



What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

MONDAY Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Est C 12:14-16,23-25; Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Deut 16:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Gn 12:1-4a; 2Tm 1:8a-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. (No meat)
Good Friday is also a day of **Fast**. (Only one full meal for the day; nothing between meals.)
 Following the **Fish Fry**, in the Family Life Center at 5:30pm, we will have **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm in the church, every **Friday** during Lent.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Southwest SIDS Research Institute Gala on February 19, beginning at 6pm in the Lake Jackson Civic Center. This black tie event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, and a live auction. Funds raised will be used to provide research, medical, educational and emotional support services to families of SIDS and high-risk infants. Purchase tickets by calling: 299-2814. Donations may be mailed to :
 Southwest SIDS Research Institute
 % Brazosport Memorial Hospital
 100 Medical Drive Room 220
 Lake Jackson, TX 77566
 We look forward to the day when infants at risk are identifiable and their deaths preventable.

RCIA LENTEN PRAYERS REQUESTED

Beginning Ash Wednesday, the names of the Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion will be placed in a basket in the Narthex. Parishioners are asked to take a name and, during Lent, be a "Prayer Sponsor" for this person, praying for their intentions as they prepare to become members of St. Michael's and the Catholic Church.

The Parish Rite of Sending Catechumens and Candidates to the Bishop will be celebrated here at the 8.00 AM Mass on Feb 13th. This rite is held each year prior to the Rite of Election, always celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent with the Bishop or one of his representatives presiding. This year, St. Michael's group will attend the rite at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston at 3 pm. Catechumens are: Tracy Heimbach and Daniel Perez. Candidates for Full Communion are: Jakera Grant, Sonia Hernandez, Cathy Hertzling, Jana Ryder and Julie Masek. Community and Sacramental Sponsors are: Margie Kaus, Wes Parsons, Sheila Conner, Paula Graves, Dorothy Babbington, Georgia Crosley and Linda Yates. Please support our Candidates and Catechumens in prayer this Lent

Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.

FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 20
MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	†Joe & Lena Mandola
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	†Bernadette Reed
THURSDAY	5:30P.M.	†Irene Dirba
FRIDAY	8:30A.M.	†Serapio Sendejo
SATURDAY	5:30P.M.	†Jim Christie
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	†Jean Newport
	9:30A.M.	†Irene Dirba
	11:00A.M.	Marcus Badeaux



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, **Virginia Hernandez**, Blake Johnson, Vickie Kaatz, Angeline Klekar, David Kubala, Jerry LaCoume, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Tristan Cade Lawson, Jack Lippman, **Helen Mangum**, Gene Matus, Mary McClintock, Eileen McDonald, Irene McGaughey, **James Muhl**, Adrian Nye, Cheri Pate, Chuck Pate, Doris Perryman, Carolyn Peterson, Cecelia Peterson, Paula Price, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Rose Ramos, Christina Robinson, **John Rosser**, 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)

Help needed ASAP: 2005 Vacation Bible School Director. The director will help choose the VBS materials, recruit and coordinate volunteers, and run the program for one week in June. We have past experienced directors/volunteers willing to help.

If you are interested in heading up the VBS Program this year, please contact Marsha at 297-3043.



St. Michael's Parish Family would like to welcome new parishioners for the month of January: Douglas, Mary Beth, Megan and Pierce Heydrick.

Youth Ministry

February Calendar



13 Class 6:30pm
 20 Class 6:30pm
 27 Tm Teacher/Peer Leader mtng 3:45pm



Religious Education News

The Birds & Bees & Growing Up!

Could you use some guidance when it comes to teaching your son and/or daughter about sexuality? Help is here in a comfortable atmosphere that lets sons & fathers and/or daughters & mothers share God's plan for love through His gifts of sexuality and fertility.

Registration Forms are on bulletin board in Family Life Center Hallway.

What: Growing Up Together, Father & Son (11-14 years old) Program

When: Friday, February 25, 2005, 6:30-9:30pm
Where: St. Michael Church, Lake Jackson
Cost: \$20.00, register 10 days in advance
Contact: Gary Forse, 979-299-3145 or Marsha, 297-3043.

What: Create A Memory, Mother & Daughter (10-12 years old) Program

When: Sunday, March 13, 2005, 1:30-4:30pm
Where: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Alvin
Cost: \$20.00, register 10 days in advance
Contact: Mary Claire English 281-331-4819 or Barbara, 281-824-0877.

Summer Camp 2005 for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students will be **June 3rd-6th**, at Forest Glenn Christian Camp in Huntsville. There will be an information and sign-up meeting on **Sunday, February 20th at 12:30p.m.** in the Family Life Center for all those interested in attending, and their parents. Limited space is available—sign up NOW!

Youth on a Mission 2005 will be **July 9th-16th**. All those High School/College students who are interested in attending please come to the information/sign-up meeting on **Sunday, February 20th at 5:00pm** in the Family Life Center. Deposit of \$75.00 AND attendance at this meeting is required for your registration and will guarantee a position on the **2005 Youth on a Mission** trip, **first come, first serve basis. Limited space is available.**

KJT DISTRICT 6 MEETING will be held on Saturday, February 26, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Freeport, beginning at 12:30p.m. with registration. 1:15p.m. lunch; 2p.m. meeting and followed by Mass at 5:30p.m. for living and deceased members of the District. Members are urged to attend. Local Society #122 is host, so members need to contact J. Mikes for help to set up hall for meeting.

Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults

Preventing child sexual abuse is the goal of a new program selected by the Archdiocese 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 starts promptly, so please be on time. The session will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, February 15, in the Spiritual Learning Center, Wolter's Room (upstairs) 6:15-9:30pm.

Please go to www.virtusonline.org to register, the password is "trust". Call Lisa Ondrey, 297-3043, for more information

Centering Prayers Groups Mondays, 9:30a.m. and Thursdays at 4p.m. in the Library.

GIRL SCOUTS



Parents of Girl Scouts: Girl Scout Sunday practice will be February 18 & 25. Please volunteer to be the parent contact for your daughter's Girl Scout Troop and sign up the Scouts for Girl Scout Sunday. Questions? Call Natalia Montanez, 2997-1011, Janice Rodrigue, 292-0501 or Coletta Stover, 297-5191.

HELP NEEDED with Baptism Classes. One evening a month – 3rd Tuesday of the month. Do not need to give talk. More behind the scene help & support with clerical and organization. Call Lynette Biediger 265-7520, for more information, or lwright@hotmail.com

Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend

The men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend will be held



February 19-20 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 our faith community. For more information or to sign up please contact Laszlo Weress, 258-3400, or Kevin Land, 480-0402.

Attention Women: Mark your calendar! Lenten Day of Reflection, Wednesday, February 23, 2005, sponsored by the Women's Club of St. Michael's. A nursery will be provided. For information, call Tricia Langner, 299-6176.

Centering Prayer & Sunday Readings, Thursday from 4 to 5 in the Library. For information call Adele Baxter, 297-6148.

"Pastoral Support for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse: In a continuing effort to provide pastoral care to victims of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel, Archbishop Fiorenza would like to remind the faithful of the Archdiocese of the availability of the Victims Assistance Coordinator. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Sr. Maureen O'Connell, OP at 713-654-5799. Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse and all who suffer in any way."

Messages from "the mean old Bookkeeper"

Wow! Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we collected \$21, 070 for Tsunami, \$703 for the Bishop's Fund for Latin America, \$4,425 in checks made out to us and to OLQ of Peace for Catholic school week and \$887 for "Souper Bowl" collection that will go to our St. Vincent de Paul.

Please if you are giving to DSF or to St. Vincent de Paul, make out the check directly to them. I do not keep their books – thank goodness. If the check is written to St. Michael's then I have to run the check through our bank account, write a check to them along with a letter to make sure you get credit. Then I have to make sure I code it correctly or we get charged Cathedral Tax on the amount. If you choose to drop it in the basket, we will forward it to them.

Also it would help our volunteer money counters if you would write the amount of your donation on the outside of your envelope. Scotch tape makes it harder to get into the envelope and dollar bills folded into "little flags" take up our time to unfold. Thanks for helping us. JRMatzke