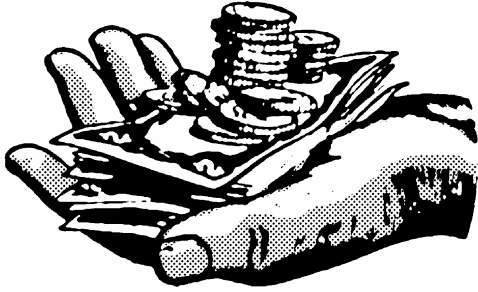


AVOID GREED IN ALL ITS FORMS.



The readings today warn us against the vanity and the futility of storing up earthly possessions. God does not ask how much we accumulate in our lives. Instead, He asks what do we do with it.



MONDAY	Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY	Jer 30:1-2; Mt 14:22-36
WEDNESDAY	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
THURSDAY	Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
FRIDAY	Dan 7:9-10; Luke 9:28b-36
SATURDAY	Habak 1:12-2:4; Mt 17:14-20
SUNDAY	Wisdom 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Mt 24:42a,44

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.



THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY
MONDAY AUGUST 2nd 7:00 PM
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary, asking the heavenly Father to forgive the sins of America and restore righteousness to our country.

*If today you hear HIS voice,
Harden not your hearts.*

AUGUST 3 THROUGH AUGUST 8 MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Eugene Christen
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Ed Sablatura
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Rosario Iglesias
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Betty Wolf
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Eileen Engen
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Clara Sisak Creswick
	9:30A.M.	✠Sharon Benbrook
	11:00A.M.	✠Felix Centeno



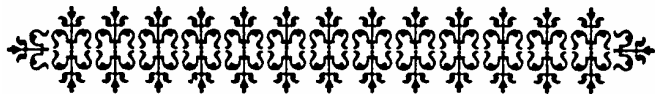
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(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)



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 Lisa Ondrey, 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)**.



K.J.Z.T. #115 will meet August 2, 2004 at 1344 County Road 799 in Brazoria to finalize preparation for the District meeting August 8, 2004. Members are urged to attend.



HOW DO YOU BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. Our faith community reaches out to and welcomes those who are experiencing a deepening conversion in their lives and guides them through a period of formation. This formation involves growing in the life of the community through prayer, study and service and culminates in full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The inquiry sessions will begin Wednesday, August 18, in the "F" wing for all who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith. Community sponsors are needed to act as companions and guides, to share their faith experiences, helping and encouraging the candidates and growing in their own faith lives. If you would like to take part in this process or wish more information, please call the church office, 297-3041 or Bettie Carmody, 265-6509.



NEWS ABOUT PICNIC

Thanks to Sandy Seeley's leadership over the last four years, our parish picnic raised over \$100,000 in profit. We have been able to do wonderful things with this money, in particular, helping rebuild St. Mary's Church in Freeport by contributing \$25,000. Sandy will be greatly missed and we thank her for her generosity over these past four years. During our Ministry Awareness weekend in August we will be seeking a new chairman for the 2005 picnic.



WHY NOT COME AND SEE?

SINGLE WOMEN, BETWEEN 19-45 YEARS, ARE INVITED TO A "Come and See" vocation retreat day with the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, Tx.
When: Saturday, August 14.
For information, Sr. Pauline, 713-928-6053 or ptroncale@ccvi-vdm.org---www.sistersofcharity.org



YOUTH MINISTRY

"We who are many, are one body in Christ...we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us."

Please consider sharing your gifts with the youth of our parish on Sunday evenings. Teachers and aides needed in Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry (grades 6th-12th). Big hearts and a desire to serve required. Call the Office of Youth Ministry to volunteer.



