

Reflections of the Rector



Dear brothers and sisters,

A couple weeks ago, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, or *With a Father's Heart*. This was on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. In that letter he also declared a Year of St. Joseph, to be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. What a great patron saint to walk with throughout this year!

I would encourage all of you to read this letter, which you can find on line. If there is some interest, I would like to get together with some of you, even if it has to be virtually, to read and study this document.

In his letter, the Holy Father lists some of the attributes of St. Joseph. He presents this saint as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows. These are all characteristics of a great father. But they are also characteristics of a saint, which all of us are called to be. All of us could use St. Joseph's intercession to be more loving, more obedient, more accepting of God's will, more courageous, more hard-working, and more humble.

My friends, if by the end of this year which we are just starting we are just a little bit more like Saint Joseph, it will have been a great year!

Let me now close with a prayer that the Holy Father wrote in his letter.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us!



In Christ,

Fr. David Esquiliano



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Cathedral Updates

Temporary schedule for the Chapel

Monday-Wednesday, from 4:00pm to 10:00pm or Thursday-Sunday, 24 hrs.

To sign up or manage your hours, go to epiphany.weadorehim.co.... Or Contact Fr. Wind if you have any questions at (712)255-1637 ext. 110 or at jwind@sccathedral.org. All Diocesan protocols will have to be observed.

Signup for Mass

Remember to register before you come to Mass, or let us know afterwards what Mass you attended. You can fill out a short form at sccathedral.org/live or call Laura at 255-1637 ext., 116

Confessions

Confessions are being heard once again in the Church. The priest will be behind the statue of Our Blessed Mother to the South of the Sanctuary in the Cathedral. Go to sccathedral.org/penance... for times.

The Financial Corner

<u>INCOME</u>	Oct-20
Weekly Offerings	\$ 37,812.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 6,912.39
Programming Support	\$ 11,996.04
Other Income	\$ 8,276.68
Total Parish Income	\$ 64,997.11
<u>EXPENSE</u>	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 42,496.29
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,326.42
Ministry Expenses	\$ 576.38
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$ 14,351.51
Assessments	\$ 7,809.00
Other Expenses	\$ 323.55
Total Expenses	\$ 68,883.15
Net Income	\$ (3,886.04)

Anniversary of Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Even though we had to close part of last year, and then reopened with limited hours, we are excited to be celebrating the second anniversary of our Adoration Chapel.

We can't wait to be back to a 24/7 schedule, but we need more volunteers. If you'd like to sign up, call Laura at 712-255-1637 ext. 116, or do it online at: sccathedral.org/adoration

Faith and Sacramental Formation



Last year to be exact in the month of December, nearly 80 children from the cathedral community have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, they are children from the cathedral's religious education program and children who attend one of our Catholic schools "Bishop Heelan" are also included, everyone is preparing to celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in this year 2021. The children together with their parents prepared very well by doing the Activities of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and watched the videos about God's forgiveness. Registering in the application formed.org is free, do not miss the opportunity to learn more about God, now that the kids are more time at home it is very convenient that they watch this kind of movies instead that they are playing violent games all the time.

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When a new year begins, we are always thinking about how to set new goals in our personal life, such as changing our bad eating habits, buying a better car, buying clothes, repairing the house and thus being able to continue with the endless list of things, so why not, also include in our list of new goals, how we can do to be better Catholics. Perhaps it would be good to ask ourselves, am I a good Catholic? Am I doing God's will and following the commandments? Am I a good spouse? Am I leading my children to Christ? As a parent, am I a good role model? So let's reflect and see what we can change in ourselves to be better Catholics. The following can help us better understand who we are and how we should be, perhaps we have never thought carefully about the importance of the word "**family**".

The Domestic Church. Christ chose to be born and grow in the bosom of the **Holy Family of Joseph and Mary**. The church is nothing other than the "family of God." From the beginning, the core of the church was often constituted by those who had become believers, "together with all (their) household". When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved. These families who become believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1655).

In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of the primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council using an ancient expression, "*Ecclesia domestica*". It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example . . . the first heralds of the faith to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1656).

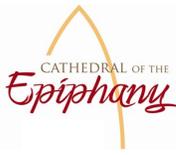


It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all the members of the family exercise the *priesthood of the baptism* in a privileged way, "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, with witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school of the human enrichment". Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1657).

That is why it is important that we remember that our own homes are the domestic church, "The Christian home which is the place where children should receive the first proclamation of faith. For this reason the family home is correctly called "**the domestic church, a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and Christian charity.**" (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1666).

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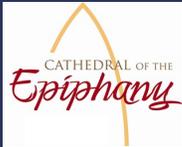
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY– SUNDAY 24 Hour
Adoration Chapel-Epiphany Center

MASS SCHEDULE

MON.-FRI.	12:00 pm	Cathedral	English
	5:30 pm	Cathedral	Spanish
SATURDAY:	4:00 pm	St. Boniface	English
	6:00 pm	Cathedral	Spanish
SUNDAY:	8:30 am	Cathedral	Latin
	8:30 am	St. Joseph	English
	10:00 am	Cathedral	English
	10:30 am	St. Boniface	Spanish
	12:00 pm	Cathedral	Spanish
	12:30 pm	St. Joseph	Vietnamese
	1:30 pm	Cathedral	Spanish

MASSES HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Anticipated / Vigil

5:30 p.m. St. Boniface (English)

5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)

On the Day of the Solemnity

7:00 a.m. St. Joseph (English)

12:00 p.m. Cathedral (English)

5:30 p.m. Cathedral (Spanish)

MASS CIVIL HOLIDAYS

9:00am Cathedral (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY	8:00a- 8:30a	St. Joseph
MONDAY	4:30p -5:30p	Cathedral
TUESDAY	4:30p -5:30p	Cathedral
WEDNESDAY	4:30p-5:30p	Cathedral
THURSDAY	4:30p-5:30p	Cathedral
FRIDAY	11:30a -12:00p	Cathedral
	4:30p to 5:30p	Cathedral
SATURDAY	3:00p to 4:00p	St. Boniface
	5:00p to 6:00p	Cathedral