



Monday, September 11
8:00AM Jorge Tamez
Tuesday, September 12
8:00AM Jose Gonzalez
Wednesday, September 13
8:00AM Marie Smaistrila
7:00PM(Spanish) Edie Margarito Lezama
Thursday, September 14
8:00AM Marie Smaistrila
Friday, September 15
8:00AM Theodore & Angelina Twardowski
Saturday, September 16
8:00AM Souls In Purgatory
5:00PM Toni Cali
Sunday, September 17
8:00AM Pete, Frances and Marian Stankovich
10:00AM George Gajdousek
12:00Noon (Spanish) Michael Vu
5:00PM (Spanish) Larry Cozart



Please remember the following who have asked for our prayers: Tammy Babineck, Gaby Beckstrom, Laverne Bonora, Jesus Calvillo Jr., Marie Campos, Juanita Bocanegra, John Culver, Albina Diehl, Henry Kopycinski,, Bernie Lenahan, Robert McCullough, Jr., Jack Moore, , Peter and Nina Peropoulous, Frank Petronella, Ora Nell Petrash, Margaret Richardson, Araceli Rocha, Sammy Romano, Sophia Romano, David Russell, Mireya Sarchet, Landon Seeberger, Cecelia Syptak, Daniel Vernon, Donald Weaver, Mary Williams, Brian Wisnoski, David Zaborowski, and Raul Zamarripa.



Let us pray for all those who have given their life for our freedom and for those who are serving in our military at home and abroad and especially the following: Victor J. Broussard, Peter Zachary Carroll, Samuel Castillo, Brandon Cook, Matthew Cook, Master Sgt., Dean Crawford, Robert Freedman, Olivia Garza, Matthew Grissom, Timothy Groh, Lee Anthony Guerrero, Andrew S. Gutierrez, Brooklyn Hernandez, Christopher Hernandez, Lucas Hernandez, Matthew Hernandez, Mia Hernandez, Sean Dietrich Hrcir, Samuel Dylan Hrcir, Captain Mary Hrynyk, Captain Jason Hrynyk, Anthony Handy, Ivan Ibabao, Elizabeth Grassmann Ibabao, Robert Marquez, Jr., Captain Andrew Locke, Daniel Martinez, John Martinez, Major Kelly McGovern, Laurence Marinucci, Gamaliel Nava, Tony Noser, Dominic Patronella, Jeremy Redman, Captain Jonathan Reed, Casey Rogers, Daniela Salinas, The Smith Family, Oscar Sicola, Mertie St. Pierre, Adam M. Styers, and James Andrew Tamaro.



RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process whereby adults learn about the Catholic Church. If you would like to learn more about our faith, Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation, call the Religious Education Office at 713-686-3857.



All Brothers and Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul Society are invited to attend the 10:00AM Mass on Sunday, September 24. This will be in celebration of St. Vincent De Paul. After Mass, we will meet at Don Jose Restaurant for lunch at 11:30AM. Old and new members are invited to come. Please RSVP by September 20, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

A number of our parishioners sustained flooding and damage to their homes from Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our St. Ambrose families at this time of need. Please continue to keep our families, friends, neighbors and all those affected by this tragedy in your prayers. ,

We are accepting monetary donations made out to St. Ambrose Church "Harvey Relief" to assist those families who have experienced severe hardship. We will be accepting gifts cards for gas and grocery stores, etc., new towels, new sheets, new pillowcases, new wash cloths, and air mattresses. We would also appreciate toiletries, such as, shampoo and conditioner, soap, body wash, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizers, etc. Also, cleaning supplies, such as, bleach 409, bathroom cleaner, CLR's, gloves, disinfectant wipes, and air fresheners. You may place those donations in the St. Vincent de Paul boxes located in the Narthex of the church. Thank you.

ADDITIONAL HARVEY RELIEF

HARVEY RELIEF HUB: The recent Hurricane Harvey has been especially devastating for the City of Houston in general and for members of the St. Ambrose Church Community in particular. For those needing immediate assistance with clothing, toiletries, and food there is an agency set up to help within 20 minutes from St. Ambrose Church. It is called: Harvey Relief Hub. It is located at **2500 Summer Street**. It is off IH-10 at the Taylor Street exit and near the TARGET store. The phone number is 281.635.4387 and their website is: harveyreliefhub.com. If you need assistance you will not be turned away.

SECOND COLLECTION

The combined collection for the University of St. Thomas and the Catholic University of America will be this weekend, September 9-10.

On a local level, UST has been educating leaders of faith and character for 66 years. Cardinal DiNardo serves as a member of its board of directors and 75 percent of the University of St. Thomas students receive scholarships or financial aid, and the university depends on gifts from area parishes to help students achieve their education goals.

The Catholic University of America is the national Catholic university with outstanding departments of theology, biblical studies, canon law, church history and religious education. Grounded in the philosophy of Catholic intellectual tradition, students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world. We ask that you generously support these two fine Catholic institutions of higher education. Through your support these Catholic universities can continue to provide the high quality Catholic education which is so needed in our city and country today.

WE GRIEVE is a Bereavement Group for those who have lost a loved one. We meet on Thursdays at 1:15PM in Room B. Meetings last about an hour and a half. Session 1 include information about the grieving process as well as the opportunity to share with others who are grieving. Reading materials will be available as well. For more information please call Sister Charline at 713-858-1613.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is every Saturday from 3:30PM until 4:30PM in the church.

TWENTY-THIRD -SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
September 10, 2017

Sunday **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10;
 Mt 18:15-20

Monday Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday **The Most Holy Name of Mary**
 Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday **Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and**
Doctor of the Church
 Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab;
 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday **Our Lady of Sorrows**
 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday **Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,**
Bishop, Martyrs
 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7;
 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
 Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

ATTENTION:

GOLDEN YOUTH TRIP

September 21, Thursday

Lunch at Jay's Café in Needville and Tour of The George Ranch

Parishioners 50 years and older.

Join us on Thursday, September 21, as the Golden Youth Club of St. Ambrose will be taking a bus trip to visit The George Ranch Historical Park. We will leave St. Ambrose at 9:45 am. We will start with an early lunch at Jay's Café in Needville. This Café specializes in fresh homemade American Food. The highlight is their homemade cakes and pies. Lunch will be Dutch treat and there will be an included 18% gratuity to cover serving our group.

Following lunch we will visit The George Ranch, a 20,000 acre working ranch featuring historic homes, costumed interpreters and livestock. We will have a docent to accompany us and move between the four historic homesteads on a tram. We should be back in Houston about 6:00 pm. The tour is limited to persons 50 years or older and bus seating. The total cost for admissions will be \$12 per person, plus your dutch- treat lunch. Seniors interested in joining us on this trip, please contact Carol Herman at 713-688-6509 or email Carol at c.a.herman@comcast.ne

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will meet on Wednesday, September 20. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Bernadette King at 713-806-0141.

The below Day Reflection on Bereavement will not be held at this time and has been rescheduled to a later date.

For this Day of Reflection, speakers will be the following:

Margaret Hood Black, MA, LPC is a Licensed Professional Counselor and the owner of Margaret Hood Black & Associates, PC. Her professional areas of interest and expertise include pre-marital and marital counseling, ADHD, parenting and oppositional teenage boys. Margaret counsels families through difficult situations, including grief, as well as serving as a consultant for the Prince of Peace bereavement ministry.

Natalie Lancaster serves as an innovative Change Leader for her firm, Lancaster Leadership, INC. Natalie lost her husband, Kevin, six years ago to esophageal cancer. She now serves as Regional Leader

Matt & Stephanie Regitz have been married since 2001 and double as parents and ministers at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Matt has worked as the Youth Minister at Prince of Peace and Stephanie started St. Gianna's Hope Ministry to serve moms who have suffered a miscarriage or infant loss.

Bob and Kathy Zerda are graduates of the University of Notre Dame and longtime parishioners of Prince of Peace. In 2006 they very suddenly and unexpectedly lost their middle child, Jimmy, to suicide. Jim was 24 years old and had no history of diagnosed mental illness or depression. They now spend much of their time educating parents and young people about suicide prevention.

Registration is \$45 per person and includes morning coffee and pastries, and lunch. Day will begin at 8:30AM and will end with the celebration of Mass at 2:15PM. To register or for more information, please call 713-464-0211.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

You are invited to meet for a meal today, Sunday, September 10, at Logan's @ 290 Feeder. You may call Sr. Charline for more information or just show up.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts group is already making things for our all and Christmas sales. Come and join us on Tuesday afternoons in the auditorium from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. For more information call Sr. Charline at 713-858-1613

GIFTS TO GOD
September 3, 2017

Envelopes	\$11,510.00
Loose	\$ 6,699.00
Mail In	\$, 780.00
On Line	\$ 445.00
Total	\$19,434.00



Bingo will be held on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:15PM in the auditorium. We will be calling two (2) Bonus Ball Numbers. Bring your family and neighbors for an evening of camaraderie and fun.



Announcement for the Golden Anniversary of Marriage

The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, October 15th, 2017 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3:00PM. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition.

Register on line at

<http://www.familylifeministryhouston.org>

Registration for this celebration will close on September 25th 2017 at midnight.



MEN'S CLUB - The Men's Club will meet on Monday, September 18, in the auditorium. All men of the parish are invited to attend. We meet at 7:00PM.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Scouting is for boys first through fifth grade. Boys have fun with a purpose, learning skills like knot tying, setting up a tent, playing sports and shooting a bow and arrow. Cub Scouts earn awards and advance in ranks every time they complete a new skill. Cub Scouts join a Pack, and are grouped with boys of the same age into Dens.

If you would like more information regarding the Cub Scouts at St. Ambrose, please call Jeremy Woods at 713-213-0372 or Adina Akin at 713-822-1207.

Spaghetti Dinner - 2017

St. Ambrose Men's Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**WHEN - Friday, October 20
5:00PM - 7:00PM**

WHERE - St. Ambrose School Cafeteria,

MENU - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Bread and Ice Tea

More information in upcoming bulletins but mark your calendar now

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

St. Ambrose Altar Society will not hold their monthly meeting this month. Next meeting will be October 4, at 7:00PM in the auditorium. If you would like more information regarding the Altar Society, please call Mary Goins at 713-680-8428.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CCE classes have resumed today, September 10, for the Sunday students and will begin on Wednesday, September 13, for the Wednesday students. If you have not registered your child for classes or have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 713-686-3857.

SENIOR PROGRAM

HOLDS FALL

REGISTRATION

All Saints Third Age Learning Center (TALC) senior program will hold its 2016 Late Fall Semester Registration for classes and activities on September 12 to September 16 from 9:00AM to 11:30AM. Registration will take place in the Church Parish Hall located at 215 E. 10th Street (77008) in the Heights area.

The Fall Semester begins on Monday, September 12, and concludes on Friday, November 18.

TALC offers a variety of activities for senior adults 50+ in the community. Classes include exercise, woodworking, conversational Spanish, computer, line dancing, hula, stain glass, watercolor, bridge, a continuing education program called Lifelong Learning and much more. Seminars, parties, day trips and birthday celebrations are also on the agenda. A full course hot lunch, cooked on site, is available at 12:00Noon Monday through Friday during the semester for the nominal fee of \$2.00.

For TALC program information and lunch reservations, call 713-248-1277.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON - INVITATION

You are invited to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, for the following Masses that will be offered for the various service professions.

Red Mass - 6:15PM, Tuesday, September 28. Celebrant will be Cardinal DiNardo and will be for all the legal professions with dinner following in the Cathedral Centre. Honorable Samuel Alito, Jr., will be the Dinner speaker. Reservations only for Dinner. Contact Kelly at kbrant@hoganfirm.com.

Blue Mass - 5:00PM - Saturday Vigil Mass, September 30. Celebrant will be Cardinal Daniel DiNardo. This Mass is for all law enforcement, criminal Justice. For more information call 713-741-8745.

White Mass - 5:00PM, Saturday Vigil Mass - October 21 - Celebrant will be Bishop George Sheltz. This Mass is for all in the medical profession. Contact Denise Delgado at 713-222-2359.

Domingo, 10 de Septiembre, 2017
23°. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ezequiel 33,7-9: Si no hablas al malvado, te pediré cuentas

Salmo 94: Ojalá escuchen hoy la voz del Señor

Romanos 13,8-10: Amar es cumplir la plenitud de la ley

Mateo 18,15-20: Si te hace caso, has salvado a tu hermano

La liturgia de este domingo nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra corresponsabilidad comunitaria. La fe, o más ampliamente dicho, nuestra vida espiritual, es un asunto personal, una responsabilidad absolutamente intransferible, pero como humanos que somos –seres simbióticos al fin y al cabo– la vivimos en el seno de una comunidad. Por eso, también, todos somos de alguna manera responsables de la vida de cada hermano.

Ezequiel es profeta del tiempo del exilio. Se presenta como el vigilante de su pueblo. Otros profetas han utilizado también esta imagen para caracterizar su misión. La actitud vigilante es un rasgo de los profetas. Estar atento a lo que pasa, para alertar y prevenir al pueblo. Y estar siempre atento también a escuchar la Palabra de Dios. Leer los acontecimientos de la historia y interpretarlos a la luz de la Palabra de Dios. El vigilante, celador, velador, centinela o como se le llame en nuestro medio, está pendiente de los peligros que acechan al pueblo. Por eso, el profeta es responsable directo de lo que le pueda pasar. El profeta tiene la misión de abrir los ojos del pueblo. Pero también el pueblo puede aceptar o rechazar esa interpelación profética. Lo que no está bien es pasar por alto y no darse cuenta del peligro.

Pablo en la **carta a los romanos** invita a los creyentes que edifiquen su vida sobre la base del amor para que puedan responder a los desafíos del momento histórico que a cada creyente y a cada comunidad le toca vivir. El amor es resumen, síntesis vital, compendio de todo tipo de precepto de orden religioso. Así, Pablo entra en perfecta sintonía con la propuesta evangélica. Ciertamente, no es un rechazo rotundo de la ley. Pero el amor supera la fuerza de la ley. Quien ama auténticamente no quiere hacer daño a nadie; por el contrario, siempre buscará la forma de ayudarlo a crecer como persona y como creyente. La conversión, la metanoia, es cambio rotundo de mente y corazón. Quién se convierte asume el amor como única “norma” de vida. El amor se traduce en actitudes y compromisos muy concretos: servicio, respeto, perdón, reconciliación, tolerancia, comprensión, verdad, paz, justicia y solidaridad fraterna.

El evangelio de **Mateo** nos presenta el pasaje que se ha denominado comúnmente la corrección fraterna. El texto revela los conflictos internos que vivía la comunidad mateana. Nos encontramos, entonces, ante una página de carácter catequético que pretende enfrentar y resolver el problema de los conflictos comunitarios. El pecado no es solamente de orden individual o moral. Aquí se trata de faltas graves en contra de la comunidad. El evangelista pretende señalar dos cosas importantes: no se trata de caer en un laxismo total que conduzca al caos comunitario. Pero tampoco se trata de un rigorismo tal que nadie pueda fallar o equivocarse. El evangelista coloca el término medio. Se trata de resolver los asuntos complicados en las relaciones interpersonales siguiendo la pedagogía de Jesús. No es un proceso jurídico lo que aquí se señala. El evangelista quiere dejar en claro que se trata ante todo de salvar al trasgresor, de no condenarlo ni expulsarlo de entrada. Es un proceso pedagógico que intenta por todos medios

salvar a la persona. Ahora bien, si la persona se resiste, no acepta la invitación, no da signos de arrepentimiento... entonces sí la comunidad se ve obligada a expulsarse de su seno. Al no aceptar la oferta de perdón la persona misma se excluye de la comunión.

Nuestro compromiso como creyentes es luchar por la verdad. Nuestras familias y comunidades cristianas deben ser, ante todo, lugares de reconciliación y de verdad. Exigir respeto por las personas que se equivocan pero que quieren rectificar su error es imperativo evangélico. Tampoco se trata de caer en actitudes laxistas o que respalden la impunidad. Pero ante todo, el compromiso con la justicia, la verdad y la reconciliación es una actitud profética.

¿Cómo vivimos los valores de la verdad, la justicia, la reparación y la reconciliación al interior de nuestras comunidades? ¿Qué actitud asumimos frente a los medios de comunicación que manipulan y tergiversan la verdad? ¿Nos sentimos corresponsables de la suerte de nuestros hermanos?

El evangelio de hoy habla también de la comunidad como sujeto de perdón: «Todo lo que aten ustedes en la tierra será atado en el cielo...». Puede ser una oportunidad interesante para hablar tanto de la grave crisis que atraviesa este sacramento en la práctica más extendida en la Iglesia, como de la posibilidad y legitimidad de la reconciliación comunitaria. Véase al respecto el libro de Domiciano Fernández que comentamos más abajo.

Con la colaboración de Servicio Bíblico Latinoamericano

Horario de Servicios

Lunes a Sábado

8:00 a.m. Misa en Inglés

Miércoles

6:30 p.m. Misa en Español

1er. Viernes

7:00 p.m. Misa en Español

Sábado

5:00 p.m. Misa en Inglés

Domingo

8:00 y 10:00 a.m. Misa en Inglés

12:00 p.m. Misa en Español

5:00 p.m. Misa de Jóvenes

Miércoles y 1er. Viernes del Mes

Exposición del Santísimo 8:30 a.m. a 6:15 p.m.

Rosario en Español 10:00 a.m.

Oración de la Divina Misericordia 3:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Miércoles y 1er. Viernes del Mes de 6:00 a 6:45 p.m.

Sábado de 3:30 a 4:30 p.m.



Misa de Jóvenes

La misa es a las 5:00 p.m.

1er y 3er domingo en español

2do y 4to domingo en Inglés

5to domingo del mes será bilingüe

TWENTY-THIRD -SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Sunday Masses, special Archdiocesan Liturgies, and other services and celebrations. Anyone with an interest in Music or Singing is encouraged to join one of the choirs briefly outlined below. For more information, please contact **Veronica Stevens, Music Director**, at 281-440-4445, or visit with her after any weekend Mass.

CHORALE, Saturday evening Mass at 5:00PM
Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

FAMILY CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 8:00AM
Contact Bob Korst at 3-688-0046

LITURGICAL CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 10:00AM
Contact Veronica Stevens at 281-440-4445

SPANISH CHOIR, Sunday Mass at 12:00Noon
Contact Alpha Omega Cruz– 281-808-3430

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - Prayer blankets are lap size, made with two coordinating pieces of material, sewn with love and prayers for those who receive them. This prayer blanket is a symbol of a faith-sharing community's "covering of prayer" for the individuals who use them. If you can sew some prayer blankets, please call Sister Charline 713-858-1613.

PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Prayer and meditation before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word or just keep Him company. We continue this practice every **Wednesday** in the chapel from **8:30AM-6:00PM**. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Are you looking for ways to experience God? It can be difficult. God is a spiritual being. How do you experience a "spiritual being"? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in the poor. Holy Scripture tells us: "the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." (The Gospel according to John, I, 14). We see Christ in the poor and when we see Christ we experience God. You are invited to serve Christ's poor in our St. Ambrose Parish. Call St. Vincent De Paul at 713-686-3068 for more information.
