

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ - HAPPY ADVENT

HERE ARE SOME UP COMING EVENTS AT HOLY FAMILY

GAUDETE SUNDAY - This Sunday is traditionally named as such because the Opening prayer began with "Rejoice" to signify that we are very close to the celebration of the feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. This Sunday is the day we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. May it truly be a day of rejoicing in the Lord.

Go on the Archdiocesan Website to obtain the prayer that can be used for the Third Sunday of Advent: aodonline.org

OUR MONTHLY CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Will be celebrated after each of the masses this weekend. Those who are infirmed or struggling in body, mind or spirit, those who are anticipating surgery or a hospital stay are invited to come for anointing. Bring your family members to pray with you.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Saturday is her feast. As she is the patroness of all of North, Central and South America it is a wonderful opportunity to ask her intercession for peace and harmony among all nations.

ADVENT VESPERS - On Sunday you are invited to gather at 5pm for prayer. Vespers is an ancient tradition of singing the Psalms, listening to God's work and a collection of prayers. It's a short period of prayer and closing the day with plenty of time to still gather for your Sunday dinner.

WEDNESDAY - COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE - Mark your calendars and join us for our final communal penance service at 7 pm. Several wonderful priests will be available for the sacrament and it's a wonderful opportunity to prepare Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP FLORES - On Wednesday the announcement came out that Bishop Flores has been appointed by the Holy See as the new bishop of Brownsville, TX. The installation will take place in February.

REGIONAL AND VICARIATE CHANGES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE - At the Presbyteral Council meeting on Monday Archbishop Vigneron announced the geographical changes that take place in the Archdiocese. As of Monday the Farmington/Southfield Vicariate, to which we belonged, ceased to exist. The cities of Farmington and Southfield are now a part of the new "to be named" vicariate. St. James, Holy Family and St. Joseph of S. Lyon are now part of the North West Wayne Vicariate. Fr. Pat Casey is the Vicar for our area. This poses no significant impact on the parish but it is good for you to know and we will continue to good work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

From the beginning of time God created us to share eternity with him in an intimate communion of love. Sin broke that communion and brought about division and turmoil. When Jesus became flesh God continued to search for us to restore us to that intimate communion. From the moment you were conceived in your mother's womb Jesus has called for you. Come to him and share his life.

God bless you on this third weekend of Advent.

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