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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents & Godparents need to attend a pre-baptism instruction class. Call the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Before Masses or by Appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are asked to call the parish office to receive information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are seriously ill, will have a major surgery, are old aged or in danger of death, call the priest.

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Masses:

- 5:30 p.m. (Vigil in English)
- 8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
- 10:00 a.m. (English)
- 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- 2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday @ 12:00 p.m..

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

CCE—Catechism

On Sundays and Wednesdays

RCIA

A program to join the Catholic Faith. Contact the parish office.



The Epiphany of the Lord

La Epifanía del Señor

January 3, 2016

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:30 p.m. † Emilia Villafaña by family

Sunday

8:00 a.m. No mass intention

10:00 a.m. No mass intention

12 noon No mass intention

2:30 p.m. No mass intention

ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



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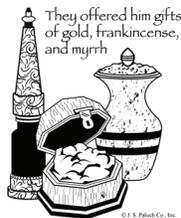
The Annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference will be held Jan. 29-31 in Waco. Students from all around the diocese will be participating. We are counting on the kindness of our parishioners who would like to sponsor, in whole or in part, one of our youth to enable them to attend this conference, please contact Becky Salazar or

Frances Lopez at the church office.

CCE NEWS

We hope that our students and their families have had a wonderful Christmas break, but now it's time to get the 2016 class year underway!

Just a reminder to parents that CCE classes resume **January 5th for Tuesday** classes, **January 6th for Wednesday** classes and **January 10th for Sunday** classes.



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CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Support the Cross International Outreach program next week. Father Tim O'Toole will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic International outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa Asia, Central and South America.

2016 PROJECT

Church Project 2016: Have new church pews, kneelers and carpet. From the bids we received for these works, we are estimating around \$120,000. We need to start saving for these goals. Should you like to make a monetary donation, pay for a pew or a kneeler, please do so at the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT IS A JUBILEE INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is an act of faith by which a person may obtain release from the temporal punishment associated with sins committed, either for oneself or on behalf of



another. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1471) As with other jubilee years, the Holy Father has instructed that special indulgences be available for the faithful through the duration of the year (December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016). Here's how to obtain the grace of the indulgence.

FOR ABLE-BODIED CATHOLICS:

- Take a pilgrimage. Make a journey to one of the five diocesan pilgrimage churches where "holy doors" have been designated for the Jubilee Year. Traveling to a pilgrimage site and crossing through a holy door is a spiritual journey that signals, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

- Go to confession.

- Receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's mercy.

- Make a profession of faith (Nicene or Apostles' Creed are good options).

- Pray for the pope and for his intentions. The papal prayer for the Year of Mercy may be found on the www.usccb.org/ or www.austindiocese.org/

- Perform one of the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy.

It is appropriate that the sacramental confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the pope's intentions take place on the same day of the pilgrimage, but it is not necessary. The sacramental rites and prayers may be carried out within several days (about three weeks) and at a place other than the pilgrimage site.

FOR THE ELDERLY, CONFINED AND THE ILL:

For persons physically unable to visit a pilgrimage site, Pope Francis has said that they may obtain the indulgence by "living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial." Receiving Communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various available means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence." These persons may also perform one of the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy as their abilities permit.

Sacred Heart is a parish family called to be a visible sign of Christ, formed by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist and empowered to serve the needs of God's people.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The adult fellowship group welcomes the challenges of a new year and they thank you in advance for your continued support of their projects and activities. With your help the group hopes to continue to grow. They would love to add even more members in 2016! The group will resume meetings on January 14th so please make plans to join in the fun each Thursday, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the church hall. For more information about this group call the office Tues - Thurs and ask for Paula. 756-2656.

BAUTIZO - BAPTISM

"Las clases para la preparacion de Bautizo seran el dia 7 y 14 de Enero en el centro de catesismo. Los padres y los padrinos deben de asistir las clases. Por favor llamen o pasen por la oficina de la iglesia para registrarse."

Baptism classes for the month of January will be held on the 7th and 14th at the CCE center. Parents and Godparents are required to attend. For more information or to register please call the church office.

MARRIAGE SITUATIONS

An invitation and reminder that Father is here to help out in marriage cases i.e. marriage preparations and annulments. Make an appointment today.

HOLY ROSARY

Holy Rosary is recited 20 minutes before each mass.

Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

We invite you to arrive early for mass and participate in the holy rosary.

Oramos el Santo Rosario 20 minutos antes de cada Misa. A través del Rosario los fieles reciben abundante gracia, como si de la mano de la madre del Redentor. Te invitamos a llegar temprano para la Misa y participar en el Santo Rosario.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to early bulletin deadlines the financial report will be posted in the foyer of the church office.

20 + C + M + B + 16



Typically written in chalk over the home doorway, these numbers and symbols stand for the new year, and the letters C M B for ***Christus Mansionem Benedicat***, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters

also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. When a harsh atheism was imposed, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. This is a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

This week, our Sunday breakfast is hosted by our CCE staff, students and volunteers. Come on over to the church hall after Mass and enjoy some delicious home style Mexican breakfast and great fellowship with family & friends. Served at the church hall after the 8 & 10 am Mass.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

- ◆ No chewing gum
- ◆ Turn off cell phones
- ◆ Maintain silence
- ◆ Holy Water & Genuflect on entering and exiting the church

VOLUNTEERS

As we welcome the new year we hope you will consider becoming a part of one of the church ministries or organizations here at Sacred Heart. Every organization is worthy, every ministry is important, every person is vital. For more information on who to contact please call the church office.

HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who is homebound, in a nursing home who needs to be visited or would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the office.