

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CENTER

Archdiocese Of Galveston-Houston
1949 Cullen Blvd. & I-45 South • Houston, Texas 77023

December 21, 2008

Mission Statement

The Catholic Charismatic Center is dedicated to bringing all people to the full life of Jesus Christ and His Church through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

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Wednesday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm

PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Michael G. Scherrey, CC, Director.....Ext. 11
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Leave message with receptionist. 713-236-9977 Ext. 10

Baptism Preparation

Maria Cruz.....Ext. 40

SAVE THE DATES

Download flyers, posters, Bulletins: www.discoverthecenter.org	Download registration forms	
Christmas Vigil Children's Mass	Dec 24	5:00pm
Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass	Dec 24	11:30pm
Christmas Day Mass HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Dec 25	10:30am
New Year's Eve Mass	Dec 31	11:30pm
New Year's Day Mass JAN. 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Jan. 1	7:30pm
Archdiocesan Men's Day of Prayer	Jan. 17	7:30am 1:00pm
Faith Into Fire Retreat	Jan. 24 & 25	8:00am
CCC Ministry Retreat	Jan 30 Jan. 31	7-9:30pm 8am-8pm

From the Director...

My Brothers and Sisters,

Advent is the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are reminded that we do not control God or confine Him. Some may confine their relationship with God to almost exclusively to the mass. Mary and the Saints tell and show us just the opposite by opening themselves fully to God whenever He wants to use them. We must be open to what God wants of us. This time of the year is full of the things of the world. We should concentrate on the real purpose of Christmas.



One way to show our belief in God is through our actions. He says "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" and "visit those in prison." Who are the hungry, the naked, and the imprisoned? Who are the Poor? They are those who are poor socially, poor monetarily, poor in spirit, poor in housing, poor in food, poor in friends or family, and poor in many other ways. What God is saying is that they "lack something" they need in the eyes of God. The key is that you have to look through His eyes in order to see their needs as clearly as He does.

When you see the dirty homeless person outside the grocery store and you feel revolted by his dress and uncleanness. You hope he doesn't talk to you... "Oh! Oh! Here he comes." How do you feel now? What if it was Jesus? Would you talk to him and maybe feed him? Would you invite Him to your house? How do you know it is not Jesus? Whoever it really is, he is made in the image and likeness of God! It doesn't mean you have to take him home, but it does mean *you have to treat him with dignity*. No matter whom you think it is, God is testing you and waiting to see what you do. You cannot justify what you do; only He can.

If you are a Christian and a Catholic, you need to look at yourself and your priorities. Would you walk across a 6 inch wide metal beam 6 feet long laying on the floor for \$25? Most people would say yes. Would you try to walk across the same beam if it was 6 inches off the floor for \$50? You say yes. Would you walk across it if it was 6 ft in the air for \$500? Probably Yes. Would you walk across the same beam if it was 10 stories tall and between two buildings for \$50,000? No... ok. Would you try to walk across it if your son or daughter was on the other side and if you did not cross over they were going to die. You say yes you would try! I guess it is a matter of your priorities. What are your priorities for Christmas this year...? I did not say Xmas.... I said **Christmas!**

Think about it. Amen....Amen!

Merry Christmas!!!

In Christ+
Fr. Michael

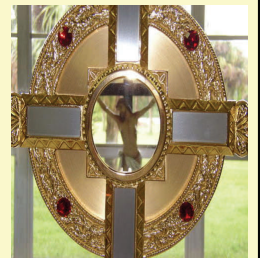


PRAYER TEAMS

Will be moved to the chapel due to Youth Choir practice
TODAY
Sunday, Dec. 21st



First Friday Adoration
January 2, 2009
CCC Chapel



Candlelight Vigil for Feast of the Holy Innocents

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants
Rosary on Sat. December 27th at 6:45 pm
at Planned Parenthood, Fannin.
(battery-operated candles and tealights only)
For more information call
Vicky Whynott at 832-875-5126.



CCC MINISTRY RETREAT

Jan. 30th and 31st

Ministry leaders must pre-register along with Volunteers, Team leaders & Helpers. Each person attending the retreat must submit completed registration form.

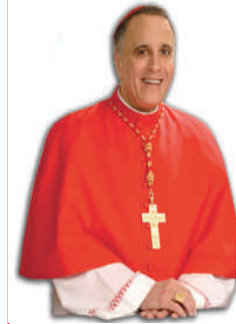
Registration Forms need to be turned by January 18, 2009 at the Visitors Booth.

Or Download registration form at www.discoverthecenter.com



Public Announcement – Rite of Institution as Reader for Michael Garcia

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Michael Garcia, a candidate for the order of deacon will be instituted into the stable Ministry of Reader on January 17, 2009 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Rizzotto. If any person knows of a serious reason why this candidate to the diaconate should not be called to this ministry or continue to ordination to the diaconate, please notify Deacon Gerald DuPont, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281 703-0227 or at Gerald@gwdupont.com. Please keep Michael in your prayers as he is instituted into the ministry of reader. May he always be faithful to the Word which he believes, reads and proclaims. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051,2° of the Code of Canon Law.



Attention all Men!

Who are YOU called
to be in 2009?

Join men from all across our
Archdiocese at the

**Archdiocesan Men's Day of
Prayer on Saturday, January 17th
7:45am to 1pm**

as we explore the theme of Father & Son,
and learn how Jesus relationship to His
Heavenly Father can give us guidance as
Men today!

Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo invites all men to the Archdiocesan Men's Day of Prayer themed "*Father & Son; Who are YOU called to be?*" at the **Catholic Charismatic Center** in downtown Houston. Attend Mass, hear dynamic speakers, and more!

Go to <http://www.mensdayofprayer.org> to pre-register and for more information. Plan to attend and invite your Father, your teenage Sons, your Priests, Deacons, and friends! We hope to see you there!"

THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CENTER EVANGELIZATION TEAM

PRESENTS THE

FAITH INTO FIRE RETREAT



January 24 & 25, 2009
8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day
\$30.00 per person

Space is limited
to 1st – 60)
Register Early

Registration Sunday's after Mass
Dec. 21st, 28th and Jan. 4th

No children under 16 years old

CCE/Life Long Faith Formation

NO CLASSES

Dec 27 & 28 and Jan 3 & 4.

Classes will resume on Jan 10 & 11, 2009
Jesus is coming, see ya next year !!!

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR



The "Youth Choir" for the **Dec 24 - 5pm Christmas Mass**. Practice is scheduled for Dec. 21st and one hour before the Children's Christmas Mass. Practice is in the main sanctuary.

The Youth Choir is for ages 10-16 yrs, but children between 6-9 yrs old are welcome.

Flyers will be out in the foyer.

For any of these events see Christine Camacho for more information 713-269-4230.

TODAY !!! STOCKING STUFFER FUNDRAISER!!!



If you still need some stocking stuffers to complete your Christmas gifts, please come by **Table 1** in the Foyer.

December 21th, after Mass.



*Intercessors of the Lamb
Formation Groups*

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

America Gomez	Yvette Arredondo
Sylvia Anzaulda	Baby Ethan Alexander
Baby Jacob A. Castillo	Baby Kason Gaitan

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

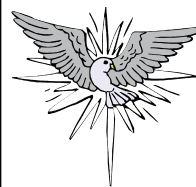
Is in the works. Please send all event information for the newsletter to: Marsha Morthland at:

mmorthland@catholiccharismaticcenter.org.

To make sure that you are on the mailing list please send any updated email addresses or home addresses to Adela Castro at: acastro@catholiccharismaticcenter.org.



Rosie Saldaña, Jesse Munguia, Jr., Henry Morales, III, Brianna Martínez, Gloria Brewster, Desirae Flores, Thomas Lyndon, Marcelina Martínez, Tomas Antonio Rodríguez, Kathleen Weber, Rudy Ortega, Zachary Wallace, Damian Hernández, Ebube Omeludike, Robert Rivera, Angelica Ruvalcaba, Lupe Sereníl, Cristian Juárez, Genesis Juárez,



How Can I Find A Spiritual Director?

There are Spiritual Directors right here at the Center.

Spiritual Direction is a ministry focused in your heart and God's desire for you.

You may call the receptionist at the Center's office for a reference, 713 236-9977.

To find a spiritual director other than those who serve here, you may contact one of the following spirituality centers:

The Cenacle Retreat House 713 497-3131
Holy Name Retreat Center 713 464-0211

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2008

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Saint John of Kanty, priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5 ; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday	Saint Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	Saint John, apostle, evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

OFFICE STAFF:

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Ann Martinez, <i>Administrative Assistant to Director</i>	Ext. 13
José Molina, <i>Security/Maintenance</i>	Ext. 27
Margaret Colunga, <i>Receptionist</i>	Ext. 10
Pat Allison, <i>Stewardship & Ministry</i>	Ext. 18
Ruben Campbell, <i>Hispanic Ministry</i>	Ext. 22
Skip Davey, <i>Administrator</i>	Ext. 31
Teresa Valadez, <i>Bookstore Mgr</i>	Ext. 20

MARRIAGE / ANNULMENTS:

Deacon Steven Griesmyer Sr. (*Leave a message with receptionist*).... Ext. 10

ENGLISH MINISTRY:

Patricia Allison, *Charismatic Renewal Liaison*.....Ext. 18

HISPANIC MINISTRY:

Ruben Campbell, *Coordinator*.....Ext. 22

BOOKSTORE

Tuesday.....	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday.....	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday.....	7:30 pm Mass, (<i>before & after Mass</i>)
Friday.....	10:00 am - 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm Mass, (<i>before & after Mass</i>)
Sunday.....	Before & after 10:30 am Mass

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Come join the men of the Center

**Every Saturday Morning •
6: 00 am • CCC Chapel**

Regularly Scheduled Mass and Events

•**MONDAY:** Center and Offices Closed

•**TUESDAY:**

12:00 Noon - English MASS / Chapel

•**WEDNESDAY:**

12:00 Noon-Spanish Mass / Chapel

Prayer teams are available before and after Mass

7:15 - 9:00 pm - Men's Bible Studies, Room 110,

7:15 - 9:00 pm - Women's Bible Studies, Room 108

•**THURSDAY:**

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Confessions or by appointment

7:00 - 7:30 pm - Prayer Teams / Rm. 120

7:00 - 7:30 pm - Rosary - Chapel

7:20 - 7:30 pm - Praise & Worship-Main Sanctuary

7:30 pm - **HEALING MASS**

1st Thursday of each Month before Healing Mass

Blessing of the Salt, Water and Oil.

Prayer teams are available before and after Mass

•**FRIDAY:**

12:00 Noon - English MASS / Chapel

1st Friday-English - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel, 10:00 pm - 5:00 am

6:30 pm - 7:45pm Confessions or by appointment

8:00 pm **Spanish Mass**

Prayer teams are available before and after Mass

•**SATURDAY: Scheduled Events**

•6:00am Men's Prayer Meeting

6:30 pm - 8:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Meeting in Chapel,
Charismatic Prayer Meeting second Saturday of each month.

See Bulletin for Special Scheduled events or Masses

10:00am - Choir practice every 1st & 2nd Saturday

Main Sanctuary

• 9:00am - RCIA Meeting in Room 112

•**SUNDAY:**

9:00 am - 9:45 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Confessions or by appointment

9:30 am - 10:00 am - Liturgy of the Hours (Chapel)

10:00 am - 10:30 am - Prayers Teams / Rm. 120

10:00 am - 10:30 am - Praise / Main Sanctuary

10:30 am - **MASS**

Prayer Teams are available before Mass in room #120
and after Mass in the Main Sanctuary.

Nigerian Mass: 2nd Sunday 1:00 pm / Chapel

Fellowship upstairs in fellowship hall after Mass

African Women: Every 3rd Sunday after Mass in room 112

BAPTISMS: Announced at Mass on Sundays prior to start of classes or call 713-236-9977 (English, Ext. 40) (Spanish, Ext. 33)

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Please call the office for appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Sunday..... 9:30 am -10:00 am

Wednesday.....11:00 am -11:45 am

Thursday..... 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Friday.....6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Or by appointment.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS FOR 2008

To be a member of the Center you must attend.

4th Tuesday of every other Month

at 7:00pm. In Room. 112.

Eventos de la Comunidad Hispana

CUARTO DOMINGO ADVIENTO

Contempla hoy la delicadeza de Dios, observa su sensibilidad y respuesta agradecida al gesto humano, a toda colaboración con su voluntad. El Dios todopoderoso, el que ha hecho cielo y tierra, está a merced de la generosidad humana. Hoy lo vemos agradecido ante los sentimientos nobles del rey David, y menesteroso, pidiéndole a María permiso para habitar en su seno.

El rey David cae en la cuenta del contraste escandaloso entre el palacio en que él vive y la tienda de campaña en la que está el arca del Señor. *Dijo el rey al profeta Natán: «Mira; yo habito en una casa de cedro mientras que el arca de Dios habita bajo pieles»* (2 Sam 7, 2).

La observación le lleva a David a una decisión generosa, construir una casa para el Señor, edificar un templo para Dios, voluntad que aprueba el profeta. Sin embargo, será Salomón quien lo lleve a cabo.

Sorprende la respuesta de Dios, la bendición que recibe el rey por tan sólo haber tenido voluntad favorable hacia el símbolo de la presencia divina en medio de Israel, como era el Arca de la Alianza. Se puede observar que a Dios no se le vence en generosidad. *Yo estaré contigo en todas tus empresas. Acabaré con tus enemigos, te haré famoso. Te pondré en paz con todos tus enemigos. Te daré una dinastía. Afirmaré después de ti tu descendencia y consolidaré su realeza. Seré para él el padre, y el será para mí mi hijo. Tu casa y tu reino durará siempre*".

Al acercarnos al diálogo que se establece entre el Ángel de Dios y la pequeña María en el texto del evangelio de San Lucas, quedamos sobrepasados. Si la voluntad solidaria del rey respecto al arca de la alianza fue ungida de bendiciones, ante la colaboración de la joven nazarena con el plan de Dios de hacerse hombre, se desborda la misericordia divina: *«Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo»*. *«No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia delante de Dios; vas a concebir en el seno y vas a dar a luz un hijo, a quien pondrás por nombre Jesús. El será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo, y el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre; reinará sobre la casa de Jacob por los siglos y su reino no tendrá fin»*. *«El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra; por eso el que ha de nacer será santo y será llamado Hijo de Dios»*.

Ante la respuesta de Dios a la actitud de David y a la obediencia de María, el salmista nos pone en los labios la alabanza: *“Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor”*, y San Pablo exclama: *“Al Dios único, la gloria por los siglos”*. Pero cabe que nos preguntemos por nosotros mismos, por nuestra disposición para acoger el querer de Dios, su voluntad. En cualquier hipótesis, recuerda la bendición que se sigue de colaborar con Él y las palabras alentadoras que el Ángel dice a María: *“No temas”*.



*Cantaré
Eternamente
Las Misericordias Del Señor.*

Eventos de la Comunidad Hispana

Actividades de la Semana

- ♦ **Martes:** Ensayo de Ministerio de Música 7 - 9 p.m. - Santuario Principal
- ♦ **Martes y Jueves:** “*Nuevo Amanecer*”, Apoyo para adictos 7 - 9 p.m. - Cuarto 106
- ♦ **Martes y Viernes:** Sesiones de *Al- Anon* 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Cuarto 106
- ♦ **Miércoles:** Rosario, Asamblea y Eucaristía de 9:30 a.m . - 1:00 p.m. - Capilla
- ♦ **Miércoles y Viernes (Primero de mes):** Exposición del Santísimo
- ♦ **Miércoles:** Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos “*Agua Viva*” de 7 - p m
- ♦ **Jueves:** Crecimiento o Formación de 7 - 9 p.m . - Cuarto 205 F1
- ♦ **Viernes:** Rosario, Asamblea y Eucaristía de 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Santuario Principal
- ♦ **Miércoles y Viernes (Segundo del mes):** Bendición de Sacramentales e imágenes