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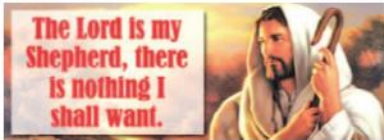
Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come,
you who are blessed by my Father.

**Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.'**

Matthew 25:34



That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure when it's not always convenient for us. "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" – Matthew 25:40 Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.



Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

"Tis (Almost) the Season"

Make plans now to have the best Advent ever. Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas. Sign up for FREE at BestAdventEver.com/YourInvited

"SHIELD-A-BADGE WITH A PRAYER" – If you have not signed up to participate in offering prayers for our law enforcement officers, it is not too late. The Knights of Columbus are in Wleczyk Hall to answer any questions you have concerning this program to pray for the safety of our police officers. You are asked to offer a small prayer for a police officer each day to be protected from violence, and their safe return to their family each day. Contact Leo Chelette at leochelette@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE

Heart of Worship
April 14, 2018

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions for the Week of November 25—December 3, 2017

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Pete Ermis †Engelbert Santa Teresa
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Marvin & June Stanke †Donald & Remedios Young †Virginia Gail Savaso †Alfredo Larre †Andrew Gore †Eduardo & Lourdes Garcia-Melitin
	9:30 A.M.	†Darvin Bordonon Fr. Giovanni—In Thanksgiving
	11:00 A.M.	†Robert Simpkins †Clarence Filip Mulholland Family Marcella Behrman
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Abraham Srambikudiyil †Clarence Filip
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Jack & Louis Lippman †Pete & Bess Ermis
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Liz Stevens †Marvin & June Stanke †Charles John Savaso †Matthew Haluska †Jessica Bullock Duncan †Francisca Ruelos
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	
	9:30 A.M.	
	11:00 A.M.	



Shirley Broussard, Cathy Buettner, Bettie Carmody, Kellie Chaney, Ruth Cleaver, Frank Drabek, Doris Follett, Paul Garcia, Andrew Haack, Bobbie Jasek, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Margie McAda, Eileen McDonald, Bubba Moore, Jordon Nachtegaele, Paul Perdue, Dinah Prochaska, Doris Rutkowski, Donna Schwertner, Earl Sherman, Lori Sipple, Sarah Sterzinger, Joyce Sykora, Dorothy Vitek, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Eddie Wleczyk, Roger Kessler, Pat Gifford, Lynette Turek, "Boots" Ermis, Rebekah Calhoun, Virginia Martinez Jorquera, Elisa & Lori Landis, Jenna Dubec, Josh Imperial, David Gifford, Fred Weatherly, Joanne Lenzi, Wilhelmina Muniza, and Suzanne Gautney

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sacred Heart (Manvel) - Monday, December 4th, 7:00 pm
St. John's (Alvin) - Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00
St. Mary's (Freeport) - Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00 pm
St. John's (West Columbia) - Thursday, Dec. 14th, 7:00 pm
St. Anthony's (Danbury) - Sunday, December 17th, 7:00 pm
St. Michael the Archangel - Monday, Dec. 18th, 7:00 pm
Most Holy Trinity (Angleton) - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7:00 pm



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.

PARISH EVENTS

FOOD, FRIENDS AND FAITH FORMATION

"All Are Welcome" to gather for **Food, Friends and Faith Formation** in Wleczyk Hall of the Family Life Center. There will be a free meal for all parishioners regardless of age or marital status served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Adult Faith Formation opportunities will be available on Wednesday evenings following the meal. This will be a wonderful time to meet fellow parishioners and become more involved in your faith and parish life. Please plan to make **Food, Friends and Faith Formation** a regular weekly event.

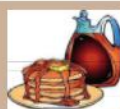
Discernment for 2018 Pastoral Council will be **Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00 PM** in the Library. Parishioners are encouraged to be part of this process, either by discerning to serve a term on Council or by participating during the facilitated discernment process as a member of the parish. The Pastoral Council focuses on our St. Michael's parish community as a whole, working as a consultative body for the Pastor. They respond to the calls and questions of the Pastor, our ministries, and our parish members.

Please join us for this opportunity to prayerfully consider our Pastoral Council membership. During this discernment we will, as a parish family, ask the Holy Spirit for new Pastoral Council Members. Is it **YOUR TURN to serve?** Call Kathy Ward at 979-798-9620 or email her at kaproline@aol.com.

Adult Faith Formation: November Topics

Please plan to join us after the Family Meal at 6:30pm in Wleczyk Hall for presentation and discussion.

Wed. Nov. 29	Know and Love Jesus Christ	Fr. Jesse Garcia
Wed. Dec. 6	Mary, Mother of God: Queen of Heaven	Shirley Fromen
Wed. Dec. 13	Know and Love Jesus Christ	Dcn. Gary Forse
Wed. Dec. 20	Adult Faith Formation	TBA



K of C Council 6812 will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** to benefit **Christmas Gifts for Needy Kids** on **Sunday, December 3rd** after the **8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Masses** in the Hall of the Family Life Center. Please bring your family to enjoy some pancakes and support the Knights in this ministry.



The Hour of Grace on December 8



Request of Our Heavenly Mother for the Hour of Grace:

1. To be started from 12 noon until 1 p.m. (one full hour of prayer); in the Church
2. During this hour the person making the Hour of Grace either at home or in a church must put away all distractions;
3. Begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms;
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, adoring the Sacred Host, meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way or by using favorite prayers, singing hymns, etc.



ADVENT SEASONAL DEVOTIONS

The season of Advent begins in two weeks, on the weekend of Dec. 2-3. We are encouraging our faithful to embrace two powerful devotions that can be used at home to help us focus on this holy time of waiting for the coming of Jesus: the **ADVENT WREATH** and the **JESSE TREE**.

Since the Middle Ages, the **ADVENT WREATH** has been used by Christians as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath consists of a ring, usually of evergreens, with four candles (3 purple and one rose). This is an excellent devotion for an individual or family and mealtime is a good time to pray this devotion.

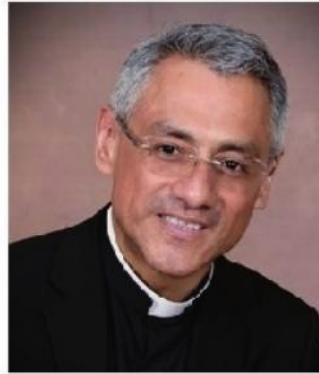
A **JESSE TREE** is a tradition which recalls the family tree of Christ. On the tree we hang various symbols which trace the persons or events which lead to the birth of Christ. This is an excellent devotion for the Catholic home.

Our parish will be selling **ADVENT WREATH** and **JESSE TREE** materials at a very nominal cost. More information on setting up and observing these traditional Advent devotions are available on our parish website: www.smlj.org.



St. Michael's Adult Faith Formation presents:

How Do We Get to Know and Love Jesus?



By: Fr. Jesús Jesse García

Pastor of St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
in Freeport, TX

When: Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Where: Angelina Room

Time: 6:30 PM

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PHONE 979-297-3041 [HTTPS://SMLJ.ORG](https://smlj.org)

Supplies needed for CDA prayer blanket ministry

- Material in 1 ½ yard increments
- White thread
- Batting
- Yarn



You may leave with Janet in the youth office.

The Dream Center is in great need of jackets, coats, sweaters, and shoes (all sizes). Please leave any items in the box next to the SVDP wooden chest in the hallway of the Family Life Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Advent Wreaths, Replacement Tapers and children's Christmas Calendars.

In the hall after Mass **through Mid December**. Reasonably priced and many are available to take home today. Orders will be taken for larger quantities. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6812. **Get yours NOW! Credit Cards accepted.**

ADORATION CHAPEL The new system has been put in place and will make maintaining our schedule much easier. Using this system you'll be able to view your schedule, request a substitute and update your profile. Substitutes will be able to view the schedule and accept sub requests that fit into their schedule. **Please remember when requesting a substitute you will need to continue monitoring the online schedule to ensure that someone has filled your sub request. If your sub request has not been filled, please secure a replacement by contacting someone directly on the substitute list.** This list can be found at the bottom of the Roster List or on the hard copy in the chapel.

Please email the parish office at dee@smlj.org if you are on the schedule or substitute list and have not received the electronic scheduler information.

Adoration Holiday Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on the following days:

Christmas – Sunday, December 24 and Christmas Day Monday, December 25

New Years – Sunday, December 31 and New Years Day Monday, January 1, 2018

We still have 18 places to fill on our schedule please prayerfully consider adding the Adoration Chapel to your weekly prayer life. For information call Jody Epps 979-297-8804 or email jaepps@mac.com

Please Join Us for
The Women of St. Michael's Annual

Christmas

Dinner

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Mary Montague 979-418-1222

All Women of the parish are invited.
Guests welcome!!
(This event is for
18 years old and
older!!)

Paid Registration by Sunday,
November 26th, 2017
(Scholarships are available upon
request)

K.J.Z.T is having their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at St. Michael's Angelina Room. Social will start at 12:30 and lunch will be served at 1:00. All members and their family are invited. Turkey and dressing will be provided and members are asked to bring a side dish of vegetable and/or dessert. Please RSVP to: 979-798-7831 by December 6, 2017 if you plan to come and how many will be attending.

Save the Date: Bake Sale

Sunday, December 17th
after all Masses.

Let the Catholic Daughters
do your Christmas baking
Help us continue helping others.



Parenting Help? The office of Family Life Ministry have trained eight professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to provide services to parents who are willing and need help raising their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral problems in children. To obtain more information please contact us at 713-741-8739 or 713-741-8711.

Texas Rally for Life 2018 Please Join Us



Date: January 27, 2018

Join the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at the Texas Rally for Life in Austin. Meet at St. Michael's at 6:00 am for carpooling to St. Dominic's Chancery. Buses depart from St. Dominic's Chancery at 7:30 am. for Mass at 8:15 (St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church). Cardinal DiNardo presiding. After Mass, buses depart for Austin.

Cost: \$25 (includes transportation, snacks, and lunch). RSVP to Juan Serros by Jan. 8th. 979-299-3508 or email: juan@smlj.org

Catholic but not Confirmed?

Learn more: Camille Forse 979-299-3145
tcforse@hotmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

NOV.	26	NO CLASS
	28	DEEPER 7:00—8:30 PM
	29	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT 7:00—8:30 PM
	30	CORE 7:00—8:30 PM IN YOUTH OFFICE



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 Thursday, December 7th.

Get families, bible study groups, ministry groups, 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, and Chris) who love to shop.

It is in the giving that we truly receive!



St. Michael Catholic Church is looking for a few dedicated prayer warriors to join our 1 CHURCH / 1 DAY prayer initiative. The 1 CHURCH / 1 DAY model of strategic, sustainable 24/7 prayer unites churches without having to physically come together. Each church takes one day every month to pray for 24 hours. This creates a church-led, year-round prayer covering for the community. St. Michael Catholic Community has committed to the last Thursday of each month to pray for the needs of our parish and the community. The committed prayers can pray from home or wherever it is convenient. Please contact Dan and Bunny Swist to volunteer for one hour on the last Thursday of each month to join this effort. Email danann@sbcglobal.net Phone# 979 297-0736

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