The Catholic Charismatic Center

Archdiocese of Galveston Houston

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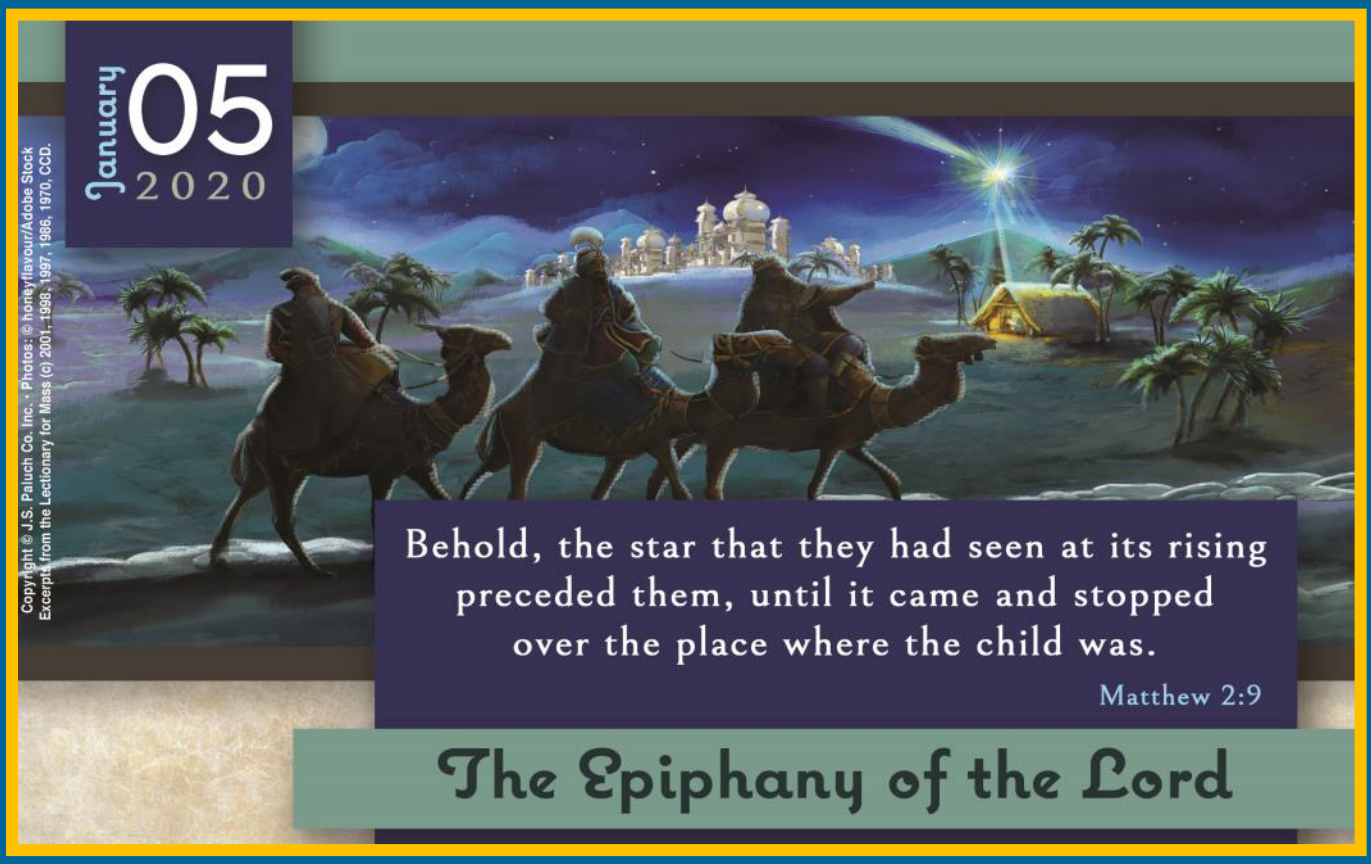

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SAVE THE DATES

Mass For Life	Every Sat.	8:30 am
NTL Seniors Prayer Group	Every Tues.	10:00 am
Men's Meeting -	Every 1st & 3rd Fri.	7:00 pm
DIG for TEENS	Jan. 8	7:00 pm
Caminando Con Jesus	9 de Ene	7:00 pm
Crecimiento 1 y 2	9 de Ene	7:00pm
Faith in the Fire Retreat	Jan. 11 & 12	Details soon
Fire Night - Foundation Series	Jan. 14	7:30 pm
The Great Adventure Bible Study	Jan. 14	7:00pm
Men's Meeting -	Jan. 17	7:00 pm

For an Epiphany 2019 Blessing go to www.familyfeastandferia.com

OFFICE, STAFF, MASS, & RECONCILIATION INFORMATION

MAILING ADDRESS:
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P.O. Box 230287, Houston, Texas 77223
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Web Page: www.cccgh.com

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
Chapel Opens at 5:30 pm
Friday .....9:00 am to 4:00 pm

PASTORAL STAFF:
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Rev. John Paul Bolger, CC Assoc. Dir..... Ext. 120
Rev. Francis A. Frankovich, C.C.....Ext. 106

Director Emeritus: Rev. Richard Paulissen, M.M.
r.paulissen@yahoo.com

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Mela Gutierrez, *Bookstore Assistant*..... Ext. 113
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Skip Davey, *Administrator*..... Ext. 108
Bookstore Manager.....Ext. 112

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Deacon Michael Garcia.....Ext. 114

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Ann Martinez, Coordinator ..... Ext. 103

HISPANIC MINISTRY:
Noris Redondo, Coordinator.....Ext. 109
Gloria Morales, Assistant.....Ext. 104

BOOKSTORE HOURS
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 **5:30-7:30pm**
Sunday.....12 Noon - 1:30pm After Mass Only

Prayer Intentions

Sylvia Jaramillo, Avelina Estebanes, Frances Munoz, Pedro Lopez, Nathan Olivo, Carmen Garcia, Paul Alaniz, Ramon Hernandez Angelea Martinez, Teresa & Lola Castillo, Helen Paxtot, George Castillo, Annette Saldana, Chris Ramirez, Kimberly Gonzalez, Manuel Saldana, Linda Adornetto, Fr. Mark Goring, John Martinez, Jesse Flores, Fr. George Olsovsky, Al Colunga, Dcn Michael Garcia, Joe Sierra, Diane Smith, Samantha Cruz, Kourtney Ruiz, Michael Trajan, Zachary Colunga, Alisha Rivera, Julieta Hernandez, Teresa Morales, Ector Mata, Phocion & Cheryl Park, Toni Ford, Epifania Denbo, Mary Ann Colunga, Fr. Greg Gregory, Theresa Valadez, Ivonne Rodríguez, Matilda & Robert Gonzales, Bernadette Garza, Eunterio Flores, Fr. Francis Frankovich, Conchita Bruno, Omar E. Pena, Adam Sanchez, Gus Kemp, Nora Elizondo, Ruben Granados, Chris & Marco Lopez, Carmen Velasco, Adrianna Lopez, Victorio Rangel, Sandi & Bobbi Embesi, Humberto Isassi III, Alyssa Martinez, Gloria Castro, Dorita Martinez, Victor Villarreal, Suzanne Elizondo, Joshua Castro, Monica Garcia, Preston Lewis, Rudy Reyna, Catalina Rivera, Javier Lazo, Elsie Cobb, Mary Hood, Dcn Gerald DuPont, Jesus Lopez, Elijah Mondragon, Barbara Ryan, Virginia Gonzalez, Sandra Longoria, Alyssa Hernandez, Rita Ochoa, Roger & Martha Sherman

In Memoriam

† Carol Bean † Freddy Rios † Margaret Guevara † Marcus Magallon † Joe Bontke † Maria C. Rodriguez † Donila Escobar † Blasa Zepeda

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASS AND EVENTS

- **MONDAY: CENTER AND OFFICES CLOSED**
- **TUESDAY:** 12:00 Noon - English Mass/ Chapel
- **WEDNESDAY:** 12:00 Noon Spanish Mass/Main Sanctuary
  Prayer Teams are available after 'Asamblea'
- 10:00 - 11:00 am First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration
- **THURSDAY:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm
  Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel
  7:20 - 7:30 pm Praise & Worship
  Main Sanctuary
  7:30 pm - Mass, Main Sanctuary
  2nd Thursday of Each Month before Mass
  Blessing of Salt, Water and Oil
- **FRIDAY:** 12:00 Noon - English Mass
- **7:30 pm Spanish Mass**
  8:30 - 9:30 pm First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- **SATURDAY:** 8:30 am Mass for Life - Chapel
- **SUNDAY:** 9:00 - 10:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
  9:30 - 10:00 am Liturgy of the Hours (Chapel)
  10:00 - 10:30 am Praise & Worship Main Sanctuary
  10:30 am - Mass Main Sanctuary
  Nigerian Mass: 2nd Sunday 1:00pm Main Sanctuary
  Fellowship upstairs in fellowship hall after Mass
  Vietnamese Mass: 2nd Sunday 3:00 pm room 111
- Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
  Please call for an 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 - 7:20 pm
or by appointment

Next Baptism and Baptism Class

Date: January 19, 2020 Time: 12:30 - 1:30
Required Documents: Birth certificate & pre-registration form must be brought to class
Please call the office & speak with Luz for more information and to pre-register before:
January 10, 2020 713-236-9977
Office hours are Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Jane Colunga (1/5)
Hilda Munguia (1/5)
Ethan Martinez (1/5)
Kayla Orozco (1/5)
Bruce Omegbe (1/5)
Rosa Polk (1-5)
Monika Cerda (1/6)
David Casas (1/6)
Jeanette Mireles (1/6)
Joseph Rodríguez (1/7)
Catherine Baumanis (1/8)
Joseph Cantu (1/8)
Nayeli Bermudez (1/8)
Melisa Peña (1/9)
Orelia Williams (1/9/)
Esmeralda Marquez (1/9)
Charles Sánchez (1/9)
Robert Gonzales (1/10)
Gabriela Rojas (1/10)
Ariana Mendoza (1/10)
Javier Martinez (1/10)
Gloria Elizondo (1/11)
Robert M. González (1/11)
Eliane Ryder (1/11)
Steven Gonzalez (1/11)

St. Andre Bessette

January 6

Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed: shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War. At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said.

In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!" When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread.

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected $200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92.

He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Saint Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

Reflection: Rubbing ailing limbs with oil or a medal? Planting a medal to buy land? Isn't this superstition? Aren't we long past that? Superstitious people rely only on the "magic" of a word or action. Brother André's oil and medals were authentic **sacramentals** of a simple, total faith in the Father who lets his saints help him bless his children.

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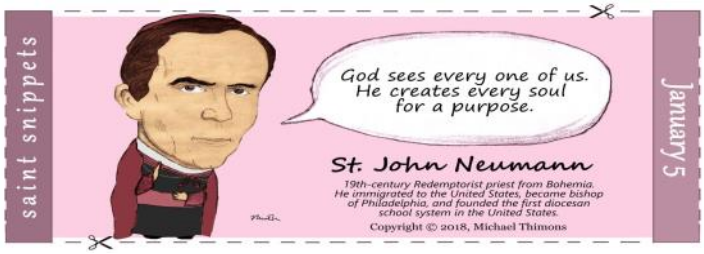
MASS FOR LIFE

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

Readings f or the Week of January 5, 2020

Monday:	**1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**
Tuesday:	**1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44**
Wednesday:	**1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52**
Thursday:	**1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a**
Friday:	**1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16**
Saturday:	**1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30**
Sunday:	**Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY
~ STORY OF SALVATION ~
START DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 14
TUESDAY NIGHT FOR 24 WEEKS
TIME: 7:00PM TO 9:00PM
NO REGISTRATION FEE: FREE
REQUIREMENTS: BRING YOUR BIBLE PAPER AND PEN



Breaking Bread Homeless Ministries

News From The Streets...

What Makes A Grown Man Cry?

By Mary Martha Primerano

During this Christmas season when families and friends come together to celebrate with joy the opposite can be true for some of our homeless friends when loneliness can set in. While traveling through downtown we noticed a gentleman pushing a wheelchair across the street. We stopped, and asked him if he would like some food. He thought for small moment and said yes! We then agreed to meet down the block in a parking lot. Tony was a small framed gentleman, wearing a camouflage vest and pants. In his pocket he was carrying a small vase which we quickly discovered was his dad. During the course of our conversation you could see that he was very proud of his war veteran father. He told us he had been dead for about 2 year now, and was carrying a portion of his ashes around with him. After loading Tony down with food and clothing we began to ask him questions like what brought you to Houston? How long have you been here? Where is your family? I ask these questions because I would like to hear their story. A lot of time we don't get the luxury of knowing, but we still love and minister to them anyway.

While speaking to Tony initially, he did not seem to have a care in the world. In fact the reason he was here in Texas was for a lady, 3 ladies in fact, in 3 different cities. What do you think about that he said, and now he finds himself being stolen from and just being released from jail? I do know someone who knows him better than he knows himself. I told him about the Lord, and he said that he did have a relationship with Him. As we parted, we offered prayer and with all heads bowed, we thanked God together for the sunny day, and then words like reconnect, restore, repair, bring together and reconcile began to flow. All of a sudden Tony began to weep like a baby - and this was not a pretty cry. He then reached out to hug and thank us for stopping to pray and care for his needs.

On this same morning we ran into another homeless friend who we will call Kendall. As we began to catch up with Kendall we thought our friend was African American, but as it turns out his family lives in Orlando, Florida, and was originally from Haiti. Indeed we were surprised and again when it came time to pray the words reconnect and reconcile were used. With that Kendall began to pat his heart and reached out to hug us. He said our prayers had a way of getting to him. I believe this was only the work of God's Holy Spirit also known as the Comforter. John 14:16 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever." As the Christmas season whirls past us remember to reach out to the lonely and forgotten, and believe me they will be very grateful that you did.

If interested in volunteering please contact:

Walt Primerano 713.661.7167 or

breakingbreadhomeless@gmail.com

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020

They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— *Matthew 2:11b*

Open House
Wednesday, January 8th
7-9pm Upper Room
Info night for new teens
And parents!

Catholic Charismatic Center
Disciples in Growth (D.I.G.)
Youth Group

Christmas Flower Remembrance

In Memory of:

Jose Alvarado
Santiago Ordonez
Augusto Alvarado
Adela Valladares
Manuela Velasquez
Aurora Garcia
Diane Campos
Guadalupe Robles
Lidia Garcia
Gabriela Jimenez
Erik P. Moreno
Elvira Barrigan
Magdalena G, Padilla
Jesse & Andrew J. Padilla
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Padilla
Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Gonzales
Robert (Robbie) Gomez
Rosemary Cardenas
Helena Amaya
Alberto Amaya
Amara Amaya
Refugia Costilla
Melecio Costilla
Rodolfo Costilla
Anita M. Flores
Ernesto Flores
Henry & Janie Colunga
Michael P. Colunga
Maria Morin
Carol Bean
Isabel Ramirez
Ofelia Caballero

In Honor of:

Elizabeth A. Rodriguez
Yolanda Phillips
Adela Tischina
Teresa Ramirez
Maria A. Amaya

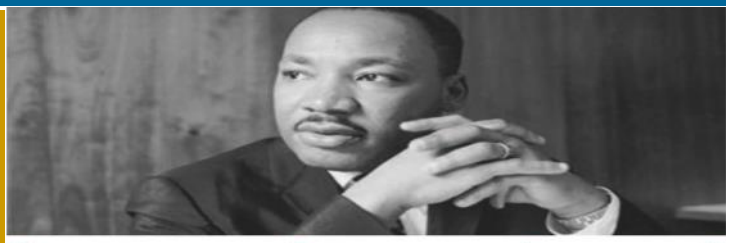
UPCOMING EVENTS, RETREATS at THE CCC, AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE AND MORE

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR MEN

Hosted by

Annunciation Catholic Church

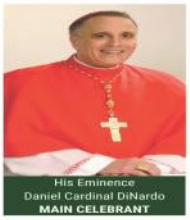
1618 Texas Ave. 77003 and
KSHJ 1430AM Catholic Radio
The second Wednesday of every month, 5:30 - 6:30 am
upcoming date: January 8, 2020
Adoration, Confession,
Mass and Breakfast.
Spiritual conference with Fr. Paul Felix
Free parking with permit
For more information and for the parking permit
email: TIM@GRNonline.com



"A Mass of Remembrance"

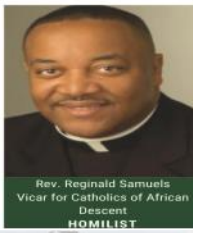
Honoring the birthday of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway
Houston, Texas 77002

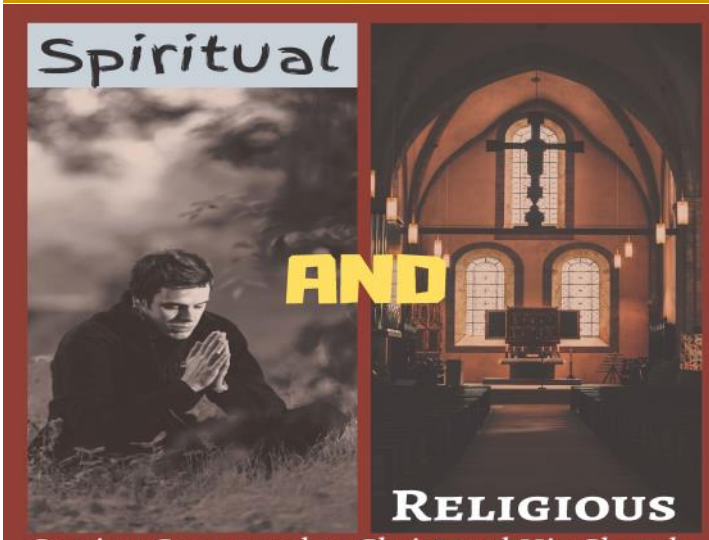


His Eminence
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
MAIN CELEBRANT

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
January 19, 2020
3:00PM
Reception to follow in the Cathedral Centre.



Rev. Reginald Samuels
Vicar for Catholics of African Descent
HOMILIST



Staying Connected to Christ and His Church
WITH FR. LUKE MILLETTE
Thursday, January 16th
St. Clare of Assisi
3131 El Dorado Blvd, Houston
6:00-7:00 pm: Optional Prayer Hour
7:00-9:00 pm: Café Lite Program
YACM
www.archgh.org/cafecatholica

Texas Rally for Life

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

January 2020, marks 47 years since Roe v. Wade
Join thousands of Texans to march in support of each human life!

Archdiocesan send-off Mass at 8:30am
St. Bartholomew the Apostle
5356 Eleventh Street
Katy, TX 77493
Depart for Austin following Mass
March and Rally for Life begins at 1 pm
Cost: $25.00/person (lunch not provided)
Bucees stop to and from Austin

Buses departing from multiple parishes
Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities to find the parish nearest you at (713)741-8728
Register at **https://archgh.cvent.com/d/wyqbym/**

Women's Retreat

January 24-26, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton
Lafayette, LA

2020: Without a Vision the People Perish
(Prov.29:18)

Johnnette Benkovic Williams
Founder and President of Women of Grace; Author; EWTN Host.

Women's Retreat Team With Deacon Larry Oney

Fr. Mark Goring
Director of Catholic Charismatic Center: Houston, Texas

Register at www.ccrno.org or CCRNO + P.O. Box 7515 + Metairie, La. 70010-7515

SE POSTRARÁN ANTE TI, SEÑOR, TODOS LOS REYES DE LA TIERRA"

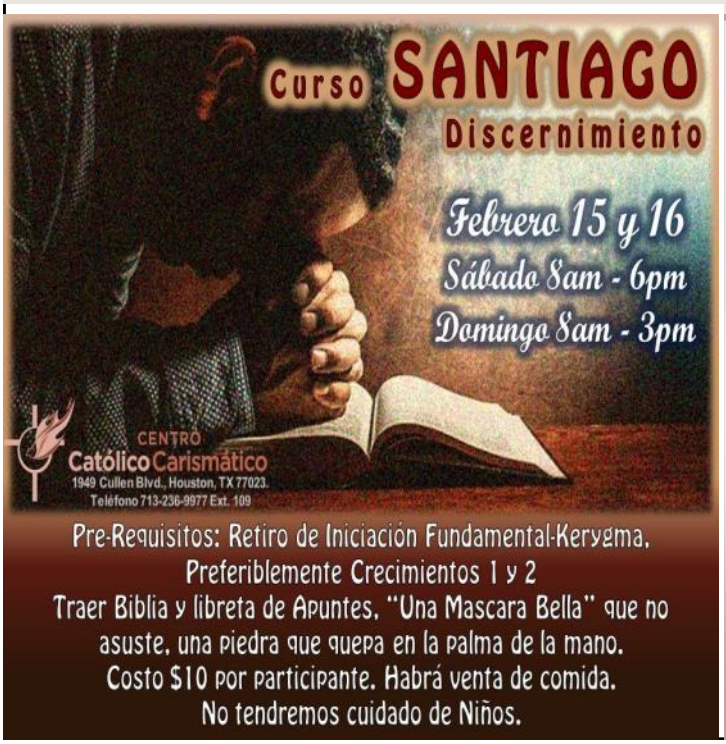
AHORA HA SIDO REVELADO QUE TAMBIÉN LOS GENTILES SON COHEREDEROS

Mateo 2:1-12. El Llamado de la Belleza.- La solemnidad de la epifanía debería ir precedida de aquello que decimos en el prefacio de la Santa Misa: "¡levantemos el corazón!" Dios se manifiesta en Jesús: tal es el contenido maravilloso, inagotable, precioso sobre toda hermosura, de esta fiesta singular. Ahora pues que la Belleza Increada deja escuchar su voz, y somos convocados a gozarnos en la visión del Eterno, vengan a acompañarnos y sean guías nuestros: un corazón contemplativo, unos oídos capaces de escuchar y un corazón capaz de acoger. Jesús entero podría llamarse como se llama esta fiesta: Epifanía. "Quien me ha visto a mí, ha visto al Padre", dijo él una vez a Felipe (Jn 14,9), y muchas veces a nosotros. Nos lo repite cada vez que sentimos lo que sintió Felipe: "Muéstranos al Padre, y eso nos basta" (Jn 14,8). ¿Has conocido la punzante inquietud que sienten los niños que nunca han conocido a su papá, especialmente cuando llegan a la juventud? ¿Has visto con qué ansiedad buscan ese rostro, esa referencia existencial, esa primera clave de lectura que sólo un papá puede darles? Algo así tiene el alma humana, algo incisivo, que nada puede apagar, algo que nos dice gritar con Felipe. "¡muéstranos al Padre!". La respuesta a este clamor, el descanso de esta zozobra es Jesús: ver a Jesús, reposar en Jesús. Él es nuestra epifanía.

El Llamado de la Humildad.- Solemos imaginar lo más bello como más oneroso. Los perfumes delicados, los vestidos finos, las joyas fastuosas significan siempre precios inalcanzables, dinero a montones, costos imposibles. No es así con Jesús. El más bello es también el más humilde; el más santo es también el más cercano; el más sabio es también el más comprensible; el más puro es también el más amigable y el más acogedor. Su grandeza no nos aplasta sino que nos levanta; su pureza no nos humilla sino que nos limpia. Eso es lo grande de esta Epifanía. Jesús es el llamado de la belleza sin límites pero también de la humildad sin límites. Porque, en el fondo, la humildad es bella y la belleza es humilde. Un rostro hermoso y petulante puede halagar los sentidos, pero a precio de entristecer el alma, y eso en realidad no es hermosura. Sólo Jesús, en la dulce paz de su presencia sin escándalos, en la serena palabra de su corazón cargado de amor, puede manifestar al hombre esa belleza que no cansa, que no se repite, que siempre refresca. ¡Bendita Epifanía, cúbrenos de tu esplendor y enséñanos el camino a la Felicidad Perpetua!

P. Nelson Medina F., O.P

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	**1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**
Martes:	**1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44**
Miércoles:	**1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13; Mc 6:45-52**
Jueves:	**1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lc 4:14-22a**
Viernes:	**1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16**
Sábado:	**1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30**
Domingo:	**Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10; Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17**

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