

Third Sunday of Advent

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

The countdown to Christmas gets closer and closer, along with the probable excitement and stress that goes with the season. Hence, all classes, meetings and miscellaneous gatherings here at St. Catherine’s ended this past week. Bible study, CCE, and the like will resume in the new year.

The **Christmas Mass schedule** is as follows:



Christmas Eve:
5:00pm and 7:00pm

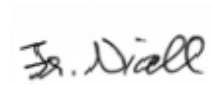


Christmas Morning:
8:30am



Janie Morales has been our business administrator here for the past year; she came with the understanding that she could take her retirement much more seriously after the year was over. She has more than fulfilled her promise! Janie is now ready for real retirement - no commute, early mornings and all that goes with a regular work week. She is going to spend more time with family, travel the world and leave no money for anyone to inherit – go for it! Seriously, we wish Janie every blessing as she embraces her well-earned retirement and a very sincere “thank you” for being with us this past year. In the meantime, Janie has sought and trained a very capable replacement, Missy Wibbelsman, whom we will introduce to you in one of the new year bulletins.

God bless and take care,



Diocesan Services Fund		Activity Thru:	12/09/2019
St. Catherine of Siena - Houston-DSF19			
Parish Goal:		\$53,900.00	
Total Amount Paid:		\$51,855.99	
Total Amount Pledged:		\$52,959.99	
Total Number of Participant:		138	
* Total Number of Households:		1299	
Average Participant Pledge:		383.77	
Paid Over (Under) Goal:		(\$2,044.01)	
Pledged Over (Under) Goal:		(\$940.01)	
Percent Paid:		96.21%	



Annual Men's Retreat

Our annual men's retreat for the men of St. Catherine's Parish will be held at Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road, on January 10-12, 2020. This year's theme is "Standing on Holy Ground: The Call to Holiness in Today's World." This is a great way to start the new year. Registration forms and brochures are located on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please contact Charles Hrachovy 713-468-0259 with any questions.

East Spring Branch Food Pantry

Thanks you for your participation in the Meal in a Bag program for Thanksgiving. We served almost 1000 families. Also, several years ago you contributed to our Capital Improvement fund. We used that fund to further enlarge our "Receiving" building, totally from your gift. When we have official completion we will invite you to an open house for you to see what your money has done. We can do so much when we work together. Please enjoy the holiness of the season and a good New Year.



- Mary White, Director

Club 55+ Bus Trips

For those who have signed up for the December bus trip to the Crighton Theatre, we will leave at 4:00 pm sharp on December 20 to have an early dinner at the Pacific Yard House. Please contact Henry ASAP if you cannot attend (281-684-7030). A few seats may become available if there are cancellations, so if you are interested in seeing the musical, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, please contact Henry as well.

Save the dates: The next trips will be on January 29, February 10, and March 25. Details will follow in future bulletins.

Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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SAT 14	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 15	8:30 AM Sunday Mass NO CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass
MON 16	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 17	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED 18	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
THU 19	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
FRI 20	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
Next Week	Fourth Sunday of Advent
SAT 21	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 22	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 11:15 AM Sunday Mass
MON 23	Office Closed No Daily Mass
TUE 24	Office Closed 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
WED 25	Office Closed 8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

