



Cathedral of the Epiphany

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FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER

Very Rev. J. David Esquiliano, JCL



On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ we started three years of Eucharistic Revival at the request of the Episcopal Conference. During this time we are invited by our bishops to grow in our Eucharistic faith. This is very needed today considering how many Catholics have stopped attending Mass on a weekly basis. There are many excuses a person or family may use when deciding to stop going to

Mass, but the underlying reason is not appreciating what happens at every Mass, that the bread and wine become truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. If people really appreciated the great miracle that happens at Mass they would never want to leave. Why would we want to miss the opportunity to be in God's presence?

So what can we do as a parish to prevent that from happening? What should our strategy be as part of the Eucharistic Revival started a few weeks ago? I think that when someone does not know something important, we have a duty to teach them. Knowing that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist is a very important tenet of our faith, so we ought to teach it to those who do not know it. As I said earlier, I believe that ignorance of that fact is the underlying reason why people do not come to Mass. That is why sadly some parents may register their children in religious education, bring them every week to class, but never come to Mass. As the pastor it is my duty to teach not only the children registered in religious education, but also their parents. That is why I am excited for our new religious education program. As I announced a few months ago, this year we will move to a model in which the whole family comes to class, and not just the children. On the first Wednesday of every month starting in September, parents and children will come together for a class in the church. I will try to teach all of them, although I may need one of the parochial vicars to help me once in awhile. At that meeting I will give you, parents, the tools that you need to teach your children at home for the rest of the month. Mrs. Fernandez and some catechists

will be available throughout the month to answer any questions that you may have. Weekly Mass attendance will be, of course, expected.

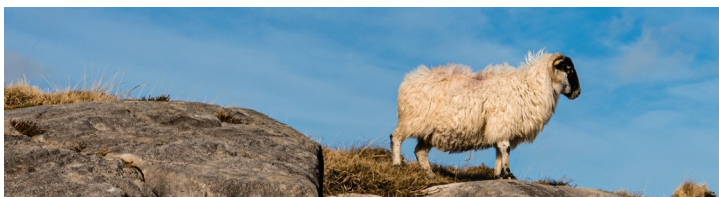
I am not naïve, so I know some families will not like this change. Those parents may even go to other parishes in the area just to find an easy way to delegate their responsibility to volunteers in the parish. But I am convinced that those who stay will see benefits in the short and long term. Think how better formed we will be if instead of having a handful of catechists, every parent in the parish is a catechist. Imagine how many fewer people we will lose because they do not know their faith.

Is this change something to be scared about? I do not think it is, but I do understand if there is a little bit of fear or apprehension. Parents may think they are not qualified to teach their children, but think about it; every time you teach them to respect their elders, you are teaching them the fourth commandment; every time you encourage them to do better in school, you are teaching them to use the gifts they have received from God; every time you bring them to Mass, you are teaching them about the importance of worshipping God. So you are already teaching them our faith, we just want to help you learn more, so that you can teach them even more.

This will also be an opportunity to grow together as a community. I can foresee families working together, getting together a couple times a month to share in teaching their children. I can also see older siblings taking the role of helping parents teach their younger siblings. Isn't that something worth trying?

Many of you are probably concerned about how your children will prepare to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist or 1st Communion, and of Confirmation. Sacramental formation will run concurrent to our Family of Faith program, with some extra responsibilities for the parents and children, but nothing too bothersome.

There will be more information on our website in the next few days. In the meantime, I invite you to start preparing by praying as a family. It will be worth it!



Don't be a lost sheep!
Text SCNEWS to 84576

PARENTS, IRREPLACEABLE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH *Rev. Andrew Galles*



In the Rite of Baptism, the priest or deacon begins the celebration of the sacrament by asking a very crucial question. The cleric says: "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"

Every single parent stands before God and his Church and answers this question: **Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?** Given the precipitous decline in the practice of the faith and the lack of attendance at Mass, I think we as Catholics and as the Church in general must look very seriously at whether or not we "clearly understand" what it means to raise our children in the Faith. Do we clearly understand what it means to teach and form our children in the faith – not simply by receiving the sacraments as some sort of cultural milestone, but by living a life of robust faith that is borne out of the grace of those sacraments.

As the Rite of Baptism implies, parents have an irreplaceable duty to teach and form their children in the practice of the faith. This is a duty that cannot be outsourced to anyone else, even the institutions of the Church. The institutions of the Church, such as Catholic education or faith formation programs, only bear fruit when parents are also exercising their role as the primary educator of their children. To learn about our Lord Jesus Christ in a class on Wednesday and then to never encounter that same Lord Jesus Christ in Mass on Sunday seriously undermines the religious formation of

our youth. When we learn facts about Christ but fail to relationally encounter him through the sacraments, we fail to make life-long disciples.

Therefore, the role of parents cannot be underestimated in their child's Catholic formation. The sacraments are not intended to be disembodied coming-of-age rituals for the sake of a party and photographs. The sacraments, rather, are intended to build upon one another to lead the recipient into an ever deeper and more vigorous life of faith. The sacraments are an unfolding of grace in our lives that lead us into deeper relationship and communion with God. This growth in the faith doesn't get put on hold after Baptism until it is time for a child's First Holy Communion. Rather, the home is precisely the place where a child first learns their prayers, who God is, and how to be a member of a "little church" – the domestic church.

This continues as a child grows and watches the witness of their parents. Parents lead by example when they place importance on the forgiveness of their sins by going to confession, instilling in their child a sense of sin and the need for God's mercy. Parents who are seen going to confession teach their children that the Sacrament of Penance is a healing sacrament, without which we cannot live a healthy spiritual life. Likewise, parents have the ability to continue forming their children's faith and spirituality by making the Holy Eucharist and attendance at Sunday Mass an explicit priority.

This steadfast example of the parents should continue through the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation, Matrimony, and – for some – Holy Orders, where the faithful lives of the parents comes to full fruition. Parents who, from Baptism, properly form and teach their children how to practice the faith are essential to creating a holy parish, forming disciples of Christ, and ensuring the future vitality of the Church.

THE FAMILY AS A DOMESTIC CHURCH

Santa Fernandez



In the month of May, the religious education program concluded, when 81 adolescents celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, it was a great joy for them, their families, and the community. Now we have already begun to plan the next course and as many of you may have heard our pastor Fr. David Esquiliano mention that the Religious Education program will have some changes and one of them is to include parents in the formation

"parents and children studying together", I know from my own experience that changes in our lives are difficult but not impossible as long as there is openness, motivation, participation and commitment to learn more about the Catholic faith. The new program is called Sophia Institute which we have already started 6 years ago, with a group of parents and children together in the classroom with the guidance of a catechist, I think it is a very nice way to get involved in the teachings church together as a family, such a program will be taken to another level where the cathedral

priests will be involved in the teaching, parents and children will do their part at home as a domestic church under the guidance and help of the religious education program.

In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of the primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason, the Second Vatican Council using an ancient expression, "*Ecclesia domestica*". It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example the first heralds of the faith to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation, which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1656).

In addition, it is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all the members of the family exercise the *priesthood of the baptism* in a privileged way, "by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, with witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity." Thus, the home is the first school of Christian life and "a school of the human enrichment". Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1657).

PARISH UPDATES

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Building Maintenance Fund, July 2-3.
- Together As One [Spanish Only], July 16-17.

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE IN JULY

- Sunday, July 3, no Vespers.
- Monday, July 4, Bilingual Mass at 9am. No noon nor evening Masses. No confessions. Office closed.
- Monday-Thursday, July 25-28, all Masses and confessions canceled.

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The office will open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 4 pm during June and July. We'll resume our regular schedule on Monday, August 1.

OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed from July 11 to July 15. We apologize for the inconvenience.

PRIESTS ON RETREAT

All priests will be on retreat from Monday, July 25 to Thursday, July 28. There will be no confessions nor Masses, including funerals.

LADIES LUNCH

Thursday, July 21st, at 1pm at Pizza Ranch.

BUSY PERSONS LUNCH

Our busy persons lunch will take place on the first Wednesday of the month, July 6, after the noon Mass. We hope you can join us.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Save the date for our Parish Summer Festival on Sunday, August 14. It will be fun!

PARISH MISSION

Save the date for our Parish Mission. Dominican Sisters will be here from Sunday, August 21 to Wednesday, August 24. More details to come.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for our new religious education Program will start July 18, and will run through August 5th. Please be aware that with the new program the whole family will be required to attend a monthly session on the first Wednesday of the Month. The whole family will also be expected to attend Mass every weekend.

HELP NEEDED

We are hiring for the following full-time positions

- Bilingual Administrative Assistant
- Custodian-Stationary Engineer
- Sacramental and Faith Life Director
- Director of Sacred Music

THE FINANCIAL CORNER

INCOME		April
Weekly Offerings	\$	54,424.00
Loose Offerings	\$	23,598.29
Prog. Support	\$	8,397.68
Other income	\$	7,093.81
Total Parish Income	\$	93,513.78
EXPENSE		
Salaries & Wages	\$	32,735.30
Administrative Expenses	\$	5,108.59
Ministry Expenses	\$	1,743.80
Utility Bills & Repairs	\$	19,251.72
Assessments	\$	7,958.00
Other Expenses	\$	1,026.16
Total Expenses	\$	67,823.57
NET INCOME	\$	25,690.21

KNIGHTS CORNER



We would like to congratulate our newly elected officers. The officers for the next fraternal year are -
 Grand Knight – Noel DCruz
 Financial Secretary – Paul Santos
 Deputy Grand Knight – Osbaldo Gonzalez
 Recorder – Parker Sones
 Treasurer – Brent Kanaly
 Advocate – Kolby Dewitt

Warden – Mariano Garcia
 Inside Guard- Gary Engel
 One Year Trustee – David Hays
 Two Year Trustee – Michael Hays
 Three Year Trustee – Gregg Hochderffer
 Lecturer – Jim Rehal

Our next business meeting is July 14th with Rosary at 6:30 pm, followed by potluck dinner and meeting at 7 pm in the Cathedral hall. Please join us. First year membership is waived with code "MCGIVNEY 2020". www.kofc.org/joinus

Contact - Check out our Facebook page for activities and updates "[Knights of Columbus Council 743 USA](#)". Email: KofC743USA@gmail.com. Phone: English - Noel 806-316-7628, Spanish - Osbaldo 712-501-0835.



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MASS SCHEDULE

MON.-SAT.: 12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
MON.-FRI.: 5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm St. Boniface *English*
6:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

SUNDAY: 8:30 am Cathedral *Spanish*
8:30 am St. Joseph *English*
8:30 am St. Boniface *Latin*
10:00 am Cathedral *English*
10:30 am St. Boniface *Spanish*
12:00 pm Cathedral *Spanish*
12:30 pm St. Joseph *Vietnamese*

HOLIDAYS: 9:00 am Cathedral *Bilingual*

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

ANTICIPATED / VIGIL:
5:30 pm St. Boniface *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

THE DAY OF THE SOLEMNITY:

7:00 am St. Joseph *English*
12:00 pm Cathedral *English*
5:30 pm Cathedral *Spanish*

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adoration Chapel - Epiphany Center

SUNG VESPERS

SUNDAY: 4:00 pm Cathedral *English*

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 8:00 am-8:20 am Cathedral
8:00 am-8:20 am St. Joseph
8:00 am-8:20 am St. Boniface

MON.-FRI.: 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Cathedral

FRIDAY: 11:30 am-11:50 am Cathedral

SATURDAY: 3:00 pm-3:45 pm St. Boniface
5:00 pm-5:45 pm Cathedral

OFFICE HOURS

MON.-FRI.: 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Summer Hours