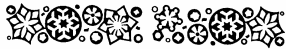


Are you the  
one who  
is to come,  
or must  
we wait for  
someone  
else?

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



**MONDAY** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
**TUESDAY** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
**WEDNESDAY** Gn 3:9-15; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**THURSDAY** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
**FRIDAY** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
**SATURDAY** Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**SUNDAY** Is 35:1-6a,10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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



### ADVENT SCHEDULE

December

- 12 5:30PM Youth Mass Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 15 St. Mary: Star of the Sea Penance Service 7pm
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 20 St. Michael's Penance Service 7pm
- 21 St. Anthony's Penance Service 7pm
- 24 Christmas Eve
  - 5:30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas Hall and Church
  - 9:00pm "Midnight" Mass
- 25 Christmas Day
  - 10:00a.m. Mass
  - NO MASS AT 5:30P.M.
- 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
  - Masses at 8am, 9:30am and 11am
- 31 New Year's Eve
  - 8:30a.m. Mass
  - 5:30p.m. Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God

January

- 1 5:30p.m. Vigil Mass for Epiphany
- 2 Feast of the Epiphany
  - Masses at 8am, 9:30am and 11am



Poinsettias

We are again, offering you the opportunity to make a donation for our Christmas Poinsettias, in memory of or in honor of, a loved one. Please make your check for \$15 payable to St. Michael's. Call the office with the details.

**LORD,**  
come and save us.

### DECEMBER 14 THROUGH DECEMBER 19

#### MASS INTENTIONS

|                  |                  |   |
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| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>5:30P.M.</b>  | †Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>8:30A.M.</b>  | †Rosario Iglesias                                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>5:30P.M.</b>  | †Ed Sablatura   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>8:30A.M.</b>  | †Daniel Godinko                                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>5:30P.M.</b>  | †Tommy Pham/<br>†Gerald O. Duane                      |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>8:00A.M.</b>  | †JoJo Langston/ Joe & Lillian Bono                    |
|                  | <b>9:30A.M.</b>  | †Bruno Cavazos  |
|                  | <b>11:00A.M.</b> | †John Pavelek   |

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Zygmunt Wiercinski, father of Mary Gore, grandfather of Angelique and Crystal; also for the soul of Howard LaRoche, Sr., father of Dr. Howard LaRoche.**



Ed Ahlrich, 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, Blake Johnson, **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, **Rudy Okruhlik**, 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, 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)

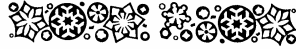
**Parish Pastoral Discernment:** We invite all caring and concerned members of St. Michael's, 18 or older and confirmed, to give prayerful consideration to serving a 2-year term on the Pastoral Council. If you are considering discerning for the Council, please contact Lynne Hanrahan, 480-0709 or Ursula Clarke, 480-0238. If you are not interested in serving on the council right now, but are interested in learning about what Council does, please come listen and take part in the discernment process. The next St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council Discernment will be held on **Sunday, December 12, 2004. We will meet in the "F" Wing beginning at 1:00p.m. Everyone is invited to attend**



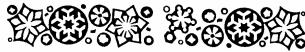
**Youth Ministry  
October Calendar  
December Calendar**



12 Class 6:30pm  
19 NO CLASS Christmas Holidays



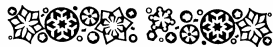
**Special Youth Mass—FOR and BY the Youth (grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Bring your family and friends. All music during the Liturgy will be by our Praise and Worship Youth Group! Reception is to follow before Sunday evening Youth classes.



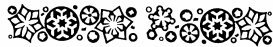
**It's time for our annual Youth Ministry Toy Drive.** All are invited to participate by taking a tag with the age and gender of a child, which you will find in the back of the church. Please bring back **wrapped and tagged toy** by **December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses. Remember to keep the toys within the \$10-\$15 price range. Our youth and Santa will be **delivering** these gifts to the needy children in our area. Salvation Army Day Care and Memorial Day Care on **Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you, in advance for your generosity!



**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)



**CHRISTIAN COSMIC BOWLING ON DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 3-5PM FOR ALL YOUTH MINISTRY (gr. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):** Cost is \$8 which includes shoes, 2 hours of "Lights Out" bowling, and Christian Music. Extra money is needed for the Snack Bar and Game Room. All youth must provide their own transportation to and from **Bowl Texas – 125 FM 2004** – and meet Mrs. Fagg and Mrs. Ondrey there!



**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.



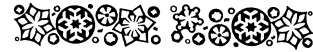
The Women of St. Michael's would like to thank the parishioners who supplied their time, donated items, and/or baked goods for the 2004 Mums and Mistletoe Market. Your help insured our success.

**Cash Flow for October 2004**

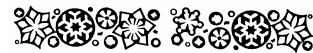
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| Bank & Savings Account Balances 9/30/04 | \$920,652.35      |
| 5-Sunday Collections                    | \$74,222.87       |
| Now Interest & All Saints               | <u>246.14</u>     |
| Regular Receipt                         | +74,469.01        |
| Less Regular Expenses                   | -50,275.69        |
| Less Insurance Payment                  | <u>-8,824.00</u>  |
| Total of Regular Expenses               | -59,099.69        |
| Difference in Funds Held in Trust       | +12,209.19        |
| Add New Church Funds                    | <u>+26,969.58</u> |
| Bank & Savings Balance 10/31/04         | \$975,200.44      |

**Cash Flow for November 2004**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Bank & Savings Account Balances 10/31/04 | \$975,200.44      |
| 4-Sunday Collections                     | +54,515.26        |
| Now Interest/more All Saints Envelopes   | +194.06           |
| Less Regular Expenses                    | -55,219.48        |
| Less Cath. Tax for 2 mos.                | <u>-11,945.30</u> |
| Total of Regular Expenses                | -67,164.78        |
| Difference in Funds Held in Trust        | +278.30           |
| Add New Church drive                     | <u>+13,659.75</u> |
| Bank & Saving Accounts Balances 11/30/04 | \$976,683.03      |

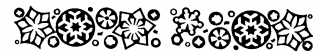


**REMEMBER OUR BLOOD DRIVE, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!**



**JOURNEY TO JOY**

"...for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh 8:10  
**9<sup>TH</sup> Annual St. Michael's Woman to Woman Retreat January 28-30, 2005 at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, Texas. More info? Call Katherine, 285-9923, Dorothy, 297-7045 or Gwen, 297-5564.**



**"Nothing less than God can satisfy us".—Julian of Norwich**  
Come and receive your heart's deepest desire in a weekend filled with grace, joy, blessing, and reconciliation. It is yours for the taking during (and beyond) a Christ Renews His Parish experience. The next women's weekend is scheduled for February 5/6 and the men's weekend is set for February 19/20. For more information, call Jenn Bowman at 285-0837 or Genie Packard at 297-1888. For information about the men's weekend, call Glen Jackson at 388-0134 or Bill Behr at 297-0547.

