



That we are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same. "Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3 We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does

just that - it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

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

2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe

> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jud 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;

Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19 Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;

1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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.

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions for the Week of December 9—December 17, 2017

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Mary Kubesch
		†Engelbert Santa Teresa
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Marvin & June Stanke
		†Claire Crosley
	9:30 A.M.	†Lawrence Seymour
		†Levy Castillo
	11:00 A.M.	†Judith Caccavello
		†Marcella Behrman
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Maria Guadalupe Gutierrez
.0202711	5:30 P.M.	The Knights of Columbus
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Irene Dirba
		†Clarence Filip
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Ed & Dorothy Jurecka
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FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Irene Dirba
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	11.00 A.W.	†Doris Mae Pessarra
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Dinah Prochaska, Doris Rutkowski, Donna Schwertner, 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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Bettie Carmody mother of Fr. Mike, Dale, David, Danna Kolafa (Rick), Tressa (Dale), and Cheryl

† Florence Stringer, mother of Deb Kyle (John)

† Marcella Behrman, mother of Beverly Bernzen (John)

Our Lady of Guadalupe schedule for

Tuesday, December 12

7:45 am Las Mananitas

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass

Breakfast after Mass in the Hall.

PARISH EVENTS

The Knights will be hosting the parish's final 2017 blood drive on Sunday, December 17th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Wleczyk Hall. Please mark your calendars for this life-saving ministry.

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.



<u>Senior Friends BINGO</u> will be held on **Tues, December 12th 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.

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.

Family Meal Night Schedule:
Family Meal will continue through Dec. 20th.
No Family Meal Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd.
Family Meal will resume on Wednesday January 10th.

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. 13	To Know and Love Jesus Christ	Dcn. Gary Forse
Wed. Dec. 20	Adult Faith Formation	TBA

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

Attention Lectors: Your 2018 lector workbooks are in, if you have not already done so, please pick up one in the sacristy.

Contribution information:

Please do NOT tape your contribution envelope closed. This causes the envelopes to stick together which can result in mistakes in recording.

Please WRITE or CHECK the amount of your contribution on the envelope to assure accurate recording.

Your tax deductible contribution record will be <u>emailed</u> mid-January so please email <u>dee@smlj.org</u> to assure we have your correct email address.



Planning to be Married in the Church?

Please contact Fr. Leo or Dcn. Gary at least 6 months in advance. It is important to meet with the clergy before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue. Call the office for an appointment.



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.



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.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration Chapel 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 17 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

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

Save the Date: Bake Sale

plan to come and how many will be attending.

Sunday, December 17th
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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

Catholic but not Confirmed?

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



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

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

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KEEP the GLASSES COMING Please donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the library. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Second Sunday of Advent B 1 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Paving a Direct Route

Whenever a highway changes from two lanes to four, you can often see the improvements. The old highway follows the dips and curves of the landscape. The new highway better controls the landscape. It is straighter and more level. The engineers have figured out how to improve the road, and citizens have supported the additional expense.

People like straight highways. They are quicker, safer and more pleasant.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, a voice cries out, "In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!" John the Baptist quoted this passage to prepare people for the coming of Jesus.

Make a straight highway in the wasteland. Fill in the valleys and lower the mountains. Make a smooth, direct road in your spiritual life.

During Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in our lives. In the past we formed habits as sturdy as two-lane roads. They get us where we want to go, but sometimes not by the most direct route.

We have only a few weeks till Christmas. It is time to move the roadblocks and detours that keep us from encountering Christ. Hardness of heart, stinginess of time, or unbending habits—Which of these need repair on your highway toward Christ?

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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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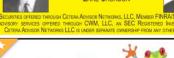
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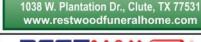
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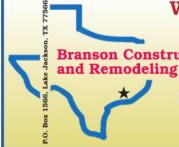
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