



Jesus, Whom God called "My beloved Son", is also the "Servant" of Whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are Baptized in Christ must follow His example

and use our time and resources in the service of others.

MONDAY 1Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
TUESDAY 1Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
WEDNESDAY 1Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39
THURSDAY 1Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
FRIDAY 1Sm 8:4-7,10-22; Mk 2:1-12
SATURDAY 1Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1; Mk 2:13-17
SUNDAY Is 62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
 Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>



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 The council thanks Michelle Guillory and Lawrence Packard for their service on the council and to the parish community of St. Michael's.



Bless the Lord my soul.

JANUARY 13 THROUGH JANUARY 18

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 5:30P.M. †Evelyn Tumlinson
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. †Lynn Mann
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Gilbert R. Nemec
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. †Elenora Mach
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. †Frances Petras
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Lenore Wetzl
9:30A.M. †Vito Latkovich
11:00A.M. deGroot Family



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Sister Mary Charitas, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia

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(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)



Woman to Woman Retreat

"From Roots to Fruits"

John 15:5

Note Date Correction

January 30 – February 1, 2004

Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson

CALL

Binnie Bauml

297-9239

Cost: Double (2 twin beds) \$105.00

Single Room \$175.00



Youth Ministry

JANUARY CALENDAR



11 Class 6:30pm

Tm Teacher/Peer Leader mtg 5pm

Vocation Night

Fees/forms due for Youth Rally

16 Confirmation I Retreat thru Sunday Jan. 18th

18 Class 6:30pm

25 Class 6:30pm

30 N.E.T. (National Evangelization Team) thru Sunday Feb. 1st

Vocation Awareness Art, Poems, Essays and Photographs entries **must be returned by January 13th to the Youth Ministry Office.** 15 prizes will be awarded on January 18th, 11am Mass. – The Vocation Committee

Youth Ministry Classes, Grades 6th – 12th, will begin again on Sunday, January 11th, at 6:30pm with “Vocation Night”. Jr. High School Students please meet in the Family Life Center and High School Students in the church, promptly at 6:30pm.

All children and youth don't forget to get your art, essay, poetry or photography entries in or the “vocation Awareness Contest” by January 13th.

K.J.Z.T. #115 ST. MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA will meet Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 10:00a.m. at County Road 799, Brazoria, Texas.

Mystical Miraculous Maximus Circus – 2004 Diocesan Junior High Rally – Saturday, February 14th. For all youth grades 6th-8th come join the fun! Carpools will be leaving St. M.'s at 9:30am to travel to Humble. **Registration is \$30.00**, which includes two meals, Saturday evening excitement (dance, karaoke, movie) & Rally T-shirt. **Fees and forms due by January 11th** to Youth Ministry Office. Please call Helen Fagg, 297-5763/297-3043, for information and to pick up Registration Packet. Adult drivers/chaperones will be needed and most welcome.



Silence before Mass

Paul Turner

Silence is sacred. No words can adequately express the mystery of God. Everything we try to say falls short. In quiet, we can sense God's presence even more deeply than in sound.

At designated times of the Mass, we fall silent to offer prayers, to reflect on the Scripture or to thank God for the Eucharist. But “even before the celebration itself, it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal 45*).

Many sounds precede Mass. At home and in the car, you may have the television or radio on, or you may be conversing with family and friends about many things. At church, in the minutes before Mass begins, you might hear people greeting people, someone leading a rosary, musicians tuning their instruments, cantors rehearsing the psalm, or coins plunking in the poor box. The organist might play a prelude, or the song leader might rehearse a hymn with you. All these sounds serve some purpose, and they help prepare us for the Eucharist.

But some time of silence beforehand helps everyone enter the Mass devoutly. In silent prayer, we think about the role we are to play, the songs we will sing, the prayers we will offer, the Scriptures we will hear, the sacrifice we make, the service we give to our neighbor, and the presence of Jesus Christ, who comes to us in sacrament to nourish us at this Mass and throughout the week. His holiness renders us speechless.

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