



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!



My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

MONDAY	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
TUESDAY	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38
WEDNESDAY	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
THURSDAY	Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
FRIDAY	Is 52:13-53; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19,42
SATURDAY	Readings as in Lectionary
SUNDAY	Acts 10: 34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

On all of the Sundays of Lent, we will have Vespers in the "F" Wing at 6:30p.m. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, only lasts about 30 minutes, but is a wonderfully peaceful way to end one week and begin another.



Thursday, March 20, is Holy Thursday, and the Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00p.m. **Friday, March 21**, is Good Friday. There is no Mass on Good Friday. At 3:00p.m. we will have the Celebration of Our Lord's Passion, and at 7:00p.m., the Stations of the Cross. **The Vigil of Easter** will be begin at 8:30p.m., **Saturday, March 22**, in the hallway of the Family Life Center. We will witness the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle, and then process into the church for Mass. If you have not experienced this Liturgy, please join us. It is the "highest" Mass of the Liturgical year.

The Novena to the Divine Mercy, given to St. Faustina by Jesus, begins on **Good Friday, March 21, 2008** and ends on **Sunday, March 30, 2008**. There are pamphlets available at the back of church and in the Adoration Chapel for those interested in praying the Mercy Novena. The pamphlet gives details on praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and includes prayers appropriate for the Novena. The Divine Mercy Novena will conclude with a service celebrating the Feast of Mercy on **Divine Mercy Sunday March 30, 2008** at St. Michael's Church at 3 p.m.

MARCH 18 THROUGH MARCH 23

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY	5:30P.M.	Vocations
WEDNESDAY	8:30A.M.	✠Albert & Rosa Romano; ✠Joe & Lena Mandola
THURSDAY	7:00P.M.	✠Bessie Ermis; Dennis Heinroth
FRIDAY	NO MASS	(See Holy Week Schedule)
SATURDAY	8:30P.M.	✠Clarence Forse
SUNDAY	8:00A.M.	✠Larry James Bennett; ✠Bessie Ermis; ✠Alfred & Anita Sokol; ✠Mark Klockentager
	9:30.M.	✠Clarence Forse; ✠Clifford J. Novosad; ✠Bob Rogido
	11:00A.M.	✠Luz Galvez

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Conchita Rodigo Castro**, mother in law of **Donna Rogido**; also for the soul of **Emma Jean Vincent**, step-mother of **Donna Dougherty**.

Carolyn Sue Allen, **Arnold Areson**, **Natalie Barron**, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, John Buettner, **Laura Burch**, Doris Causbie, Robert Causbie, Kellie Chaney, John Henry Cook, Cecil Cromeans, Lorene Cromeans, Lee Ann Day, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, **Lenora Duval**, Tom Elder, **Karen Faulk**, Leada Fecanin, **Marcia Flournoy**, Margaret Flournoy, Ann Foster, Betty Lou Furlong, **Ashton Garrett**, Michael Gillman, Arthur Haas, Belia Hardesty, Maury Havlik, Pat Havlik, **Dennis Heinroth**, Alice Jasek, Vickie Kaatz, **John Karacostis**, Mary LaCoume, Sarah Langston, Ruth Lewis, Delia Luna, **Brock Massey**, Gene Matus, Otis Mayes, Myra Lee McFarling, Ora Meritt, Raymond Muniza, Heloise Murray, Jim Pawelek, Mary Pelliccia, **Lea Marie Perez**, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Avis Quandt, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Jack Reid, **Kenny Rentrop**, **Ralph Rogers, Jr.**, John Rosser, Vince Rowan, Prudencia Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, Jim Seidler, June Stanke, Bill Stevens, Bud Stover, **Edward John Thigpen**, Tommy Tumlinson, Ernie Valdez, Loyd Wainscott, Jack Yonge and Joe Young.

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

From Grief to Growth – A Healing Journey is a support ministry that is being held for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday evening, **March 19**, 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 see one of our flyers or call St. Michael's at 297-3041.

YOUTH MINISTRY

MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 16 & 23 NO CLASS Spring Break/Easter

March 30th – Class 6:30 p.m.

March 30th – Adult Mission planning meeting 12:15 p.m.

Angelina Room (is this correct or is it 149-150??)

APRIL CALENDAR

April 6th – No Class due to Parish Picnic

April 13th – Class 6:30 p.m.

April 19th – Volunteer Appreciation dinner after 5:30 p.m.

Mass

April 20th – Class 6:30 p.m.

April 27th – End of Year Bash 6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

VBS 2008 will be held from **June 16-20.**

We need lots of volunteers! Contact Tricia DeCarolis at 297-3017 for more information.

Summer Camp for 6th, 7th & 8th grade youth will be held at Forest Glenn Christian Camp in Huntsville from Thursday June 5th – Sunday June 8th. Registration information and forms are located in the basket outside the Youth Ministry Office. A \$50 deposit is required to register. The total fee (including bus travel) is \$190. Adult volunteers are still needed (cost \$100). Fundraising opportunities are available. We have a limited number of openings, so sign-up now! Contact Mike at 297-3043 for more information.

2008 Youth on a Mission – Project ECHO: Sign-up now to attend this year's Mission, July 12th – 19th. Registration information is located in the basket outside the Youth Office. Deposit is \$75, with balance of \$225 due in May. Fund raising opportunities are available. Contact Mike at 297-3043 with questions.

Graduating HS Seniors – You should have received **scholarship applications** in the mail from the Youth Office and various other parish ministries. Completed forms must be returned by April 30th. If you have not received your forms, please contact the Youth Office. The **Graduation Mass and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday May 18th** (11:00 a.m. Mass followed by luncheon in the Hall). Mark your calendars now to attend.

Making Scripture Part of Daily Life: James & Psalms Lecture Series with Dr. Kathleen Weber

Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm in the Wolters Room. **We are bombarded** by TV, movies, and radio, but another voice is trying to speak to us - God's own word. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matt 5:4 **Taste the banquet** during this four week course. Scripture can be a positive part of your life.



St. Michael's Vision statement:

"A Eucharistic community in continual transformation, surrendering ourselves to God to be His instruments for world change."

The **Beginning Experience** weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths. The next **Beginning Experience** weekend is **March June 20-22**. For more information call 713-440-3440 or email beinfohouston@yahoo.com.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** at St. Michael's would like to thank the following organizations for their generous financial assistance in these first weeks of the new year :
The Women's Club whose White Elephant Auction netted a record high of \$2200,
The Youth Ministry youth and adult volunteers and donors who provided \$2363 through the SOUPER BOWL of Caring, and
The recent St. Joseph Table which donated \$544.
Additional thanks go to **all the parishioners who have been so generous** with their donations of money and food. Without you we would be unable to carry on this work.

K.J.T.Z. #115 St. Mary's Star of the Sea, will meet at 606 Center Way, Lake Jackson at 10:30a.m. March 18th.

BIG EVENT

Mark your calendar for St. Michael's 4th Annual Family Fun Fest Sunday, April 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on our Church grounds. Includes BBQ, Live & Silent Auctions, Raffle, Children's Activities, Games, Booths, Entertainment, and more! **Don't forget to mail out your Parcel Post requests to family and friends.** Place completed Auction item request forms in basket at back of church. Helper sign-up after all Masses in the Family Life Center, March 15-16, and March 29-30 weekends. Early ticket sales for BBQ tickets, food coupons, & wrist-bands after all Masses March 29-30 weekend only. For further info, please contact Patti Trahan (297-2591 or plt1978@comcast.net) or visit the St. Michael's web site at www.smlj.org.

