



Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



MONDAY Rv 14:1-3,4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Rv 15:1-5; Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Rv 18:1-2,21k 19:41-44
FRIDAY Rv 20:1-4,11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
SUNDAY Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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



Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend The Men's Christ

Renews His Parish Weekend will be December 4-5 in the Family Life Center. All men age 19 and over are welcome and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the retreat is to strengthen our relationship with God and the faith community. For more information or to sign up please contact Bill Behr at 297-0547, or Glenn Jackson at 388-0134.

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**The Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)** weekend is a tremendous spiritual experience that has significantly affected my life. I was deeply moved on the weekend to expand my spiritual journey. I harbor a strong desire and need to continue my participation in CRHP and similar spiritual activities. Every Sunday at Mass, I am reminded of the effect CRHP has had on several men and women I know. They were also moved to change their lives; in some cases dramatically. The Holy Spirit has a strong influence on "ordinary" parishioners, especially through CRHP.  
 Rob Engen



**NOVEMBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY 5:30P.M.** St. Michael's Musicians  
**WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M.** Louise Muhl/  
 †Irene Dirba  
**THURSDAY 10:00A.M.** †Albert & Rosa Romano  
**FRIDAY 8:30A.M.** †Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston  
**SATURDAY 5:30P.M.** John Muhl  
**SUNDAY 8:00A.M.** †Ed Sablatura  
**9:30A.M.** †Cindy Grisham  
**11:00A.M.** †John Pavelek

**Please pray for the repose of the soul Sidney Walenta, husband of Sophie Walenta, father of Sharon Muzny, grandfather of Christina; also for the soul of the father of Don Heimbach.**



Ed Ahlrich, Brad Armintor, Charlie Arnold, Weldon Bailey, Bennie Paul Bono, John Buettner, David Butler, Maria Castillo, Larry Cavaness, Ruth Cleaver, **Ted Cooper**, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Dorothy D'Augusta, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Terry Ditges, Kolbe Donovan, Lenora Duval, Glenda Eudayle, Marcella Ezell, 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, 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, Karen Moran, Adrian Nye, Cheri Pate, Chuck Pate, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Paula Price, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Rose Ramos, Christina Robinson, Vince Rowan, Mary Rogers, Ray Schoppe, **Earl Sherman, Stan Simiskey**, Billie Stricklin, **Dan Swist**, Pat Van Dragt, "Vinnie", Helen Walls, Allen Williams, Patricia Williams, Stephanie Thomas Wilson, Ed Windler, Nancy Windler..

(Bold denotes new on prayer list this week)

**GABRIEL PROJECT is accepting donations of** diapers, wipes, new or gently used baby clothes, maternity clothes, baby furniture, car seats, etc. **For more information** or to arrange for delivery of items, please contact Michelle Guillory, 297-4563.



**Youth Ministry  
October Calendar  
November  
Calendar**



**21** Class 6:30  
5:45pm-6:15pm Jr.  
Team/Spirit Teacher/Aide  
Mtg. Spiritual Learning Center  
**25 Thanksgiving Day**  
**28** No Class



**All Youth Ministry, Grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> WILL HAVE classes tonight, Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, same time, same place. No class on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**Taking the Plunge—Deepening Your Faith—2005 Diocesan Junior High Rally—Saturday, February 5.** For all Youth grades 6-8. Come join the fun! Register now to reserve your spot! Registration is \$35, which includes two meals, Saturday evening excitement (dance, talent show, workshops, movie) & Rally T-shirt. Fees and forms due by December 12<sup>th</sup> to the Youth Ministry Office. Contact Lisa Ondrey at 297-3043 for information and registration packets. Forms can also be printed out from our website – [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org)



**Woman to Woman Retreat -- January 28-30, 2005  
Christian Renewal Center  
Planning meeting – 135 Crocus  
Tuesday, November 16, 6:30p.m.  
Call Gwen, 297-5564**



**Save the date – April 17, 2005** here on the grounds of St. Michael's and in the Family Life Center. Have an afternoon of fun with your individual/church family. All ministries will be involved. 10% of proceeds will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Look for details to follow including a contest to name our Festival/Picnic. Contact Patti Trahan at 297-2591 or at [ptrahan1@houston.rr.com](mailto:ptrahan1@houston.rr.com) for more information.



## Priest

Paul Turner

**The priest is the minister** who offers the sacrifice of the Mass in the person of Christ (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal 93*).

He stands at the head of the assembly, “presides over their prayer, proclaims the message of salvation to them, associated the people with

himself in the offering of sacrifice through Christ in the Holy Spirit to God the Father, gives his brothers and sisters the Bread of eternal life (and the cup of salvation), and partakes of it with them”.

**Christ is the one high priest.** When we celebrate Mass, we participate in his one sacrifice. The local priest in our churches leads the people in the person of Christ.

**In most parishes,** the priest leads the people in many other ways, too. He guides their spiritual lives. He meets with them on parish business. He represents them to the broader community. At Mass, he presides over their prayer.

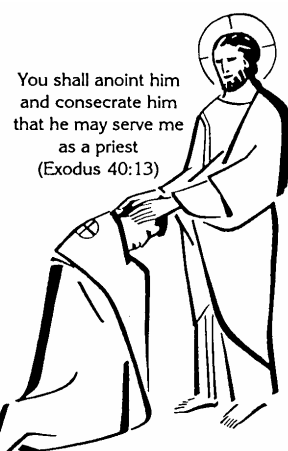
**By preparing and delivering the homily,** the priest proclaims salvation to his people. By praying with them at the Mass, he unites the entire body of believers before God. At communion, he partakes of the Eucharist and shares it with others.

**The priest has many responsibilities** apart from the Mass, but leading the prayers at the Eucharist is his single most important role. For his ministry at the altar to be authentic, the priest must live his entire life in faithfulness to the Gospel. “When he celebrates the Eucharist, therefore, he must serve God and the people with dignity and humility, and by his bearing and by the way he says the divine words he must convey to the faithful the living presence of Christ.”

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**Marriage Encounter:** The best gift a father can give his children is to love their mother. Consider a Marriage Encounter Weekend as a Christmas gift for your spouse and yourself. The next weekend is Feb. 11-13. For further info contact Ed & Melinda Gardner, 281-482-3630 or Tom & Nelda Fetzer, 281-484-3355 or visit [www.MEHouston.org](http://www.MEHouston.org)



You shall anoint him and consecrate him that he may serve me as a priest (Exodus 40:13)