



In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.



MONDAY 2Thes 1:1-5,11-12; Mt 23:13-22
TUESDAY Jer 1:17-19; Mt 6:17-29
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 25:14-30
SUNDAY Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27;
 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:

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 at St. Michael's in the hall of the Family Life Center **6:15 – 9:30 pm.: Thursday, September 21.** Please go to www.virtus.org to register; Call Lisa Ondrey, 297-3043, for more information. **Please note: If you have already attended a previous workshop, you do not need to do so again. You are encouraged to visit the website www.virtus.org to stay up to date with new articles and information.**

***No one under the age of 16 may attend this workshop; attendees under the age of 18 must have a signed parental consent form to be admitted.**

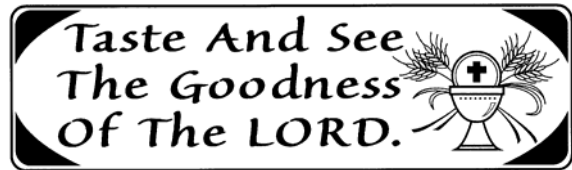


BIBLE STUDY

The **Wed. morning Bible Study Group** will begin meeting again on Sept. 6 from 9:30 to 11 in Room 149-150 of the Family Life Center. We will be studying the **Book of Leviticus.** We will have Colledgeville Bible Commentary material provided and New American Bibles are available for use in the room. **Everyone is invited to attend.** For more information, call Bettie Carmody at 265-6509.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WOMEN'S WEEKEND

St. Michael's upcoming Christ Renews His Parish weekend for women will be held **September 23-24.** For information, call Sonia Finley at 297-3910 or Becky Mitchell at 297-5733.



AUGUST 29 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 5:30P.M. †Ted Cooper
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. †Elmer Pastor;
 †Harold Pfeiffer
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Otis Rourke
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. Joson Perez & Family
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. †Jerry LaCoume;
 †August Chaudoir
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †Charles John Savaso;
 †Ernestine Buettner
9:30A.M. †JoJo Langston;
 †Lillian & Joe Bono
11:00A.M. †Joe & Lena Mandola;
 †Elma Falcon



Ryan Barnes, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, **John Henry Cook**, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, **Theresa Ditges**, Lenora Duval, Tom Elder, Marcia Flournoy, **Margaret Flournoy**, **Ann Foster**, **Michael Gillman**, **Barbara Grant**, Arthur Haas, Belia Hardesty, Doris Harpham, Chuck Honea, Vickie Kaatz, Mary LaCoume, Ray Langston, Sarah Langston, Adele LeBouef, **Delia Luna**, John May, **Karen Moran**, Kerry Mulloy, **Mary Pelliccia**, Doris Perryman, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Kenny Rentrop, **Bob Rogido**, John Rosser, Vince Rowan, **June Stanke**, **Bill Stevens**, **Robert Swain**, Tommy Tumlinson, **Loyd Waincott**, **Eileen Young**.
 (Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)

Operation Catechesis (to echo or resound the Gospel of Jesus Christ):

<https://www.nccl.org/>

The Continuing Christian Education Office of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is accepting money donations for CCE Classes in dioceses that were affected by 2005 Hurricanes Katrina & Rita. The CCE office is asking all parish CCE Classes to encourage their children to earn money for children in other dioceses. Fr. Leo is asking the children of St. Michael to put their donations in the "Life Giving Well" in church. **The money collected in September** will be donated to the children in Dioceses affected by the 2005 Hurricanes.



ALL PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, FOR LABOR DAY.

Have you registered your child for Religious Education and/or Youth Ministry Classes? 4years old through 12th Grade Register now!

After August 1st, there is a \$10.00 late fee added to the registration fee. Forms are available in the hallway of the Family Life Center.

Do you have a 2nd Grade Student registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace? If you wish to prepare your 2nd Grade Student for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, you will need to register in our religious education program. Please call or stop by the office, Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm.

Sacrament Preparation: Do not forget to register your child in Religious Education Classes. The Sacrament Preparation Program is a 2 year program! If your child is entering 1st Grade this fall, that child needs to be attending 1st Grade Religious Education Classes.

Register now, classes are filling up!

Catechist/Teacher/Aides/Small Group Facilitators Needed: We need catechist/teachers/facilitators for all grade levels on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening. Don't forget all volunteers are required to take the "Protecting God's Children Workshop." Call 297-3043, the religious education office for more information.

Next "Protecting God's Children Workshop" will be on Thursday, September 21 at 6:15pm in the Hall. The Archdiocese requires this workshop for anyone who works with youth at St. Michael's. Any interested adult may attend.



Volunteers needed in Youth Ministry:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10

Please consider sharing your gifts with the youth of our parish on Sunday evenings during the school year. 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!

Also, 12th graders, we need you as Peer Leaders to help facilitate small groups in the High School Program (T.E.A.M.) If interested, Call Helen- 297-3043.

Mark your calendars for Volunteer Training for Youth Ministry, Sunday, August 27th, 2-4pm.



Young adults ages 20-35 come to Tuesday night gatherings at 6:30pm in the E-wing for bible study and fellowship. To join our Yahoo Group so you can get on our email list and have access to view our calendar of events, send an email to stmichaelsyoungadults-subscribe@yahoo.com. If you have any questions about this group, call Melissa at 373-6369.



ATTENTION ALL RCIA ALUMNS AND SUPPORTERS:

Bettie Carmody is retiring after leading St. Michael's RCIA program from its inception through the first twenty years. If you have come into the church through RCIA, been a sponsor or a team member or a community supporter, you know what Bettie has meant to the success of this important ministry.

We would like everyone to join us in a Thank You Celebration on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be food and fellowship and lots of opportunities for sharing memories and letting Bettie know we appreciate her impact on our RCIA program and our spiritual journeys.

Please contact Paula Graves at 979-964-3545 or email pgraves@allusaonline.com or email Wes Parsons at wesp@allusaonline.com with ideas, suggestions, or questions or to volunteer to participate.



ENVISION

We continue to make progress in our ENVISION process. Visioning Day, Sat. Aug. 12, was a great day for our parish.

The Visioning Group spent the day in prayer, reflection and discernment. Two sub-teams, the Red Team and the Blue Team, had prepared for this day by each writing a vision statement. We then shared our visions and began the work of creating a single vision for St. Michael's. A follow-up meeting will occur to complete the vision statement development. As soon as this is completed and approved by Father Leo, we will communicate the Vision Statement for our parish.

Over the next two months, we will be enlisting the efforts of many parishioners to perform the final planning toward making the six Areas of Focus for our parish become a reality. By way of reminder, the six Areas are:

- 1. Adult Ministry
2. Understanding of Mass and Eucharist
3. Parish Outreach to Non-Practicing Catholics and Unchurched
4. Welcoming of Visitors and New People
5. Youth Ministry
6. Young Adult Ministry

Please continue to pray for the success of ENVISION in our parish.

Questions? Visit the parish website at www.smlj.org/envision or contact any of your Envision Leaders: Father Leo, Betty Betczynski, Melissa Bovee, Mike Caserta, Ursula Clark, Jeff Fattig, Paula Graves, Charlene Jones, Peggy Robinson, Jeanne Schroll and Brian Zielke.



This fall's Catholic Men's Retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston will be the third weekend in October. The retreat is open to men age 17 and older. Mark your calendars now. Reservations are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Information and reservation forms are available in the main hallway of the Family Life Center. For additional information, please contact

Tony Barnard, 297-3864, or David Konvicka, 297-0051.



Girl Scout Spiritual Awareness Day for girls in grades 2 through 12 will be held at the girl Scout Center, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from 9am till 2pm.

The registration deadline is September 23, 2006.

Registration is \$15.00. Girl's Books \$6.00. Contact Dolores Richards, 1-281-482-3392. Chairman: Mary Donna Maceri, 1-281-859-0320.



*** JOIN CUB SCOUTING ***

1st through 5th grade boys are invited to join the St. Michael's Cub Scout Pack, and attend our annual recruiting swim party with their families at the Ron Paul pool from 3 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, August 27th. Please contact Roland Dunn at 979-299-1275 or ofdunnjr@aol.com for more information.



There is an open hour in the Adoration Chapel on Thursday evenings; 7:00-8:00p.m. If you can spend this hour with the Lord, call Arlene Becker, 798-8388.