



Advent
FIRST WEEK

During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.



Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church 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
Thursday	Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Area Advent Penance Services

December 2: St. Anthony, Danbury
December 5: St. Mary, Freeport
December 9: Sacred Heart, Manvel
December 10: St. John the Baptist, Alvin
December 17: St. Michael the Archangel
December 19: Most Holy Trinity, Angleton
December 20: St. John the Apostle, West Columbia

All services are at 7 pm.



Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions December 1-December 9, 2018

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	+Jack Lippman +Louis Lippman
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	+Pete & Bess Ermis +Mario Cruz
	9:30 AM	+Abraham Srambikudiyil +Montserrat Babaran
	11:00 AM	+Jessica Bullock Duncan +Brenda Dellamea
TUESDAY	5:30 PM	+Mary Pelliccia +George Sykora
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	+Mary Kubesch +Francisca Ruelos
THURSDAY	5:30 PM	+Ana Acevedo +Donna Schwertner
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	+Robert Martinez +Victorio Tan
	*5:30 PM	+David Garcia +Nick Cesarini
SATURDAY	*10:00 AM	+Stella Girouard
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	5:30 PM	+Guadalupe Rios +John Muhl
		+Bettie Carmody
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	+Claire Crosley
	9:30 AM	+Duane & Florence Stringer
	11:00 AM	+Charles John Savaso +Matthew Haluska
		+Jessie Prinz +Guadalupe Rios



Ruth Cleaver, Frank Drabek, Doris Follett, Paul Garcia, Bobbie Jasek, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Eileen McDonald, Bubba Moore, Paul Perdue, Doris Rutkowski, Lori Sipple, Sarah Sterzinger, Dorothy Vitek, Eddie Wleczyk, Jack & Barbara Yonge, "Boots" Ermis, Jenna Dubec, David & Pat Gifford, Fred Weatherly, Paula Price, Vera Bennett, Ray Villarreal, Judy & Nolan Link, Wilhelmina Muniza, Edith Hall, Mirella Sherman, Kate Shaw, Peyton & Tyler Boaz, Scott Kanski, Belia Hue



+Dorothy Vacek Castello, mother of Rick (Sheryl) Castello.

+Jim Wilson, husband of Carol Wilson.



If you would like to make a donation towards the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office at 979-297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia and donations may be specified "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one.

December 8 is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Friday, December 7 at 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 am. These are the **ONLY** masses at St. Michael that fulfill the obligation.

God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in heaven.
~ Pope Francis



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

Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy

A single day, Catholic retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss.

Saturday, December 15

Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities:
713-741-8728/jkfritsch@archgh.org

Suggested donation \$25 pp



Please join us for a parish "Meet and Greet" following all Masses On December 8th and 9th. Enjoy a **pancake breakfast** served by the Knights of Columbus in support of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School after the 8 and 9 am Masses on Sunday the 9th. Come and meet some new friends and learn about the ministries and organizations available here at St. Michael.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Monday — Friday

Pastor—Rev. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

Parochial Vicar—Rev. Loc Phan

Deacon—Gary Forse

Parish Office: 979-297-3041

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Office: 979-297-3043

Spiritual Learning Center: 979-299-3500

Weekend Liturgies

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—5:25 p.m. & Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm

Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church

Nursery

Available in the Family Life Center during the
9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 am—10:00 pm

Baptism Preparation

Melanie Viktorin: 979-297-3041/melanie@smlj.org

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Ministry invites St. Michael parishioners to welcome a blessed statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home. Our Lady will travel from home to home, stay for a week (Sunday to Sunday), and the host family will pray the rosary daily in her presence. Our Blessed Mother will be brought to your home on Sunday and before leaving her, the rosary will be recited with your family. The following Sunday, the statue will be picked up and taken to the next host family. Please contact **Diane 979-709-6956** or **Pam 979-297-9011** to schedule a week.



Please consider adding this wonderful blessing to your family's spiritual life! There are lots of weeks available and it's very simple to sign up. Just give Diane Vu a call or email her at thuandiep@sbcglobal.net and she will send you the **sign-up link**.

Looking ahead— HOLIDAY CLOSURES and other information:

All parish offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Watch the bulletin and website for Mass times.

The **Adoration Chapel** will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Holiday bulletin deadlines:

December 30 bulletin deadline: Friday, December 21 at 11 am.

January 6 bulletin deadline: Friday, December 28 at 11 am.



Already contributed to this year's DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND? We thank you for your generosity and support of more than 60 ministries within our Archdiocese! If you have not had the opportunity to donate to **DSF** this year, please visit: www.archgh.org/dsf. Let us all join in prayer that our faith and commitment will be *Instruments of God's Mercy*.

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IGNITE UPDATE

Amount paid so far: **\$712,897** from **252** families. Please write all checks to **IGNITE** and mail directly to the Archdiocese.

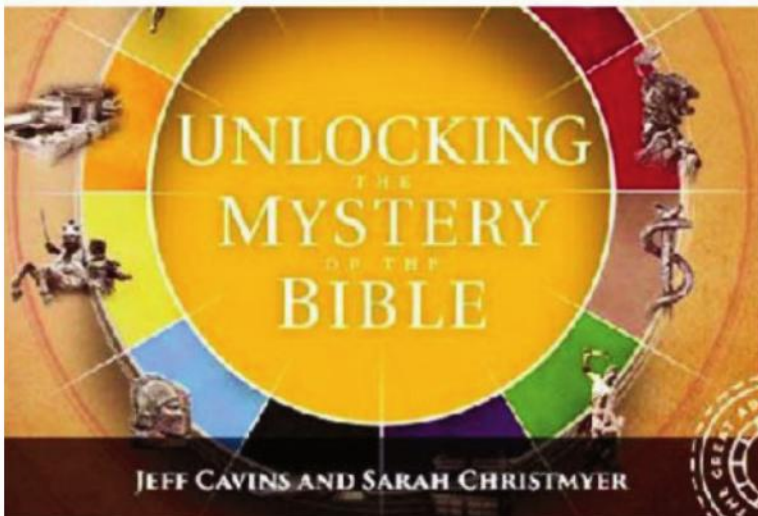
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Learn more: Camille Forse 979-299-3145
tcforse@hotmail.com

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please let us know if you or a loved one needs Holy Communion brought to the home. Call the parish office at 979-297-3041

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE



When: Thursdays, October 11, 18 & 25

Thursdays, November 1, 8 & 15

Thursdays, December 6 & 13, 2018

Where: Wolter's Room

Time : 7:00 PM

Facilitator: Nirm Thomas

An Engaging Journey Through the Bible - This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

You will:

- Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life
- Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments
- See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAININGS

Protecting God's Children (PGC)

Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson: Dec. 15 @ 9:00 am

St. Dominic Chancery, Houston: Dec. 18 @ 1 pm

To locate other trainings and to register:
www.virtus.org

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

Contact Melanie at 979-297-3041/melanie@smlj.org with any questions.

FOOD+FRIENDS+FAITH FORMATION

Join us at 5:30pm in Wleczyk Hall on **Wednesday** evenings for food and fellowship before Faith Formation. Plan to stay for discussions and information on "Who is Jesus Christ?" and "How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?"

The Family Meal Nights are free to all thanks to your generous donations to the Archdiocesan Ignite Campaign.

Planning to be married in the Church?



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

Discernment for 2019 Pastoral Council will be **Sunday, December 16th 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? Contact Daniel Caraballo at 352-446-8458.



HOUR OF GRACE
Saturday, December 8
Noon-1 pm
Angelina Room



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 help others.



The Knights are hosting the parish's next blood drive **THIS Sunday, December 2** from 8:30 am until 1 pm in Wleczyk Hall. 334 units of blood have been collected this year so far. Please come out and share the gift of life.

FORMED

St Michael Faith Formation is happy to provide you with FREE access to **FORMED.org**, a Catholic website bringing you resources to watch, read, listen and study your Catholic faith. You can also download the free FORMED app to get this information at your fingertips. To get started, visit smlj.formed.org. Simply fill in your info and you will be ready to explore all that Formed.org has to offer. If needed, our parish code is **HJPYFH**. See our website for the **Pick of the Week**.



ADORATION CHAPEL

We currently have **MANY empty hours** in our schedule that we need to fill in order to be in compliance with Vatican guidelines. Please consider adding this valuable ministry to your spiritual life. To volunteer contact Jody Epps 979-297-8804/jaepps@mac.com.

The Chapel will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1.

BEST **Advent** EVER

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON


Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with ...

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey



To sign up, visit

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GAP Christmas Project

Our Parish Family is supporting GAP
(Grandparents as Parents) for Christmas!

Please consider taking a gift tag from the tree in the FLC
and return the unwrapped gift with the tag to the Youth Office
NO later than Thursday, December 6th.

Have families, Bible study groups, ministries, or work groups
go in together.

If you take a tag and see that you are unable to purchase the gift,
please return the tag to the tree in a timely manner.

For non-shoppers, monetary donations
are welcome. We have shopping elves who will take care of it for you!



BAKE SALE-Save the Date!

Let the elves (Catholic Daughters) do your holiday baking
Sunday, December 16th after all Masses in the FLC

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12

7:45 am - Las Mananitas

Breakfast to follow in Wleczyk Hall

8:00 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass



Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 15th from 9am - Noon

Enjoy food, fellowship, and faith with
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CDA Prayer Blanket Ministry

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off in the youth office. Thank you!

Attention ALL organizations, ministries, Bible studies and other groups: It is time to make sure your recurring meetings are on the 2019 Facilities Calendar. We want to be sure the correct rooms are reserved for the correct dates and times for the next year and ahead. As you know, we use an electronic calendar which is updated daily. The calendar may be viewed on our website www.smlj.org under the *News & Events* tab. There are also hard copies outside the main office and Angelina room. Please contact Melanie at 979-297-3041 or melanie@smlj.org with your meeting plans for 2019. Your room will NOT be reserved if you do not update your information. Thank you in advance.

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