

First Sunday of Advent



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ADVENT ABCs

If motivation is the key to success, then the season of Advent starts our liturgical year out right by focusing our attention on the ultimate reason for our hope and all we do as Christians. The first reading and the Gospel reassure us that the Messiah will cover the earth in justice at the end of time. This may be a frightening prospect to those who are blameworthy, but to the Lord's "holy ones" it is a reason to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Luke 21:28).

The scriptures also reveal the ABCs of arriving at our goal. In the full text of today's psalm each verse starts with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet—from "A" to "Z." That made it easy to learn by heart the psalm's instruction on following God's way of faithful love. Today's New Testament scriptures also instruct us in what we must do "to be blameless in holiness ... at the coming of our Lord Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 3:13).

"COME, LORD JESUS!"

We are to "be vigilant," expecting Christ to come into our lives at every moment. We are to "abound in love for one another," working constantly for the coming of Christ's love into our relationships and communities. And we are to "stand erect" and pray without fear for the coming of the end of time, when the Lord Jesus will come bringing perfect justice and peace. Christians in the first centuries of the church prayed the acclamation, "Come, Lord Jesus!" The Advent season invites us to enter into this spirit of hopeful expectation for the "advent" of Christ's reign.

During this season of Advent we remember Jesus' first coming in time, we anticipate Christ's coming at the end of time, and we pray with hopeful expectation for our lives right now: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:4–5, 8–10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2; Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

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Office Hours – 9:30 am-2:00 pm Tues. Wed., & Fri.

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Office Hours – Thursday 10:30am-1:30pm

Reconciliation – 5:00 pm Saturday at St. Michael or call the Rectory

Marriage – Please contact the pastor a year in advance. Advent and Lent are not times for celebrations.

Baptisms of Infants or Adults Joining the Church – Must be a practicing/registered member for three months. Please contact the DRE: St. Michael–Juliann Eickholtz, St. Francis–Father Tully

New To The Parish: Please call the office to register. Please introduce yourself to Father Tully at mass.

Parishioners Who Are Ill: Please call Fr. Tully or the rectory if a relative or friend is sick.

Bulletin Announcements: Get all bulletin announcements to the office in writing by Tuesday evening.

Los Enfermos Es muy importante comunicarse con el Padre (*debido a las leyes privadas, los hospitales no se comunican con las iglesias*).

Doctrina Cristiana: Las clases de educación religiosa para niños son cada domingo de 9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. en la escuela. Recuerden que la Arquidiócesis requiere que los que van a recibir los sacramentos estén inscritos en las clases de religión.

Monaguillos: Los niños que quieren ayudar como monaguillos en el altar tienen su ensayo el segundo domingo de cada mes después de la misa de 11:00 a.m. Estos niños y niñas tienen que haber hecho la Primera Comunión. Los interesados comunicarse con Pbro.

Mass Schedule**Mass Intentions**

St M	12/3	Mon		No Mass
St. FX	12/4	Tue		No Mass
St. M	12/5	Wed	4:30PM	For the People of St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier Mass
St. FX	12/6	Thurs	4:30PM	Mass
St. M St. F	12/7	Friday	12:00PM 7:00PM	Mass Anticipation Mass
St. M	12/8	Sat	10:00AM 4:30PM	Immaculate Conception Calvin & Florence DeVary
St FX St. M St. M	12/9	Sun	9:00AM 11:00AM 12:30PM	Sandy Banet William T. Fouts En Español

If your child is absent from class on Sunday, please give the office a call at 812-256-3505.

Faith Formation Classes are held on Sunday mornings for children three years of age through high School. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, he/she should be enrolled in the FF Program. Assistants are needed each week!

Parish Christmas Program

Plans are in the making for a Parish Christmas Program at 4:00pm before the Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass. Practice time will be Sunday morning at 9:30am on December 9th and December 16th will be the dress rehearsal. Youth of the parish are invited regardless of the school they attend. Please let Nathan Fouts or Juliann know if your children will participate by Sunday, December 9th. We need readers, choir singers, shepherds & angels for the Christmas Program!

**ST. MICHAEL
CHARLESTOWN**

Eucharist

Sat – 4:30 pm Time

Sun – 11:00 am

La Misa en Español
Domingo – 12:30 pm**Mass Intentions**

Saturday Evening: Christopher Wafford

Sunday 11:00 am: Hilda C. Howard

Gift Bearers for this week's Masses:

5:30pm: Mike Maples Family

11:00am: Rusty Pike Family

With the holidays coming up The North Clark Outreach Center has expressed a need for non perishable food items. They are running short and need our help. There is a box for donations in the back of church. Thank you for your contribution.

Our Service Project each week is to collect non perishable canned goods for the North Clark Outreach Center!

The Rosary is said at St. Michael at 4:00pm before Saturday Evening Mass and at 10:30 before Sunday Mass.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Class
Please keep in your prayers the following students: Jonathan Carrillo, Drew Doherty, Jennifer Flores, Aaron Fouts, Marissa Garcia, Freddy Jimenez, Isaac Kinder, Adalyn Lathem, Itzel Lopez, Edwin Mendiola, Amber Nove, Allyson Pascual, Jackie (Angelica Pacheco), Maelyn Sarver, Gloria Spencer, Isabella Tolliver, and Yareli Trejo.

Calendar**Classes**

December 2 – Session Thirteen

December 9 – Session Fourteen NCO Rosary & Music Practice

December 16 – Session Fifteen, Christmas Program Prep

December 24-Monday 4Pm Christmas Prelude Program

December 23 – NO CLASS Christmas Break

December 30-NO CLASS Christmas Break



St. Michael's Bible Study is going to be Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Cry Room. We will begin classes studying the Acts of Apostles. Note time change. For more information contact Steve Buit 812-820-7956.



Angel Tree

- 1) Thank you to everyone that took an ornament!
- 2) Return Angel Tree gifts to church unwrapped in a grocery/garbage bag, you may provide gift paper if you wish.

3) Please label the bag with the number on the ornament or attach the ornament (one Angel Tree Ornament per bag please)

4) Please return all gift by December 12th. Gifts will be given to families on 12/13/18. Drop off gifts during mass or within the school building before 6:00pm.

St. Michael Ministries Schedule

Sat. December 8, 4:30pm– St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: M.P. Beach & C. Ledbetter
Servers: J. Worley

Gift Bearers: Ronnie Seals Family

Musician: Carolyn Eickholtz

Cantor: Tim & Ky Baltz

Lector: Steve Buit

Sun. December 9, 11:00 am – St. Michael

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dean, C. Dunn & M. Edmonds
Servers: Volunteer

Gift Bearers: 3rd & 4th Grade FF Class

Musician: Nancy Kinder

Cantors: S & S Buit

Lector: Michael Howard

St. Michael & St. Francis Xavier Sacrament

Preparation: The Faith Formation Commission, the Pastor, and the Archdiocese state that a child must be enrolled and attend classes the YEAR BEFORE and YEAR of receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation. Baptism of children under school age requires the parents to meet with the pastor before the sacrament is received.

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Contact Jim Worley @ 812-725-6826 for more information.

Religious Retirement: provides support for thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Collection

November 24 & 25
St. Michael \$ 3,947.00
St. Francis Xavier \$ 1,374.00

ST.MICHAEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
812-256-3503 Rita Poff Director
Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Infant & Toddler Care: starting at 6 weeks
Childcare: 6 weeks - 12 years old
Before & After Care and Summer Camp: KG - 5th grade
Preschool: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am - 11:15 am & 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Pre-Kindergarten: Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 11:30 am & 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Upcoming Advent Penance Services in our Deanery.

St. Michael, Bradford December 5th at 6:30pm.

St. Mary Navilleton December 12th 7:00pm.

Our Lady of Perp. Help December 12th 7:00pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Henryville

Eucharist

Sunday 9:00am

Mass Intention:

Sunday Mass: Bill Martin



Gift Bearers for this week's

Mass: Victor & Angie Jett Family

St. Francis Xavier Ministries Schedule

Sun. December 9, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Young, Gino Couch, Traci D'Angelo

Servers: Samantha Smith, Kate Smith, Allison Smith

Ushers: Buddy Barrett, Butch Furnish

Gift Bearers: Karen Johnson Family

Lectors: Jeanne McReynolds

St. Francis Faith Formation

December 2 –No Class- St. Francis Feast Day

December 9 – Class

December 16-Class

Come out and enjoy St Francis Xavier Fish Fry the first Friday of every month, 5-7pm. The menu includes fish, fries, slaw, fried biscuits, drinks & Desserts.

Thank to everyone for your support!



Join us for St. Nicholas Program 5:45 on December 5 at St. Michael Church
St. Michael Pre-programs and child care children will perform holiday songs and St. Nicholas will make an appearance.

March for Life – Attention High School Students! 2018 Deanery March for Life Pilgrimage is Jan. 17-20th to Washington, D.C.. Any high school student is encouraged to join us for this incredible opportunity to stand up for the gift of life. Email Chris Rodgers, chris@nadyouth.org, for more information and for registration materials. Call Chris at 812-923-8355 with questions or see your Youth Minister. Registrations and final payment are due **Dec 14, 2018**.

Retreat Team 2019 – An opportunity to accompany the young church on the path of discipleship. More and more, our young people need authentic examples of how to imitate Christ in their lives. Prayerfully consider how you can help mold our youth into imitators of *CHRIST*, into *SAINTS*!! Go to nadyouth.org to Pastors and Leaders to fill out the online form. Contact Chris Rodgers chris@nadyouth.org for more information.

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Advent-The twofold character of Advent calls us to prepare for the remembering of the Word make Flesh at Christmas and directs us to wait with alertness for Jesus’ second coming.

Breaking open the Word-Suggested text for faith sharing; Today’s Gospel

Theme: Be on guard!

Step 1: Listen to the Word. As you hear this reading what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What lingers in your mind, how do you respond?

Children: What helps you to grow in your faith?

Who helps you?

Youth & Adults: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ’s birth at Christmas. What are thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

Question of the Week is from Our Sunday Visitor at osvcurriculum.com Click on Lifelong Catechesis and Question of the Week.

Save the Date: Our Parish Christmas Party will be on December 15th after the Saturday Evening Mass. We want to invite all parishioners of St. Michael and St. Francis Xavier to come and celebrate. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the event by furnishing the meat and drinks. Just bring your favorite covered dish to share.

2019 Calendars are at the Church doors. Help yourself to the calendars they were donated to us by Grayson Funeral Home!

Las Posadas-All are invited to join the Parish for the Las Posadas Dec. 16-Dec. 23 for a festive Mexican Christmas tradition, Las Posadas in which participants remember & accompany Mary & Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. The Spanish pray the Rosary in Spanish and the Rosary is offered in English as well.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven a time to be born a time to love a time to heal a time to die and a time of peace.
PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALTH & STRENGTH:
 Karen Anderson, Mary Barrett, Donald Barker, Dennis Bishop, Robin Bishop, Clarence Bottorff, Heather Bruning, Wyatt Burke, Lyn Carter, Glen Cole, Janice Collier, Gary Cooper, Liz Cooper, Fr. Curran, Jonathan Dean, Bernice Donahue, Paula Downs, Gordon Dagoon, Jeanette Drury, Fr. John Elmer, Donna Foster, Kenny Goode, Kathleen Hensley, Victor Howard, Maefiel James, Raymond Kopp, Kay Ledbetter, Helen Little, Connor Martin, Kina McKinney, Herb Montgomery, Iliad Mullins, Esther Toby Nelson, Ian Newland, Mitch Newland, Cathy Peek, Katelyn Phillips, Denny Poff, Terri Poff, Nancy Rash, The Sanchez Family, Carroll Schafer, Bob Scherer, Dave Schlageter, Schoenbachler/Clark Family, Eugene Seals, Robert Sherer, Dorothy Smith, Bob Snyder and Family, Lynn Vogt, Logan Westerhouse, Kyle Wilson, Teresa Whitaker, Luke Wood, Lawrence & Barbara Yochum.
Names will remain on the list for 6 months unless you tell us to remove them or request that they be kept longer.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Fall 2018 UCA Update

- Parish Goal \$6,028
- Amount Pledged \$2,752
- % of Goal 46%
- Total \$’s Received \$2,342
- Parish Households 81
- # of Pledges 22
- Parish Participation 27%

St. Michael Parish Fall 2018 UCA Update

- Parish Goal \$12,512
- Amount Pledged \$3,860
- % of Goal 31%
- Total \$’s Received \$2,250
- Parish Households 182
- # of Pledges 17
- Parish Participation 9%

We will update you on the United Catholic Appeal as we try to reach our goals.