

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 six churches)

1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LIVE STREAM MASSES

Facebook: Holy Family Catholic Parish

These videos are public and can also be accessed through our Website at: holyfamilygb.com

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 5-5:30PM at St. Patrick's Church

Or by appointment, call 409.762.9646.

ADORATION

Wednesdays only at St. Patrick 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

5 PM St. Patrick Church*

6 PM Our Lady by the Sea Church

7 PM Mary Star of the Sea Church

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Sacred Heart Church

9 AM Holy Rosary Church

10 AM St. Patrick Church (Youth Mass)*

11 AM Sacred Heart Church

12 PM St. Patrick Church (español) TIEMPO NUEVO!*

12:30 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10 AM St. Patrick *

WEDNESDAY

6 PM St. Patrick (español)*

*Denotes Mass is also available online.

(St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica will be closed during the week for construction.)

Welcome to Holy Family Parish. We are 6 Catholic churches united in the service and worship of God in the Galveston-Bolivar area.

Church Addresses of Holy Family Parish



Holy Rosary (HR)
1420 31st Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



Mary Star of the Sea (MSOS)
16626 San Luis Pass Road,
Galveston, TX 77554



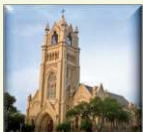
Our Lady by the Sea (OLBS)
2400 State Hwy 87,
Port Bolivar, TX 77650



Sacred Heart Church (SH)
1302 Broadway,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (SMC)
2011 Church Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Patrick Church (SP)
3424 Avenue K,
Galveston, TX 77550

You can find Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (OLG), the Parish Office and your Parish Life Center all located at the St. Patrick's premises. New Parishioners can register online or at the office:

1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550.

Thank you for joining us!

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Deacon Sam Dell'Olio

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Message from the Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as *Gaudete Sunday*. Gaudete, i.e. rejoice, because we are getting closer to the birth of the Savior.

Our **Conversations with the Saints** series for this Advent Season continues with the following excerpts from St. Augustine's reflections regarding today's Gospel reading –

"John is the voice, but the Lord *is the Word who was in the beginning*. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find a place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: *The word ought to grow, and I should diminish*? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: *My joy is complete*. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. *I am not the Christ*, he said, *nor Elijah, nor the prophet*. And the question came: *Who are you, then?* He replied: *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord*.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. *Prepare the way for the Lord*, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory."

We are **one Holy Family Parish, united in the joy of the Holy Spirit and in charity, as missionary disciples, amen!**

Your Servant-Leader in Christ,

Fr. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
shepherdhfp@gmail.com

Mensaje del Pastor

Queridos amados en Cristo:

El tercer domingo de Adviento se conoce tradicionalmente como *domingo de Gaudete*. Gaudete, es decir, regocíjate, porque nos estamos acercando al nacimiento del Salvador.

Nuestra serie **Conversaciones con los santos** para esta temporada de Adviento continúa con los siguientes extractos de las reflexiones de San Agustín sobre la lectura del Evangelio de hoy:

"Juan era la voz, pero el Señor *es la Palabra que en el principio ya existía*. Juan era una voz provisional; Cristo, desde el principio, es la Palabra eterna.

Quita la palabra, ¿y qué es la voz? Si no hay concepto, no hay más que un ruido vacío. La voz sin la palabra llega al oído, pero no edifica el corazón.

Pero veamos cómo suceden las cosas en la misma edificación de nuestro corazón. Cuando pienso lo que voy a decir, ya está la palabra presente en mi corazón; pero, si quiero hablarte, busco el modo de hacer llegar a tu corazón lo que está ya en el mío.

Al intentar que llegue hasta ti y se aposente en tu interior la palabra que hay ya en el mío, echo mano de la voz y, mediante ella, te hablo: el sonido de la voz hace llegar hasta ti el entendimiento de la palabra; y una vez que el sonido de la voz ha llevado hasta ti el concepto, el sonido desaparece, pero la palabra que el sonido condujo hasta ti está ya dentro de tu corazón, sin haber abandonado el mío.

Cuando la palabra ha pasado a ti, ¿no te parece que es el mismo sonido el que está diciendo: *Ella tiene que crecer y yo tengo que menguar*? El sonido de la voz se dejó sentir para cumplir su tarea y desapareció, como si dijera: *Esta alegría mía está colmada*. Retengamos la palabra, no perdamos la palabra concebida en la médula del alma.

Y precisamente porque resulta difícil distinguir la palabra de la voz, tomaron a Juan por el Mesías. La voz fue confundida con la palabra: pero la voz se reconoció a sí misma, para no ofender a la palabra. Dijo: *No soy el Mesías, ni Elías, ni el Profeta*. Y cuando le preguntaron: *¿Quién eres?* respondió: *Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: ¡Allanad el camino del Señor!*.

La voz que grita en el desierto, la voz que rompe el silencio. Allanad el camino del Señor, como si dijera: "Yo resueno para introducir la palabra en el corazón; pero ésta no se dignará venir a donde yo trato de introducirla, si no le allanáis el camino."

Aprended del mismo Juan un ejemplo de humildad. Le tienen por el Mesías, y niega serlo; no se le ocurre emplear el error ajeno en beneficio propio."

Somos **una parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, unidos en la alegría del Espíritu Santo y en la caridad, como discípulos misioneros, ¡amén!**

Tu siervo líder en Cristo,
Fr. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
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Office Announcements:

Interested in Volunteering?

We would love for you to get involved! Holy Family has an active community with numerous organizations and ways to help. Ask the Parish Office for a stewardship directory to learn more about each group and where you would love to contribute!

Every volunteer must complete the diocesan safe environment training (CMG which has replaced the old Virtus program). You can get started at with your CMG training in the comfort of your own home at: galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/, or stop by the office if you need a computer.

NEED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?

Email theofficehfp@gmail.com 2 Wednesdays prior to distribution. Please include the word "Bulletin" along with desired posting dates in the header of your email. Thank you!

Preparing for sacraments?

INFANT BAPTISMS: We look forward to welcoming your little one into the faith of the Church. Come meet with a priest who will guide you through the process. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Fr. Jorge for an appointment, or Fr. Stephen for English Baptism interviews. Walk-ins welcome.

MARRIAGE: Our office manager, Vera Gavlik, is experienced in helping you get started with your wedding plans at Holy Family Parish. She can help answer any questions. Please see our website at holyfamilygb.com to begin the process by filling out the marriage intake form which can be found under the Sacraments/Marriage tab at the top of the front page. 409-762-9646 Ext. 114

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office or call our emergency line: 409-354-6598

FOR OTHER INQUIRIES: Please contact the Religious Education Department 409-762-9646 Ext. 202

Financial Updates

Thank you for your generous tithes which help maintain our beautiful churches and facilities where we draw closer to God. If you are unable to attend Mass, you are welcome to donate online or mail your contribution to:
 1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550
 May God bless your generosity.

Parish Contributions	Combined Churches
December 5/6, 2020	\$ 14,766.71
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,992.00
Online Contributions	<u>\$ 5,235.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21,994.10

For those who are able, it is easy to sign up for online giving. Go to holyfamilygb.com and click the link on the front page.

Or text "give" to 409.515.7625.

Online Giving is available 24/7 at holyfamilygb.com, on MyParish App and on the Online Giving website at: <https://tinyurl.com/n3jrmq>. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Parish.

Fund	Goal	Pledge	Paid	Partici-pants
DSF	\$81,000.00	89,045.72	\$87,323.42	330
IGNITE	\$1,180,291	\$643,128.00	\$527,651.96	234

Dec 13th - Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec 25th - Christmas

2019 Contribution Statements
are available by request:

Please email secretaryhfp@gmail.com for your statement or call 409-762-9646 ext. 114.

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Support Holy Family Parish every time you shop! When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds to Our Holy Family Parish.

Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2367961>

Notices

- ◆ Sunday Masses have resumed at their regular times in all the churches, except the 11:30 Spanish Mass at St. Patrick's which has been moved to 12 PM.
- ◆ The Masses at St. Patrick will continue to live stream for those who are unable to attend in person.
- ◆ Churches can accommodate worshipers at up to 50% Capacity.
- ◆ Please be sure to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, and help clean/disinfect the churches.
- ◆ Daily Masses have been moved to 10AM at St. Patrick's Church and Wednesday night at 6PM in Spanish. You can now attend in person or online through our facebook page.
- ◆ Confessions are available on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's from 5-5:30 or by appointment.

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- ◆ Las misas dominicales se han reanudado en sus horarios regulares en todas las iglesias, excepto la misa en español a las 11:30 en San Patricio, que se ha trasladado a las 12 p.m.
 - ◆ La misas de San Patricio continuará en línea para aquellos que no pueden asistir en persona.
 - ◆ Las iglesias pueden acomodar a los fieles al 50% de su capacidad.
 - ◆ Asegúrese a cubrir la boca, desinfecte sus manos y ayude a limpiar/desinfectar las iglesias.
 - ◆ Las misas diarias han sido trasladadas a las 10 a.m. en la iglesia de San Patricio y el miércoles a las 6 p.m. en español. Ahora puede asistir en persona o en línea por nuestra página de Facebook.
 - ◆ Las confesiones se reanuda los miércoles desde 5-5:30 en San Patricio o con cita previa.

Mass Intentions

**Online Masses can be found through our facebook page: Holy Family Catholic Parish.*

SATURDAY, 12/12/2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe

10AM SP/ONLINE

+Judith Mendez

SATURDAY, 12/12/2020 Vigil

5PM SP* + Israel and Guadalupe Garza

6PM OLBS + Fr. Jack Davis

7PM MSOS + John Kusnerik

SUNDAY, 12/13/2020 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30AM SH + Sam Fichera

9AM HR + For the People

10AM SP* + Gregory Hayes

11AM SH + Mary and Salvatore Castorina

12PM SP* (ESP)+ For the Damas living and deceased

12:30PM SMC + Fred and Carrie Wimhurst

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28

MONDAY 12/14/2020 Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

10AM SP/ONLINE

Living and deceased members of Muldoon Family

TUESDAY 12/15/2020

10AM SP/ONLINE

+Carolyn Urbani

WEDNESDAY 12/16/2020

10AM SP/ONLINE

+Shirley Narendorf (in memory)

6PM SP (ESP)/en línea

+Carolyn

THURSDAY 12/17/2020

10AM SP/ONLINE

Rosemary (for family and friends)

+Edward Patrick Mallini (Anniversary of death)

FRIDAY 12/18/2020

10AM SP/ONLINE

+Gary John Young, Jr.

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org. Just click on the Daily Readings tab.



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holy Family Catholic School

Christmas Wish List

- 12 Chromebooks for classrooms (\$289 each)**
- 11 Rolling laptop carts (\$178 each)**
- 10 Window air conditioner units (\$600 each)**
- 9 Tablet chargers (\$30 each)**
- 8 Classroom file cabinets (\$75 each)**
- 7 Wobble cushions (\$14 each)**
- 6 Air purifiers (\$270 each)**
- 5 Cube organizer shelves (\$90 each)**
- 4 Circle time class carpets (\$289 each)**
- 3 Document cameras (\$144 each)**
- 2 Custom welcome entry mats (\$250 each)**
- 1 Fireproof deposit safe (\$1,000)**



Any donations or purchases of the above items help our school become closer to our goal. Please visit our Amazon wish list for more details. Holy Family Catholic School thanks you for your continued generosity and support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!

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Galveston, TX 77550**

**Schedule a
tour today!**

**(409) 765-6607
www.hfcsgalv.org**



WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY'S RCIA PAGE
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

COME! LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH!
ALREADY CATHOLIC? COME LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH!
AND/OR COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS

REALLY CENTS-LESS GIFTS!!

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT
GIFTS & GIVE SEVERAL FOR
CHRISTMAS!!

The Gift of an Invitation: Invite someone (anyone—even your spouse) to help you set up the Christian Manger. Use that time to discuss what it is about, & its importance to us; then read the Christmas story in Luke 2.



The Gift of a handwritten note: Say "Thank You" to a priest, deacon, teacher, parent, or child. It may be their best gift ever.

The Gift of Solitude: Give yourself some TIME ALONE to remember the REAL story of Christmas and its importance in your life and the life of family and friends.

Tues. 7 p.m. til 8:30 p.m.
RCIA: Come learn about the Catholic Faith
All Covid rules are followed!!

MORE CENTS-LESS GIFT IDEAS!!

The Gift of Listening: Really listen—no interrupting; no daydreaming; no planning your response; Just Listen!! *Really listen especially when you are participating in Holy Mass.*

The Gift of a Favor: Everyday, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Gift of Action: Be a witness for Christ simply by the way you speak and act. Folks will want to know what makes you such a wonderful person, and how they can become that way, too.



UPCOMING EVENTS—FAITH FORMATION

Dec 13 Faith Formation K-5th At Home

FAITH FORMATION K-5TH ASSESSMENTS
DUE!!

Middle School (6th-8th) Youth Group At Home

High School (9th-12th) Youth Group At Home

Dec 20 NO CLASSES

Dec 27 NO CLASSES

Jan 03 NO CLASSES

UPCOMING EVENTS— RCIA-C

Dec 16 RCIA-C Year 1 6:15pm - 7:30pm In Person

Dec 16 RCIA-C Year 2 6:15pm - 7:30pm In Person

UPCOMING EVENTS— SACRAMENTAL PREP

Jan 10 First Holy Communion Prep English - FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT 4:00pm - 5:30pm In Person

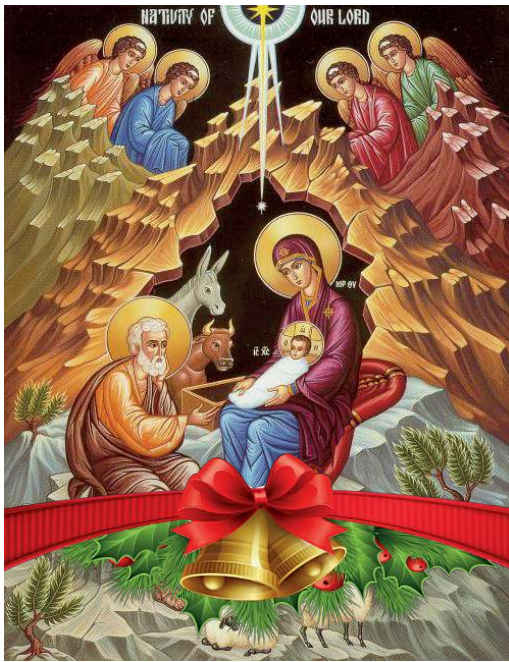
Jan 17 First Holy Communion Prep Spanish - FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT 4:00pm - 5:30pm In Person

ADVENT WORD SEARCH



M	A	G	I	S	A	T	R	A	V	E	L
W	I	S	E	A	N	G	E	L	T	O	B
B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	V	L	P
E	H	A	D	V	E	N	T	E	A	M	R
D	A	R	A	N	W	A	I	T	C	R	A
A	I	S	O	N	G	D	O	N	K	E	Y
V	L	O	R	D	J	O	S	E	P	H	E
I	M	A	N	G	E	R	N	W	D	L	R
D	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	S	K	Y

ADORE	JOSEPH	PRAYER
ADVENT	LORD	SAVE
AGE	LOVE	SKY
ANGEL	MAGI	SONG
BETHLEHEM	MARY	STAR
DAVID	MANGER	TRAVEL
DONKEY	NAZARETH	WAIT
HAIL	NEW	WISE



Christmas Wish List

Holy Family Parish

*Thank you for your continued generous support.
No gift is too small when it comes from the heart.*

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

- ◆ Replace kneeler fabric (\$2000)

Sacred Heart

- ◆ Dome structural repair (\$400,000)
- ◆ Repair Fleur de Lis (\$7000)
- ◆ Refurbish doors/add handicap entrance door opener (\$20,000)
- ◆ Refurbish floor (\$75,000)
- ◆ Repair bell (\$50,000)
- ◆ Power wash exterior (\$1,000)
- ◆ Touchup aging paint on the interior (\$100)
- ◆ Repair/replace choir loft a/c (\$10,000)

Holy Rosary

- ◆ Refurbish doors (\$10,000)
- ◆ Repair drooping floor (\$5000)
- ◆ Repair stain glass windows (\$5000)
- ◆ Touchup aging paint on the exterior (\$200)

Saint Patrick

- ◆ Repair bell and bell tower (\$70,000)
- ◆ Renovate the altar area; move the Blessed Sacrament centrally to the altar; and create two confessionals on either side of the altar (\$70,000)

St. Patrick Rectory

- ◆ Replace two a/c units (\$20,000)

Mary Star of the Sea

- ◆ Reseal windows (\$200)
- ◆ Replace bad wooden steps (\$200)
- ◆ Replace ceiling fans (\$2000)
- ◆ Purchase new chairs with kneelers (\$16,000)

Our Lady by the Sea

- ◆ Repair a/c unit for lobby (\$1000)
- ◆ Replace rusting pipes (\$500)

Parish Life Center

- ◆ Repair leaks (\$10,000)
- ◆ Replace aging window units (\$2,800)
- ◆ New tables and chairs (\$2,500)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

- ◆ Replace a/c system (\$10,000)

Parish Office

- ◆ Replace security cameras (\$1,500)

General Parish Needs

- ◆ Refinish pews (\$1,500)
- ◆ New or good quality used truck/van and utility trailer for parish use (\$25,000)
- ◆ Replace aging street signs (\$500)

Around the Parish



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass:

Saturday, December 12, 2020

St. Patrick Church

Celebrating Our Lady with
Mariaches

No procession due to covid*

Did you know? Her native name means, "she who crushes the stone serpent." Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the patroness of the Americas and the Unborn.



"Advent is the Season in which we remember God's nearness, that He came down toward us."

- Pope Francis

Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Advent Mission a success.



We appreciate the love and dedication you show in serving our parish family.

Congratulations to Barbara Roberts who has completed the Nullity Case Sponsor Program!

She will be an integral part of assisting couples in need of annulments.

If you are divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church, and would like assistance with getting an annulment so you can be married in the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Jude at shepherdhfp@gmail.com.



 **Catholic Charities**
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution with hours each week at our three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours or other information, click [here](#) or call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Services advises that renters facing eviction during the pandemic can get free information in English and Spanish from Stop Texas Eviction, a website set up by established nonprofit legal aid providers. Visit StopTxEviction.org to learn more about tenant rights and available rental assistance .




ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday

St. Patrick's Church
10:30 AM- 5:30 PM

Come and Worship

3rd Sunday of Advent: December 13



Stay up to date on the latest parish information, please sign up for flocknotes:

Text: fullofgrace to 84576

Or sign up online at: HFParish.flocknote.com

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



PRAYER LIST

Please join us in praying for the improved health of: Mary Roque

We pray for Delon Kibbe

And the Repose of the Souls of: Christopher E. Williams, Victoria LaFrance Turner, James Grant Turner Sr., James Grant Turner Jr., Clarence Anthony Turner Sr., Nola LaFrance Camp, Roland Camp, Francois and Pauline LaFrance, and Coralee Turner.

"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it: if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body and individually parts of it." 1 Cor. 12:26-27

*Our Holy Family Parish will pray for your intentions. Please go to holyfamilygb.com and search for prayer list under the Home tab and send us your or your loved one's name. The names will be listed in the bulletin for 2 weeks. For those without computer access, you may call the parish office at: 409.762.9646.

Social Outreach



Spread Christmas Cheer and the Love of Christ to our neighbors in need by participating in the

Gift Card Angel Tree!



Who will be helped? We would like to assist 10-12 families from our community: Several identified by SVdP, several identified by our community agencies and several more families from our parish. If you would like to recommend a family for this program, please leave a message with the SVdP assistance line at: 409-356-5135 or email us at hfp.svdp@gmail.com with the family's contact info and brief description (# of family members, adults and children). We will take names from now until December 5, or until we reach our goal of 10 –12 families, more if we have enough donations.

How Can you Participate? The Angel Tree will be set up in the Parish Office from November 18th to December 16th for donations. Due to Covid 19 precautions we are trying to make it easier for you to donate with minimal contact. We ask that you bring (or mail) in your gift cards to the parish office in any denomination (\$50, \$25, \$10s preferred). We are using Walmart since both gifts and groceries can be purchased there. You may also drop them off in the collection basket in an envelope marked SVdP Angel Tree. Cash donations will also be accepted but make sure they are identified for the Angel Tree Project. SVdP has been busy during these difficult times providing assistance to families in our community so we anticipate a lot of need at Christmas.

We will give each family a gift of Walmart gift cards for each member they list, so they can purchase what their family needs to make their Christmas special. Gift cards will be delivered on the 16th of December to allow time for shopping. A report of the number of families helped will appear in the Parish in January. Let us spread the joy of Christmas to our families in need. God Bless you all.



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Do you enjoy helping people? Are you looking for a way to help friends in need in our community?

If you answered yes, Saint Vincent de Paul at Holy Family Parish might be for you! If you are interested in finding out more or would like to come to a meeting, please use the contact info below. We would love to hear from you!

Email: hfp.svdp@gmail.com ***Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm, Rectory at St. Patrick's Church

Phone: 409-356-5135 **Donations gratefully accepted, please make checks payable to: SVdP at Holy Family Parish**



MLK Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to the 36th annual Mass of Remembrance, honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mass will take place on Sunday, January 17 at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy. in downtown Houston.



Café Catholica Lite: Jan. 14

The next Café Catholica Lite will be held online on Jan. 14, 2021, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Our speaker is Heather Khym from Life Restoration Ministries and the Abiding Together Podcast.

Her topic will be “Christ, Our Firm Foundation.” The night will include the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. Register at: <https://bit.ly/CatholicaLite>

The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more information contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778.

Messages of Hope:

During these difficult and trying times, priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be offering spiritual reflection videos on Scriptures of the day to help us stand firm in faith and hope. New videos in English and Spanish will be posted on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Find the video reflections online at www.archgh.org/messagesofhope. Audio of the reflections are also available on our podcast channel via your favorite podcast app.



Volunteers Needed for Gabriel Project

The Office of Pro-Life Activities is seeking phone volunteers to assist with the Gabriel Project, a ministry for pregnant women and mothers in need. Volunteers will assist mothers and answer questions during initial intake calls. Volunteers should be available for at least one (two-hour) shift per week. Calls may be answered remotely. Training will be provided! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Cathy McConn at cathymcconn@me.com or call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Choir Practice:

Sunday, December 13, 2020

St. Patrick Room 2

9-10 AM

Genesis:

Tuesday, December 15

St. Patrick Upper Room

7 – 9PM

MFCC:

Tuesday, December 15

St. Patrick Cafeteria

7:30 – 9PM

Altar Society Tamale Distribution:

Thursday, December 17

St. Patrick Auditorium

12:00 – 7:00pm

MFCC:

Thursday, December 17

St. Patrick Cafeteria

7:00 – 9:00pm

PLANNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

See our guide below to assist in scheduling your Advent and Christmas Activities.



December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 am St. Patrick. (No street procession due to Covid-19.)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24th:

5:00 pm St. Patrick

5:00 pm Sacred Heart

5:00 pm Our Lady by the Sea

8:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

10:30 pm St. Patrick (español)

12:00 am Sacred Heart

12:00 am Holy Rosary

December 25th:

9:00 am St. Patrick

9:00 am Mary Star of the Sea

10:00 am Sacred Heart

11:30 am St. Patrick (español)

12:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD:

December 31st Vigil

10:00 am St. Patrick

5:00 pm St. Patrick-English

6:00 pm Our Lady by the Sea

7:00 pm Mary Star of the Sea

January 1st(New Year's Day)

9:00 am St. Patrick (español)

9:00 am Holy Rosary

11:00 am Sacred Heart

12:00 pm St. Mary's Cathedral



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