

From the Deacon

Has there ever been a time in your life when someone has pointed at you and said: "Behold, there is a follower of Christ." I suspect that for many of us this has never happened. Yet, isn't this what others are supposed to see in us as Christians baptized into the Catholic faith? The way we talk and act toward one another certainly tells others a lot about us even if we don't realize it.

When St. Paul was writing to the Church in Corinth, this was the message that he was trying to convey to them. They had listened and begun to act on the word of God as given to them by St. Paul and the early missionaries of the faith. This new faith called for a new way of living. They were being called to glorify God and live as temples of the Holy Spirit. We are called to do the same.

Choosing to follow Christ challenges us to reflect on how we treat one another, care for ourselves, make good decisions and how we tend to all that God has created and given us for our use. Like the prophet Samuel, we have to learn how to listen to the voice of God in our lives. (1Sam3:10) But that is only the first step. We need to spend time in reflecting upon the words we hear and then finally act upon them. Oftentimes, this will call for a change in how we speak and act in our lives.

St. Francis de Sales said, "We carry the Lord on our tongues, recounting his deeds and praising him. We carry him in our hearts with tender love and affection." But this interior conversion that we experience also has to translate into action. Our lives must become examples to others that the Word of God is transformative. When lived out as God has intended, His words can change lives and our world for the better. We live happier and more contented lives because of it.

Today, let us listen to the voice of God. Allow time for contemplation of the words we hear. Pray over these words and ask ourselves how God is calling us to translate His words into our actions. Living out these words will not only change us but the lives of others around us. Then we need not be surprised if at some time someone says of us: "Behold, there goes a follower of Christ."

In Christ,
Deacon Frank

This Week in Our Parish

--Sunday, Jan. 14- 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)

CCE CLASSES

COFFEE BY THE NEOCATCHUMENATE

AND TACO BREAKFAST BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

--2:00 p.m. Bible Study-Meeting Room

--3:00 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit

Monday, January 15, Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Holiday

ALL PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

NO CCE CLASSES

--8:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary-Chapel

--Tuesday, Jan. 16-Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 6:30 p.m.

CCE CLASSES

--7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation-Bishop Odin

--7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Church

--7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:45 p.m. St. Joseph Novena-Chapel

-Wednesday, Jan. 17- Mass at 6:15 a.m., and 7:00 pm

--6:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations-Chapel

--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. That Man is You-Parish Hall

--7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-Community Center

--7:30 p.m. Neo Cats-Meeting-Alleluia-Noah's Ark & "A"

--8:00 p.m. Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Church

-Thursday, Jan. 18- Mass at 6:15 a.m., & 7:00 p.m.

--6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry-St. Maria Goretti Room

--7:00 p.m. FTCM-Community Center

--7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer-Bishop Odin

--7:30 p.m. Legion of Mary-Room "B"

--8:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer-Chapel

11:00 p.m. Precious Blood-Chapel

-Friday, Jan. 19- Mass at 6:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

--6:00 p.m. Youth for Christ-Welsch Center

--7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Room "F"

--7:30 p.m. Divine Mercy-Chapel

--7:30 p.m. Lord's Flock-Alleluia Room

--8:00 p.m. Sacred Heart-Chapel

--8:00 p.m. Totus Tuus Prayer Group-Parish Hall

--Saturday- Jan. 20- Mass at 8:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

--7:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-Welsch Center

Boy Scouts Garage Sale-Front of Welsch Center

--8:00 a.m. Neocatechumenate Retreat-Parish Hall

--9:30 a.m. Mass in Honor Sto. Niño de Cebu-Church

--11:00 a.m. Precious Blood- Room "A"

--2:00 p.m. Wedding- Adele Washington/Jeremy Miles-Church

-4:00 p.m. Confessions-Church

--7:00 p.m. Neocatechumenate-Parish Hall

--Sunday, Jan. 21- 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (English)

1:00 p.m. (Spanish), -5:00 p.m. (English)

COFFEE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SALE BY THE CATHOLIC
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER

--2:00 p.m. African Community-Parish Hall

--3:30 p.m. Daughters of Holy Spirit-Parish Hall

NOTRE DAME OPPORTUNITY

There is an open position within the parish office:

Parish Office Secretarial Assistant

Part Time Position (Permanent Part-Time)

28 hours a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Qualifications (not a full list)

Proficient in English & Spanish: (ability to translate documents).

Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, (Power Point helpful), Parish Data System.

**Pass a background check

**Attend VIRTUS

If you are interested send resume to:

Evelyn: admin@ndgh.org



Sunday, Jan. 14-2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1: 35-42

--7:00 a.m. Sick of the Parish

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. All Notre Dame Personnel and their Families

--1:00 p.m. San Antonio

--5:00 p.m. Suffering from Depression/Loneliness

Monday, January 15- Monday of 2nd Week in OT

1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22

--9:00 a.m. + Porfirio Lising (Birthday)

Tuesday, Jan. 16- Tuesday of 2nd Week in OT

1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28

--6:15 a.m. Joshua Busby (Birthday)

--6:30 p.m. Manuel Francisco, JR. (Birthday)

Wednesday, Jan. 17 – St. Anthony, Ab. Obl. Mem.

1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3: 1-6

--6:15 a.m. El Haidji Oumar Gueye (Thanksgiving for BD)

--7:00 p.m. + Pedro & Puring Fabugais

Thursday, Jan. 18 – Thursday of 2nd Week in OT

1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12

--6:15 a.m. Walter Busby (Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. + Antonio Ramas

Friday, Jan.19 – Friday of 2nd Week in OT

1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19

--6:15 a.m. Right to Life

--10:00 a.m. + Maria Carlota Alonso (Birthday)

--7:00 p.m. + Manuel SR. & Iluminada Francisco

Saturday, Jan. 20- Saturday of 2nd Week in OT

2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3: 20-21

--8:00 a.m. + Marie Tran

--5:00 p.m. + Peregrina Pacguing

Sunday, Jan. 21-3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3: 1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1: 14-20

--7:00 a.m. Presider Intentions

--9:00 a.m. All Parishioners

--11:00 a.m. Bulletin Sponsors

--1:00 p.m. Patrocinadores del Boletín

--5:00 p.m. + Bertha Flores

“NDC Fundraiser”

CENTRAL EUROPE

Marian Pilgrimage

Switzerland – France – Germany – Netherlands - Belgium

June 11 to 23, 2018

\$3,790.00 per person from Houston

SEATS ARE LIMITED

Spiritual Director:

Msgr. Rolando Diokno

Tour Coordinator:

Linnie Drilon 281-686-8915

Notre Dame Catholic Church

Houston TX 77072

FARE INCLUSIVE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Round Trip Air Fare via British Airways from Houston
- First Class Hotels *Double Occupancy *Breakfast and Dinner (where indicated in the itinerary)
- First Class Motor Coach *Catholic Guides *Masses
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges (subject to change)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candles burning in memory of:

Adelina Galido

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 14

MASSES IN ENGLISH

ENT# 567 OFT# 777 CMN # 939 & # 721 CLOSING # 832

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

ENT #535 OFR #647 Y #460 CMN #573 y #589 DESP #676



Barbara Collier, Anita Lagap, Cary Kearns, Francisco Saiza, Alfred Mikula, Mike Rios, Joel Castro, Antonio Macrohon, Becky Navarro, Mary Lou Walker, Ianne P. Quila, Anthony & Maria Tran, Sally Wittmer, Sue Zientek, Jesus de Mora, Mike Trimbom, Mel Gayao, Sondra Robertson, Severo Zapata, Ma. Dolores D. Zapata, Madelaine Zenaida, Trish Coch, ...
and ALL sick members of our parish community.

Homebound: Visited by our Ministers of the Sick ...
Lydia Agustin, Sam Barletta, Dolly Cyganski, Elizabeth Misri, Carolyn Starrette, Francisca Salaria, Rosa Waguespack, Don Wenglar, Stephen Mustafa Kroma, Joan Holder, Florence Otorra, Shuri Ngomba, Lawrence Carter...

Respect Life Mass 2018

Join the Pro-Life Activities Office for our annual Respect Life Mass and Reception on Saturday, February 3. Mass will take place at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston, TX 77002) at 5:00 p.m. immediately followed by reception at the Cathedral Centre, fourth floor. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! There is no cost to attend the reception, but we ask that attendees register so we can plan for refreshments!

Formation Toward Christian Ministry Spring 2018

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers a systematic and comprehensive foundation in the teachings of our faith.

The FTCM program is being offered at Notre Dame in English

Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Introduction to Scripture: Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8

Old Testament: Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 22

New Testament: Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3

Day of Reflection – Biblical Spirituality: Sat., Feb. 3 (9-3)

**Registration & questions: Contact the CCE office
281-495-1256**

PARISH SUPPORT

Financial Results for Church Operations Six Months: July – December, 2017

Receipts\$ 473,006
Expenses\$ 518,069
3 Month Deficit.....\$ 45,063

PARISH WEEKLY NEEDS \$17,500

Collection 12/31/2017

Regular Collection.....\$17,709.91
Faith Direct.....\$1,743.80
Total Sunday Collection.....\$19,453.71

Novena\$320.00
Poor Box\$14.00

Capital Campaign IV "Our Lady – Our Commitment" Collection 12/31/2017

Capital Campaign:.....\$9,947.96
Faith Direct:.....\$795.85
Total Sunday,\$10,743.81

Solemnity of Mary.....\$3,476.90

Collection 01/07/2018 (Not Available)

Regular Collection.....\$
Faith Direct.....\$
Total Sunday Collection.....\$

Novena\$
Poor Box\$

Capital Campaign IV "Our Lady – Our Commitment" Collection 01/07/2018

Capital Campaign:.....\$
Faith Direct:.....\$
Total Sunday,\$

Texas Rally for Life in Austin

The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Come stand with Catholics from around the State in support of life from conception to natural death. Cardinal DiNardo will offer Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 8:15 a.m. prior to departure for Austin. Buses will depart from St. Dominic Chancery prior to the Mass. To register, click here. If your parish is interested in taking a group to this event, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS USING FAITH DIRECT

The closing date for current users of Faith Direct will be **January 31, 2018**. This extended cut-off date will give you the needed time to adjust your finances and for the parish to reinstate your monthly contribution envelopes if you so choose.

To All members using Faith Direct. We ask your understanding and continued support either through the use of parish contribution envelopes **or by going to your bank to set up on-line reoccurring bill pay.**

Del Diácono

Alguna vez en su vida alguien ha apuntado hacia ustedes y dicho: “Contemplan, allí está un seguidor de Cristo.” Yo sospecho que para muchos de nosotros esto nunca ha ocurrido. Pero, ¿acaso no es esto lo que otros supuestamente ven en nosotros como Cristianos bautizados dentro de la fe Católica? La forma como hablamos y actuamos los unos a los otros verdaderamente les dice a otros mucho acerca de nosotros aún cuando nosotros no lo realicemos.

Cuando San Pablo estaba escribiendo a la Iglesia en Corinto este era el mensaje que él trataba de conllevar a ellos. Ellos habían escuchado y empezado a actuar en la palabra de Dios dada a ellos por San Pablo y los primeros misioneros de la fe. Esta nueva fe llamaba por un nuevo modo de vivir. Ellos fueron llamados para glorificar a Dios y vivir como templos del Espíritu Santo. Nosotros somos llamados a hacer lo mismo.

Escogiendo a seguir a Cristo nos desafía a reflejar como nos tratamos los unos con los otros, cuidarnos por nosotros mismos, tomar buenas decisiones y como atendemos a todo lo que Dios ha creado y nos ha dado para nuestro uso. Tal como el profeta Samuel, tenemos que aprender a escuchar a la voz de Dios en nuestras vidas. (1 Sam 3: 10) Pero eso es solamente el primer paso. Necesitamos pasar tiempo en reflexionar sobre las palabras que escuchamos y luego finalmente actuar sobre ellas. Muchas veces, esto hará que cambiemos en como hablamos y actuamos en nuestras vidas.

San Francisco de Sales dijo, “Nosotros llevamos al Señor en nuestras lenguas, relatando sus actos y alabándolo. Lo llevamos en nuestros corazones con amor cariñoso y afecto.” Pero esta conversión interna que experimentamos también tiene que trasladarnos en acción. Nuestras vidas deben transformarse en ejemplos para otros que la Palabra de Dios es transformativa. Cuando vivimos como Dios lo planea. Sus palabras pueden cambiar nuestras vidas y nuestro mundo para ser mejor. Vivimos más felices y vidas más satisfechas debido a esto.

Hoy, escuchemos la voz de Dios. Demos tiempo para contemplación de las palabras que escuchamos. Oremos sobre estas palabras y preguntémonos nosotros mismos en cómo Dios nos está llamando a traducir Sus palabras en nuestras acciones. Viviendo estas palabras no solamente cambiará nuestras vidas pero también las vidas de otros viviendo alrededor de nosotros. Luego no necesitamos sorprendernos si en alguna otra ocasión alguien dice de nosotros: “Contemplan, allí va un seguidor de Cristo.”

En Cristo,
Diácono Frank

EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA



Domingo, 14 de Enero-

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

Lunes, 15 de Enero 2018-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

CHAPEL AND PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

--7:00 p.m. RICA-Centro Comunitario

Martes, 16 de Enero-

--7:00 p.m. Taller para Servidores-Centro Comunitario

--7:00 p.m. Catecismo de la Iglesia-Salón de Conferencias

Miércoles, 17 de Enero-

--6:30 p.m. Rosario en Español-Capilla

--7:00 p.m. Guadalupanos:Salón “E”

--7:00 p.m. Coro en Español-Salón “F”

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón “G”

--8:00 p.m. Apostolado de la Cruz-Salones Odín y Conferencias

Jueves, 18 de Enero-

--7:00 p.m. ELI Grupo de Oración-Salones “F” y “G”

Viernes, 19 de Enero-

--6:00 p.m. Legión de María Jóvenes- Salón “E”

--7:00 p.m. Grupo ELI-Salones B C E G

--7:00 p.m. Solo para Parejas-Salones “D” y “F”

--7:00 a.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Salón “A”

Sábado, 20 de Enero-

--9:00 ELI-Salón Aleluya

--4:00 p.m. Confesiones-Iglesia

--7:00 p.m. ELI- Salón “C”

--7:00 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret- Meeting Room

Domingo, 21 de Enero-

TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

--1:00 p.m. Misa en Español –Iglesia

--6:30 p.m. Jesús de Nazaret-Parish Hall

INVITACIÓN IMPORTANTE DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NOTRE DAME

Taller para Servidores.

Los días **Martes: 16, 23, 30** y terminando el **Martes 6 de Febrero**. Será en el Centro Comunitario de 7 a 9:30 de la noche. Impartido por Joe Castro de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Tendrá un costo total de \$10 por participante.

No olvidés CRISTO te necesita