



Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."



MONDAY Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
TUESDAY Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY Dn 7:9-10,13-13; Jn 1:47-51
SATURDAY Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
SUNDAY Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43,45, 47-48

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



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.



It is not too late to join the other men in your parish for a men's weekend retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center on October 20-22. A weekend of quiet, rest and renewal await you. You are invited to contact Tony Barnard at 297-3864 for more information or call the Holy Name Retreat Center at 713-464-0211.



Attention Senior Citizens – Come attend the Pastoral Council's Annual Senior Citizen appreciation dinner. This dinner is held in your honor and will be in the Family Life Center **Saturday, October 7th** after the 5:30 Mass. This is a catered dinner and we need a head count, so make your reservations by October 1st by calling **Sharon Land** at 480-0402.



Simple, peaceful, meditative volunteer opportunity. Washing and ironing the small altar linens less than once a month. We need to fill several openings. Thank you for your consideration.
 Call Camille Forse 299-3145 or Cheri McBurnett 297-8874



SEPTEMBER 26 THROUGH OCTOBER 1

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY 5:30P.M. †Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
WEDNESDAY 8:30A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Society
THURSDAY 5:30P.M. †Marie Peluso Hunter; †Johnnie McGregor
FRIDAY 8:30A.M. †Margie Kuehler
SATURDAY 5:30P.M. †Presley Girouard; †Jerry LaCoume
SUNDAY 8:00A.M. †JoJo Langston; †Lillian & Joe Bono; †Jonnie Louise Wagner
9:30A.M. †Joe & Lena Mandela
11:00A.M. †Alvaro Guzman
 Joson Perez & Family



Ryan Barnes, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, **John Henry Cook**, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, **Theresa Ditzges**, 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, 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 Wainscott, Eileen Young.**

(Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)

"R.C.I.T. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens) classes will be starting in October. These classes are preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist for youth between 6th grade and junior year of high school. Please contact the Youth Office for more information and registration forms."

SpiritualFest 2006

We will have our annual *SpiritualFest* beginning Sunday October 1 through Wednesday October 4. The theme will be **Come Encounter Jesus**, with Father Blaise Czaja directing our mission. We will have Mass daily at 8:30a.m. and evening services from 7-8p.m. A nursery will be provided for 3 year olds and younger for the evening services. **Please mark your calendars now** for this great spiritual opportunity. Look for more information in the following weeks.



Don't miss this opportunity! Normally you have to drive to Houston for this program! There will be a **Father/Son Program** offered at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Freeport on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 1:30pm. **The program is for Fathers & Sons (11-14 year old boys).** This program explores God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of the changes that occur in the process of growing up. Space is limited and reservations are required. Cost: \$20 per family. Registration forms are on bulletin board in Family Life Center Hallway. Contact Gary Forse at 299-3145 or Marsha Jacklitsch at 297-3043 or Barbara Flores at 233-5271 for more information.



Youth Ministry
High School and Jr. High Students
"All you can eat" Come to our Pizza Social Oct. 1st, 5:30pm.
Bring \$2.00 and your favorite soft drink
All High School Students Rock out with us at the Third Day Concert Oct.21 sign up at class Sunday nights



From Grief to Growth – A Healing Journey is a support ministry that is being held for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday evening, **September 6, 2006**, here at St. Michael's, in the "E" Wing. This program will deal specifically with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation or death. The pain that accompanies a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have had a common experience. This is a Christ-centered, non-denominational program. Everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is invited. We will meet for 10 weeks on **Wednesday nights, 6:45p.m. to 8:30p.m.** If you or anyone you know is in need of this type of help please come or encourage them to come. If you need more information pick up one of our flyers or call 297-3041.



Come join the young adults at "Theology on Tap", an informal speaker Series held each fall, co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry and Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. This year it will be held at Goode's Armadillo Palace on Kirby in Houston, and the schedule is as follows:

4:45 meet at St Michael's back parking lot and carpool to Houston

6:00-6:30 Happy Half Hour with other young adults in the diocese

6:30-7:30 Speaker and Q&A

Sept 25 - Fr. Anthony Giampietro - Virtual Reality

Oct 9 - Stacy Emick - Famous Last Words

Oct 23 - Fr. Clint Ressler - Journey of Desire

Nov 6 - Fr. Michael Barrett - Embracing Papa Bennie

Dec 4 - Dr. Randy Smith - Gold, Frankincense, and Gucci

If you want to get hooked up with all the events going on with the young adults, subscribe to our email list by sending an email to:

stmichaelsyoungadults-subscribe@yahogroups.com



- **Do you long to know** God in a deeper way, but aren't sure how to start?
- **Are you still saying** the prayers you said as a child? **Would you like for** your prayer life to grow? Are you looking for "something more"?
- **Does your relationship with God** seem to be static, and you're just not sure where to go from here?
- **Or has your pursuit of God** taken you off in an unexpected direction and taken you by surprise?

The journey to know and experience God can lead a person to a little known ministry that St. Michael's offers called spiritual direction, or spiritual companionship. Through the ministry of spiritual direction, you can have a non-threatening, confidential continuing, one-on-one opportunity to explore God and God's purpose for your life. Spiritual direction is a safe place to question, to express doubts and fears, delights and joys, and to grow in your knowledge of God and self. The journey is always richer when you make it with a friend. If you are interested in more information, you may contact Tommie Holt, Betty Betczynski, Mary McClintock or Sheila Conner through the parish office, 29703041



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Girl Scout Bake Sale October 1st – Proceeds go to updating Lake Jackson Scout House Kitchen. Plan to come get your Sunday dessert!



St. Michael's High School Youth Ski Trip 2006 meeting will be held Sunday, September 24th at 5:00 in the F-Wing. The trip to Durango, CO will be 12/28/06 thru 1/3/07. This trip is open to all High School age youth and will cost \$515.00. For more information please contact Bruce Swope (979)

299-1236 bswope@houston.rr.com

<http://home.houston.rr.com/bswope/skitrip.htm>



The next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 8th at 5:30p.m., with class following at 6:30p.m.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is desperately in need of your help. The Pantry is almost bare and we have so many to feed. Please help us re-fill the pantry. Thank you in advance for your unsurpassed generosity!!



SAVE the DATE for second annual St. Vincent de Paul Society "Sharing our Blessings" Fundraiser dinner and silent auction on **Saturday October 28, 2006**. The dinner is generously underwritten by the Knights of Columbus. Donations for the silent auction are being accepted and can be drop off at the church office or by contacting Cheri McBurnett at 297-8874. The proceeds from this event will be used to defer the cost of Thanksgiving Baskets.