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(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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. 12/07/19 5:00PM
 Evelyn Hebert-Briggs (L)
 Special Intention
 Daryllyn Harrison (L) – Special Intention
 Richard D. Harrison (L)
 Special Intention
 The Goodwin Family (D)
 Stephanie Goodwin
 Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family

SUN. 12/08/19 7:30AM
 People of the Parish

SUN. 12/08/19 10:00AM
 Gary Charles (L) - Charles Family
 Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
 Carl D. Clay (D)
 Patrick, PJ & Kiara Clay
 Christopher Pichon II (D)
 The Pichon Family

SUN. 12/08/19 12:15PM
 Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
 Wanda Dixon/Family
 Thomas Burney (D) – Shirley Conley

MON. 12/09/19 7:00AM
 Audrey Otis (L) – Special Intention

TUE. 12/10/19 7:00AM
 Gabriel Sr. & Lorena Lewis (D)
 Audrey Otis

WED. 12/11/19 7:00AM
 Vocations

THUR. 12/12/19 7:00AM
 JoAnne Henderson (L) – Henderson’s

FRI. 12/13/19 7:00AM
 Lonnie Carrier (D) – Audrey Otis
 Julian Forté (D) – Mary Ida Reed



Deacon Alfred Abram,
 Algy Alfred, Margaret
 Cadoree, Mary Augustine
 Chenier, 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 Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William
 Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Marie Prevost,
 Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver
 Rose, Kim Roy, Evelyn Smith, Simon Smith,
 Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedy
 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, Debreauna 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



Second Sunday of Advent

Peace and harmony. Last Sunday, Isaiah inspired us with a vision of peace, when swords are beaten into plowshares. Today, Isaiah speaks of a state of harmony, when a lamb can lie down with a wolf. Paul encourages the Romans to think in harmony with one another. John the Baptist calls for repentance, so that all may bear good fruit. As we listen to scripture, let us imagine the harmony we can create when all of us ready ourselves for Jesus’ coming.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – December 8

Second Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Romans 15:4-9
 Matthew 3:1-12

Monday – December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Genesis 3:9-15, 20
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 4
 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
 Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday – December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13
 Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday – December 11

Saint Damasus I, Pope
 Isaiah 40:25-31
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10
 Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday – 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

Friday – December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
 Isaiah 48:17-19
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
 Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday – December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
 Psalm 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19
 Matthew 17:9, 10-13



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Dec 7-8

5:00pm....Ruth Celestine & Lois Epps
 7:30am.....Michael & Jean Dozier
 10:00am.....Bernadette Mitchell
 12:15pm.....John & Gloria Marcel



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.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on November 30th and December 1st was **536**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.



Bible Study Classes are **Tuesday’s at 6:30pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium. Come study

God’s Word and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Bring your Catholic Bible and a friend.



December 9th6:00pm

6th -10th CCE CLASSES

December 16th 9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

RCIA

What's Happening this Weekend for those Ready to Move Forward in our Parish's RCIA Process

The initial inquiry (pre-catechumenate) period for our parish's inquirers will be moving into the second stage, with our first opportunity for **Brandy Robinson** and **Angela Collins** to go through the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*. The first phase of the journey of initiation has been a time for seekers to hear the mystery of Christ proclaimed. They have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their conversion journey, and for our RCIA process as we assist them in moving toward a closer relationship with God. Your prayers are critical to the success of our program. We will continue to keep you informed of the initiation process and progress of those considering joining the Church. We invite you to take an active role in welcoming our soon-to-be catechumens, and to be models of faith and Christian charity for them.

RCIA classes resume on **Thursday at 6:00pm** in the Harris Center.



KPC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

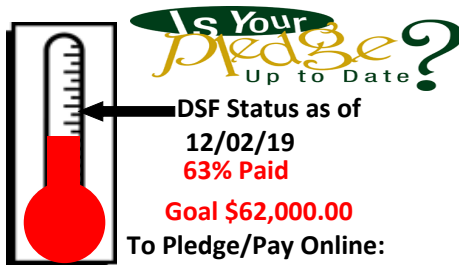


SFX Parish Hall
December 14, 2019-8pm to 12 midnight

Buffet and Open Bar
Please bring an unwrapped toy
Donation \$30
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Pope Francis celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday, December 13th. May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to bishops, priests, and the faithful throughout the world.



As of December 2, 2019, only 167 families have pledged or contributed to this year's DSF campaign. We are left with **\$22,819.70** 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 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.



"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 13th**, no exceptions!



Parish Christmas Party!

St. Francis Xavier Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:00pm in the Parish Hall.



Dates to Remember

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Parish Christmas Party - 2:00pm

December 9, 2019

The Immaculate Conception (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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)



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.**

Annual Giving Statements



Pastoral Council

will meet on **Wednesday, December 11th**,

at 6:00pm in the Harris Center.

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