



**SOME WHO ARE
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Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels". The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

**Go out to all the world and tell
the *GOOD NEWS.***

AUGUST 24 THROUGH AUGUST 29

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Bill Pelliccia
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Mary Latino
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	For Vocations
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Betty Wolf
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	✠Eileen Engen
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Carol Greenhill
	9:30A.M.	✠Ed Sablatura
	11:00A.M.	✠Peter Hsu



MONDAY	2Thes 1:1-5,11-12; Mt 23:13-22
TUESDAY	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
WEDNESDAY	2Thes 3:6-10,16-18; Mt 23:27-32
THURSDAY	1Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
FRIDAY	1Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
SATURDAY	1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 26:14-30
SUNDAY	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14

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



GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is a Pro-Life movement offering parish-based care to women in a crisis pregnancy through evangelization, an apostolate of friendship, and collaboration with various ministries in the parish and Diocese. Gabriel volunteers are drawn closer to God through acts of self giving to others and through a greater reliance on prayer and worship in their own lives. It is an opportunity to offer the personal and sacramental reconciliation and healing needed by so many today.

Be one of Gabriel's Angels and minister to those in need.

**Gabriel Project Training
August 28, 2004**

**10am-12pm in the Angelina Room
Conducted by Helena Gonzales,
Diocesan Gabriel Project Trainer**

To sign up or for more information, call Michelle Guillory at 297-4563.



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, Emil Galetka, Emily Garcia, Craig Garrison, Kathy Goolsby, Barbara Grant, Henry Gretschel, Arthur Haas, Brandon Habis, Belia Hardesty, Dorothy Harnden, Lorraine Hayes, Wanda Henry, **Bobbie Jasek**, Vickie Kaatz, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Gene Matus, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, Michael Merritt, Karen Moran, Jessica Murphy, Melda Neely, Jean Newport, Adrian Nye, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Pat Prebys, Paula Price, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Marilyn Sayes, Ray Schoppe, Billie Stricklin, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Amelia Volz, Helen Walls, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Thomas Wilson, **Ed Windler, Nancy Windler..**

(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.



**Youth Ministry
August Calendar**

- 22** Peer Leadership Training grades 9-12, 1-5pm FLC. Be a Peer Leader!
- 24** VIRTUS – “Protecting God’s Children” Workshop FLC 6:15-9:00pm. For all Teachers, Aides, Volunteers
- 27/28** “Fish Matter” Retreat for 9th gr 5pm Fri thru Sat 6:30pm



C.C.E. Registration for Fall 2004:

Please register your student **NOW**. We are taking registration for Beginners (age 4 as of September 1, 2004) through 12th grade. We cannot guarantee placement in classes if you wait to register late. Come by the office Tuesday-Friday 9am -3pm or mail the registration form and fee to the office. **NO STUDENTS (Beginners through 5th grade) WILL BE PLACED IN CLASSES BETWEEN FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT UNREGISTERED STUDENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.** After September 14, students will be placed in class if space is available.



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.



The Wednesday morning Bible Study group will begin meeting again on September 8th in Room 149 or the Family Life Center from 9:30 to 11. We will be studying Deuteronomy and everyone is invited to attend.



“FISH MATTER” RETREAT: Freshman High School Retreat, 6pm Friday, August 27th thru 6:30pm Saturday, August 28th. Cost \$10. RSVP to Helen Fagg – 299-3508 by August 25th.



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

Romans 12:5,6

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.



JOIN CUB SCOUTS!!

St. Michael’s Cub Scout Pack 324 invites 1st through 5th grade boys and their families interested in joining scouting to

A pool party at the Ron Paul pool on **Sunday, 8/29, from 3pm to 6pm**. For more information, please contact David Rizzo at 297-4492 or Roland Dunn at 299-1275, or visit www.geocities.com/pack324_smlj.



Attention Senior Citizens – Make plans to attend our Senior citizen appreciation dinner, Saturday, September 18th, after the 5:30 Mass, in the Family Life Center. This dinner in your honor is sponsored by the Pastoral Council. Your guests are welcome, but will be asked for a small donation. Please make reservations by calling **Sharon Land at 480-0402** by September 13th.



HIGH SCHOOL PEER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP, SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 1-5PM:

Grades 9th-12th – A call to Discipleship and Leadership in our Church community – An opportunity for High School youth to serve through teaching, community service, prayer, socials, drama, music. If you are interested in this ministry, please sign up for this training workshop. RSVP to Helen Fagg at Youth Office – 299-3508.



THE 2004 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASSES

Honoring Golden (50th) and Silver (25th) Anniversary marriages for couples with weddings in 1954 or 1979 will be held on Saturday, October 16 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Houston and on Sunday, October 17 at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica in Galveston. Whether or not couples attend a ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special certificate from Bishop Joseph Fiorenza.

Couples wishing to participate are asked to please call the parish office at 297-3041 and register their name, address, home telephone number and wedding date with the secretary. Deadline for registration is September 15. Soon after receiving the couples’ names, the diocesan Office of Family Life Ministry will send registered couples a letter with detailed information about the Masses. They will then have the opportunity to RSVP.

