

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017  
DOMINGO 24 DE DECIEMBRE DEL 2017**

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*



**Intenciones de Misa para esta Semana**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 / 24 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:00 am  | Joe Genzer†  |
| 10:00 am | Daniel Zissat†   |
| 12:00 pm | Maria Bautista y Rosamaria Gutierrez†<br>Veronica Hernandez† |
| 4:00 pm  | Sam J. Messina† Josephine Messina                            |
| 6:00 pm  | Ed Havel† Agustin Osorio†                                    |
| 8:00 pm  | Alejandro del Rio† Guillermo Flores†                         |
| 11:00 pm | Por los Sacerdotes de esta parroquia                         |

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 / 25 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:00 am  | Mr. & Mrs. A. Gutierrez Jr.† Agustin Osorio† |
| 10:00 am | Adan & Amelia Cadenat†                       |
| 12:00 pm | Alfonso & Isabel Gonzalez†                   |

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 / 26 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:15 am | Mui & Binh Trant† |
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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 / 27 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:15 am | Nick & Esther Kellent† Agustin Osorio† |
| 7:00 pm | Eugene Horrt†                          |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 / 28 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:15 am | Agustin Osorio† Mui & Binh Trant† |
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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 / 29 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:15 am | Agustin Osorio† |
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 / 30 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:15 am | Sebastine Vargheset† Agustin Osorio† |
| 5:30 pm | For All our Priest                   |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 / 31 DE DICIEMBRE**

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| 8:00 am  | Agustin Osorio†             |
| 10:00 am | Richard & Betty† Kłodginski |
| 12:00 pm | Jose G & Rosa Carbajal†     |
| 2:30 pm  | Evans Luna† Martha Nunez†   |
| 5:00 pm  | Fran Gallghert†             |
| 7:00 pm  | Sabrina Moralest†           |

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** - That we take time daily to thank God for the many gifts He has given us, especially the gift of Faith.

Budgeted Weekly Need / Presupuesto Semanal.....	\$ 24,150.00
Offertory Collection / Diezmos 12/17/2017.....	\$ 19,693.00
<b>Overage/Sobrante (Deficit /Faltante) .....</b>	<b>\$ -4,457.00</b>
DSF (Goal \$121,000).....	93% \$111,594.00

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

**LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

This is the last Sunday of Advent, and there is no 4<sup>th</sup> week to follow. And so today we can ask ourselves: Are we ready for

Christmas? Jesus is hoping we are. He has something he wants to tell each one of us this Christmas, something he wants to give us, something wonderful he wants us to do. Just like Mary in today's Gospel passage, he has a word, a message for each one of us, and if we are ready for it, as Mary was ready, it will bring Christ into our lives and into the world in a new, life-changing way, just as the angel's message brought Christ into Mary's womb so long ago. But are we ready? How can we know if we are ready? There are signs by which we can gauge our readiness for the special grace of Christmas. It's not by seeing if our shopping list has every item checked off. It's not by seeing if our decorations are all up. And it's not by making sure that all our Christmas cards have made their way out the door. Those are good things, but secondary, exterior things. The real preparation for Christmas happens on the inside; that's where we find the signs. One sign that we are ready for Christmas is also given to us by King David in the First Reading. Once his palace was in order and his enemies were pushed beyond the borders, he didn't get lazy. Instead, he started to think about what else he could do for God. He realized that the Ark of the Covenant, the golden chest containing the Ten Commandments, the Manna, and Aaron's staff, the holy place where God's presence is made manifest, was still housed in a tent, while he was living it up in a palace. And so he asked the prophet Nathan if he should build a temple. God didn't want him to build a temple - that was left to David's son, King Solomon, but it was the right question to ask. When David asked "What more can I do for you and your people, Lord?" God revealed his will and his plan; he sent the magnificent prophecy of the Messiah. To be ready for God's revelation this Christmas, we too must be asking that question: What more can I do for God and his Church?

What is God asking of me? Each one of us is called not only to receive God's grace, but to be instruments of his grace. Just as he had a mission for the Blessed Virgin Mary, so he has a mission for us; she was the first Christian, the first person to bring Christ into the world; we are her spiritual children, called to bring Christ into the corners of our world where his light still doesn't shine. Are we asking that question? Do we want to be active Christians? To be ready for Christmas, we need to look in today's Second Reading. In this very long sentence from the New Testament Letter to the Romans, St Paul is praising God for his mysterious and wonderful plan of salvation, which was "kept secret for long ages," but now has been "proclaimed," revealed, and "manifested through the prophetic writings." When we hold a Bible in our hands, we are holding these "prophetic writings," this revelation of the mystery of God, hidden for so long. But how often do we hold a Bible in our hands? How often do we open its pages to read, reflect, and meditate on these sacred, inspired words? Maybe because Bibles are so common nowadays, and we are so familiar with it, we tend to take the Bible for granted. But we mustn't - not if we want to be ready to hear, understand, and obey God's message to us this Christmas. In today's Gospel, Mary gives us the perfect example of how we ought to treat the sacred scriptures. When God's messenger greeted her, St Luke tells us that she "pondered what sort of greeting this might be." Each chapter of the Bible is like a message from God for our souls, and we too must "ponder" what it might mean for us. God wants to bring a new spiritual springtime into each of our souls. To be ready for it, we must take time each day to ponder his sacred Word, opening our hearts to him in prayerful reflection on the Bible.

May God Bless You,

Father Dan

## CARTA DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos Parroquianos,

Este es el último Domingo de Adviento, y no hay 4<sup>TH</sup> semana a seguir. Y hoy podemos preguntarnos: ¿Estamos listos para Navidad? Jesús espera que lo estemos. Él tiene algo que quiere decirnos a cada uno de nosotros esta Navidad, algo que quiere darnos a nosotros, algo maravilloso que quiere que nosotros hagamos. Al igual que María en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, él tiene una palabra, un mensaje para cada uno de nosotros, y si estamos listos para ello, como María estaba lista, traerá a Cristo a nuestras vidas y a un nuevo Mundo, y en cambio de vida, al igual que el ángel con su mensaje trajo a Cristo al vientre de María hace mucho tiempo. ¿Cómo podemos saber si estamos listos? Hay signos por los cuales podemos medir nuestra disposición para la gracia especial de Navidad. No es por ver si nuestra lista de compras tiene todos los elementos revisados. No solamente ver si nuestras decoraciones están todos listas.

. Y no es asegurándose de que todas nuestras Tarjetas de Navidad están ya en camino. Esas son cosas buenas, pero secundarias, cosas exteriores. La preparación real para la Navidad sucede por dentro; ahí es donde encontramos las señales. Un signo de que estamos listos para la Navidad es también lo que el rey David nos dice en la primera lectura. Una vez que su palacio estaba en orden y sus enemigos fueron empujados más allá de las fronteras, no se hizo perezoso. En cambio, empezó a pensar en ¿Qué más podía hacer por Dios? Se dio cuenta de que el arca de la Alianza, el cofre de oro que contiene los diez mandamientos, el maná, y el bastón de Aarón, el lugar santo donde La presencia de Dios se manifiesta, se encuentra todavía en una tienda, mientras que él estaba viviendo en un Palacio. Y así le preguntó al Profeta Nathan si debía construir un Templo. Dios no quería que él construyera un templo-eso fue dejado al hijo de David, al rey Salomón, pero él lo hizo la pregunta correcta. Cuando David preguntó "¿Qué más puedo hacer para usted y su pueblo, señor? Dios reveló su voluntad y su plan; envió a la profecía magnífica del Mesías. Para estar listos a la revelación de Dios esta Navidad, nosotros también debemos hacernos esa pregunta: ¿Qué más puedo hacer para Dios y su iglesia?

¿Qué me está pidiendo Dios? Cada uno de nosotros esta llamado no sólo a recibir La gracia de Dios, sino a ser instrumentos de su gracia. Al igual que tenía una misión para la Santísima Virgen María, tiene una misión para nosotros; ella fue la primera cristiana, la primera persona en traer a Cristo al mundo; Somos sus niños espirituales, llamados a traer a Cristo a los rincones de nuestro mundo donde su luz todavía no brilla. ¿Nos estamos haciendo esa pregunta? ¿Queremos ser cristianos activos Para estar listos para la Navidad? necesitamos mirar en la segunda lectura de hoy. En esta frase muy larga de la carta del nuevo testamento a los romanos, San Pablo está alabando a Dios por su misterioso y maravilloso Plan de salvación, que fue "mantenido en secreto por largos años, "pero ahora ha sido proclamado", revelado, se manifiesta a través de los escritos proféticos." Cuando tenemos una Biblia en nuestras manos, estamos sosteniendo estos "escritos proféticos, "esta revelación del misterio de Dios, escondido por tanto tiempo. Pero ¿con qué frecuencia tenemos una Biblia en nuestras manos? ¿Con qué frecuencia abrimos sus páginas, leemos, reflexionamos y meditamos sobre estas palabras sagradas e inspiradas? Tal vez porque las Biblicas son tan comunes hoy en día, y estamos tan familiarizados con ellas, tendemos a dar por sentada la Biblia. Pero no -no si queremos ser listo para escuchar, entender y obedecer el

mensaje de Dios para nosotros esta Navidad. En el Evangelio de hoy, María nos da el ejemplo perfecto de cómo debemos tratar las Sagradas Escrituras. Cuando el Mensajero de Dios la saludó, San Lucas nos dice que ella "reflexionó ¿Qué tipo de saludo este podría ser? Cada capítulo de la Biblia es como un Mensaje de Dios por nuestras almas, y nosotros también debemos "reflexionar" lo que podría significar para nosotros. Dios quiere traer una nueva primavera espiritual en cada una de nuestras almas. Para estar listo para ello, debemos Tomarnos tiempo cada día Para reflexionar sobre su palabra sagrada, abriendo nuestros corazones a él en una reflexión orante sobre la Biblia.

Que Dios te bendiga, Padre Dan.

## 4to domingo de Adviento

"*;Salve, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo!*" – Lucas 1:28 La fe es un regalo de Dios. Toma tiempo en silencio y dale gracias a Él por todos los dones que te ha dado. Trata de dejar de lado cualquier ira o resentimiento que tengas y abre tu corazón para recibir el don de la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. No podemos dar de lo que no tenemos. Necesitamos recibir la misericordia y el perdón de Dios antes de poder darlo a los demás.

### LA OFICINA CERRARÁ POR LOS DIAS FESTIVOS

Viernes 22 de diciembre a partir de las 12 p.m.

Sabado 23 de diciembre todo el dia

Lunes 25 de diciembre todo el dia

Martes 26 de diciembre todo el dia

Sabado 30 de diciembre todo el dia.

Lunes 1 de enero todo el dia



## CATECISMO

(de KINDER A SEXTO AÑO)

Que El Príncipe de Paz y su Santa Madre los cuiden y protejan en esta navidad y durante todo el año nuevo.

### Descanso de fin de año

Clases de Domingos: Regresamos el 7 de Enero

Clases de Martes: Regresamos el 9 de Enero

Información: (713) 464-5029

+ Recuerde traer a sus hijos a Misa todos los Domingos+



SON BIENVENIDOS LOS JOVENES DEL  
GRADO 7 AL 12

NO HAY CLASES  
DECIEMBRE 17 – ENERO 6

¿Preguntas? 713/468-9555



## Religious Education

### Kinder-6th Grade

May the Prince of Peace and His Holy Mother keep you and your family in their care this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

#### Christmas and New Year's break:

**Sunday CCE Classes** We will resume classes on January 7th.  
**Tuesday CCE classes:** We will resume classes on January 9th.

Information: (713) 464-5029

+Remember to bring your child to Sunday Masses+

LIFE TEEN follows the Church's mandate to make JESUS CHRIST the center of everything we do. LIFE TEEN Mass is held every Sunday at 5:00 pm. everyone is welcome. Bring your friends. Come worship with us. Great Music! LIFE NIGHTS follow Mass and we are open to high school teens Only, 6:30 – 8:15 pm in the Fr. Rye Center. LIFE NIGHT meetings consist of education and hot topics.

#### GREAT MUSIC! COME WORSHIP WITH US!



Call or e-mail Ricky [rickystieromifeteen@gmail.com](mailto:rickystieromifeteen@gmail.com) 713/468-9555

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS TO OUR LITURGIES AND SERVICES.**  
**ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION** is held the third Sunday of every month after the 8 am Mass in the Jerome Room. Please remember to notify your former Parish of your move. **NEXT SUNDAY:** January 21, 2018

Thank You! All your stewardship time, talent and treasure are truly appreciated. Please remember to mark your contribution envelopes with your name and amount written clearly and legibly. If you would like contribution envelopes, come by the parish office, or pick up temporary envelopes in the church. Regular use of the temporary envelopes ensures your name will then be placed on the mailing list for the next quarterly mailing. Drawings are held weekly for a beautiful family bible. To win just use your contribution envelopes!

### PARISHPAY HAS A NEW NAME “WESHARE”

**Everything will stay the same, thank you!**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** - If you would like to remember St. Jerome Parish, St. Jerome School, or St. Jerome Activity Center in your last will, you can instruct your attorney to include the following language in your will or codicil: "To Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and his successors in office for the benefit of St. Jerome Catholic Church, (or School or Activity Center), Houston, Harris County, Texas, the following: ► ►

### LET THIS COMING YEAR BE BETTER THAN ALL THE OTHERS.

Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine.

#### Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep.

Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Encourage some youth to do his or her best. Share your experience, and offer support. Young people need role models. Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be hard to digest.

Find the time to be kind and thoughtful. All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might give someone a badly needed lift. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Be kind. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him. Don't blow your own horn. If you've done something praiseworthy, someone will notice eventually.

#### Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own.

Few things are 100 percent one way or another.

Examine the demands you make on others.

Lighten up. When you feel like blowing your top, ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?"

Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you.

The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other.

Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing.

#### Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky.

Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. The can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go.

Go to war against animosity and complacency.

Express your gratitude. Give credit when it's due—and even when it isn't. It will make you look good.

Read something uplifting. Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage—why put it in your head?

Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. They never go out of style.

When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

**Take better care of yourself.** Remember, you're all you've got. Pass up that second helping. You really don't need it. Vow to eat more sensibly. You'll feel better and look better, too.

Don't put up with secondhand smoke. Nobody has the right to pollute your air or give you cancer. If someone says, "This is a free country," remind him or her that the country may be free, but no person is free if he has a habit he can't control.

**Return those books you borrowed.** Reschedule that missed dental appointment. Clean out your closet. Take those photos out of the drawer and put them in an album. If you see litter on the sidewalk, pick it up instead of walking over it.

Give yourself a reality check. Phoniness is transparent, and it is tiresome. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonders of nature. A flower is God's miracle.

**Walk tall, and smile more.** You'll look 10 years younger.

Don't be afraid to say, "I love you." Say it again. They are the sweetest words in the world.

If you have love in your life, consider yourself blessed, and vow to make this the best year ever.

HAPPY 2018. MAY GOD BLESS YOU!!

## ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK ACTIVIDADES DE ESTA SEMANA

**Sunday/Domingo, December 24**

Church Office & Facilities Closed for Christmas

**Monday/Lunes, December 25**

Church Office & Facilities Closed for Christmas

**Tuesday/Martes, December 26**

10:00 am Bible Group – The Sharon Cole ACTS House

7:00 pm Juventud & Esperanza – Adult Ed

**Wednesday/Miércoles, December 27**

6:00 pm YAG – White House

6:30 pm 10:00 AM Choir – Main Sanctuary

7:00 pm Bible Group – The Sharon Cole ACTS House

7:30 pm Legion of Mary – Jerome Room

**Thursday/Jueves, December 28**

10:00 am Adoracion por las Vocaciones-Capilla

6:00 pm Knights – Day Chapel

7:00 pm Al-Anon – Cry Room

7:00 pm Coro del grupo de Oracion – Jerome Room

**Friday/Viernes, December 29**

6:00 pm LifeTeen Band – Jerome Room

6:00 pm Coro de Ninos – Day Chapel

8:00 pm 12:00 PM Choir – Jerome Room

**Saturday/Sabado, December 30**

9:00 am ACTS Spanish Women – Music Room

**RESPECT LIFE:** The Bishops' annual pro-life digital pilgrimage, 9 Days for Life, takes place next month from Thursday, January 18 - Friday, January 26. You'll receive the novena by email automatically, and check out other ways you can participate at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE ST. JEROME DAY CHAPEL BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LIFE FROM 6:30 TO 7:00 FOLLOWED BY THE HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

### Catholic Counseling for Parishioners

Are you in need of emotional healing? Are you discouraged by your relationships with loved ones? Now is the time to get the help and healing you need. St. Jerome Catholic Church has partnered with Rejoice Counseling Apostolate to provide individual, marital, and family counseling services onsite at our parish in both English and Spanish. Parishioners and their families make use of a discounted sliding scale fee. To learn more or schedule an appointment call (844) 295-3167 or visit [www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou](http://www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou)

The Texas Rally for Life in Austin, TX will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Come stand with Catholics from around the State in support of life from conception to natural death. Cardinal DiNardo will offer Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 8:15 a.m. prior to departure for Austin. Buses will depart from St. Dominic Chancery prior to the Mass. To register, click [here](#). If your parish is interested in taking a group to this event, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2017

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Monday**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday**

1Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Thursday**

1Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

**Friday**

1Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday**

1Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;

Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 or Col

3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk

2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

### Veterans Benefits Seminar for Adults/Spouses 50+ years old

A Veterans' Benefits seminar for seniors (spouses) 50+ years old will be held at St. Laurence Parish (Ave Maria Parish Life Center), 3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The Department of Veterans Affairs will present information on benefits pertaining to health care, spouse/survivors, disabilities, and cemetery/preneed. Lunch included. No fee. Please RSVP by Thursday, January 18 by calling Mark Ciesielski, Associate Director: 713-741-8712 or [mciesielski@archgh.org](mailto:mciesielski@archgh.org) Event offered through the Archdiocesan Office of Aging Ministry.



St. Jerome Catholic School opened its doors on September 4, 1962. Fifty-five years later, St. Jerome continues to embrace and extend the mission of Christ and the Catholic Church through academics, community and service for PK4-8th grade students.

Are you curious about your Parish school? You are invited to attend the Open Houses on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 11a-2p or Monday, January 29, 2018 from 9a-2p. Hear from Student Ambassadors about why they love being a St. Jerome Bulldog, while they tour you and your family around campus. Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be open. Register on either of these days and take advantage of the registration fee discount. Come see why "Here, we are Family!" For more information, visit the school website at [www.stjeromecs.org](http://www.stjeromecs.org) or contact the school office at 713.468.7946. The office will reopen on January 3, 2018. JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!



Help our school, drop off your Box Tops to the school office, Thank you!

Consejería Católica para Feligreses

¿Necesita usted sanación emocional? ¿Está usted desanimado por causa de sus relaciones con los que ama? Este es el momento para que reciba la ayuda y la sanación que usted necesita. La Parroquia Católica de San Jerónimo se ha unido con Rejoice Counseling Apostolate para ofrecer en esta iglesia servicios de consejería individual, matrimonial, y de familias en inglés y en español. A los miembros de la parroquia y a sus familias les damos un descuento por los servicios basados en su situación económica. Para más información o para sacar una cita llame al (844) 295-3167 o visite la página virtual [www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou](http://www.MyParishCounseling.com/stjeromehou)

**Desea obtener alguna ayuda para saber cómo educar a sus hijos?** La oficina del Ministerio de Vida Familiar cuenta con un selecto grupo de 8 profesionales alrededor de la Arquidiócesis que pueden proveer estos servicios a padres que desean obtener ayuda en la crianza de sus hijos. Estos programas están diseñados para ofrecer formación y para guiar a los padres en diversas situaciones. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al 713-741-8739 o al 713-741-8711.

## **CONFESIONES**

**Cada miércoles de 6:00 a 6:50 y Sábados de 4:00 a 5:00 pm en la Iglesia. Si necesita un horario especial llamar a la oficina de la iglesia para hacer una cita con el sacerdote.**

**IDI QUE SI! POR FAVOR DONA \$5. MÁS POR SEMANA. IDONA \$2 SI PUEDES! TU IGLESIA SAN JERÓNIMO NECESITA DE TU AYUDA. IDI QUE SÍ! ¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

### **QUISIERAS DONAR FLORES PARA EL ALTAR?**

Para adornar nuestra iglesia para Navidad, para dar gracias por favores recibidos, en memoria de algún ser querido o por cualquier motivo o petición. Se reciben donaciones para cualquier dia de la semana y especialmente para los domingos. Llamen a Pilar al 713/468-9555. ¡Muchas Gracias!

**EN BUSCA DE UN LUGAR PARA UN EVENTO SOCIAL?** El Centro Padre Raye, el Outback, el Centro de Educación Para Adultos y el Pavilion están disponibles para renta. ¿Preguntas? Linda o a Martin Garcia al 713/468-9555

### **INSCRIPCION PARA NUEVOS MIEMBROS**

En español, Domingo, 21 de Enero después de Misa de 12:00pm.

### **Retiro "Joven Samuel: Háblame Señor que tu Siervo Escucha" 1 Samuel 3:10**

El Retiro "Joven Samuel" es un retiro para jóvenes-Adultos de 18-35 años de edad que se encuentran discerniendo su vocación a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa y desean profundizar en la llamada de Dios por medio del silencio y la oración. El retiro ayudará al joven a reflexionar sobre su llamado particular que Dios tiene para él o ella y a desarrollar una mejor relación de intimidad con Jesús para ser un buen discípulo y así poder responder con el corazón y las palabras del joven Samuel diciendo "habla Señor que tu siervo escucha". Vive una experiencia más profunda en el discernimiento de tu vocación por medio de la oración, el silencio, y la meditación de la Palabra.

Fecha: 30 de diciembre, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Lugar: Convento Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale St, Houston, TX 77023. Contacto: 713-652-8239, [vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org), [www.houstonvocations.com](http://www.houstonvocations.com)

**Esperamos en Dios que el Año 2018 esté lleno de bendiciones para ustedes y sus familias. Que en sus vidas siga estando presente el niño Dios que acabamos de celebrar y que siga iluminándolos para que seamos ejemplo de cómo se debe vivir en una comunidad católica. Revisemos como vivimos el año 2017 y hagamos cambios en nuestra vida de manera que no se quede solo en buenas intenciones. Hagamos que este 2017 realmente sea importante en nuestras vidas y en las de aquellos que nos rodean porque nosotros hicimos algo mejor.**

### **Dia de Servicio con Jóvenes Adultos**

Ven hacer "Manos y pies de Cristo" con cientos de Jóvenes Adultos de edades de 18-39 en el Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes Adultos día de servicio y oración el sábado, 17 de marzo del 2018. Equipos servirán ayudando a las víctimas de Harvey, al enfermo, al pobre, al que tiene hambre, prisioneros, y los inmigrantes. El día empieza a las 8:30am con la Santa Misa celebrada por el Obispo Sheltz, seguido por el desayuno y saldremos en equipos a servir alrededor de la ciudad. Inscripciones en línea requerida [www.archgh.org/yacm](http://www.archgh.org/yacm) 713-741-8778 Los participantes pueden escoger de la lista de proyectos de servicio. Cuota: \$10 incluye camiseta/desayuno.

### **¿Está interesado (a) en hablar con alguien sobre su relación matrimonial?**

Podemos ayudarle si está atravesando por algún reto en su relación de pareja. Ofrecemos sesiones de enriquecimiento matrimonial, consultoría y mentoría. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al 713- 741-8711.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

VIRTUS TRAINING: ALL volunteers/parents are required to attend the VIRTUS training program, "Protecting God's Children" and be approved **BEFORE** attending meetings, retreats, school parties, field day, etc. Visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register for your class or for more information call 713-464-5029 and ask for Johana.



**Good Men of our Parish....**

Every Tuesday @ 5:45 AM. It is early morning and well worth getting up for!



Do you have a special occasion coming up? Would you like to commemorate that special occasion by donating **FLOWERS**

**FOR OUR ALTAR?** Call Marie Foyt 713/465-6927

**HALL RENTALS AVAILABLE**

Contact Linda Garcia at the church office 713-468-9555  
Monday-Friday 5:00 PM-9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Or Cell Phone 281-686-1061

[FORMED.org/register](https://FORMED.org/register)  
Enter Parish Code: nr2424

**13th Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk –**  
Support Catholic education by joining us for one of the largest events in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Run, walk, sponsor a runner, volunteer or come to cheer on the participants! Go to [www.steps4students.org](http://www.steps4students.org) and register today!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017  
DOMINGO 24 DE DECIEMBRE DEL 2017**



**SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASS ON  
DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**8:00 AM & 10:00 AM – ENGLISH  
12:00 & 2:30 PM – SPANISH**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**5:00 PM – English  
7:00 PM – Spanish**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, MONDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**8:15 AM – English  
12:00 PM - Spanish**

**CHURCH OFFICE & FACILITIES WILL BE  
CLOSED December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Noon, December  
23<sup>rd</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>, we will re-open  
on Wednesday December 27th in  
celebration of CHRISTMAS. We will also be  
Closed on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in  
observance of New Years!!!!**

**SAY YES!! Please put \$5. More per week in the  
collection or if you just can't, at least \$2. HELP  
YOUR PARISH! Thank you very much for your generosity.**

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD** - When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!