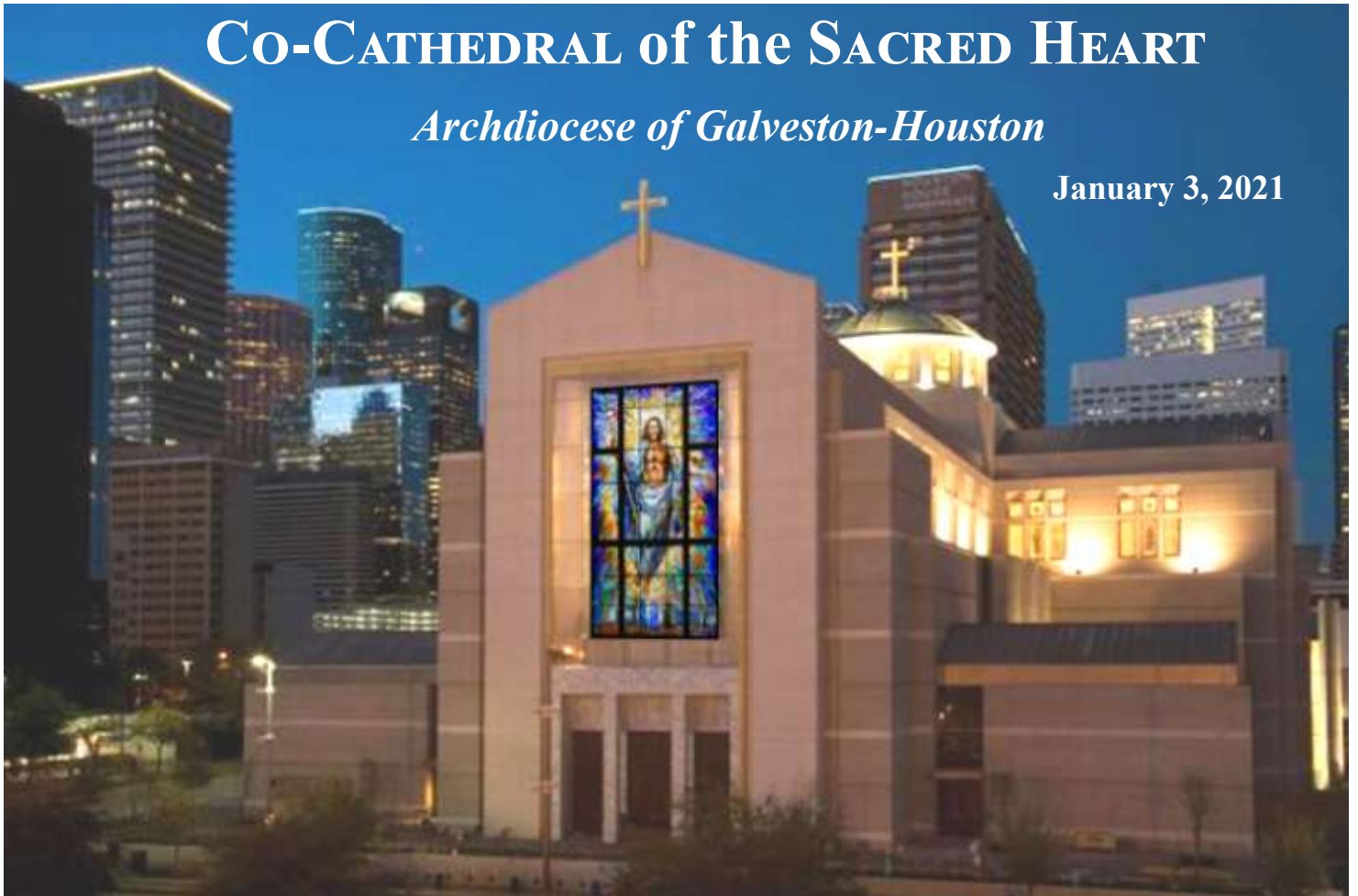


# CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

January 3, 2021



## The Epiphany of the Lord

Church Hours: **Mon-Fri** 6:30am-2pm **Saturday** Noon-6:30pm **Sunday** 6:30am-7pm

### Weekday Mass Schedule

*7 am & 12:10 pm*

### Confession Schedule

#### **Weekdays**

*6:30-6:50am  
11:30am-Noon*

#### **Sunday**

*8:15-8:45 am  
10:15-10:45 am*

#### **Saturday**

*3:30-4:45 pm  
4:30-5:15 pm*

### Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday** *5 pm Vigil Mass English*

#### **Sunday**

*7am English  
9am Vietnamese  
11am English  
1pm Spanish  
5:30pm English*



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## January 3, 2021 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/](http://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.



## Epiphany Family Activities

- Chalk the door: *How to*
- Bake a Three Kings Cake: *Recipe*
- Read the story of the Magi: *Story*

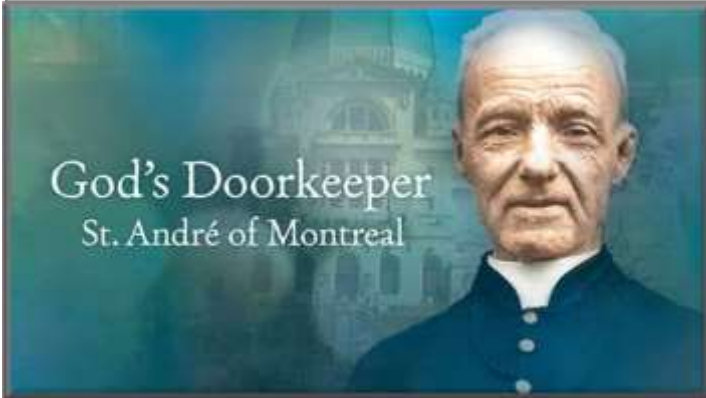
### Missed our Facebook Live Q&A?

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*

**God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal**

On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over a million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Besette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André—as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion, a man who draws people in to experience a God who is love.

Music



**Angels we have Heard on High -Arr Julian Wachner**

Cor Jesu sings Angels we have Heard on High, arranged by Julian Wachner, at the Co-Cathedral's 2019 Christmas Concert. Wishing you and yours a safe and Merry Christmas from everyone in your Co-Cathedral music department.

Want to join the choir?

[musicoffice@sacredharthouston.org](mailto:musicoffice@sacredharthouston.org)

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**New Mass Hours**  
Starting January 2, 2021

**Weekday**  
7:00 am & 12:10 pm  
Confessions 6:30-6:50am & 11:30am-Noon

**Saturday**  
5:00 pm English  
Confessions 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

**Sunday**  
7:00 am English  
9:00 am Vietnamese  
Confessions 8:15 am - 8:45 am  
11:00 am English  
Confessions 10:15 am - 10:45 am  
1:00 pm Spanish  
Confessions 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm  
5:30 pm English  
Confessions 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

**New Co-Cathedral Hours**  
Starting January 2, 2021

**Monday-Friday**  
6:30 am - 2:00 pm

**Saturday**  
Noon - 6:30 pm

**Sunday**  
6:30 am - 7:00 pm



**This Week**  
Collection Goal:  
**\$25,698**

**Last Week**  
Collected \$28,670  
Budgeted \$26,681  
**Amount over (under) \$1,989**

**The Year**  
Collected \$603,478  
Budget \$677,364  
**Amount over (under) (\$73,886)**

Ways to contribute



*Time Treasure Talent*



DSF Status as of: Dec. 29, 2020

**Mandatory Amount \$135,000**

Amount Pledged: \$123,671  
Amount under: **(\$11,329)**  
Only **296** of our **1,876** families gave

If we do not meet our parish mandatory amount, then we have to pay any deficit out of parish operating expenses. [Click here to make your contribution](#)

**Stewardship Reflection**

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."*  
— Matthew 2:11



We are also grateful for the Family Life group who assembled 173 gift bags of hygiene items & Warren M. for delivering all the gifts just in time for Christmas!

Thanks to all those who donated online & dropped off donations for Magnificat House Christmas!




## 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

## La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor



Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo”.

Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: “En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel”.

Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: “Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo”.

Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

### Palabras del Papa Francisco

#### La Epifanía del Señor

Las palabras que el profeta Isaías dirige a la ciudad santa de Jerusalén nos invitan a levantarnos, a salir; a salir de

nuestras clausuras, a salir de nosotros mismos, y a reconocer el esplendor de la luz que ilumina nuestras vidas: «¡Levántate y resplandece, porque llega tu luz; la gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti!». «Tu luz» es la gloria del Señor. La Iglesia no puede pretender brillar con luz propia, no puede. San Ambrosio nos lo recuerda con una hermosa expresión, aplicando a la Iglesia la imagen de la luna: «La Iglesia es verdaderamente como la luna: [...] no brilla con luz propia, sino con la luz de Cristo. Recibe su esplendor del Sol de justicia, para poder decir luego: “Vivo, pero no soy yo el que vive, es Cristo quien vive en mí”». Cristo es la luz verdadera que brilla; y, en la medida en que la Iglesia está unida a él, en la medida en que se deja iluminar por él, ilumina también la vida de las personas y de los pueblos. Los Magos son una prueba viva de que las semillas de verdad están presentes en todas partes, porque son un don del Creador que llama a todos para que lo reconozcan como Padre bueno y fiel. Los Magos representan a los hombres de cualquier parte del mundo que son acogidos en la casa de Dios. Delante de Jesús ya no hay distinción de raza, lengua y cultura: en ese Niño, toda la humanidad encuentra su unidad. Y la Iglesia tiene la tarea de que se reconozca y venga a la luz con más claridad el deseo de Dios que anida en cada uno. Este es el servicio de la Iglesia, con la luz que ella refleja: hacer emerger el deseo de Dios que cada uno lleva en sí. Como los Magos, también hoy muchas personas viven con el «corazón inquieto», haciéndose preguntas que no encuentran respuestas seguras, es la inquietud del Espíritu Santo que se mueve en los corazones. También ellos están en busca de la estrella que muestre el camino hacia Belén. En el niño Jesús está la fuente de la Luz que atrae a sí a todas las personas en el mundo y guía a los pueblos por el camino de la paz.