

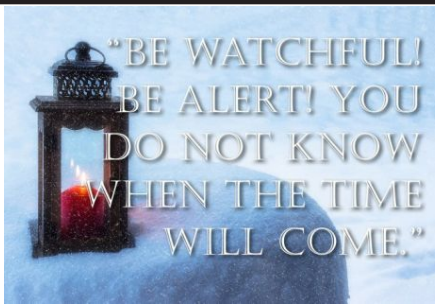


WATCH, THEREFORE  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
*the Lord is Coming*

MARK 13:35



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

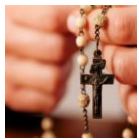


"Watch!" The final word of today's Gospel binds together our readings on this First Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the Lord, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People.

Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>Monday</b>	Is 2: 1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the 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>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



### Rosary

**Mondays at 7 pm in the Church**

**Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 am. in the Church**



### Pray for those who are ill:

Sarah Langston, Paula Price, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Barbara Yonge, Carson Thelan, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Joyceline Nachtgaele, Steven Joni Bergeron, Maurice Badeaux, Steven Rod, Ron Jones, Ronnie Hock, Carolyn Erickson, Rene Damian, Janet Anderson Cook, Lance Savant, Scott Morgan, Amelia Garcia, Stacy Yates, Juan & MaryAnn Longoria, Charles Arnold, Kennedy Grandjean, Mike Sabrula, Kenny Cicherski, Sarah Sterzinger

### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Dec. 2 thru 10

<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Jim Solis †Doris M. Pessarra
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	†Boots Ermis †Annette Hoss
	9:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	†Montserrat Babaran †Francisca Florido
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†John Rosser †Fred Mathis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Marie Sequitin †Marlyn Villena
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 AM	†Bobbie Jasek †Sophie Korenek
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Victoria Tan †Lillian Sablatura
	7:00 PM	†Dcn. Harold & Lucille Orscheln †Sandra Worth
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Jessica Bullock Duncan †Kay Jones
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	†Bill Cook †Susan Marie Furlan
	9:30 AM	†Johnny Girouard †Claire Cromeans
	11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish

### Advent Reconciliation Times



**Tues (Fr. Leo) 5—6pm**  
**Weds (Fr. Dwight) 4:30 to 6pm**  
**Thurs (Fr. Dwight) 4:30 to 6pm**  
**Saturday 4 to 5pm**

**Also offered by appointment**



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12-6pm in the **Church**.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU** to St. Michael's. We have had Eucharistic Adoration available for 7 days a week for over 40 years for ourselves and our community!

To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at [adoration@smlj.org](mailto:adoration@smlj.org).

### Adoration Holiday Schedule

**There will be NO ADORATION on these days:**

**Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24th & Monday, Dec. 25th**

**New Years Eve Sunday, December 31, 2023**

**New Years Day Monday, January 1, 2024**

Dear Parish Family,

Last Thursday morning after the 8:30 mass, as was announced last Sunday, our Altar of our deceased loved ones was put away and saved for its future use. We had pictures of deceased loved ones displayed on that altar for the whole month of November. We prayed for the eternal repose of their souls after every mass. I am wondering, have you ever stopped by at the altar to see each photo that was there? Each time I stand before the altar as we pray for them, I look at each of those photos, and wonder what their lives were like? I am sure they touched the lives of those who were left behind and their memories are enshrined and etched forever in their hearts. They will be cherished forever. One thing I also noticed in all of those photos was that they were smiling and looked happy. If their smiles were not that obvious, all you needed to do is look at their eyes. The eyes say it all! It led me to think how they were on earth is how they are in the presence of God! Their smiles were just an indication of the future life that awaits for them in heaven and also what awaits us as well!

I want to thank you for sharing those photos. It's a beautiful reminder that they are not really gone from us. They will always be with us and we will be reunited with them one day! +May they Rest In Peace!

Sincerely,

*Fr. Dwight*

## Immaculate Conception Holy Day



Friday, December 8th is The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Masses will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm.**

The Church Office will be **Closed**  
December 8th for the Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception

**Bulletin Deadline** for the  
Christmas/New Year's Bulletin  
is December 14th at 4pm



All Women of the parish are invited to  
**The Women of St. Michael's Annual  
Christmas Dinner**

**Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023** at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wleczyk Hall. The Guest speaker is George Franklin. Social begins at 5:30 PM



**Christmas Masses** for 2023 will be:

Christmas Eve, Sun, Dec. 24th at  
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## **Have You Attended an ACTS Retreat?**

We have taken the initial steps to bring the ACTS Retreat to our parish. One of the first requirements is to determine if we have at least 10 men and 10 women that have attended an ACTS Retreat at a different parish. If you have attended an ACTS Retreat and are willing to help bring ACTS to our parish, please send an email to Deacon Jeff letting him know your name and the name of the Parish for the ACTS Retreat that you attended.

His email address is [dcnjeff@smlj.org](mailto:dcnjeff@smlj.org) and it is on the parish website.

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### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11/26/23

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## Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

**It is imperative that you contact the  
Parish Office before setting a wedding  
date or reserving a reception venue.**

For an appointment, call:  
979-297-3041.

## Safe Haven Training

**EVERYONE** who volunteers in **ANY** ministry at St. Michael's is required to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program: <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/>. If you do not remember your user ID, email [melanie@smlj.org](mailto:melanie@smlj.org). Please **do not** create a new account if you already have one.



## In Memoriam Gifts

If you are wishing to make on-line Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can go to [www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds) and select Memorial Gift.

Please note this is **not intended to be used for Mass Intentions** which need to be made in the office.





St. Michael's Adult Faith Formation & the Filipino Community presents...  
"Christmas in the Philippines"  
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Questions? contact:  
Maria Macaraeg (979) 388-3020

FORMED's SYMBOLON Session : Dec 6,  
Wednesday 6:00-7:15 PM, Angelina  
Room



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/mary-the-saints-our-spiritual-mother-the-communion-of-saints>

#### Session 9 – Mary and the Saints

- The Church teaches four important dogmas about Mary: Mother of God; Immaculate Conception; Perpetual Virginity; Spiritual Mother.
- Mary is the mother of God because her son Jesus is God.
- Mary is the Immaculate Conception. She was conceived full of grace and without original sin.
- She was endowed with this unique gift so that she might be a pure vessel for the Son of God and, by the grace of God, she remained free from sin for her whole life.
- Mary conceived of Jesus as a virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. She remained a virgin throughout her life as a sign of her exemplary faith and total gift of herself to God's will.
- At the end of her earthly life, Mary was given the unique privilege of being assumed body and soul into Heaven, anticipating the resurrection of all Christ's faithful at the end of time.
- Mary is the spiritual mother for all Christians. Because of her complete cooperation with Jesus's redemptive work, she continually intercedes on our behalf before her Son.
- Catholics honor Mary and the saints as models to imitate and we give glory to God for the great work he accomplished in their lives. The saints draw us closer to God.
- Catholics do not worship Mary and the saints. Rather, we seek their intercession for our needs just like we might ask a friend to pray for us.



## St. Michael's Parish Bazaar

Plans are underway for our Annual Parish Bazaar. The date of the bazaar will be

**Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

Sponsorships for the Bazaar are now being accepted. See the following page for the Sponsorship form or use the QR code or link for online payment

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**Please return this form and payment before February 1st to the  
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**St. Michael Catholic Church**

**Attn: Melanie**

**100 Oak Drive South**

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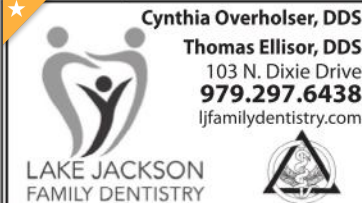
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