

*Peace*



*Advent*





"Repent," John the Baptist cried out, "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He told the people of Judea that to prove their sincerity, they should produce good fruit. We should heed his call. To prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming, we can begin with an examination of conscience. Let us see when and how we have failed to produce good fruit and commit to bearing good fruit in the future.

### Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Damasus I, Pope</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> 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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2, 3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Rest in peace +**

**+Bernardo Mendez**, uncle of Father  
Dwight.

### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions December 7-15, 2019

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	+Mary Kubesch +Charles John Savaso People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	+Victorio Tan +Nick Cesarini +Jessie Prinz +Jessica Bullock Duncan +Rev. Joseph A. Novak, S.J. +Rodger & Jean Simpkins Larry Samson-KC of the Mo. Ted & Juanita Oppermann- KC Fam. of Mo.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Mary Kubesch +Johnny Girouard +Ma. Guadalupe Gutierrez +Robert Simpkins +Ryan Barnes +Dcn. Gary Forse +Robert Martinez +Maria Alvarado
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>5:30 PM</b>	+John Muhl +Drew Muhl +David Posados +Jim Swanzy People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	+Doris Rutkowski +Mary Yung
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	

**Homebound or Hospitalized?** Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to receive Holy Communion.

**Pray for those who are ill:**

Ruth Cleaver, Frank Drabek, Paul Garcia, Bobbie Jasek, Sarah Langston, Tom Loftus, Bubba Moore, Paul Perdue, Lori Sipple, Dorothy Vitek, Eddie Wleczyk, "Boots" Ermis, David Gifford, Fred Weatherly, Paula Price, Vera Bennett, Ray Villarreal, Judy & Nolan Link, Wilhelmina Muniza, Edith Hall, Mirella Sherman, Kate Shaw, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Ann Riedel, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Monica Caraballo.



### UPCOMING

- All parish offices will be closed for the holidays December 24-27 and January 1.
- The Adoration Chapel will be closed December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1.
- Due to the upcoming holidays, the December 29th bulletin deadline is Friday, December 20th at 9 am. The January 5th bulletin deadline is Friday, December 27th at 9 am.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

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

#### New Chapel hours:

Monday thru Friday 9am-10pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-10pm

Please prayerfully consider making the Adoration Chapel a part of your weekly prayer time.

Please consider committing one hour of your week to spend with the Blessed Sacrament. We have 21 hours that have only 1 person. For us to reach compliance we are required to fill these hours.

For information please contact Jody Epps 713-819-8870/jaepps@mac.com





Dear Parish Family,

A few days ago, I read an article regarding how the Christmas sales are going. Some stores claimed sales were up and others claimed they were down, and a few said they are the same as last year. And this just the day after Thanksgiving! It is the beginning of the countless trips we make to the malls for our Christmas shopping.

There has been no reporting on what the world is getting Jesus for His birthday. So, allow me to suggest: first, put Jesus on your shopping list. We have done many things for Christmas over the years, but have we ever written down His name before—between or after all the other names of friends and family? Now, we need to decide what to get for him. What does the Son of God need? Did Mary and Joseph give Him presents? As God, doesn't He have it all? What about me? Actually, that is the answer—Jesus wants me! As we prepare this gift, we should begin by getting rid of old "wrappings" of material things, and dress ourselves as a pure, sacred, and reconciled child of God. As an image and likeness of God, you and I are most precious! How much hope and serenity can be seen in our eyes? The twinkle, the shine; how much brightness do we bring to a darkened world? "I absolve you," are such simple words, yet they convey healing and peace; a oneness with our God like the day we were baptized. If you were not able to come to our Penance service last Wednesday evening, there are still plenty of opportunities for that before the Big Feast of Christmas. Let us allow Jesus to touch and heal us through the Sacrament. Amen!

Peace,

Father Dwight

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day and Celebration



Thursday, December 12  
7:45 am—Las Mananitas  
8:00 am—Rosary  
8:30 am—Mass  
Breakfast following in Wleczyk Hall  
Please join us!

### THE WORD AMONG US GOES DIGITAL

After Advent, *WAU* will **no longer be printed** due to our commitment to the care of God's creation. To access *WAU*, please visit the homepage of our website at [sistersofcharity.org](http://sistersofcharity.org).



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Our Parish Bazaar will  
be held on  
**April 19, 2020.**  
*Please note date change.*



Unwrap the gifts of your marriage on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Start your new year out right and sign up to attend on **February 14-16** or **March 13-15, 2020**. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to [www.houstonme.org](http://www.houstonme.org).

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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 pm**  
**Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am**  
**Sacrament of Penance**  
Tuesday 5:00-5:20 pm 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**  
M-F 9 am-10 pm  
Sat. 9am -5 pm Sun. 12 Noon-10 pm



### St. Michael has an opening for Youth Minister

This person will oversee and professionally manage, plan and execute the faith formation programs and events/activities of middle school and high school, grades 7—12 in collaboration with the Director of Faith Formation.

- BA in Theology or related field preferred.
- 2 – 3 years of experience working in Religious Education or equivalent.
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as necessary.
- Willing to comply with Archdiocesan requirements for continuing education and Safe Haven.

Complete job description and requirements available upon request. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and references via email to [pastor@smlj.org](mailto:pastor@smlj.org).

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## AMAZING POSSIBILITIES

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Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST ADVENT EVER — a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays!

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### DIRECTORY UPDATE— Parishioners, please pick up your directories!

We have MANY pictorial **directories** that still need to be picked up. There are also a few **portraits** that need to be picked up, as well. Please help us by stopping by the parish office between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, Monday-Friday if you still need your **directory** or **portrait**.



**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.

### VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

If you feel a calling to enhance the church for the liturgical seasons, we would welcome your help on the **Environment and Arts Committee**. You must be willing to take the Safe Haven training, if you have not done so. Please contact Norma Taylor 979-236-2980 or Debbie Vavra 979-236-9177

There is also a need for more **Liturgical Ministers** to serve at Mass. In particular at this time, we are extremely short on ushers at most service times. Please contact the parish office at 979-297-3041.

*We can assist you with Safe Haven if you are not currently in compliance.*

### HOUR OF GRACE

Sunday, December 8  
12:30-1:30 pm  
Adoration Chapel



For information contact Art Vandaveer:  
[Artv071945@gmail.com](mailto:Artv071945@gmail.com)



Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, the Knights will be selling their barbeque chickens on **December 8th**.



If you would like to make a donation toward the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office at 979-297-3041. The requested donation is \$15 per poinsettia and donations may be specified "in honor" or "in memory"

**Looking for parenting help?** The office of Family Life Ministry has trained professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston who provide services to parents needing assistance with their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral issues in children. To obtain more information please contact us at 713-741-8739 or 713-741-8711.





**SENIOR FRIENDS BINGO** will be held on **Tuesday, December 10th** at 10 am in the F-Wing. Bring a covered dish to share. There is no charge to play and there are prizes! Reminder: *everyone who plays bingo must be a St. Michael Parishioner.*

**Archdiocesan Young Adult Day 2020:** "Your Burning Heart is Holy Ground". Come and join hundreds of young adults (single and married) ages 18-39 for a day of fellowship, music, prayer and workshops. Saturday, March 21 from 9:00.a.m. to 6:00.p.m. Presented in English and Spanish at St. Jerome Catholic Church 8825 Kempwood Dr., Houston, TX 77080. Information: [www.archgh.org/yacm/713-741-8778/yacm@archgh.org](http://www.archgh.org/yacm/713-741-8778/yacm@archgh.org).

**Third Order Lay Carmelites** — Would you like to deepen your prayer life and develop a closer relationship with God? Lay Carmelites are called to be involved in the mission of the Church by sanctifying the world through prayer. We are people from all walks of life, married, single, widowed who go about our daily lives contemplating God's presence in the midst of everything and bringing others to Christ by the way we live our lives. Our role models are the prophet Elijah because of his zeal for the Lord, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, because she teaches us the way of contemplative prayer. We study and meet together in community once a month. We have new formation classes beginning soon. For more information on what Carmel is all about, contact Yajaira Ayala at 832-330-6092 or Kathy Schutz at 936-203-7954.

Looking for something special to do during **ADVENT**? Why don't you join us...

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**Men's Advent Prayer Breakfast**  
Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 with Cardinal DiNardo



**Father & Son Retreat (6-8th Grade)**  
Fri-Sun, Dec. 6-8, 2019 with Cooper Ray



**Iconography Mini-Workshop**  
Mon-Fri, Dec. 9-13, 2019 with Fr. Elias Rafaj



**5-Night Silent Retreat**  
Mon-Sat, Dec. 9-14, 2019 with Fr. Greg Cleveland



**Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast**  
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019 with Kim Brown

For more info or to register, visit our website at [www.retreatcentercrc.org](http://www.retreatcentercrc.org)

## Rachel's Vineyard

A weekend retreat for women and men suffering after abortion.

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A Catholic, Scripture-based retreat combining prayer, reflection, counseling and Reconciliation.

Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728/  
[jkfritsch@archgh.org](mailto:jkfritsch@archgh.org)

*All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential.*



## Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

430 Bunker Hill Rd, Houston  
Men's Retreat January 17-19, 2020

Private rooms in a beautiful and peaceful setting—with quiet time, prayer and fellowship with other men.

For information contact Tony Barnard at 979-297-3864 or visit [www.holynameretreatcenter.com](http://www.holynameretreatcenter.com)



## Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance. *It is imperative that you meet with clergy before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.* Call for an appointment at 979-297-3041.

*God is merciful towards those who admit their need*  
~ Pope Francis

## EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

### Treasures of the Church

Most Holy Trinity, Angleton  
Sunday, December 22 @ 1:00  
Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

Among the treasures will be relics of St. John, St. Joseph, St. Therese, St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Thomas and St. Faustina. Additionally, there will be a piece of a veil belonging to Our Lady, and a piece of the True Cross.



[www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com)



## Support for our Aging Religious

Our special collection this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please give generously.

### 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](http://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 **HJPFH**. See our website for the **Pick of the Week**.



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



**IGNITE UPDATE**  
**\$943,181** from **253** families.



### MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office if you or a loved one needs Holy Communion brought to the home.

## High School Girls are invited to: "Alive" Girls' Retreat 2020

February 15, 2020, 9:30– 4:30  
22730 Lain Road, Spring  
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*Explore your vocations and come fully Alive in Christ -  
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community, meet Sisters and other Consecrated  
Women, meet other High School Girls,  
and pray together!*

**Contact Claudia or Janet at 979-297-3043 if  
you are interested in attending.**

Fee: \$20-Scholarships may be available.

You may also register through the web link:

<https://cvent.me/DnPeZ>

Or contact 713-652-8239/[vocations@archgh.org](mailto:vocations@archgh.org)

## Stewardship Update

### November 2019 Collections

November 2/3:	\$20,660
November 9/10:	\$16,488
November 16/17:	\$14,102
November 23/24:	\$13,672
Thanksgiving:	\$1,583

### Special Collections:

Retired Priests: \$2,310  
Campaign for Human Development: \$2,582

**We are behind in our collection target so  
far this year.**

**Thank you for your generosity and please  
continue to support the mission of St.  
Michael the Archangel parish!**

## ATTENTION ST. MICHAEL VOLUNTEERS!

**ALL volunteers in ALL ministries are required to be trained in the  
SAFE HAVEN program.**

**THANK YOU to all who volunteer here at St. Michael!**

Safe Haven training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that is approximately 60 minutes and will include a criminal background check that must be completed. These trainings are available in English and Spanish. *All Safe Environment trainings will only be available online.*

- **All volunteers** must complete the training and complete a background check prior to the start of volunteer service.
- A refresher training is required every 5 years. **\*DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT TO TAKE THE REFRESHER.** As the 5-year anniversary date is met, you will need to log into CMGConnect with your previous personal VIRTUS user id and **1234** as the password. **Once you have logged in to CMGConnect account, you will be able to change your PASSWORD.**

**\*If you do not remember your user id, you may contact: Melanie Viktorin at 979-297-3041/  
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