



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Dear Friends,

By the time you are reading this, the ramp at the north door with the new canopy (porte-cochère) will finally be in its last stages of construction. Christmas and the New Year got in the way of such things as people went home to family and returned later. And we had our little bout of bad weather which meant nothing could be done either! Now we are on the move again; the concrete should be poured, and the new up-to-code ramp will be almost finished, except for a few finishing touches to the canopy itself (i.e., lighting, trim and such). When that is finalized, we will have a better idea as to how to proceed with a seating area and a possible water/fountain feature. Then, truly, the north door will become the main entrance during the weekdays and a place to linger before/after Mass when the weather is cooler.

While waiting for all that to happen, the place to linger next weekend, February 3 & 4, is at our monthly Saturday evening Mingle after the 5:00pm Mass or Sunday Breakfast after the 8:30am Mass.

All your contribution statements for 2017 were mailed out last Tuesday, January 23, so you should have received them by now. If you haven't, please contact Marcela at the parish office (713-467-8170) or marcela@stcatherine-houston.org

I know it is an early notification, but our Masses for Ash Wednesday on February 14 (Valentine's Day) will be our usual noon Mass at 12:15pm and an extra Mass that evening at 6:00pm.

Speaking of early notification, we are going to celebrate Holy Thursday Mass (March 29) this year at 6:00pm in the hope that more of you might participate. It seems 7:00pm is too late for most; once you get home from school/work, it is very difficult to venture out again. This is what caused the Ash Wednesday Mass time change from 7:00pm to 6:00pm, and it works! If you have never had your feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and would like to, please let me know and I will put you on the list. Preferably, it should be the whole family, from the youngest to the oldest – this is not for children only. Singles and couples and one parent householders ... all are invited to participate.

Have a great week and God bless,

Fr. Niall



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WOMEN'S GROUP

Please join us for fun and fellowship on Wednesday, Feb 7 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are invited and welcome. We will have light refreshments, reflect on the past few months and plan for our future meetings. We hope to see you there!

CLUB 55+ FEB & MARCH BUS TRIPS

Our January trip for the private wine class at Total & More, "An Inspiring Taste of Italy", has been postponed until Thursday, February 22. We will still leave the church at 3:30 pm and return by about 9:00 pm. There are a few spots available, so if you are interested, please call Diane Goyette at 713-540-7884. The cost is \$12 per person not including dinner at Maggiano's.

On Saturday, March 10 we will see On Golden Pond at the Grand 1894 Opera House in Galveston. Both lighthearted and deeply moving, playwright Ernest Thompson's American theatrical masterpiece is the story of a curmudgeonly father and husband who must confront his strained relationship with his adult daughter and his own not-so-gentle march into old age. We will leave the church at 4:00 pm for dinner at Shrimp 'N Stuff Downtown, and should return by about 11:30 pm. The cost is \$45 per person not including dinner. 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 April 26, May 17, and Jun 19 – 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

• FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • *Bishop's Fund for Latin America*

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| SAT | 01/27 | 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
†Felix Scanlon |
| SUN | 01/28 | 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
†Joe Pavelka
9:30 - 11 AM CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass |
| MON | 01/29 | Office Hours: 10 AM - 4PM
No Weekday Mass |
| TUE | 01/30 | Office Hours: 10 AM - 4PM
12:15 PM Weekday Mass
SI Maura O'Beirne |
| WED | 01/31 | Office Hours: 10 AM - 4PM
12:15 PM Weekday Mass
7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study |
| THU | 02/01 | Office Hours: 10 AM - 4PM
12:15 PM Weekday Mass
SI For the people of Venezuela
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon Bible Study |
| FRI | 02/02 | Office Hours: 10 AM - 4PM
12:15 PM Weekday Mass |

• FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • *Mission of Yahweh Food Collection* *DSF Sunday*

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| SAT | 02/03 | 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
†Baylon Pereria
6 - 7:30 PM Saturday Mingle |
| SUN | 02/04 | 8:30 AM Sunday Mass
9:30 - 11 AM CCE
9:30 - 10 AM Sunday Breakfast
11:15 AM Sunday Mass |

A NOTE OF THANKS

We'd like to thank the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena for the generous donation of gift cards. Your works of charity are truly an example of putting your faith in action. We've never been in a position of needing assistance and Hurricane Harvey has opened our eyes to the goodness and kindness of so many people in our community. In the midst of the devastation and loss we have been blessed by the kindness of so many people who volunteered their time, talents and treasures. It is a long path to rebuild, but it means so much to us that we have not been forgotten and continue to be in your prayers. The variety of gift cards provided by St. Catherine of Siena in Houston and New Jersey will be used not only for building supplies, but also towards replacing some of our contents. Thank you again, and may God continue to bless your parish.

A grateful "Harvey" family