

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.



MONDAY Rv 14:1-3,4-5; Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9; Lk 21:20-28
FRIDAY Rv 20:1-4,11-15; 21:1-2; Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
SUNDAY Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Advent begins next weekend, November 30/December 1. A special tradition at St. Michael's is to have a Parish Advent Wreath Lighting ceremony at the beginning of each of our Sunday Liturgies. Please join us in this tradition by volunteering – as a family or with special friends – to light the candles of our Parish Advent Wreath. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church. The dates are: November 30/December 1, December 7/8, December 14/15, and December 21/22.



STRAW FOR THE CRIB

This custom, which seems to have originated in France, helps children see their efforts as they prepare for the coming of Jesus with many acts of kindness.

First, an empty crib is given a place of honor somewhere in the home, preferably a place people must pass often each day.

Each child in the family (and parents also) may place a piece of straw or yellow yarn in the crib each night for every kind act he/she did during the day.

The figure of the Christ Child is not placed in the crib until Christmas Eve. By that time the crib should be filled with soft straw or yellow yarn as a bed for the Child.

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 26 THROUGH DECEMBER 1

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	Leon & Bobbie Jasek by M/M John Girouard
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠ Glenn & Jean Heiniger by John & Cathy Buettner John Muhl by his sister
THURSDAY	10:00A.M.	
FRIDAY	NO MASS	
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠ Luther Guillory by the Barry Guillory Family
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠ Mark Klockentager by M/M Dennis Klockentager
	9:30A.M.	✠ Leah G. Herbert by Debbie Davis
	11:00A.M.	✠ John Friede & Alonso Barrera

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Johnny Rayburn, husband of Gay Rayburn; also for the soul of John Helberg, father of Lorraine Rabuse, grandfather of Hilary & Hannah Rabuse.

Those of our community who have requested our prayers:

Savana Allen, Hugo Arevalo, Billy Ray Barnett, Janet Barone, Robert Behr, Scott Blanchard, Josephine Bogo, Bennie Paul Bono, Jeremy Bump, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, James Conalty, Jay Cormier, Mary Coxle, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Anita Cromis, Gene Curtis, Dorothy D'Augusta, Pete D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, **Charlie Dirba**, Terry Ditges, Cody Drapela, Lenora Duval, Clarence Ebey, Isabel Evans, Payton Ewald, Marcella Ezell, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Jared Floyd, Norma Forey, Clarence Forse, Lucille Fourrier, Colette Easter Garcia, Paul Garcia, Craig Garrison, Robert Goodpaster, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Dorothy Harnden, Mary Harnden, Maury Havlik, Lorraine Hayes, Vince Henderson, Wanda Henry, Adela Hernandez, Kristen Hinojosa, Pam Hocutt, Mike Jankowiak, Rae Holt, Brenda Kelley, Rebecca Kelly, Taylor Kibodeaux, Gloria Kissinger, Jerry Lacoume, Joe Langston, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Tim & Larry Loftus, Robin Loftus, Michael Maddox, Dionisio Martinez, Mary Martinez, Chaulzie Massie, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Ed McGuckin, Vicky Melton, Ounida Muniza, Heloise Murray, William Neely, Jean Newport, Natalie Pena, Johnny Peres, III, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Anna Mae Reixach, Hattie Richter, Christina Robinson, Gabriella Rodriguez, Mary Rogers, John Rosser, Doris Rutkowski, Sandy Sendejo, Bud Stover, Coletta Stover, Billie Stricklin, Joshua Teague, Linda Thompson, Evelyn Tumlinson, Jennifer Villarreal, Anna Mae Walters, Evelyn White, John Edward White, Shane Williams, Reese Williams, Ed Windler, Harold Wolf, Margaret Young and Jack Yonge.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week.)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

24**Toy Delivery Tags handed out
Class 6:30pm
28 Thanksgiving



Advent Mission with Father Bernie Weber, C.P. at St. Joseph's Church in Brazoria. The Mission will begin on Sunday evening, December 1st at 7:00 pm and continue each evening through Thursday, December 5th. Father Bernie will have an exciting Spirit filled presentation on the basic Gospel Message of Jesus Christ. Healing service on Wednesday evening. **Call St. Joseph's for details, 798-2288.**



Knights of Columbus

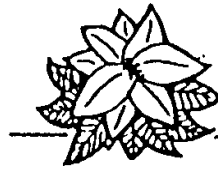


The Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 24th, from 8:30 to 11 am in the Family Life Center. Proceeds will go to the State Catholic Charities. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast and support many meaningful charities.

All parish women of St. Michael's are invited to attend a **Christmas Celebration** on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. This event includes a catered dinner, program by Rasco Rhythms, and prizes. A check payable to *Women of St. Michael's* for \$12.00 can be given to Mary Ann Longoria by November 26th.



If you have not received your envelopes, please look in the back of church. There is a box of returned envelope packets.



Poinsettias



are you in?

DISCERNMENT FOR POSITIONS ON PASTORAL COUNCIL: Are you interested in serving the Lord and the community of St. Michael's by becoming a member of St. Michael's Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council serves the Pastor as a consultative body who mission is pastoral

planning, goal setting and developing and implementing pastoral programs. Discernment for positions on the council will be held on December 8, 2002. If you are interested in serving, or if you would like to find out more about the Council, please contact Kevin Land (480-0402) or any other member of the current Council by December 1st. Please give prayerful consideration to participating in this most worthwhile and fulfilling ministry.

If you wish to donate a Christmas Poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please come by the office and give the information and \$15 to one of the secretaries. The names of your loved ones will be published in the Christmas bulletin. There are 75 Poinsettias available.

The poinsettia with its scarlet leaves, now of many hues, came from Mexico where it grows as a shrub. It blooms at Christmastime, and Mexicans called it "flower of the Holy Night". It was brought to the United States by the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851) who had them grown in his greenhouse in South Carolina. Eventually, they were named after him. Only since 1920 have they become potted plants. Poinsettias are now associated as much with Christmas as lilies are with Easter.

Need a weekend away from it all? A place where you feel safe and close to God? Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston has 78 private rooms on 20 acres of wooded Pine trees. The December 6-8 Women's Retreat weekend is one of three retreats available. Brochures and forms are available in the Family Life Center hallway, or you may contact Debbie Waguespack at 265-7504 for more information.

The **Compassionate Friends, Inc.** will meet Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 pm at 321 Linden Lane. The topic will be "**Dealing with the Holidays**". They will not have a December meeting. Instead, there will be a **Candlelight Vigil**, Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 pm at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. **GRAND - PARENTS & SIBLINGS ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

