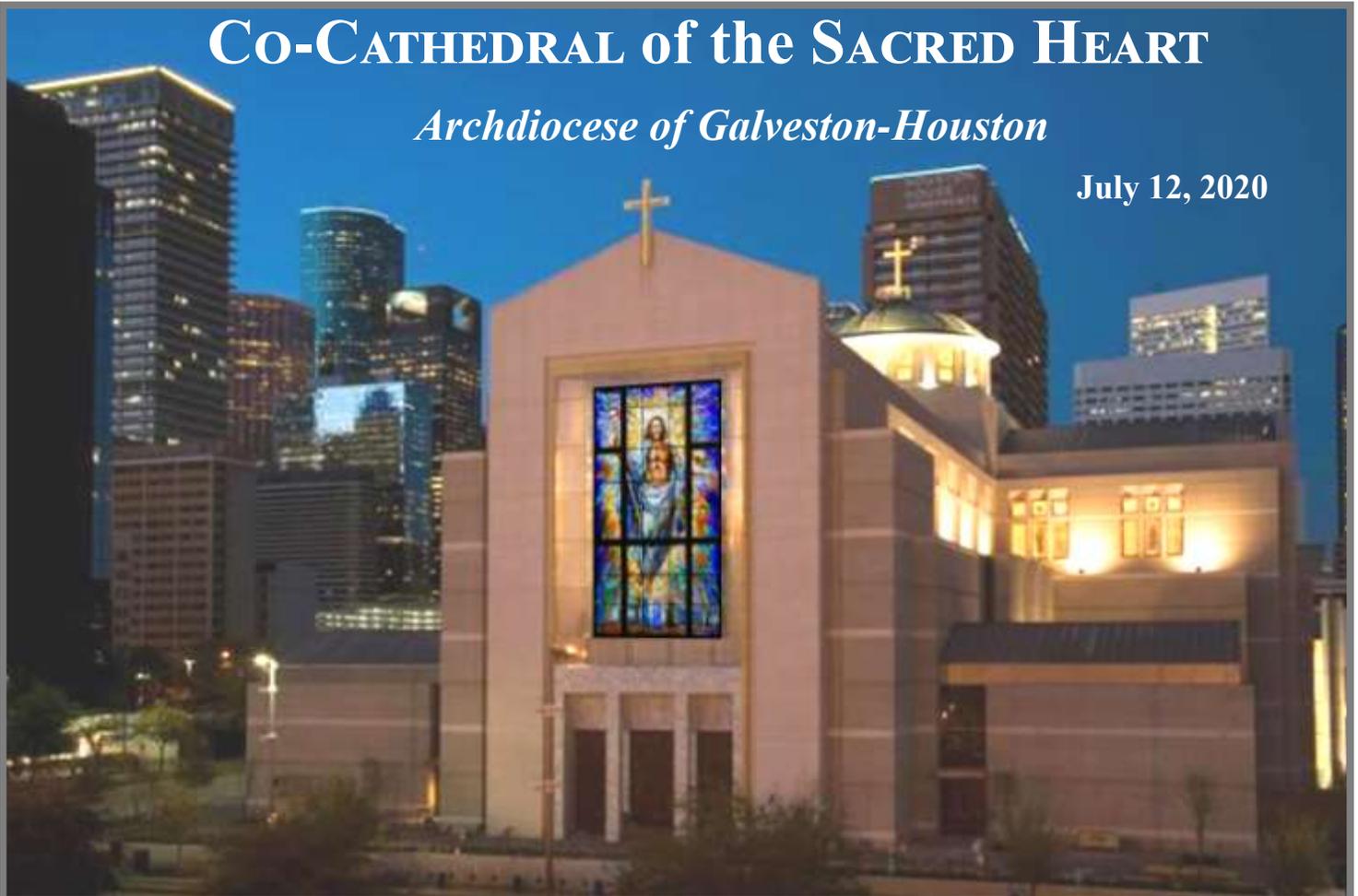


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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

July 12, 2020



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church Hours: **Mon-Fri** 6:30am-2pm **Saturday** Noon-6:30pm **Sunday** 8:30am-6:30pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

7 am & 12:10 pm

Confession Schedule

Weekdays

*30 minutes
prior to Mass*

Saturday
3:30-4:45 pm

Sunday

*8:30-8:50 am
10-10:45 am
4-4:45 pm*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday *5 pm Vigil Mass English*

Sunday

9am Vietnamese

*11am English with
Vietnamese and Spanish readings
*Will be Live Streamed**

5pm Spanish



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July 12, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:
Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

This month, the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is looking at different aspects of vocations. Last week, we asked for prayers for our priests, including myself, Fr. Loc Phan, Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak, and the newly ordained Fr. Robert Moreno at his new parish assignment at Lord of Divine Mercy Parish in Brownsville, TX.

This week, I would like to place a special focus on deacons. To some of the faithful, there is often some confusion as to what a deacon actually is: in the eyes of many, the deacon seems to be a “priest-lite”. The deacon, in fact, is not a lesser version of a priest, but is ordained to a distinct mission within the life of the Church.

We can find the origins of the diaconate in Acts 6:1-6, when the Apostles chose men to serve the needs of the widows and poor so that they could focus on efforts of evangelization. In fact, the diaconate historically predates the distinct ministerial priesthood. While priestly ministry was first carried out by the bishops and each church had presbyters (elders), it was only in time as the church grew too large for the bishops to meet all of the sacramental needs that presbyters (priests) began to receive the laying of hands in order to carry out a priestly office distinct from that of the bishop. Throughout the early centuries, the deacons were the main assistants to the bishops.

However, over the centuries, the role of the deacon became absorbed by the priesthood. Diaconate became one of the many orders a seminarian received before priestly ordination. Therefore, for the majority of the history of the Church since antiquity, the only deacons were what we would today call “transitional” deacons – men preparing to be ordained as priests.

In 1967, as one of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, Pope St. Paul VI issued an Apostolic Letter titled *Diaconatus Ordinem*, which re-instituted what is now known as the “permanent” diaconate – men specifically ordained to be deacons. Unlike the absolute celibacy of priesthood, men may be ordained deacons

whether they are single or married. While deacons can carry out some of the sacramental and liturgical roles that a priest can (they can preach the homily, baptize, witness marriages, preside over funerals, etc.), their role is meant to be distinct. Like the priest, who makes a promise of obedience to the local bishop, the deacon’s obedience is promised to the local bishop, not to the pastor of the parish at which they serve. Some deacons are full-time employees of churches (in which case their pastor is their “boss”), but in terms of ministry, they are ultimately accountable to the bishop.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is home to one of the largest groups of deacons in the world, comprised of over 400 men. Each deacon is assigned to an Archdiocesan ministry, such as hospital or prison chaplaincy, in addition to his parish ministry. The deacon is called to be an advocate for the poor, the sick, the homebound, and the marginalized. They are called to ministry of the Word (which is why a deacon always proclaims the Gospel at Mass instead of the priest or even the bishop). Ultimately, the deacon is called to service, which is why priests (and ultimately bishops) are still ordained deacons before they can become priests – the servant’s heart must underlie any authority given (fun fact: this is why the bishop wears the deacon’s dalmatic under his chasuble for solemn liturgical occasions such as ordinations – to symbolize the fullness of distinct orders he has received).

At the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, we are blessed by the presence of four deacons: Deacon John Carrara, who serves as the Parish Business Manager, Deacon Daniel Addis, Deacon Lynn Carney, and the most recent addition, Deacon Gil Vela. In January, God willing, Joe Millhouse will be ordained to join their ranks.

Furthermore, on Friday night, July 10, the Co-Cathedral hosted the ordination of four men to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese as they prepare to be ordained priests next year: Chad Henry, Wayne Ly, Houston Okonma, and Joseph White.

Please join me in praying not only for these newly ordained deacons, but especially for our permanent deacons and their wives who help sustain them in their ministry. When you next see one of our deacons, please take a moment to thank them for their beautiful ministry to this local church – to you and to me!



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

Yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Jeffrey L. Bame
Rector & Parish Administrator



Stay up to date with our parish by following us online!



Pray for

Archbishop Emeritus Fiorenza & Auxiliary Bishop Rizzotto who tested positive for COVID:19.

Pray for all those impacted by COVID: 19, and in particular our priests.

Please observe social distancing and wear a mask while inside the Co-Cathedral.

Social Distancing Protocols

Pray for our Deacons!



Dcn. John Carrara
& Olga Carrara



Dcn. Daniel Addis
& Carmen Addis†



Dcn. Lynn Carney
& Anne Carney



Dcn. Gil Vela
& Angie Vela



Joe Millhouse
& Wendy Millhouse
To be Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate
January 2021.

FORMED: Pick of the week

Music



Parish Code: 0be7ec Maria Goretti:

The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth:

The story of Saint Maria Goretti is retold in this beautifully made film from Italy. It explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area with rampant malaria and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes more than once: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable.

O For a closer Walk With God -Stanford

Hear from our Children's Choirs! This live-from-Mass recording of "O, For a Closer Walk with God" was captured in February 2020. In addition to a beautifully sung prayer, this video contains excerpts from Church documents on the Cathedral's central role in liturgical life and music education. We're grateful to the small army who enable our children to study and make music: parents, CCE music teachers, the Formation team, and our clergy!



CCE RESOURCES

COVID: 19 & Group Singing

Pray for Seminarians!

This Friday our Co-Cathedral hosted these four men as they celebrated their Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacon. With God's grace, they will spend a year as a Deacon and be ordained into the Priesthood in 2021 serving the Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston.



Joseph White



Chad Henry



Wayne Ly



Houston Okonma

Happy New Year!

July 1st was the start of our Fiscal Year!

Pray that our parish leaders are good stewards that make financial decisions which move the parish forward in our mission of spreading the gospel and living out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

&

Pray that parishioners and visitors to the Co-Cathedral continue to support our parish with their time, talent, and treasure.



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This Week	Last Week		The Year	
Collection Goal:	Collected	\$18,189	Collected	\$18,189
\$26,505	Budgeted	\$25,698	Budget	\$25,698
	Amount over (under)	(\$7,509)	Amount over (under)	(\$7,509)

Ways to contribute



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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You.

Amen.



Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

15° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Un día salió Jesús de la casa donde se hospedaba y se sentó a la orilla del mar. Se reunió en torno suyo tanta gente, que él se vio obligado a subir a una barca, donde se sentó, mientras la gente permanecía en la orilla. Entonces Jesús les habló de

muchas cosas en parábolas y les dijo:

“Una vez salió un sembrador a sembrar, y al ir arrojando la semilla, unos granos cayeron a lo largo del camino; vinieron los pájaros y se los comieron. Otros granos cayeron en terreno pedregoso, que tenía poca tierra; ahí germinaron pronto, porque la tierra no era gruesa; pero cuando subió el sol, los brotes se marchitaron, y como no tenían raíces, se secaron. Otros cayeron entre espinos, y cuando los espinos crecieron, sofocaron las plantitas. Otros granos cayeron en tierra buena y dieron fruto: unos, ciento por uno; otros, sesenta; y otros, treinta. El que tenga oídos, que oiga.”

Palabras del Papa Francisco

El Sembrador

El Evangelio de este domingo nos muestra a Jesús que predica a orillas de lago de Galilea, y como mucha gente lo rodea, Él sube en una barca, se aleja un poco de la orilla y predica desde ahí. Cuando habla al pueblo, Jesús utiliza muchas parábolas: un lenguaje

comprensible a todos, con imágenes tomadas de la naturaleza y de situaciones de la vida diaria. Lo primero que narra es una introducción a todas las parábolas: es aquella del sembrador, que a manos llenas arroja las semillas sobre todo tipo de terreno. Y el verdadero protagonista de esta parábola es la semilla, que produce más o menos frutos según el terreno sobre el cual ha caído. Los primeros tres terrenos son improductivos: a lo largo del camino las aves se comen la semilla; sobre el terreno pedregoso los brotes se secan rápidamente porque no tiene raíces; en medio a las zarzas la semilla viene sofocada por las espinas. El cuarto tipo de terreno es el terreno bueno, y solamente ahí la semilla germina y da fruto. En este caso, Jesús no se ha limitado a presentar la parábola, también lo ha explicado a sus discípulos. La semilla que cae sobre el camino indica a cuantos escuchan el anuncio del Reino de Dios pero no lo reciben; así llega el Maligno y se lo lleva. De hecho el Maligno no quiere que la semilla del Evangelio germine en el corazón de los hombres. Esta es la primera comparación. La segunda es aquella de la semilla que cae sobre las piedras: representa a las personas que escuchan la Palabra de Dios y la reciben enseguida, pero superficialmente, porque no tiene raíces y son inconstantes; y cuando llegan las dificultades y las tribulaciones, estas personas se abaten enseguida. El tercer caso, es aquella de la semilla que cae entre las zarzas: Jesús explica que se refiere a las personas que escuchan la Palabra pero, a causa de las preocupaciones mundanas y de las seducciones de la riqueza, permanece sofocada. Finalmente, la semilla que cae en terreno fértil representa a cuantos escuchan la Palabra, la reciben, la cuidan y la comprenden, y esa da fruto. El modelo perfecto de esta tierra buena es la Virgen María.