

**Jesus resolutely set  
his face toward  
Jerusalem.**

*I will follow you wherever you go.*



In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful, one sentence summary of Christian stewardship: "Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service."



**JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 4**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	✠Jorge Lerma
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30A.M.</b>	✠Ed Sablatura
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	For Vocations
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30A.M.</b>	✠Pete D'Augusta
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30P.M.</b>	✠Stanley Kornowicz
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00A.M.</b>	✠Alfons Koranek
	<b>9:30A.M.</b>	✠Paul & Nanciebelle Pyers
	<b>11:00A.M.</b>	✠Mary Latino



<b>MONDAY</b>	Amos 2:6-10,13-16; Mt 8:18-22
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Acts 12:1-11; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Amos 5:14-15,21-24; Mt 8:28-34
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Amos 8:4-6,9-12; Mt 9:9-13
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20

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



**The 2004 St. Michael's Ministry Awareness Weekend is scheduled for August 14/15.** All ministry groups operating within the Parish are asked to prepare and staff an information table in the Family Life Center after all Masses that weekend. Further details and arrangements will be communicated in June. We ask that all the ministry contacts provide their current information (name, phone, e-mail) to Lynne Hanrahan (480-0709 or [lynneljtx@hotmail.com](mailto:lynneljtx@hotmail.com)) by June 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure future communications are received.



**Marriage Encounter:** Be the best parents you can be! Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discover on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are July 23-25 and September 17-19. For further information please contact Ed & Melinda Gardner, 281-482-3630 or Tom & Nelda Fetzer, 281-484-3355 or visit [www.MEHouston.org](http://www.MEHouston.org).



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Xavier Sendejo's father.



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 Ditges, Lenora Duval, Marcella

Ezell, Linda Felsing, Clark Flournoy, Marcia Flournoy, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Henry Gretschel, 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, **Gene Matus**, 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, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Marilyn Sayes, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Thomas Wilson..

(**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, 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.



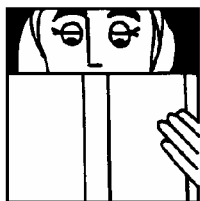
**Widowed, Divorced and Separated**

A new program will be offered at St. Michael's to assist those in the grief process due to the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. This program is called **Grief to Growth** and will deal with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse. The trauma, pain and agony that accompany a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have had a common experience. We will meet on Wednesday nights beginning **July 7, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.** every week. If you or anyone you know is in need of this type of help or if you need more information, please contact **Mary Monroe (265-4599) or Elaine Sonnier (265-1059).**



**Distractions**

By Paul Turner



“Don't pray at Mass, Pray the Mass”. That piece of advice disoriented many Catholics in the 1960s when the Church invited us to take a different role at Mass. Catholics used to go to church carrying prayer books and rosaries so they could say their own prayers while Mass was going on. They were asked to set aside many of the prayers

they used to say privately in order to take part in the prayer going on around them publicly. When you visit someone, you do not immediately use their phone to visit someone else. Having a conversation is good, but having the wrong one will distract us. While at Mass we don't avoid prayer; we take part in a specific prayer.

Distractions come in many other forms, too. You will find people reading the bulletin, balancing their checkbook, cutting their nails and adjusting their makeup during the homily, the scripture readings or the Eucharistic prayer. Occasionally a cellular phone rings. Sometimes it belongs to the priest! If he answers it, you know that distractions have gotten way out of hand.

Sometimes we bring our own distractions. You may come to church with the intention of joining in the prayer, but your mind begins to wander to the events of the day ahead, the memory of the day past, the fears you harbor, the loves you enjoy, the appearance of the church or the behavior of worshipers.

Nonetheless, our common goal is to pray the Mass. It is hard, but two activities will help: preparation at home and concentration at church. At home you can prepare for Mass by reading the Scriptures beforehand and making time for personal prayer. Then when you arrive at church, the skills you honed at private prayer will enhance your communal prayer. During the Mass, concentrate on the texts you say or sing. Think about the meaning of the words. Listen attentively when one of the ministers speaks. Observe the silences with reverence. Distractions will be fewer when our preparation and concentration grow stronger.

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Cash flow for April 2004

Bank Account, March 31, 2004		\$174,010.62
Savings Account, March 31, 2004		<u>610,895.75</u>
Total in Bank & Savings Acct.		\$784,906.37
4-Sunday Collections	\$70,013.53	
Holy Thursday	591.50	
Misc., Int., Rent,	<u>68.83</u>	
Regular Receipts		+70,673.86
Less Regular Expenses	-\$42,487.00	
Less Cath. Tax	<u>-25,648.52</u>	
Total of Regular Expenses		-68,135.52
Difference/Suspense Accts.		+3,985.42
Add New Church Funds		+22,740.33
Interest from Diocesan Savings Acct .		+4,670.16
Less Building Fund Tax		<u>-14,195.25</u>
Bank & Savings Balance on April 30, 2004		\$804,645.37

Cash flow for May 2004

Bank Account, April 30, 2004		\$181,520.12
Savings Account, April 30, 2004		<u>623,125.25</u>
Total in Bank & Savings Acct.		\$804,645.37
5-Sunday Collections	\$74,426.09	
Misc., Int., Rent,	<u>548.99</u>	
Regular Receipts		+74,975.08
Less Regular Expenses	-\$52,426.29	
Less Cath. Tax	<u>-6,412.13</u>	
Total of Regular Expenses		-58,838.42
Difference/Suspense Accts.		+8,730.54
Add New Church Funds		+24,121.03
Less Building Fund Tax		<u>-5,415.00</u>
Bank & Savings Balance on May 31, 2004		\$848,218.60



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