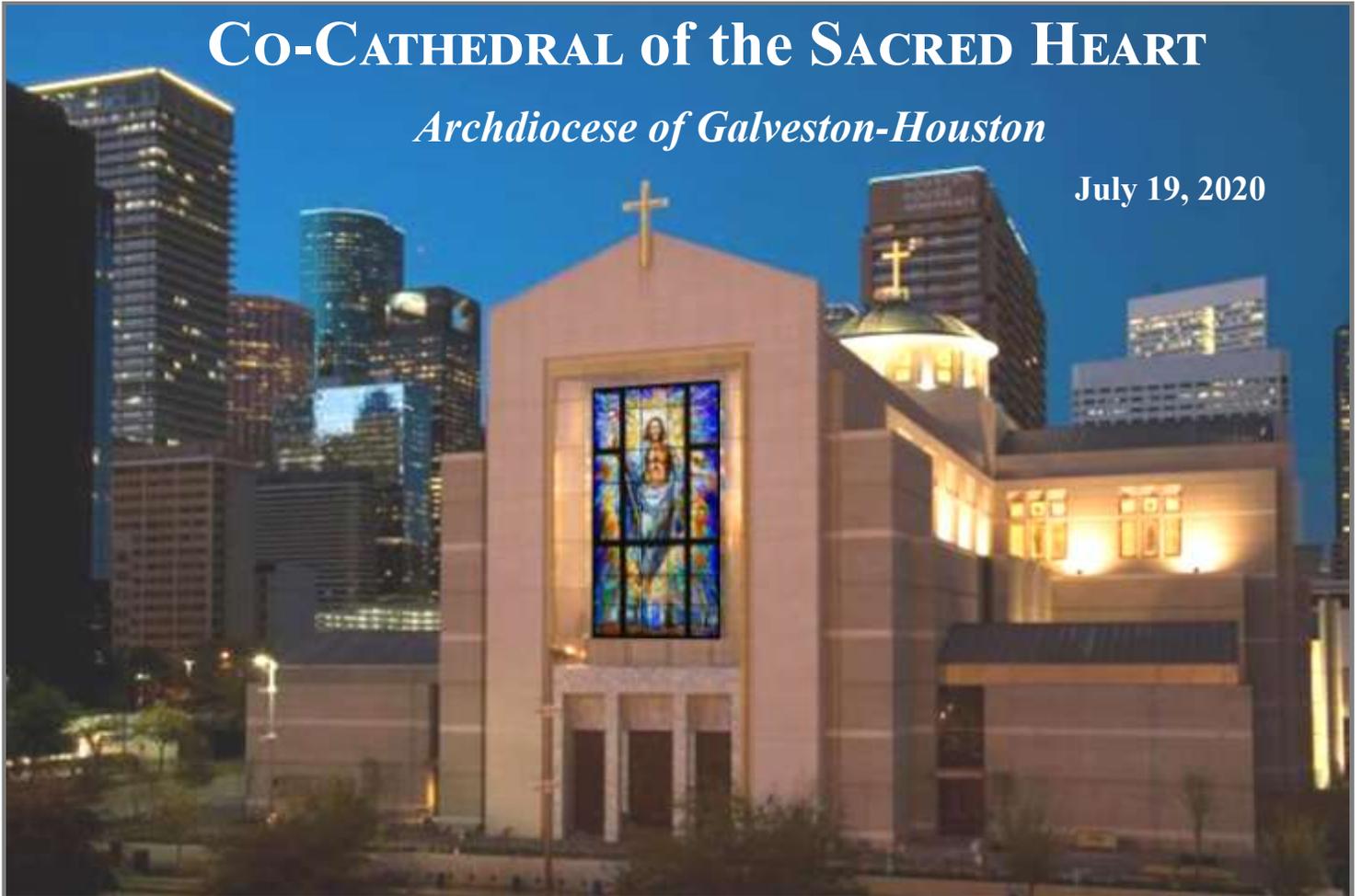


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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

July 19, 2020



Sixteenth 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 19, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ:

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

You may have noticed my absence this week. I have pre-written this week's letter as I am away on vacation time. "Vacation already?! You just got here!" – I can hear the objection now. After all, it is usually poor form for someone to take time off early on in a new job. However, this situation is a bit unique, as I would like to explain here.

As I mentioned before, my previous assignment was as the Priest-Secretary to Cardinal DiNardo. One of the unique aspects of this ministry is that his secretaries neither take a day off or receive vacation time or retreat time during their terms. He does not ask his secretaries to serve for long terms (usually only for two years, although three in my case), but it is all-in, all-the-time during our terms in order to best support Cardinal DiNardo and the work of this local church. Usually, when a Priest-Secretary finishes his term, he receives a month off before beginning a new assignment in order to rest, retreat, and transition well.

Given the needs of the Co-Cathedral, however, Archdiocesan leadership and I agreed that it would be less than desirable to leave the parish pastor-less for a whole month. Therefore, I agreed to start right away while taking a couple of weeks later in the month of July. Thus, after spending a couple of weeks introducing myself to the people of the parish and the staff, I have now withdrawn for some critical quiet time of retreat that I may spiritually recharge, adjust, and prepare for this new challenge so that I may serve this community to the best of my ability. Thus, you will not see me again until near the end of the month.

I explain all of this in this space this week for a couple of reasons. First of all, I wanted you to understand why I may be gone more than a priest normally would during the upcoming year – this will be an outlier this year as I "catch up" on vacation. Secondly, and more importantly, I ask that you pray for me this week that my time in retreat may be rejuvenating, edifying, and enlightening so that I may return equipped to shepherd this community well.

In the meanwhile, I would like to continue with this month's focus on vocations in the Church as a whole and particularly for our parish. The last two weeks we have put the spotlight on our priests and deacons. This week, I would like to spotlight our men in seminary and religious formation. The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is blessed to be connected to four men in formation: Brother Lazarus, with the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, Raphael Ozoude of the Order of Friars Minor, Carlos Jaime, who is in collegiate formation for the Archdiocese at St. Joseph Seminary College, and Trieu Nguyen, who begins his seminary formation this fall.

For all men and women in formation, their home parishes are important if for no other reason than that they are the places that have formed their Catholic identities that provide the foundation upon which for formation to build. Particularly for diocesan seminarians, though, a home parish is important in that it provides a continued connection to the local church for which they are being formed. A diocesan seminarian not only must discern his call to priesthood in general, but to the local church they are being formed to serve. The diocesan priest is called to serve their local church with all of its unique attributes, cultural realities, and needs. The Co-Cathedral will provide a place for our seminarians to visit and remain connected as they learn to grow to love the Church of Galveston-Houston.

A seminarian's home parish is most important, however, for the support it can provide its seminarians during the very challenge years of discernment and formation. Sometimes, this support will be material as the parish can help meet the financial and material needs a seminarian might have in addition to the support received from the Archdiocese. Other times, it may be in the form of cards, emails, or notes of encouragement to help support a man during the inevitable difficult times. All the time, though, our seminarians need our prayers and spiritual solidarity so that they may persevere through difficulty, discern their vocations well, and be open to the grace of God and the good work of the Holy Spirit to make them into holier men and, God willing, eventually holy priests for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Please join me this week in offering prayers for each of our four men in formation as well as for the intention that more men and women may hear and faithfully answer the call to enter the Lord's vineyard.



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

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Jeffrey L. Bame

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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 Seminarians!

The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is proud to support these men from our parish who have listened and answered God's call.



Brother Lazarus
Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance



Carlos Jaime
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



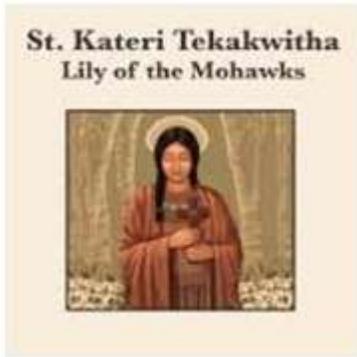
Br. Raphael Ozoude
Order of Friars Minor



Trieu Nguyen
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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FORMED: Pick of the week



Parish Code: 0be7ec

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Lily of the Mohawks:

Young Kateri suffered misunderstanding and ridicule due to her counter-cultural choices as a Mohawk to remain an unwed virgin for the love of Jesus Christ. Experience our first Native American Saint's struggles to follow Our Lord within her tribe and through the teachings of some early Jesuit Missionaries. Guest appearance of Leonardo deFillipis.

Music



Ubi Caritas

-James Biery

Our Cor Jesu Choir completed a virtual choir project this week, recorded in homes from Houston to Hong Kong! Our singing of Ubi Caritas by James Biery is our prayer for Archbishop Joseph A.

Fiorenza and Bishop Vincent Rizzotto, and for all the sick. Full text is listed in the video description.

"Where charity and love are, there God is. Therefore, whensoever we are gathered as one: Lest we in mind be divided, let us beware. Let cease malicious quarrels, let strife give way. And in the midst of us be Christ our God."

CCE RESOURCES

Have you ever considered becoming Catholic?



—If you are not a Catholic, we invite you to explore the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic Faith & Community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

—If you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation & Eucharist, RCIA is for you.

Our next RCIA process will be on Tuesday evenings beginning August 4.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you.

For more information email Selma DeMarco at sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org Place "RCIA" in the subject line.

COVID: 19 & Group Singing

Adult Confirmation Preparation Sessions
For Parishioners of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Will be held online on Wednesday Evenings:
August 19 -November 18



Requirements:

- Baptized Catholic
- Have received First Eucharist
- No canonical impediments to receiving the Sacraments
- Have graduated from High School
- Interview prior to the beginning of sessions

To arrange the virtual interview required prior to beginning sessions

Contact Selma DeMarco at sdemarco@sacredhearthouston.org Place "Adult Confirmation" in the subject line.

This Week	Last Week		The Year	
Collection Goal:	Collected	\$21,570	Collected	\$39,759
\$26,889	Budgeted	\$26,505	Budget	\$52,203
	Amount over (under)	(\$4,935)	Amount over (under)	(\$12,444)

Ways to contribute



Stewardship Reflection

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”

Matthew 13:24, 37-38



Last week our parish raised \$1,247 for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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if you are interesting in donating your time, talent, or treasure for SVDP.



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.



16° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



En aquel tiempo, Jesús propuso esta parábola a **la muchedumbre**: “El Reino de los cielos se parece a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo; pero mientras los trabajadores dormían, llegó un enemigo del dueño, sembró cizaña entre el trigo y se marchó.

Cuando crecieron las plantas y se empezaba a formar la espiga, apareció también la cizaña.

Entonces los trabajadores fueron a decirle al amo: ‘Señor, ¿qué no sembraste buena semilla en tu campo? ¿De dónde, pues, salió esta cizaña?’ El amo les respondió: ‘De seguro lo hizo un enemigo mío’. Ellos le dijeron: ‘¿Quieres que vayamos a arrancarla?’ Pero él les contestó: ‘No. No sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta el tiempo de la cosecha y, cuando llegue la cosecha, diré a los segadores: Arranquen primero la cizaña y átenla en gavillas para quemarla, y luego almacenen el trigo en mi granero’ ”.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

El Trigo y la Cizaña

En estos domingos la liturgia propone algunas parábolas evangélicas, es decir, breves narraciones que Jesús utilizaba para anunciar a la multitud el reino de los cielos. Entre las parábolas presentes en el Evangelio de hoy, hay una que es más bien compleja, de la cual Jesús da explicaciones a los discípulos: es la del trigo y la cizaña, que afronta el problema del mal en el mundo y pone de relieve la paciencia de Dios. La escena tiene lugar en un campo donde

el dueño siembra el trigo; pero una noche llega el enemigo y siembra la cizaña, término que en hebreo deriva de la misma raíz del nombre «Satanás» y remite al concepto de división. Todos sabemos que el demonio es un «sembrador de cizaña», aquel que siempre busca dividir a las personas, las familias, las naciones y los pueblos. Los servidores quisieran quitar inmediatamente la hierba mala, pero el dueño lo impide con esta motivación: «No, que al recoger la cizaña podéis arrancar también el trigo». Porque todos sabemos que la cizaña, cuando crece, se parece mucho al trigo, y allí está el peligro que se confundan. La enseñanza de la parábola es doble. Ante todo dice que el mal que hay en el mundo no proviene de Dios, sino de su enemigo, el Maligno. Es curioso, el maligno va de noche a sembrar la cizaña, en la oscuridad, en la confusión; él va donde no hay luz para sembrar la cizaña. Este enemigo es astuto: ha sembrado el mal en medio del bien, de tal modo que es imposible a nosotros hombres separarlos claramente; pero Dios, al final, podrá hacerlo. Y aquí pasamos al segundo tema: la contraposición entre la impaciencia de los servidores y la paciente espera del propietario del campo, que representa a Dios. Nosotros a veces tenemos una gran prisa por juzgar, clasificar, poner de este lado a los buenos y del otro a los malos. Dios en cambio sabe esperar. Él mira el «campo» de la vida de cada persona con paciencia y misericordia: ve mucho mejor que nosotros la santidad y el mal, pero ve también los brotes de bien y espera con confianza que maduren. Dios es paciente, sabe esperar. Qué hermoso es esto: nuestro Dios es un padre paciente, que nos espera siempre y nos espera con el corazón en la mano para acogernos, para perdonarnos. Él nos perdona siempre si vamos a Él, y el discípulo del Señor está llamado a imitar la paciencia y compasión de Dios.