



December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

ST. JOSEPH

CATHOLIC CHURCH - HONEY CREEK

“Where Stewardship is Our Way of Life”

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WELCOME

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
(12:30 p.m. Español), 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES: CHAPEL

Monday and Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:

8:00 a.m. Mass

ADORATION: CHAPEL

Mon & Tues, 8 a.m. -10 p.m.

Wednesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Sunday - Thursday By Appointment

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday,

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEBSITE:

www.stjoseph-honeycreek.org



Pictured:
Ministry parties have begun- Merry Christmas from the beautiful ladies of the Rosary Guild.



PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	December 17	7:00 p.m.	Ramon Chavez Deceased Fisher Woodchick-Deacon Mike and Judy Pawelek
TUESDAY	December 18	8:00 a.m.	Fisher Woodchick-Parish Staff
WEDNESDAY	December 19	7:00 p.m.	Joyce Gebhardt-Deacon Mike and Judy Pawelek
THURSDAY	December 20	8:00 a.m.	Jurgen Joseph Hutzler and Regino Alexander Hutzler-Grandpa
FRIDAY	December 21	7:00 p.m.	Col. Robert Rehwaldt Deceased-Mary Rehwaldt
SATURDAY	November 22	9:00 a.m.	Bob Rose-Karen Rose, Edward Trillos-Trillos Family Jim Neuman-The Steitle Family
SUNDAY	December 23	8:00 a.m.	Eva Beckmann-Gerald Beckmann Louise Verstuyft-Cecilia Stevens
	December 23	10:00a.m.	Adan Salazar-Blanca Salazar Sharon Fadden-Tammy Frost
	December 23	12:30p.m.	Asociación de Guadalupanos Hortencia Razo-Hijos y Esposo
	December 23	5:00 p.m.	Pat Felux- Family Johnny Jaeckle-Tommy and Lisa Titzman

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Marie Bohle, Ann Clendenin, Allen Clendenin, Josie Espinoza, Jesse Gonzales, Paul Guel, Cora Gustin, Rick Harden, Kenneth Holliday, Terri Jones, Madeline Kammer, Helen Medina, Dennis Moore, Ben Rodriguez, Robin Ruff, Joseph Sinnegan, and Richard Swatel.

Names for inclusion in the Prayer List may be self-submitted, or submitted by family or friends of someone in need of prayer to Imelda Quiroz in the Parish Office. Unless you are an immediate family member, please obtain permission from the person whose name is being placed on the list prior to submission. Submitted names will be placed on the Prayer List for two weeks. All information shared with the Parish Office is kept in confidence, with the exception of the person's name, which will be published in the Parish Bulletin.

JOHN PAUL I SPIRITUAL DIRECTION MINISTRY

The guidance of a spiritual director helps to enrich one's prayer life and bring them closer to God. If interested please contact:

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Please call the Faith Formation Office for information (830) 980-2268, ext. 205

MARRIAGE: Please see the Pastor before or after Mass for an appointment. Please make arrangements at least SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. CLASSES ARE REQUIRED.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Call to make arrangements
(210) 416-4516

QUINCEANERA: Please see the Pastor before or after Mass for an appointment.

VOCATIONS

Are you considering priesthood, permanent diaconate, sisterhood or brotherhood? Please see the Pastor before or after Mass.

EMERGENCY WHEN SOMEONE IS NEAR DEATH 210-416-4516

If you need a priest for anointing and/or when someone is near death, for funeral arrangements, or for home/hospital Communion, please call (210) 416-4516. Requests will be carefully managed as soon as possible.

TELEFONO DE EMERGENCIA (210) 416-4516

Si usted necesita un sacerdote para unción de los enfermos cuando alguien está a punto de morir, arreglos funerarios, comunión en casa o en hospital (210) 416-4516. Las Peticiones serán atendidas a la brevedad posible.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential care during difficult times such as coping with the loss of a loved one, illness, or any challenge in life. If you, or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Judy Pawelek at 210-279-2799

12/16/2018 - 12/23/2018 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 16, 2018

	Regular Mass Schedule
8:00 AM	RCIA adapted for Children - Parish Hall
8:00 AM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd
8:00 AM	RCIA - St. John Hall
8:30 AM	Adult Confirmation - Room 205
9:15 & 11:15 AM	K-5 Faith Formation - Various
9:15 & 11:15 AM	Traditional MS Faith Formation - Rm 201
10:30 AM	Adult Spanish Faith Formation - Rm 202
10:30 AM	RCIA for Children-Spanish - Parish Hall
10:30 AM	RCIA-Spanish - Boardroom
10:45 AM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd
10:45 AM	K-5 Sp. Faith Formation - Various

Monday, December 17, 2018

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Day Chapel
5:00 PM	KoC 1st Degree Exemplifications - SJH
6:00 PM	Blue Knights Meeting - Various
6:00 PM	Little Flowers Meeting - Various
7:00 PM	Daily Mass - Day Chapel
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Main Church
7:00 PM	MOM Ministry - Room 203
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting - Room 206
7:00 PM	Bible Study: The Wild Goose - Room 207

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:00 AM - 10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Day Chapel
8:00 AM	Daily Mass - Day Chapel
6:00 PM	Sp. MACTS Reunion - Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Day Chapel
9:00 AM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM	ACTS Bible Study - Room 207
4:00 PM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd
4:00 PM	Mom & Tot Playdates - Room 102
5:15 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Church
6:00 PM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd
6:15 PM	EDGE - Parish Hall
6:15 PM	K-5 FF & Alternative Needs - Various
7:00 PM	Daily Mass - Day Chapel
7:00 PM	KoC Officer's Mtg.- St. John Hall

Thursday, December 20, 2018

8:00 AM	Daily Mass - Day Chapel
6:45 PM	Guadalupanos Meeting - Room 205
7:00 PM	Eng. MACTS Mtg. - Parish Hall

Friday, December 21, 2018

8:00 AM	Daily Mass - Day Chapel
5:00 PM	Drive Through Bethlehem

Saturday, December 22, 2018

	Regular Mass Schedule
10:00 AM	Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 23, 2018

	Regular Mass Schedule
10:30 AM	Adult Faith Formation Spanish - Rm 202

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Christmas:

Office closes at 12 pm on Friday, Dec. 21
Office will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25

New Year's:

Parish office closed on December 31
and January 1.



Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 16

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf.
7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt
1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and
10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20
-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf.
1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: RALLY FOR LIFE



Join the Respect Life Ministry as we take a bus from St. Joseph-Honey Creek to the march and rally at the Texas capitol. We will leave from the church at 10:30am on January 26 and return from Austin by 5pm. The bus ride is free and we will have \$5 boxed lunches on the ride. All ages are welcome; children under 15 must have an accompanying adult, children under 18 must have a permission slip. For more information, please contact Matt Schima at stjo-sephrlm@gmail.com or (830) 822-3047. Sign up at the parish office by January 19.

KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS

The Knights of Columbus Council 8521, will have a Corporate Communion Mass at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 29, at St. Joseph - Honey Creek. A corporate communion Mass is an opportunity for our council to show solidarity/unity and come to worship together as Knights along with our families. Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus, call parish office for contact information.



BABIES NEEDED...

The Respect Life Ministry is in need of YOUR babies for our Drive Thru Bethlehem event. We need roughly 8 – 12 babies, not yet able to sit up on their own, to fill the role of baby Jesus in the nativity scene. They, along with one parent, are needed for a commitment of at least one hour between 5pm-9pm. Babies and their parents will be waiting inside for their turn in the manger, and will be rotated out every 15 minutes or so, depending on how happy the babies are in the manger. Parents will be dressed as shepherds so they can stand nearby in the manger with their little one. If you can assist please contact Kim Barton at wkap@gvtc.com or 210-878-9519. Deadline is December 17.

LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas will begin Dec. 14 thru Dec. 22, and will be held at different homes. Addresses for the Posadas will be posted in the bulletin. All parishioners are invited to join in this annual community event.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Christmas Mass will be December 24, at 4:00 p.m. with prelude hymns sung by the children at 3:45 p.m. We will only have four rehearsals so attendance is important.

*Saturday rehearsal schedule: December 1, 8, 15, and 22 · 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Q: *With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us "stay grounded" in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...*



Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The

anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

December 21, 5 - 9 p.m.

As we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Advent, step back in time and join us for the 2nd Drive Thru Bethlehem.

Invite everyone you know for this free event!

DTBTX.ORG

DRIVE THRU BETHLEHEM

Information: Dodd Naiser 210-501-9558, doddnaiser@me.com, or Katerina Naiser 202-903-661, kdnaiser@yahoo.com

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (Not intended for RCIA Adapted for Children)

At St. Joseph Catholic Church - Honey Creek, the preparation of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is shared between home and church. After completion of Faith Formation in first grade, parents are asked to participate in the preparation process. This is a time, not only for your child to grow in his or her faith, but also a time for you as parents and family to deepen your appreciation of the sacraments through reflection and sharing of our faith.

The dates for our retreats and First Communion Mass this year are as follows:

Saturday, February 16, 2019 First Reconciliation and Church Tour in the Main Church 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Parent and Child to attend.

Saturday, March 23, 2019 First Communion Retreat and Rehearsal in the Parish Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Parent and child to attend.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 First Communion Mass - English, 10:00 a.m. in the Main Church, must arrive by 9:30 a.m.

For questions, please contact Sue Torres by email at suet@stjhc.church or by phone at 830-980-2268.

WOMEN OF GRACE STUDY SERIES



Join Judy Temple and Donna Tripp for a new study series beginning January 8, 2019. We will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in room 206. Please contact Justine Hernandez at 830-980-2268 to register. Workbook fee \$37

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High School

No HSFF Dec 12- Jan 6



Confirmation Mass - Sunday, March 3rd @ 5pm



Consider during high school how your relationship can grow closer to God? What will it take? St. Joseph - Honey Creek is truly here to help you and your family understand the fullness of the Catholic faith.



Small Groups for Everyday People

Check online about the many different "Clusters" that are forming through St. Joseph - Honey Creek. Starting this winter you can choose the group that best fits your situation.

Different Locations, Different Needs

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| Young College | Singles 32+ |
| Young Adults | Couples |
| Young Singles | EmptyNesters |
| Young Couples | Diamond Adults |
| Young Families | |

Young College Christmas Party 12/18 @7:00-10:00pm
YC Faith Sharing 12/11, 1/8

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

[December 13, Advent Reconciliation Service](#)
6:30 p.m. Main Church

[December 24, Christmas Eve Vigil Masses](#)
3:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
4:00 p.m. Children's Mass - English
7:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass - English

[December 25, Christmas Day Masses](#)
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass - English
8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass - English
10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass - Bilingual

Please note: **Eucharistic Adoration** will be CLOSED on -

December 24, 25, 26
December 31
January 1, 2

Resume as usual on
January 7, 2019

Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The Parish Directories have finally arrived! If you took a picture for the directory, please come by the parish office to pick up your book.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Church and her teachings? There is a place for you, here with us. As an adult, you become Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA will meet weekly during the year, beginning in September. Our meetings will last approximately 1 1/2 - 2 hours on Sunday mornings. This process is for you if you:

- Have never been baptized
- Were baptized in another Christian faith
- Were baptized Catholic, but didn't receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

You will be guided and supported in the faith through instruction. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, contact Charles Noll at 830-980-2268, ext. 205, or CharlesN@stjhc.church.

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Children's.....\$175.97
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The next second collection (Dec 24) will be for **Assumption Seminary**
Thank you for your generous contributions!

ONLINE GIVING MADE EASY

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to any collection and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can

leave your checkbook at home on Sundays. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at (830) 980-2268 ext. 205. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit: www.stjoseph-honeycreek.org

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PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Pregnant? Need Help? Call The Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center (830) 885-2277. Services are confidential & free of charge.



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