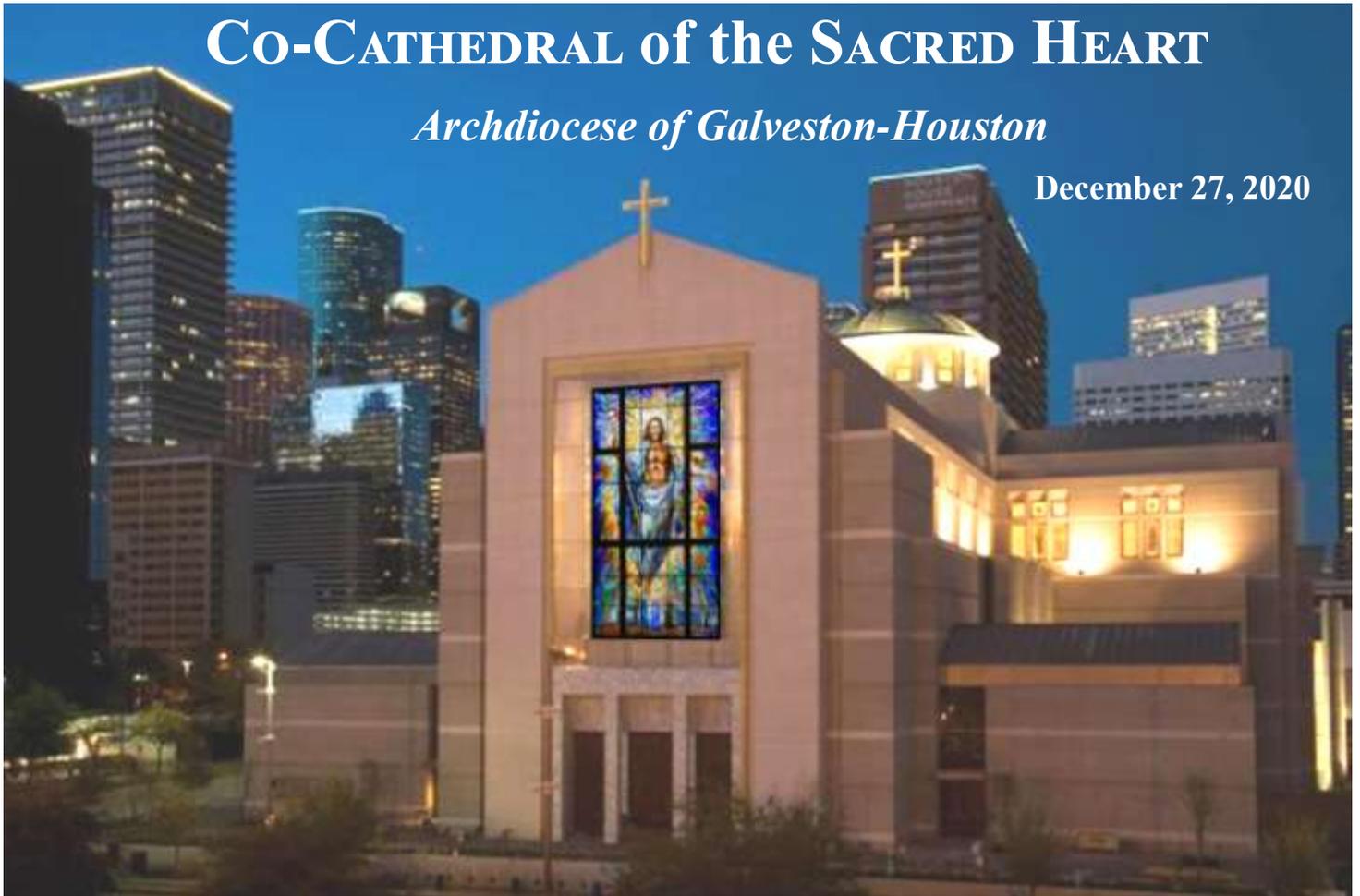


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

December 27, 2020



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

See pg.4 for new 2021
Mass Schedule

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 20, 2020 Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends in Christ:

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

While the retail world started playing Christmas music after Halloween and have had their lights and trees lit for weeks, we have journeyed through this sober season of Advent preparation to be ready to receive our Lord with great anticipation. Beginning on the evening of December 24, our eruption of joy commences as the season of Christmas begins. While the rest of the world will fizzle out, get bored, and look for something new to talk about on December 26, our season of joy will have just begun.

In the spirit of the Octave of Christmas, that eight-day span of continuous Christmas feasting between December 25 and January 1, I am writing one bulletin letter for this special time that will suffice for all it entails: the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, the Feast of St. Stephen, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not to mention some love thrown in for Sts. John the Apostle, Thomas Becket, and Sylvester I for good measure!).

In addition to its obvious spiritual importance as a matter of religious observance, Christmas has always been a special time for my family, as it no doubt has been for many others. I cannot begin to unpack all the many memories of family celebrations and little traditions. Of course, there is great sadness for my father and me as this will mark the first year to not have my mother at the center of all of festivities.

At the same time, I realize that some sense of mourning will be common to a lot of households this Christmas. Every year, there are those who are reminded of those they have lost, and this year there are many more who have lost loved ones to the pandemic or other causes. On top of this, many will be prevented from gathering with their whole families or carrying out usual traditions.

At this point, this letter sounds like it starting to go to a depressing place, not the joyful one a Christmas letter should. However, I have learned that one does not “fake” Christian joy by pretending sorrow is absent – our faith never calls us to deny the truth. At the same time, the notes of sorrow do not need to drown out the song of joy that should fill our hearts, the song of Mary’s great Magnificat.

In 2006, I learned this lesson when on December 23, I lost a very dear friend to a tragic death following a night of gathering with our group of closest friends in what had become an annual tradition. The shock and loss of that tragedy certainly subdued the sense of Christmas that year. At the same time, I have learned to commemorate that loss each year on the anniversary with a spiritual offering at the altar of the Lord. While there is sorrow each year in recognizing his absence, there is joy in remembering the gift he was for the years we had him present with us and to remember that our spiritual communion with one another in God is greater than any tangible bond could ever be.

This year, in the same way, I intend to match the sadness of my mother’s absence with the reminder that her faithful death is a reminder to me of what this is all about and where it is all headed: Christ comes into the darkness of the night of sin and death as the Morning Star to bring the light of endless day. The Eternal God intercedes in His creation and personally joins himself to us so that we might no longer no loss and absence, but fullness and completion. “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as the only-begotten Son from the Father...And from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace.” (Jn 1:14,16)

Therefore, this Christmas I pray that all may be aware of this grace we have all received. Even as we cap off a year that has been full of difficulties and lamentations, may we know the peace and joy of Emmanuel, for as his very name tells us, God-is-with-us!

Gloria in excelsis Deo! “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will!” (Lk 2:14)

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

Yours in Christ,



Very Reverend Jeffrey L. Bame
Rector & Parish Administrator



Merry Christmas!

If you are new to the area and would like to become part of our parish faith community, contact our parish office:
Phone: 713-659-1561

Or register online by visiting our www.sacredheartouston.org/

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



Social Distancing Protocols

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

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the soul of our faithful departed:

Theresa Jozwiak†

Mother of
Father Lawrence Jozwiak

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
—And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace. —Amen.
May her souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.**

**For consolation & God’s healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief.
—Amen.**

Missed our Facebook Live Q&A?

Checkout the recording and hear Father Jeff answer questions like:

Best & Worst Christmas gift you received?
&
Why are your vestments are different?



FORMED: Pick of the week



Parish Code: 0be7ec

O Holy Night, The King is Born: What Christmas Is About

Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

Music



12 Days of Christmas -From EastWest Organists

Enjoy this fun version of The Twelve Days of Christmas which shows many diverse ways to express lyrics! Recorded all over the country, from the Co-Cathedral, to St. Pat's in New York City, to the University of Notre Dame, this light-hearted video takes sacred music to the silly side, even if you're not in on some esoteric organist jokes like quoting other pieces or playing in lopsided 11/8 for the 11th day. Did you know this ancient hymn was actually a serious way for people to mark the time between the Church's Feasts of Christmas and Epiphany?

Want to join the choir?

musicoffice@sacredharthouston.org

A special thanks to all those who decorated the Co-Cathedral!



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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*

This Week
Collection Goal:
\$26,681

Last Week	
Collected	\$26,579
Budgeted	\$26,889
Amount over (under)	(\$310)

The Year	
Collected	\$574,808
Budget	\$650,683
Amount over (under)	(\$75,875)

Ways to contribute



Time *Treasure Talent*



DSF Status as of: Dec. 15, 2020

Mandatory Amount
\$135,000

Amount Pledged: \$120,321

Amount under: **(\$14,679)**

Only **294** of our **1,876** families

If we do not meet our parish mandatory amount, then we have to pay any deficit out of parish operating expenses. Since we have made every year's DSF amount in the last 12 years, we did not budget for any short-fall.

[Click here to make your contribution](#)

Sponsor a Christmas Gift for a Magnificat House Resident!

[Click here](#)

Even though we cannot hold a Christmas party for Magnificat House this year, we are still collecting needed items to package and bring to residents.

Requested gifts:

- New Socks
- Full-sized hygiene items
- \$10 Walmart gift cards

Pictures from 2018 Magnificat House Christmas Party

Act of Spiritual Communion

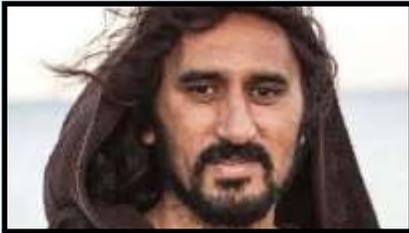
My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly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

Amen.



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La Familia Sagrada



En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: **“Velen y estén preparados**, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. Así como un hombre que se va de viaje, deja su casa y

encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer y encarga al portero que esté velando, así también velen ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para **todos: permanezcan alerta”**.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

“Velen y Estén Preparados”

Hoy comenzamos el camino de Adviento, que culminará en la Navidad. El Adviento es el tiempo que se nos da para acoger al Señor que viene a nuestro encuentro, también para verificar nuestro deseo de Dios, para mirar hacia adelante y prepararnos para el regreso de Cristo. Él regresará a nosotros en la fiesta de Navidad, cuando haremos memoria de su venida histórica en la humildad de la condición humana; pero Él viene dentro de nosotros cada vez que estamos dispuestos a recibirlo, y vendrá de nuevo al final de los tiempos «para juzgar a los vivos y a

los muertos». Por eso debemos estar siempre alerta y esperar al Señor con la esperanza de encontrarlo. La persona que está atenta es la que, en el ruido del mundo, no se deja llevar por la distracción o la superficialidad, sino que vive de modo pleno y consciente, con una preocupación dirigida en primer lugar a los demás. Con esta actitud nos damos cuenta de las lágrimas y las necesidades del prójimo, y podemos percibir también sus capacidades y sus cualidades humanas y espirituales. La persona mira después al mundo, tratando de contrarrestar la indiferencia y la crueldad que hay en él y alegrándose de los tesoros de belleza que también existen y que deben ser custodiados. Se trata de tener una mirada de comprensión para reconocer tanto las miserias y las pobreza de los individuos y de la sociedad, como para reconocer la riqueza escondida en las pequeñas cosas de cada día, precisamente allí donde el Señor nos ha colocado. La persona vigilante es la que acoge la invitación a velar, es decir, a no dejarse abrumar por el sueño del desánimo, la falta de esperanza, la desilusión; y al mismo tiempo rechaza la llamada de tantas vanidades de las que está el mundo lleno y detrás de las cuales, a veces, se sacrifican tiempo y serenidad personal y familiar. Estar atentos y vigilantes son las premisas para no seguir «vagando fuera de los caminos del Señor», perdidos en nuestros pecados y nuestras infidelidades; estar atentos y alerta, son las condiciones para permitir a Dios irrumpir en nuestras vidas, para restituirle significado y valor con su presencia llena de bondad y de ternura.