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December 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Path of Light

Lord of our eternal day,
you alone brighten our world.
Sometimes we lose our way in the darkness,
and sometimes we make the world a
darker place.
Alert us to the ways we drift into shadow.
Illuminate our hearts
and send forth your instruction,

that we may follow your path of light
and ascend your holy mountain.
When darkness surrounds us, keep us
radiant with hope,
so that all will see and know that you are
in our midst,
you who alone are God.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 1, 2019
The Day Is Coming

Today's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44. Our liturgical year both concludes and begins with readings on the end-times. As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded that we are not only preparing to celebrate Christ's birth, we are also preparing for his return. The First Reading fills us with hope for the Second Coming, for on that day everyone in the world will turn to God and there will be an end to conflicts and war.

Until Christ comes again, we must "walk in the light" and turn away from dark, destructive thoughts and deeds. When we live as holy, kind, and loving people, we show that we are ready for God's kingdom, even though we continue doing everyday things such as working, eating, and sleeping.

Our lives may not seem radically different from the lives of others, but God can tell the difference.

Jesus warns us of the danger of not getting ready. Disaster struck those who did not prepare for the flood. Disaster struck the master of the house who slept through the swift and sudden arrival—and departure—of the thief. Disaster struck those who were left behind; they were excluded from God's kingdom.

Today we light the first candle of our Advent wreaths. Before you do, sit in darkness. Name whatever evils confront you as you prepare for Christ's return. Then light the candle, and pray for God to expel darkness from you and our world. Rejoice that Christ has already come to lead you into the light of his eternal day.

Holy Family is looking to fill our Liturgy Coordinator position. This position is part time, approximately 20 -25 hours per week, additional hours may be necessary during Advent & Lent. Bilingual is helpful, not necessary; **must be a certified liturgist, FTCM certified or equivalent experience.**

Please submit resumes to:
gail.hutchins@holyfamilychurch.us. A job description is available upon request.

Fr Vince Dulock, CSB will celebrate his 50th Ordination Anniversary this year. All parishioners are cordially invited to join him.

Friday, December 20th, Most Holy Trinity Church, 1713 N. Tinsley, Angleton, 5:00 pm, reception following.
 Sunday, December 29th, St. Laurence Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugarland, 11:00 am, reception following.

Adoration

We need adorers at the following times:

Tuesday: 5-7 pm

Wednesday: 3-4 pm, 4-5pm

Thursday: 8-9 am, 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 3-4 pm

Friday: 1-2 pm, 4-5pm



12 Hour Adoration, Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the Chapel.

A gift for you! Why not give yourself a gift this Advent? Give yourself the gift of time spent in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

We'll save you a seat!



Mass will be Saturday, December 14, at 7:30 pm. Fellowship in the Parish Hall after the Mass. Everyone is invited.

Mass Intentions December 2-8, 2019

December 2nd, Monday, Advent Weekday; Mt 8:5-11

8:45 am Emilia Chua (-) by Mariam Chua
 Sung Nguyen (+) by Trinh Tran
 12:10pm Anna Yu (+) by Hong Ren
 Jovita Ogwuru (+) by Nigerian Women

December 3rd, Tuesday, St. Francis Xavier; Lk 10:21-24

8:45am Thanksgiving by Jose Idicula
 Emily Roduta (-) by Gobencion Family
 7:00pm Pete C. Guajardo (+) by Nora Peralta
 Daniel Anyanuru (+) by Nigerian Catholic Women

December 4th, Wednesday, Advent Weekday; Mt 15:29-37

6:30am John & Annakutty Kunthara (+) by Lissy Manakkil
 Vincent & Loretta Okeke (-) by Okejeme Goodwin
 8:45am Collins Umeh (-) by Benedette Umeh
 Maria & Eduardo Casas (-) by MM.L.Villafranco

December 5th, Thursday, Advent Weekday; Mt 7:21,24-27

8:45am Elizabeth Koithara (-) by Anu Kottoor
 Annie Cuesta (-) by Cuesta Family
 7:00pm Eva Pedraza (+) by Ruben Govea
 Carmen Esquivel (+) by Rosa Guerrero

December 6th, First Friday, Advent Weekday; Mt 9:27-31

6:30am Holy Family Altar Society Living & Deceased Members
 Dr. Yongson Govea (-) by Ruben Govea
 8:45am Marisa Janik (+) by Parents, John & Rose Janik
 Charlotte De Maria (+) by Family

December 7th, First Saturday; St. Ambrose; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a, 6-8

8:45am Lourdes Nelson (-) by Rueben & Connie Govea
 Jessica Jimenez (-) by M/M.L.Villafranco
 5:30pm Nick Falsone (+) by Mary Falsone
 Vicenta D. Morales (+) Theresa, Tony & Michael Leal

December 8th, Second Sunday of Advent; Mt 3:1-12

7:30am Mary & Frank Maiorka (+) by Family
 Viola Medina (+) by Medina Family
 9:00am For all our Parishioners Living & Deceased
 10:45am Frank Rychlik (+) by Wife, Doretta Rychlik
 Juventino Ponce (+) by Fay Sadeghi
 12:30pm Miembros de la Inmaculada Concepcion
 Vivos y Difuntos
 Carmina Pachicano (+) by Victor Montes
 5:30pm Virginia C. Tan (-) by Family
 Connie Govea (+) by Family

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

—Anonymous

ORGANIZATIONS MINISTRIES GROUPS	The Body, though one, has many parts.
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The KC's and Holy Family are inviting the men of the parish to attend the men's retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center, January 17-19, 2020. Below you will find a link to register and the theme for our retreat. Register now before they run out of room. The 2019 – 2020 retreat season theme is...*Standing on Holy Ground: The Call to Holiness in Today's World.* (Lumen "The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and every one of His disciples of every condition ... 'Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect.'" Gentium 5)

Gift Shop: Purchase your Advent wreath and candles today as well as Advent pamphlets and booklets with prayers and family activities for the season. Advent calendars are also available. **Shop for Christmas ornaments, jewelry and nativities. Shop early for best selection**

Remember when you shop at the Gift Shop, you are supporting Holy Family Church.

Come and join us on 'holy ground' as we prayerfully explore what it means to be holy in today's world.

<https://holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-men-retreat-jan-17-19-2020/> "

Please help out the SVDP FOOD PANTRY by bringing these items on Tuesday or Thursday, 10:00 am -1:00 pm to SVDP Pantry or to the Church office, during office hours (8:00 am-8:00 pm):
Bags or boxes of rice, canned vegetables or fruits, canned tuna or chicken, canned soups, chili or stews.
THANK YOU!!

Are you missing your prayer book, rosary, glasses, keys, etc? Did you perhaps leave your item in Church or in the Chapel? We have a collection of "lost" items in our Lost & Found in the Parish Office. Stop by & see if we have something that belongs to you.

Parishioners 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:

Senior Master Sergeant Carlos R. Villarreal, US Air Force; Senior Master Sergeant; Walisa Villarreal, US Air Force; Airman First Class Lisa Villarreal, US Air Force; Commander Greg Blyden, US Navy; Staff Sergeant Guillermina Darino, US Army; Sergeant Steve Garcia, US Army; Sergeant First Class David A. Perez, US Army; Staff Sergeant Leonardo Andrade, US Marine; Tech Sergeant. Devon Simmons, US Air Force; Master Sergeant Erica Williams Simmons, US Air Force; Private David Martin, US Marines; Cpl. Christopher S. Paul, US Marines; Nelida Rangel, US Air Force; Jacob DePaz, US Navy.

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; Ruben Velasquez; Veronica Lyon; Carl Anthony Cangelosi; Pat Trail; Enrico Fos; Israel R. Carranza; Mary Nieto; Joseph LaCour; Sam Campbell; Julius Dumapit; Joey Salinas; Lois Guillory; Esperanza Melendez; Fr Roy Oggero, CSB; Vicky Peralta; Jeanne Witt; Shirley Gardiner; Randy Thibodeaux; Anna Petrites; Homous Nabulsi; Rudolph Castillo, Sr; Emilio "Bong" Gumabong; Tommy Gillespie; John Ferro; Eriana Rose Peralta Sarinas; Gary Ponton; Rudy Saucedo; Randolph Serrano; Emerita Arriaga; Connie Ramirez; Ray Landry; Cory Mamaclay; Rose & EJ Lorena; Martha Riley; Anita Arriaga; Mary & Vince Mulle; Debbie Thibodeaux; Katherine Washington; Delfino Ramirez, Jr; Jason Eliot; Saulette Omeke; Eli Fos; Madeline Gresham; Peter Fisher; Roy Martinez; Lupita Govea; Angelica Joyce Gonzales; Blas Ramirez; Delicia Cardona; Savanna Almendariz; Irvin Levy, Jr.; Anne Carney; Raul Sanchez; Elpidio Jalomo; Rudy Rocha; Dorothy Pierson; Fr Jess Owens, CSB; Mary Ukor; Melissa Torres Anderson; Pamela Gray; Joseph Gray; Julice Navy; Maria Irene Cruz; Tiofilo Garcia; Cody Langley; Margie Seifert; Emigdio Hinojosa; Bert Alaniz; Angel Sosa; Elena Longoria; Larry Meuth; Elaine Bodine; Gregorio Llanas; Daisy Thibodeaux. Olga Longoria; Aniston Adameck; Loyce Gomez; Ninfa Castillo; Margaret Peterson; Hilda Montemayor; Stella Garza; Joe Bernardo; JoAnn Bowman; Fr. Ryan Andrew Stawaisz; Annette Green; Daniel Darino; Romeo Bernardo; Ferdie Latunio; Pat Kallus; Beverly Clophus; Clifton Richard; Susie L. Galvan; Barbara Demazeliere-Mouton; Marcellina Iloka; Joel Rivera; Jeanette Dansereau; Eugene Alsandor; Santos Melchor; Bobby Ochoa; Carolyn Bowden; Terry Daubek; Sandra Stanley; Fred Rivera; Bob Weiss; Laura Weiss; Louis Kafka; Denise Moore; Luis Horacio; Nicolaza Almazan; Joe Spikes; Eric Muller; Clara Lyons

Texas Rally for Life... The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer transportation to Austin for the annual **Texas Rally for Life** march on **Saturday, January 25, 2020**. Join us for the Archdiocesan Mass that will take place at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy at 8:30 a.m. After Mass, we will travel to Austin and join thousands of Texans in a march to support each human life! Cost is \$25 and includes two Buc-ee's stops. For more information, call the Office of Pro-Life activities at 713-741-8728 (713-440-3443 for Spanish). To register visit, <https://archgh.cvent.com/d/wyqbym/>.

Knights of Columbus Council 7728, partnering with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be facilitating a blood and bone marrow drive on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 in the Parish Hall.

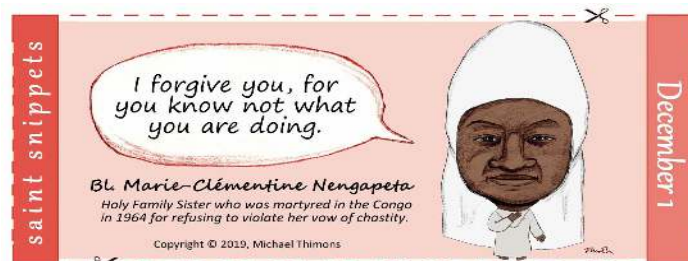
Blood donations and bone marrow registrations will be accepted 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. A full course breakfast along with juice and coffee will be available, at no charge, to all who participate. Breakfast will also be available for a donation of \$5.00 to those that do not donate blood. All parishioners are welcomed to enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.

Please register for an appointment by contacting **Joe L. Longoria** at 832-473-6408, email address is jlongoria322@comcast.net
Walk-Ins are encouraged and very welcomed,



To help accomplish your 2019 New Year's resolution, know that this is the last KC blood drive for 2019 year.

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.



SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict said that in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER (1506-1552) 3 de diciembre

Este joven de origen vasco emigró a París para cursar estudios profesionales durante once años. Ahí destacó por su inteligencia y dotes deportivas. No obstante, conoció a otro joven vasco de nombre Ignacio, del castillo de Loyola, quien lo desafió a 'cosas mayores'. Vivió así sus ejercicios espirituales, logrando una conversión interior y entrega a la voluntad de Dios. Junto con otros seis jóvenes, incluyendo Ignacio, se convirtió en uno de los primeros miembros de la Compañía de Jesús (Jesuitas).

En 1541 se embarcó como misionero y nuncio papal a Goa, al Sur de la India. Ocho años más tarde, extendió su viaje a Japón, civilización que le impactó mucho por su sistema de valores y nivel educativo. Aprendió de ellos su cultura e idioma, les enseñó ciencia y Evangelio, llegando a entender que, a fin de lograr la conversión de Japón, sería necesario evangelizar también a China. Aunque planeó el viaje a China para continuar su obra, la muerte le sorprendió y su viaje quedó pendiente. El Papa Pío XI lo declaró patrono de las misiones en 1927.

—Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Tropical Storm Imelda... The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has established a relief fund for those impacted by the flooding. To donate to the fund, please visit <https://www.archgh.org/floodrelief>.

If you are in need of assistance or know someone who is in need, please visit the Archdiocesan Tropical Storm Imelda Disaster Recovery Assistance page. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by the storm.

CCE Activities December 1, 2019-December 8, 2019

Sunday, December 1th

10:00am RICA en Español- No habrá clase. Se resumirán el 8 de Diciembre

Monday, December 2nd

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm -Parents meeting – Confirmation I – Assembly Room

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm English RCIA – Room 1

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Sacramental Prep, Group II and parents- Parish Hall

Thursday, December 5th

7:00 pm Biblical Studies – Centennial Room

7:00 pm Estudios Bíblicos – Salón de la Asamblea

Friday, December 6th

Confirmation I- Retreat

Sunday, December 8th - Advent Activities

9:00 am Family Mass

10:00 am Family CCE Class- Students & Catechists go to classrooms; Parents meet in Parish Hall

10:00am RICA en Español - Salón #3

12:30pm Llegar lo más tarde a las 12:00 del mediodía para la misa. Los estudiantes se sentarán con sus catequistas. En la iglesia.

1:30 pm Doctrina centrada en la Familia para TODOS. Estudiantes y padres de familia se reunirán en el salón parroquial

Advent Family Prayer Week I - Hope

Dear Jesus..you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

CCE OFFICE HOURS / Contact Information

Monday Closed

Friday Closed

Saturday Closed

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

1st & 3rd Sunday (non CCE) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

2nd & 4th Sunday (CCE) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CCE Phone: 281-499-4612

Attention Parents of all First Communion Children since 2013, we have pictures that need to be picked up. If you are missing yours, please stop by the CCE Office. Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am until 6:30 pm to pick them up.

Atención- Para todos los padres de niños(as) que recibieron la Primera Comunión desde el año 2013 hasta el 2019, tenemos sus fotografías que necesitan recoger, pases a la oficina de CCE. De Martes a Viernes 9:00 am - 6:30pm

Café Catholica Lite... The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited. We will gather at different locations around the Archdiocese for a talk, followed by time in prayer and fellowship.

Save the dates for the upcoming Café Lite talks: January 16, March 12 and May 7. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.

Our Youth Ministry and Guardians of the Kingdom will be collecting items for their yearly Happy Joy Project (gift boxes for the homeless, men & women). We would appreciate any donations of toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, snacks, socks, gloves, knit caps, etc. **IT'S NOT TO LATE TO MAKE A DONATION!** We thank you in advance for your contribution



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day ...

O	M	E	R
C	Y	U	L
L	O	O	R
L	I	W	D

Y _____ "

Answer: *your Lord will come*

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Stewardship of Time and Talent December 7/8, 2019

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

5:30 pm Sat	Glynda Cross Paris Brenda Carlyon Maria Gomez Lucretia Pyle Volunteer	Irene Basurto Dave Gallagher Marilyn O'Laughlin Volunteer
7:30 am Sun	Jacqueline Harleaux Mila Patenia Regina Salas Anthony Thaliachary	Lissy Manakkil Angie Perez Rani Thaliachary
9:00 am Sun	Rafaela Laran Hope Groves Frank Martinez Gloria Paler Delores Uhyrek	Ledie Amon Leavings Crescy Lobo Hernand Paler Rita Rivera
10:45 am Sun	Catherine Inoma Marina Beltran Mary Guerrero John Kunnakat Chinwe Osondu Mona Washington Arnulfo Zamora	Ijeoma Akuechiana Gloria Colunga Chris Inoma Karisue Nelson Sr Ancilla Uchendu Carmen Zamora
12:30 pm Sun	Tomasa Lazo Ana Llamas Guadalupe Betancourt Santiago Romero Jesus Cantu Petra Enriquez Philomena Waturuocha Sheila Dubey Francia Lindog Gretchen Pyle Shirley Zidon	Gloria Almeida Elvia Condon Edgar Gonzales Laura Cantu Carmen Tristan Graciela Martinez Edith Dima-ala Edna Kemavor Nu Nguyen Ranjel Serrano
5:30 pm Sun		

Readers

5:30 pm Sat	Elva Moore	Inger Louis
7:30 am Sun	Debbie Cortez	June Anderson
9:00 am Sun	Francis Akah	Bert Carmon
10:45 am Sun	Easter Kirby	Helen Fadri
12:30 pm Sun	Laura Cantu	Al Martinez
5:30 pm Sun	Gwen Reinke	Gloria Batiste Roberts

Altar Servers

5:30 pm Sat	William Barre Darlene Gomez	Alessandro Cubilan
7:30 am Sun	Theresa Manakkil Volunteer	Anna Marie Manakkil
9:00 am Sun	Nkolika Ezenwa Kobi Onwumelu	Brandon Ikwuagwu
10:45 am Sun	Chinyere Akuechiana Chismidi Okpara	Uche Oguejiofor Chinecherem Okpara
12:30 pm Sun	Isabel Mares Leyla Gonzalez	Emanuel Gomez Luna Ramos
5:30 pm Sun	Naomi Zidon Gospel Zidon	Zoe Zidon

Ushers

Sat 5:30 pm	Henry Machala	Carl Mouton
Sun 7:30 am	Michael Barone	
Sun 9:00 am	John Ferro	Joe Macias
Sun 10:45 am	Arnulfo Zamora	George Thomas
Sun 12:30 pm	Juan Sanchez	
Sun 5:30 pm	Randolf Serrano	Mark Ogwuru

Financial Support October, 2019 & YTD

October Offertory & Faith Direct	\$106,146
Monthly Budget Offertory/Faith Direct	\$114,634
Monthly Actual vs Budget + / (-)	(\$4,623) (overage)
Summary (Fiscal 2019/20)	
Actual vs Budget + /- (-)	(\$16,340) (shortage)
October 2019 Church Remodel Loan	
Sept 1, 2019 Principle Balance	\$1,424,947
Monthly Principle Payment	\$10,551
Monthly Interest Payment	\$3,607
October 1, 2019 Balance	\$1,414,396
IGNITE (through November 7, 2019)	
Parish Goal	\$946,677
Pledges	\$649,201
Paid	\$207,373

**Thank you for your support of
Our Parish Family!!**

As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Holy Family needs not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Holy Family with electronic donations through **Faith Direct**. Sign up is easy! Visit faith.direct/TX364 or **text the word ENROLL** to **281-532-8840**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! God Bless You,
Fr Sunny Joseph

Chalice for Vocations

Sunday, November 24
10:45 am Mass
Mary Guajardo & Family

If you are interested in having the Chalice in your home, please call or text Bert Gombencion, 832-202-5804.

