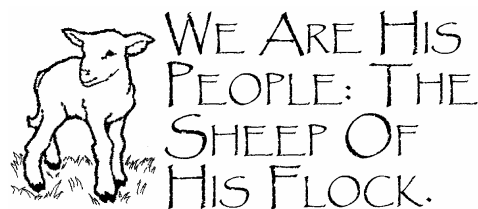


I Give My Sheep  
ETERNAL LIFE.

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.



MAY 4 THROUGH MAY 9

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Eileen Engen
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Mary Latino
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Ed Carmody
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	Louise Muhl
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Josie Wleczyk
	9:30A.M.	✠Albert & Rosa Romano/ ✠J.V. & Lena Mandola
	11:00A.M.	✠Elenora Mach



MONDAY	1Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
TUESDAY	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
THURSDAY	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
FRIDAY	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
SATURDAY	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
SUNDAY	Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

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



Parent to Parent meeting for parents of children or dependents with disabilities will be offered on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10am to noon at Corpus Christi Access Parish, 9900 Stella Link, in the school library. Topic – Listening that Facilitates: Attitudes and Skills that Encourage Healing. Presented by Maureen Bacchi, LMSW-ACP. Cost is \$5 per parent. Child/adult care provided. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Charleen Iannucci in the continuing Christian Education Office at 713-741-8793 or [iannucci@diogh.org](mailto:iannucci@diogh.org) to register.



Summer Festivals for children with Disabilities will be offered at four parishes. Dates and locations are: June 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica Parish (N.W. Houston) and Christ the Good Shepherd Access Parish (Spring); June 19<sup>th</sup> at Most Holy Trinity Parish (Angleton); and June 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Frances Cabrini Parish (S. Houston). Cost is \$10 per participant. Siblings are welcomed and financial assistance is available. Please contact Charleen Iannucci in the Continuing Christian Education Office at 713-741-8793 or [iannucci@diogh.org](mailto:iannucci@diogh.org) to volunteer or for additional registration information.



CONGRATULATIONS!!! To our First Communicants! We Pray that this wonderful Sacrament is as special for you all your lives as is it this day!



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Brad Armintor, 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 Ditzes, Lenora Duval, Marcella Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Muriel Gates, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, **Belia Hardesty**, 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, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, Karen Moran. **Melda Neely**, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, **Paula Price**, 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](http://www.virtusonline.org) to register; the password is "trust". Call Marsha Jacklitsch, 297-3043, for more information.





**Attn: Graduating Seniors: The Graduation Mass and Luncheon will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am** Mass with Luncheon to follow. Look for invitations in the mail. An important planning meeting will take place on

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:45p.m.,** in the Family Life Center.



**Camp Creation VBS 2004**

TIME for  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL



**Time is running out! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 21. Register for Camp Creation VBS 2004 before the deadline of Friday, May 14! No late registrations! We still need volunteers! Call the Religious Ed Office at 297-3043.**



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



**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](http://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.



**Please Join Us After 9:30 Mass!**

**We would like to invite** you to join us in a discussion of the Sunday readings after 9:30 Mass. Join fellow parishioners each Sunday as we break open God's Word. The group is open to men and women of all ages. While Religious Education is in session, the group meets upstairs in the Spiritual Learning Center. When Religious Ed is not meeting and during the Summer, the group will meet in Room 149-150 of the Family Life Center. You are always welcome and we look forward to your insight and participation. For further information contact Gary Forse at 299-3145 or [gtforse@swbell.net](mailto:gtforse@swbell.net).



**.KJT District 6 Family Day and Fishing Contest Sunday May 23 at Touvar Lake, between East Bernard and Eagle Lake, TX. Begins at 12 noon. All KJT members are welcome to attend.**



**The Baptismal Garment**

by Paul Turner

Easter bonnets and other finery perk us all up for the feast, but the most significant article of clothing in the Easter season in the white garment worn by the newly baptized. "See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." Those words accompany the giving of the white garment, after the flowing of baptismal water.

This custom dates back to the earliest days of our Church. Adults and children who presented themselves for baptism were led naked into a pool of water. Rising up, they were rubbed with the sweet-smelling oil of chrism and then clothed with a white garment, a sign of their new life in Christ. They wore that garment to church like a uniform, every day for a week. On the Sunday after Easter (which used to be called *Dominica in albis* or the Sunday of the white garments), they wore them for the last time till Pentecost, or "Whitsunday", when they closed the Easter season by wearing them one last time. Today the custom is more ceremonial than pragmatic. The white garment used to serve two practical purposes: I re-clothed the naked body coming up out of the font, and it identified the newly baptized for the sake of the community.

Today's white garment is often minimalized to a simple ceremonial bib or stole, placed on the fully-clothed child or adult after pouring water. Only when the child or adult is immersed for baptism does a new, dry, ample, pure white garment fully play its role.

Ironically, in the case of infants, our custom is to dress the baby in white before coming to church for the baptism. The garment identifies the child to be baptized, but we lose the symbolism of receiving a garment during the ritual as a sign of new life.

The symbol returns poignantly at the end of the Christian life. At the funeral, when the casket arrives at the door of the church, it is draped in a white cloth. This cloth calls to mind the baptismal garment which identifies Christians when their journey of faith begins. Now it escorts them on their final journey. The white garment of baptism renews Easter's promise of eternal life.

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**St. Mary: Star of the Sea Church Festival, May 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-5:00pm** at Freeport Municipal Park. Serving from 11am to 3pm, catered by Brian's BBQ. Live Auction, Plant Booth, Games, Silent Auction for Families, Religious Article Booth, Sweets Booth, Silent Auction for children, Bingo



**Fr. Bill Robertson will be here Friday, May 7. We will have a covered dish supper in the Angelina Room. Gather at 4pm. We will eat at 5pm. Contact Mike Latino for info. 297-2819.**

