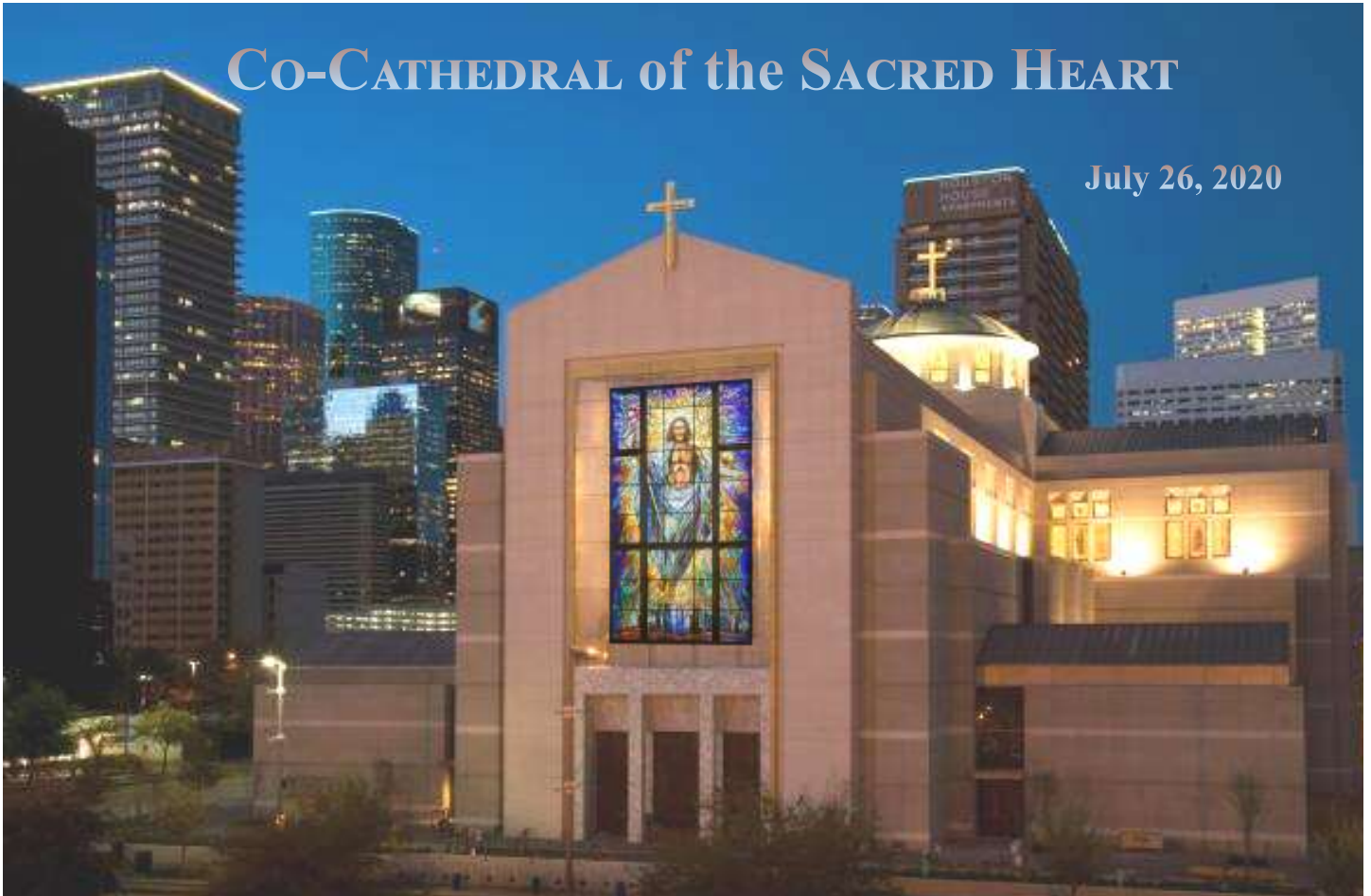


# Co-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

July 26, 2020



## Church Hours:

**Mon-Fri** 6:30am-2pm

**Saturday** Noon-6:30pm

**Sunday** 8:30am-6:30pm

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### **Saturday**

5 pm Vigil Mass *English*

### **Sunday**

9am *Vietnamese*

11am *English*

*Vietnamese and Spanish readings*

*\*Will be Live Streamed\**

5pm *Spanish*

## Weekday Mass Schedule

**7 am & 12:10 pm**

## Confession Schedule

### **Weekdays**

*30 minutes prior to Mass*

### **Saturday**

*3:30-4:45 pm*

### **Sunday**

*8:30-8:50 am*

*10-10:45 am*

*4-4:45 pm*

## **CATHEDRAL CENTRE**

**The Parish Office & Cameron Hall**  
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*Archbishop of Galveston-Houston*

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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*



## Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

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**Reverend Loc D. Phan** *Parochial Vicar*

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**July 26, 2020**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

Fr. Jeff is finishing up the last few days of his retreat / mini-vacation and so he asked me to compose a few words to go with the year-end financial information we are providing in this week's digital bulletin. Fr. Jeff will be back with his regular letter next week.

We just completed our financial year on June 30<sup>th</sup> and moved into a new financial year with a new budget. Like many other parishes in the Archdiocese, we had a challenging year. Depressed oil prices and the fallout from the Covid-19 virus and its effect on the local economy were evident in our financial results for the year. We finished the year with collections down \$220,000 from the previous year, resulting in a \$136,000 budget shortfall. The decrease in regular collections was partially offset by several generous special gifts, one of which was \$100,000. Securing a \$181,000 SBA Paycheck Protection Loan also made it possible to pay our employees during the Covid-19 shutdown and partial reopening.

In addition to meeting our normal operating expenses, we had to deal with major maintenance issues in the Cathedral Church last year. Cleaning the limestone exterior, repairing and restoring the marble flooring, repairing the roof and replacing the water line that feeds the fire safety sprinkler system cost us approximately \$100,000 during the year. We anticipate that we will continue to have to deal with maintenance and repair issues at the church, some routine and others that result from the original design decisions and construction execution. The repair of the paving and landscape damage incurred by repairing the damaged water line remains to be completed and paid for and we are dealing with a serious issue with one of the air conditioning chillers that feed the Cathedral Church.

As we look ahead to the coming year and our new budget, there **are** some bright spots. On the expense side of the budget we have a reduction in property insurance premiums, the temporary suspension of the required payments into the Archdiocesan Disaster Reserve Fund, and a modification to our Archdiocesan loan agreement. All of this amounts to a reduction of approximately \$450,000 in expenditures over the coming financial year. Our loan agreement has been converted to one that does not require principal payments every month, only interest payments at a very reasonable interest rate. As our financial situation improves over time we will resume principal payments as we are able.

As you can see from the financial presentation in this bulletin, our budget for the 2020-2021 financial year has expenses exactly equaling income. There is **no** surplus for emergencies! Major maintenance projects will probably have to be funded from our modest savings (\$239,000).

Obviously, the major element in the accuracy of this budget is our income projections. We conservatively estimated collections to be down 15% from last year's actuals and, unlike last year's experience, we only projected special gifts to be at a level more in line with historical results. Facility rentals at the church and Cathedral Centre are also a significant source of income. Weddings and wedding receptions were down year over year and many weddings have been rescheduled because of the pandemic. We have lowered our expectations for facility rental income for the coming year.

We have been fortunate that so many have begun contributing electronically through Faith Direct and PayPal even though they could not be physically present at Mass. Others have consistently mailed in their contributions in their physical absence. Still facing the unknown for the coming year and when things might return to normal, it is more important now than ever before that you continue to support the parish through your regular giving. Many have stopped their regular giving since they are not physically attending Mass. I realize that some have faced financial hardship because of the economic effects of the Coronavirus. I urge those who are able to give but are not doing so please start.

We will be closely monitoring our weekly contributions and will continue to report results on a weekly basis. We continue to look for ways to reduce expenses in the coming year, fully aware that we may have to take more drastic steps in the coming months in order to meet our obligations.

Even though we are not able to be together physically each week, we are still a parish family and we need to pray for each other and support each other even at a distance until the time that we can once again come together to listen to God's Holy Word proclaimed in Sacred Scripture and share the Eucharist at the Table of the Lord.

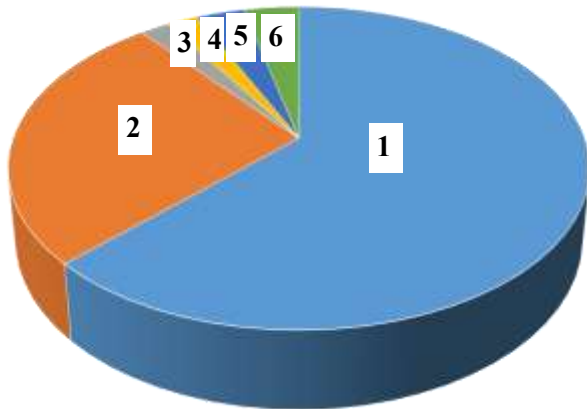
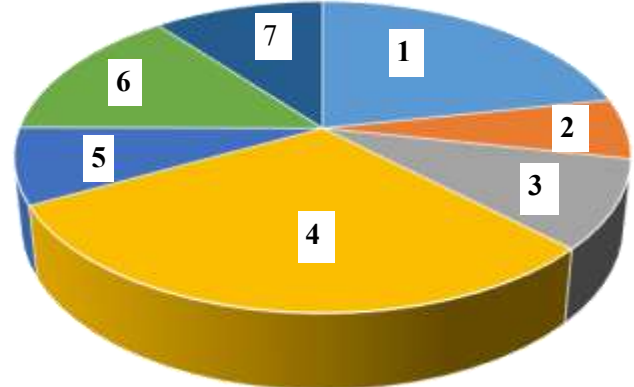
Let us pray for our new rector, Fr. Jeffrey Bame, as he leads us into this new year and for Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak, our former pastor, and for all the priests who are starting new assignments throughout the Archdiocese.

Deacon John Carrara / Parish Business Manager



## Year –End Financial Update

	<b>2019-2020 Actual Results</b>	<b>2020-2021 Final Budget</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Weekend Collections	\$1,565,762	\$ <b>1,359,938</b>
Holy Day Collections	\$ 64,709	\$ <b>52,000</b>
Other Income	\$ 696,130	\$ <b>628,725</b>
Gifts	\$ 256,694	\$ <b>75,000</b>
Parish Social Ministry	\$ 44,169	\$ <b>30,000</b>
Interest	\$ 2,312	\$ <b>1,000</b>
Debt Appeal	\$ 95,962	\$ <b>50,000</b>
Ignite Campaign Rebate	\$ 77,783	\$ <b>30,000</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,803,520</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,226,663</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
1. Ministries	\$ 563,754	\$ <b>535,956</b>
2. Clergy	\$ 184,315	\$ <b>189,134</b>
3. Administration	\$ 333,219	\$ <b>257,405</b>
4. Plant Operation	\$ 967,980	\$ <b>727,645</b>
5. Archdiocese Obligations	\$ 236,996	\$ <b>217,919</b>
6. Capital Expenditures	\$ 312,920	\$ <b>49,608</b>
7. Property & Liability Ins.	\$ 340,030	\$ <b>248,996</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,939,214</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,226,663</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS / (SHORT):</b>	<b><u>(\$ 135,694)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>

2020—2021 FINAL BUDGET  
INCOME BREAKDOWN2020-2021 FINAL BUDGET  
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

1. Collections—64%

4.Parish Social Ministry—1%

2. Other Income/ Interest—29%

5.Ignite Rebate—1%

3. Gifts—4%

6. Debt Reduction Appeal—1%

1.Ministries—24%

5. Archdiocese Obligations—10%

2. Clergy—8%

6. Capital Expenditures—2%

3. Administration—12%

7. Property Insurance—11%

4. Plant Operation—35%

## Notes on Other Income & Interest

- Other income includes an Archdiocesan cost-sharing of \$420,000, facilities usage fees & other gifts.
- Interest represents earnings on deposits in the Archdiocesan savings & loan account.

## Notes on Expenses

- Ministries include all expenses related to Evangelization and Faith Formation, Sacramental Programs, Liturgy, Music & Parish Social Services.
- Clergy includes all expenses associated with the priests, deacons & rectory.
- Administration includes all expenses associated with operations of the parish office, primarily personnel, equipment & supplies.
- Plant Operation includes all expenses associated with the maintenance & repair of all parish facilities & utilities (electricity, gas, water, telephone, internet).
- Archdiocesan Obligations include the Cathedraticum tax (10% of most income) which is assessed on every parish for the administration of the Archdiocese.
- Capital Expenditures include all loan principal & interest payments. A modified loan agreement with the Archdiocese will result in a decrease of approximately \$350,000 in cash outflow for the new year.
- Property Insurance includes assessments for the Church / bell tower, Cathedral Centre, rectory, & older vacant buildings. Liability Insurance covers all activities on parish property.
- The health insurance costs the parish pays for our employees has increased. Beginning July 1, 2020 our medical costs for employees increased by 5% with dental insurance premiums remaining the same.
- Required payments into a disaster fund have been suspended.
- Property Insurance Premiums have decreased by \$56,4216 for the new budget year for a total of \$236,996.
- The Cathedraticum Tax (10% of most income) paid to the Archdiocese has increased by almost \$8,300 for the new budget year.
- There are no staff salary for the new financial year.

## Weekly Stewardship

<u>July 18/19 2020</u>	<u>2020-21 YTD</u>	<u>July 20/21 2019</u>	<u>2019-20 FYTD</u>
Actual Collection: \$20,665	\$60,424*	\$31,313	\$ 89,831 Note: we are down \$29,407
Budgeted Collection: <u>\$26,889</u>	<u>\$79,092</u>		in actual collections compared to last year at this time.
Amount over (Under): (\$ 6,224)	(\$18,668)	*Includes \$13,518 from Faith Direct	and \$810 from PayPal

## DSF Status Report

## IGNITE Progress Report

**2020 Mandatory Amount : \$ 135,000**

**Status as of: July. 15, 2020**

Total Amount Paid 2020: \$ 77,744  
 Total Amount Pledged: \$ 98,525  
 Total Number of Participants: 237  
 Paid **under** Requirement: **\$ (57,256)**  
 Pledged **under** Requirement: **\$ (36,475)**

**Donate to DSF online:**  
<https://www.archgh.org/dsf>

**Our Parish Goal \$1,264,844**

**Amount Pledged \$1,091,400**  
**Over/(Under) Goal (\$173,444)**  
**% of Goal Pledged 86.29 %**  
**Amount Paid \$486,799**  
**% of Goal Paid 38.49%**  
**Total Number**  
**Participating households 264**  
**Average Pledge \$4,134**

**Donate: <https://www.archgh.org/about/ignite-capital-campaign/donatepledge/>**

**eGiving through Faith Direct!**  
**Enroll today!**  
[www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)  
**Call today: 866-507-8757**  
**Our church code is TX363.**

### **9 Reasons to Make Your Contributions Through Faith Direct**

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find.
2. 52 Weeks of predictable income for your parish.
3. Greater security than cash or checks.
4. No cost for you to participate.
5. Online control of your giving – including special collections.
6. Reduction of envelope & postage expense for the Co-Cathedral. It costs us annually for parish contribution envelopes \$4,400 plus the following listed in #7.
7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contribution records (this allows them to do other things) & less mistakes in posting. This is both more efficient in time & salary so as to do other things.
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure. This way others know you are contributing by placing something into the collection baskets.
9. Earn credit card points for your contributions.

Other ways to donate:



## Stewardship Reflection

**July 26, 2020**

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*  
 - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

## Social Distancing Protocols

**Please observe social distancing and wear a mask while inside the Co-Cathedral.**

## Weekly Readings

### **READINGS for the WEEK of JULY 26**

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27  
 or Lk 10:38-42

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
 Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39;  
 Mt 14:13-21



**Adult Confirmation Preparation Sessions**  
*For Parishioners of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart*

**Will be held online on**  
**Wednesday Evenings:**  
**August 19 - November 18**

**Requirements:**



- Baptized Catholic
- Have received First Eucharist
- No canonical impediments to receiving the Sacraments
- Have graduated from High School
- **Interview prior to the beginning of sessions**

**To arrange the virtual interview**  
**required prior to beginning sessions**

Contact Selma DeMarco at [sde-marco@sacredhearthouston.org](mailto:sde-marco@sacredhearthouston.org)  
 Place "Adult Confirmation" in the subject line.

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# ONLINE SUMMER CHOIR CAMP

Join us for a week of singing, learning, and safe summer fun online!

We will also construct and pray Lauds, one of the Church's Liturgy of the Hours.

August 3rd- 7th  
 11:00am-12:00pm  
 Ages 10-14

For more information and registration, click here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/201978656648069>

**Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?**

***—If you are not a Catholic, we invite you to explore the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic Faith & Community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.***

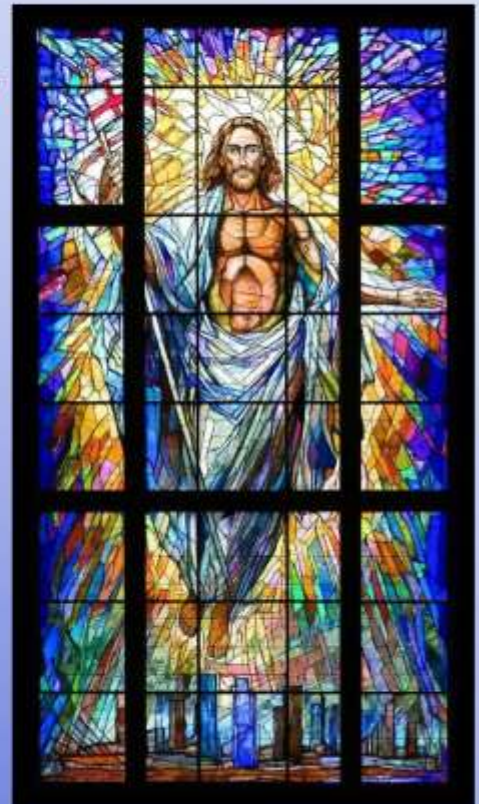
***—If you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation & Eucharist, RCIA is for you.***

**Our next RCIA process will be on**  
**Tuesday evenings beginning August 4.**

**If you are interested,**  
**we would love to hear from you.**

**For more information email Selma DeMarco at**  
**[sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org](mailto:sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org)**

**Place "RCIA" in the subject line.**



## 1st Thursday Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

**August 6, 2020**

**Solemn Exposition begins with the conclusion of the 12:10 pm Mass**

**Scriptural Rosary followed by Benediction**

**Church will close at 2pm**



## 17° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder, y lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo."



El Reino de los cielos se parece también a un comerciante en perlas finas que, al encontrar una perla muy valiosa, va y vende cuanto tiene y la compra.

También se parece el Reino de los cielos a la red que los pescadores echan en el mar y recoge toda clase de peces. Cuando se llena la red, los pescadores la sacan a la playa y se sientan a escoger los pescados; ponen los buenos en canastos y tiran los malos. Lo mismo sucederá al final de los tiempos: vendrán los ángeles, separarán a los malos de los buenos y los arrojarán al horno encendido. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación.

### Palabras del Papa Francisco

#### El Reino de Dios

El Reino de Dios se hace presente en la persona misma de Jesús. Él es el tesoro escondido, es Él la perla de gran valor. Se comprende la alegría del campesino y del comerciante: ¡lo han encontrado! Es la alegría de cada uno de nosotros cuando descubrimos la cercanía y la presencia de Jesús en nuestra vida. Una presencia que transforma la existencia y nos hace abiertos a las exigencias de los hermanos; una presencia que invita a acoger a cada una de las demás presencias, incluso la del extranjero y del inmigrante.

Es una presencia acogedora, es una presencia alegre, es una presencia fecunda: así es el reino de Dios dentro de nosotros. Ustedes podrían preguntarme: ¿Cómo se encuentra el reino de Dios? Cada uno de nosotros tiene un itinerario especial, cada uno de nosotros tiene su camino en la vida. Para alguno el encuentro con Jesús es algo esperado, deseado, buscado por largo tiempo, como nos lo muestra la parábola del comerciante que da vueltas por el mundo para encontrar algo de valor. Para otros ocurre de forma imprevista, casi por casualidad, como en la parábola del campesino. Esto nos recuerda que Dios se deja encontrar de una manera o de otra, porque es Él el primero que desea encontrarnos y el primero que busca encontrarnos: vino para ser el «Dios con nosotros». Jesús está entre nosotros, Él está aquí hoy. Lo dijo Él: cuando se reúnen en mi nombre, yo estoy entre ustedes. El Señor está aquí, está con nosotros, está en medio de nosotros. Es Él quien nos busca, es Él quien se deja encontrar incluso por quien no lo busca. A veces Él se deja encontrar en sitios insólitos y en momentos inesperados. Cuando encontramos a Jesús quedamos fascinados, conquistados, y es una alegría dejar nuestro acostumbrado modo de vivir, tal vez árido y apático, para abrazar el Evangelio, para dejarnos guiar por la lógica nueva del amor y del servicio humilde y desinteresado. La Palabra de Jesús, el Evangelio. Debemos tener el Evangelio entre las manos, sobre la mesilla, en la cartera, en el bolsillo y abrirlo para leer la Palabra de Jesús: así viene el reino de Dios. El contacto con la Palabra de Jesús nos acerca al reino de Dios.