

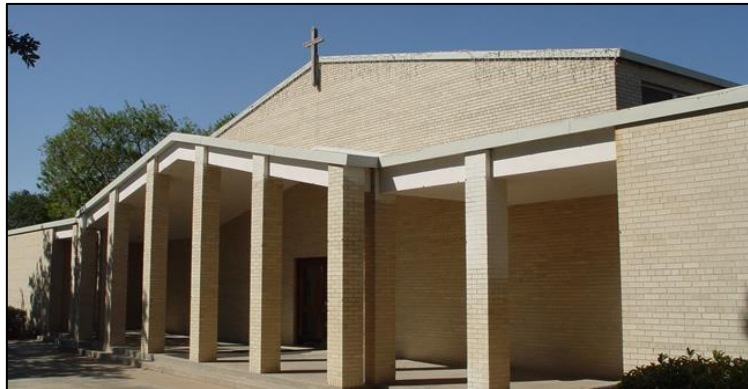
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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON – MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT †

DECEMBER 18, 2022

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN”



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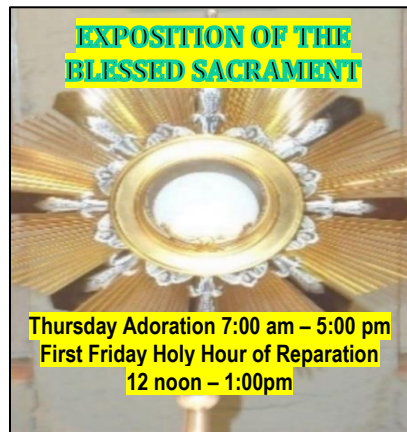
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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Tue 7:00 pm
Wed-Thurs-Fri..... 7:00 am
Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 5 pm
Saturday..... 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am ONLY!



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for appointment with the Pastor. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor or any of our Deacons at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. If remarrying and in other special cases, one year before intended wedding date.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anyone who is scheduled for surgery for a serious illness; anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed as soon as possible (preferably before going to the hospital). Contact the Parish priest for anointing.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Sign up to receive text and email messages from the parish.

Text the word SPNH to 84576 or visit flocknote.com/spnhou

Readings of the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 2022

1st Reading: Judges 13:2-, 24-25

Gospel: Luke 1:5-25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Gospel: Luke 1:26-28

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

1st Reading: Song of Songs 2:8-14

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12

Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Collection for 12/11/2022

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| Immaculate Conception..... | \$46.25 |
| Candles | \$116.25 |
| Dev. Fund..... | \$65.00 |
| DSF..... | \$790.00 |
| IGNITE..... | \$62.50 |
| Retirement for Religious..... | \$165.12 |
| Hall Rental..... | \$700.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | \$125.00 |
| Door Project..... | \$320.00 |
| Donation (Mr. Ellis)..... | \$900.00 |
| Collection..... | \$4,355.50 |
| Total..... | \$7,645.12 |

ATTENDEES

Saturday – 29

Sunday – 92

Total = 121



We are now only a week away from the day when we celebrate the Lord's coming in the Incarnation. In Jesus—Emmanuel—God is with us, as we are reminded in today's readings. For thousands of years, a waiting world yearned for this momentous event. Now we know that God's actual, physical presence in the world has been realized. Amid all the hustle and bustle of these final days before Christmas, let us not overlook the greatest gift of all.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

PAUL ALIMAJI (RIP) MEMORIAL MASS – by SPN Parish Community

BRYANNA SILVA – Birthday blessings for faith, wisdom and health – by Mom
Thank giving Mass for ELAINE LEBLANC -
Thanking God for 5 years here. Asking God for safe travels to home sweet home.

VIVIAN, JOAN, JASON & KELTON LEBLANC – His continued blessings, guidance and protection over my family – by Vivian Leblanc

Thanksgiving for MS. REGINA OGBUFOR – SPN Nigerian Community thanking God for her several years here, and arriving safely in Lagos

OHUNENE OGIEMWONYI & HER FAMILY – God's blessings, provisions and protection from all harm, evil and illnesses- by Frances Uyanwune

RUNDA J. BAILEY – May she continue to strive in God's graces, remove all negativity in her pathway. For she walks by faith and not by sight – by her daughters Delia & Ziah



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE SHUT IN

Magdalene Alimaji, Ruby Babineaux, Clarissa Battley, Monique Brightmon, Rose Broussard, Stephanie Brown, Annette Chavis, Carrol Chilo, Leola Collins, Freddie Conley, Mary Demus, Caffery Eli, William Gardiner, Marion Guilbeau, Rose Guilbeau, Enolia Guillory, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Anna Guidry, Daniel Guidry, Marie Hill, Myesha Hill, Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Jane Johnson, Granda Jolivette, Iona Jones, Irving Kennerson, Howard Kennerson, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Laws, Dee Lewis, John Lewis, Jr., Angelia Linzy, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Alice Narcisse, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krunslate Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Veronique Roberts, Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Merrick Sam, Sr., Campsey Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Reginald Jackson, Judy Humphries, Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, Desria Pradia, Margie Armstead, Dorothy Lee, Laura PreJean, and all of the ill and shut-ins.

One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 9 am – 4:30 pm - Monday – Thursday or place request in the collection basket on Saturday or Sunday. ALL requests must be in writing.

FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK
*Reflections on Marriage Engagement
of the Holy Family*

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A, 2022. Our Bible Readings are from Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24, and Ps. 24. This is the last Sunday of Advent, and it is within the Christmas Novena week. Let us reflect on the spirit of Christmas in comparison to what our world of today celebrates as Christmas, or holidays, with all its hustling and bustling.

The Jewish religion, Judaism, has many things in common with our religion, Christianity. These two religions believe in dreams and visions, and in angels, and in miracles, and in God as a loving and merciful Creator. God has compassion on his creatures who put their faith in Him. As Christians, we believe also that the Lord is the King of glory. We want and hope to share in the glory of the Lord, in his kingdom. His kingdom is open to our departed brothers and sisters.

St. Paul greets us today through his epistle to the Romans, trusting in the "resurrection from the dead," through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us sanctify ourselves with his prayer: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 1:7). St. Paul has given you and me, all of us, the assurance of faith for life eternal. For this reason, we pray for our dead with faith in the resurrection and life everlasting. Coming out of the month of November, when we prayed earnestly for our departed loved ones, we trust in the merciful judgment of the King of glory which the coming Emmanuel brings to us. Joseph, a descendant of King David, got engaged in marriage to Mary, a virgin daughter of God, unknown to him of God's plan for human salvation through her offspring, (cf. Gen. 3:15).

Let us read again the message of the angel of the Lord to Joseph in a dream: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the.....

Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:20-21). You will name him JESUS; why? "Because he will save his people from their sins." (ibid.). The prophet Isaiah (cf. Is. 7:14), prophesied about Emmanuel, a name which St. Matthew tells us today the meaning: "God is with us." (Matt. 1:23). This child is to be born by "the virgin", not just 'a virgin'. The definite article here means the designated virgin, designated by God by his own authority. In doing so God has fulfilled his promise, as we read at the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, regarding the woman whose child would strike the serpent's head, (cf. Gen. 3:15). Joseph, the righteous man, did as the angel had commanded him to do in his dream. What do you contemplate of regarding the Blessed Virgin Mary, the New Eve? Is she a mystery woman?

Have you ever received message in a dream? What did you do with it? Take some time today and this week, to reflect on your own dreams and on this Wonder Child. If you are desiring to get married, what form of prayers do you say? Or, do you pray at all for your plan and role in marriage? Do you plan to have a holy family of your own, in imitation of Joseph and Mary? If you have a difficult marriage and are contemplating divorce, have you tried to seek God's will in your marriage? Pray for your marriage, for "the family that stays together, stays together." Let the unmarried also pray for those in marriage.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held for Mr. Paul Alimaji, brother of Fr. Chris Mary Alimaji this Sunday, December 18, 2022, during the Regular 10 am Mass. We will have a basket for the envelopes to be dropped in on December 18, 2022. Lunch will be served in the Hall immediately following the Mass.

We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council.

PRAYING CHRISTIANS

The Praying Christians will begin the New Year in prayer in the first Saturday in January.

DATE: January 7, 2023

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: SPN Chapel.

DSF CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We will have a second collection for DSF on every Sunday that the Diocese has **NOT** assigned a special second collection to the churches. If we exceed our goal, all money over the \$20,000 will be given back to SPN. Please help SPN meet or exceed our \$20,000 goal. We are short **\$4,461.00 towards our goal. Last payment must be received by December 31st, 2022. WE CAN DO IT!!!!**

The DSF Ministry

WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

Welcome to all visitors and intending members. Please raise your hand if you are a visitor. To register, call or come by the parish office or see one of the ushers in the back pews of the Sanctuary for envelopes.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 18, 2022 – Memorial Mass

Dec. 23, 2022 – SPN Office closing ½ day

Dec. 24, 2022 – Carols & Vigil Mass

Dec. 25, 2022 – Christmas Day Mass

Dec. 26 & 27 – Office Holidays

Dec. 31, 2022 – New Year's Eve Mass

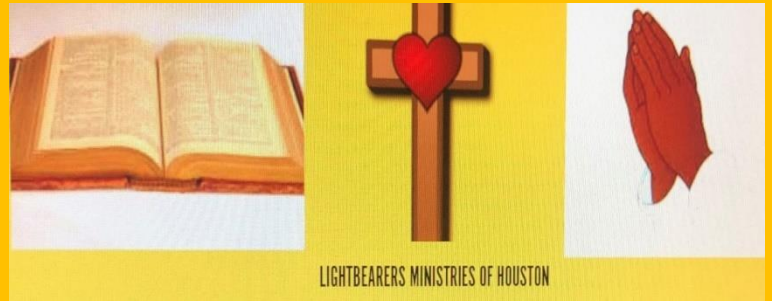
Jan. 1, 2022 – New Year's Day Mass

**2022 SPN CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES**



"When we act in accord with the Spirit, we show our kinship with Jesus, "for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). Resisting temptation is not easy, for the serpent is a formidable foe, but when we do we progress toward the reward of "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

(2 Corinthians 4:17).



MISSION: To create and implement activities to help everyone let their light shine and get closer to Jesus, the light of the world. Spiritual direction with individuals, couples and families. Family and Friends Events and Family Prayer. **For more information call:**

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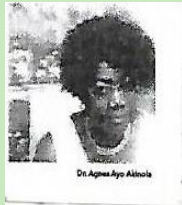
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