



“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed”, Jesus says in today’s Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, “men and women in great numbers” will be added to the Lord.

MONDAY Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-21
WEDNESDAY Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
SUNDAY Acts 5:27-32,40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

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



April
18 Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter



Attn: Mission Participants: Please be sure to check out St. M’s website (www.smlj.org) for important information and dates. Do not forget to “Submit E-mail Information Form” at the same time. The next mandatory meeting is April 25th at 12:15 in the Family Life Center.



Attn: Graduating Seniors: The Graduation Mass and Luncheon will be on May 16th – 11:00 am Mass with Luncheon to follow. Look for invitations in the mail. An important planning meeting will take place on Sunday, May 2nd at 1:45pm in the Family Life Center.



Summer Camp Meeting on May 2nd at 12:30-1:30pm in the Hall. All forms and fees are due at this time.



Sunday, April 25th, St. Joseph on the Brazos in Brazoria, will have their annual bazaar. BBQ dinners \$6 each. Served 11am-2pm. Auction, kids games, adult spin marts, plant booth, raffle, cake walk, volleyball tournament and more. Lots of fun for everyone. We’ll celebrate rain or shine.



Give thanks to the LORD
for He is GOOD;
His LOVE is everlasting.

APRIL 20 THROUGH APRIL 25

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Jesse Prinz
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Vito Latkovich
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	For Vocations
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Jack Cranley
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠A.J. Richter
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Alden J. Richter
	9:30A.M.	✠Lillian Bono
	11:00A.M.	Pat & Gretchen Landry/Beth Smith



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, Don Brawley, John Buettner, David Butler, Jennifer Cary, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, James Christie, Ruth Cleaver, Dorothy D’Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Digtes, 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, Vickie Kaatz, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, **Sarah Marcotte**, Mary McClintock, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran. Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Joe Reyes, Jr., 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:

Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in the hall of the Family Life Center 6:15-9:30p.m.

Tuesday, August 24, 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
APRIL CALENDAR**

18 Class 6:30pm`
25 LAST CLASS –
Praise/Worship w/ “The
Rock” from TX A&M



**TIME for
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**



Camp Creation VBS 2004
Explore God’s great creation
this summer at Davey and
Goliath’s Camp Creation Vacation
Bible School! It’s all happening
from June 21-25. **Register now!**
All VBS Campers **must be**
registered on or before May 14

to attend. We still need lots of volunteers! To **volunteer**,
call **Janice at 292-0501** or the church office at 297-3043.



WE NEED YOUR HELP – E-MAIL INPUT!!

We’re excited about building the team of missionaries for MISSION 2004! We plan to use e-mail as an integral part of building community, keeping you informed of news, and otherwise staying in touch. In order to build this communications network we need each of you to go to the St. Michael’s website and input your e-mail address and that of your parent or spouse (for adult missionaries). To do this we need ALL MISSIONARIES to go to the St. Michael’s home page (www.smlj.org) and follow the link to the Mission 2004 page, then the link to “Submit E-Mail Information Form”. Please fill out the form and (we hope) you will allow us to share your e-mail address with our other missionaries.



At this time, some Catholics may feel politically homeless, sensing that no political party and too few candidates share a consistent concern for human life and dignity. However, this is not a time for retreat or discouragement. We need more, not less engagement in political life. We urge Catholics to become more involved.

--USCCB Administrative Committee
Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to
Political Responsibility, p.3



GIRL SCOUTS



**Girl Scout Spiritual Day: Sunday,
May 2nd, 12noon to 6:15p.m.**
Registration forms are out; contact
one of the following if you need to
register. **Natalia Montanez, 297-**

1011; Janice Rodrigue, 292-0501 or check the
bulletin board in the Family Life Center.



The Easter Candle

by Paul Turner

The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes which long to behold the glory of God.



The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals. Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter Candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine of baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols which enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the casket and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

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**Pregnancy Help Center Annual Bar-B-Q, Saturday, May 1
11:00-2:00pm at Clute Municipal Park. Donation \$10 Will
deliver 10 plate lunches or more to one location. BBQ ticket
required to pick up each plate. More info? 297-3622.**

