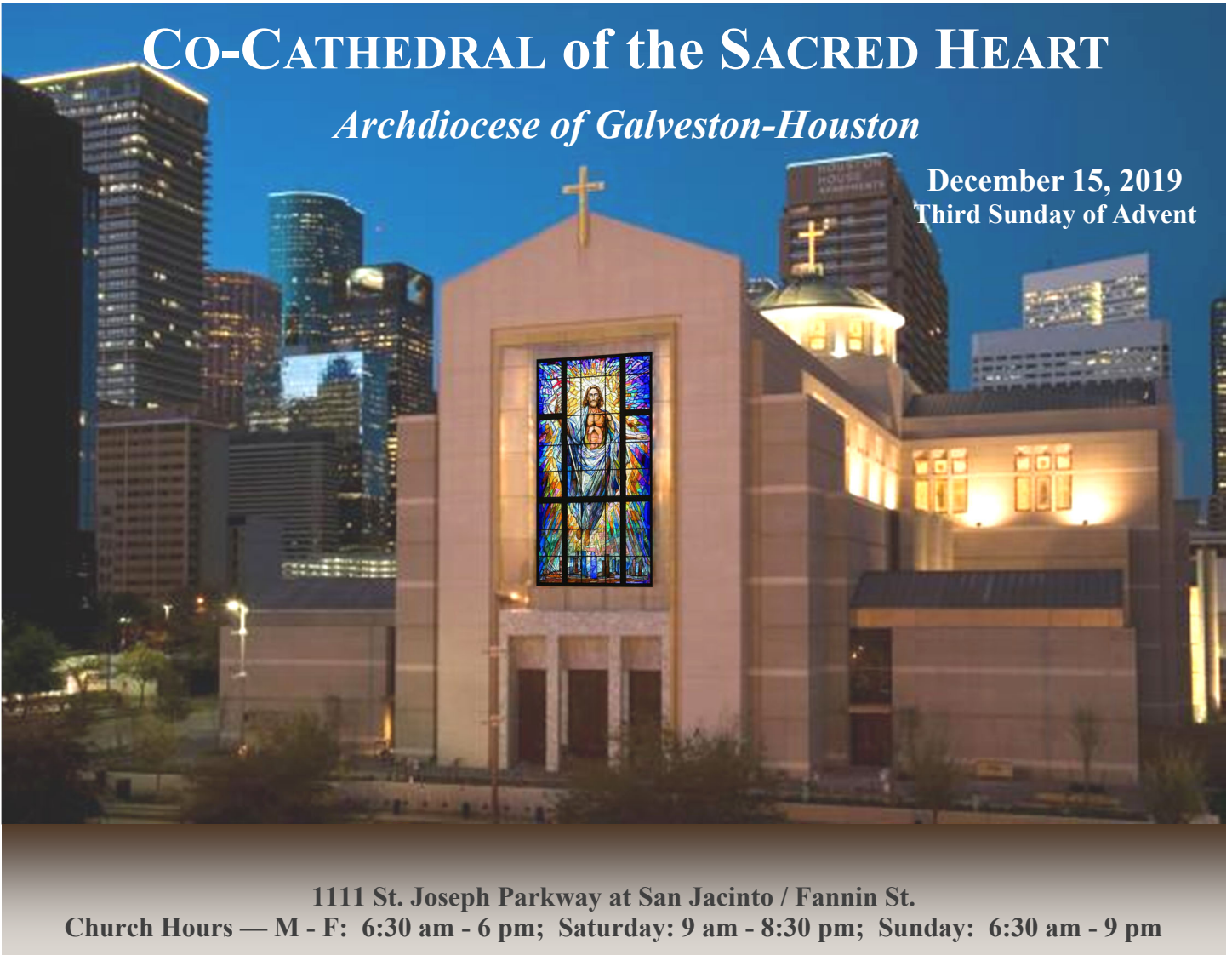


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent



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: English
8 pm First Fridays: Vietnamese

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)
4:15 - 5:15 pm

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



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His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.
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The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., *Archbishop Emeritus*

The Most Reverend Vincent M. Rizzotto, D.D., J.C.L., *Retired Auxiliary Bishop*

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The Very Reverend Lawrence W. Jozwiak, J.C.L., *Pastor / Rector*

The Reverend Loc D. Phan, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacons: Leonard Lockett, John Carrara, Daniel Addis, Lynn Carney & Robert Moreno, Jr.

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Deacon John Carrara - *Business Manager*; **Shannon Wesley** - *Parish Accounting*

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Guillermo Herrera & Ray Garcia - *Church 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@sacredhearthouston.org

Tours of the Church: ext. 143

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Dear Friends in Christ:

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

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* or Rejoice Sunday. *Gaudete* is the imperative of the Latin word *gaudeo* which means “rejoice.” We hear the word “rejoice” or themes of joy several times in today’s scripture readings, prayers of the Mass and hymns. The entrance antiphon that is prayed when there is no gathering hymn (at 7 am Sunday Mass) states: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. (Phil. 4:4-5).” In the Collect (Opening Prayer), we hear “glad rejoicing.” We hear the imagery of creation to “rejoice and bloom....and rejoice in joyful song” in the first reading from Isaiah.

This weekend is known as Rose Sunday because the Church encourages rose colored vestments, as well as on the 4th Sunday of Lent (*Laetare* Sunday). It is up to the preference of the priest celebrant to wear rose or purple vestments. Since both are acceptable, some parishes might not even have rose vestments since they are worn only twice a year and vestments are expensive. We have rose vestments that were secured when the Co-Cathedral was dedicated. Plus, a cathedral is to be the model of worship for the diocese.

How is your Advent Season unfolding? Remember it is never too late to start preparing for the way of the Lord in Advent. For spiritual reflections for each of the remaining days of Advent, go to the revolving banner on the parish web site for various reflections. See p. 8 also.

Today, Sunday, we have our parish blood drive in the Cathedral Centre, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Consider giving the Gift of Life by donating a pint of blood. Life is so important, and how the people we help need blood so desperately. Blood is one “product” that cannot be manufactured.

I invite you all to come and experience our Christmas concert in the church that will be led by our own choirs: *Cora Jesu & Schola Cantorum* this Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Dec. 18. Invite others to come and enjoy this beautiful concert. Let our hearts, minds and souls be lifted up in this Third Week of Advent, following Rejoice Sunday. When our minds

might be so focused on getting everything done, let us relax in the beauty of music.

On Monday, Dec. 23 beginning after the 7 am Mass, we will begin to decorate the Church for Christmas. We need many volunteers to decorate and clean the church. We will decorate as long as it takes. Also, have you made your donations for the Christmas flower fund? We are saving money by using artificial trees, and it is also helping those who have allergies to live trees.

Save the Date: Friday, Jan. 10—a parish Epiphany party. Everyone is invited to come together and enjoy one another in our parish hall in the Cathedral Centre. Take advantage of this opportunity. So often, many people feel alone or not connected in a parish. Well, make connections with other parishioners by coming to our Epiphany party.

We are trying to make more connections with our families with young children. Such families are encouraged to gather in the Cathedral Centre after the 11 am Mass for fellowship. Eventually, we want to add prayer and educational formation opportunities. But right now we are focusing on just getting to know each other.

Save the Dates for our parish Pre-Lenten Mission: 7 pm on Monday – Wednesday, Feb. 17-19 with the presenter preaching at all the Masses on the weekend of 15/16. Our presenter will be Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC, who gave an appeal for missionary activity in Nov. 2018. She was so well received that we have invited her back. The theme of the Pre-Lenten Mission is that God really loves us.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston this past October joined with the Attorney General of Texas in filing a lawsuit that, if successful, will expand the number of families to provide foster care to the many children of Texas in need of placement. I have had some parishioners express some concern about this lawsuit, including who is paying for such legal fees. So as to clear up some misconceptions, I have reprinted on p. 9 the Archdiocese’s formal statement for its reason to file such a lawsuit.



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!

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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. *Phil 4: 4-5*

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. *Cf. Is 35: 4*

MUSIC for MASS**Gathering Hymn:**

#487 When the King Shall Come Again

Offertory Music:

Chorus: There is no Rose – Joubert (1927-2019)

Hymn: #486 City of God, Jerusalem

Communion Music:

Chant: Dicite (mode VIII): Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, he comes to save us.

Motet: Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart (1756-91)

Antiphon: See page 6—Motyka

Hymn: #483 Creator of the Stars at Night

Recessional Hymn:

#479 O Come, Divine Messiah

Order of Mass**Introductory Rites****Gathering Hymn****Greeting****Penitential Rite**

Kyrie eleison; Criste eleison; Kyrie eleison.

Liturgy of the Word**First Reading**

Readings: #976

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 146

R. Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading**Alleluia****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**The Mystery of Faith / Mysterium Fidei**

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**

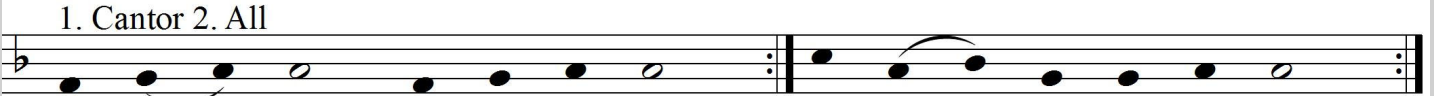
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A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

- 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

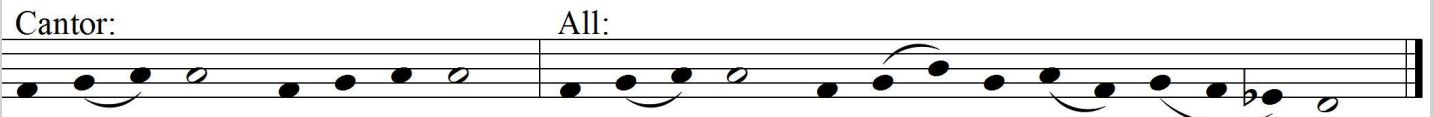
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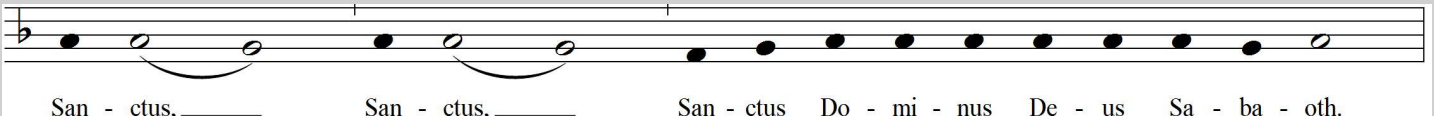
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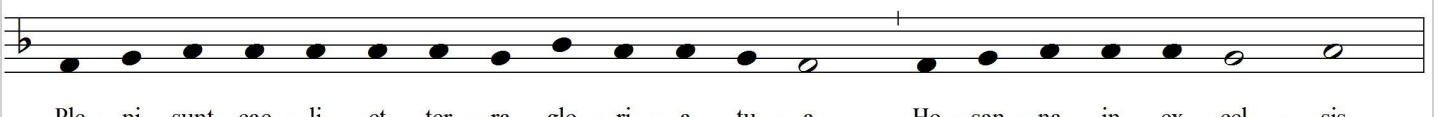


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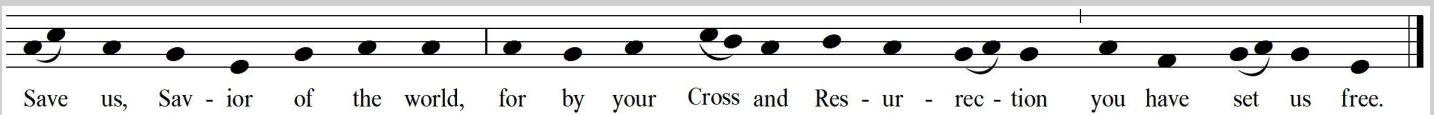


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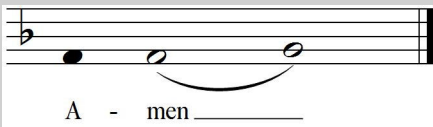
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SAVE US, SAVIOR—ICEL



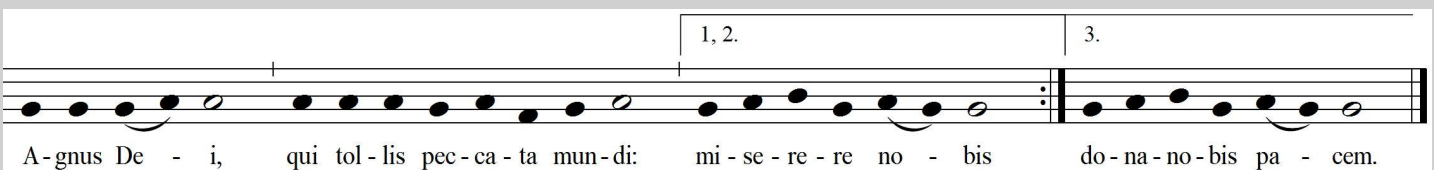
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

SIMPLE AMEN—372



A - men

AGNUS DEI—375 B



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Congratulations to **Nhat Tong**, son of Cong and Lily Tong, who **won first place** in the Young Organist Competition hosted by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter in South Carolina! He played a full length recital on November 17 in Houston and also in Columbia. He is a student of our Assistant Organist Dr. Jeong Suk Bae and plays organ and strings for our CCSH St. Martin Choir.



Bulletin Reader: How can you use Sacred Music to the service of the Church?

We're so excited to invite you to our Third Annual Co-Cathedral Music Christmas Concert this year! It's an important visible part of the all-ages music program we are building, as we worship, teach, and inspire. It's probably no surprise that a major focus of our ensembles is preparing for Christmas liturgies. Since 2004, our English choirs have presented a 10:30 PM "prelude concert" before Midnight Mass, where we sing carols with you, as well as showcase beautiful sacred choral artworks for your/our deeper understanding of the story of salvation. Some of the music we present is well known, but some deliberately widens our vocabulary of 1000 years of sacred music. We aim that ours is an experience like no other Christmas program. As music planners, we strictly protect Advent liturgically, and reserve Christmas music for the true Christmas season; however, we hope for several effects in presenting an extra-liturgical Christmas concert "early", on December 18.

One hope is for you, our loyal CCSH family. You pray and sing with us weekly at Mass. We thank you for your support all year, and want to express our love for you as a musical gift. We also hope by practicing singing carols together ahead of time, we will do so all the more strongly as a parish on Christmas Eve. If you're subsequently inspired to join the choir, let us know! Another hope is for our greater Galveston-Houston Catholics, who attend Christmas liturgies at their home parish: As Church Documents charge us with serving as Mother Cathedral to all Catholics, we endeavor to create a city-wide opportunity for all to experience God together in this sacred space, praying and meditating on the music texts. Prayer can only enhance the city's worship on Christmas!

A third hope involves those who do not come to church in Ordinary Time, or at all, and who need a special impetus to attend at Christmas and beyond: all are welcome. It's been our observation that some who might not "attend church" will come for a "concert." Inspiring sacred music can often speak to the heart in a way that only the Holy Spirit can. Intentionally, at every concert we announce all of the Co-Cathedral's upcoming

Christmas liturgies at the concert so that inquirers may plan ahead to be present.

We thus need your help to minister and outreach through this concert. Will you come and bring others? We'll provide the music, hospitality, and program notes so that the audience hears the poetic message; you provide YOU. In fact, watch this space in the next weeks for information about the music you'll hear. This year our Cathedral Brass and percussion, Schola Cantorum and Cor Jesu Choirs, and Organists will accompany you in singing some of your favorite carols in fresh arrangements by Papal Composer Julian Wachner. A major work from J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, *Jauchzet Frohlocket*, contains technical fireworks and three recognizable hymns. We'll sing Magnificat for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, this year in a setting by Charles Stanford, and *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* by Paul Manz. The Renaissance *Hodie Christus Natus Est* by Gabrieli, traditional Puerto Rican villancicos, and newly composed works by Houston composer Mark Buller (*O Magnum Mysterium*) and William Dawson (*Hail Mary*, in spiritual style) round out the evening.

There is a suggested donation for the evening, which goes to defray costs of liturgical music for the year. You may choose to donate that, donate more, or less. You can still choose to sponsor a portion of the evening, too, if you like. Most importantly, we hope you will gather with us and friends in your beautiful Co-Cathedral as we contemplate the mystery of our redemption, Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 PM.

As always, email me, Dr. Crista Miller, for more information at cmiller@sacredheartouston.org, or Patrick Schneider at pschneider@sacredheartouston.org, or consult our website: www.sacredheartouston.org/music/events

CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
COR JESU & SCHOLA CANTORUM

**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Jauchzet, frohlocket! BWV 248 I by J. S. Bach
Stanford Magnificat in C
Traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns of the Season featuring Cathedral Brass

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7:30 PM

Communion Responsorial Psalm

Andrew. R. Motyka





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

MASS INTENTIONS Deceased †



Saturday, December 14

(Eng) 5:30 pm The Brook Brookshire Family

(Vt) 7:00 pm For Community Intentions

Sunday, December 15

(Eng) 7:00 am For the People of the Parish

(Eng) 9:00 am Fr. John Rooney

(Eng) 11:00 am Larry † & Josephine † Nicastro

(Vt) 1:00 pm For Community Intentions

(Eng) 5:30 pm Frank Konieczny, Jr. †

(Sp) 7:30 pm Reyes Albarran †

Monday, December 16

(Eng) 7:00 am Rev. & Mrs. Charles Hough IV

(Eng) 12:10 pm Daisy & Robert Thomas

Tuesday, December 17

(Eng) 7:00 am Joyce Carpenter †

(Eng) 12:10 pm Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dixon

Wednesday, December 18

(Eng) 7:00 am Arma Mata †

(Eng) 12:10 pm Johnny Maniscalco Family

Thursday, December 19

(Eng) 7:00 am Larry Boudreaux †

(Eng) 12:10 pm Fr. John Robbins †

Friday, December 20

(Eng) 7:00 am Randi Singleton

(Eng) 12:10 pm Bernadine † & F.R. † Pizzitola

Saturday, December 21

(Eng) 5:00 pm Robert & Patricia Strauss

(Vt) 7:00 pm For Community Intentions

Sunday, December 22

(Eng) 7:00 am Ronnie Rubit †

(Eng) 9:00 am For the People of the Parish

(Eng) 11:00 am Edward P. White Family

(Vt) 1:00 pm For Community Intentions

(Eng) 5:30 pm William Dentino †

(Sp) 7:30 pm Joyce Cloudy †

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.

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: The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Weekend Readings: # 976

READINGS for the WEEK

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tue: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wed: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thur: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Fri: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec. 24

3:15 pm: English Carols & Prelude Concert featuring
Houston Children's Chorus, Stephen Roddy, director

4 pm English Mass—Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

5:30 pm: English Carols & Prelude Concert—Schola Cantorum

6 pm English Mass—Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza

7:30 pm: Spanish Carols featuring
El Coro Fraternidad de San Juan Diego

8 pm Spanish Mass—Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

10:30 pm: English Carols & Prelude Concert featuring
Bach Christmas Oratorio, Stanford Magnificat & more
featuring *Schola Cantorum, Cor Jesu Choir & Cathedral Brass*

12 Midnight English Mass—Cardinal Daniel DiNardo

Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25

9 am English Mass—Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

10:30 am: Vietnamese Carols—St. Andre Dũng Lạc Choir

11 am Vietnamese Mass—Fr. Loc D. Phan

No other Masses on Dec. 25

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, Dec. 29

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve: Tues., Dec. 31 (day of obligation)

5 pm English Mass—Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

7 pm Spanish Mass—Fr. Loc D. Phan

New Year's Day: Wed., Jan. 1 (day of obligation)

9 am English Mass—Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza

11 am Vietnamese Mass—Fr. Loc D. Phan

Pray for those getting married

Dec. 21 - Chao Bao Do & Quynh Anh Vu Cao



ADVENT



Our Advent Prayer: Joy

"Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones.

And for all your love's sake. Amen.

The **third candle** symbolizes "**JOY**" and is called the "**Shepherd's Candle.**" To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy.

- The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. "The day when we shift our reflection from 'the Lord is coming' to 'the Lord is near.' Rejoice! We are more than halfway to Christmas Day!" (USCCB.org)

ADVENT: The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent 2019 Resources:

Daily Advent Reflections / Advent Family Activities / Movies and much more...

Can be found on the revolving banner on our website:

<https://www.sacredhearthouston.org/>

Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Just as we decorate our personal homes to celebrate Jesus Christ our Lord's coming, we will also be decorating our church, the Co-Cathedral.

Day: Monday

Date: December 23

Time: 7:30 am until we are finished



Many hands and flowers are needed to decorate our church so as to be beautiful!

Everyone has many pulls on both their time and their finances this holiday season, but remember to be extra generous with both: your donations for Christmas flowers and decorations, and your time, so as to make our church the beautiful place, Jesus Christ our Lord, Emmanuel, deserves.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Chancery Office

Message from the Archdiocese on Suit to Expand Foster Care

This past October, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston joined with the Attorney General of Texas in filing a lawsuit that, if successful, will expand the number of families available to provide foster care to the many children in Texas in need of placement. However, there has been some confusion in media reports as to what the lawsuit actually challenges and the relief it seeks. The Archdiocese therefore wishes to clear up any misconceptions about this case, for both the Catholic faithful and the broader community we serve.

First, for context, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, through its own charitable efforts and by sponsoring other ministries, is one of the largest social service providers in Texas. We provide or support specialized children's services, housing programs, food banks, protective shelters, half-way houses, immigration and refugee programs, and countless other ministries to people in need. Each year hundreds of thousands of people of all creeds and backgrounds, including many in poverty, are served at Galveston-Houston area Catholic hospitals, health care centers, social services agencies, daycare centers, schools, and the Archdiocesan nursing care facility.

Unfortunately, there is a great need in our community for foster care and adoption services for vulnerable children. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston would like to help address this crisis through a foster care and adoption ministry. But we are being prevented from helping these kids in need by a federal regulation which would require us to violate our sincere religious beliefs and to act contrary to our understanding of the nature of the human person and the characteristics of marriage and the family. For this reason, we partnered with the State of Texas in asking a federal court to strike down this bad federal regulation. In this effort, the Archdiocese is being represented free of charge ("pro bono") by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

Contrary to media reports, this lawsuit would not prevent, and does not seek to prevent, anyone (including LGBT couples) from becoming a foster parent or providing foster care services. The Archdiocese's only goal in joining Texas' suit is to expand the number of parents and providers available to help children find loving homes. To that end, we hope that this lawsuit will remove a major barrier that is keeping religious organizations out of foster care and instead will allow Texas to take an 'all-hands on deck' approach to foster care and adoption ministry.

Many prospective foster families choose to work with faith-based organizations because of their shared beliefs and values. But some state and local governments are using this 2016 HHS regulation as justification for targeting religious agencies. Amid a nationwide foster care crisis, this regulation limits the number of agencies that can care for foster children in need, forcing organizations - like the Archdiocese - with the skills, resources, and desire to help to remain on the sidelines. The Archdiocese is seeking to grow, not limit, the number of foster families available to the orphans of Southeast Texas. Ending the regulation will strike a balance ensuring that all couples (including same-sex couples) can adopt, and all agencies (including Catholic agencies) can help broker foster and adoption placements. This is in the best interest of Texas' foster children.

On October 31, 2019, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston partnered with the State of Texas to challenge the 2016 HHS regulation. While the Department of Health & Human Services subsequently announced that it is considering changes to the regulation, laws in this area can take years to go into force, and there is no assurance that they will. Therefore, the Archdiocese and Texas are continuing to pursue immediate relief for the children of Texas.

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty has created a case page on its website with additional information regarding the litigation, for anyone who wishes to learn more:

<https://www.becketlaw.org/case/archdiocese-galveston-houston-v-hhs/>

We hope and pray that this case will be successful and that we may be able to serve more children and families in need throughout Texas without being forced to violate our sincere religious beliefs.

12/3/19

WELCOME!

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

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

You can now listen to our homilies on-line!

Go to: **www.sacredheartouston.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.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ROLES AT THE MASS?

We ask you to prayerfully consider serving as

- An **Usher**,
- **Lector** (reads the Sacred Scriptures),
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)** (a distributor of Holy Communion),
- An **Altar Server**,
- **Sacristan** (prepares the altar for Mass and put things away afterwards),
- Or joining the **Choir**

Here at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

*If you feel called to serve in any of these roles, please email us at **office@sacredheartouston.org** Indicate your area of interest in the "subject line" of the email.*

WEDDINGS

Interested in getting married at the Co-Cathedral?

Currently scheduling Weddings for 2020



Contact: Bree Delphin at (713) 659-1561 x 131 or email: **bdelphin@sacredheartouston.org**
Also Available

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

Baptism Preparation for Infants (0-7 Years)

*****Beginning January 2020 in order to address your needs more effectively**

- We have doubled the number of sessions we offer
- We have limited the number of participants in each session
- **Reservations with confirmation number now required to attend any Baptism Session**

For all the details go to:

<https://www.sacredheartouston.org/baptism-ages-0-7>

LAST CALL— Youth Confirmation 2020 : Immediate Sacrament Preparation Begins in January

Requirements for a child/youth 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 participating in the Co-Cathedral's CCE process OR attending a Catholic School.
3. In the 10th or 11th Grade
4. In their 2nd consecutive year of H. S. Faith Formation

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

For more information and to register contact Carmen Benitez: cbenitez@sacredheartouston.org

Place "Youth Confirmation" in the Subject Line

Homeschool and Catholic School Families, Contact us to get started.

Our next series of ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Will begin January 30, 2020. Interviews will be held between January 14-29.

Sessions will be offered on Thursday Evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm

For more information, contact Selma DeMarco: sdemarco@sacredheartouston.org

Place "Adult Confirmation" in the Subject Line.

Blood Drive

THIS Sunday—December 15

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus
at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



In the Lobby of the Cathedral Centre

NOTE TIME CHANGE: 8:30am—12:30pm

For Appt.—<https://www.commitforlife.org/>

Walk—In's Welcome

Coffee & Donuts

Immediately after 11:00AM Mass

THIS Sunday - December 15

Join Young Co-Cathedral

Parish Families with Small Children

for Snacks and Fellowship

In Cathedral Centre

This Sunday in Outreach Room

Due to Blood Drive in the Lobby.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!
FRIDAY EVENING
JANUARY 10**

IT'S A PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY!!!

Food—DJ—Dancing

ALL ARE INVITED!

Entry Fee: A box of Cereal to be given to
the Ronald McDonald House

JEWELRY SALE

THIS Weekend in the Narthex

Sponsored by Our
Vietnamese Community

All proceeds go to the
Co-Cathedral IGNITE campaign.



SAVE THE DATES!!!

Co-Cathedral Parish Pre-Lent Mission

Monday—Wednesday: February 17th –19th

Including homilies by our presenter

at the Weekend Masses: February 15th & 16th

ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED. Would you like to learn to make the cord rosaries that the Co-Cathedral gives freely to various ministries, CCE, Adoration First Thursdays, Marriage Preparation, etc.

It is so very important that we make the Rosary a natural part of our everyday lives and you can help!

Contact Stephany Califa at 281-568-9261 or spcalifa@gmail.com to learn more and be trained.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Through Wednesday, January 1, 2020

CCE—FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE REMINDERS

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

2019: December 22: NO SESSIONS

December 29: NO SESSIONS

2020: January 5: Matthew 2:1-12

January 12: Unit 2 Evaluation

January 19: Family Connect Sunday:

All Human Life is Sacred

Legion of Mary?



English Language:

Every Thursday: 7 pm-8:30 pm

Contact: Charlene McQuitty—

hollycharlena@yahoo.com

Vietnamese Language:

Every Sunday: 10:00 am-12:30 pm

Contact: Mrs. Soi Luu—281-235-0103

Spanish Language:

Every Tuesday: 6 pm-8 pm

Contact: Deacon Daniel Addis—

danjaddis@gmail.com

2019 Christmas Gift To Our Parish



Just as we give a gift to a family member or friend, consider giving a Christmas gift to the Co-Cathedral parish.

If you are a parishioner, attend primarily during the weekdays or a visitor, please support the Parish.

Make a donation of your choosing, put it in an envelope marked as a Christmas gift & submit it either in the collection basket or in the wooden donation boxes (located at the last pew at the entrance doors) or by Faith Direct or parish website.

If you make a \$25 donation or more, you will receive a 2019 Co-Cathedral ornament,



During the Holidays: "Give Without Spending More"



Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. To link your Amazon account to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart follow these simple steps:

- Log into you Amazon account
- Enter the URL smile.amazon.com
- Type "Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart" under "pick your own charitable organization"
- Hit the search button
- Select our parish
- Start giving back to CSH while you shop!

All purchases must be made under the smile.amazon.com URL.

By following these simple steps, you can make a difference every time you shop!



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You can help support Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral when you shop Randalls and use your Remarkable Club Card or give them your phone number. Here's how:

- Link Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral's account number (223980) to your individual account and your purchases will credit Sacred Heart's account.
- This can be done by completing the registration form found at: www.randalls.com/content/dam/store/good-neighbor/GOOD_NEIGHBOR_CHARITY_RAN.pdf
- You can then mail the completed registration form or turn it in at your nearest Randalls store.



To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Simply encourage your participants to visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into their Kroger account they can search for CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART either by name or XL040 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

"The word Advent means coming. The Lord is coming." - Pope Francis

Dec. 7 / Dec.8, 2019	Year to Date	Dec. 8 / 9, 2018
Actual Collection: \$34,242*	\$ 730,422,	\$34,724*
Budgeted Collection: \$29,792	\$ 777,418	Year to Date 2018
Amount over (Under): \$4,450	(\$ 46,996)	(\$ 9,090)
*Includes \$15,801 from Faith Direct		
Retirement Fund for Religious \$4,989**		
**Includes \$1,851 from Faith Direct		



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

**Donate by text at:
281-462-5300**

2019 Mandatory Amount: \$ 135,000

Status as of: **Dec. 9, 2019**

Total Amount Paid 2019: \$ 128,372

Total Amount Pledged: \$ 135,563

Total Number of Participants: 364

Paid **UNDER** Requirement: \$ (6,628)

Pledged **OVER** Requirement: \$ 563

For any payments exceeding our mandatory amount, 50% will be returned to the parish and 50% will be retained by the Archdiocese for the Aid to Poor Parish Fund.

**Never measure your generosity
by what you give,
but rather by what you have left.**

—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979)

How much does it cost?

Cleaning the exterior of the Church ?

A) \$25,000 B) \$30,450 C) \$39,595 D) \$49,500

See answer below. The Church was dedicated 11½ years ago. But the exterior has been up much longer than that. There is such a beauty to the light color. But the downside is that it shows dirt and mold so easily, especially with the air pollution that contributes to it. To allow the church to go too long without an exterior cleaning means it would be even more costly to clean, and then one runs the risk that it might not come clean. That is why the cleaning cost for the 1st time (\$44,953, more chemicals & labor) was so much more expensive than the 2nd & 3rd times (\$25,000 each; Total: \$94,953 so far). We use an eco-friendly chemical cleaning, and renting a lift is required. For those who have their own houses for homes, you understand that periodically you have to clean the exterior when dirt and molds forms. The same is true with our Church home building.

Answer: A) \$25,000

Stewardship Reflection

Third Sunday of Advent: December 15

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Second Collections

Dec. 24 / 25: To help with security costs

Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Remember to be extra generous with your donation for Christmas flowers and decorations.

It takes many flowers to decorate our church so as to be beautiful!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Co-Cathedral:

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by making a gift to our parish.

Beyond the joy and blessings of giving, the additional benefits of income tax deductions and capital gains savings are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end.

There are many different ways of making a gift. However, some of the easiest and most direct methods to give, are donations of cash, charitable IRA Rollover Gifts, and gifts of appreciated stocks. As the holidays approach, pray about making an end of year gift and you might even consider making a gift in memory or honor of a loved one.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact Deacon John Carrara at 713-659-1561 or at jcarrara@sacredheartouston.org

Gifts of securities must be received by no later than Dec. 27, 2019 and cash gifts post-marked by 12-31-19 for inclusion as a 2019 gift.

If a gift of any kind is intended to cover a “Christmas gift to the parish” please designate it as such.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor / Rector



Thanks to all those who participated in our annual Turkey Basket drive! We were able to provide over 200 families and seniors a Thanksgiving Feast!



February 29, 2020

Interested in being a Caritas Project Leader?

Contact Outreach Ministry at
outreach@sacredhearthouston.org

Volunteers Needed!

Tailgate

Pass out fresh food in the Centre parking lot to our friends in need.

Saturday, Dec 21
8am - 11am

Snack Pack

Pass out fresh food in the Centre parking lot to our friends in need.

Sunday, Dec 22
9:30am-10:30am

Sign up today!

www.sacredhearthouston.org/outreach

Make every cent count!

Designate the Co-Cathedral as your Amazon Smile Charity and Always shop using ***smile.amazon.com***

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Mobile Food Distribution

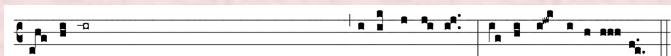
Saturday, December 21st
8 am - 11 am
(Cathedral Centre Parking Lot)

No income requirements
Recipients should bring their own bags or box for food. First come—first served.



Liturgia

-Antífona de Entrada:



Es- tad siempre_alegres en el Señor os lo repito, es-tad a- le- gres. El Se-ñor es-tá cer- ca.

-Entrada: Oh Ven, Oh Ven, Emmanuel (#259)

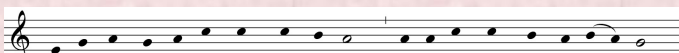
-Kyrie (Misa Gregoriana, #89)

-Salmo: Ven, Señor, a salvarnos. Ven, Señor.

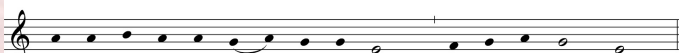
-Canto de Ofertorio: Jesucristo, Palabra del Padre (#275)

-Sanctus (Misa Gregoriana, #92)

-Aclamación Memorial



Ca-da vez que co-me-mos de-es-te pan y be-be-mos de-es-te cá - liz,



a - nun-cia-mos tu muer - te, Se-ñor, has-ta que vuel - vas.

-Amen (Misa Gregoriana, #94)

-Agnus Dei (Misa Gregoriana, #96)

-Antífona de Comunión: *Digan a los cobardes: "¡Ánimo, no teman!: miren a su Dios: viene en persona a salvarlos".*
(Cfr. Is 35, 4)

-Comunión: Ábranse los Cielos (#264)

-Salida: Ven, Señor, No Tardés Más (#270)

Esto dice el Señor: "Regocíjate, yermo sediento. Que se alegre el desierto y se cubra de flores, que florezca como un campo de lirios, que se alegre y dé gritos de júbilo, porque le será dada la gloria del Líbano, el esplendor del Carmelo y del Sarón. Ellos verán la gloria del Señor, el esplendor de nuestro Dios.

Anuncios

Los Misales del Año 2020 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 del día.

La Palabra entre Nosotros para el mes de diciembre 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.

Ujieres: Sirve a la comunidad de Cristo como ujier. Si está interesado, hable con el Diacono Daniel después de la Misa

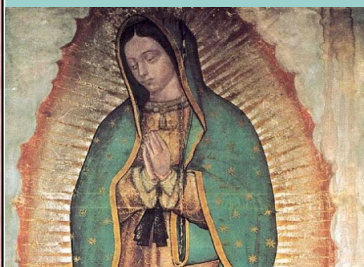
Estudio Bíblico y la Legión de María: Cada martes a las 6 pm en la biblioteca del Centro Catedral: juntos reflexionamos sobre la Palabra de Dios, rezamos el santo rosario, y hacemos planes para servir al Señor.

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.

La Forma Escrita de las Homilias del Diacono Daniel

se encuentran a: <http://diaconodanieladdis.blogspot.com/>

¡Viva la Señora de Guadalupe!



Gracias a todos los que trabajaron duro y se sacrificaron para que la comunidad de la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús tuviera una gloriosa celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

El Tiempo Navideño

Nochebuena en Español: 24 de diciembre

Cantos Navideños: 7:30 PM.

La Santa Misa: 8 PM

Santa María, Madre de Dios en Español: 31 de diciembre,

La Santa Misa: 7:00 PM.

Aniversario del Papa Francisco

Felicidades al Papa en su 50 aniversario de ordenación sacerdotal. El 13 de diciembre de 1969 fue ordenado sacerdote el jesuita Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

El Domingo de la Alegría

La Iglesia, este domingo, anticipa un poco la alegría de la Navidad, y por esto se llama «el domingo de la alegría». En este tiempo, tiempo de preparación a la Navidad, para la Misa usamos los ornamentos oscuros, pero hoy estos son de color rosa, porque florece la alegría de la Navidad. Y la alegría de la Navidad es una alegría especial; es una alegría que no es sólo para el día de Navidad, es para toda la vida del cristiano. Es una alegría serena, tranquila, una alegría que acompaña siempre al cristiano. Incluso en los momentos difíciles, en los momentos de dificultad, esta alegría se convierte en paz. El cristiano, cuando es auténtico cristiano, nunca pierde la paz, incluso en los sufrimientos. Esa paz es un don del Señor. La alegría cristiana es un don del Señor. La primera lectura nos sugiere una dimensión que nos ayudará a tener alegría: se trata de llevar a los demás la buena noticia. Nosotros somos cristianos. «Cristianos» viene de «Cristo», y «Cristo» significa «ungido». Y nosotros somos «ungidos»: el Espíritu del Señor está sobre nosotros, porque el Señor nos ha consagrado con la unción y nos envió para dar la buena noticia a los pobres, para curar los corazones desgarrados, proclamar la amnistía a los cautivos y a los prisioneros la libertad; para proclamar un año de gracia del Señor. Esta es la vocación de Cristo y también la vocación de los cristianos. Ir al encuentro de los demás, de quienes pasan necesidad, tanto necesidades materiales como espirituales. Hay mucha gente que sufre angustia por problemas familiares. Llevar paz allí, llevar la unción de Jesús, ese óleo de Jesús que hace tanto bien y consuela a las almas. La alegría cristiana en el Señor la encontramos en la oración y la acción del amor. Cuando somos en Cristo recibimos la verdadera alegría porque Cristo es amor unido con Dios Altísimo y el Espíritu Santo. Amen.

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Thank You !