

# Second Sunday of Advent

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## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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#### SUNDAY LITURGY

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil  
8:00 a.m. Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Sunday

#### WEEKDAY LITURGY

Please consult schedule inside of bulletin.

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Tuesday 5:00-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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Every day 9:00 a.m.-12:00 midnight  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. for the Sanctity of Life

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Available in the Family Life Center during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. For ages through 3 years.  
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Evangelization & Catechesis Pre - K4 - 6th grades

Adolescent Catechesis & Evangelization 7th - 12th grades

Janet Gipson - Secretary

#### PARISH LIBRARY

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Please check the door of the library for weekday hours.

#### NEWCOMERS

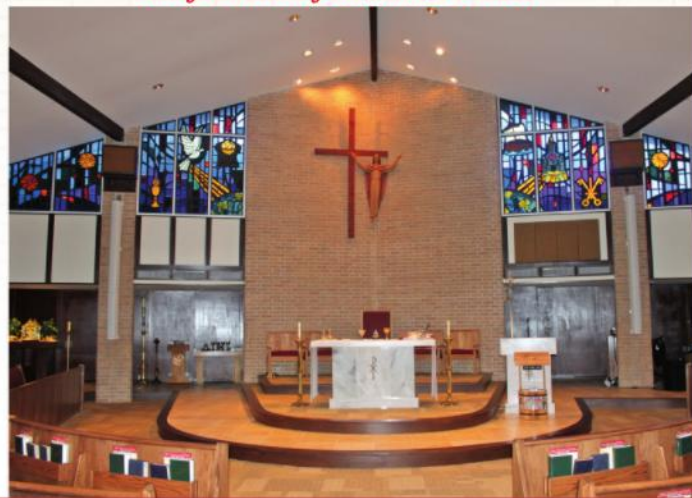
Please register in the Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. When moving out of the parish or for change of address, please contact the office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Monday 12:00 noon

# Peace

"Prepare  
the way  
of the Lord,  
make straight  
his paths."  
Matthew 3:3

***"There are no strangers here...  
only friends you haven't met."***

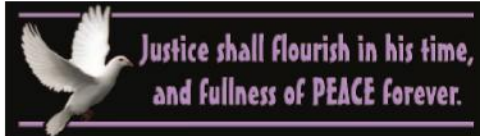






That we realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God. "Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10 Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time,

our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



### Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</b> Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</b> Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, December 12, 2016

7:45 A.M. - Las Mañanitas

8:00 A.M. - Rosary

8:30 A.M. - Mass

Breakfast following Mass at the Msgr. Leo Wleczyk Hall



Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week



### WEEK OF December 3, 2016 – December 11, 2016

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Pete & Bessie Ermis †Louis Lippman
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Roland Angelle †Francisca Ruelos †Matthew Haluska †Montserrat Babaran †Renee Tomlinson Ken & Joan Taplett—July Family of the Month
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Charles John Savaso †Jose L. Sonquitt Jr.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Charlie & Agnes Kieler Bettie Carmody
	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Genevieve Bongiovi
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Ernest & Dorothy Harnden †James Ernest Adkins
	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Margaret Flournoy Adoption Process
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Claire Crosley †Gertrude Lux
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Mary Kubesch †John Muhl
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Libert Vitek Boots & Ruth Ermis-August Family of the Month
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Lawrence Seymour †Ed & Dorothy Jurecka
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Dolores Wallis †Dick Drake



Kellie Chaney, Ruth Cleaver, Ruth Coale, Brenda Dellamea, Doris Follett, Andrew Haack, Paige Haas, Florine Heinroth, Jesse Hernandez, Dorothea Himmel, Richard Keistler, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Margie McAda, Eileen McDonald, Bubba Moore, Jordon Nachtgale, Paul Perdue, Dinah Prochaska, Donna Schwertner, Liz Stevens, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Roger Kessler, Bettie Carmody, James and Barbara Blanchard, Raymond Muniza, Kim Anderson, Felix & Shirley Broussard, Emma DeAtley, Robert Vinklarek, Pat Gifford, Marsha Young, Ken Felcman, Jeanne Kemeny, Andreas Kalos, Joyce Sykora, Lynette Turek, and Kathy Ward

**Thursday, December 8th is a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION** for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Vigil Mass will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday and an 8:30 am and 5:30 pm Mass on Thursday.



We have **open hours in our Adoration Chapel** which need to be filled by one (or two) dedicated volunteers. If you are willing to spend **prayer time** with the **Blessed Sacrament** in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, 4:00—5:00 pm, please call Diane Brawley at 297-5679, or a shared hour on Thursday, 5:00—6:00 pm, please call Cheri McBurnett at 297-8874

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sacred Heart (Manvel) - Sunday, December 4, 7:00 pm

Most Holy Trinity (Angleton) - Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 pm

St. John's (Alvin) - Tuesday, December 13, 7:00

St. John's (West Columbia) - Thursday, Dec. 15th, 7:00 pm

**St. Michael the Archangel - Monday, Dec. 19th, 7:00 pm**

St. Mary's (Freeport) - Tuesday, December 20th, 7:00 pm



## PARISH EVENTS

### Pastoral Council Discernment Sunday, December 11.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the Pastoral Council discernment process. We will meet in the Library of the Family Life Center at 2pm on Sunday, December 11. The discernment process includes prayer and sharing to determine who is called to fill a two-year term on the Pastoral Council. A council member should be at least 21 years of age, prayerful, care about the spiritual well-being of the entire community, be willing to learn about the church, have a sense of mission: to bring Christ to people and people to Christ, and be involved in the life and activities of the parish. A council member must be able to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Join us to see if God is calling you to be a part of this consultative body for our pastor, Fr. Leo. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Kathy Ward, 979-235-0256 or email [kaproline@aol.com](mailto:kaproline@aol.com).



**Senior Friends BINGO** will be held on **Tues, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the F-Wing.** Come join us for fun & fellowship! Bring a **Covered Dish** to share. There is no charge to play, and there are Prizes! Everyone that plays bingo must be a St. Michael's Parishioner.

There will be a **Newcomers Reception** to welcome all parishioners who are new (or relatively new) to St. Michael's on **Sunday, December 11th after ALL Sunday Masses in the Angelina Room (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM).** After Mass, please come socialize with our clergy and learn about ministry opportunities and enjoy some refreshments. Any questions, call Sheri @ 285-7434 or 798-4982



**WELCOME  
NEWCOMERS  
to our  
Church  
Family**

During the Advent season, there are several opportunities for prayer that are available to us:

- We will again celebrate vespers as a powerful way to begin each week. Please make plans to join us in the F-Wing at 6:00pm each Sunday evening of Advent (12/4, 12/11, 12/18) and enjoy this peaceful time of prayer and song.
- For many Advent resources to help enter into the season with prayer and devotion, please visit this page of our parish website: [www.smlj.org/advent](http://www.smlj.org/advent)

**SAVE the DATE! Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Let the Catholic Daughters reduce your holiday stress! Christmas Bake Sale after all Masses. Profits go towards local, state, and national projects.**



# EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

*Treasures of the Church*

St. Michael the Archangel Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

**MONDAY DECEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM**

See [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information



This weekend, which is Vocation Chalice weekend, is also the time to sign up to take the chalice for a month and continue to pray for vocations and support our 2 seminarians - Joey White and Blake Novosad. There will be a signup sheet for the months of January through June, 2017, in the Family Life Center after all masses this weekend. Thank you to all who have faithfully taken the chalice and prayed for our religious.

**PLEASE HELP: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SURVEY**

We at St. Michael's want to help your family be the strongest it can be. Looking at the future, we want to know what your unique family needs are so we can adjust, or create, programs to help you have a strong, more faith-filled, and dynamic family. We would like to hear from all adults and teenagers. Please complete the online survey which can be found at [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org). Thank you for your valuable input. For more information or questions contact Dcn. Gary at [deacongarry@smlj.org](mailto:deacongarry@smlj.org) or call the Parish Office.



**Poinsettia**  
for Church

If you would like to make a donation towards the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office 297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia and donations can be specified "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

**Catholic but not Confirmed?**

Learn more: Camille Forse 979-299-3145

[tcforse@hotmail.com](mailto:tcforse@hotmail.com)

# Beloved Date Nights

Join us in making a New Year's resolution for your marriage.

## Who? What? When?

All date nights begin after 5:30 mass on Saturday night in the Education Building at SMLJ.

These date nights are for couples in ALL stages of their marriage & from all denominations.

Wanna know more about Lighthouse Catholic Media's Beloved Program?

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/beloved/parish>

## Wanna know more or would you like to register?

Register by email:

[youngfamilies@smlj.org](mailto:youngfamilies@smlj.org)

Register by phone/text:

(989)488-3924

## Upcoming Date Nights

January 7- Christ @ the Center

February 11- A Deeper Unity

March 4- Conflict & Communication

April 1- Building a Thriving Marriage

May 6- Protecting the Bond

June 3- Sexuality & Authentic Love

*Dinner begins at 6:45 and the evening wraps up at 9 PM.*

\*The sessions do not build on each other but rather each have a theme, so choose to attend one or all.



## **NEW pilgrimage opportunity!**

13-day Camino de Santiago, Fatima & Lisbon, Portugal  
May 29 to June 10, 2017

Is hiking the Camino de Santiago on your bucket list? Pilgrims have been walking the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James) for centuries, following the many paths to Santiago de Compostela and the tomb of St. James. This tour begins in Sarria, the most popular Camino starting point, covering the last 100km of the Camino Francés. We are currently forming a group from our parish to walk

the final segment of the French Way, from Sarria to Santiago from May 29th to June 10th, 2017. If interested in taking this spiritual journey, contact Iris Howard at 979-415-5572 or Margarita Prinz at 979-236-1948 for more information.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We would like to thank all of you that participated in the Thanksgiving basket distribution effort this year including the pre-work.

We had a great turnout on Sunday afternoon, which included many drivers. We assembled 64 baskets and distributed all of them. As with SVDP visits, there were a few "not at home" baskets returned to the pantry, but thanks to the efforts of phone and pantry crews, they have been delivered or re-assigned/delivered successfully before Thanksgiving. These 64 baskets represented a total of about (320) adults and children that were blessed with a nice meal on the table on Thanksgiving day.

As in the past, the hardest part is always getting the list of names together for the distribution. Thanks Georgia for your leadership on this task and thanks to our phone crew and confirmation callers that helped us gather and confirm names.

Thanks also to the fundraising team, all those who participated in the weekend "SVDP Fall Fundraiser" drive after Masses and all who gave generously to this cause. Particular thanks to Gwen and Don for all the extra arrangements (boxes, gift cards, food procurement, etc). We were abundantly blessed. HEB provided great grocery prices and the money raised covered comfortably the baskets and gift cards.

Please be sure to also thank all non Vincentians that helped us in any way towards this effort. In particular, the Knights of Columbus for their generous \$\$\$ contribution this year and as usual the youth ministry and their leaders who always do a wonderful job each year decorating our boxes.

As we close the effort for 2016, we thank you again and hope to see you around next year for another opportunity to carry our Thanksgiving mission.

**COLD WEATHER IS COMING!** The Dream center is in great need of coats and shoes to help the HOMELESS in our area. Please leave any items in the SVDP box (the wooden chest in the hall of the Family Life Center). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Welcome to Saint Michael's Children's Choir**

Join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm in Room 102 of the Spiritual Learning Center for Saint Michael's Children's Choir. 1st through 6th graders are invited. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please email Mark Polimeno if interested in joining at [m.polimeno@att.net](mailto:m.polimeno@att.net).



### **KEEP the GLASSES COMING**

Please continue to donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the youth office. Thank you for helping us to help others!

## Save The Date

**March 3 - 5, 2017**

## Woman to Woman

Lenten Retreat

**"Faith on Fire"**

at The Lodge of Danbury

By Anne Trufant

For further information contact: Gwen

Williams at 979-236-4064 or

Binnie Bauml 979-285-5995 or [blbauml@yahoo.com](mailto:blbauml@yahoo.com)

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## YOUTH NIGHT

Want a place to be yourself and learn about God in a fun interesting way?

Come TUESDAYS 7pm-8:30pm  
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
Ages 13-17 Welcomed!

## DEEPER

Do you wish to learn scripture and your church on a DEEPER LEVEL?

Come Wednesdays in the B-Wing 7pm-8:30pm for youth bible study and learn about our Catholic Faith.

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM aka CORE TEAM

Do you feel you can commit yourself to the mission of the Church? Come and see if this is for you!

CORE TEAM meets every Thursday in the Youth Office from 7pm-8:30pm.

This is for High School Youth Only!

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter - SMLJ Youth Ministry And check out our website: <https://saintmichaelsyouth.org/>  
For more information please contact St. Michael's Youth Ministry 979-299-3507 or email at: [juan@smlj.org](mailto:juan@smlj.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

DEC.	4	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grades 7-12th Social 5:30, 6:00-8:00 pm
	6	YOUTH NIGHT—H.S.—7:00-8:30 PM
	7	Candidate-Sponsor-Parent-Mtg. Msgr. Wleczyk Hall 7:00-8:30 pm.
	7	DEEPER SESSION—H.S.- 7:00-8:30 pm

### Confirmation 2017

Candidate-Sponsor-Parent Meeting  
December 7<sup>th</sup>- Msgr. Wleczyk Hall  
7:00-8:30 pm.



Join us for Rosary every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church. Everyone Welcome.



## G.A.P. Christmas Project

Our parish family is supporting G.A.P.  
(Grandparents as Parents) this Christmas.



Please consider taking a gift tag from the tree in the FLC Hall and return the **unwrapped gift with the tag** to the Youth Office no later than Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Get families, Bible study groups, members of ministries, or Arise groups to go in together for a gift (s).

If you take a tag, and see that you are unable to purchase, please return the tag to the tree in a timely manner. For non-shoppers, monetary donations are welcome. We have several elves (Tamara, Becky & Chris) who love to shop!



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Meet on 1st Thurs. of the Month  
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invite YOU to our monthly meetings held  
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