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Church hours: 6:30am-2pm
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12:10 PM *English* 11:30am-Noon

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Church hours: Noon-6:30pm
5:00 PM *English* 3:30-4:45pm

Sunday

Church hours: 6:30am-7pm
7:00 AM *English*
9:00 AM *Vietnamese* 8:15-8:45am
11:00 AM *English* 10:15– 10:45am
1:00 PM *Spanish* 12:15– 12:45pm
5:30 PM *English* 4:30-5:15pm



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

RECTOR'S LETTER

May 9, 2021
Happy Mother's Day!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:
Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

A very happy Mother's Day to all of you! This is a day where we give thanks and show gratitude to and for our mothers. My mother Beverly has been such a defining source of my life and vocation, that I share in this space today abridged words from my funeral homily (3/7/2020) for her, especially in light of the Easter mysteries we celebrate at this time:

"What was it, then, that gave me such sharp inward pain? She and I had grown accustomed to living together; an exceedingly gentle and dear custom it was, and its sudden disruption was like a newly-inflicted wound...Being now bereft of her comfort, so great a comfort, my soul was wounded; it was as though my life was rent apart, for there had been but one life, woven out of mine and hers." (*The Confessions*, IX.30)

These words are written in the late fourth century by St. Augustine in his most famous work, *The Confessions*, as he writes about the passing of his beloved mother, Monica, from sudden illness. Augustine's words have been in my mind and heart since the equally unexpected passing of my beloved mother, Beverly. Beverly had struggled with chronic illness for over twenty years and our family had always discussed how she would one day have to "pay the piper", so to speak, following each serious episode that would see her pull through only by some form of serious medication, surgical intervention, or change in quality of life. Friends knew that she struggled, but Beverly never wanted to show this side to her loved ones – not out of pride or ego, but because she simply wanted to bring joy to people's lives. The true vulnerability and suffering she revealed only to my dad and I, all the while desiring to remain a servant to us, even on her worst days. With all of that said, there was nothing to indicate that this latest hospitalization would be the moment that the piper had to be paid.

And yet, part of me thinks that my mom had a sense that things might be different. Aside from suffering exhaustion in body, recent circumstances had led us to have many conversations about things eternal during the last month. St. Augustine describes how in the final days with his mother, not knowing that her end was near, they joyfully discussed the prospect of life eternal among the saints. While not saintly like Augustine and Monica, Beverly and I also discussed subjects such as what happens after we die, what our judgment will look like, matters of heaven and purgatory and the beatific vision of God, and how the resurrection of the glorified body will look...

...While she appreciated that she was created in the image and likeness of God and that her body was therefore holy, her body was so marred, broken, and devastated that she struggled to comprehend how God could glorify it. But in all this, she did not experience fear, but great faith and hope in God's promises.

And it is for this reason that I could go on and on about how wonderful my mother is, how she had the kindest, most generous heart of anyone I have ever known, and how she impacted so many countless people by her unconditional love, empathy, and servant's heart as a nurse, teacher, mentor to high school youth, court appointed child advocate, and most especially as wife and mother. I speak of her as a devoted mother, but my dad Philip could give even more beautiful words about her as wife and mother. But Beverly would want me to speak of nothing other than the goodness of Jesus Christ...

Beverly believed this with all her heart. No matter what she suffered, her only thought was how that suffering could be offered for others, how she could be of greater service. And thus, she did not fear death. As she realized that her hour was near, she told my dad and I that we needed to talk. After she told us that it was time for her to go, her final words with loved ones were not about her but about caring for those she would leave behind. For all the effusive words of love we have shared in my lifetime, our final heart to heart exchange was amazingly brief: she looked into my eyes and said, "You know what I know. You know what I know." As I fought back the tears, I said, "Yes, Mommy – I know." She said, "I know that you know – you have devoted your entire life to it." We exchanged "I love you", and that was that. What she knew, what I know, was that death is nothing to be feared. On Ash Wednesday, as the ashes are placed on our heads, we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. But even as our bodies turn to dust, in His Cross and Resurrection, in His Body and Blood, Christ has prepared a home for us so that we might joyfully gaze upon God face to face for all eternity.

In her final words to her grieved son Augustine, Monica gave an instruction which has always stuck in my heart: "Lay this body anywhere, and take no trouble over it. One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." My dearly beloved Mommy, my love for you surpasses words. You are more than my best friend – you are my mother. You gave me life not just in body, but in the love of God you shared with me all of our years together. Until the time comes for me to be reunited with you, I will remember you always at the altar of the Lord. While I will miss you terribly, I will know that even as my feeble senses cannot see you, that in that beautiful eternal sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, I will be one with God, with all His saints and angels, and most especially with you.

Indeed, I do know what Beverly knows. And I know that she had only two desires: that all her loved ones might pray to Almighty God for the repose of her soul...and that all might come to know that beautiful truth that she knows so well.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in You.
Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Jeffrey L. Bame

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Rector & Parish Administrator



RECTOR'S CORNER



Welcome to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart—a parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston located in the heart of downtown Houston.

In addition to being a cathedral and a hub for Archdiocesan activity, we are a parish serving the people of downtown Houston, mid-town, and visitors and travelers from all over. Wherever you are from, welcome!

To register as part of our parish family and to receive our communications to learn more, visit the Rector's Corner online or call our parish office during the week at 713-659-1561.

New Parking: For a long time Amegy Bank has generously partnered with us to provide additional parking for weekends and large events at the Co-Cathedral. Over the past year Amegy Bank has upgraded their facilities through the construction of a new parking garage adjacent to the Co-Cathedral.

Beginning Saturday, May 15th the old Amegy Bank parking garage we have been using will no longer be accessible. We will now use the new Amegy Bank parking garage accessible from Fannin Street. Please be prepared to be patient as we adjust to a new space and set of logistics.

NIGHT WITH THE RECTOR



WEDNESDAY MAY 19TH @7PM

Facebook Live Q&A

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Financial Stewardship: Thank you for supporting the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. In addition to our Parish Offertory Box and Poor Box found in the back of the church, you can donate via Faith Direct, PayPal, or mail. Visit **GIVE** on our website for more details.

5/2/21 Offertory: Collected: \$21,822 Budgeted: <u>\$25,698</u> (\$3,876)	2021 YTD: Collected: \$1,043,081 Budgeted: <u>\$1,143,820</u> (\$100,739)
2021 DSF Gifts: Paid: \$88,185 Goal: <u>\$135,000</u> 65% / (\$46,815)	DSF Stewardship Donors: 133 Families: <u>1,885</u> 7.1% Participating

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8

5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 9

7:00am For All Mothers

9:00am For All Mothers

11:00am For All Mothers

1:00pm For All Mothers

5:30pm For All Mothers

Monday, May 10

7:00am For a private intention

12:10pm Lydia Coleman

Tuesday, May 11

7:00am Randy Kelley Family

12:10pm Bernadine † & F.R. Pizzitola †

Wednesday, May 12

7:00am Terry Parrett

12:10pm Venerable Idele Quinn †

Thursday, May 13

7:00am For a private intention

12:10pm Mary Wofford †

Friday, May 14

7:00am For the souls in purgatory

12:10pm Gina Bibb

For the recently deceased: Mary Wofford † and Manuel Rampola †

For upcoming weddings: Kemmer & Kneeland; and Alejos & Solis

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WORSHIP AID

For complete texts and translations, see the full worship aid by following link or QR:
<https://www.sacredhearthouston.org/worship>



Prelude

Mariales (1993)
Ave Maria

Naji Hakim (b. 1955)
Various Composers

Introit

Vocem jucunditatis (mode III)

Gregorian Chant

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Introit Hymn

Come, Spread the News

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Introductory Rite (5 PM, 11 AM)

Penitential Act (5:30 PM)

Confiteor

Kyrie eleison (Mass of St. Benedict)

Robert LeBlanc

Cantor: *All:* 1, 2. 3.

1,3. Ky - rie e - le - i - son. Ky - rie e - le - i - son. Ky - rie_e - le - i - son. - son.
2. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te_e - le - i - son.

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Gloria (Mass of St. Benedict)

Robert LeBlanc

Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial: Psalm 98

Owen Alstott

The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav - ing pow'r.

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Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Owen Alstott

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Homily

Creed (5:30 PM)

Prayers of the Faithful

Rite of Baptism (5 PM, 11 AM)

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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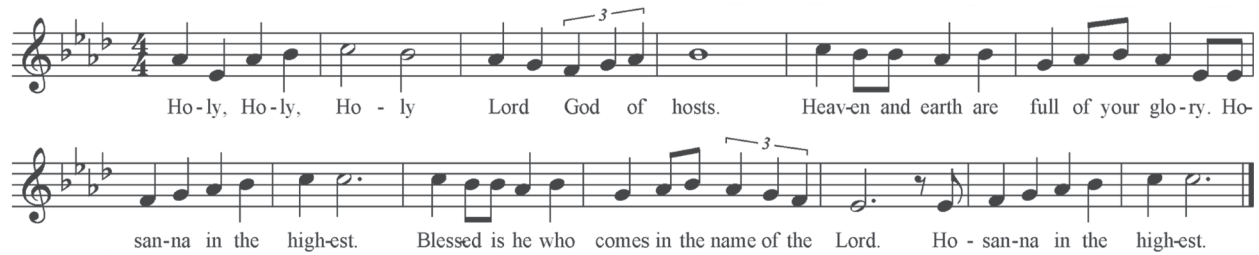
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Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus (Mass of St. Benedict)

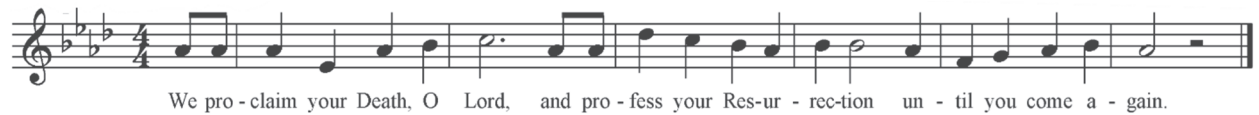
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Memorial Acclamation (Mass of St. Benedict)

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Concluding Doxology (Mass of St. Benedict)

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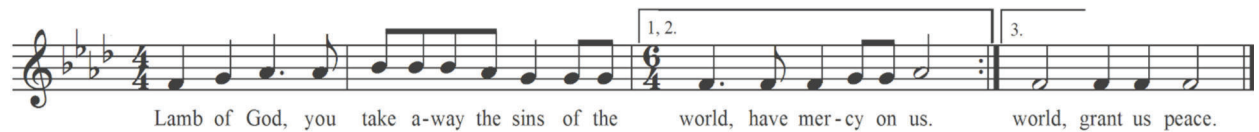
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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Mass of St. Benedict)

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Holy Communion

Ego vos elégi (mode I)

Gregorian Chant

I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia.

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

PUER NOBIS

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional

Gelobt Sei Gott

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

PARISH LIFE

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you have questions about the Catholic Church or were baptized but never received First Communion or Confirmation, email Selma DeMarco at: sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org to get started on the next steps of your faith journey.

Baptisms: As we celebrate Mother's Day with baptisms, please pray for these children and for all mothers: The Lord God Almighty, through his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, brings joy to Christian mothers as the hope of eternal life shines forth upon their children. May he graciously bless the mothers of these children, so that, as they now give thanks for the gift of their children, they may always remain united with them in thanksgiving, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Visit **BELONG** on our website for more details.

Pregnant? Need Help?: The Gabriel Project offers hope and assistance to any woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. We respect all life and see the birth of each child as a fresh expression of the unfailing love of God. Our concern is not only for the unborn child, but also for each and every mother in need. Call (713) 225-5826 for assistance.

Eviction Help: Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Services advises that renters facing eviction during the pandemic can get free information in English and Spanish from Stop Texas Eviction, a website which was set up by established non profit legal aid providers. Visit StopTxEviction.org to learn more about tenant rights and available rental assistance.

Visit **GIVE** on our website for more details.

Rebuilding a Singing Cathedral: Ready to sing at Mass again? Join your Co-Cathedral Musicians on Thursday, May 13 from 8-9pm for the first in a series of live virtual workshops designed for pew singers of all ages. We'll coach attendees in the sung dialogues and a Mass Ordinary used at CSH. Registration by Wednesday, May 12th is required: musicoffice@sacredhearthouston.org

AYC High School Retreat: If you are a high school student during the 21/22 school year who is interested in attending an in-person retreat from 7/31-8/1 at the Hilton of the Americas in Downtown Houston email flopez@sacredhearthouston.org for more information on this year's Archdiocesan youth conference, themed Seek the Truth.

Visit **GROW** on our website for more details.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for May: World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Young Catholic Professionals: Join the Houston YCP for a happy hour on Thursday, May 13th from 6-8pm at McIntyre's Heights (1230 W 20th St. Houston, TX 77008).

Transitional Diaconate Ordinations: Next weekend the Co-Cathedral will be hosting the ordination of three seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate. Please continue to pray for vocations, and particularly for soon-to-be deacons Luis Garcia, Christopher Meyer, and Jacob Ramirez.

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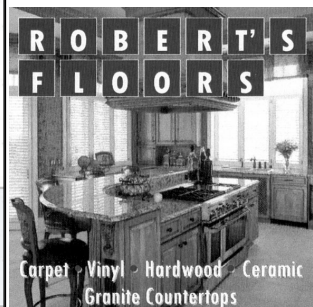
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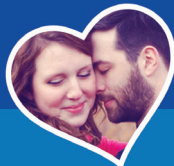
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