

THE HARVEST IS RICH



but the workers are few.

“The harvest is rich”,
Jesus tells the seventy-
two in today’s Gospel,
“but the workers are few.”
The situation is the same
today. How can I help with
God’s harvest? Am I
called into the field? Am I
one who could provide
food or shelter or wages
to those who toil in the
fields for the Lord?



MONDAY Hos 2:16-17c-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY Hos 11:1-4,9e-9; Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY Dt 30:10-14; Co 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

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) by June 10th to ensure future communications are received.



There is an empty hour in our Adoration Chapel, from 11:00 to 12:00p.m. on Saturdays. If you are interested in this hour, please call Mary Ann Haley at 297-2114.



Let all the **EARTH** cry out to
GOD with **JOY.**

JULY 6 THROUGH JULY 11

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Rob Mitchell
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Mary Latino
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Clara Sisak Creswick
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Mary Latino
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Rob Mitchell
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Henrietta Reid
	9:30A.M.	✠Ben Mikrut
	11:00A.M.	✠Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance



Ed Ahlrich, Nick Alfano, Brad Armintor, **Charlie Arnold**, 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, **Ray Schoppe**, 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.

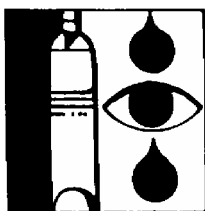
Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register; the password is “trust”. Call Marsha Jacklitsch, 297-3043, for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER CALENDAR

JULY

- 7 Youth on a Mission 2004 mtng Ang Rm 6:30-7:30pm
- 9 8:30a.m. Mass & Blessing for Missionaries 8:15a.m.
- 10 Leave for Mission 2004 Meet in Youth Off. 6:00a.m.
- 17 Return from Mission 2004 ETA 4:p.m.
- 18 Mission "Share a Sundae" Sunday 2pm FLC



Last Rites

By Paul Turner

If you've witnessed the anointing of the sick lately, you know anointing ain't what it used to be. In the old days, if the priest arrived for the anointing, or "extreme unction", or "last rites", you knew your hours were numbered.

Today the Sacrament is no longer reserved for the dying. In fact, you can make a case that the dying should not be anointed at all. You can have "last rites" without a priest. The rite of anointing is part of a book called *Pastoral Care of the Sick*. "Extreme Unction" means "last anointing", and that term has been discontinued in favor of a broader term—the pastoral care of the sick.

The document says, "Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament...The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present." In short, anointing prays for recovery. If you're gravely sick, the time has come to anoint. If you're dying, however, we have a separate ritual called "Commendation of the Dying". It does not include the anointing of the sick. However, the rites for the dying should include another sacrament—Communion given as "Viaticum", or "Food for the journey". The sacrament of the dying is "last Communion", and it may be offered by any Communion minister.

After death, we offer "Prayers for the Dead". Again, they do not include an anointing. Among the requirements to celebrate the Sacraments in the Catholic Church is to be a living, breathing, human being. After you've died, you don't need Sacraments any more—you've got the real thing.

At your parish church, you probably only witness the anointing of the sick and not the rites for the dying since pastoral care of the dying is generally offered in hospitals and homes. You might call all the prayers for the dying "last rites", and a priest need not be present for them. The Church gladly offers its pastoral care as freely as it can.

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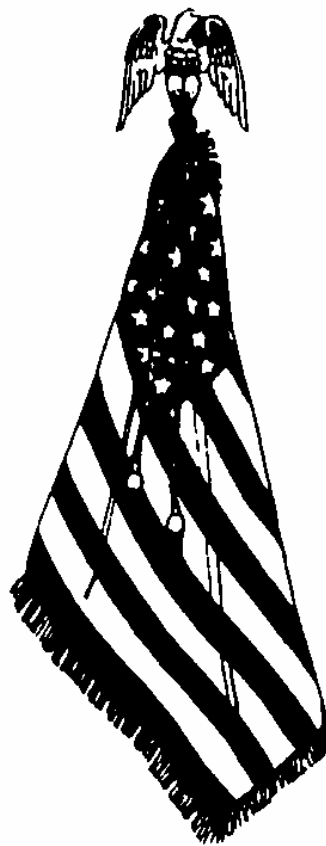
Widowed, Divorced and Separated

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)**.



AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN

Join us on Monday, July 5th at 7pm in the church to **PRAY THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY** for the **CONSECRATION OF OUR NATION**. Songs and prayers...a wonderful way to end your 4th of July weekend!



ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5TH.