

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2008



Sunday	Dec 28	8:30 AM	Jesus Avecilla	†
		10:30 AM	For the Parish	
		12:30 PM	Rosemary Pavlovsky	
Monday	Dec 29			
Tuesday	Dec 30	8:30 AM	For the Parish	
Wednesday	Dec 30	7:00 PM	For the Parish	
Thursday	Jan 01	8:30 AM	For the Parish	
Friday	Jan 02	8:30 AM	For the Parish	
Saturday	Jan 03	5:30 PM	Mary & Henry Cesari	†
Sunday	Jan 04	8:30 AM	For the Parish	
		10:30 AM	For the Parish	
		12:30 PM	For the Parish	

PRAY FOR THE SICK ORACION PARA LOS ENFERMOS



Adame, Andrew	Garcia, Vicky & Cesa	Murria, Sonya
Arnold, Burton	Galvan, Vicky & Martin	Nava, Joaquin
Benitez, Martha	Geiger, Adriana	Nelly, Clifford
Blanco, Adrian	Gomez, Jr., Tomas	Padilla, Sara
Bretos, Lee	Gomez, Mario	Percira, Carmen & Edilio
Burda, Kay	Gonzalez, Yadira	Phillips, Ben
Cantu, Johnny	Grim, Audrey & Michael	Rena, Adele
Cardenas, Alfonso	Guerra, Benita	Reyes, Jorge
Cerda, Lily	Gutierrez, Maria	Roberts, Thelma
Coronado, Vickie	Hall, Allie	Rodriguez, Sofia
DeLaCerde, Gloria	Hand, Mary	Ruiz, Salvador
Elizondo, Carrie Ann	Hernandez, Miguel	Sanchez, Andres & Terry
Estrada, Manuelita	Herrera, Carolina	Scherer, Emma
Fairly, Jim & Jeanne	Hinson, Esther	Schumann, Mr.
Falcon, Joanna	Kasmiersky, Dorothy	Smith, Robert & Family
Fernandez, Carmelina	Lara, Dora	Stinebower, Ann
Fernandez, Jose M.	Longoria, Carlos	Tristan, Rogelio
Flores, Rodolfo	Lozano, Herminia	Villatoro, Family
Fojt, Wes	Maynard, Uta	William, Danny
Fraire, Mary	Meyer, Anne	

Please call the office with the names of those you know who need our prayers, and let us know when we can remove your/their name off the list

Last Sunday Offertory Collection.....	\$
Families Donated	\$
Loose Donations	\$
Youth Donation	\$
School Donation.....	\$

Collection not available at the time of transmittal of this bulletin.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning in January. If you need the sacraments of Baptism, 1st Confession, 1st Eucharist or Confirmation please contact the office to make an appointment with Rita Ann Martinez to register for the classes. We are taking registrations on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 4:30 p.m. or if you need to come at a later time please make arrangements with Ms. Martinez.


RCIA (Formacion Cristiana para adultos) Comenzara en enero. Si usted necesita los sacramentos del bautismo, penitencia, eucaristía y confirmación. Favor de llamar la oficina para citarse con Rita Ana Martínez para registrarse para las clases. Estamos tomando registros los miércoles de 9:30 – 4:30 p.m. o si usted necesita venir despues de las 4:30 favor de llamar la oficina y hablar con Ms. Martínez

Confirmation for Adults will begin in February. If you need to make the sacrament and are over the age of 18 and a graduate of high school please contact the office to make an appointment with Rita Ann Martinez to register for the classes. We are taking registrations on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 4:30 p.m. or if you need to come at a later time please make arrangements with Ms. Martinez.

Confirmacion para Adultos Comenzara en febrero. Si usted necesita hacer el sacramento y si tiene mas de 18 anos y ha graduado de escuela secundaria favor de llamar la oficina para citarse con Rita Ana Martinez para registrarse para las clases. Estamos tomando registros los miércoles de 9:30 – 4:30 p.m. o si usted necesita venir después de las 4:30 favor de llamar la oficina y hablar con Ms. Martínez.

Adult Bible Study in English will be held on Thursday mornings here in our St. Monica Hall after the 8:30 liturgy and will end at 11 a.m.... Ms. Jackie Sanders is our adult bible study leader. Please come and join in our faith sharing. Please call our office and speak to Ms. Rita Ann Martinez for further information.

Estudio de Biblia en Español será las mañanas de domingo antes de la misa de 10:30 a.m. de la mañana. El grupo se reunió a las 8:30 de la mañana en sala 205 de la escuela. Si tiene una pregunta favor de hablar la oficina para dejar una mensaje por Diacono Benito Meza.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK
JUNTAS ESTA SEMANA

Sunday, December 28, 2008
8:00 AM NO LFF CLASSROOMS
8:30 AM Misioneros ROOM 205

Monday, December 29, 2008
7:00 PM Youth Group PARISH HALL

Tuesday, December 30, 2008
6:00 PM NO LFF CLASSROOMS
7:00 PM Boy Scouts PARISH HALL
8:00 PM Core Parent Meeting ROOM 303

Wednesday, December 31, 2008
5:30 PM NO LFF CLASSROOMS
7:00 PM Core Team PARISH OFFICE
7:00 PM Choir MONICA HALL

Thursday, January 01, 2009
***** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*****

Friday, January 02, 2009
***** NO EVENTS*****

Saturday, January 03, 2009
9:00 AM Confessions CHURCH



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's Day.

La Oficina de la Parroquia esta cerrado el dia Jueves, 1 de enero 2009 en observancia de el año Nuevo.



12 HOUR ADORATION

Adorers are needed for the 12 Hour Adoration every Wednesday. Jesus gives us 24 hours a day 168 hours a week, He is inviting us to spend one single hour with Him. One hour just for Him..... will you say "Yes" to His invitation?



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

First Reading **Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

Abram and Sarah put faith in the Lord, and gave the name Isaac to their son. Your descendants shall be as numerous as the stars in the heavens.

Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:8,11-12, 17-19**

The descendants of Abraham and Sarah are “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.” Abraham’s faith was tested.

Gospel: **Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40**

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna, the prophetess, gave thanks to God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” - “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” - that the promise finds fulfillment. (See Luke 1:38)



ADMINISTRACION CRISTIAN: MANERA DE VIVIR:

En la primera lectura, Dios promete al Rey David que su hogar y su reino durarán para siempre. Es a través del “Si” de María - “Yo soy la servidora del Señor, hágase en mí tal como has dicho” - que la promesa se cumple. (Ver Lucas 1:38)

WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

SOMOS LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE DIOS

Las lecturas de Israel están repletas de relatos de parejas estériles a quienes Dios les concedió el milagro de tener hijos. Sin duda el relato más conocido es el de la primera lectura de hoy: Lucas se inspiró en este relato para contar el milagroso nacimiento de Juan Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, y el nacimiento aun más milagroso de Jesús, hijo de María y José. En ambos casos, vemos ejemplos o modelos a seguir de personas que confiaron en Dios. Más que ser ejemplos de personas que confiaron, son modelos de entrega incondicional de sí. Abandonaron sus propios preconceptos y prejuicios sobre el funcionamiento del mundo y entregaron sus vidas a creer en un Dios que puede hacer que haya vida en lugares en donde era inconcebible que la hubiera; un Dios que puede convertir la muerte en una vida nueva e inimaginable; un Dios que puede, hoy, tomar a un niño de padres humildes en un pueblo insignificante y convertirlo en una luz para el mundo entero. Esto es a lo que se nos llama a hacer cada día como Sagrada Familia de Dios: confiar no sólo en nosotros mismos y en la manera en que pensamos que deberían ser las cosas, sino a abrirnos y entregarnos en fe a un Dios de promesa infinita.

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL NEWS



- Early registration for the 2009-2010 school year begins in January. Please contact the school office for further information.
- Test prep/study skills tutorials will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.
- St. Augustine Catholic School faculty/staff wish you and yours a peaceful and prosperous New Year! We appreciate your support and all that you do for the school throughout the year. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston:

Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston, a new Catholic high school servicing low-income families of Houston, is opening for 9th graders in August. Through an innovative work-study program, corporations pay over 75% of the tuition costs for each student, making Catholic education affordable for anyone who qualifies. For additional information or to request an application, please call 713-540-1540 or go to our website at: cristoreyhouston.org

La Escuela Preparatoria Jesuita Cristo Rey de Houston, una escuela secundaria católica nueva para familias de bajos recursos económicos, va a abrir para estudiantes de noveno grado este agosto. Por medio de un programa innovador de trabajo y estudio, varias corporaciones de Houston cubren 75% de los costes de la cuota por cada estudiante, así que hace la educación católica comprable para cualquier persona que califique. Para pedir información adicional o solicitar una aplicación, favor de llamar a 713-540-1540 o vaya a nuestra página del Internet: cristoreyhouston.org

Some additional information that might be helpful:

Cristo Rey Jesuit is a new high school opening in the Fall in the old Mt. Carmel high school building. It is a Jesuit, college preparatory high school especially for lower-income families who cannot afford the cost of tuition at regular Catholic high schools. Students work one day per week at an entry level corporate job and then the corporation pays the majority of the tuition for the students who work there. The school will be opening with 9th grade only in 2009 and will add a grade-level per year.

WORD OF LIFE

Today, this very day, Christ comes once more “unto his own,” and to those who receive him he gives “the power to become children of God”; in a word, he offers them the opportunity to see God’s glory and to share the joy of that Love which became incarnate for us in Bethlehem. Today “our Savior is born to the world,” for he knows that even today we need him. Despite humanity’s many advances, man has always been the same: a freedom poised between good and evil, between life and death. ... And, in this postmodern age, perhaps he needs a Savior all the more, since the society in which he lives has become more complex and the threats to his personal and moral integrity have become more insidious. Who can defend him, if not the One who loves him to the point of sacrificing on the Cross his only-begotten Son as the Savior of the world?

PALABRA DE VIDA

Hoy, justo hoy, Cristo viene de nuevo “entre los suyos” y a quienes lo acogen les da “poder para ser hijos de Dios”; es decir, les ofrece la oportunidad de ver la gloria divina y de compartir la alegría del Amor, que en Belén se ha hecho carne por nosotros. Hoy, también hoy, “nuestro Salvador ha nacido en el mundo”, porque sabe que lo necesitamos.

A pesar de tantas formas de progreso, el ser humano es el mismo de siempre: una libertad tensa entre bien y mal, entre vida y muerte... Y en la época actual postmoderna necesita quizás aun más un Salvador, porque la sociedad en la que vive se ha vuelto más compleja y se han hecho más insidiosas las amenazas para su integridad personal y moral. ¿Quién puede defenderlo sino Aquél que lo ama hasta sacrificar en la cruz a su Hijo unigénito como Salvador del mundo?

