

Rejoice! Christmas is almost here! The Scriptures speak of two characteristics of joy in Christ. First, we should have no anxiety, but rather trust God and expect good things from God our Father.



He sent His Son to save us; we ought to be confident in the Father's care. Second, our joy should be revealed in our generosity. Considering the blessings which we have received and for which we hope, sharing with others, especially the poor, ought to be easy. Generosity does not impoverish the giver, but rather shares in the love of the Creator. Giving builds up treasure in heaven too.

Father Joseph



<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/07/08	2083	\$19,394.00
12/06/09	1802	\$19,730.00

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you.



**TOYS FOR TOTS**

- Ernie Valencia

Christmas is just around the corner, and St. Michael's is supporting Toys for Tots, sponsored by the United States Marines. Donated toys will be distributed by the Marines to various agencies in need of toys for children. Please place your donations in the specially marked box in the Narthex. We will accept toys until December 20. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

**Reconciliation Service  
For Christmas Season**

**Confessions before Christmas on Fridays  
in December:**

December 18 at 7 PM

**Christmas Eve Masses:**

December 24 at 4:00 PM  
5:30 PM  
7:30 PM  
Midnight

**Christmas Day Masses:**

December 25 at 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

**Christmas**

- Gloria Perez

If you would like your loved ones remembered at the Christmas Novena Masses, please pick up a card in the Narthex, fill out the information, and return it to the Parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

**Holy Day of Obligation: Mary, Mother of God**

December 30, 2009, Vigil Mass at 7 PM  
January 1, 2010, Mass at 11 AM



- Gary Labac

A blood drive will be held Sunday, December 13, after all morning Masses in Curran Hall. Please drop by to donate blood. Donors will receive a free breakfast from the Knights of Columbus.

**BOOK FAIR**

- Anna Quigley

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE BOOK FAIR will be held in Curran Hall on Saturday, December 18, after the 5:30 Mass and on Sunday, December 19, after morning and 12:30 pm Masses. Please join us and stock up on books for your children!





*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Saturday, December 12**

8:00 a.m. +John Reardon by Jim & Marcia Bauer  
5:30 p.m. +Audrey Owens by Mel & Kay McVay

**Sunday, December 13**

8:30 a.m. +John Eisenhour, Vicente & Beatric Guimbaolibah by Estrella Eisenhour  
10:30 a.m. +Sister Jeannine by Atkins family  
12:30 p.m. Mass for the People  
6:00 p.m. +Wallace Labac by John & Sheila Seifert

**Monday, December 14**

8:00 a.m. +Michael & Edna Nilan by John & Sheila Seifert

**Tuesday, December 15**

8:00 a.m. +Sandra Eke by John & Sheila Seifert

**Wednesday, December 16**

8:00 a.m. +William Busch by John & Sheila Seifert

**Thursday, December 17**

8:00 a.m. +Richard Haley by Baldauf family  
6:30 p.m. +Floretina Gamboa by Manuel & Mila Gamboa & Richard Sesbino

**Friday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. +Manuel Benavidez by Lisa Gonzales

Tabernacle candle is in memory of Victor Rivera by Moreno family.



*The Week Ahead*

**Third Advent Sunday**

**SUNDAY: December 13**

7:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast & Blood Drive – Curran Hall  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 110/120

**MONDAY: December 14**

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting – Curran Hall

**TUESDAY: December 15**

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out – Classroom & Curran Hall  
10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area  
7:00 p.m. Immaculata Prayer Group – Rm. 210  
7:00 p.m. 12 noon Choir – Curran Hall

**WEDNESDAY: December 16**

12:00 p.m. Bible/Spirituality Group – Rm. 110/120  
6:00 p.m. Life Teen BOB & WOW – Youth Room  
6:30 p.m. *The 'EDGE'* – Curran Hall, Classrooms, & Sanctuary

**THURSDAY: December 17**

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out – Classroom & Curran Hall  
6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel

6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel

7:00 p.m. KC Business Meeting – Curran Hall

7:30 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church

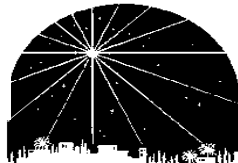
**FRIDAY: December 18**

7:00 p.m. New Day Grief Ministry – Library  
7:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

**SATURDAY: December 19**

1:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Christmas Raffle – Curran Hall  
4:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Book Fair – Curran Hall

**READINGS FOR THE  
WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 13, 2009**



*The Road to Christmas*

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/  
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/25:4-5ab, 6  
& 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/34:2-3, 6-7,  
17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18,21b-25/85:9ab &  
10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-  
8, 17/Lk 7:18b-23/Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/72:1-2, 12-13, 18-  
19/Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/71:3-4a, 5-  
6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

*Knights of Columbus  
Christmas Raffle 2009*

Ticket prices: 3 tickets - \$5.00 8 tickets - \$10.00  
18 tickets - \$20.00 25 tickets - \$25.00

Prizes: Grand prize – 42 inch LCD 1080p HDTV w/Sony  
Blue-ray Home Theater System

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Beatles Rock Band w/Playstation 3 System

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Day Spa Package / Buffalo Creek Golf Package

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 16gb PSP – GO Player

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$200 Visa Gift Card

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$100 Visa Gift Card

Raffle drawing to be held Sunday, December 20, after  
12:30 pm Mass by Fr. Joseph. **YOU NEED NOT BE  
PRESENT TO WIN.**

All proceeds from the Christmas raffle will support our  
council charities: Pro-Life, Seminarians, Catholic  
Ministries, Catholic radio, etc.

Members of the Knights of Columbus are in the Narthex  
after all Masses to purchase tickets for this raffle. For  
more information contact Chris Fowler at (972) 567-3175.

**CRY OUT** with JOY and GLADNESS;  
for among you is the great and  
**HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.**



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**CONFIRMATION CALENDAR of EVENTS:**

NOTE: This calendar is ONLY for the students who attended the FIRST SS!

January 23, 2010 - CONFIRMATION RETREAT

January 24, 2010 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUPER SUNDAY

March 7, 2010 – 4<sup>th</sup> SUPER SUNDAY

Thursday, April 22, 2010 - Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsor

Friday, April 23, 2010 - Confirmation Ceremony with reception following

QUESTIONS? Please call the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Young-At-Heart

- Rich & Judy Fuja

Our next Bingo gathering will be Wednesday, December 16, in Curran Hall at 1 PM. Come join us for some fun and fellowship! Light snacks will be served. Questions? Contact Rich & Judy Fuja at (972) 686-4754.



# New Web Site!

- Ernie Valencia

St. Michael's web site has gotten a new face lift! Please take a look at our new web site for the latest information and past bulletins.

Our address is:

[www.stmichaelgarland.org](http://www.stmichaelgarland.org)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 COUNCIL 11862**

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

- Dec. 12-13** Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
- 13** Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast
- 17** Business Meeting, 7 PM, Curran Hall
- 20** Christmas Raffle Drawing, 2 PM, Curran Hall
- 25** Merry Christmas!

If you are interested in obtaining information about the Knights, please contact Gary Labac at (214) 649-8043 or email [labacg@verizon.net](mailto:labacg@verizon.net).

**Saint Michael the Archangel  
 BSA Gray Owl District Troop 548**

December 14, 7 PM	Boy Scout Meeting/Court of Honor/Christmas Party
December 17	Order of the Arrow Chapter Banquet
December 18-20	Winter Campout/TBA
December 21-28	No BSA Meeting/Christmas Holiday

Contact Scoutmaster Chris Fowler for more information:

email: [cdf364@att.net](mailto:cdf364@att.net)  
 Phone: (972) 203-6126



*Is Someone Among You III?*

- Gloria Perez

If a member of your family is going into surgery, recovering from surgery, or suffering from a life-threatening illness or injury, call Gloria Perez in the Parish Office at 972-279-6581, ext. 10, or leave a message on her extension with your name and phone number. The name of the person to be remembered will also be included in the Prayers of the Faithful during Sunday Masses.

# Have a Bulletin Announcement?

Please email your bulletin announcement to [salazar.d@tx.rr.com](mailto:salazar.d@tx.rr.com) on or before 10 a.m. Monday for inclusion in the following weeks' bulletin. You may also place your announcement in the pink folder hanging on Gloria Perez's office door labeled "Bulletin Editor." We reserve the right to edit contents.

*Eye Glasses for the  
Poor of Honduras*



- Gloria Perez

Due to the current political unrest in Honduras, the Diocese of Dallas is, at this time, unable to sponsor mission trips to that country. However, the presidential elections will hopefully bring peace to Honduras. With that possibility, the Diocesan Medical Mission Team is hoping to travel to Trujillo in the spring of 2010. In preparation for this mission trip, the team is once again collecting "eye glasses," (both prescription and over the counter), that can be used to give sight to Hondurans who do not have access to optical clinics. Your support each year has enabled the Diocesan Medical Mission Team to provide over a thousand pairs of glasses to school children and the elderly of Honduras. Please help touch even more lives with improved vision!

pray for a half hour or more at the vigil, contact Campaign Director Milissa Kukla, 972-313-0208, [40days@prolifedallas.org](mailto:40days@prolifedallas.org), or visit [www.prolifedallas.org/40days](http://www.prolifedallas.org/40days).

**January 12 GEMS Class: Adoption, A Gift of Life & Love:** 11:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m., at St. Rita Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas 75244, in Sweeney Lounge. Facilitated by Carolina Salazar, MSW. Learn more about the option of adoption, both open and closed. Hear testimonials from a birth mother, an adoptive mother, a foster parent and others who can attest to this ultimate gift of life and love. We invite our moms to bring guests, family members and anyone interested to join us in learning the biblical aspects of this selfless gift. Light lunch provided. Please arrange off-site childcare (infants are welcome). For more information or to register, contact Alison Morales, 214-986-1411, or [amorales@prolifedallas.org](mailto:amorales@prolifedallas.org), by December 9.

**HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE**

**December 12–January 22, 2010 40 Days for Life-Dallas Winter Vigil:** Building on the momentum from the 40 Days for Life-Dallas Fall Vigil outside Robinson's abortion center, where nearly 3,000 people of faith signed in to pray, and in light of the new late-term abortion center where babies will be killed through 6 months of pregnancy for any reason, Christians throughout Dallas are invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life-Dallas Winter Vigil from December 12 through January 22. The Prayer Vigil will be held 4 hours per day, from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon, 7 days a week, outside the Southwestern late-term abortion facility, 8616 Greenville Ave. at Royal Ln. (NE corner). Please help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! For more information, to see the list of churches' adopted days, or to sign up to

*Rachel's Corner*

*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord:*

*Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool. If you are willing and obey, you shall eat the good things of the land.*

- Isaiah 1:18-19

Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and experience the mercy and "good things" of Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing  
214.544.CARE [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)