



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Solemnity of
Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017



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Dear Friends,

A very Happy Thanksgiving to one and all, and welcome to our visitors who are with us this weekend as we celebrate the Great American Feast that transcends all boundaries, reminding us that we are a nation full of thankfulness and gratitude.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of who generously contributed to our recent Thanksgiving food drive for East Spring Branch Food Pantry. As of this writing, there are 233 food bags being distributed to families in need. This has contributed in a most wonderful way to many people's Thanksgiving. The outreach of St. Catherine of Siena is heartwarming indeed!

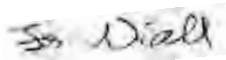
A special thanks to Fr. Ronan Newbold from Holy Name Retreat Center on Bunker Hill for taking my place this weekend while I am across the pond celebrating a wedding for one of my nieces. Actually, I haven't been in Ireland since this time last year; and as some of you probably know, my plans to be there for yet another wedding over Labor Day weekend were washed away in the Harvey Flood! A very minor detail in comparison to the upheaval many of you have had to endure. But alas, I am ready for this one. So I will be celebrating Thanksgiving "Irish style" in Dublin.

The parish office will be open this week, except for Wednesday, November 29, when the office will be closed. Speaking of schedules and such, our regular daily Mass schedule will resume this Thursday, November 30, when life begins to go back to normal again and the tryptophan begins to wear off, at least until the Christmas season is upon us.

To help ease you back into a normal routine, we will have our usual Saturday Evening Mingle next Saturday, December 2, when we can do some catching up on our Thanksgiving shenanigans and do a little relaxing before we start planning our Christmas shopping, menu and guest lists. Of course, get those letters written to Santa, or does he now accept email, tweets and the like? We will also have breakfast the following morning, Sunday, December 3, when CCE resumes.

Enjoy what is left of the Thanksgiving weekend and get in some relaxing and enjoyable time with each other. I will see you all later in the week (Thursday) or next weekend at either our Mingle or Breakfast and/or during my usual "holy schmoozing" in the narthex before/after the weekend Masses.

God bless,




CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS can be made in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are due in the Parish Office on or before December 17, 2017. It is important to us to list the names of those you are remembering with a flower donation correctly in our bulletin, so please PRINT your dedications. The list of those being remembered with a Christmas Flower Donation will be printed in the bulletin for EPIPHANY SUNDAY. If you have any questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org

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MEN'S RETREAT



**Holy Name
Passionist Retreat Center**

ALL MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH are invited to attend our annual retreat at

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road, on January 5-7, 2018. The theme for this year's retreat is "Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope." This is a great way to begin the new year! Registration information can be found in the brochures on the bulletin board. For more information please call Charles Hrachovy at 713-468-0259.

CLUB 55+



December Club 55+ Bus Trip

On **Tuesday, December 5** we will head to the Gulf Greyhound Park to view the **Magical Winter Lights**. The festival area contains seven themed sections including Magical Wonderland, Mystical Forest, Santa's Christmas Village, and the festival's newest section: The Lone Star State. The festival also includes a Holiday Market Square, acrobatic performances, authentic arts and crafts created by skilled Chinese artisans, amusement rides and games, and live entertainment. To prepare for the large amount of walking needed to view the festival, we will have an early dinner at a **Cracker Barrel** nearby. We will leave the church at 3:00 pm and return by about 10:00 pm. The cost is **\$14** per person not including dinner for persons age 65+, and **\$22** for persons age 50-64. Please mail your check to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming bus trips are scheduled for Jan 17, Feb 22, and Mar 10 – details to follow. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

PARISH CALENDAR

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SAT	11/25	5 PM Mass †Gene Even
SUN	11/26	8:30 AM Mass NO CCE 11:15 AM Mass
MON	11/27	No Weekday Mass Office Hours, 10 - 4
TUE	11/28	No Weekday Mass Office Hours, 10 - 4
WED	11/29	No Weekday Mass Office Closed
THU	11/30	12:15 PM WEEKDAY MASS †Bill Lecker Office Hours, 10 - 4
FRI	12/1	12:15 PM WEEKDAY MASS †Manuel Nunez Office Hours, 10 - 4

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mission of Yahweh Food Collection

SAT	12/2	5 PM Mass †Mark Banuelos 6:00—7:30 PM Saturday Mingle
SUN	12/3	8:30 AM Mass CCE 9:30—10:30AM Sunday Breakfast 11:15 AM Mass

HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

As the holidays approach and we all think about giving to others, consider a donation to St. Catherine of Siena Church, Harvey disaster relief ministry. There are many families in our area still struggling, living in temporary housing, not able to celebrate the upcoming holidays in their own homes. A one-time gift of any amount is appreciated. The online process is simple and does not require the donor to setup a Faith Direct account. Spread the word to friends, family, coworkers, and all those with a generous heart.



GO TO: <https://www.faithdirect.net>

- Click "Give Now"
- Enter church code TX536
- Choose "Make a one-time gift now"
- Write in notes section: **For Harvey disaster relief**