



Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born. And the Lord dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known

and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

- MONDAY** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
TUESDAY 2Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43
WEDNESDAY 2Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6
THURSDAY 1Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13
FRIDAY Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
SATURDAY 1Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
SUNDAY Is 6:1-2a,3-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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



LAST YEAR'S PALMS NEEDED: Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, February 25th. The Ashes

you receive are made from the previous year's Palm branches. **Please bring** your old palms to the church to be burned. There will be a basket in the back of church on **February 7-8, February 14-15 and February 21-22** to receive these old palms. Thank you! The Worship Commission



February 25, 2004
Services as Scheduled:
8:30am Mass & distribution of ashes

- 12:00noon Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes
 5:30pm Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes
 7:00pm Mass & distribution of ashes



Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. (No meat) **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are also days of Fast. (Only one full meal for the day; nothing between meals.) Following the **Fish Fry**, in the Family Life Center at 5:30pm, we will have **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00pm in the church, every Friday during Lent.



FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8

MASS INTENTIONS

- TUESDAY 8:30A.M.** †Danny Bell
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. †John C. Savaso
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Elenora Mach
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. †Vito Latkovich
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. Badeaux Family
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Lucille Fourrier
9:30A.M. †Charlotte Lesnau
11:00A.M. †Vito Latkovich



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, **Weldon Bailey**, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, **Jennifer Cary**, 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 Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, **David Kubala**, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran, **Mullins Family**, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Judy Prihoda, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Hattie Richter, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", **Amelia Volz**, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams.

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

Feast of the Presentation



The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas Day) will be celebrated on **Tuesday, February 3**, also the **Feast of St. Blase**.

Before 8:30a.m. Mass, **Father will bless candles**. If you have candles you wish to have blessed, please bring them with you to Mass, and gather in the back of the church for the blessing. After Mass, **Father will bless throats**.

2004 Diocesan Services Fund

"Put Your Gifts at the Service of One Another"

The 2004 **Diocesan Services Fund** begins this weekend in every parish throughout the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Our Diocesan Church is able to help so many in need, from all walks of life, because of your willingness to share. A wide range of ministries and apostolates depend on your generous support, enabling us to demonstrate in a tangible way that we are a caring and committed community of faith. Our parish goal for this year is **\$84,200.00**.

Youth Ministry

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1 "Souper Bowl of Caring"

No Class

5 Jr. H.S. grades 6-8 N.E.T.

6 - 7 H.S. grades 9-12 N.E.T. Overnite retreat



The National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) is coming next weekend! Make plans now! Don't miss humorous skits, fun games, great talks, moving dramas, great music, prayer and more!

Jr. H.S. Grades 6th – 8th: Thursday, Feb. 5th 5-10pm (includes Mass and light supper) Cost is \$5.

High School Grades 9th-12th: Overnight N.E.T.

Retreat – Friday, Feb 6th, 6pm THRU Saturday, Feb 7th, 3:00pm Cost is \$20. Please pay and sign up at Youth Office. Questions? Call Helen Fagg or Kathy DiBlasi, 297-3043.

CONGRATULATIONS! To the winners of the **Vocation Awareness Contest**: Michael Wehrly, Joseph Duran, Conner Percle, Sarah DeCarolis, Elizabeth Metzger, Nicole Peters, Christopher Babbington, Jonathan Kyle, Jacob Pisarski, Ronnie Peltier, Victoria Rodrigue, Jessica Layman and Christopher Normand..

WILD GAME DINNER
Faith in Action of Brazosport
Music by Crystal River!!
No Take outs! February 19
Family Life Center
6:30-9:00pm
\$20.00 per ticket
Children under 12 Free
Proceeds to benefit Faith in Action
Silent Auction
Custom BAR-B-Q- PIT

The Women of St. Michael's will meet on Tuesday, February 3. Mass will be at 8:30am followed by the meeting at 9am in the Angelina Room. **Gin Crawford will be our guest speaker.** Gin's informative and entertaining column appears weekly in the Brazosport Facts. All the women of our parish are invited to attend and please bring a friend. Nursery is provided for four year olds and under.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have their monthly food drive next weekend. Please pick up a grocery sack on the way home, and bring it back filled next weekend. The pantry is particularly

in need of **bathroom tissue, 2 & 5 pound bags of sugar and flour, crackers, cereal, baby food, and powdered milk.** Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

Standing for the Invitation

Paul Turner

Before the priest says the prayer over the offerings at Mass, he engages the assembly in a brief dialogue. For several decades after the Second Vatican Council, people in the United States sat for the invitation and response and then rose for the priest's prayer. Now, all stand for the dialogue that precedes the prayer over the offerings.

In the dialogue, the priest invites the people to pray that God will accept the sacrifice. They respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and good of all his Church."

The words are important. The Eucharistic prayer is about to begin. The priest recites most of it alone, but all are expected to pray along with him. In this brief dialogue, the people acknowledge that the priest is offering the sacrifice, but they pray that it will benefit all present, and indeed all the Church. The assembly speaks these words as a kind of prayer. Given the importance of this dialogue, the people stand as the priest addresses them in words like, "Pray, my brothers and sisters," and they remain standing to respond. At Masses where incense is used, the assembly may be incensed during the preparation of the gifts. In this case, the people stand while they are being incensed. They remain standing for the invitation and response before the prayer over the offerings.

Standing before the prayer over the offerings was common in some countries before the revision of the Mass in 2002. This clarification helps unify the posture of people throughout the world in the sacred moments before the sacrifice is offered in the Eucharistic prayer.

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The Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend will be on March 27-28. All men interested, please call Robert Martinez @ 297-2779.