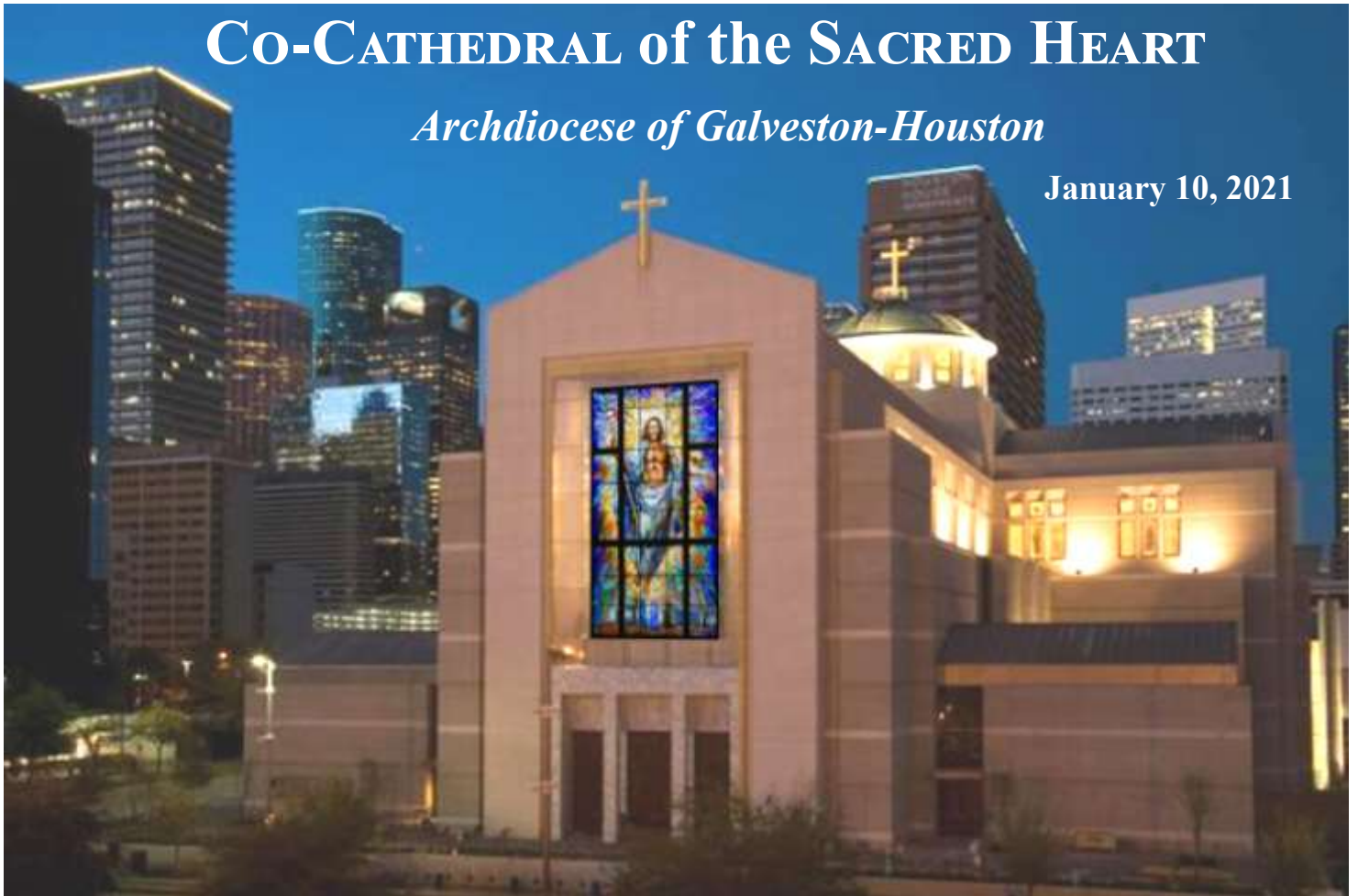


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

January 10, 2021



The Baptism 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 10, 2021
Come to the Water

Dear Friends in Christ:

Anh chị em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

*“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
 (Isaiah 55:1)*

Throughout the season of Advent, we heard the call of John the Baptist for people to come to the water to be baptized in repentance of their sins. This weekend, we reflect on the mystery of the baptism of Jesus himself. In the story of His baptism, we realize that He sanctifies the waters of baptism Himself and prefigures the font of grace for all who will be baptized after Him. After all, as He declares in the Gospel of John, He IS the living water: “Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.” (John 7:38)

All too often in life, we are thirsty but fail to understand what we actually need. It is the equivalent of a dehydrated person who turns to alcohol to quench their thirst, not realizing that their drink of choice not only will not quench the thirst but will actually dehydrate them further! We have a need that can only be met by God Himself, but we try our hardest to look for thirst-quenchers in every other direction: we turn to food, drink, work, sexual pleasure, exercise, sports, TV, music, social media, etc. Some of these pursuits are sinful and some are not, but none can quench the thirst for God. As St. Augustine famously prayed to God at the beginning of his *Confessions*, “you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” (I.i)

These realities were on my mind this past weekend as we celebrated the first weekend of the new Mass schedule, including the return of the 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM Masses on Sundays. I met many new faces who shared with me that it was their first Mass in person since the beginning of the pandemic. My heart was warmed by people, almost glowing, speaking to me after these Masses about how much they had missed the Eucharist. With the turning of a new year, for many it was time to get back to church.

I want to be crystal clear up front that I am deeply sympathetic to those who have sincere and legitimate reasons to take every last precaution during the pandemic. Beyond the elderly, there are many who are immunocompromised or who have underlying conditions that would make it extremely dangerous to contract the virus. This subset of our population must continue to pray and discern their decisions carefully, and I respect this.

However, after nine months of pandemic-altered life, my deep concern is for the spiritual starvation for so many who remain home out of a sense of fear. There are no guarantees in this life, but we have been blessed thus far in that, in so small part due to vigilance by all involved to make the church a safe place for those who come, we have avoided “super-spreader” events or significant exposures at the Co-Cathedral. We have worked hard to attend to the physical safety for all who step through the doors of our church.

Nevertheless, even as we have followed the advice of medical experts in protecting the physical health of our citizenry, as a pastor of souls I must also now speak to the needs of spiritual health. The human body cannot survive a month without food and water – it can barely survive a week without water. Yet after even a day without water or food, our bodies experience symptoms that remind us of the effects of deprivation. In the same way, there are symptoms of spiritual deprivation: restlessness, fatigue, anxiety, a lack of joy or peace, hopelessness, irritability, a loss of charity towards others, and self-absorption.

The Lord knows this and prescribes His solemn day to keep holy for this reason – to give Him glory, but to put aside other concerns to meet the need to be fed by Him. In normal times, there is a reason why God makes this an obligation and why we pray the Our Father for our daily bread: we need the Eucharist and the sacraments – the grace of God and his indwelling Spirit for spiritual survival!

Therefore, I make this new year plea to those who have been away and starved for so long: come back to your spiritual home. Rejoin us at Mass – we have missed you.

Come to the water!

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



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!



Upcoming Parish Events

Jan 16 **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?*

Jan 17 **A Mass of Remembrance**
Honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate a 3pm Mass at the Co-Cathedral with Deacon Darryl Drenon as the Homilist.

Jan 18 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Our Parish will be celebrating Daily Mass at 9:30am. There will be no 7am or 12:10pm Mass.

Social Distancing Protocols

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

(Eng) 5:00pm Edna Gormally & Family

Sunday, January 10

(Eng) 7:00am Jo Pease & Family
(Vt) 9:00am For Vietnamese Catholic Mothers
(Eng) 11:00 am For the People of the Parish
(Sp) 1:00pm Mike & Jennifer Appling
(Eng) 5:30pm Bernadine † & F.R. Pizzitola †

Monday, January 11

(Eng) 7:00am For a Private Intention
(Eng) 12:10pm Cipriana Lara Martinez †

Tuesday, January 12

(Eng) 7:00am Billie Blake Trautwein †
(Eng) 12:10pm Michael Kane

Wednesday, January 13

(Eng) 7:00am Leonor Nava †
(Eng) 12:10pm Andrew & Karen DeLaCruz & Family

Thursday, January 14

(Eng) 7:00am Julia Vira & Manuel Coronas
(Eng) 12:10pm Charles & Karen Campise

Friday, January 15

(Eng) 7:00am Phero Pham van Hinh †
(Eng) 12:10pm Kit † & Mike † Kane

Saturday, January 16

(Eng) 5:00pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 17

(Eng) 7:00am Bridie Rooney & Family
(Vt) 9:00am For Community Intentions
(Eng) 11:00am James Jack Hodge †
(Sp) 1:00pm Boyd & Debbie Naegeli
(Eng) 5:30pm Bernadine † & F.R. Pizzitola †

Deceased †

FORMED: Pick of the week



Parish Code: 0be7ec

**Changed Forever:
The Sacrament of Baptism by
Fr. Mike Schmitz**

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Music



**Silent Night
-Arr Larson**

In this excerpt from our Christmas at the Co-Cathedral Concert 2019, our children's choir, Cor Jesu, and Co-Cathedral Brass sing Silent Night. This video was used in one of our online choir activities this year and includes text and music for you to sing along too! Remember that we can sing Carols through February 2, the presentation of the Lord!

CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

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:
\$26,505

Last Week	
Collected	\$25,698
Budgeted	\$25,648
Amount over (under)	(\$50)

The Year	
Collected	\$703,062
Budget	\$629,126
Amount over (under)	(\$73,936)

Ways to contribute



Time Treasure Talent

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE
Items due January 17

- Rice
- Dried Beans
- Chewy granola bars
- Small boxes of raisins
- Juice boxes
- Fruit cups
- Canned vegetables
- Spices
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Dry pet food

Can't bring in food?
Donate online!
WWW.SACREDHEARTHOUSTON.ORG

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD

We collected \$135,339 beating our goal of \$135,000!

Thank You for helping us reach our goal to support the variety of ministries serving those in our community.


*“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’”
– Mark 1:11*

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

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor



En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: “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”.

Por esos días, vino Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias”.

Palabras del Papa Francisco

En el Bautismo Somos Ungidos en Cristo

El Bautismo nos incorpora en el cuerpo de la Iglesia, en el pueblo santo de Dios. Y en este cuerpo, en este pueblo en camino, la fe viene transmitida de generación en generación: es la fe de la Iglesia. Es la fe de María, de los Apóstoles y de los Mártires, que ha llegado hasta nosotros, a través del bautismo. ¡Una cadena de transmisión de fe! ¡Y esto es muy bello! Es pasar de mano en mano la luz de la fe: lo expresaremos dentro de poco con el gesto de encender las velas del gran cirio pascual. Dios, como un buen papá y una buena mamá, quiere dar cosas buenas a sus hijos.

Y ¿qué cosa es este alimento sustancioso que Dios nos da? Es su Palabra: su Palabra nos hace crecer, nos hace producir buenos frutos en la vida, como la lluvia hacen bien a la tierra y la hacen fecunda. Así ustedes padres, y también ustedes, padrinos y madriñas, abuelos, tíos, ayudaran a estos niños a crecer bien si darán a ellos la Palabra de Dios, el Evangelio de Jesús. ¡Y también lo harán con el ejemplo! Todos los días, tendrán la costumbre de leer un pasaje del Evangelio, pequeñito, y será el ejemplo para los hijos, ver a papá, a mamá, a los padrinos, abuelos, abuelas, tíos, leer la palabra de Dios. El gran cirio representa Cristo resucitado, vivo en medio a nosotros. Ustedes, familias, tomen de Él la luz de la fe para transmitirla a sus hijos. Enseñen a sus hijos que no se puede ser cristianos fuera de la Iglesia, no se puede seguir a Jesucristo sin la Iglesia, porque la Iglesia es madre y nos hace crecer en el amor a Jesucristo. Nosotros con el Bautismo le damos un tesoro, nosotros con el Bautismo le damos en prenda el Espíritu Santo. El niño sale [del Bautismo] con la fuerza del Espíritu en su interior: el Espíritu que lo defenderá, que lo ayudará, durante toda su vida. Por eso es tan importante bautizarlos cuando son pequeños, para que crezcan con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. Este es el mensaje que quisiera daros hoy. Vosotros traéis hoy a vuestros hijos, [para que tengan] el Espíritu Santo dentro de ellos. Y cuidado de que crezcan con la luz, con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo, a través de la catequesis, la ayuda, la enseñanza, los ejemplos que les daréis en casa... Este es el mensaje. No quisiera decir nada más importante.