



The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due

season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

**MONDAY** Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
**TUESDAY** Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
**WEDNESDAY** Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26  
**THURSDAY** Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33  
**FRIDAY** Jas 2:14-24,26; Mk 8:34—9:1  
**SATURDAY** Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13  
**SUNDAY** 1Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23;  
 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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



**LAST YEAR'S PALMS NEEDED: Lent begins on ASH WEDNESDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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 21-22** to receive these old palms. Thank you!

The Worship Commission



February 25, 2004

Services as Scheduled:

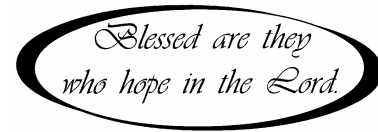
**8:30am Mass & distribution of ashes**  
**12:00noon Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes**  
**5:30pm Liturgy of the Word & distribution of ashes**  
**7:00pm Mass & distribution of ashes**

THE JOURNEY

WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. (No meat) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of Fast. (Eat only one full meal for the day; nothing between meals.)

We will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the church, every Friday during Lent.



**FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH FEBRUARY 22**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	†J.V. & Lena Mandola
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30A.M.</b>	†Alden J. Richter
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	†Marcella Nichols
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30A.M.</b>	Marcus Badeaux
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	†Cecile Lippman
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00A.M.</b>	†Lucille Fourrier
	<b>9:30A.M.</b>	†Gwen Sheridan
	<b>11:00A.M.</b>	†Danny Bell

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Greenhill, sister of Arlene Becker.**



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. 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**)

**2004 Diocesan Services Fund**

"Put Your Gifts at the Service of One Another"

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to all who have by now made their generous commitment to this year's Diocesan Services Fund. Catholics throughout our Diocesan Church are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings and giving gifts in Jesus' Name. Remember that no gift is too small. For those who have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time. Each gift helps. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of **\$84,200.00** and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need

**Consecration to Jesus' Heart through Mary's Heart**

On Thursday evening, **February 19<sup>th</sup>** a presentation will be given on the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come and learn how to give your heart to Mary in order to receive both Jesus and Mary in a new way. All ages are welcome. **7:00-8:15p.m. in Room 149 of the Family Life Center.** For more info call Paul Cranley, 297-3364.



**Youth Ministry  
FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

15 Class 6:30pm  
22 Class 6:30pm  
25 Ash Wednesday  
29 Class 6:30pm



Coming This Summer: **2004 Davey & Goliath's Camp Creation**, June 21-25. Come join us for a week of Vacation Bible School. Now recruiting teachers, aides and teens. **Volunteers are needed!**  
For more information, call Janice Rodrigue at 292-0501.

**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**

**"Laissez les bons temps rouler"**  
**Let the good times roll**

with dinner and dancing, Saturday, February 21 at 1019 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, **Freeport. BYOB – only 21 and over allowed. Setups available and snacks sold.**  
**6-8pm** Dinner including lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea  
**8-9pm** prizes, dance contests, D.J. music, karaoke, silent auction  
**9-midnight** live band  
Fundraiser for St. Mary's World Youth Pilgrims to World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II, August 2005 in Cologne, Germany. **Dinner \$8; Dinner & Dancing \$15.**

St. Michael's in partnership with **Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries** is proud to present Mr. Tim Staples. Tim will be speaking at St. Michael's on Sunday, February 29 at 6:30pm in the church. Tim Staples is a full-time evangelist and Director of Evangelization at the Catholic Resource Center. Tim was raised Baptist and was an Assembly of God Youth Minister before he met a fellow Marine who knew how to defend the Catholic Faith. He soon became convinced that the Catholic Church was indeed the Church started by Christ. Since his conversion to the Catholic Faith, he has given hundreds of talks and helped thousands of Catholics find their way back home. Tim can speak extensively on numerous Catholic issues and is especially effective in apologetics, Bible study, Mary and the Eucharist. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to learn more about your faith.



**Praying the Eucharistic Prayer**

Paul Turner

The Eucharistic Prayer is the most important part of the Mass. It is also the most demanding part. The Second Vatican Council invited the full, conscious, active participation of the people at Mass. During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest has almost all the words, but the assembly is not passive. Even here—especially—in silence and acclamation, we offer full, conscious, active participation.

As the prayer begins, the priest invites us to lift up our hearts. We prepare ourselves to enter into prayer. "The meaning of the Prayer is that the entire congregation of the faithful should join itself with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice." (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal 78*). The priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer aloud in the name of the people, but it is essential that all the people pray along. "The people, for their part, should associate themselves with the priest in faith and in silence, as well as through their parts as prescribed in the course of the Eucharistic Prayer: namely the responses in the Preface dialogue, the *Sanctus*, the acclamation after the consecration, the acclamatory Amen after the final doxology, as well as other acclamations approved by the Conference of Bishops and recognized by the Holy See."

While praying the Eucharistic Prayer, it may help to think of the following: Give thanks for all that God has done. Ask the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Remember what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper. Offer to God this holy sacrifice. Ask the Holy Spirit to transform everyone. Pray for the needs of the living and the dead.

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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.