

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
or by appointment

ROSARY

Saturday: No Rosary at this time
Sunday: No Rosary at this time

ADORATION

Temporarily suspended

FIRST FRIDAY

Temporarily suspended

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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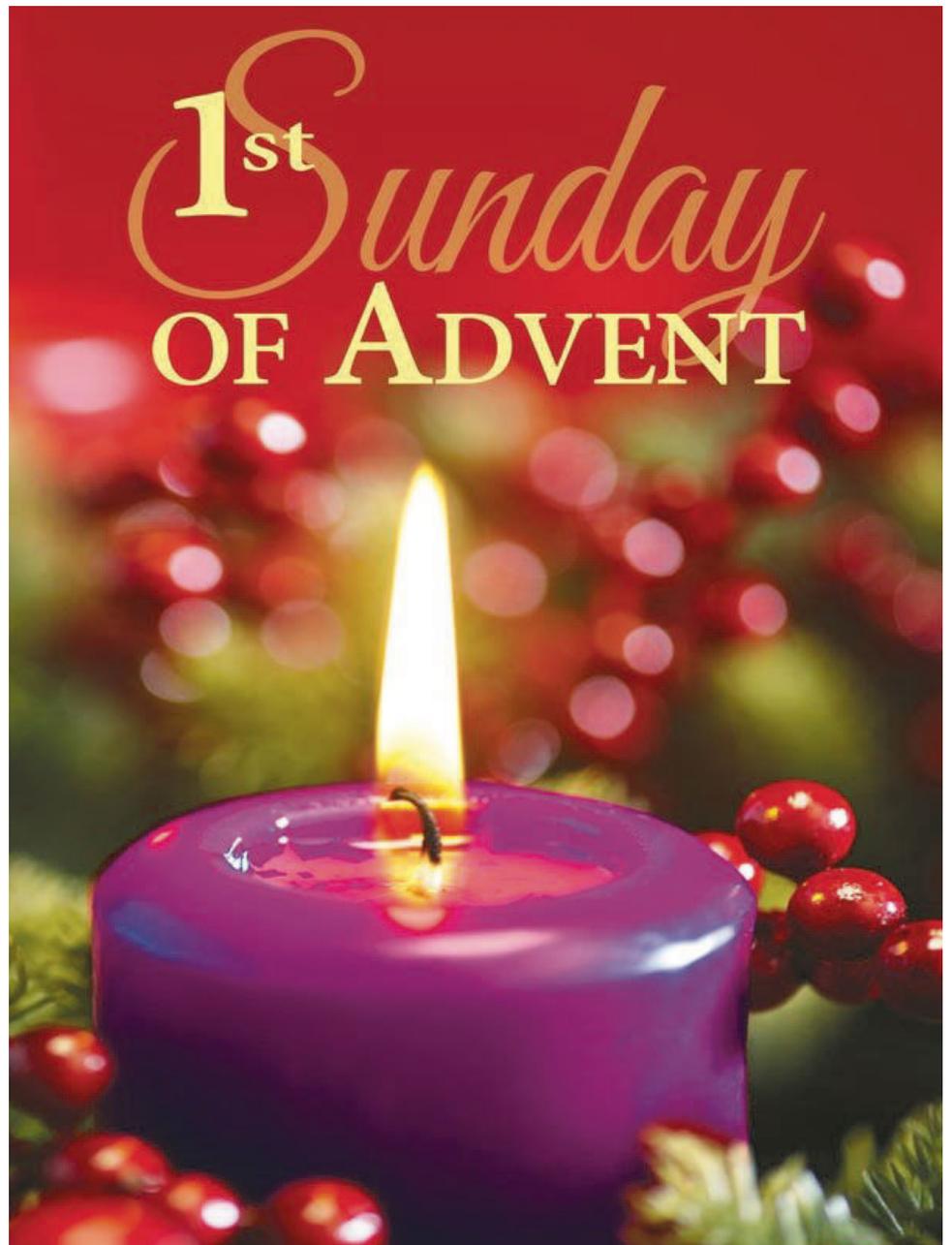
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OUR MISSION

We, the Parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, centered on God and the Eucharist, commit to renew our hearts that we might grow in faith. We welcome all with open arms and hearts so that we may become one Family of God in Christ. We grow in faith through love.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY 11/29

8:00 am † Larry Lynch
† Jack Getty

TUESDAY 11/30

8:00 am † Olga Svreck

WEDNESDAY 12/1

8:00 am Clarise Kohles
Tom Wheeler
† Betty Jane Getty

THURSDAY 12/2

8:00 am Brad Kohles
† Joe Donnelly

FRIDAY 12/3

8:00 am † Barbara Albury

SATURDAY 12/4

4:30 pm † John & Antoinette Dierlam
† Frank & Maggie Lerma

SUNDAY 12/5

8:30 am † Shirley Palmer
† Enrique Paiz
† Tom Harrington
11:00 am † All the Faithful



Please pray for those who are in the process of celebrating their Holy Matrimony.

Maritza Jimenez
&
Jessie Torres
APRIL 30, 2022

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to present their child for Baptism may contact the church office at 281-420-3588 to enroll for a Baptism class.

MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to solemnize their marriage in this parish are invited to contact the pastor or one of the deacons not less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you, a family member, or a friend wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the church office at 281-420-3588.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This weekend the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Carl Koenig. Requested by Peggy Koenig.



If you would like to recognize a special person or group by having the flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burn for one week in the person's memory of honor, please contact Peggy Koenig, coordinator at 281-427-1834. You may want to pay tribute to the memory of a loved one or colleague. The \$10.00 stipend goes directly to the fund that underwrites the family funeral meals for our parish.

SUNDAY MASS SACRISTAN SCHEDULE



Saturday, December 4, 2021 4:30 pm

Sacristan:

Sunday, December 5, 2021 8:30 am

Sacristan:

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 11:00 am

Sacristan:



AROUND THE CHURCH

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TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH

Sunday, Nov 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Light up the night

In an unusual conjoining of celebrations, we begin the season of Advent today as our Jewish friends begin the eight-day festival of lights known as Chanukah tonight. It's intriguing to reflect on how Advent too is an extended celebration of moving from the darkness of history into the light of Christ's coming. Light remains a symbol of spiritual illumination, abandoning the gloom of ignorance for knowledge and the shadow of foolishness for wisdom. As we string holiday lights and decorate with sparkling ornaments, let's consciously choose against error's dark deceptions and ally ourselves with the light of truth.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 (3)*. "Be vigilant at all times . . . to stand before the Son of Man."

Monday, Nov 29, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Have yourself an evergreen

Advent

The origins of the Advent wreath are unclear. Like many holiday traditions, they may be pre-Christian, and like many of today's Christmas traditions, Advent wreaths were popularized by Germans, who brought them to the United States. No matter where they came from or how they differ, Advent wreaths are rich in symbolism. The candles are lit as a sign of hope to dispel the darkness. The evergreen, wrapped in a circle, signifies continuous life. The prickly leaves of holly are like the crown of thorns. Pinecones symbolize resurrection. If you don't already have one, consider making one as a craft project this Advent, and add elements that have symbolic meaning for you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11 (175)*. "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed."

Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

Can you follow directions?

Sometimes what we appreciate about

saints comes from other saints. Such is the case with Saint Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter, of whom Saint Gregory the Great said: "At a single command" from Jesus, they "leaving their nets followed the Redeemer. Up to that time, they had not seen him perform any miracles. They had heard nothing from him concerning a reward of eternal joy." All Jesus had to do was ask them to follow. This Advent, listen for what Jesus may be asking of you; pray for the trust that Andrew had, to simply follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684)*. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Wednesday, Dec 01, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Guess who is on the way?

On this Wednesday of the First Week of Advent, we look forward to the second coming of Christ. *Advent* comes from the Latin word for *arriving*. We have all experienced brokenness and hopelessness in our lives. You may know and cross paths with someone yearning for Jesus' healing power and awareness of his presence in their life. Has your mind, heart, body, and spirit been hungry for spiritual nourishment? Have you been healed by Jesus? Do you want to share that same healing experience with others? Consider simple ways that you can share with a hurting friend the Good News that Jesus is on the way!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 (177)*. "I do not want to send them away hungry."

Thursday, Dec 02, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Seek to unite, not divide

It's human nature to see the good in our own habits, ways, and traditions, but at the same time, Pope Francis has encouraged Christians to acknowledge the validity of other spiritual paths to God. The Holy Father's focus on what unites humanity spiritually is an important lesson for a world community that depends more than ever on cooperation. As you begin Advent, look for ways that you are united spiritually with people who are part of your life, no matter what their faith tradition is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 (178)*. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven."

Friday, Dec 03, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Creation celebrates diversity

"If you embrace diversity, but ignore disability, you're doing it wrong." This popular phrase on social media reflects the venerable tradition of Catholic social teaching. On this Day of Persons with Disabilities, remember that in following Jesus, we are committed to promoting and protecting the dignity of all humans. At times, we as church have led the way in this, and other times we have fallen short. Nevertheless, it is fundamental to our faith. Why? Because we believe that each person is made in the image of God. Imagine that: In you—with all your strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and unique traits—we see an image of God. What does that do within you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 (179)*. "And their eyes were opened."

Saturday, Dec 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The embodiment of faith

John Damascene, priest, monk, and poet, was an early defender of the use of religious icons—images of the sacred—at a time in the early Middle Ages when a movement to strip religious life and worship of all images—called *iconoclasm*—had a following. Thanks to John's vision—perhaps rooted in his sense of the power of the poetic to move people—religious icons are cherished, especially in the Eastern church but also throughout the Catholic world. Our faith is an embodied faith, an incarnated faith. Wear it proudly!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)*. "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

IMPORTANT NEWS

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Wednesday, December 1, 2021
6:00 pm—8:00 pm



Wednesday, December 5, 2021
Mass Times are:
8:00 am & 7:00 pm

The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect. No one is required to attend Church during this time of pandemic. The most vulnerable are encouraged to remain home.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

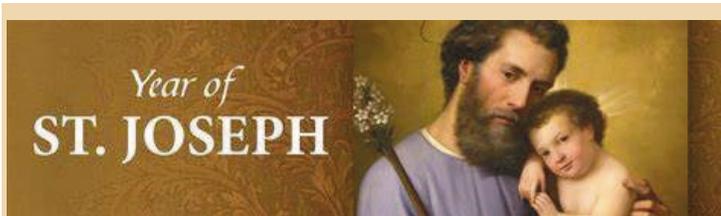
All married couples are invited to live the Marriage Encounter experience. This is a live conference – typically held on a weekend – where three mentor couples and a priest provide tools, use examples, and help couples work through common themes we can all relate to. The experience helps participants to listen, share, and connect more deeply. Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. For details, calendar, and registration, please visit the Marriage Enrichment section at www.archgh.org/familylife



Assistance for Parishioners in Need

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 non-profit legal aid providers. Visit StopTxEviction.org to learn more about tenant rights and available rental assistance.



Year of St. Joseph

The Archdiocesan website has a page dedicated to the Year of St. Joseph, which began in December and runs through the liturgical year. Please visit www.archgh.org/resources/year-of-st-joseph/ which includes the history of St. Joseph in the church, prayers of devotion and more.

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

DSF SUMMARY REPORT

Parish Goal-\$24,000
Total Paid-\$ 25,655
Total Participants- 88
Total Households-357
Average Pledge-\$ 228



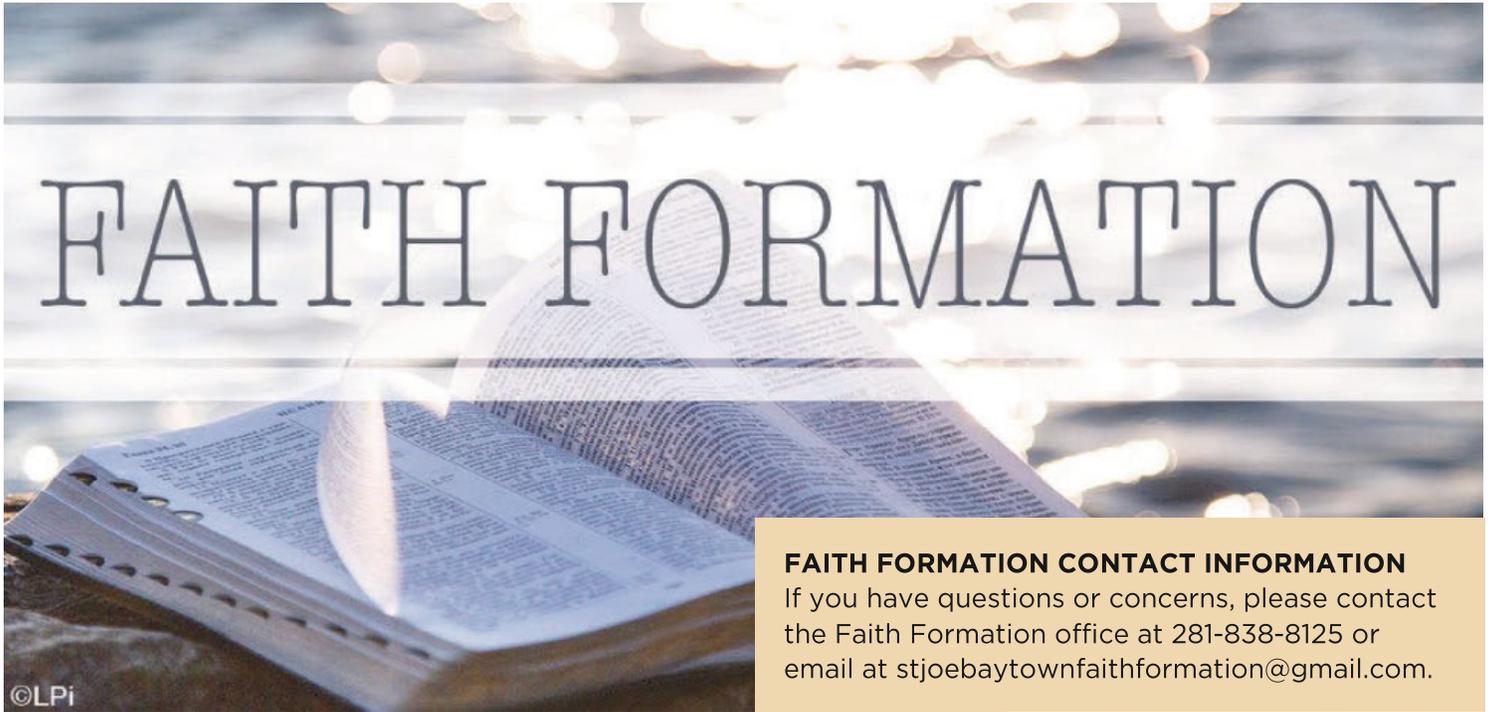
The totals received in the Office and in the Mail for the
week of
Sunday, November 14, 2021

Regular	\$3,909.00
Building Fund	\$ 55.00
Catholic Education	\$ 522.00
Holy Days	\$ 175.00
Retired Priests	\$ 320.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 50.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 50.00
Disaster Recovery	\$ 20.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 5,171.00

Sunday November 21, 2021 totals will be reflected in next weekend's bulletin due to early submission times.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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FAITH FORMATION CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation office at 281-838-8125 or email at stjoebaytownfaithformation@gmail.com.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

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Jesus' Incarnation to the Family

- ◆ December 5- The Messiah comes to the Shepherds:

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- ◆ December 12-The Christ Comes to the Magi

Jesus' Incarnation to the World and the Universal Church

- ◆ December 19- Advent Celebration

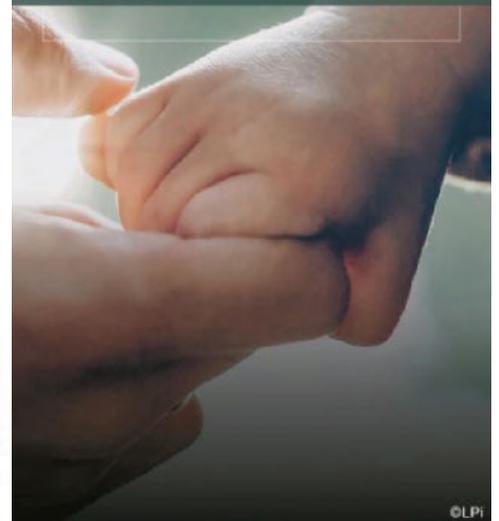
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Classes are in the FLC on Sundays from 9:45–10:45



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