



**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
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**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) Feast Day**

**Present:** Patricia Britz, Neil Walsh, Brendan Pigott, Susie Clapham, Silver Ibenye, Mike Stark, William Wallace, Josefa Rojo Hassett, Ashley Snowden, and Francesca Smith **Guests:** Libby and Braden Snowden

**Blessing & Simple Dinner:** Neil—soup, Silver—bread, Ashley—birthday cake

**Welcome, Thank You, Meeting Goals:** Patricia (Advent), **Opening Prayer:** Brendan (Luke & OLOG), **How Am I Preparing During Advent?** All (Reflect on the different insights on hope in daily scripture readings and in the **Best Advent Ever from Dynamic Catholic**, <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>, it is not too late, you can still sign up for the Best Advent Ever which is free).

**Good News:** Susie shared the good news from both parishes:

- There were several birthdays in December at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) & Saint Gabriel Parish (SGP)
- 12/5/18—1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Diocese of Richmond Announced New Bishop--Barry C. Knestout. Installation--1/12/18.
- 12/6/18—St. Nicholas Feast Day (Bishop)
- 12/8/18—Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/9/18—Fr. Ady's Fourth Anniversary at SGP
- 12/11/18—Bishop Sullivan's Memorial--Birthday—6/10/28 (Started Twinning with Diocese of Hinche)
- 12/12/18—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12/17/18—Pope Francis' Birthday
- 12/17-21/18—SG School Exams
- 12/25/18—Nativity of Our Lord
- SG playground area pictures showing land preparation with heavy equipment as of 10/10/2018.
- Scholarship List passed out/names read by members. HTM members to pray for the two students highlighted on their copy.

**Annual Sept. Letters of Solicitation:** Patricia provided the following status as of 12/12/18:

51 Letters were sent (10 out of parish/1/5) and there were 11 replies (4 out of parish/about 1/3.) It provided fund for:

Scholarship Fund: 3 Students

Lunch Fund: 6.6 Students

Staff Fund (Jobs): 4 Teachers

Medical Assistance Fund: \$100.00

Building (Playground) Fund (jobs): \$475

Last year 6 replies arrived after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Advent Giving Tree (AGT)-Outfitting the Playground:** Patricia reported:

- Fr. Ady's goal is to outfit the school playground for students to play volleyball, basketball and soccer.
- Donations are going well. Table will be in Commons this coming weekend, 12/15 & 16, 2018.
- Patricia thanked Pat Walsh for coordinating the AGT, Stephanie for her help and the volunteers who staffed the AGT table.
- This fund raiser is in keeping with the principles of Toxic Charity: SGP and SHP prayed over it; SGP and SHP have developed relationships; and it is job giving to SGP—they employ Haitian workers and use Haitian materials. Donations will be accepted through 1/6/19 (Epiphany).
- Please check with Pat Walsh & SH bulletins/website for the status on the 87 gifts for the migrant children on the Eastern Shore.

**Fall Book Study--To Fool the Rain-Haiti's Poor and Their Pathway to a Better Life by Steven Werlin who works for Fonkoze:**

Brendan led the study/discussion on Part IV (pgs. 201-241) of the book with the following questions:

1. What are your closing thoughts? How have your feelings concerning our ministry matured or changed? Looking forward, do you have ideas rooted in the lessons of the book to continue working with our friends in Haiti?
2. In light of Advent, what teachings of the Church concerning this season relate to the lives of those described in the book? Where do you see Christmas in the lives of our Haitian family?

**10<sup>th</sup> Parish Haiti Cultural Dinner, Sat. Jan. 26, 2019 For the Teacher Fund:** Nicolas is the returning Chair of the Planning Committee. Neil, Silver, Brendan, and Patricia shared the planning is going well and provided the following:



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- **Guests and Volunteers Sign-up Sheets and Ticket Sales:** Patricia reviewed the sign-up sheets and noted the tickets sale starts on 12/15/18. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors in and out of parish. Also, take a couple of flyers (here attached) and post locally. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$55 per family, and \$160 for a table of eight. Contact Neil for tickets. Please make out checks to Sacred Heart and write Haiti Dinner Teachers Fund on the memo line. A formal sale will occur before and after Masses two weeks prior to the dinner. Patricia will contact volunteers to man the ticket table. Chris Palestrant will be the MC and Auctioneer. Please see SH bulletin.
- **Decorations and Set Up:** Silver noted that he & Frances have a team of volunteers to help with set up & decorations. Please contact him if you would like to help. Set up will start 1/25/19, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. Frances, Brendan, Emily, & Mike to place a water pitcher tables.
- **Silent Auction Baskets:** Francesca noted that the suggested date for gift baskets & donations is by 1/6/19 (Sun.). Please use the Donor Form attached here. Susan Bechelli will assist with arranging the baskets and preparing the clear wrapping & bow 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Jan. The Silent Auction will start 1/12/19 in the SH Commons. If you have questions, please contact Francesca and Patricia. There will be about 20-25 baskets and a couple of gift certificates to local hotels.
- **Patricia Helpers with Teen Servers:** Laura, Susie, Francesca, Ashley, Libbie. Brendan to take the Library Group picture. Laura McDermott to assist with pictures. Allan & Nicolas to man the cocktail hut, Tim the wine bar, Williams & Brady the Kitty Bar.

**Winter Pilgrimage to Haiti on (2/28-3/9/2019):** Patricia announced the next pilgrimage to SG in Haiti will be 2/28/2019 to 3/9/2019. All are invited. Neil and Patricia have tickets. Susie and William are planning to go. Brendan to prepare prayer and Susie to plan a 3-Day Novena for the Feast Day of The Annunciation in March. For more information, please contact Patricia.

**Can Can Collections—Ongoing:** Brady gave a short presentation. Patricia noted a new collection host will be needed by 6/19. SH will remain the drop point for the soda/beer aluminum cans.

**Rosaries & Holy Card Collection—Ongoing.** Please leave in the box on the Haiti credenza in the Commons. POC is Josefa.

**Walking with William:** The next walks will be on Saturday, 12/14/18 and 1/5/19 from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. POC is William.

**Consignment Shops:** Donate women’s clothing, shoes, purses, and jewelry in clean/good condition to shops for cash. Bring items to Susie or leave in the SH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Justice and Peace Meeting Room with your name & Susie’s. POC is Susie.

**Communication:** Members shared who they have communicated about HTM.

**Donations: Aluminum soda/beer cans—**please rinse, crush and turn in to bin in the Neil. We get 1c per can. **US Postal Stamps** and small boxes of thank you cards to support notes sent throughout the year.

**Announcements:**

- Turn in your notes to Fr. Ady and Pen Pal by Sun., Dec 30, 2018 to Francesca or the HTM mailbox in Commons.
- Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) Feb 14-20, 2019. POC is Neil.

**Closing Prayer from God is No Stranger:** Haitian Creole and English—Silver

**Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!**

**Wed, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>,** Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-Susie, Bread-Francesca, Opening Prayer-Patricia)  
**Wed, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>,** Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM  
**Wed, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>,** Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM

Wed. Mass at 5:30 PM (check bulletin), Adoration 6:00, Simple Dinner 6:30

<b>12/1-2/18</b>	<b>Advent Giving Tree Display Week #2</b>
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<b>Mon. Dec. 2</b>	Justice & Peace (All Ministries incl. Haiti Twinning Ministry) Advent Party @ 6:00 pm-7:30 Commons
<b>12/8-9/18</b>	<b>Advent Giving Tree Display Week #3</b>
<b>Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>/14</b>	4th Anniversary of Fr. Ady Mytial's Installation at St. Gabriel
<b>Wed. Dec. 12</b>	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm (Your Advent)
<b>12/15-16/18</b>	<b>Advent Giving Tree Display Week #4</b>
<b>25-Dec</b>	Christmas
<b>Mon. Jan. 1</b>	1804 Haiti Independence Day
<b>Sat., Jan. 6</b>	Epiphany of our Lord
<b>Wed. Jan. 16</b>	HTM meeting Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 (We Remember the Earthquake Jan. 12th, 2010)
<b>Jan. 12-13, 19-20</b>	<b>Ticket Sale before &amp; After Masses, Parish 10th Haiti Cultural Dinner</b>
<b>Jan. 19-20</b>	<b>Silent Auction (Haiti Cultural Dinner) Viewing</b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 25</b>	Haiti Cultural Dinner Set up 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Commons, HTM Simple Dinner 6:00 pm (Back Room)
<b>Sat. Jan. 26</b>	<b>Parish 10th Haiti Cultural Dinner, 6:30pm-9:00 Set up 1:00 pm, Library (teens) &amp; Back Room</b>
<b>28 Jan</b>	Fr. Paul's Birthday
<b>Wed. Feb. 7</b>	Ash Wednesday, Lent Starts
<b>Wed. Feb. 6</b>	Haiti Twinning Ministry Meeting Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
<b>Feb. 18</b>	Fr. Ady Mytial's Birthday (53)
<b>Feb. 25</b>	Head of St. Gabriel School 1st-13th Grade, Mr. Fritz André's Birthday
<b>Feb TBC</b>	<b>Pilgrims' Blessing</b>
<b>Feb. 28-March 9</b>	<b>Winter Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel, open to SH Parish &amp; Community</b>