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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2015

My Dear Parishioners,

I do hope that as we approach the Feast of the Incarnation, the celebration of God's gift of the Son "who is closest to the Father's heart," will rekindle some of the child-like joy and wonder of Christmases long ago. The image of a pregnant teenager rushing to share the good news of her conception with Elizabeth, a much older woman and herself pregnant, is a wonderful image. It is filled with expectation and joy. It is a sacred image of women in solidarity.



Larycia Hawkins

It brings to mind today's Houston Chronicle (Thursday, December 17) and the photo of Larycia Hawkins, a Christian associate professor at Wheaton College. She is wearing a hijab, or traditional headscarf, throughout the Advent season in solidarity with Muslim women everywhere who are being discriminated against because of fear and ignorance.

Remember Malala Yousafzai, a courageous Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize laureate. She stood up in the midst of fear and death threats from the Taliban for goodness and truth in solidarity – for a basic human right – education.



Malala Yousafzai

As we prepare for Christmas, the words of the angels to the shepherds come to mind, words that we sing as a community in the Gloria at Mass throughout the year except during Advent and Lent, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." Goodness, truth, beauty and mercy are attributed to God, qualities that are not the sole prerogative of members of any one Church. My own life has personally been enriched by experiencing goodness and love from those who superficially seem so different from me. One that comes to mind is an Iranian student who, while sailing to Ostend together from England, willingly shared his food with me on the journey. As we talked, we discovered that he was studying in Durham where I, too, went to seminary. I hope that as Christmas draws near, we learn to love so many of the gifts that come into our lives.

I pray for your safety and happiness this Christmastide.

Fr. Phil

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Please Note

The church office will close for Christmas at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen at 8 am on Monday, January 4. Someone will be in the church office to assist you December 28—30, from 10 am—2 pm.

Advent Service Project

Dec. 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:15 am—12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for hot cocoa and festive music while bringing the Love of Christ to children in need. We'll be making little worry dolls to give children preparing for treatment at San Jose Clinic. The worry dolls will come with a special message of Love. All ages are welcome! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Rite of Candidacy for Herman Sutter



The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Herman Sutter will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 20, 2016, at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-

Houston at 281-723-1910, or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com.

Please keep Herman in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed over the Christmas holidays.

The church will be open, and you are encouraged to adore and pray before the tabernacle.

The Adoration Ministry is in need of Committed Adorers!

Adoration hours: Tuesday & Thursday – 7:30 am to 10:00 pm

All hours are available and in need of 2 or more adorers.

Will you please consider spending one hour a week with Jesus?

All are welcome to join us to Adore Jesus!

To commit to one holy hour; please contact Diana Sepulveda at dsepulveda@smithcarr.com or 713-542-4706

***On Saturday, December 26, and Saturday, January 2,
there will be no confessions before the 5:30 pm Mass.***

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24

Vigil Mass

5:30 pm

Music begins at 4:30 pm

Candlelight Christmas

10:00 pm

Music begins at 9:15 pm

Friday, December 25

Morning Mass

10 am

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."

-POPE FRANCIS

Holy Doors and Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

In accord with *Misericordiae vultus*, the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, paragraph 3, Cardinal DiNardo has decreed that a Holy Door be opened at the following churches, which will serve also as pilgrimage sites during the Holy Year:

- ◆ St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica
Holy Family Parish, 2011 Church St, Galveston TX 77550
- ◆ Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston)
- ◆ St. Bernadette Church
15500 El Camino Real, Houston TX, 77062
- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
2405 Navigation Blvd, Houston TX 77003
- ◆ Our Lady of Lavang Church
12320 Old Foltin Rd, Houston TX, 77086
- ◆ St. Francis of Assisi Church
5100 Dabney St, Houston TX, 77026
- ◆ St. Ignatius Church
7810 Cypresswood Dr, Spring TX, 77379
- ◆ St. Theresa Church
705 St. Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land TX, 77498



Jubilee Year of Mercy

What Can I Do??

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry

There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

Shelter the Homeless

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

Visit the Sick

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

Visit the Prisoners

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

Bury the Dead

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

Give Alms to the Poor

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

Mass Schedule after Christmas Day

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 26, 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 27, 8 am, 10 am, 11:30 in Spanish, 5:30 pm

Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1, 12:10 pm

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 3, 8 am, 10 am 11:30 am in Spanish, 5:30 pm

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9, 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 10, 8 am, 10 am, 11:30 am in Spanish, 5:30 pm

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Houston Police

For Emergency/Life Threatening Calls:
911

Non-Emergency Calls: 713- 884-3131

www.houstonpolice.org

Domestic Violence

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters

24 Hour Hotline: 713-473-2801

www.thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

713-661-4200

www.na.org

Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA)

713- 405-1142

www.houstonsaa.org

Counseling (Grief, Family, etc.)

Catholic Charities:

713-526-4611

www.catholiccharities.org

Families of Addicts

Al-Anon Family Groups

713-683-7227

www.al-anon.alateen.org

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

713-686-6300

www.aa.org

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

713-973-6633

www.oahouston.org

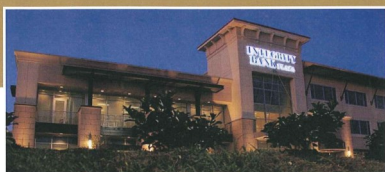
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Application for Annulment

Contact Patrick Miral or visit our
website for more information.

Confirmation

Contact Ginger Tamborello or visit
our website for more information.

Reconciliation

Saturday

4 pm-5 pm

Thursday

5:30 pm-6:15 pm

This Week

Monday, December 21

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, December 23

Church office closes at 12 noon

7:00 am Mass

8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

10:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Mass

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass

Saturday, December 26

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 27—Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass in Spanish

5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26

5:30 PM Christine Bench †

Pete & Vera Morello †

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM Pamela J. Raymond †

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

11:30 AM Maru Alvarez Aldana †

5:30 PM Virgil Stone †

Monday, December 28

7:00 AM John Lanik Jr. †

Tuesday, December 29

7:00 AM Phillip & Christine Tusa †

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 AM Natalie Adams †

Thursday, December 31

7:00 AM Frances Bilski †

Friday, January 1

12:00 PM Albert Palla †

Saturday, January 2

5:30 PM Johnnie Nicola Sr. †

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

11:30 AM All Souls

5:30 PM Joe Loria Jr. †

**For Mass intentions, contact Deandra in the church office.*



Next Week's Reader and EMHC Schedule

Saturday, December 26

5:30 pm (Team 3)

Roy Hughes

Peg Patrick

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am (Team 1)

Chris Woelfel

Herman Sutter

10:00 am (Team 2)

Joe Earthman

Claire Heumann

5:30 pm (Team 2)

John Munroe

Tom Lloyd

Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life

January 8 & 15—Bob Shanley

January 22 & 29—Gene Boriskie

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

**Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am (Spanish), 5:30 pm**

**Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 7 am,
Thursday at 6:30 pm**

Holy Day Masses: 7 am, 12:10 pm, & 6:30 pm