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Archdiocese of Galveston Houston

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*Growing Together in Christ
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Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil.....5:30 pm
Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am,
10:45 am, 12:30 pm (Español),
5:30 pm.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
Or anytime by appointment -
Chapel

Baptism

Call the CCE Office week-
days, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.
(281) 499-4612

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least
six (6) months prior to the wedding
date. (281-499-9688). Please at-
tend the information session every
1st Sunday of the month at 3:00
pm in the Parish Office.

Daily Masses

Monday.....8:45 am, 12:10 pm
Tuesday..... 8:45 am, 7:00 pm
Wednesday.....6:30 am, 8:45 am
Thursday.....8:45 am,
7:00 pm (Español)
Friday.....6:30 am, 8:45 am
Saturday.....8:45 am
Rosary after 8:45 am Daily Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Call (281) 499-9688

Healing Mass 4th Tuesday of
each month - 7:00 pm

Adoration

First Friday, 8:45 am Mass un-
til 8:00 pm Benediction, Chapel

Other Services

- * Fr. Michael Biondi Library & Gift Shop open Wednesdays,
5:00-7:30 pm & Sundays
after all Masses
- * Quinceañeros contact the CCE
Office, (281) 499-4612
- * Non-Catholics who wish to join
our faith community RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults) is a process to welcome
you into our faith, contact the
CCE Office, (281) 499-4612
- * Religious Education contact the
CCE Office, (281) 499-4612
- * Society of St. Vincent de Paul
(281) 499-6246

Parish Office

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Welcome Home!

*Declaración de la Misión Parroquial: La misión de nues-
tra parroquia es construir en nuestra tradición, alimentar y
las virtudes de fe, esperanza y caridad con el
espíritu de unidad basado en una fe, una familia.*

Our Parish Vision Statement: Our parish vision is to
build upon, to nurture and to exhibit the virtues of faith,
hope and charity to all in the spirit of unity through one
faith, one family.

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The hero in this Sunday's Gospel is John the Baptist. He is one of the most distinctive characters in the New Testament. John dressed out-of-the-ordinary, wearing clothing made of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He lived in the desert wilderness, and preached a radical message. Our Lord paid John a great tribute, and said: "**He is more than a prophet**" because he had a special mission in the mystery of salvation. Unlike so many people, John the Baptist knew his mission in life. He clearly understood that he had been set apart by God for a purpose.

John's whole mission consisted in pointing to Jesus. When asked about his identity, **he identified himself only as "a voice."** He is a voice of truth that tells us there is something greater than us, greater than this world, who has the power to save us and lead us to eternal glory. **A voice** - it doesn't call attention to itself but to something else. The world says that you have to call attention to yourself and become famous, if possible - a celebrity. But in the spiritual life, the ideal is to become invisible. The images that Jesus used tell the same story: salt, yeast, grain, light.... Jesus had countless disciples who were not famous, beginning with some of His Apostles: for example, Simon, Andrew and Jude. The point is that **we should live and work in ways that others may see Jesus Christ in us.** We should have the courage and humility to become instruments of God: simple instruments who allow the Master to work as He likes, and not as we like. For John the Baptist, he was nothing and Christ was everything. He claimed no greatness and no place for himself; he was only the man who drew back the curtain and left Jesus occupying the lonely center of the stage. May all of our spiritual activities this Advent help us to receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, and may people around us experience the goodness of Christ in us.

11 de Diciembre 2016 Tercer Domingo de Adviento

El héroe en el Evangelio de este domingo es Juan el Bautista. Es uno de los personajes más distintivos del Nuevo Testamento. Juan se vestía fuera de lo común, llevaba ropa hecha de pelo de camello y un cinturón de cuero alrededor de su cintura. Vivía en el desierto, y predicaba un mensaje radical. Nuestro Señor le pagó a Juan un gran tributo, y dijo: "Él es más que un profeta" porque tenía una misión especial en el misterio de la salvación. A diferencia de tanta gente, Juan el Bautista conocía su misión en la vida. Comprendía claramente que había sido separado por Dios para un propósito.

*Toda la misión de Juan consistía en señalar a Jesús. Cuando se le preguntó acerca de su identidad, se identificó sólo como "una voz". Él es una voz de verdad que nos dice que hay algo más grande que nosotros, más grande que este mundo, que tiene el poder de salvarnos y conducirnos a la gloria eterna. La voz - no llama la atención a sí mismo sino a otra cosa. El mundo dice que se tiene que llamar la atención sobre sí mismo y hacerse famoso, si es posible - una celebridad. Pero en la vida espiritual, el ideal es llegar a ser invisible. Las imágenes que Jesús usó cuentan la misma historia: sal, levadura, grano, luz.... Jesús tenía incontables discípulos que no eran famosos, comenzando con algunos de sus apóstoles: por ejemplo, Simón, Andrés y Judas. El punto es que **debemos vivir y trabajar de manera que otros puedan ver a Jesucristo en nosotros.** Debemos tener el coraje y la humildad para convertirnos en instrumentos de Dios: instrumentos sencillos que permiten que el Maestro trabaje a su manera, y no la nuestra. Para Juan el Bautista, él no era nada y Cristo era todo. No reclamaba grandeza ni lugar para sí mismo; Él solamente era el hombre que cerraba la cortina y dejaba a Jesús ocupando el centro solitario del escenario. Que todas nuestras actividades espirituales en este Adviento nos ayuden a recibir a Jesucristo como nuestro Salvador personal, y que las personas que nos rodean puedan experimentar la bondad de Cristo en nosotros.*

*****CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO HOLY FAMILY*****

Remember your loved ones this Christmas with a gift to Holy Family Church. Specially marked envelopes are available at the main Church Entrance side tables for your gift to be placed in the collection basket. Gift cards are also there for you to take to give the person telling them of your gift to Holy Family in their honor. Names of those honored or remembered will appear in the bulletin. **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO HOLY FAMILY!**

Stewardship Thought

“JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!”

May the gifts you give this Christmas reflect the true love that Jesus brought into the world by His birth.

The Knights of Columbus would like all parishioners to enjoy the New Year festivities. Come join us for dinner, dancing & party favors for \$40 each. Bring in the New Year in our Parish Hall through midnight and beyond. The Knights of Columbus would like to thank you all for your active choice of having fun and bringing in the New Year 2017. On December 31st we begin with social hour at 6:30 pm in Parish Hall to kick-off the event followed by dinner and dancing. Tickets will be sold today after all masses in the courtyard. Cash, checks (payable to Knights of Columbus Council 7728) and credit cards will be accepted.



How can families better live the spirit of Advent and Christmas in their homes?

Response:

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Savior. In addition, the Church teaches that:

When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating John the Baptist's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: He must increase, but I must decrease (Catechism, no. 524; original emphasis).

By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse trees or putting on a Christmas play at home, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

**Mass Intentions
December 12 - 18, 2016**

**December 12th, Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe;
Lk 1:39-47**

8:45am Special Intention by Theresa Uyanwune
Lupe Pena, Sr (+) by Lupe & Yolanda Pena
12:10 pm Special Intention by Edwin Thomas
Lupita Garcia (+) by Pete & Mary R. Guajardo
7:00 pm For Guadalupe Society Members, Living & Deceased

**December 13th, Tuesday, St. Lucy, virgin & martyr;
Mt 21:28-32**

8:45 am Ohamu Children (-) by Mother, Juliana Ohamu
Special Intention by Juliet Nwanguma
7:00 pm Felix Longoria (+) by Joe & Olga Longoria
Normie Auzenne (+) by Ruben & Connie Govea

**December 14th, Wednesday, St. John of the Cross, bishop &
doctor of the Church; Lk 7:8b-23**

6:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Juliya Aickareth
Nora, Emily & Baby (-) by Carole Updyke
8:45 am Donnell Phillips (+) by Family
Annakutty Augustine (+) by Elsie Thottam

December 15th, Thursday, Advent Weekday; Lk 7:24-30

8:45 am Uchekukwu Diribe (+) by Maria Nsonwu
Diana Lewis (-) by Fausta Oparaji
7:00 pm Carmina Pachicano (+) by Familia Guerrero
Enedino Guzman Peralta (+)
by Familia Guzman Peralta

December 16th, Friday, Advent Weekday; Jn 5:33-36

6:30 am Joe Updyke (+) by Wife, Carole Updyke
Hannah Isla (-) by Nancy Isla
8:45 am Geraldine Saez (-) by Gobencion Family
Eleno, Sr & Isabel Flores (+) by Lupe & Yolanda Pena

**December 17th, Saturday, Late Advent Weekday; Mt 1:1-17
Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent**

8:45 am Grace Ejidike (+)
by Holy Family Nigerian Catholic Women
Juventino & Dominga Ponce (+) by Natalie Sadeghi
5:30 pm Linda Morales (+) by Husband, Joe Morales & Family
Joey Longoria (+) by Parents, Joe & Olga Longoria

December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Lula & Joe M. Triolo (+) by Family
Oscar Pena, Sr (+) by Wife, Marta A. Pena & Family
9:00 am David Talamantez (+) by Janie & Jeff Beckman
Berman Toro (+) by Sonnia Toro
10:45 am Defino, Sr & Francisca Ramirez (+)
by Delfino, Jr & Carmen Ramirez
Frank Rychlik (+) by Wife, Doretta Rychlik
12:30 pm For All Our Parishioners, Living & Deceased
5:30 pm Francisco Pena (+) by Parents
Oscar Mejorado (+) by Parents,

Sanctuary Candle Intention

December 12 - 18
In Loving Memory
Francisco Pena

By Parents, Bernardo & Olivia Pena



ORGANIZATIONS**MINISTRIES****GROUPS**

The Body,
though one,
has many parts

Gift Shop News... now is the time to start your Christmas shopping. We have a wonderful selection of nativity sets. Avoid the crowds at the mall, shop at our gift shop.

“Christ the Teacher”... a photographic reproduction of the icon in the Book of the Gospels niche in the Church, written by our Deacon Bill, is being raffled in the Gift Shop. Tickets are \$5 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, December 18th after the 5:30 pm Mass.

This could be the perfect Christmas gift for that person on your list that “has everything”.

The Guadalupe Society would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the Mass of the Feast of Our Lady on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church. A reception will take place in the Parish Hall following the mass. Please join us in the festivities as we honor our Mother Santa Maria de Guadalupe and commemorate her apparitions to St. Juan Diego in 1531. You are also invited to join us in the Tridium starting on Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel and the Mananitas on Monday morning, December 12th at 5:00 am. Hot chocolate and sweet Mexican bread will be served after the Mananitas.

La Sociedad de Guadalupe los invita a participar a danzar con los matachines para irle a bailar a la Virgen al George R. Brown en su celebracion de Diciembre. Las practicas ya empezaron. Para mas informacion comunicarse con Ana Cortez al telefono: (832) 788-2485.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Church. We will have several priests available to hear your individual confession. Please mark your calendars.

Christmas Concert... mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Concert - December 16th at 7:00 pm in the Church. All of our Holy Family Choirs will present the beautiful music of the holiday season.

All Parishioners are invited to the Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass celebration on Saturday, December 17th, 7:00 pm in the Church. A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Parishioners

If you wish to make an announcement, such as birthdays, anniversaries, sick, etc., submit a written note no later than Monday pm to the office. Please, no advertisements.

Please pray for our U.S. Troops and civilian personnel overseas and here in the US:

Major Blanca Reyes, US Army; Senior Master Sargent Carlos R. Villarreal, US Air Force; Senior Master Sargent Walisa Villarreal, US Air Force; Airman First Class Lisa Villarreal, US Air Force; Commander Greg Blyden, US Navy; Staff Sargent Guillermina Darino, US Army; Sargent Steve Garcia, US Army; Staff Sargent David A. Perez, US Army; Staff Sargent Leonardo Andrade, US Marine; Tech Sgt. Devon Simmons, US Air Force; Master Sgt. Erica Williams Simmons, US Air Force; Private David Martin, US Marines.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish especially: Fr. Phi; Deacon Alfred Abrams; Johnnie Baiamonte; Bertha Silva; Michael Oparaji, Sr.; Robert Miller; Ron Carter; Mary Lou Reumont; Eddie Borrego; Ruben Velasquez; Veronica Lyon; Pete Guajardo; John Delome; Frances Castillo; Carl Anthony Cangelosi; Pat Trail; Enrico Fos; Israel R. Carranza; Charles Ferro; Deacon Jim Wright; Vince Mulle; Idalia Tenoria; Eva Guevara; Mary Nieto; Joseph LaCour; Sam Campbell; Julius Dumapit; Joey Salinas; Lois Guillory; Isabelita Bernardo; Don LeVu; Inez Graham; Christine Klatt; Mary Carmen dela Cruz; Movita Cavalier; Esperanza Melendez; Mary Buri; Mike Boutte; Gus Longoria, Jr; Fr Roy Oggero, CSB; Jose Bustos; Elpidio Jalomo; Vicky Peralta; Greg Johnson; Alex Herrera; Jeanne Witt; Joe Larry Morales; Mattie Ford; Robert Wise; Shirley Gardiner; Jerry Ricci Ott; Darcy Richardson; Jovita Ogwuru; Paul Pustejovsky; Felix Gois; Randy Thibodeaux; Sharon Koster; Anna Petrites; Homous Nabulsi; Teresa Betancourt; Mamie Mercatante; Dr Mitchell Mercatante; Wallace James; Ivan Butterfield; Laura Mills; Miles Ramsey; Rose Mary Perez; Evelyn Yeker; Lambert Wischerath; Patricia Wise; Tina Bonner; Velma Packard; Rudolph Castillo, Sr; Emilio “Bong” Gumabong; Blas Ramirez; Lupita Garcia; Tommy Gillespie; Alejandra Manduhano; Rufus Jimenez; Rufus Hernandez; John Morales; Loyce Gomez; John Ferro; Teresa Velasquez; Mary Ortiz; Janice Pharr; Orlando Collado; Virginia Guerra; Michael Wen Guerra; Jorge Carranza; Delfino Ramirez, Jr; Yolanda dela Haya; Angie Diaz; Jessica Jimenez; Jeanette Dansereau; Teresa Jalomo; Milton Speckmaier; Henry Ramos; Ascension Rivera; Genoveva Heredia

DECEASED: Blanca Garcia

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

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MLK Mass 2017— Please join Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and the family of our Archdiocese as we celebrate the 32nd annual observance of the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The **MLK Mass of Remembrance** will be held Sunday, January 15, 2017, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway (Downtown) Houston, TX 77002 at **3:00 pm** • Reception immediately following • For further information, please call 713-652-8203 or dladet@archgh.org

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Holy Family Parish through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX364. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
God Bless You,
Fr Sunny

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a los sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (río escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de los moros en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga en el año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque él mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Conversation with Rabbi Samuel Karff, Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, and Rev. William Lawson

How can a shared concept of the Divine inspire three faith leaders to collaboratively address issues of social justice in Houston? The "three amigos" Rabbi Samuel Karff, Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza, and Rev. William Lawson share their interfaith work and how it's influenced their own spirituality and ministry in service to the community, moderated by Melanie Lawson, award winning journalist. Rabbi Karff is Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Beth Israel; Archbishop Fiorenza is Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston; and Rev. Lawson is the founding pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. Working together they have tackled some of Houston's most challenging problems, including homelessness, juvenile incarceration, and fair housing. A reception follows the program. Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm

Link to page on our website to register: <http://rothkochapel.org/experience/events/register/761>
Link to Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1155254511180472>

El Grupo - Al-Anon fe y esperanza se reúne en el Salon #8 los Jueves de 6:00 a 8:00 pm y Sábados de 5:00 a 7:00 pm para compartir experiencias con los familiares y amigos de personas afectadas por el alcoholismo y drogadicción. Los interesados llamen a Alicia al 281-437-8539, en las sesiones se protégé plenamente el anonimato.

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RCIA Sponsors Needed... parishioners who would like to join our team of sponsors for the participants in the upcoming RCIA Program are invited to call the CCE Office (281-499-4612) for details and to sign up. This is a wonderful way to share your faith and help someone become fully welcomed into our parish community.

CCE Activities...

Sunday, December 11th

- 9:00 am English RCIA, Mass & Class, **Breaking of the Word**, Room #2
- 9:00 am Mass & Class Sunday Family CCE & Groups I & II - Assembly, Centennial, Meeting Room A/B & Rooms 4 - 11; **Breaking of the Word**
- 10:00 am Spanish RICA, **Breaking of the Word** - Room #3
- 12:30 pm Mass & Class Spanish RICA & Group II, **Breaking of the Word** - Assembly Room
- 2:00 pm Sunday Spanish Family CCE & Groups I & II - Parish Hall, Assembly Room, Meeting Room A/B, Centennial Room, Rooms 1-11
Last Class for December
- 2:30 pm English Group Baptisms - Church

Tuesday, December 13th

- 6:00 pm Spanish Sacramental Preparation Class - Make-up class - Assembly Room
- 7:00 pm Parish Advent Penance Service - Church

Wednesday, December 14th

- 6:00 pm PreK, Kinder & Elementary CCE; Family Activity for Advent, parents & families invited
Last class for 2016

Thursday, December 15th

- 7:00 pm FTCM - Parish Hall & Assembly Room

Friday, December 16th

- 7:00 pm Holy Family Choir Concert

Sunday, December 18th

- 9:00 am English CCE Group II Students - Breaking of the Word - during Mass - Room #1
- 9:00 am English RCIA - Breaking of the Word during Mass - Room #2
- 10:00 am Spanish RICA - Room #3
- 10:45 am Children's Liturgy of the Word - Room #1 (during Mass)
- 12:30 pm Spanish Group II Students & RICA - Breaking of the Word - during Mass - Room #3 & Assembly Room
- 12:30 pm Spanish Children's Liturgy of the Word (during Mass) Parish Hall
- 1:30 pm Spanish Sacramental Preparation - Assembly Room & Room #1
- 2:00 pm Spanish Group Baptism - Church

Sunday Family CCE - English & Spanish... the last class for 2016 is today, December 11th. January 2017 class schedule is January 8 & 22. Please mark your calendars.

English Wednesday CCE Classes... the last class for 2016 will be Wednesday, December 14th for PreK, Kinder & grades 1 - 5. Wednesday CCE classes will resume January 11, 2017. Please mark your calendars.

Welcome to the Newly Baptized: Jaslene Ofelia

Rodriguez: Parents, Martin Rodriguez & Janice C. Interiano. Godparents, Edgar Paredes & Melany Paredes.
Daleyza Alejandra Sierra: Parents, Huber F. Sierra & Mayra A. Tristan. Godparents, Eleazor Hernandez & Edith Tristan.

Have you downloaded the Holy Family "My Parish" App for your iPhone or Android smart phone? If you need help call us! We can help you. This allows us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app also provides daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.



We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at Holy Family Church and better engaging the New Evangelization.

Parenting Help? The office of Family Life Ministry have trained eight professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to provide services to parents who are willing and need help raising their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral problems in children. To obtain more information please contact us at 713-741-8739 or 713-741-8711.

Ministry to the Widowed:

Harvesting Our Tears program, an eight week support group for the widowed. Meets every **second Thursday of the month until May 11, 2017.**

Location: St. Dominic Center Morkovsky Hall Building, Room 202 - 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021

To register: Call Elsa Aguilera at 713-741-8708 or at eaguilera@archgh.org

Stewardship of Time and Talent December 17/18, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

5:30 pm Sat	Brenda Carlyon Mandy Blanco Dave Gallagher Mary Gobencion Lucretia Pyle	Irene Basurto Barbara Demazeliere Mouton Rose Garcia Jeanette Holloway
7:30 am Sun	Jessie Gibson Lissy Manakkil Laurice Rochard Anthony Thaliachary Volunteer	Jacqueline Harleaux David Perez Regina Salas Rani Thaliachary
9:00 am	Delores Uhyrek Lucio Avellaneda Sylvia Martinez Beverly Svoboda Volunteer	Ledie Amon Leavings Regina Flores Kathleen Mitchell Volunteer
10:45 am	Mary Paul Ijeoma Akuechiamia Pat Duplechain Robert Guerrero Gracy Joy Franca Okonkwo Mona Washington	Lina Abazie Marina Beltran Thresiamma George Mary Guerrero Karisue Nelson Doretta Rychlik
12:30 pm	Guadalupe Betancourt Jesus Cantu Dina Morales Edgar Gonzales Gloria Almeida Tomas Lazo	Carmen Tristan Laura Cantu Santiago Romero Gloria Gutierrez Rosie Rodriguez Elvia Condon
5:30 pm	Kathy Mroczkowski Anne Cuesta Ugo Nweke Volunteer Volunteer	Mary Jo Barta Dainy Jose Gretchen Pyle Volunteer

Readers

5:30 pm Sat	Mike Halloran	Joycelyn Barnes Reese
7:30 am Sun	Angie Perez	Gabriel Waturuocha
9:00 am Sun	Helen Fadri	Ugonma Anyanwu
10:45 am Sun	Hope Groves	Chinwe Osondu
12:30 pm Sun	Mingo Salas	Leticia Vasquez
5:30 pm Sun	Gwen Reinke	John Pyle

Altar Servers

5:30 pm Sat	William Barre Michael Stuckert	Alessandro Cubilan
7:30 am Sun	G'iona Collins Thresa Manakkil	Ann Marie Manakkil
9:00 am Sun	Eric Anumnu Jesenia Wrightsil	Kyle Olivier Volunteer
10:45 am Sun	Chinwe Akuechiamia Nirmal Joseph	Chelsea Asiegbu Adanna Onyeka
12:30 pm Sun	Pedro Calzada Marcos Fernandez	Yaneli Rios Carlos Enriquez
5:30 pm	Kaitlyn Garrett Rizzy Reyes	Jheripye Reyes

Ushers

Sat 5:30 pm	Henry Machala (Lead)	Carl Mouton
Sun 7:30 am	Michael Barone	Bob Mejia
Sun 9:00 am	John Ferro (Lead)	Joe Macias
Sun 10:45 am	Gilbert Colunga (Lead)	George Thomas
Sun 12:30 pm	Jose Ramirez	
Sun 5:30 pm	Wen Guerra	Jimmy Williams

... and Treasure

Financial Support For Church Operations Totals For November 2016

Need Monthly / Operations \$133,000

Income:

Offertory	\$76,385
Faith Direct (EFT)	\$12,855
Other Donations	\$8,097

Monthly Total \$97,337

Over / (Shortage) this month (\$35,663)

Year to date 11/16 (\$128,413)

2nd Collections for:

Building Fund	\$4,625
St Vincent DePaul	\$4,819
Campaign Human Development	\$660

**Last month's Building Fund Pledge
Payments/Donations \$29,355**

Current Parish Mortgage Balance

\$1,887,367

Approved Construction Loan

\$275,000

Balance \$2,162,367

Have you signed up with Faith Direct yet? With *Faith Direct*, you can make your offertory contributions, as well as your Building Fund contributions, to Holy Family Parish using your credit/debit card or bank account. Please enroll in this program by picking up an enrollment form from the church office, or by visiting www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely on line. Our parish code is TX364.

Growing Together in Christ Capital Campaign/Increased Sunday Offertory ... it's not too late to make a pledge. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and at the entrance to the church.

If you have a special need and would like to have a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in your home for two weeks, please contact Virginia Tan, 832-876-5232 or Jim Keenan, 713-705-1328 with the Legion of Mary.