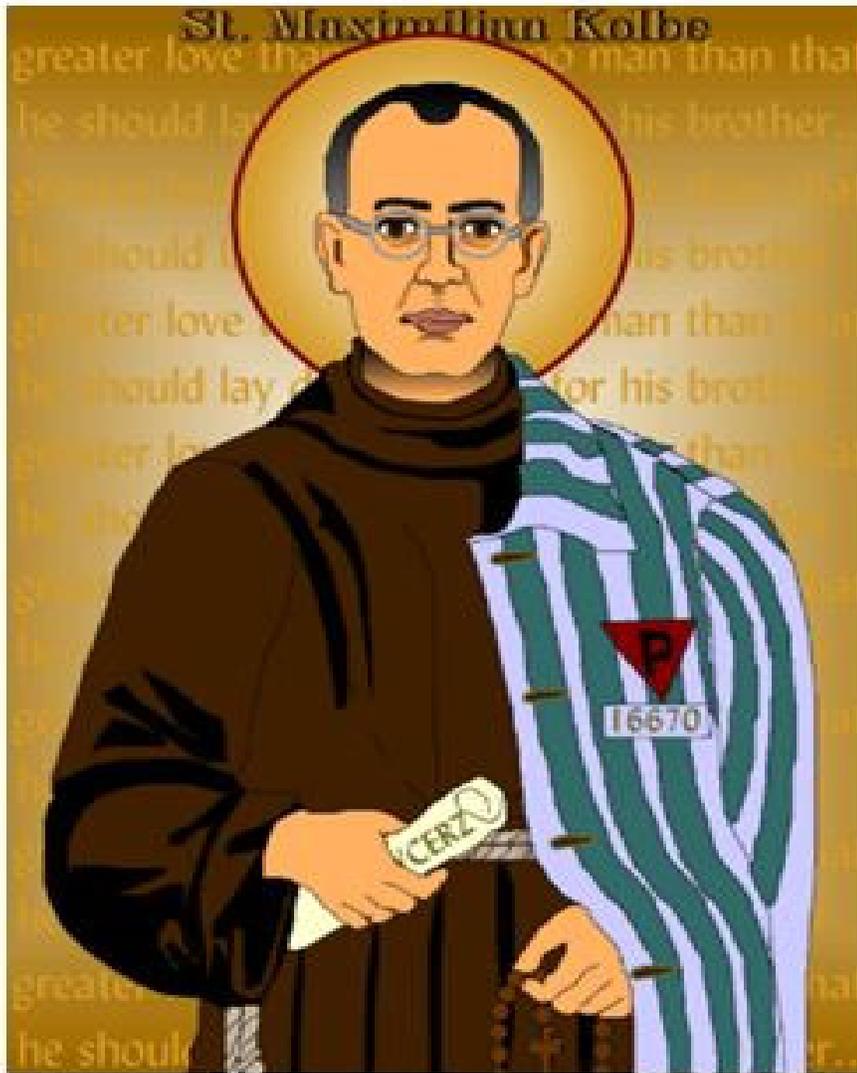


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



A Parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass

(Recorded & shown on Saint Maximilian Kolbe Church YouTube channel)

Sunday

8 am

10 am

12 Noon

Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday

8:30 am

Confessions during Advent

Wednesday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass
6 pm – 7 pm or as long as needed
Friday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass
Saturday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass
3 pm – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 6, 2020



Parish Office Hours
Monday – Friday 9 am – 5 pm

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Deacon John Naber • Deacon Matt Rust • Deacon Joe Weir

OUR PARISH MISSION

We are the Christian Community of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Embracing our many and diverse gifts, we are united in Christ Jesus. Challenged by the teachings of Our Lord, and inspired by the example of our Patron, we strive to serve God, and to minister to others, in prayer, sacrament, faith formation, and charity.

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SACRAMENT of BAPTISM:

ADULT BAPTISM: Adults who desire to become Catholic, will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

INFANT BAPTISM (under the age of 7 years old): We celebrate Infant Baptism on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except during Lent. Parents of infants to be baptized are to attend Baptismal classes, preferably before the child is born. Godparents are encouraged to attend but are not required.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION:

Adults and older youth who have not been Confirmed should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:

Couples who are considering marriage are to contact the parish office, at least six (6) months (preferably earlier) before the couple's projected wedding date.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness OR whose health is seriously impaired due to a serious illness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital. Contact ASAP a priest to schedule an anointing.

ADVENT season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts & minds to Christ's 2nd coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. "The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead" (<http://www.usccb.org/>).

The 2nd Advent candle symbolizes "Faith in God's Love" and is called the "Bethlehem Candle" or the "Candle of Preparation." God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. It reminds us of Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6).

Our Advent Prayer: FAITH in God's LOVE

Almighty God,
We stand in awe of your powerful,
unending love.
You became one of us, out of love for all of
us, then and now and forever.
We ask that through your Holy Spirit you
would daily draw us more wholly into
your presence that we may be
increasingly aware of your love.
Amen.

December 6, 2020

Tuesday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patroness of the United States. Masses are at 8:30 am & 7 pm. To make it more convenient, confessions are available on this Tuesday 7:45 am-8:15 am & 30 minutes after the 8:30 am Mass, and 5:45 pm-6:45 pm & 30 minutes after the 7 pm Mass.

It is very unfortunate that many Catholics are not clear on what the Immaculate Conception is. Some think it refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father, but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think it means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was. Though it is true of Jesus, Mary was conceived in the normal human way by her parents, Joachim & Anne.

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary. It holds that Mary was preserved by God from original sin or its stain from the moment Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, Anne. That is what "immaculate" means: without stain. Mary was preserved from every stain of sin so as to be a most fitting, all holy vessel to carry the all holy Son of God in Mary's womb. Pope Pius IX wrote in 1854 formally defining this doctrine: "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." Listen to the beautiful prayers of the Mass (Collect, Prayer over the Offerings; Preface and Prayer after Communion) that reflect this profound truth.

From the first moment of her existence, Mary was full of grace, that is, free of any alienation from God caused by original sin. Because of Mary's special role in God's saving plan, she was graced with this divine favor in anticipation of her son's death and resurrection. Mary also was so attuned to God that she was free of all personal sin. This was God's perfect act of purification to prepare Mary to bear the Son of God in her womb. This doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception is more of a statement about Jesus than about Mary. It proclaims that Jesus was someone so unique and holy that God would even prepare his mother for his birth by preserving her from sin. St. Ambrose spoke of Mary as "free of every

stain of sin." Refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #490-493.

Come to the 7 pm Vigil Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, Dec. 11, with a music serenade at 6:30 pm. The entire Mass is in English so that all people will be able to celebrate this great Marian feast. Some of the serenade music will be in Spanish, but an English translation is being provided. This Marian feast day celebrates the appearance of Mary to Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac (in 1531, this hill was outside of Mexico City but today it is within the city). For more info on this great feast, go to p. 7, including the web site listed, as well as the info that was in the bulletin last weekend.

Though Our Lady of Guadalupe is near and dear to many people of Mexican descent since she appeared in Mexico, she is actually the Patroness of all the Americas (North, Central & South America). In 1999, Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to Our Lady of Guadalupe's loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born. This is all the more reason why everyone is being invited to this Mass. To make it more convenient, confessions are available on December 11th at 5:45 pm-6:45 pm & 30 minutes after this 7 pm Mass, as well as 7:45 am-8:15 am & 30 minutes after the 8:30 am Friday Mass.

The Christmas & New Year's Mass schedule in on p. 9. We are doing our best to "predict" attendance in a most unusual pandemic year. Even in normal years, most people prefer to come on Christmas Eve, not on Christmas Day. That is why we have not added additional Masses on Christmas Day. Based upon numbers in the past, we believe overflow seating will be sufficient both on Christmas Eve & Day, with Holy Communion being brought to those in the overflow seating.

Congratulations to a very successful 2020 Fall Festival. Amazingly, we netted \$56,415.81. Once again, thank you to the core team who was so creative in this first time ever virtual festival. Thank you to all who donated time, talent and/or treasure!

Remember, we have an expanded Confession schedule during this Season of Advent. See p. 9. Also, please be generous with Christmas decoration contributions & DSF.



St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
Pastor

“The Cross is the school of love.”

“The most deadly poison of our time is indifference.”

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

“There is no greater love, than to lay down one's life for one's friend.” John 15: 13

p. 4 GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!

For the scriptures used at Mass every day & to hear a Reflection, go to: <http://www.usccb.org>
On the very top Menu bar, tab in on "Daily Reading."
Then click on the date of the readings you would like to read. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

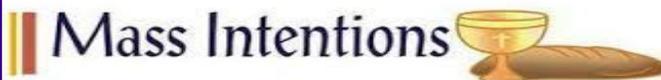
TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading—The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Is40:1-5,9-11)

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

2nd Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).



Saturday, Dec. 5

8:30 am Dominic Bui †

5 pm Barbara Rask †

Rosa Maria Jacqueline "Jackie" Vu †

Sunday, Dec. 6

2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Joseph Gallagher

12 Noon Edna Dominguez †

Monday, Dec. 7

St. Ambrose

8:30 am Maria Nguyen †

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception

8:30 am Alveraize Saizan, Jaylan Davis †
Consuelo Acosta †

7 pm Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Wednesday, Dec. 9

St. Juan Diego

8:30 am Dominic Bui †, Anh Nguyen

Thursday, Dec. 10

8:30 am Margaret Yong †, Dianne Hyde †,
Helen Schoelman †

Friday, Dec. 11

St. Damasus I

8:30 am Clement Wind

7 pm Vigil OLG Parishioners of St. Maximilian

Saturday, Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am Anita Sextro †

5 pm Guadalupe Barrientos †

Sunday, Dec. 13

3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am Parishioners of St. Maximilian

10 am Lindsay Bowker †

12 Noon Olin W. Harvey †

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

A bow signifies reverence & honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words "**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**"

—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

Collection for the Week of Nov. 16—22

Offertory: \$ 11,590
 Maintenance & Repair \$ 1,835
Collection Total: \$ 13,425

No Faith Direct since it is received only 2x a month.

Archdiocesan 2nd Collections

Priest Retirement Fund: \$ 5
 Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 666
Total 2nd Collections: \$ 671

Collection for the Week of Nov. 23—29

Offertory: \$ 12,224
 Maintenance & Repair \$ 565
Collection Total: \$ 12,789

Faith Direct received on Nov. 29*: \$ 12,725

*Faith Direct is received only 2x a month.

Archdiocesan 2nd Collections

Priest Retirement Fund: \$ 295
 Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 701
Total 2nd Collections: \$ 996

Fall Festival: Netted \$56,415.81—Great Job! Thank you for your generosity!

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: Follow the protocol which is posted at the entrance to the Immaculata Chapel. The Immaculata Chapel is closed Saturdays beginning at 6 pm until Sunday, 7:30am for intensive sanitizing. No one may enter during these hours. Thank you for your cooperation. Below are days/times where help is needed. To sign up, please contact Susie Charnock @ 281-813-1492.

“So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?...” Mt 26:40



Day of the week	Hours Needed
Tuesday	12 Midnight – 1 am
Tuesday	9 pm—10 pm
Thursday	9 am—10 am
Friday	3 pm—4 pm
Friday	9 pm—10 pm

Updated: 11/30/2020

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:

Rafael Caraveo †, uncle of Liz MacFarlane

Georgia Beran †, aunt of Selma DeMarco

Edward Cristostomo †, son of Madeline Cristostomo

Frank Marvin Abbott †

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

For consolation & God’s healing graces upon the family & friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness & doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.



Are you interested in your child receiving their **First Communion** sacrament? Part of the requirements in order to do so include religious education (Catholic School or CCE—Faith Formation). Please contact Molly Smith in the parish office or email her at mollys@stmaximilian.org to receive more information and to begin the process.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS

*Dynamic Catholic
 Be Bold Be Catholic*

Let Your Soul Shine

A Free Daily Advent Experience

*Making 2021 the Best Year of Your Life
 Starts with Advent!*

Best Advent Ever involves a daily video reflection sent to your email designed to help you prepare for Christmas.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html>

The Road to Bethlehem offers a variety of resources for the whole family. Choose your level of commitment. Daily Advent Reflections, weekly talks, Brother Francis reflections for children, weekly videos, and action items to live out Advent. If you are signed up with www.formed.org watch for the introductory email in the third week of November and sign-up.

See our website for more information & links.

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Please be generous.



For Nov. 21 & 22, 2020	
Mass	Attendance
5 pm	240
8 am	191
10 am	275
Noon	172
Total:	878

For Nov. 28 & 29, 2020	
Mass	Attendance
5 pm	119
8 am	166
10 am	275
Noon	265
Total:	825

Items currently needed in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Food Pantry

Canned meats: chicken, chili, tuna Canned Mixed Vegetables Jelly/Peanut Butter Canned Fruits
 Breakfast items: boxed cereal, oatmeal packages, pop tarts, granola bars Canned Pasta Paper Towels
 Canned Pasta Sauce/1 lb. bags of dried pasta
 Macaroni & Cheese boxes Shampoo
 Toilet Tissue Bar Soap Deodorant Toothpaste & brushes

Our Food Pantry is now open for curbside pick-up only on Wednesdays beginning at 3:30 pm.
 Contact us by calling the parish office or at FoodPantry@stmaximilian.org
 Thank you for all donations!



Prayer after an Election

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise & the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection & guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice & peace at home & around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders & public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators & judges, those in the military & law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication & commitment to achieve liberty & justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers, revised edition (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007). The "Prayer After an Election" by Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, is used with permission.

Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, Pray for us!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



We are once again collecting for the Christmas Giving Tree Program. There are special Christmas Giving Trees set up in the narthex of the main church entrance. The special gift tags hung on these trees will suggest the age and gender for whom you can donate a Christmas gift. There is a limit of up to \$25 per gift so all the recipients receive an equitable gift. You will also find a gift suggestion sheet at the information tables. You return the unwrapped gift(s) with the attached gift tag(s) to St. Maximilian the weekends of Dec. 5-6 & Dec. 12-13.

If you know a parish family who needs help or if you would like to adopt a parish family in need, contact the parish office at 281-955-7324.

The Christmas Giving Tree supports Catholic Charities, Mission of Yahweh and our own parishioners who are in need during this Christmas season. Don't miss your chance to bring joy and Christmas blessing to families in our community.

JOY OF SHARING





Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, December 11 (Vigil of Dec. 12)
Confessions: 5:45 pm-6:45 pm
30 minutes after 7 pm Mass
6:30 pm Serenade 7 pm Vigil Mass



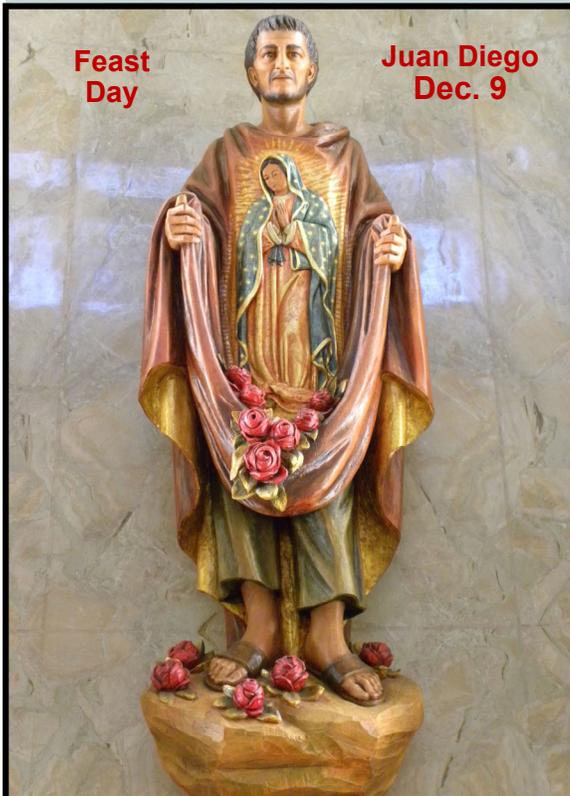
“A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child . . .” — Revelation 12:1-2

“The four-and-a-half-foot-tall image of Our Lady of Guadalupe imprinted on Juan Diego’s cloak in 1531 depicts a young pregnant woman encircled by rays of sunlight.”

“With her dark complexion and mixture of indigenous and Spanish features, Our Lady of Guadalupe represents the unity of all people. She gazes downward with the tender, loving expression of a mother gazing at her child.

“For Mexico’s indigenous people, the image contained rich symbolism.”

Source: <https://thecatholicspirit.com/special-sections/travel-and-pilgrimages/unveiling-the-image%E2%80%99s-hidden-meaning/>



The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe>

<https://watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message>

Need to register for “Formed” access first. Register at <https://formed.org/>
[Parish Code: BVPDYC]

PARTICIPATE IN CHRISTMAS JOY OF SHARING 2020!

On Christmas day, St. Maximilian Kolbe parishioners will once again **prepare and serve meals to over 1,100 people at 10 different Houston area shelters**. We will provide everything from the bar-be-cue chicken to the paper plates and the plastic forks! Due to the current circumstances, this year will be different than previous years as most shelters are requesting that we serve “to go” lunches. Due to this, we will only require 30 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Bobby Knight at 281-813-0983 or e-mail at rknight829@gmail.com

In addition to a few volunteers, we will certainly need prayers and monetary support. To reduce shopping trips and bringing donations to St. Maximilian, **we will only accept monetary (cash, checks, etc.) donations this year** and will have a small group of volunteers do all required shopping. Donations can be made via Faith Direct (designate Christmas Joy of Sharing) or volunteers will be outside church after Masses the weekends of December 5-6 and December 12-13 to collect donations.

The following locations will be served on Christmas Day:



Location	Number
Loaves & Fishes (plus Home Deliveries) – prepared at site	500
Star of Hope (Men + Women/Transitional) – will be delivered from St. Max	325
Casa Juan Diego (Men & Women) – will be delivered from St. Max	135
Mission of Yahweh – will be delivered from St. Max	60
Isaiah House – will be delivered from St. Max	20
Pope John XXIII Village (Retired Priests) – prepared at site	10
Saint Joseph Clubhouse – will be delivered from Loaves & Fishes	30
Kolbe House – will be delivered from St. Max	10

For those who want to help in a different way, as part of her Gold Award, [Megan Anderson of Girl Scout Troop 15381](#) will be working with us and having a blanket, travel size toiletries, and socks drive for the homeless and will be collecting donations after masses the weekends of Dec 5-6 and Dec 12-13.

As always, your prayerful support is greatly appreciated!

“The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ Matthew 25:40

One of the many Faces of DSF supported programs

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD PLEASE SUPPORT DSF!!

Your help is needed! There is time to donate! **We have a bit further to go to cover our \$28,477 shortfall!** You may donate by check, credit card, or debit card, making online payments using e-check, all on the DSF website at www.archgh.org/dsf. Send a check (made payable) to DSF, PO Box 4681, Houston, TX, 77210-4681 using one of the DSF envelopes in the pews or in the Church narthex. Thank you for your generosity and support. Each donation is important, none too small.

BRING YOUR GREATEST GIFTS TO THE LORD

DSF 2020 Parish Mandatory Amount:	\$138,000
Pledged:	\$ 103,449
Paid:	\$ 109,523
Pledged Under Mandatory Amount:	(\$ 34,551)
Paid Under Mandatory Amount:	(\$ 28,477)
Number of Participants:	339
Total Number of Households:	1,995

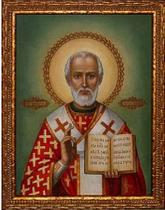
Have you made your DSF pledge yet?

Our mandatory amount is \$138,000. We are short \$28,477. If we do not reach this \$28,477 shortfall, then we must dip into parish income to make up the difference. To donate, pick up a DSF pledge envelope in the pew or by the exit doors. Or go to: <https://www.archgh.org/dsf>

We can meet our DSF! Please contribute today!

DECEMBER: For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

**December 6th – St. Nicholas**

St. Nicholas had a generous heart and gave away most of his fortune. His anonymous acts of generosity helped him become the patron of children.

Weekend Homilies are recorded & posted now on our parish webpage above the menu bar next to bulletins: <https://stmaximilian.org/>

Christmas Trees, Flowers & Decoration Fund

Please be extra generous with your donation for Christmas trees, flowers & decoration fund. We have invested in some Christmas trees, decorations, flower pot containers, etc., that can be re-used for years to come. Though there is an up-front cost, it is an investment savings for years to come. So please be generous. Thank you.

Confessions during Advent

Wednesday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass
6 pm – 7 pm or as long as needed

Friday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass

Saturday: 7:45 am – 8:15 am
30 minutes after 8:30 am Mass
3 pm – 4:30 pm

Or by appointment.

See additional times.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Laura Aguianga, Bill Carew, Emilio Chavez-Cody, Kayson Clay, Patricia Crim, Joseph Coury, Martha Dardnel, DeLeon Family, Courtney Durocher, Jearald Dyer, John Eaves, Bobby Embesi, Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., Isidra Flores, Missy Fouts, Joseph Gallagher, Carol Ann Geary, Eric Gensch, Richard Geveshausen, Kenny Gordon, Francisco Grados, Mack Harper, Mitzi Harper, Mary Hebert, Rachel Huebel, Linda Johnson, Monsignor Milam Kleas, Madison Koopmann, Laurine Krejci, Mrs. Hoang Le, Hoken Linden, Rachele Marchisio, Ashley Mueller, Richard Ornelaz, Vic Pennell, Stan Petty, Jennifer Quintanilla, Most Reverend Vincent M. Rizzotto, D.D., J.C.L., Jose Rodriguez, Kent Rogers, Jeff Rowell, Alveraise Saizan, Maria Senjudo, Tony Sliva, Louise Slott, Grace Smith, Joey Smith, Lance Smith, Irma Sosa, Christine Swiech, Ken Switzler, Randy Thomas, Fr. John Ulm, & Linda Webb, Frances Wooley and family

If you would like someone added to our Parish Prayer List, contact the parish office @ 281-955-7324. Going forward the Prayer List in the bulletin will be reviewed periodically and names on the list over 90 days will be removed unless we receive notification to retain them. May God bless you, protect you and please keep all those on our list in your prayers. Thank you.

Tuesday, Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception

Confessions: 7:45-8:15 am; 5:45-6:45 pm
30 minutes after 8:30 am & 7 pm Masses

Friday, Dec. 11—Vigil: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Confessions: 5:45 pm-6:45 pm
30 minutes after 7 pm Mass

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

(No 8:30 am Mass on Thursday, Dec. 24)

4 pm, 6:30 pm & 9 pm Masses*

10 am Mass*: Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

30 minutes of caroling prior to all 4 Christmas Masses.

5 pm Mass*: New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31

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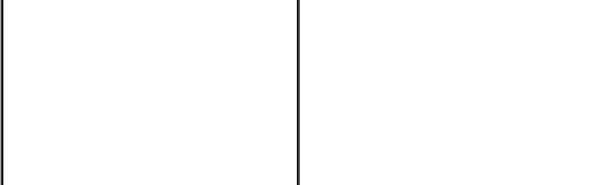



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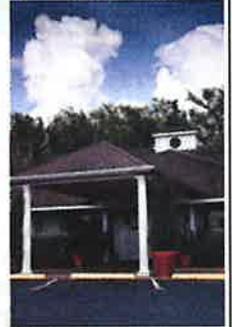
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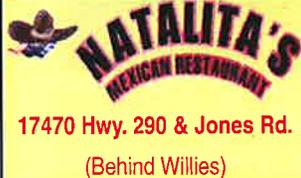
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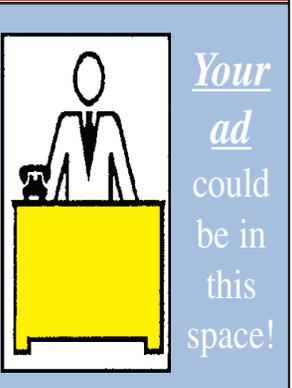
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