

From the Pastor 

Among the blessings we have received through Baptism is the forgiveness of sins (both for Original Sin and any personal sin we may have committed before Baptism). But forgiveness is not the only grace we receive. Saint John the Baptist told the people that One is coming who will baptize in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is that One, and through Baptism the Holy spirit came to dwell within us. Because of the Holy Spirit, we can call God our Father in the midst of the Church, our bodies have become temples of God's presence, and we have an eternal inheritance awaiting us in Heaven. What a gift!
Father Joseph

Weekly Readings

Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10/11-12,13-14/ 2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

Monday, St. Sabas

Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday, St. Nicholas

Is 40: 1-11/ Ps 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac,11-12, 13/ Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday, St. Ambrose

Is 40: 25-31/Ps 103:1-2,3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15,20/ Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6,11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Friday, St. Juan Diego

Is 48:17-19/ Ps 1:1-2,3,4 and 6/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Blessed Adolph Kolping

Sir 48:1-4,9-11/ Ps 80:2ac and 3b,15-16,18-19/ Mt 17:9a,10-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	December 4
8:30 a.m.	+ Esteban Pahela by Cresencia T. Pahela
10:30 a.m.	+ Stumpos & Flores Families by Chet & Gloria Stumpo
12:30 p.m.	Mass of the People
6:00 p.m.	+ Si Jones by Jamie & Jane Mayhall
Monday	December 5
8:00 a.m.	+ John William Reese by Eleanor M. Goolsby
Tuesday	December 6
8:00 a.m.	SI Antonio & Barbara Moreno by the Gaines Family
Wednesday	December 7
8:00 a.m.	+ Gabriel D. Macias by Mary Lou Macias and Family
7:00 p.m.	+Victor Goite by Juliet Mozo-Chong
Thursday	December 8
8:00 a.m..	+ Rita & Fedinco Vacal by Fely Camarines
5:30 p.m.	+ Primitivo Baradas by Fannie Baradas
7:00 p.m.	+ Leo Whelan by Jane Wible
Friday	December 9
8:00 a.m.	SI Roberto Rivera-"90th Birthday" by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Monroy
Saturday	December 10
8:00 a.m.	+ Mary Minh by Dawn
5:30 p.m.	+ Kim Nhan by Lena Hynh

CHURCH OFFERING

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
11/27/11		\$21,044.00
Electronic		\$1,482.00
11/28/10		\$17,058.00
Electronic		\$483.00

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY:	December 4
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Brunch-Curran Hall
9:00 a.m.	RCIA-Rm. 110/120
9:30 a.m.	Pictures with Santa-Youth Rm.
10:30 a.m.	Edge Confirmation Workshop-Curran Hall
1:30 p.m.	Spanish Choir-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Life Teen-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission-Sanctuary
MONDAY:	December 5
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission-Sanctuary
TUESDAY:	December 6
9:15 a.m.	Mother's Day Out-Rm. 110/120
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission-Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY:	December 7
12:00 p.m.	Catholic Studies Group—Rm. 150
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass-Sanctuary
THURSDAY:	December 8
5:30 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Mass-Sanctuary
5:45 p.m.	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Mass-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Pro Life-Rm. 200
FRIDAY:	December 9
6:30 p.m.	Middle School Fellowship-Curran Hall
SATURDAY:	December 10
2:00 a.m.	Faith Formation-Classrooms
6:30 p.m.	Fr. Dankasa Farewell Party-Curran Hall



Middle School Youth Ministry

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Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM in Curran Hall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

Friday December 9, 2011 from 6:30-9pm!! Please make sure that you either eat or bring your dinner before attending. Snacks will be provided!!!! Please RSVP with Rachel if your teen will be coming!

Attention Parents

Next Parent Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 from 10:30-12PM in Curran Hall. Parents please review the Confirmation Interview questions with your teen. The questions can be found near the back of the Confirmation Packet that was received at the first meeting.

Attention Teens

*Teens remember to sign the Mass Attendance Binder that can be found on the office door right across from the Sacristy and Chapel.

Please make sure to Save the Dates

Confirmation Retreat Date

February 10-12, 2012 **Cost: \$80**

Payments are being accepted now!

Confirmation Rehearsal Practice

April 26, 2011

Confirmation Date

April 27, 2012 at 7PM

Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 7
Vigil Mass-7PM**

**Thursday, December 8
Holy Day Masses
5:30PM and 7:00PM**

The Church offices will be closed, Thursday December 8.

If you are a parishioner who is in need of help during this holiday season, please see a Lector after Mass or call the Parish Office. Also, if you would like to sponsor one of these families, see a Lector after Mass or call the Parish Office. The deadline to respond is December 10.

High School Youth Ministry

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Life Teen starts with a youth Mass at 6pm followed by a Life Night that lasts until 9pm.

Sign up today!! All forms, information, and details about events and activities can be found on our website: <http://www.smlifeteen.com>

Sunday Life Night Schedule

- * Dec. 4 Life Night
- * Dec. 11 Life Night
- * Dec. 18 Life Night
- * Dec. 25 Christmas Break-NO Life Night
- * Jan. 1 Christmas Break-NO Life Night

For more information about getting your high school teen registered into the program please either call or email Rachel Kollhoff at 972-279-6581, ext. 17 or Rachel@stmichaelgarland.org

Advent Parish Mission

Please join us for our Advent Parish Mission **Sunday, December 4 thru Thursday, December 8.** Fr. Sullivan from the Fathers of Mercy will facilitate this Mission.

A video series will be presented in Curran Hall after the 8:00 AM daily mass Monday-Thursday.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 PM-6:30 Monday-Wednesday

Confessions will be available from 6:00-6:45PM Monday-Thursday and by appointment.

Services begin at 7:00PM.

Farewell Reception for Fr. Jacob Dankasa

Please join us at a farewell reception for Fr. Jacob Dankasa on Saturday, December 10 after the 5:30PM Mass in Curran Hall. Join us for dinner as we show our appreciation for Fr. Jacob's work at St. Michael. The main dish will be provided. A sign up sheet will be located in the Narthex if you would like to bring a side dish or dessert. Both are needed. Questions? Please contact Sheila Seifert at (214)552-0636

**Saint Michael the Archangel
Boy Scout Troop 548**

December 5	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 P.M., Curran Hall
December 12	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 P.M., Curran Hall
December 15	Order of the Arrow Chapter Banquet
December 17	Christmas Party, Curran Hall 3-7PM
December 19	No Meeting-Christmas Holiday
December 26	No Meeting-Christmas Holiday
December 27-31	Winter Camp at Trevor Reese-Jones



For more information contact:
Scoutmaster Chris Fowler
Email: cdf364@att.net



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December 3-4	Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
December 4-8	Parish Advent Mission. Date for dinner to be hosted by our Council TBA-watch your email
December 8	Officers Meeting 7PM Rm. 140
December 10-11	Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
December 11	Blood Drive 8:30AM-2PM-Curran Hall-Breakfast served until 2PM
December 15	Business Meeting, Curran Hall, 7PM
December 17-18	Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
December 18	Christmas Raffle Drawing, Curran Hall, 2PM
December 19	Singing Knights Christmas Carol Tour
December 25	Merry Christmas
	Raffle tickets will also be available from Johnny Martinez in the Parish Office Monday through Friday each week.

Spanish choir members are needed to sing at the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** Mass on Monday, **December 12, 2011.**

The next rehearsal will be held Sunday, December 4 1st :30PM in the Sanctuary. Please contact Ray Guzman, (214) 680-7516, if you are interested in joining this choir.



Pictures with St. Nicholas

Please join us in the Youth room Sunday, December 4, for **Pictures with St. Nicholas.** Photos will be taken from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM. The cost of each photo is \$2.00. Photos will be available for pick up next weekend. The pictures will be placed in a basket in the Narthex marked "**Pictures with St. Nicholas.**" The Community Social Events group will be serving a brunch meal after the morning and 12:30PM Masses in Curran Hall. The menu includes chicken stew, white rice, and red kidney beans and a drink. Please join us for great food, fun and fellowship. Donations will be accepted.

The Filipino Festival was a huge success. A special thanks to all. Donations totaling \$346 were collected to be used toward the purchase of Liturgical Vestments.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the semi-annual Carter Blood Drive at St. Michael's on December 11. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. The Knights will be serving a free meal throughout the time of the Blood Drive until 2PM! Please take the time to donate blood-it is the Christmas gift that saves lives!

Christmas Raffle: Time is running out!

Don't delay getting your tickets for the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Raffle. Total value of the prizes this year is over \$4500. Stop by the table in the Narthex to see the prizes. All proceeds support scholarship awards at St. Michael's, as well as seminarians for the Diocese of Dallas, and local and state charities including Special Olympics. Drawing will be held at 2PM on December 18. Get your tickets today.

St. Michael's Military Support Group

The St. Michael's Military Support Group supports military members, veterans, wounded warriors and their families. **We are in need of donations to cover the cost of postage for our care packages going to Afghanistan.** St. Michael's Military Support Group envelopes are in the Narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make the checks payable to St. Michael Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Heather Phillips at (214)543-4764 or heatherrose8705@yahoo.com

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) is an exciting new ministry for those young adults ages 18-30, single or married, working or in school. YAF provides the young adults in our community with opportunities for growing spiritually, friendship and fellowship through prayer, support, discussion of our faith and service. We will have our next 6 week block session after the holidays, but we will be hosting our Christmas social soon. Please view our face book page for updates.

There is no mandatory level of membership. We welcome any young adult to participate at any time. Questions? Contact Richard and Katherine Sesbino at (469)583-7031 or krsesbins1219@yahoo.com. Find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Young-Adult-Fellowship-YAF/100527636694852>

The Pines Catholic Camp is hosting **ALIVE AGAIN 2011**, a High School Only Weekend December 16-18th. The weekend is dedicated to recharging the camper's faith for the Holidays as well as experiencing all the fun of Summer Camp during the winter. Weekend activities include Mass and Adoration with an amazing praise and worship session led by Ben Walther; as well as conquering our challenge course, playing ultimate Frisbee, enjoying the lake and much more. For more information and registration, visit www.thepines.org or call us at (214)522-6533.

Got Merry? Join us & shop 'til you drop!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming

Bishop Lynch High School

Christmas Bazaar & Silent Auction.

9750 Ferguson Dallas, TX.

Saturday, December 10 9:00AM-4:00PM.

Hosted by parents of Bishop Lynch Brigade Drill Team. Questions can be directed to bishoplynchbrigade@yahoo.com

Divorce Ministry

St. Michael's Family Life Ministry is beginning a Divorce Ministry on Thursday, January 12, 2012, in the Youth room. This is a 12-week program which is based on sound Catholic teachings and spiritual principles. Each session helps people find peace, power and passion that they lost through divorce. Some of the session topics include Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, Relearning to Date, and Seeing God in Romance. Registration forms are in the Narthex in the Family Life section. The cost of the program is \$20 and includes one copy of a **Personal Guide**. *Space is limited*, so please sign up early! Questions, Contact Fran Campbell (214) 808-4825

Bulletin Deadline

If you have an announcement that you would like printed in the bulletin, please send it to MichelleC@stmichaelgarland.org by 3:00 p.m. Monday afternoon. You may also contact Michele Cormier at the parish office at 972-279-6581 ext. 18 or drop off a copy of the announcement at the church.

Pulpit Announcement

If you have something you would like announced at the ambo after mass please call Darnell St. Romain at 972-279-6581 ext. 15 or email him at

Darnells@stmichaelgarland.org by Friday afternoon.