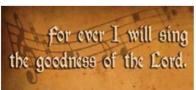


That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" - 1 Thessalonians This scripture 5:16 - 18 reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place

your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day, "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.



Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

1500 AS		
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

Monday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;

Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21: Lk 1:39-45

Friday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Lk 1:46-56

Saturday Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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 16—December 24, 2017

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Drew Muhl
CUNDAY	0.00 4 14	†Engelbert Santa Teresa
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Marvin & June Stanke †Donald & Remedios Young
	9:30 A.M.	†Clarence Forse
	3.00 A.M.	†Matthew Haluska
	11:00 A.M.	†Doris Mae Pessarra
		Theresian Luminaries
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Clarence Filip
		†Darvin Bordelon
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Agnes Kieler
		†Charlie & Georgie Hundl
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Liz Stevens
	Abolitectives Visia II rottov	†Marcella Behrman
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	St. Michael's Staff
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SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†John Muhl
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Engelbert Santa Teresa
SUNDAT	8:00 A.W.	†Donald & Remedios Young †Alfredo Larre
	9:30 A.M.	†John Polimeno
	3.30 A.M.	Winnie Badeaux
	11:00 A.M.	†Christen & Mensik Families
		Sue Arnold Family
	4:00 P.M.	∱Johnny Girouard
		†Darvin Bordelon
	6:00 P.M.	†Vickie Kaatz
		†Marvin & June Stanke
	9:00 P.M.	†Robert Martinez
		★Mark Hoffmann



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,

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: t Earl Sherman husband of Mirella. father of Cindy Williams

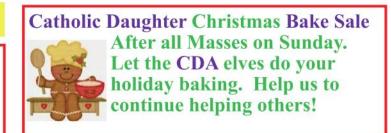
The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, **
December 25th, Tuesday, December 26th and ** Monday, January 1st.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from your St. Michael's Family.

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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. T-Shirts will be provided. Please consider your participation in this life-saving ministry.



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 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. 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

SAVE THE DATE

Heart of Worship April 14, 2018

BULLETIN DEADLINE

December 18th at Noon for the December 24th Bulletin December 21st at Noon for the December 31st Bulletin Discernment for the **2018 Parish Pastoral Council** was held on December 10th. Thank you Kathy Ward, Chrys Lonas, and Carol Lewis for your service and thanks to everyone who participated in the process.

Members of the 2018 Parish Pastoral Council are:

Delia Hock
Diep Tran
Rick Cary
Daniel Caraballo
Aurora Jordan
Betty Jo Jurries
Fred Sanchez

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

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

Your tax deductible contribution record will be emailed mid-January so please email dee@smlj.org 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.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO OUR FIRST PLANNING MEETING OF 2018

Join us on Wednesday January 3rd

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Questions? Contact The

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Knights of Columbus Council #6812 Congratulates Mr. Gene Kanski for the honor of being named Knight of the Year 2017. ALL St. Michael's organizations, ministries, bible studies, and other groups: It is time to make sure your recurring meetings are on the 2018 Facility Calendar. We want to be sure the correct rooms are reserved for the correct dates & times for the next year plus. As you know, we use an electronic calendar which is updated daily. It can be found on the smlj.org website, or in hard copy on the wall outside the main office and outside the Angelina Room. Please contact Melanie at 297-3041 or melanie@smlj.org with your meeting plans for the next 12 months. Please DO NOT assume the room reservations will continue forward if you do not UPDATE your information. Thanks in advance.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent B 2 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Lighten Up

Christmas is serious business, but it shouldn't be taken too seriously. Christmas will be a time for joy, as we gather with family and friends, and as we worship at church to celebrate the good news that Christ is born for us. All this celebrating demands hard work. Work is rarely fun, but the preparation for Christmas brings along with it some of the enjoyment of Christmas Day. This work helps us think about the love we have and the hope we share.

Even Advent can get too serious. True, this is a time of preparation. We confess our sins and mend fences so that Christmas will have more meaning for us. But Advent aims to keep us joyful all the way to Christmas. "Rejoice always," we hear Paul say today. "In all circumstances give thanks."

Paul was addressing the Christian community in Thessalonica. He reaffirmed their belief that the second coming of Christ was very close. He prayed for them, that they "be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

One sign of their blamelessness would be their joy. Rejoice always, Paul says. Always.

Throughout Advent, we get distracted. We have many duties in the weeks ahead. There isn't much time to get everything done. But even this time of preparation is a time to lighten up. Let us not lose sight of where we're headed: Christmas Day! Rejoice!

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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



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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Bayou Awakening Retreat

Weekend retreat for young adults ages 18-25 will be held March 9-11, 2018 at Camp Kappe. The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic Church and a safe community. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. \$65 per person. Registration: www.bayouawakening.org or by mail. For more information, call 713-741-8778.



St. Michael Catholic Church is looking for a few dedicated prayer warriors to join our CHURCH / 1 DAY prayer initiative. The 1 CHURCH / 1 DAY model of strategic, sustain-

able 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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

DEC.	17	FAITH FORMATION GRADES 7-12th CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00—7:30 PM
	24	NO CLASS
	31	NO CLASS
JAN.	7	FAITH FORMATION GRADES 7-12th 6:00—7:30 PM



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

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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

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Adoration Chapel

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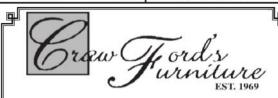
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