



Today we begin the season of Advent, preparing for the day when we celebrate God becoming becoming Incarnate, becoming one of us. In doing so, we are called upon to prepare our hearts for Christ's

presence in our lives. Every Christian's goal should be to reveal Christ to those we encounter. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, let us think of how we can make his presence incarnate in what we say and do.



Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

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

Monday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor Thursday

of the Church

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Friday

Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

Friday, 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 Thursday and an 8:30 am and 5:30 pm Mass on Friday.



We wish to welcome Fr. Loc Phan as the new Parochial Vicar here at St. Michael's. We are happy to have him join our

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions for the Week of December 2—December 10, 2017

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Pete & Bess Ermis
		†Jack & Louis Lippman
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Marvin & June Stanke
	2002-0000-000	†Liz Stevens
	9:30 A.M.	↑Charles John Savaso
		†Matthew Haluska
	11:00 A.M.	†Jessica Bullock Duncan
		†Francisca Ruelos
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Adoption Process
		All Affected by Hurricanes
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Monserrat Babaran
		†Clarence Filip
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Larry, Wayne, & Paul Franks
		Marcella Behrman
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Mary Kubesch
		†Jessie Prinz
	5:30 P.M.	∱Darvin Bordelon
	5000 FT970AC 1270G2 IS	∱Margaret Flournoy
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	∱ Mary Kubesch
		†Engelbert Santa Teresa
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Claire Crosley
		†Marvin & June Stanke
	9:30 A.M.	†Lawrence Seymour
		†Levy Castillo
	11:00 A.M.	†Judith Caccavello
		Marcella Behrman



Shirley Broussard, 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 Kesseler, 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 (Manyel) - 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. requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia and donations can be specified "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of: † Cathy Buettner, mother of Mary Buettner and Ann Buettner Honea

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.

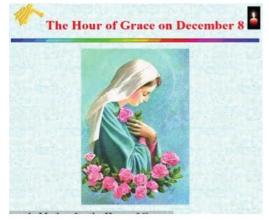
Adult Faith Formation: December Topics

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

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.



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 this weekend. 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.



2017 Christmas Season Liturgical Dates

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH, NO MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL

12/24 (Sunday) Regular Mass Schedule 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

12/24 (Sunday) Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

12/24 (Sunday) Christmas Eve-6:00 p.m.

12/24 (Sunday) Christmas Eve—9:00 p.m. Christmas caroling begins at 8:30 pm, prior to 9:00 p.m. Mass

12/25 (Monday) Christmas - 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 am Mass

12/31 (Sunday) 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Mass

1/1 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. Mass

Dear Parishioners,

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to reach out to neighbors in our community with our 2017 Thanksgiving basket distribution.

Our ability to provide this expression of God's love is due to the continued support and generosity of the St. Michael's parishioners. The "SVDP Fall Fundraiser" program was a tremendous success, with 64 baskets distributed!

Special thanks also to all the St. Michael's ministries that contributed to this effort – and to the Youth of St. Michael's for the basket decorations and other help.

God's blessings



<u>A HUGE THANK YOU</u> to all for the success of the CDA Fall Bunco Fundraiser for SVdP. We were able to donate \$771.00 and 493 food items to assist with Thanksgiving baskets and other SVdP activities. God Bless You and looking forward to our Summer Bunco in 2018!

"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 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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Weekend Liturgy

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

Sacrament of Penance

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

Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Nursery

Available in the Family Life Center during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation

Call Melanie Viktorin @ 979-297-3041

Visitation of Sick & Homebound
Please call the Parish Office to have someone bring Holy
Communion

"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 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.
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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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

DEC.	10	FAITH FORMATION GRADES 7-10th ONLY 6:00—7:30 PM
	12	DEEPER 7:00—8:30 PM
	13	HS YOUTH NIGHT 7:00—8:30 PM ANGELINA ROOM JR. HIGH YOUTH NIGHT 7:00—8:30 PM WOLTER'S ROOM
	14	CORE 7:00—8:30 PM 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!



CHURCH DAY 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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