God calls us to "render constant thanks". We give thanks to God by "witnessing to the light"…by sharing with others a portion of our blessings.

MONDAY	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
TUESDAY	Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17
WEDNESDAY	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24
THURSDAY	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
FRIDAY	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
SATURDAY	Sg 2:8-14;Lk 1:39-45
SUNDAY	2Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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ADVENT *In Our Parish*

December 2002

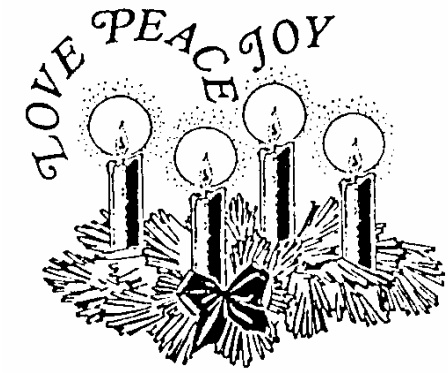
15 Third Sunday of Advent – Light three Candles
16 Parish Reconciliation Service - 5 Priests hearing Confessions – 7:00pm in the church
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Light four Candles
Decorate Xmas Tree in church 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

24 Vigil of Christmas Masses:
5:30p.m. in the church
5:30p.m. in the Family Life Center
9:00p.m. "Midnight Mass" in the church
25 Christmas Day – Mass at 10:00a.m.
26 Feast of Stephen, first Martyr
27 Feast of John, Apostle and Evangelist
28 Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
31 New Year's Eve - Mass at 5:30pm

January 2003

1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 10:00a.m.



My soul REJOICES in my God.

MASS INTENTIONS
DECEMBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 22

TUESDAY	**5:30P.M.**	✍Georgette Tanios by M/M Barry Guillory
WEDNESDAY	**8:30A.M.**	✍Ed Carmody by Ruth Cleaver
THURSDAY	**5:30P.M.**	✍Juan Longoria, Jr. by M/M Bart Garcia
FRIDAY	**8:30A.M.**	✍C.J. Vitek by Mary Pelliccia
SATURDAY	**5:30P.M.**	✍C.J. Vitek by M/M Jerry Hinojosa
SUNDAY	**8:00A.M.**	✍C.J. Vitek by M/M Joe Ray Matzke
	9:30A.M.	✍Mrs. Rita Schrems by . Art & Anne Haas
	11:00A.M.	The deGroot Family by Jim & Lucky Parent

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dionisio Martinez, father of Bertha Rios; also for the soul of Agnes Mitchon, sister of Frank Bohac.

Those of our community who have requested our prayers:

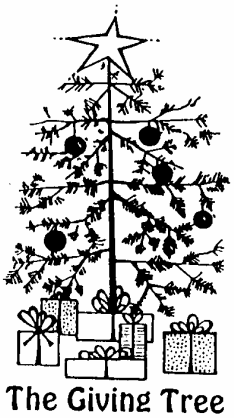
Savana Allen, Hugo Arevalo, Billy Ray Barnett, Janet Barone, Robert Behr, Scott Blanchard, Josephine Bogo, Bennie Paul Bono**,** Jeremy Bump**,** Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie**,** Ruth Cleaver, James Conalty, Jay Cormier, Mary Coxle, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Anita Cromis, Gene Curtis, Dorothy D'Augusta, Pete D'Augusta,, Barbara Dillon**,** Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges**,** Cody Drapela, Lenora Duval, Clarence Ebey, Isabel Evans**,** Payton Ewald, Marcella Ezell, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Jared Floyd, Norma Forey**,** Clarence Forse, Lucille Fourrier, Colette Easter Garcia, Emily Garcia, Paul Garcia**,** Craig Garrison**,** Robert Goodpaster**,** Barbara Grant, Dolores Haack, Arthur Haas, Dorothy Harnden, Mary Harnden, Maury Havlik, Lorraine Hayes**,** Vince Henderson**,** Wanda Henry, Adela Hernandez, Kristen Hinojosa, Pam Hocutt, Mike Jankowiak, Rae Holt, Brenda Kelley, Rebecca Kelly, Taylor Kibodeaux, Gloria Kissinger, Jerry Lacoume, Joe Langston**,** Ray Langston, Sarah Langston**,** Tristan Cade Lawson**,** Tim & Larry Loftus, Robin Loftus, Mary Martinez, Chaulzie Massie, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Ed McGuckin, Vicky Melton, Ounida Muniza, Heloise Murray, William Neely, Jean Newport, Natalie Pena, Johnny Peres,III**,** Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson**,** **Jessie Prinz,** Anna Mae Reixach, Hattie Richter, Christina Robinson, Gabriella Rodriguez**,** Mary Rogers**,** John Rosser**, Doris Rutkowski**, Sandy Sendejo. Bud Stover, Coletta Stover, Billie Stricklin, Joshua Teague, Linda Thompson, Evelyn Tumlinson, Jennifer Villarreal, Anna Mae Walters, Evelyn White, John Edward White, Shane Williams, Reese Williams, Ed Windler, Harold Wolf, Margaret Young and Jack Yonge.

(**Bold denotes new on prayer list this week.**

DECEMBER CALENDAR

15 Class 6:30pm Toy Drive
Return new/wrapped/tagged gift
22 No class Xmas Holidays
23 Toy Delivery to Memorial Day Care & Salvation Army
Meet 9:30am/Lunch at CiCi;s Pizza Bring $6
25 Christmas Day
29 No Class Xmas Holidays

As always, thank you for your generosity. Next week we will have our regular collection of food to assist us in feeding the needy of our area. Although the pantry is in good shape for most canned goods, items presently in short supply include: **flour, sugar, tomato paste, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, jelly, tuna, canned fruit, paper towels, deodorant soaps, and bathroom tissue.**



We will collect the wrapped gifts December 14/15. Thank you in advance for your unbounded generosity.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER: couples' retreat/ conference at Moody Gardens Hotel, February 14-16. A chance to build oneness, rekindle romance & inspire commitment for married couples. Group rates available. For info contact Bruce & Dee Swope at 299-1236 or swopefam@swbell.net

Our Parish goal for the 2002 DSF is $84,200.00. To date we have had pledges of $64,809.25, made by 358 parish families. We are $46,288.25 short of our goal.

The Birds and Bees & Growing Up!
Could you use some guidance when it comes to teaching your son and/or daughter about sexuality? Help is here in a comfortable atmosphere that lest sons and fathers and/or daughters and mothers share God's plan for love through His gifts of sexuality and fertility.

What: **Growing Up Together, Father & Son (11-14 years old) Program.**
When: Sunday, February 2, 2003, 1:30-4:30pm
Where: Most Holy Trinity Church, Angleton
Cost: $20.00, register 10 days in advance
Contact: Cheryl Scott, 849-1764

What: **Create A Memory, Mother & Daughter (10-12 years old) Program**
When: Sunday, February 9, 2003, 1:30-4:30pm
Where: St. Anthony Church, Danbury
Cost: $20.00, register 10 days in advance
Contact: Mary LeCompte, 922-1241

On behalf of Spirit & Jr. Team, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that have made the Fall semester so successful! Thank you, also, to all the families who have so faithfully brought their children to Youth Ministry on Sunday evening. It has been a pleasure to meet and interact with your children, and we are looking forward to the New Year in Youth Ministry! See you all on January 12th, 6:30 to 8:15, for Vocation Night. Gods' peace and blessings to each of your families during the Christmas Holiday Season!
Mrs. Janice Rodrigue

Brass, Rhythm & Reeds, directed by Gary Forse will be back in Lake Jackson for your New Year's Eve Celebration! For info call 297-4942 or bitf001@computron.net or visit the band's website at www.houstonbigband.com

MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing) is hosting their annual Christmas Party for the children of St. Michael's. Come this Sunday, December 15th from 1:30-3:30 and visit with Santa. Bring your favorite snack and a canned good for St. Vincent de Paul.