

The Catholic Charismatic Center

1949 Cullen Blvd. & I 45 Houston, Texas 77023
Archdiocese Galveston Houston

December 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY

of
Advent
Gaudete Sunday



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December 12
Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Jesus said,
"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
Matthew 11:4-5



Christmas & Feast Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24, 2016
5:30pm & 11:30pm English Vigil
Masses only

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:30am English Mass
Mass only

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2016
11:00pm English Vigil

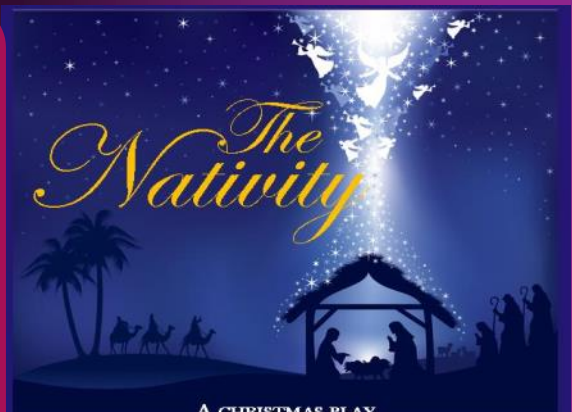
Sunday, January 1, 2017
10:30am English
Mass only

Center is Closed Dec. 23, 26 - 31

All other regularly scheduled Masses and
ministries are cancelled during the
Center's closure

Advent Wreath Prayer for the Third Week of Advent;

Incline Thine ear to
our prayers, O Lord,
we beseech Thee; and
make bright the dark-
ness of our minds by
the grace of Thy visita-
tion. Who livest and
reignest, with God the
Father, in the unity of
the Holy Ghost, God,
world without end.
Amen.



A CHRISTMAS PLAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6PM)

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CENTER

1949 CULLEN BLVD. HOUSTON, TEXAS 77023

WWW.CCCGH.COM 713-236-9977

ADMISSION IS FREE!!

Mission Statement

The Catholic Charismatic Center is dedicated to bringing All people to the full life of Jesus Christ and His Church through
the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday Closed
Tuesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Tuesday 10:45 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday 10:45 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm *Not open after Mass*
Friday 10:45 am - 2:00 pm and 6:00-8:00pm
Sunday 12 Noon - 1:30pm After Mass Only

Prayer Intentions

Toni Ford, Epifania Denbo, Veronica Borrego, Mary Ann Colunga, Ronald Balsam, Fr. Greg Gregory, Theresa Valadez, Ivonne Rodriguez, Matilda & Robert Gonzales, Jackie Lyons, Bernadette Garza, Eunterio Flores, Fr. Francis Frankovich, Conchita Bruno, Mary A. Heusner, Omar Eduardo Pena, Adam Sanchez, Danette Sibly, Telma Ferrari, Gus Kemp, Nora Elizondo, Ruben Granados, Vincent DeFatta, Chris & Marco Lopez, Carmen Velasco, Adrianna Lopez, Edgar Lopez, Dawn Peters, Victorio Rangel, Pam Winkler, Sandi & Bobbi Embesi, Kathy Ricks, Humberto Isassi III, Jane Woodring, Jesse Flores, Alyssa Martinez, Gloria Castro, Dorita Martinez, Victor Villarreal, Suzanne Elizondo, Joshua Castro, Monica Garcia, Preston Lewis, Flor Vasquez, Rudy Reyna, Catalina Rivera, Mack Arevalo, Javier Lazo, Elsie Cobb, Mary Hood, Benjamin Thomas, Rudy Terrazas, Deacon Gerald DuPont, Jesus Lopez, Elijah Mondragon, Abraham Flores, Mary & Jesse Cordero, Barbara Ryan, Virginia Gonzalez, Sandra Longoria, Alyssa Hernandez, Rita Ochoa, Linda McKnight, Roger & Martha Sherman

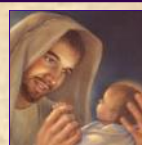
In Memoriam

† Anthony Flores † Wilfrido Redondo † Neo Alaniz

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASS AND EVENTS

- ♦ **MONDAY:** Center and Offices Closed
- ♦ **TUESDAY:** 12:00 Noon - English MASS / Chapel
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** 9:30 Rosary in Foyer
10:00 First Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Main Sanctuary
12:00 Noon-Spanish Mass / Main Sanctuary
Prayer teams are available after Asamblea
7:00 - 9:00 pm - Women's Bible Study, Room 120
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
6:30 - 7:00 pm - Rosary before Mass - Main Sanctuary
7:20 - 7:30 pm - Praise & Worship-Main Sanctuary
7:30 pm - MASS
1st Thursday of each Month before Mass
Blessing of the Salt, Water and Oil.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** 12:00 Noon - English MASS—Chapel
7:00 pm - First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 pm Spanish Mass
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** Scheduled Events
6:00am Fishers of Men Prayer Group—Room 111
8:30am Mass for Life/Chapel
- ♦ **SUNDAY:** 9:00 am - 9:45 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 am - 10:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours (Chapel)
10:00 am - 10:30 am - Praise & Worship Main Sanctuary
10:30 am - MASS
Nigerian Mass: 2nd Sunday 1:00 pm in Main Sanctuary
Fellowship upstairs in fellowship hall after Mass
Vietnamese Mass every 4th Sunday at 3:00 pm rm. 111
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Please call the office for appointment.
- ♦ **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**
Sunday 9:30 am - 10:20 am
Wednesday 11:00 am - 11:50 am
Thursday 6:30 pm - 7:20 pm
Friday 6:30 pm - 7:50 pm

For Baptisms, email Marisa at: marisawilks@yahoo.com



MASS FOR LIFE
Every Saturday 8:30 am
Followed by a Rosary at Planned
Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway

Join us @ 6:30 pm in the
Sanctuary to pray the
Holy Rosary Every Thursday
Evening before Mass



Follow me and I will make you fishers of men

Saturday Morning Men's Meeting
6:00am in Room 111

• **Praise & Worship** • **Adoration**
• **Teaching** • **Fellowship** • **Breakfast**

For Information Contact:

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The Virgin Mary's Apparitions in Mexico in 1531



Hearing an Angelic Choir Just before dawn on December 9, 1531, a poor, 57-year-old widower named Juan Diego was walking through the hills outside Tenochtitlan, Mexico (the Guadalupe area that is near modern Mexico City), on his way to attend church. He began hearing music as he walked closer to the base of Tepeyac Hill, and at first he thought the beautiful sounds were the morning songs of local birds in the area. But the more Juan listened, the more the music sounded unlike anything he had ever heard before. Juan started to wonder if he was hearing a heavenly chorus of angels singing.

Meeting Mary on a Hill Juan gazed toward the east (the direction from which the music came), but as he did so, the singing faded, and instead he heard a female voice calling his name several times from atop the hill. So he climbed to the top, where he saw the figure of a smiling girl of about 14 or 15 years old, bathed within a bright golden light. The light shone outward from her body in golden rays that illuminated the cacti, rocks, and grass around her in a variety of beautiful colors. The girl was dressed in an embroidered red and gold Mexican-style gown and a turquoise cloak covered with golden stars. She had Aztec features, just as Juan himself did, since he was of Aztec heritage. Rather than standing directly on the ground, the girl stood on a type of platform in the shape of a crescent that an angel held for her above the ground.

"Mother of the True God Who Gives Life" The girl began speaking to Juan in his native language, Nahuatl. She asked where he was going, and he told her that he had been on his way to church to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whom he had come to love so much that he walked to church to attend daily Mass whenever he could. Smiling, the girl then told him: "Dear little son, I love you. I want you to know who I am: I am the Virgin Mary, mother of the true God who gives life."

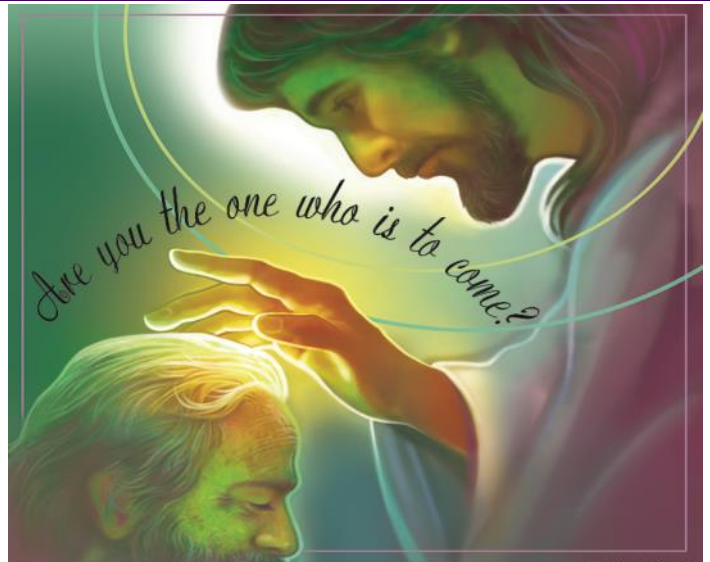
"Build a Church Here" She continued: "I would like you to build a church here so that I may give my love, compassion, help, and defense to everyone who seeks it in this place -- for I am your mother, and I want you to have confidence in me and invoke me.... But Bishop Zumara told Juan he wasn't ready to consider such a major undertaking."

Second Meeting Dejected, Juan began the long journey back home to the countryside, and on the way, he encountered Mary again, standing on the hill where they had met before. He knelt before her and told her what had happened with the bishop. Then he asked her to choose someone else to be her messenger.... Mary replied: "Listen, little son. There are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen for this task. So, tomorrow morning, go back to the bishop and tell him again that the Virgin Mary has sent you to ask him to build a church on this place."

Juan agreed to go see Bishop Zumara again the next day,.... **Asking for a Sign** Bishop Zumara was surprised to see Juan again so soon. This time he listened more carefully to Juan's story, and asked questions. But the bishop was suspicious that Juan had really seen a miraculous apparition of Mary. He asked Juan to ask Mary to give him a miraculous sign that would confirm her identity,.... Mary said: "I will give you a sign for the bishop, so he will believe you, and he won't doubt this again or suspect anything about you again. Please know that I will reward you for all of your hard work for me. Go home now to get some rest, and go in peace."

Missing his Appointment But Juan ended up missing his appointment with Mary the next day.... his elderly uncle, Juan Bernardino, was gravely ill with a fever and needed his nephew to take care of him. On Tuesday, Juan's uncle seemed about to die, and he asked Juan to go find a priest to administer the sacrament of Last Rites to him before he passed away. Juan left to do so, and on the way, he encountered Mary waiting for him.... she promised to heal his uncle. Then she told him that she was going to give him the sign the bishop had requested.

Arranging Roses in a Poncho "Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there," Mary instructed Juan. "Then bring them to me." Even though frost covered the top of Tepeyac Hill in December and no flowers naturally grew there during the winter, Juan climbed the hill since Mary had asked him to, and was surprised to discover a group of fresh roses growing there. He cut them all and took off his *tilma* (poncho) to gather them together inside the poncho. Then Juan ran back to Mary. Mary took the roses and carefully arranged each one inside Juan's poncho as if designing a pattern. Then, after Juan put the poncho back on, Mary tied the poncho's corners behind Juan's neck so none of the roses would fall out. Then Mary sent Juan back to Bishop Zumara, with instructions to go straight there and not to show anyone the roses until the bishop saw them. She reassured Juan that she would heal his dying uncle in the meantime. (continued on p. 4)



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"Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30.

WOMEN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP!

W.O.W. Meeting 3rd Friday December 16, 2016

7:00-9:00pm, Room 111A,

Women Sharing Christmas Memories and Cookie Exchange

Please Bring Your Bible!

W.O.W. Outreach:

****Note - Christmas Eve is 4th Saturday we changed Prayer Walk against Trafficking to New Year's Eve December 31st**

4:30-6:00pm.

Calling Women of Worship & Prayer Warrior Men!

Prayer and Fasting Against Human Trafficking

at 4300 Telephone Rd. Houston TX.

Adults and Teenagers 15yrs. and up with Adult Supervision!

Lam. 3:22-23, "The Lord's acts of mercy are not exhausted, His compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness!" Amen.

For more information womenofworship.kim@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Please remember to contact the office to update your records if you have moved or are not receiving your envelopes.

Call Margaret Colunga at;

713-236-9977 ext. 110

Or email; mcolunga@cccgh.com

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

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

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

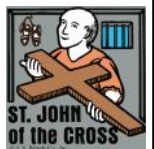
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

Friday: Las Posadas begins



Breaking Bread Homeless Ministries News From The Streets...

His Name is Pedro - Part II

By Mary Martha Primerano (continued)...

When Carlos called the telephone number he was surprised to find an aunt of Pedro. She had wondered what had become of him, and agreed to come and visit. But you see, Carlos never told Pedro that his aunt would be coming. The Social Workers do this to help protect the children from further rejection should the relative not show up. But the day soon arrived, and much to everyone's surprise Pedro's Tia (aunt) did come and she even brought her family with her. So Carlos went to the Boys house to announce that a visitor was here for one of the boys. The Boy's house began to buzz...Who is it? Is it for me, each boy asked? Carlos then announced that there is a visitor here for Pedro! All the boys would exclaim Pedro! Even Pedro himself would respond. "For me? Are you sure?" and Carlos responded, "Yes! For you! Your aunt is here to see you!" Immediately the boys began to cheer Pedro on as he headed to see his visitors. The amazing thing that transpired through the visit, is that for the first time ever, Carlos was able to see Pedro sit perfectly still during the 3 or more hours while his aunt and her family were with him. Carlos came to realize that it was not medicine that Pedro needed in order to focus, but it was love and attention! So let's fast forward to today. 1 year later, while we visited with Pedro we had lunch together, and experienced a boy who sat totally focused on us, and eagerly practiced his English. We also saw Pedro as a focused student (without the aid of medicines!!) in his Genesis class learning of the things of God. God holds Pedro in the palm of his hand, and has a great future for him!

If interested in
Volunteering
please contact:

Walt Primerano
713.661.7167 or



walterprimerano@yahoo.com

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A Miraculous Image Appears When Juan and Bishop Zumarraga met again, Juan told the story of his latest encounter with Mary and said that she had sent him some roses as a sign that it was truly her talking with Juan. Bishop Zumarraga had privately prayed to Mary for a sign of roses -- fresh Castilian roses, like the kind that grew in his home country of Spain -- but Juan wasn't aware of that. Juan then untied his poncho, and the roses tumbled out. Bishop Zumarraga was astonished to see that they were fresh Castilian roses. Then he and everyone else present noticed an image of Mary imprinted on the fibers of Juan's poncho. The detailed image showed Mary with specific symbolism that conveyed a spiritual message that the illiterate native people of Mexico could easily understand, so they could simply look at the image's symbols and comprehend the spiritual significance of Mary's identity and the mission of her son, Jesus Christ, in the world. Bishop Zumarraga displayed the image in the local cathedral until a church could be built in the Tepeyac Hill area, and then the image was moved there. Within seven years of the image first appearing on the poncho, about 8 million Mexicans who previously had pagan beliefs became Christians. After Juan returned home, his uncle had completely recovered and told Juan that Mary had come to visit him, appearing within a globe of golden light in his bedroom to heal him. Juan served as the official custodian of the poncho for the remaining 17 years of his life. He lived in a small room attached to the church that housed the poncho, and met with visitors there every day to tell the story of his encounters with Mary.

The image of Mary on Juan Diego's poncho remains on display today; it's now housed inside the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, which is near the site of the apparition at Tepeyac Hill. Several million spiritual pilgrims visit to pray by the image every year. Although a poncho made of cactus fibers (as Juan Diego's was) would naturally disintegrate within about 20 years, Juan's poncho shows no signs of decay nearly 500 years after Mary's image first appeared on it. *Aboutreligion.catholicism.com/Whitney Hopley*



MERCY

D.I.G. 2016

ALL TEENS 13 - 17

ARE INVITED WEDNESDAYS 7 - 9 PM

IN THE UPPER ROOM

50TH ANNIVERSARY
DSF

HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER
2016 DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND

Thank you for answering the call to express God's love and compassion through your commitment to this year's Diocesan Services fund. Catholics throughout our Archdiocesan Community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings, and giving gifts in Christ's name. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time; each gift helps. With every member's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of \$56,000 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need.

If you prefer to donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf or the CCC website www.cccgh.com (click DSF link).

\$56,000

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday November 27, 2016
\$9,740.00

Sunday December 4, 2016
\$13,218.00

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT!

UPCOMING EVENTS, RETREATS at THE CCC, AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND MORE

CCof Texas

Coming Soon! Companions of the Cross 2017 Calendars



**Donation
\$10**

DiF News



DIVINE INTIMACY FORMATION 2016

BRIEF:

During 2016 DiF walked through 3 spiritual formations 'Remain in Me', 'Simplicity' and 'Discovering the Interior Life' through the poetics of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. Also the DiF-E core made several evangelization outings in the Houston area.

Forthcoming announcements for 2017 will be in the CCC bulletin.

At the service of Jesus Christ, Norma Casey

December Birthdays



Blessed Birthday

Noe Martínez (12/11)
Matthew Aguilar (12/11)
Mary Peyrani (12/11)
Maria E. Bermudez (12/11)
Guadalupe Jimenez (12/11)
Gilberto Lopez (12/12)
Jose Tupacyupanqui (12/12)
Victoria Hernandez (12/12)
Pablo Rivas (12/12)
Runu Ukwade (12/13)
Augustus Roberts (12/13)
Jackie Lyons (12/13)
Luke Martin (12/13)
Alison Weber (12/13)
Ignacio Alvarado (12/13)
Rose Saldaña (12/15)
Jesse Munguía, Jr. (12/15)

Joe De León (12/15)
Oscar Cisneros (12/15)
Joy Vito (12/15)
Marlene Ventura (12/15)
Henry Morales III (12/16)
Marcelina Martínez (12/16)
Desirae Flores (12/16)
Thomas Lyndon (12/16)
Andrew G. Mendoza (12/16)
Jose Garcia, Jr. (12/16)
Maria Reyes (12/16)
Veronica Reyes (12/16)
Heraldo Ventura (12/16)
Rudy Ortega (12/17)
Graciela Rojas (12/17)
Li-Ming Amy Wang (12/17)
Isa Montes (12/17)

CCC Bookstore

CCC Bookstore White Christmas Sale!

**15% off of
ALL Merchandise
Cds - Dvds
Books
Statues - Posters
Rosaries
Framed Art**

Volunteer Opportunity



HELP WANTED!!!

Bookstore in need of committed adult to help with recording and reproducing of CD's of Sunday Mass. Willing to train.

Interested? Contact Ann Martinez for information
amarinez@cccgh.com or 713 236-9977 ext. 103

Christmas Play

Maria Goretti Support Group



For those afflicted with any type of abuse whether physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, or mental.

Meetings, on the third (3rd) Monday of the month.

*Where: Cathedral Center
1701 San Jacinto St. 77002*

*For more information:
www.mgoretti.org or call
713-851-3708*

Next meeting: December 19, 2016

"Ven, Señor, a salvarnos"

Reconocer a Cristo



Mt 11,2-11 Juan el Bautista, después de haber predicado penitencia y conversión y anunciado la venida del Señor, oye hablar de las obras de Jesús. Pero Juan no logra reconocer en Él al que ha anunciado, y así se queda sin saber lo que tiene que hacer. Y en la espera tenebrosa de la cárcel, fastidiado de dudas e incertidumbres, termina enviándole un mensaje: “¿Eres tú el que ha de venir o debemos esperar a otro?”

Estas palabras expresan la sorpresa, el escándalo que causa Jesús a sus contemporáneos, incluso a su precursor y a todos sus fieles. En esta luz hay que ver la palabra del Señor en el Evangelio de hoy: “¡Dichoso el que no se sienta defraudado por mí!”

A veces envidiamos la suerte de los contemporáneos de Jesús. Creemos que, si hubiéramos tenido el privilegio de vivir en tiempos de Cristo, lo habríamos reconocido y, por consiguiente, habríamos cambiado realmente nuestra vida. Sin embargo, probablemente no nos habríamos dado cuenta de que Él estaba presente, y aunque Él nos lo hubiera dicho, no lo habríamos creído.

Pensemos, p.ej., en los posaderos de Belén. Si hubiesen sabido que Dios estaba allí, le habrían abierto la puerta, lo habrían acogido, porque eran personas religiosas, como nosotros. Pero creyeron que se trataba de refugiados de quién sabe dónde, un par de desconocidos. Y no los quisieron recibir. ¿Nosotros los hubiéramos recibido? ¿Cómo creer que Dios podría presentarnos de esa manera?

Probablemente ni siquiera sus milagros nos habrían convencido. Porque creyeron en sus milagros sólo aquellos que creían ya en él. Y sobre todo, somos tan ligeros y olvidadizos que ni siquiera un milagro habría producido en nosotros una impresión duradera. Sería posible, por eso, que Jesús estuviera largos años a nuestro lado y que no lo conociéramos.

¿Bajo qué condiciones nosotros habríamos reconocido a Cristo?

En el fondo, comprendemos y apreciamos en los demás sobre todo lo que deseamos y anhelamos nosotros mismos. Sólo encontramos aquello que buscamos, y sólo a los que llaman a la puerta se les ha prometido abrirla. Es nuestra propia condenación, si no tenemos vida interior, ni apetito religioso, es porque no somos sensibles más que a las apariencias exteriores.

Solamente los que tenían un granito de fe viva, de vida espiritual se fijaban en Jesús; se sentían atraídos por Él, sin poder decir muchas veces el por qué. Sentían que al acercarse a Él se

despertaban las más profundas y las más vivas regiones de su ser. Y no querían ya preguntarle quién era, porque estaban seguros de que era el Señor. ¿Quién otro hubiera podido llegar hasta lo más íntimo de sus almas?

Los que lo reconocieron al Señor, en aquel tiempo, son los mismos que también hoy en día hubieran reconocido a Cristo. Porque hoy Cristo sigue estando presente entre nosotros. No nos ha dejado huérfanos: “Yo estoy con vosotros todos días hasta el fin del mundo” (Mt 28, 20).

La verdad de la Encarnación consiste en que Dios se solidariza con los hombres. Lo que se hace a los hombres, se hace a Dios: estamos tan cerca de Él, como estamos cerca de nuestros hermanos.

Aparentemente, Él se parece a todo el mundo: un pobre se parece a todo el mundo; un sacerdote se parece a todo el mundo; un santo nos parece igual que todo el mundo; una hostia es, en apariencia, un poco de pan. Pero bajo todas esas apariencias Cristo mismo vive, obra y nos habla a nosotros.

Nos parece que a nuestro alrededor no hay más que hombres, llenos de defectos y faltas. Y en verdad es Dios mismo que está en medio de nosotros, aunque no lo reconozcamos.

¿Qué mujer cree que va a encontrar a Dios en su marido? No es posible; lo conoce demasiado bien, sabe lo que vale y lo que no vale. Y sin embargo conocemos todos la palabra de San Pablo: “Esposas, respetad a vuestros maridos, como si se tratase del Señor” (Ef 5, 22).

¿Y qué marido reconoce a Dios en su esposa? “Maridos, amad a vuestra mujer como Cristo ama a su Iglesia” (Ef 5, 25).

Así Dios vive en cada ser humano, esperando que lo descubramos para empezar a creer en Él y en su presencia. Y permanentemente Cristo sale a nuestro encuentro, en cada hermano.

El Evangelio de San Mateo nos hace, sobre este propósito, una revelación formidable en su Juicio final:

“Entonces dirá a los elegidos: ‘Tuve hambre y me disteis de comer; tuve sed y me disteis de beber, fui peregrino y me acogisteis, estuve desnudo y me vestisteis; enfermo y me visitasteis; preso y vinisteis a mí. Porque cuando lo hicisteis con uno de estos mis hermanos más pequeños conmigo lo hicisteis.’ Y a los condenados dirá: ‘En verdad os digo que cuando no lo hicisteis con uno de estos pequeños tampoco conmigo lo hicisteis.’”

Queridos hermanos, no aguardemos, por eso, hasta el último día para saber que es Cristo mismo quien tiene hambre en el hermano, que tiene sed, que está solo o enfermo, que tiene necesidad de nosotros. ¡Qué nuestra fe se anticipe a aquel terrible juicio final, en el que todos nos daremos cuenta de que Dios era Hombre y habitaba precisamente a nuestro lado!

¡Qué así sea!

En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Padre Nicolás Schwizer


Instituto de los Padres de Schoenstatt



ACTIVIDADES Y EVENTOS DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA




OBRA DE NAVIDAD
DOMINGO, DICIEMBRE 18, 2016
7:00 PM (PUERTAS ABREN A LAS 6PM)
 CENTRO CATOLICO CARISMATICO
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AVISO:
VIERNES 23 Y 30 DE DICIEMBRE
NO HABRA MISA EN ESPAÑOL
EN EL CCC.

LES RECORDAMOS QUE
EL 25 Y 1o. SON MISAS DE
PRECEPTO POR ESTE MOTIVO
LES INVITAMOS A ASISTIR A
MISA EN SU PARROQUIA.



ACTIVIDADES DE LA SEMANA

Martes:

- AMSIF Superacion Integral de la Familia 9am-12:30pm
- Ensayo de Ministerio de Música, 7pm-9:30pm
- "CAMINANDO CON JESUS" 7pm - 9:30pm
- "Nuevo Amanecer" Apoyo para Adictos 7pm-9:30pm
- "Sesiones de Al-Anon" 9am-11am

Miércoles:

- Rosario, Asamblea y Eucaristía 12pm, 9:30am-1:30pm.
- Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos "Agua Viva" 7pm-9:30pm

Miércoles (Primero de mes):

- Exposición del Santísimo y

Miércoles (Segundo de mes):

- Bendición de sacramentales e imágenes

Jueves:

- Crecimiento I y II, 7pm-9:30pm
- Formación para toda la Familia, 7pm-9:30pm

Viernes:

- Sesiones de Al-Anon 9am-11am
- Asamblea y Formación para Niños 6 a 12 años, 7pm-9:30pm
- Rosario, Asamblea y Eucaristía 8pm, 6:30pm-9:30pm


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- Exposición del Santísimo

Viernes (Segundo del mes):

- Bendición de sacramentales e imágenes.

CURSO
NUEVA VIDA
¡Vívelo!



¿Quieres tener un encuentro personal con Jesucristo?

ENERO 7 y 8

Horario
 Sábado de 8am a 6:30pm,
 Domingo de 8am a 5:30pm
 Finalizando con la Eucaristía 4pm
 Es importante que participes los dos días.
 No tenemos cuidado de niños.

Curso "CAMINANDO CON JESÚS"
 Impartido por P. Francisco Frankovich, CC

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS

Inicia del 10 de Enero
al 18 de Abril y (Sábado 28 Enero)

Para: Hombres y Mujeres
 El Curso es los Martes
 por 15 semanas,
 Pre-Requisitos: Retiro
 Nueva Vida, Curso Encuentro
 con la Palabra, Crecimiento 1 y 2




Crecimiento 1 y 2
Enero 12 – Marzo 9
7pm – 9:30pm



Jesús te espera!!!
Clase cada Jueves
por 9 semanas cada uno.
Salón 205 F1 y F2 Segundo Piso.
Requisito: Retiro Nueva Vida.