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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019



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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 4th 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

Daniel Guerrero 281.723.9948

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 12/14/19 5:00PM
 Edwin Vallery (L) - Special Intention
 Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
 Barbara Tolbert (D)
 Special Intention
 Earlene Duplechain (D)
 Eddie & Helen Cook
 Joseph Duplechain (D)
 The Duplechain Family

SUN. 12/15/19 7:30AM
 O'Neal & Alice Duplechain (D) – Family
 Sandra Savoie Arceneaux (D)
 Francis & Theresa Savoie
 Louis Sr. & Eunice Thompson (D)
 Marian Richardson/Family
 Pope Francis (L)
 50th Anniversary (Dec 13)

SUN. 12/15/19 10:00AM
 People of the Parish

SUN. 12/15/19 12:15PM
 Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis
 Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
 Raymond Otis (D) – Audrey Otis
 Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
 Wanda Dixon/Family
 Thomas Burney (D) – Cecilia Charles

MON. 12/16/19 7:00AM
 Lauretha Sellers (D) – Rose Braxton

TUE. 12/17/19 7:00AM
 Rev. Edward J. Mullaney, SSJ (D)

WED. 12/18/19 7:00AM
 John & Mary Buckman (D)
 Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

THUR. 12/19/19 7:00AM
 Rev. Edward J. Mullaney, SSJ (D)

FRI. 12/20/19 7:00AM
 Vocations



Deacon Alfred Abram,
 Algy Alfred, Margaret
 Cadoree, Mary Augustine
 Chenier, Marie Green
 Cooper, Nicole Fontenet,

Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae
 Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Helen Kennison,
 JoAnn LaSane, Laurenzia Lewis, Cynthia
 Ann Malone, Patrick Martell, Barbara Martin,
 Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev.
 William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison,
 Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon,
 William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Marie
 Prevost, Thomas Randle, Evelyn Roberts,
 Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Kim Roy,
 Evelyn Smith, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg,
 MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma
 Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Agnes Williams,
 Patricia Williams and all the sick and shut-in
 in our parish family.

Let us Know

Please let us know when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery, especially if the illness or surgery is serious. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.

Army:

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

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna 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, Reginald Ward



Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah sings a song of rebirth today, describing Israel after the exile. Flowers bloom, disabilities are healed, sorrow turns to joy. The letter of James counsels us to be patient during this transformation. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds John's disciples that he has done just what Isaiah prophesied. What's more, the kingdom of heaven promises greatness for all. As we listen to God's word, let us rejoice, for we know that God is with us.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday – December 15**
Third Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11
- **Monday – December 16**
 Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17
 Psalm 25:4-5, 6, 7, 8-9
 Matthew 21:23-27
- **Tuesday – December 17**
 Genesis 49:2, 8-10
 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17
 Matthew 1:1-17
- **Wednesday – December 18**
 Jeremiah 23:5-8
 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
 Matthew 1:18-25
- **Thursday – December 19**
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
 Psalm 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17
 Luke 1:5-25
- **Friday – December 20**
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Luke 1:26-38
- **Saturday – December 21**
St. Peter Canisius,
Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Song of Songs 2:8-14 or
 Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
 Luke 1:39-45



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS
 Dec 14-15

5:00pm.....Phyllis Moore
 7:30am.....Marie White
 10:00am.....Bonnie Jefferson
 12:15pm....Chiazor & Sylvia Ofordile

GAUDETE SUNDAY

On this weekend during the Advent season we celebrate "Gaudete" which means "Rejoice" by wearing something rose or pink colored. The pink candle of the Advent wreath will be lit.



Bible Study Classes are cancelled thru the end of the year. Classes will resume on **January 7, 2020.**



SFX GABRIEL PROJECT
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December 16th6:00pm
 6th -10th CCE CLASSES
 December 21st 9:30am
 PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

RCIA

What was the Ceremony Celebrated at Mass last Saturday?

Last Saturday we celebrated the Rite of Initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for their Baptism).



Bottom (L-R) Candidates: Angela Collins, Brandy Robinson
 Top (L-R) Sponsors: Godfrey Fuller, Ashton Guerrero

A special thanks to all who helped in any way with the celebration. Please continue to pray for our catechumens as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process. RCIA classes are **Thursday's** at **6:00pm** in the Harris Center.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
 We encourage all parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The signup sheet is located in the vestibule of the church.

The Stewardship Committee will meet at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center, on **Wednesday, December 18th**. Please plan to attend.

Sisters in the Spirit Bake Sale
 Sisters in the Spirit of SFX are hosting a Bake Sale and Silent Auction after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please give them your support.

Is Your Pledge?
 Up to Date?

DSF Status as of
12/09/19
63% Paid
Goal \$62,000.00
 To Pledge/Pay Online:
www.archgh.org/dsf

As of December 9, 2019, only 167 families have pledged or contributed to this year's DSF campaign. We are left with **\$22,557.70** 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 this weekend or mail it directly to the Archdiocese at PO Box 4681, Houston, TX, 77210-4681. Please identify **St. Francis Xavier** on your payment.

STOCK/GIFT DONATION
 Many parishioners donate annually during this holiday season with gifts of stock. Contact the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311 for assistance in making a gift or stock donation to St. Francis Xavier. Consider leaving a lasting legacy in your will to your parish.



DONATION DRIVE FOR U.S. VETS
 KPC Unit 138 will host a donation drive for U.S. VETS-Houston until **December 16, 2019**, at SFX. We are accepting the following donated items for adult men and women: full bars of soap or shower gel, blankets, bath towels, toothpaste, socks, hats, gloves, ear buds for cell phones and ear plugs. Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church.

KPC SHOE DRIVE
 KPC is collecting shoes for our shoe drive project. Slightly worn shoes; No scuff marks; No shoe boxes. Shoes must have tips on them.

YOUTH choir
 The Youth Choir will rehearse on **Thursday, December 19th** at **7:00pm** in the Church and **Saturday, December 21st** at **12:00 Noon** in the Harris Center.



Dates to Remember

- December 15, 2019**
3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudete' Sunday (Wear pink/rose)
- December 22, 2019**
4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve**
Vigil Mass – 5:00pm
- December 25, 2019-Christmas Day**
Midnight Mass – 12:00am
Morning Mass – 9:00am
(NO 7:00am Mass)
- Dec 31, 2019-New Year's Eve**
Vigil Mass – 5:00pm
- January 1, 2020 - New Year's Day**
Morning Mass–10:00am
(NO 7:00am Mass)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please remember to use your Christmas Flowers/Decorations envelope to sponsor the Christmas Poinsettia in Honor or in Memory of your loved one. The minimum donation is **\$10.00**.

Annual Giving Statements
 If you will need a copy of your 2019 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office after **December 31st** at (713) 738-2311. Statements will be sent only upon request. **Please note: Contributions received after December 31st will not be reflected on statements for 2019.**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on December 7th and December 8th was **544**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

Closed
 The Parish Office will be closed:
December 24th – 26th

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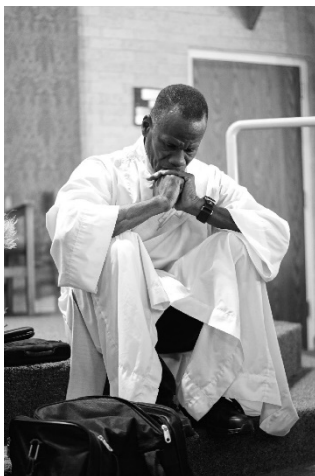
Advent Revival 2019

Theme: Rekindling Your Godly Spirit!

December 15, 16 & 17

Sunday - 5:00 p.m. Children's Reconciliation/Revival

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation



Tuesday – 7:00 pm Closing Mass

10960 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Houston, Texas 77048

Rev. Christian-Mary Anosike Alimaji, MSP. Pastor

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

Revivalist

Guest choirs will be:

St. Francis Xavier on Monday, December 16, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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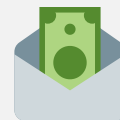
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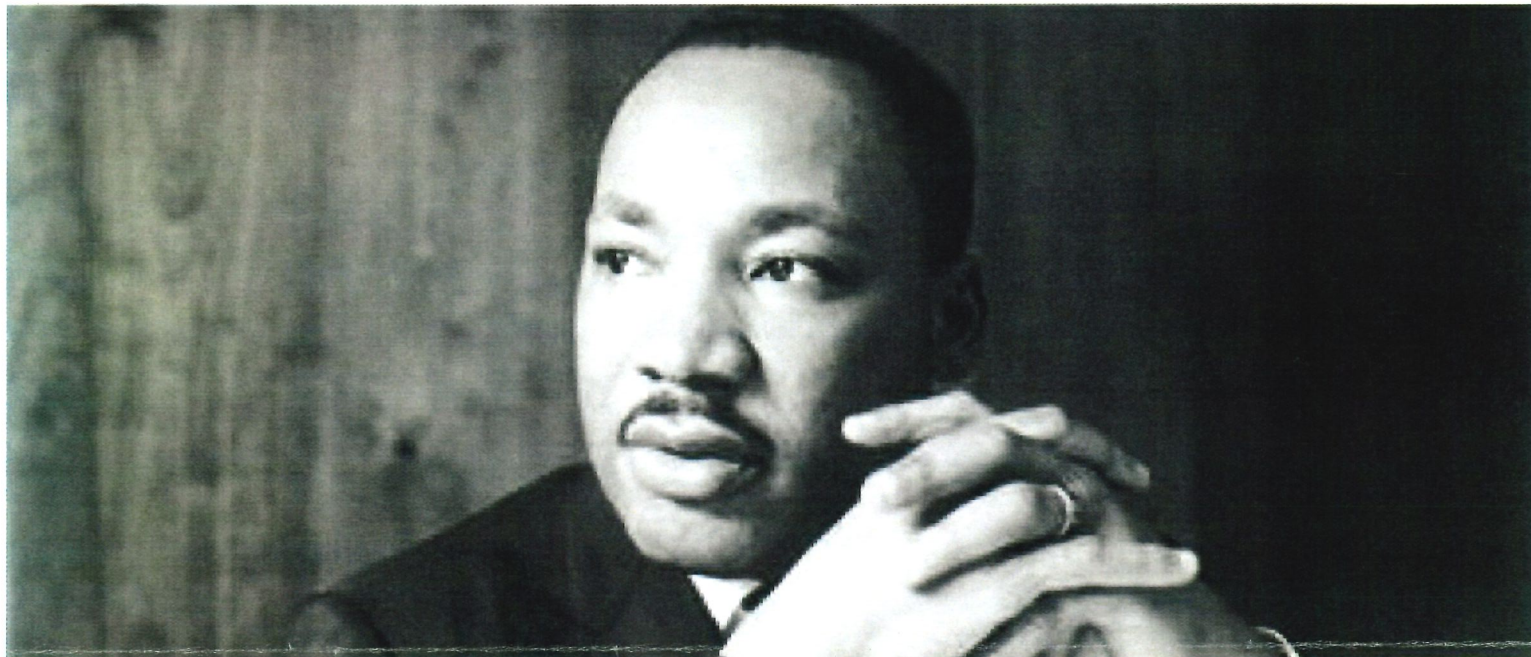


Pew envelopes

Website: www.archgh.org/dsf

Questions: 713-652-4417

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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
35th Observance of the Annual Celebration



"A Mass of Remembrance"

Honoring the birthday of
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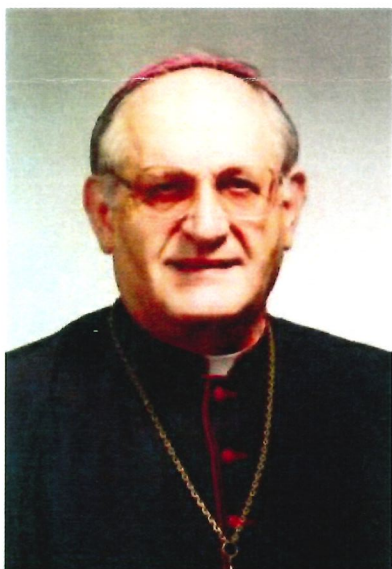
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**SUNDAY
AFTERNOON**

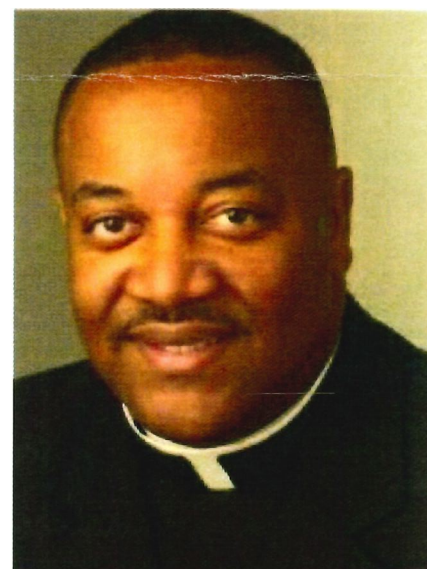
January 19, 2020

3:00PM

Reception to follow in the Cathedral Centre



Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza
Archbishop Emeritus
MAIN CELEBRANT



Rev. Reginald Samuels
Vicar for Catholics of
African Descent
HOMILIST

DAY OF PRAYER | SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

HOSTED BY: KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER — UNIT 138



Rev. Stephen R. Sohe, SSJ
Guest Speaker

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Love One Another... Just as I Have Loved You... John 13:34

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