



“Prepare the way of the Lord!” John the Baptist makes his Advent appearance today, and challenges us to make ourselves ready for the Lord’s coming into the world and into our hearts. Repentance, he says, is the key, the way to make the mountains low and the crooked paths straight. As we gather for worship today, let our hearts be repentant, ready to turn around and live in the light of the Lord.

The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us; We Are Filled With Joy.

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2009

- Sunday:** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** **Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor**
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** **Saint Juan Diego, hermit**
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** **Saint Damasus I, pope**
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** **Saint Damasus I, pope**
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 80; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- Sunday:** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass: Mon 12/7 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Tues 12/8 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Dec 12th
6:45 A.M. - Las Mañanitas
7:00 A.M. - Mass
Breakfast immediately after Mass

Please pray for the repose of the souls of :
†Weldon “Pete” Ermis, father of Garland (Tessie), Kevin (Catherine), and Sandy (Jimbo Polka), and brother of Boots (Ruth).
†Nolberto Villarreal, father-in-law of Maria (Nolberto Jr.).

The collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** will be the **weekend of Dec 12 - 13**. This retirement fund helps supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. **Please pray for all religious and consider making a generous donation for this annual appeal.**

The Adoration Chapel at St. Michael’s is a beautiful, quiet place where you can come and sit with our Lord Jesus Christ in quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **9:00 a.m. to Midnight, 7 days a week**. There is an **open Adoration Chapel hour Sundays from 9-10 a.m.** Please call Mary Ann Longoria, 297-4109 if interested. We also need someone for **Thursday from 4-5 p.m.** and from **7-8 p.m.** Please contact Cheri McBurnett, 297-8874.

MASS SCHEDULE EJOICE

DECEMBER 5 through DECEMBER 13

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Bess Ermis †Hattie Richter
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Charles John Savaso Sherry Aaron
	9:30 A.M.	†C. J. Vitek †Naomi Valdez-Hernandez
	11:00 A.M.	Pres Obama & VP Biden †Brian Baker
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Epifania Tellez
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Marie Peluso Hunter †Hattie Richter
	5:30 P.M.	†Mary Kubesch †Vera Colura
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Claire Crosley †Louis Lippman
		†Leonard T. Williamson, Jr.
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Harold Pfeiffer †Mary Kubesch
		Claire Cromeans
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†James Seidler †Betty Mildner
SATURDAY	7:00 A.M.	†Deceased Priests of Arch G-H
	5:30 P.M.	†Kirk Rutkowski Sherry Aaron
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Donald & Remedios Young Sherry Aaron Julius Haas
	9:30 A.M.	†James Seidler †Brian Baker
	11:00 A.M.	†Jeanne Hecker †Danny Hecker

Sherry Aaron, Cierra Allen, Zera Bennet, Kenneth Blanchard, John Campbell, Robert Causbie, Doris Causbie, Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Greg Dubec, Tom Elder, Ann Foster, Andrew Gore, Bevelyn Granger, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Joanna Haswell, Ralph Lewis, Florence Olenick, Jim Pawelek, Paulette Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Larry Savant, and Donna Schwertner.

PRAYER REQUESTS



12/6	2nd Sunday of Advent Vespers 6:30 p.m. F-Wing
12/7 (Mon.)	Immaculate Conception Vigil (5:30pm)
12/8 (Tue.)	Immaculate Conception (8:30am & 5:30pm)
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 a.m.
12/13	3rd Sunday of Advent Vespers 6:30 p.m. F-Wing
12/20	4th Sunday of Advent Vespers 6:30 p.m. F-Wing
12/21 (Mon)	Advent Penance Service (7pm)
12/24 (Thu)	Christmas Eve – 5:30 & 9:00 p.m. Masses
12/25 (Fri)	Christmas – 10:00am Mass
12/31 (Thur)	Mary Mother of God (Vigil Mass 5:30 pm)
1/1 (Fri)	Mary Mother of God - Holy Day (10 am)

Let's Open the Word Together!

What: Lectionary Bible Study
 When: 9:30- 10:30 am Sunday
 Where: Family Life Center; Room 149-150
 Why: To know Him and share Him with your St. Michael's family.
 Who: You are invited and welcome anytime!



Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

- The **Altar Society** is **DESPERATELY** in need of "**Linen Ladies**" who are willing to **wash and iron small altar linens**. Frequency - Every 6 weeks. **Training provided**. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile ministry and spend a little quiet time (1 - 2 hrs) with our Lord. Please call Kathy Moore, 297-8919.



Altar Care

- Sponsors are needed for the current RCIA program**. A Sponsor gives support to their Candidate or Catechumen by **walking their journey** with them as a companion, personal prayer, and attending the RCIA sessions and Mass with them. The Sponsor becomes a witness to the confirmand's initiation into full Christian life and a role model by sharing their personal faith journey. Contact Orville Bellar, 297-1027.



- Sponsors also needed for Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT) program**. Those recently confirmed and other young adults might think about assisting a younger person on their journey. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Contact Betty Betczynski, 285-9139.

- The **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound** is seeking people to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Trained volunteers visit those who are sick and homebound, bringing them the Eucharist. **Upcoming training date: Sunday Dec 6th 1 - 4 p.m.** Contact Sherry Bergen, 233-1161 for more information.



- Come Join Us! **Those who have served on a Women's Christ Renews His Parish Team** and wish to share in spreading the joy



that CRHP brings ... The current **Women's Outreach Team** is looking for more members to participate in an outreach to Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Houston, TX. Contact Genie Packard at 297-1888.

- The Women and Men of Christ Renews His Parish** both have **teams in formation** for St. Michaels. **Both groups are seeking a few additional team members**. If you have attended CRHP and would like the opportunity to deepen your faith, please contact David Konvicka, 297-0051 or Tricia Langner, 299-6176



Parish Events

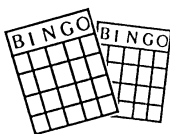
Dates to Remember

- Discernment for the **2010 Pastoral Council** will be held on **Sunday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Angelina Room. **All Parishioners are encouraged to be part of this process**, either by discerning to serve a term on Council or participating during the facilitated discernment process. Deacon David Mitchell will facilitate this day of discernment through prayer as the new members for the 2010 Pastoral Council are selected. For more information about the process, or if you wish to discern for a position on the Council, please contact Sheri Hanson at 979-285-7434.
- Young at Heart - All Senior Adult Parishioners** Reserve **January 16 & February 13** after the 5:30 PM Saturday Mass in the Family Life Center Main Hall. Presentations, Food, Fun, and Fellowship. More details and sign-up coming in January!

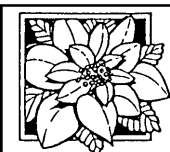
It's time for our annual **Youth Ministry Toy Drive**. We are collecting new toys for Christmas for approximately **200 children at the Memorial Day Care**. We can accept the wrapped and tagged toys **up until Sunday, DEC 6th**. We are asking our parish family for your generous help and support. We invite you to take a **tag identifying an age and gender of child**, which you will find in the narthex of the church. **Please bring back wrapped and tagged toy anytime before Dec 6th to CCE or Youth Ministry classes**, or to our **collection boxes** outside the Youth Ministry Office. Thanks in advance!



Toy Collection



Senior Friends BINGO will be held on **Tuesday, Dec 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the F-Wing**. Come join us! Bring a **Covered Dish** to share and **Bring a Friend!** There is no charge to play, and there are Prizes!



Poinsettias

If you would like to make a donation towards the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

Interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? We are in need of additional EMHC at all Masses, as well as individuals who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the Sick & Homebound. We will have a training session for those wishing to join this ministry on **Sunday, Dec 6th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Church**. Please bring your Bible. Contact Lynne at 297-3041 for more information. Requirements: Confirmed Catholic, actively practicing your faith, and (if married) married in the Church.



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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

DECEMBER

- Dec 5th** HS youth Decorate Rectory Christmas Tree after 5:30 p.m. Mass
- Dec 6th** CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- Dec 6th** TOY DRIVE - Toys due by today!!!!!!
- Dec 13th** Ski Tri Meeting 4:30 p.m. F-Wing
- Dec 13th** CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- Dec 13th** JR HS - Las Posadas reenactment
- Dec 20 - Jan 3** NO CLASS - Christmas Holiday
- Dec 24th** Living Nativity at 5:30 p.m. Mass in Church
- JANUARY**
- Jan 10th** VOCATIONS presentations 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

TAMALES

The ladies of our **Hispanic Ministry** will be taking **ADVANCE ORDERS** for **Tamales** after all Masses on **Sunday Dec 13th**. Chicken, Pork, or Beef Tamales are available, spicy or regular. **\$8.00 per dozen**. Tamales can be **picked up after Mass on Sunday, Dec 20th**. Make sure you order on 12/13 to get your delicious Christmas Tamales!



2nd Sunday of Advent - Year C

As we celebrate this **second Sunday of the new liturgical year**, we note that this is a **C year** in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. In C years, we concentrate on the **Gospel of Luke**. In A years, we read Matthew, and in B years, we delve into Mark.



A gentile convert to Christianity, Luke was a friend and disciple to Paul and possibly a physician. He was a sophisticated literary stylist who produced not only this Gospel but its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, as well. More than the other evangelists, Luke presents Christ as a universal figure, one who accepts all kinds of outcasts from shepherds to Samaritans and one whose genealogy can be traced all the way back to Adam. It is from Luke's Gospel that we receive our fondest images of the events surrounding the nativity.

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ADVENT TRADITIONS

- We light the candle(s) on the **Advent Wreath** as part of the opening for each Mass during the Advent Season. **We need individuals or families** who would like to process in with the Priest and light the Advent candle(s) at the start of each Mass. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex of Church to be part of this special Advent tradition.
- Vespers will be celebrated each Sunday evening** in Advent, beginning on **November 29th**. This service begins at **6:30 p.m. in the F-Wing**, and it is a wonderful, peaceful way to prepare for the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas!



*Rene & Celena Barrera
Michael, Ryan, & Reina
Steven & Carolyn Sovizral
Dawn Rodman
Clara Ramirez & Michael Avitia
Angelina, Gerald, & Asevet
Peter & Consuelo Zerrudo & Patricia*

Pancake Breakfast



Proceeds to benefit the Youth Ministry Toy Drive on Sunday, **Dec 13th** in the Hall of the Family Life Center **after the 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Masses**. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Our final 2009 **BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Wednesday, Dec 16th** from **3:00 until 8:00 PM** in the hall of the Family Life Center.



**Give Blood.
Give Life.**

Consider giving the **GIFT OF LIFE** and help save the life of up to 3 patients. **YOU COULD BE THE NEXT ONE NEEDING BLOOD!**



Penance Service

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

7:00 p.m.

- Thurs Dec 10th - St. Mary's, Freeport
Weds Dec 16th - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton
Thurs Dec 17th - Sacred Heart, Manvel
Thurs Dec 17th - St. John's, West Columbia
Mon Dec 21st - St. Michael's

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

100 Oak Drive South Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Website: www.smlj.org

Pastor - Rev. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Marty Pham

Rectory & Parish Office: (979) 297-3041
Religious Education & Youth Ministry: (979) 297-3043

Sunday Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.;

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday 5:00–5:30 p.m. and Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel

Every day 9:00 a.m.—Midnight

Nursery

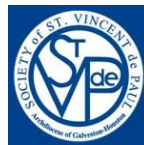
Available in the Family Life Center during the 9:30 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Baptism Preparation

Call Cindy Hakanson at 299-0690 for information

Visitation of Sick & Homebound

Please call the Parish Office.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by **making the real meaning of Christmas come alive** in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

August 2009 115 home visits assisting 381 adults and children, providing 145 bags of food, and \$7,316.01 for rent, utilities, etc. Contributions \$3,983.51

September 2009 106 home visits assisting 372 adults and children with 130 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc, was \$ 4,252.51. Contributions \$2,877.88.

October 2009 98 home visits assisting 368 adults and children, providing 141 bags of food, distributing \$3,719.73 for rent, utilities, etc. Contributions totaled \$4,575.89.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For information, call Dennis Prinz at 979.236.1848

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to **thank everyone who made it possible** for us to reach out to neighbors in our community with our **annual Thanksgiving basket distribution**. Our ability to provide this expression of God's love is due to the continued support and generosity of the St. Michael's parishioners. Special thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for their contribution – and also to the **Youth of St. Michael's** for the basket decorations.