Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last weekend we heard a strong admonition to stay alert, beware, maintain vigilance, and prepare for the Lord.  Over the next three weeks we will begin to hear about three very important people leading up to the Incarnation who will help us prepare our hearts for Jesus Christ: John the Baptist, Saint Joseph, and Mary.

"John the Baptist is more than a prophet.  In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets.  John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah.  He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the voice of the Consoler who is coming.  As the Spirit of truth will also do, John came to bear witness to the light.  In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels.  He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.  And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God...Behold, the Lamb of God" (CCC 719).

Saint John the Baptist is an important figure to remember during the Advent season as he will remind us about repenting and believing in the Good News.  This is why cultivating a habit of examining one's conscience and visiting the sacrament of reconciliation is so important, especially in our current climate, which has become very hostile to the TRUTH.  He is also someone we can emulate regarding the virtue of fortitude, which will help us live the truth in charity despite being persecuted for faithfulness in Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Family continue to bless and protect each one of you as you prepare your hearts for Christ.  Remember: THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER!!

Your servant & shepherd in Christ,

Father Preston Quintela

That Man Is You (TMIY) is an interactive men’s program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. The program is on Friday’s, from 5:30am till 7am at OLPH hall.

Our series The Bible Timeline with Jeff Cavens is still going on Monday’s. We have a morning session at 9:30am and 7pm at OLPH. If interested, please show up for the time that is more convenient for you.



**Saturday, Dec. 4**

5:00pm SJA † Jim Riley

**Sunday, Dec. 5**

8:30am OLPH Parish Family

10:30am SJA † Rolando Carrasco

12:30pm OLPH † Ramiro Martinez, Sr.

**Monday, Dec. 6**

No Mass

**Tuesday, Dec. 7**

5 pm SJA Jim Bordelon-Happy Birthday

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**

8:30am OLPH Fr. Preston’s Intentions

*Adoration following mass*

**Thursday, Dec. 9**

8:30am SJA Fr. Preston’s Intentions

*Adoration following mass*

**Friday, Dec. 10**

8:30am OLPH Fr. Preston’s Intentions

**Saturday, Dec. 11**

5:00pm SJA   † Jerry Babik

**Sunday, Dec. 12**

8:30am OLPH Parish Family

10:30am SJA † Rob Tosch

12:30pm OLPH † Elida Chapa

**PRAYER LIST** Naomi Smith, Carrie Lisario**,** SC Hutze, Dale Hudson**,** Renalda Brown**,** Josie Gupton**,** Jim Curdie**,**  Brittney Billings, Estella Ellis, Brylie Stowers, Cindy Delgado, Ann Polka, Annabel & Vance Sechelski**,** Rosa Ramirez, R. J. Perez, Alainah Perez, Jerri Morris, Arthur Ramirez, Eric Hatz, Joey & Jenni Nallie, Granny Matejka, Lloyd Lambert, Ralph Nairn, Millie Gresham, Julia Foote, Viviana Salazar, Lucy Laker, Luis Covarrubias, Debra McCormac, Maria Rosas, Sofia Patino, Dana Gilson, , Chrisitan Robles, Michael Rivera, Judy Bernard, Tony Liserio, Nelda Alford, Mary Karstedt, Genevieve Buenger Frances Gonzalez, Linda Miska, Robert Apricio, Fatima Perez, George Gracia, Juan Martinez, Theresa Siska, Aubrey Schultz, Beth McQueen, Wayne Schmidt, Ed Klaiber, Emma Smith, Sam Hollis, Lucy Casarez, Mary Weeks, Elsie Engle, JeanMaire Pempek, Diana Berlanga, Ricardo Rodriguez, Frank Matusek, Dorothy Havel, Sarah Beth Strother, Lori Comley, Janie Ordonez, Eriverto Garcia, Marissa Miska, Myra Houston, Juanita Griffith, Yolanda Guerrero, Esther Martinez, John Garza, Sr., Erica Janette Reyna, Roger Edgar, James Pisklak, Larry Barak, Itzel Rodriguez, Esperansa Curiel, Rodolfo Curiel, Brett Perkins, Ana Saucedo, Anna Ruth Hickey, Betsy Hutson, Leon Bertsch.

**James & Irma Jones**

**Readings for the Week of December 5, 2021**

**Sunday Second Sunday of Advent**

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;

 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Monday Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,

 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop**

 **and Doctor of the Church**

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,

 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday Solemnity of the Immaculate**

 **Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

 **Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,

 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday Our Lady of Loreto**

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday Saint Damasus I, Pope**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b,

 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

2nd Collection is for Faith Formation.

2nd Collection is for Local St. Vincent de Paul.

**OLPH-Nov. 28, 2021**

Regular Collection $1,702.27

Weekly amount needed $2,400.00

 2nd Collection $1,657.15

**SJA-Nov. 28, 2021**

Regular Collection $2,199.00

Weekly amount needed $2,000.00

2nd Collection $546.00

**![MC900436180[1]]()Please pray for our Troops** including Spec. Abel Carrasco, Major Stephen Koether, GY Sgt. Phillip James Sanchez III, Javier Villisana, Cpt. Mike Knight, Cpt. Ciara Knight, Chris Roche, Jared Nelson, Staff Sgt. Robert Reynolds, Cpt. Jake Knight, Warrant Officer Dylan Diaz, Sgt.Gabriel Quinones, Pvt. Edgar Servantes, Staff Sgt. Jazmin Cisneros, D.J. Cisneros, Gage Alderman.

**Happy Anniversary Dec. 1-10**

William & Estella Ellis 51 Years

Jimmy & Erica Balderas 11 Years

Don & Kathy Boone 45 Years

**Chaplet**

Dec. 4 5:00pm Linda Miska

Dec. 5 8:30am Steve Bennett

Dec. 5 10:30am Angie Waligura

Dec. 5 12:30pm Benjamin Salazar

**Summer Camp 2022 Registration is in still ongoing.**

Thank you to Connie McAda for donating our Christmas tree with all the beautiful trimmings in the OLPH Hall. We appreciate you!

As we prepare for Advent, here is an UPDATED Christmas Schedule and activities that will take place throughout this Joyous Season.

 **MASSES**

**We will have three Ad Orientem Masses in December at OLPH at 9am on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.**

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**Friday, December 24-Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

4:00 pm – SJA – Children’s Mass

 6:30 pm – OLPH –

 8:30 pm – OLPH - Spanish

 12:00 pm – OLPH – Midnight Mass

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**Saturday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

9:30am – SJA

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**Sunday, December 26 –** Regular Mass Schedule

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**Friday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve Mass Schedule**

8:30 am – OLPH 5:00 pm – SJA

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**Saturday, January 1–New Year’s Day Mass Schedule**

5:00 pm – SJA

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**Sunday, January 2** – Regular Mass Schedule

**ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, December 5-Children’s Pageant**

5:00 pm -SJA

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Wednesday, Dec. 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have mass at 8:30am with Confessions and Rosary beginning at 8am. At OLPH. We will also have an evening mass at SJA at 6:30pm with Confessions at 5:30pm and Rosary at 6pm.

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**Thurs., Dec. 9th at 5pm-OLPH**- All ladies from both parishes are invited to the Altar Society/Altar Guild Christmas party. Please R.S.V.P. to 548-2020

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We will be starting a new video series called “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” on **Sat., December 11th at 9:45am at OLPH**. Also, if you would like to have “FORMED” downloaded to one or more of your devices bring your phone, tablet, I-pad, and/or Laptop. This is provided by the parishes and has a lot of great documentaries, series, and is great for all ages.

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Mananitas on Sun., Dec. 12th at 11am; Rosary at Noon

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 **Wed., Dec. 15th OLPH at 6:00pm** Faith Formation Christmas Party for both parishes.

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Confessions will be Wed., Dec. 22 at 6pm at SJA and before and after masses during the week at both parishes. Saturday Confessions start at

**Advent Penance Services in our Deanery**

Sun., Dec 5 at 6 PM: St. Anthony of Padua-- Danbury

Mon., Dec. 6 at 7 PM: St. Mary Star of the Sea-- Freeport

Thurs., Dec.9 at 7 PM: St. John the Baptist-- Alvin

Wed., Dec.15 at 6:30 PM Sacred Heart-- Manvel

Thurs., Dec.16 at 6:30 PM Most Holy Trinity-- Angleton