

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"
(Luke 3:16)

† Mass Intentions of the Week †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 / 13 DE ENERO

8:00 am Shannon Thompson† Dorothy Cushing†
10:00 am Miguel & Librada Santiago†
12:00 pm Por Nuestro Feligreses; Almas del Purgatorio
2:30 pm Dolores Hernandez† Marcela Hernandez†
5:00 pm Esther Kellen†
7:00 pm Angela Rosa Hernandez†

MONDAY, JANUARY 14 / 14 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 / 15 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†
8:30 pm Por el Padre Alvaro Interiano

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 / 16 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†
7:00 pm Solina Advicola†

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 / 17 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 / 18 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 / 19 DE ENERO

8:15 am Shannon Thompson†
5:30 pm Margaret Anders†

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 / 20 DE ENERO

8:00 am Pete Knapick† Sharon Cole†
10:00 am Shannon Thompson†
12:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Maria Vivar
2:30 pm Jairo Ochoa† Da, Natividad Loredo†
5:00 pm Veronica Hernandez†
7:00 pm Maria Luisa Carbajal† Diego A. Contreras†

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - That we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness.

Budgeted Weekly Need / Presupuesto Semanal\$ 24,150.00
Offertory Collection / Diezmos 01/06/2019.....\$ 24,336.76
Overage/Sobrante (Deficite/Faltante) \$ 186.76

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

BAPTISMS – Twice per month, we witness baptisms here at St. Jerome Parish and we welcome those newly baptized into our Catholic community. We promise to do all that we can to support them in their new life in Christ. We do this through our weekly offering of our time, talent, and treasure. Some will teach them, but the money we all give will enable St. Jerome Parish to support all those baptized in their Christian life through fine religious education and school materials, clean classrooms, and a welcoming Catholic community. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we received the final numbers of the cost of our new Parish Activity Center, we enter into the new year of 2019 with a loan of \$1,624,688.05 from the Archdiocese (at a one year fixed rate of 3.1% interest). The contract price was \$4,036,000.00 without the furnishings; and even though it came to a whole lot more than we first anticipated, I believe we got a bargain for the money. It is a facility we can all be proud of and do so much more and a lot of things better than we did before.

Special thanks to all the generous donors who made it possible, especially Don and Lillian Berger who promised great support even before the first campaign in 2013 and many others.

We will pay off the rest with your payments to Hand in Hand on the 3rd Sunday of the month second collection. Please keep those payments coming regularly. Those who could have given but so far have not helped on this project, please use the 3rd Sunday collection each month and begin now. It is finished. Those who have finished paying your promises, please continue to support the "Hand in Hand" monthly anyway if you can. We need to have \$25,000.00 monthly loan payments far into the future.

The Memorial Giving Tree for the lobby has been ordered, and recognition of donations will be made starting at \$3000.00. altogether for both campaigns. You will be contacted about the inscriptions for engraving. Also there are memorial naming options on parts of the building for those who wish them. Contact Deacon Dan.

The Center is open for celebrations: wedding receptions, birthdays, anniversaries, Quinceaneras, family reunions, commercial events. Those who have been very generous in giving will receive a discount. Prices vary according to how much space is needed, and several events can run simultaneously. Our older spaces for rental events will continue to be available as well.

Thanks again to those who showed such strong support, and everyone please help us bring the debt down very quickly. Also remember us in your last will. All significant present and future donations will be acknowledged as well.

May you be completely blessed,
Fr. Dan

CARTA DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos Feligreses:

Como recibimos los números finales del costo de nuestro nuevo centro de actividad parroquial, los agregamos en el nuevo año de 2019, con un préstamo de \$1.624,688.05 de la Arquidiócesis (en un año con interés fijo de 3.1%). El precio del contrato fue de \$4.036,000.00 sin muebles; y aunque llegó a mucho más de lo anticipado, creo que conseguimos una ganga en el dinero. Es una facilidad de la que podemos estar orgullosos y podemos hacer mucho más, un montón de cosas mejor de las que hicimos antes.

Un agradecimiento especial a todos los generosos donantes que lo hicieron posible, sobre todo Don y Lillian Berger quienes prometieron su apoyo incluso antes de la primera campaña en 2013 y muchos otros.

Pagaremos el resto con sus pagos de mano a mano cada 3er domingo de la segunda colecta del mes. Por favor mantenga sus pagos regulares como hasta hoy los han dado, para los que hasta ahora no han ayudado en este proyecto, por favor use la colecta dominical de cada 3 domingo del mes y empiece ahora mismo. Consumado esta. Aquellos que ya han terminado de pagar sus promesas, por favor continúen apoyando el "mano a mano" cada mes de todos modos si puede. Necesitamos hacer pagos del préstamo mensuales de \$25.000,00 en el futuro.

Se ha ordenado el árbol conmemorativo para el vestíbulo, y reconocimiento de las donaciones se harán a partir de los \$3000,00. En conjunto para ambas campañas. Se le comunicará a usted acerca de las inscripciones para el grabado. También hay opciones para poner nombres en memoria de ser querido, en partes del edificio para los que deseen. Contactarse con el diacono Dan O'Dowd.

El nuevo centro está abierto para celebraciones: bodas, recepciones, cumpleaños, aniversarios, quinceañeras, reuniones familiares, eventos comerciales. Aquellos que han sido muuy generosos en dar se les harán un descuento. Los precios varían según la cantidad de espacio necesario, y se pueden ejecutar simultáneamente varios eventos. Nuestros anteriores espacios para eventos de alquiler seguirán disponibles también.

Gracias otra vez a aquellos que mostraron ese fuerte apoyo, y a todo el mundo por favor ayúdenos a saldar la deuda más rápidamente. También

recuérdenos en su testamento. Todas las donaciones importantes del presente y el futuro serán reconocidas.

Quede usted completamente bendecido.
Padre Dan

Bautismo del señor

Que podamos cumplir nuestro llamado bautismal entregándonos por completo a Dios y respondiendo a su llamado a la santidad.

"respondió Juan a todos, diciendo: «Yo os bautizo con agua; pero viene el que es más fuerte que yo, y no soy digno de desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Él os bautizará en Espíritu Santo y fuego»." (Lucas 3:16)

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica afirma que "la inmersión de Jesús en el agua es una señal para todos los seres humanos de la necesidad de morir para hacer la voluntad de Dios". En otras palabras, como católicos bautizados solo hay un regalo que debemos dar a Jesús - el don de nosotros mismos. Ríndete a Dios, deposita tu confianza en Él y permite que el Espíritu Santo trabaje a través de ti para la mayor gloria de Dios.

CATECISMO

(De KINDER A SEXTO AÑO)

¡Bienvenidos de Regreso!

Comencemos este año llenos de esperanza en Cristo
Jesús nuestro Salvador.

Información: (713) 464-5029

+ Recuerde traer a sus hijos a Misa todos los Domingos+



INSCRIPCION PARA NUEVOS MIEMBROS

El domingo 20 de
enero Después
de Misa de 12:00
en el Centro
Padre Raye

BAUTISMO DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO:

"Y he aquí una voz del cielo decía: «Éste es mi Hijo amado; estoy muy complacido con él" (Mateo 3:17) En el Bautismo de Jesús, Dios dejó claro que Él nos estaba dando el mejor regalo que Él pudiera dar. Nos estaba dando a Su único Hijo. Cuando se piensa bien sobre la magnitud del regalo de recibir a Jesús para ser salvos, además de todas las otras bendiciones que Dios ha confiado en nuestras manos, esto da un sentimiento de humildad. Dios nos ha dado tanto. ¿Qué damos de vuelta?



Religious Education

Kinder-6th Grade

Welcome back!

Let us begin this year full of hope in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Information: (713) 464-5029

+Remember to bring your child to Sunday Masses+

LIFE TEEN follows the Church's mandate to make JESUS CHRIST the center of everything we do LIFE TEEN Mass is held every Sunday at 5:00 pm. everyone is welcome. Bring your friends. Come worship with us. Great Music! LIFE NIGHTS follow Mass and we are open to *high school teens* only, 6:30 – 8:15 pm in the Fr. Raye Center. LIFE NIGHT meetings consist of education and hot topics.

GREAT MUSIC! COME WORSHIP WITH US!



Call or e-mail Ricky rickystjeromifeteen@gmail.com 713/468-9555

SAY YES!! Please put \$5. More per week in the collection or if you just can't, at least \$2. HELP YOUR PARISH! Thank you very much for your generosity.

Catholic Radio 24 hours on your smart phone, plus read good Catholic news. Relevant Radio app download and listen.

Interested in a Mass Intention? For someone that is deceased, a birthday blessing, for healing. Please contact Pilar Salas in the church office, Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. A donation of \$5 per Mass.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD - If you would like to remember St. Jerome Parish, St. Jerome School, or St. Jerome Activity Center in your last will, you can instruct your attorney to include the following language in your will or codicil: **"To Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and his successors in office for the benefit of St. Jerome Catholic Church, (or School or Activity Center), Houston, Harris County, Texas, the following: ▶ ▶**

"Tired of counting sheep? Come talk to the good Shepherd!" Come and join some of the men of the parish and make the regular Men's Annual Retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on the weekend of March 1-3, 2019. Come and rest to be renewed in God's Spirit and to give us strength for the journey. Phone or email **Joel Hernandez** at 281-451-2127 or hernandezj2@aol.com for registration information or call the Retreat Center at 713-464-0211

EVENTS PLACES AVAILABLE FOR RENT

St. Jerome Activity Center, Outback, Fr. Raye Center, Adult Education and some other rooms can be rented for your private events. Please call Martin & Linda Garcia for availability and prices 281-686-1061.



ST. JEROME
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ST. JEROME SCHOOL EDUCATING MIND-HEART-SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK Although this is just the second week of the New Year, we are very busy in the school preparing for several coming events. We will again be celebrating Catholic School Week, and this year's activities begin on Sunday, January 27th. **Beginning Sunday, January 27, St. Jerome Catholic School** will be joining Catholic Schools nationwide to celebrate Catholic School Week. Throughout the week from January 27-February 1, we will focus on different parts of our community – parish, volunteers, the nation, the community, students and teachers. Look for our schedule of events in next week's bulletin. We hope you can join us.

Come see why "Here, we are Family!" For more information, visit the school website at www.stjeromecs.org or contact the school office at 713.468.7946.



Help our school, drop off your Box Tops to the school office, Thank you!

Catholic Counseling for Parishioners

Are you in need of emotional healing? Are you discouraged by your relationships with loved ones? Now is the time to get the help and healing you need. St. Jerome Catholic Church has collaborated with Rejoice Counseling Apostolate to provide individual, marital, and family counseling services onsite at our parish in both English and Spanish. Parishioners and their families make use of a discounted sliding scale fee. To learn more or schedule an appointment call (844) 295-3167 or visit www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou

RESPECT LIFE: "We could say that every evil is caused by a disregard for life. Assaults upon life occur in many situations, from war and exploitation to the suppression of the vulnerable, elderly and unborn. Ultimately it is fear that gives rise to the rejection of life. To welcome the other, however, challenges such fear." - Pope Francis, Oct. 2018

Mass Enrollment Cards for both a CDA & CCSF for Sale in the Religious Gift Store benefiting Seminarians & Scholarships

Baptism of the Lord: "And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.' (Matthew 3:17). At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?"

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK
ACTIVIDADES DE ESTA SEMANA

Sunday/Domingo, January 13 / 13 de Enero

- 7:00 am CCE Activities – Adult Ed
- 8:00 am Juventud & Esperanza – Kitchen
- 10:00 am Clases de Biblia – Outback
- 1:00 pm Teen ACTS – PAC (208,209,210,211)

Monday/Lunes, January 14 / 14 de Enero

- 6:00 pm ACTS Spanish Women – Music Room

Tuesday/Martes, January 15 / 15 de Enero

- 6:00 pm CCE Activities – Fr. Raye
- 6:00 pm ACTS Spanish Men – The Sharon Cole ACTS House

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 16 / 16 de Enero

- 6:00 pm ACTS Spanish Women – The Sharon Cole ACTS House
- 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council – PAC (207)
- 6:30 pm MFCC – Music Room
- 7:00 pm ACTS Spanish Women – Adult Ed

Thursday/Jueves, January 17 / 17 de Enero

- 5:00 pm FTCM – PAC (B) & (D)

Friday/Viernes, January 18 / 18 de Enero

- 6:00 pm LifeTeen Band – Jerome Room
- 7:00 pm MFCC – Large Conference Room

Saturday/Sábado, January 19 / 19 de Enero

- 9:00 am Mom’s Group - Outback

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2019

Sunday **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 OR Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29 or
Ps 104; ACTS 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95; Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:2-11



Upcoming Retreats:

- Feb 7 – 10 In Spanish Women – St. Agnes Waller, TX
- March 14 – 17 Teen ACTS – Kickapoo Retreat, Hockley, TX
- April 4 – 7 In Spanish Men – St. Agnes Waller, TX
- May 2 – 5 In English Men – Holy Name Houston, TX
- July 11 – 14 In English Women – Holy Name Hou, TX
- August 22 – 25 In Spanish Women – St. Agnes Waller, TX
- Sept 12 – 15 In Spanish Men – St Agnes Waller TX

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE ST. JEROME DAY CHAPEL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LIFE FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM FOLLOWED BY THE HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE.

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHRISTMASFLOWER FUND – Alvin & Bernice Hollas in memory of Hollas & Richter Families; Gene Roussell in memory of Henrietta Roussell; Hermann & Georgia Popp in Memory of Popp and Richter Families; Mary Lee Machacek in Memory of Bill Machacek; Dorothy Podsenik in memory of John Podsenik; Billie Shields in memory of John & Steve Shields; Marie Foyt in Memory of Joe Foyt Sr.; Mike Gummelt in memory of Janie Gummelt and Gummelt & Golla families; Betty Sprague in memory of Sprague, Canavespi and McDiarmid families; Margie Buchala in memory of deceased family members; Betty Woerner in Memory of Garret & Fred Woerner; Irene Dittrich in memory of Wilbert Dittrich; Lillian Berger in memory of Berger & Belota Families; Ralph Vasquez in memory of Odilia Vasquez. Through your generosity the flowers of Christmas make our worship space much more beautiful. **Thank you so very much to all of you!**

FORMED.org/register
Enter Parish Code: nr2424



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love” (John. 15:9). **Come abide in Christ’s love by worshiping him in the awesome sacrament of the Eucharist! This is an important work of our parish. The Adoration Chapel is**

always OPEN.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, you call each of us by name and you ask us to follow you. Bless our church as you call from amongst our families and friends for generous and dedicated leaders that will serve our Catholic community as brothers, sisters, priests, and religious men and women. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Consejería Católica para Feligreses

¿Necesita usted sanación emocional? ¿Está usted desanimado por causa de sus relaciones con los que ama? Este es el momento para que reciba la ayuda y la sanación que usted necesita. La Parroquia Católica de San Jerónimo se ha unido con Rejoice Counseling Apostolate para ofrecer en esta iglesia servicios de consejería individual, matrimonial, y de familias en inglés y en español. A los miembros de la parroquia y a sus familias les damos un descuento por los servicios basados en su situación económica. Para más información o para sacar una cita llame al (844) 295-3167 o visite la página virtual www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjermehou

**¡IDI QUE SI! POR FAVOR DONA \$5. MÁS POR SEMANA.
¡DONA \$2 SI PUEDES! TU IGLESIA SAN JERÓNIMO
NECESITA DE TU AYUDA. ¡IDI QUE SÍ! ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

ESQUINA DE LOS RETIROS DE ACTS DE SAN JERONIMO

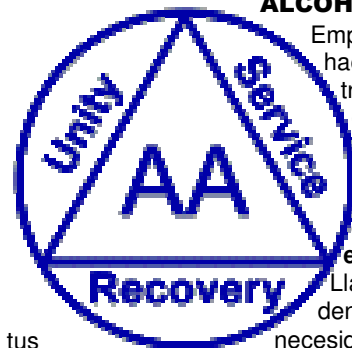
PRÓXIMOS RETIROS:

Feb 7 – 10 Mujeres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX
March 14 – 17 Teen ACTS – St. Agnes Waller, TX
April 4 – 7 Hombres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX
May 2 – 5 Hombres Ingles – Holy Name Houston, TX
July 11 – 14 Mujeres Ingles – Holy Name Houston, TX
August 22 – 25 Mujeres Español – St. Agnes Waller, TX
Sept 12 – 15 Hombres Español – St. Agnes Waller TX

Si quiere seguir bebiendo el problema es suyo ,, Si quiere dejar de Beber el Problema es Nuestro....

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS-

Empujar hacia abajo o empujar hacia arriba cuesta el mismo trabajo y se gasta la misma energía. ¡Entonces empuja hacia arriba! **HAY 16 CENTROS DE APOYO A 10 MINUTOS DE SAN JERONIMO** para que elijas el que mas te convenga en ubicación y en tu idioma. Llama al 713/683-9277 para que te den la dirección mas conveniente a tus necesidades. **El unico requisito para ser miembro de A.A. es el deseo de dejar la bebida. Para ser miembro de A.A. no se pagan honorarios ni cuotas. No se interviene en controversias. A.A. no respalda ni se opone a ninguna causa. Nuestro objetivo primordial es mantenernos sobrios y ayudar a otros alcohólicos a alcanzar el estado de sobriedad. Nos sostenemos con nuestras propias contribuciones. A.A. no esta afiliado a ninguna secta organización, institución, partido político ni religión.**



¿Interesado en una misa de intención? Para alguien que ha fallecido, o por su cumpleaños, o por alguien enfermo. Comuníquese con Pilar Salas en la oficina de la iglesia, de lunes a viernes de 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Donación de \$ 5 por Misa.

¿POR QUE EN ESTADOS UNIDOS ES TAN IMPORTANTE SER MIEMBRO REGISTRADO DE UNA IGLESIA? En nuestra Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, se nos sugiere que seamos miembros registrados de la parroquia a la que acudimos con frecuencia. Los beneficios de ser miembro registrado de San Jeronimo incluyen: Recibir sacramentos tales como bautizos, matrimonio - Recibir bendición de quinceañeras Misas de Funeral - Visita y comunión a los enfermos confinados en sus hogares o en hospitales del area. San Jerónimo mantiene un archivo de su membresía y donaciones para si en alguna ocasión necesita una carta de recomendación (para migración). Al final del año, le enviamos por correo un estado de cuenta de sus donaciones para que haga su deducción en los impuestos/IRS. Descuento en la colegiatura de las escuelas Católicas. Ayuda con comida y ropa de San Vicente de Paul. Se puede ganar una hermosa Biblia en cada misa por medio de su sobre. Y en cuanto a nosotros, este registro nos sirve para saber a cuantas familias servimos. Es muy importante dar un ejemplo positivo a nuestros hijos. Esta práctica se puede pasar de generación en generación. Lo invitamos a que seriamente reconsidere el registrarse en San Jerónimo el tercer domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de 12 medio día.



La segunda colecta de hoy es para apoyar la **IGLESIA EN AMÉRICA LATINA** que proporciona ayuda para proyectos y programas pastorales de Diócesis pobres en América Latina y el Caribe. Por medio de nuestras donaciones les ayudamos a organizar programas catequéticos y liderazgos laicos, Ministerios para la juventud, programas de evangelización y de formación para los religiosos, sacerdotes y diáconos. Los seminaristas diocesanos en Colombia agradecen a este programa por ayudar a proveer un ambiente de aprendizaje enriquecedor para sus estudios. La colecta para la iglesia en América Latina proporciona al seminario la capacidad de crecer y ofrecer mejores servicios para sus estudiantes. Los católicos en América Latina y el Caribe enfrentan muchos problemas cuando se trata de compartir su fe; Sin embargo, la esperanza siempre brilla y la luz surge por medio de sus donaciones. Por ejemplo, en la diócesis de San Miguel, El Salvador, los jóvenes de la parroquia de la Sagrada Familia corren un alto riesgo de violencia y actividades de las pandillas. En respuesta, la parroquia diseñó un programa de liderazgo para abordar la necesidad de los jóvenes de habilidades de pensamiento crítico y educación en valores y enriquecimiento de la juventud. La parroquia espera ayudar a los jóvenes que viven en estas zonas de alta vulnerabilidad a crear una cultura de solidaridad y paz dentro de sus barrios. La parroquia actualmente involucra a un grupo de 75 jóvenes adultos que se convertirán en líderes juveniles para difundir el mensaje del Evangelio en sus vecindarios y romper el ciclo de violencia. Muchas gracias por sus donaciones.



Join the St. Jerome Moms group for a **FREE Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) Basics class** given by a trained Triple P provider. Triple P gives parents simple strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behavior, prevent problems, and develop and build

healthy relationships. **Saturday, January 19, from 9:30-11:30am** at the **OUTBACK**. All moms welcome, bring a friend! For more info contact Daniela @ 832-431-999 or StJeromeMomsGroup@gmail.com

WHY GO TO CHURCH? - A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! I think everyone should read this! **"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"**

Today's second collection supports the **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** which provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean and funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, formation programs for religious, priests and deacons. Diocesan seminarians in Columbia thank the Catholic faithful and the bishops of the United States for assisting to provide an enriching learning environment for their studies. The Collection for the Church in Latin America provided the seminary with the ability to grow and provide better services for their students. Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to sharing their faith; yet the light always shines through and hope arises. For example, in the Diocese of San Miguel, El Salvador, the youth of Holy Family Parish are at high risk for violence and gang activity. In response, the parish designed a youth enrichment and leadership program to address young people's need for critical-thinking skills and values education. The parish hopes to help the youth living in these high-vulnerability areas create a culture of solidarity and peace within their neighborhoods. The parish currently engages a group of 75 young adults. They will become youth leaders to spread the gospel message in their neighborhoods and break the cycle of violence. The generosity of the faithful here in the United States has helped countless people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Just a few examples of what recent grants have provided include: In Colombia, the Collection provided the resources and programs needed to prepare children for First Communion + In Guadalajara, Mexico, the Collection enabled the Dominican Sisters of Charity to start a peace education program for youth and allowed them to establish a Catholic Educational Center. + In Mexico City, a grant from the Collection enabled a parish to strengthen the bonds of married couples through the use of marriage renewal retreats and provided the opportunity to create a second initiative centered on the prevention of domestic violence. + In El Salvador, a parish is now able to administer a program for youth at high-risk. The program addresses the needs for values education and acquisition critical thinking skills. The goal is to engage individuals who will become youth leaders illuminated by the Word of God. These individuals in turn will help others make decisions and a better life through the Gospel message in their daily lives. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.