

This is undoubtedly the prophet



**WHO IS TO COME
INTO THE WORLD.**

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the Psalmist, “He answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.



MONDAY Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
TUESDAY Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Jn 11:19-27
WEDNESDAY Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
THURSDAY Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
FRIDAY Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Mt 13:54-58
SATURDAY Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
SUNDAY Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24;
Jn 6:24-35

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



We have an “open hour” in our Adoration Chapel, on Thursday mornings, 11:00a.m. till 12noon. If you would like to sign up for this hour, please call Arlene Becker, 798-8388

In Our Parish



Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” educates clergy, staff and volunteers who work with children, about child sexual abuse and the ways to create safe environments for children. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the signs and symptoms that an adult is a potential risk of harm to children and how to know that a child is being abused or exploited in some way. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God’s children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concerns. Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. All other adults are invited and encouraged to participate as part of the Church’s commitment to make the world a safe place for all our children.

Protecting God’s Children Workshop for Adults

Summer dates for St. Michael’s

Workshops will start **promptly** – no exceptions!
 No nursery is provided; please make your own arrangements. To register log on to www.virtus.org, password “trust”.
Thursday, July 31st in Family Life Center 6:15-9:30pm
Thursday, August 7th in Family Life Center 6:15-9:30pm
Sunday, August 24th in Wolter’s room 12:45-4 pm
Sunday, Sept. 7th in Family Life Center 12:45-4 pm

Virtus Coordinator, Janice Rodrigue, 299-3509

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MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 29 THROUGH AUGUST 3

TUESDAY	5:30 p.m.	✠George Volz
WEDNESDAY	8:30 a.m.	✠Johnny Gifford
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	✠Maude Broussard
FRIDAY	8:30 a.m.	✠Martha Y Tran
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m.	✠Joe & Lena Mandola
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	✠Oriana Davidson
	9:30 a.m.	✠Harry Perk
	11:00 a.m.	✠Joe Moore



Ed Alhrich, **Nick Alfano**, **Savanna Allen**, Jack Bartlett, Robert Behr, Josephine Bogo, Bennie Paul Bono, David Butler, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Sister Mary Charitas, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D’Augusta, Pete D’Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Pat Free, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Linda Graves, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, Jerry Lacoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, **Karen Moran**, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Judy Prihoda, Joe Raglan, June Raglan, Mary Rogers, Ken Smith, Billie Stricklin, “Vinnie”, Patricia Walichowski, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

HOW DO YOU BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. Our faith community reaches out to and welcomes those who are experiencing a deepening conversion in their lives, and guides them through prayer, study and service and culminates in full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharistic. The inquiry sessions will begin Wednesday, August 13, in the “F” wing for all who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Community sponsors are needed to act as companions and guides, to share their faith experiences, helping and encouraging the candidates and growing in their own faith lives. If you would like to take part in this process or wish more information, Please call Bettie Carmody, 265-6509 or the Church office, 297-3041



It is once again time to start planning for the Annual St. Michael's Church Picnic. It will be a Building Fundraiser this year. The date will be September 28th. Auction and live Auction, Rides, Bake Sale, Raffles, Country Store and Games. Anyone interested please call Sandy Seeley at 297-1233 or email me at sandy_seeley@msn.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING/FORMATION SESSIONS

All E.M.'s must attend one of these sessions if they wish to be included in the schedule for 2004. Sessions will also be held for all other liturgical ministries at St. Michael's. July 31, 7-9 pm in the Church. August 5, 7 9 pm in Church. Two additional sessions will be offered at later dates. For further details, call Lynne Hanrahan, 480-0709

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Attention Parish Organization and Ministry Chairpersons: St. Michael's annual Ministry Awareness Weekend will be held Saturday and Sunday, **August 16/17**. The event will take place in the hall of the **Family Life Center** after each Mass. **Please begin now making plans** to have people and information available for all parishioners that will attend. You will be contacted by email and phone with details for the weekend event. **If your organization has changed leadership recently**, please contact Gary Forse and the parish office so that you will be included in the correspondence. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support in making this year's event a success.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, INC. will meet on Sunday, July 27, 2:00p.m., 321 Linden Lane. **Grandparents and siblings always welcome!**



OCEAN OF MERCY
Video of three of the most prominent Catholics in the 20th century. Saint Maximilian, Saint Faustina and Pope

John Paul II Will be shown after each Mass on Sunday, July 27th 9:00 am, 10:45 am and noon in the Family Life Center.

NOTE: Please remember our asthmatic members before attending church services, when applying colognes, lotions, perfumes and powders. Too much of these can set off a severe attack for some asthmatics. Thank you.

FAITH IN ACTION

High school & adults show your talents and help those less fortunate. Yard work, repairs, painting, etc. are on the schedule. We need willing hearts and hands. Be the hands & feet of Jesus. Sign up after all Masses

Cash Flow for June

Bank & Savings Balance		\$544,631.44
4 Sunday Collections	\$58,404.00	
One Sunday went to Seminary (\$11,747)		
Interest on Now	+ 74.47	
Regular Receipts		+58,478.47
Less Regular Expenses	- 57,128.78	
Less Cathedral Tax	-22,100.00	
Less Mo. Principal & Int.	-5,557.90	
Total of Regular Expenses		-84,786.68
Less Lump Sum Payment on Ed. Bldg.		-22,100.00
Difference/Suspense Accts.		+1,582.22
Add New Church & Bishop Fund Drive		+28,838.34
Less Architect fees/other costs-new church		-5,000.00
Bishop Building Fund Tax on church funds		-10,100.00
Less Bishop Campaign Payment		-53,000.00
Bank and Savings Balances 06/30/03		\$458,543.79

There is good news and bad news (as always). The bad news is that our general funds at St. Michael's are "zilch". We are again borrowing from other entities in our bank account. The good news is that our Spiritual Education Center is paid off. It doesn't make much sense to pay a higher interest rate on a debt when our Diocesan Savings is earning only 2.5% interest and our Now Acct. is earning .75% interest. So the good news is our buildings are all paid off. We paid off our Cathedral Tax of \$22,100 for the year ending in June. The debt we have is \$159,000 for the Bishop's Capital Campaign which will be paid off in March 2004.

Can you afford an extra \$1 each Sunday?

DSF – We are under in pledges by \$10,000 to the Diocesan Service Fund. So starting with the regular weekend collection of July 26th all loose \$1 bills will be called a second collection for DSF. I will code it in that manner so we will not be billed for C. Tax or DSF on those funds. This does not include the dollar bills put in envelopes or the wishing well – just the loose ones in the baskets at the regular collection.
Jrmatzke; July 18, 2003

Lost and Found

Have you had to walk home lately? Check the lost and found table in the hallway this weekend. We have found glasses, keys, and husbands (just kidding).

Also check for your envelopes in the back of the church. Some have found their way back to us.