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(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

11:35a.m. - 12:00p.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

## SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

### Adult Choirs

### Judah Choir:

Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

### God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

### Youth Choir:

Saturday-12:00pm (Harris Center)

Thursday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday-7:00pm (In Church)

## BIBLE STUDY/

## ADULT CATHECHISM:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.*

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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## VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

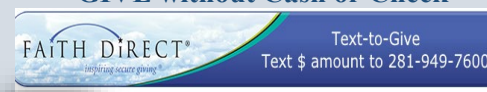
Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

## WELCOME VISITORS AND

## NEWCOMERS

To register, call, come by the parish office or visit our website at: [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

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Save the number as a contact in your mobile phone for easy giving.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. 12/08/18 5:00PM**  
*M/M Joseph Duplechaine (D) - Family*  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Terrance Boxie (D)*  
 Marian Richardson Family  
*Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family*  
*Francis Lee Williams (D) – Pat Wiltz*

**SUN. 12/09/18 7:30AM**  
*People of the Parish*

**SUN. 12/09/18 10:00AM**  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*M/M Ernest Henry (D) – The Family*  
*Brenda Williams Hudson (D)*  
 The Family  
*Wade Dozier, Sr (D) – Family*  
*Donovan Dozier, Sr. (D) – Family*

**SUN. 12/09/18 12:15PM**  
*Christopher Pichon II (D)*  
 Pichon Family  
*Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)*  
 The Goodwin & Rayme Family  
*Gaston Joseph, Jr. (D)*  
 Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph, SSF  
*Most Rev. Dominic Carmon, SVD (D)*  
*In Thanksgiving – Odelia Vallery*

**MON. 12/10/18 7:00AM**  
*Leona Savoie (D) – Orell/Gloria Dargin*  
*Protection/Financial Breakthrough for*  
*the Ezechi Family – Florence Ogbor*

**MON. 12/10/18 7:00PM**  
*Revival (No Mass)*

**TUE. 12/11/18 7:00AM**  
*Rev. John J. McBrearty, SSJ (D)*  
*Protection/Financial Breakthrough for*  
*the Ezechi Family – Florence Ogbor*

**TUE. 12/11/18 7:00PM**  
*Revival (No Mass)*

**WED. 12/12/18 7:00AM**  
*JoAnne Bonhomme (D)*  
 Henderson Family  
*Protection/Financial Breakthrough for*  
*the Ezechi Family – Florence Ogbor*

**WED. 12/12/18 7:00PM**  
*Revival - People of the Parish*

**THUR. 12/13/18 7:00AM**  
*Lonnie Carrier (D) – Rita Albert*  
*Barbara Tolbert (D) – Audrey Otis*

**FRI. 12/14/18 7:00AM**  
*Edwin Vallery (L) – Special Intention*  
*Rev. John J. McBrearty, SSJ (D)*



Deacon Alfred Abram,  
 Nathan Addison, Algy Alfred,  
 Patricia Ashley, Margaret  
 Cadoree, Charolette Davis,  
 Kessling Francis, Willie Mae

Henderson, Helen Kennison, Lynn Lewis,  
 Cynthia Ann Malone, Barbara Martin,  
 Shannon Martin, Jake B. Matthews,  
 Dorothy Milstead, Carolyn Ollison, Helen  
 Foreman Orsort, Jesse Pena, Cynethia  
 Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Tanya Potier,  
 Clematis Potts, Herman Rayme, Oliver  
 Rose, Evelyn Smith, Joan Strayhan,  
 MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks,  
 Bessie Swindle, Erma Taylor, Pamela  
 Thibodeaux, and all of the sick and shut-in  
 in our parish family. **After 30 days,**  
**please call the office to remain on the**  
**prayer list.**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

**Army:**

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck,  
 Wadie Troy Butler, Tamika Rochelle  
 Carmouche, Shanta Charles, Josiah  
 Charles,  
 Stephen Jones, LaTroy King,  
 Gary Christian Robertson,  
 Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli

**Navy:**

Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser,  
 Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris,  
 Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III,  
 Anthony N. Russell

**Air Force:**

Hayden Jacob Jr, Roderick Jones,  
 Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers,  
 Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

**Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Jakob Trahan,  
 Reginald Ward



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**Second Sunday of Advent**

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. Saint Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. Saint Luke introduces Saint John the Baptist, who has emerged from the desert to prepare the people for baptism and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings, we are filled with joy.

**READINGS**

**FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – December 9**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm 126:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

**Monday – December 10**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Luke 5:17-26

**Tuesday – December 11**

*Saint Damascus I, Pope*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13

Matthew 18:12-14

**Wednesday – December 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zechariah 2:14-17 or

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Psalm Judith 13:18-19

Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

**Thursday – December 13**

*Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

Isaiah 41:13-20

Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13

Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday – December 14**

*Saint John of the Cross,*

*Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Isaiah 48:17-19

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday – December 15**

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Psalm 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19

Matthew 17:9, 10-13



Bible Study Classes are **CANCELLED** for the month of December. Classes will resume on **January 8, 2019.**



December 10.....6:00pm  
6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes  
December 15.....9:30am  
Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes  
December 22, 24, 29, & 31, 2018:  
NO CCE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

# RCIA

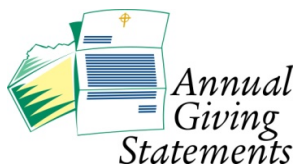


**RCIA Candidates Rite of Welcoming:**  
Sade Pichon, Tierra Ledet and Gwen Baye pictured with their sponsors at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

## THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

### Archdiocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



If you will need a copy of your 2018 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office after **December 31<sup>st</sup>** at (713) 738-2311. Statements will be sent only upon request. **Please note: contributions received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will not be reflected on statements for 2018.**

**Is Your Pledge?**  
Up to Date?

DSF Status as of 12/03/18  
**Goal \$62,000.00**  
**67% Paid**

To Pledge/Pay Online:  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf)

As of December 3, 2018, only 185 families have pledged or contributed to this year's DSF campaign. We are left with **\$20,271** to reach our DSF goal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, please consider sending your donation this week. You can put your donation in the Second Collection using the DSF pew envelopes next weekend or mail it directly to the Archdiocese at PO Box 4681, Houston, TX, 77210-4681. Please identify **St. Francis Xavier** on your payment.

**Winner of the Most Bazaar Raffle**  
**Tickets Sold – 140 Tickets!**



**Rena Malveaux**



## “CHRISTMAS - A TIME FOR GIVING”

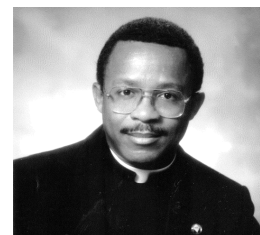
Parishioners are invited to submit names of families in need of toys for Christmas. You may call the Parish Office during regular business hours. The cut-off for names is **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, no exceptions!

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> was **552**. Please come worship with us and a friend.



## ADVENT REVIVAL

is December 10, 11 and 12 at 7:00pm nightly. Rev. **John Judie**,

from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky will be our guest revivalist. The Revival theme is **“Face to Face with Grace”**.



## Dates to Remember

**December 9, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 10-12, 2018**

**Advent Revival – 7:00pm Nightly**

**December 16, 2018**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Wear pink/rose**

**Gaudete' Sunday**

**December 23, 2018**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve**

**Vigil Mass – 5:00pm**

**December 25, 2018-Christmas Day**

**Midnight Mass – 12:00am**

**Morning Mass – 10:00am**

**(NO 7:00am Mass)**

**Dec 31, 2018-New Year's Eve**

**Vigil Mass – 5:00pm**

**January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day**

**Morning Mass–10:00am**

**(NO 7:00am Mass)**



## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

**Dec 7 – Dec 8**

5:00pm.....Ruth Celestine & Lois Epps  
7:30am...Pat Session & Rena Malveaux  
10:00am.....Audry Hill  
12:15pm.....Odelia Vallery



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