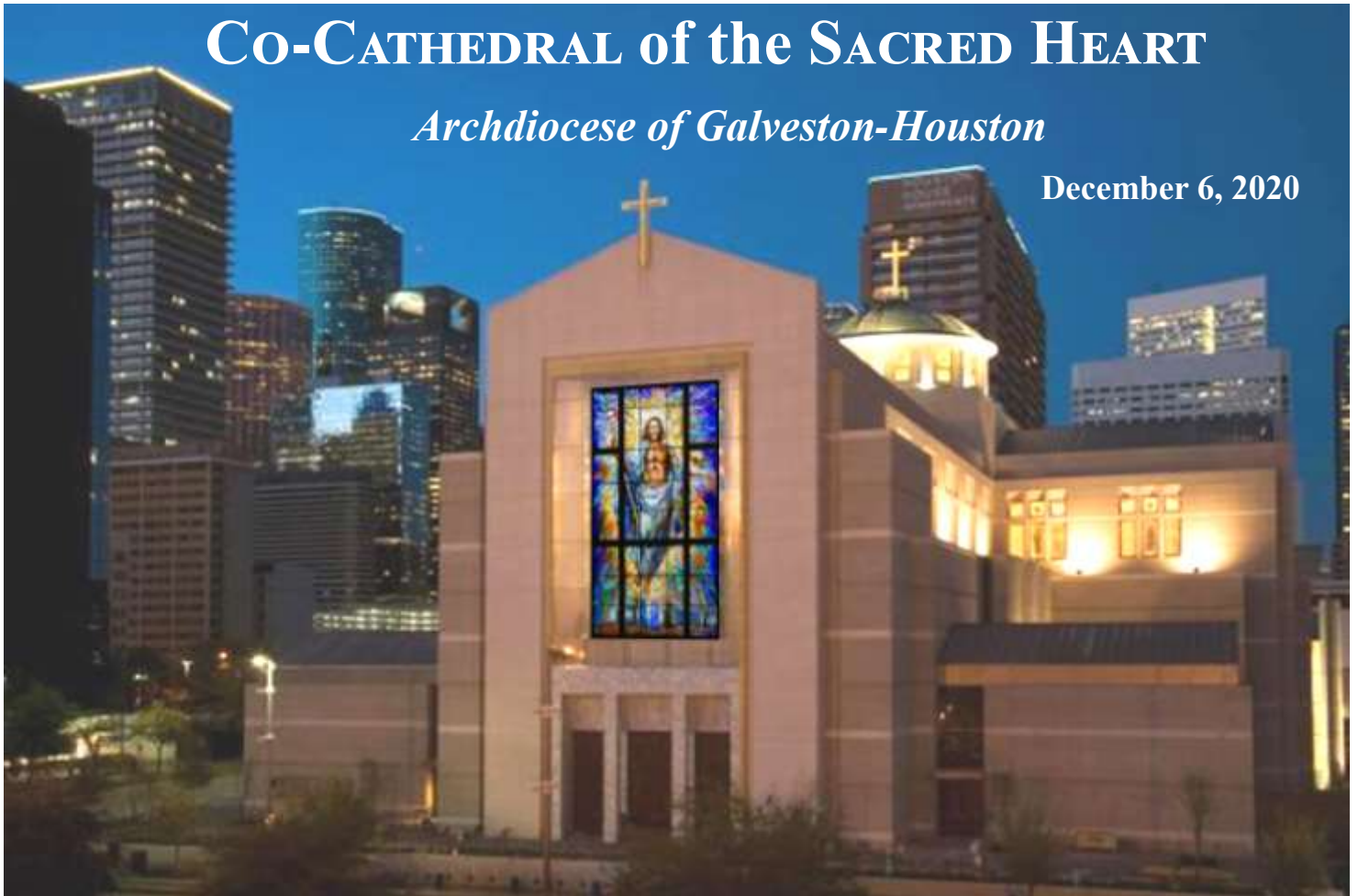


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

December 6, 2020



Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Saturday
3:30-4:45 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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December 6, 2020 Schedules, Holidays, and New Beginnings

Dear Friends in Christ:

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

As we announced at all Masses last weekend, looking forward to what we hope will be better times and a return to some form of normalcy in 2021, it seems a good time to announce a plan for the future. Since we returned to the public celebration of Masses in May, we have been on a reduced Mass schedule on Sundays. While the pandemic is still with us, there are hopeful signs of a path to move forward. At the same time, as we embrace a new reality as a parish, we cannot simply return to the ways of the past. For starters, we are a parish of two priests now, unlike past days when the Co-Cathedral had three priests to cover all the various scheduled liturgies. Furthermore, we are always called to evaluate whether we are best serving the needs of all the various people of our community.

For this reason, after several months of consulting with different constituent groups of the parish, our clergy and staff, and even Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak before he departed, I am pleased to present to you today the new Sunday Mass schedule for the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for the year 2021 and beyond. Beginning on the weekend of January 2-3, 2021, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Co-Cathedral will celebrate six Sunday Masses each weekend, inclusive of the anticipated Saturday evening Mass. The schedule will look like this:

On Saturday evenings at 5:00 PM, Mass will be celebrated as of old and as matches our current schedule. This will be the only Saturday evening Mass. The Mass that used to be celebrated in Vietnamese on Saturday evenings will no longer be celebrated. On Sundays, Mass will be celebrated in English at 7:00 AM, at 11:00 AM, and at 5:30 PM. These times follow the old schedule. However, the Vietnamese Mass will remain in 9:00 AM timeslot as it has been throughout most of the pandemic. Meanwhile, the Spanish Mass which used to take place on Sunday evenings will now be celebrated at 1:00 PM each Sunday, in the timeslot formerly occupied by the Vietnamese Mass. Confessions will

continue to be heard before each Mass, with the exception of the 7:00 AM Mass, as they traditionally have.

I realize that this schedule change will be celebrated by some and mourned by others. I realize some in the English-speaking community have eagerly awaited the return of the 9:00 AM Mass in English and will be upset to hear that it is not returning. Likewise, some in the Vietnamese community will mourn the loss of the Saturday evening Mass. However, my hope is that even as we reduce the total number of Masses from eight to six, we will still meet everyone's various needs. The English-speaking community will continue to have Mass options both early and late morning as well as both Saturday and Sunday evening. The 11:00 AM Mass will continue to be the "high Mass" of the weekend in terms of liturgical smells and bells and the occasional timeslot for special Masses with our bishops. Meanwhile, the Vietnamese-speaking community will benefit from a continued Sunday morning Mass. Finally, the Spanish-speaking community should benefit from having a Mass in the daytime as opposed its old late Sunday evening timeslot that kept many from attending.

All this information plus information on our holiday Mass schedule can be found in a recurring graphic in the bulletin. I want to note that Christmas Mass times are further spread out this year to allow for cleaning between Masses and more social distancing between families leaving Mass and others arriving early for the next one. Also, as one of our many pandemic adjustments has been to minimize congregational singing at Mass and limit singing and music to the choir loft, there will not be a Christmas concert before the Midnight Mass as there usually is. Instead, there will be Christmas caroling led by our musicians in the outdoor plaza from 10:30-11:00 and 11:10-11:40 PM. All attending this Mass are invited to stop for a while outside (where it is safer!) to engage in some Christmas caroling.

While this represents a change for everyone, I hope that the expansion of our Mass schedule to our "new normal" can be an opportunity for our parish to move forward. We will continue to move through this pandemic carefully and prudently while looking with expectant hope to our future.



O 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!



Upcoming Parish Events

Family Adoration Every Tuesday 9:30-10:00am
"Let the children come to me!" All ages and abilities are invited to join us to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited to bring a blanket, rosary, bible, or religious toy as we teach our children what it means to come and adore. [Click here for more information](#)

Dec 13 Parish Blood Drive
Save a life and give blood. Due to social distancing concerns, all donors are asked to RSVP. No walk-ins allowed. [Click Here to Donate](#)

Dec 19 Drive Thru Food Distribution
9am. Our monthly food distribution will be held at the Cathedral Centre. Park at 1700 San Jacinto and a volunteer will direct you. No ID required. First Come- First Served. [Interested in volunteering?](#)

Join our Adult Choir
Virtual rehearsals for our Cor Jesu choir is meeting via Zoom each Wednesday from 7:30-9:00m. [E-Mail us to join!](#)

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Social Distancing Protocols

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

December Special Mass Times

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| <p>December 8, 2020 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>7 am 12:10 pm 5:15 pm 7 pm Vietnamese</p>  | <p>December 12, 2020 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> <p>11 am Spanish with Cardinal DiNardo</p>  |
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Share these Mass times with your friends on social media!

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| <p>Christmas at The Co-Cathedral</p> <p>Christmas Eve 3:00 pm English 6:00 pm English 9:00 pm Spanish</p> <p>Christmas Day Midnight English 10:00 am English 12:00 pm Vietnamese</p> | <p>Midnight Mass Caroling in the Plaza</p> <p>10:30-11:00 pm & 11:10-11:40 pm</p> |
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FORMED: Pick of the week

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Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

Sign up at FORMED.org/advent

Parish Code: 0be7ec

The Road to Bethlehem - Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

Draw close to Christ this Advent season with daily reflections and enrichment from FORMED. We've personally selected content to help you prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. We will be sending you handpicked videos, talks, and texts every day throughout Advent to nourish your spiritual life.

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New Mass Hours

Starting January 2, 2021

Saturday

5:00 pm English

Sunday

7:00 am English


9:00 am Vietnamese

11:00 am English

1:00 pm Spanish

5:30 pm English

Confessions will be held 30 minutes before each Mass. *Except 7 am*



Music



E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come -Paul Manz

Normally at this time of year there are many opportunities to hear beautiful sounds of the season live. Co-Cathedral Music will be releasing Advent music from past years' liturgies and our annual "Christmas at the Co-Cathedral" Concert in video format in the mid-week bulletin and on our YouTube channel over the next few weeks. The first offering is an Advent favorite of ours based on a text from Revelations, E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come by Paul Manz. This was recorded live by Cor Jesu in our 2019 Christmas Concert, and sung at Mass on Advent IV.

Want to join the choir?
musicoffice@sacredharthouston.org

Congratulations to the 30 youth who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

May the Holy Spirit dwell in your heart always and keep you strong in the faith.

This Week
Collection Goal:
\$25,698

Last Week
Collected \$19,620
Budgeted \$22,665
Amount over (under) (\$3,045)

The Year
Collected \$502,088
Budget \$571,591
Amount over (under) (\$69,503)

Ways to contribute



Time Treasure Talent



Help provide toys and gifts to children and families in need this Christmas!

CatholicCharities.org/syb

Have you made your DSF Contribution?

DSF Status as of: Nov. 13, 2020

Mandatory Amount \$135,000

Amount Pledged: \$118,376

Amount under: **(\$16,624)**

Only **289** of our **1,876** families have given to DSF.



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

2º Domingo de Adviento



Éste es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. En el libro del profeta Isaías está escrito:

*He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti,
a preparar tu camino.*

Voz del que clama en el desierto:

*“Preparen el camino del Señor,
enderezan sus senderos”.*

En cumplimiento de esto, apareció en el desierto Juan el Bautista predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento, para el perdón de los pecados. A él acudían de toda la comarca de Judea y muchos habitantes de Jerusalén; reconocían sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el Jordán.

Juan usaba un vestido de pelo de camello, ceñido con un cinturón de cuero y se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestre. Proclamaba: “Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo”.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

La Presencia del Señor con Nosotros

Este domingo marca la segunda etapa del tiempo de Adviento, un período estupendo que despierta en nosotros la espera del regreso de Cristo y la memoria de su venida histórica. La liturgia de hoy nos presenta un mensaje

lleno de esperanza. Es la invitación del Señor expresado por boca del profeta Isaías: «Consolad, consolad a mi pueblo, dice vuestro Dios». Con estas palabras se abre el Libro de la consolación, donde el profeta dirige al pueblo en exilio el anuncio gozoso de la liberación. El tiempo de la tribulación ha terminado; el pueblo de Israel puede mirar con confianza hacia el futuro: le espera finalmente el regreso a la patria. Por ello la invitación es dejarse consolar por el Señor. Isaías se dirige a gente que atravesó un período oscuro, que sufrió una prueba muy dura; pero ahora llegó el tiempo de la consolación. La tristeza y el miedo pueden dejar espacio a la alegría, porque el Señor mismo guiará a su pueblo por la senda de la liberación y de la salvación. ¿De qué modo hará todo esto? Con la solicitud y la ternura de un pastor que se ocupa de su rebaño. Él, en efecto, dará unidad y seguridad al rebaño, lo apacentará, reunirá en su redil seguro a las ovejas dispersas, reservará atención especial a las más frágiles y débiles. Esta es la actitud de Dios hacia nosotros, sus criaturas. Por ello el profeta invita a quien le escucha — incluidos nosotros, hoy— a difundir entre el pueblo este mensaje de esperanza: que el Señor nos consuela. Y dejar espacio a la consolación que viene del Señor. Pero no podemos ser mensajeros de la consolación de Dios si nosotros no experimentamos en primer lugar la alegría de ser consolados y amados por Él. Esto sucede especialmente cuando escuchamos su Palabra, el Evangelio, que tenemos que llevar en el bolsillo: ¡no olvidéis esto! El Evangelio en el bolsillo o en la cartera, para leerlo continuamente. Y esto nos trae consolación: cuando permanecemos en oración silenciosa en su presencia, cuando lo encontramos en la Eucaristía o en el sacramento del perdón. Todo esto nos consuela.