



Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

MONDAY Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43,45-46
SATURDAY Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
SUNDAY Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12;
Lk 13:1-9

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



Lenten Schedule

March

- 7 Second Sunday in Lent**
- 9** Feast of St. Frances of Rome – Mass 5:30p.m.
- 10** Mass 8:30a.m.
- 11** Mass 5:30p.m.
- 12** Mass 8:30a.m.
Fish Fry 5:00pm Family Life Center
Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
- 14 Third Sunday in Lent**
- 16** Mass 5:30p.m.
- 17** Feast of St. Patrick 8:30a.m.
- 18** Mass 5:30p.m.
- 19** Mass 8:30a.m.
Feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary
Fish Fry 5:00pm
Youth Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
- 20** St. Joseph Altar after 5:30pm Mass
- 21 Fourth Sunday in Lent**
- 23** Feast of Toribio de Mogrovejo – Mass 5:30p.m.
- 24** Mass 8:30a.m.
Women of St. Michael's Day of Reflection
- 25** Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord –
Mass 5:30p.m.
- 26** Mass 8:30a.m.
Fish Fry 5:00pm Family Life Center
Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
- 28 Fifth Sunday in Lent**
- 29** Parish Reconciliation Service 7pm Church



MARCH 9 THROUGH MARCH 14
MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	†J.V. & Lena Mandola
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	†Ayer Nociti
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	†Paulita Tabotabo
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	†Joe Dale Psencik
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	†C.J. Vitek
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	†Lucille Fourrier
	9:30A.M.	†Pat Walsh
	11:00A.M.	†Ray Schneider



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, Angeline Klekar, 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, 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)

Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults

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. The 3-hour session includes videos and facilitated discussions. All Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth are required to attend training. The session does start promptly so please be on time. The session will be held on the following date:

Thursday, March 25 at St. Michael's in the hall of the Family Life Center 6:15-9:30p.m.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register; the password is "trust".

Call Marsha Jacklitsch, 297-3043, for more information.

Youth Ministry
MARCH CALENDAR

- 7 NO CLASS
- 12 Stations of the Cross 7pm
- 14 NO CLASS
- 19 Youth Stations of the Cross 7pm
- 21 Class 6:30pm
- 26 Stations of the Cross 7pm
- 28 Class 6:30pm



High School Seniors (members of St. Michael's) should have received scholarship letters from the Catholic Daughters. Please complete the application and return by April 1st. If you have not received the letter, contact Sarah Langston, 297-5366.

The Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend is a tremendous spiritual experience that has significantly affected my life. I was deeply moved on the weekend to expend my spiritual journey. I harbor a strong desire and need to continue my participation in CRHP and similar spiritual activities. Every Sunday at Mass, I am reminded of the effect CRHP has had on several men and women I know. They were also moved to change their lives; in some cases dramatically. The Holy Spirit has a strong influence on "ordinary" parishioners, especially through CRHP. Rob Engen

Wow, CRHP has changed my life! Fall of '97 was the beginning of my new life in Christ. I was one of those good Catholics going to church on Sunday and saying my prayers, going through the motions. That was it, I was going through the motions. On my weekend, I got to really know many men for the first time, men that I had been going to church with for many years. During the weekend, something started happening. I realized we all had something in common, we were all broken and needed help, we needed each other, and most of all we needed Jesus.

Brian Bowers



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

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Catholic Daughters' Annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction. Your generosity will help up fund the many benevolences to which our court contributes. Winners of the raffle were: Quilt – R. Christenson; Mantle Clock – Sheril Givens; Yard Cross – George Vela; \$50 Bond – Mullens Family.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION – FAMILY LIFE CENTER
Saturday, March 20th, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass

You are invited to attend the annual celebration in honor of St. Joseph, the foster father of our Lord. Father Leo will bless the table, food and those attending after the 5:30p.m. Mass. Dinner will then be served. Please sign the sheet in the church entry stating the number of people in your family attending. You are asked to bring a side dish (salad, vegetable or dessert) to complement the standard Italian meal which will be served. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. Door prizes will be given. A donation is asked which will be given to St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor.

Offertory Chant

Paul Turner

The offertory chant is sung at Mass while the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. In parishes it sometimes has another name; for example, it may be called the offertory hymn or the song during the preparation of the gifts.

After the prayer of the faithful, as everyone sits, the offertory chant begins, and it continues at least until the gifts are placed on the altar. The music accompanies the ritual action of preparing the gifts. It differs from songs like the responsorial psalm or the "Holy Holy", which demand full attention and accompany nothing else.

The offertory chant may end when the gifts are placed on the altar, or it may continue through the washing of the priest's hands. Whenever music happens throughout this time, the priest may say the formulas of blessing quietly, and the people may not make the customary response, "Blessed be God forever".

The offertory chant may be sung by everyone or by the choir. The choir or a cantor may even alternate verses with the assembly. Or there may be nothing sung, and instruments may be played. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says singing may always accompany this rite (74). The words for this chant may come from psalms, antiphons, or liturgical songs.

Among the texts for any Mass you can always find a recommended antiphon for the entrance and communion; however, there is none for the offertory chant. The sole exception is on Holy Thursday, when we are encouraged to sing "Where Charity and Love Are Found" at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

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KJT MASS FOR DECEASED and living members in honor of St. Joseph Saturday, March 20th, 6:00p.m. at St. Jerome in Clute. Members urged to attend.

ATTENTION WOMEN: Mark your calendar! Lenten Day of Reflection Wednesday, March 24, 2004, Sponsored by Women's Club of St. Michael's. For information, contact Barbara Lanier, 798-2367 or Betty Betczynski, 285-9139.

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!

