

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

**MONDAY** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51  
**TUESDAY** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
**WEDNESDAY** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62  
**THURSDAY** Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**FRIDAY** Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16  
**SATURDAY** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24  
**SUNDAY** Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43  
 Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

#### OPEN HOURS IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL

There are open hours in our Adoration Chapel. Please call if you are interested in spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Wednesday afternoons**, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.  
 Call Diane Brawley at 297-5679 to sign up for this hour.  
**Sunday mornings**, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
 Call Mary Ann Longoria at 297-4109 to sign up.

#### A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Everything we hear, pray, recite and do during Mass has significance, a biblical sense and historical background that makes it a unique sacramental experience. Mark your calendars for **Monday, September 29, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, come to St. Michael's and join us as **Father Drew Wood**, Pastor of St. Lawrence Church in Sugarland leads us through the parts of the Mass. Father Wood is the former pastor of St. Mary Church, Freeport. This will not be a celebration of Mass, but an explanation of it. See you there!

**Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School will be celebrating the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Festival, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. Raffle tickets are now on sale from the students. The grand prize this year is "Winners Choice" of a 2008 GMC Crew Cab Truck or a 2008 Pontiac Solstice Convertible. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

Please join **Fellowship Ministries** for a **Bible study on James**. Put your faith to work on Tuesdays at **6:30 p.m.** in the **E-wing**. Books and dinner and the nursery are provided. If you are bringing your child to the nursery, please contact Lisa at 238-9074 or e-mail [lisa0414@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa0414@hotmail.com).

## Remember Your mercies O LORD.

SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 5

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Napoleon Hernandez  
**WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik  
 †Irene Dirba  
 †Alvaro Guzman  
**THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Marie Peluso Hunter  
**FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Dorothee J. Downs  
 †Jean Putman  
**SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Paul Keller  
 †Bessie Ermis  
**SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Alfred & Anita Sokol  
**9:30 A.M.** †Carolyn Rooks  
 †Bob Rogido  
**11:00 A.M.** †Stella Wright  
 †Mary Fant

Karen Abdelkader, Carolyn Sue Allen, Arnold Areson, Natalie Barron, Brenda Bartlett, Ann Bomba, Paul Bono, Michael Brown, John Buettner, Kirk Calhoun, Doris Causbie, Robert Causbie, Kellie Chaney, John Henry Cook, Cecil Cromeans, Barbara Dillon, Charlie Dirba, Susie Downs, Lenora Duval, Leada Fecanin, Marcia Flournoy, Margaret Flournoy, Ann



Foster, Betty Lou Furlong, Ashton Garrett, Michael Gillman, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Belia Hardesty, Maury Havlik, Pat Havlik, Dennis Heinroth, Jose Hernandez, Alice Jasek, Vickie Kaatz, John Karacostis, **Debbie Kissinger**, Willie (Bill) Kubala, Mary LaCoume, Sarah Langston, **Pat Latkovich**, Delia Luna, Bobby Marshall, Gene Matus, Paula Matzke, Otis Mayes, Myra Lee McFarling, Ora Meritt, Raymond Muniza, Marty Murphy, Heloise Murray, Charlene Burridge Paschall, Jim Pawelek, Mary Pelliccia, Lea Marie Perez, Doris Perryman, Cecelia Peterson, Marilyn Pikas, Joe Ragland, June Ragland, Kenny Rentrop, Ellen Rice, Ralph Rogers, Jr., Vince Rowan, Prudencia Sanchez, Catherine Schoppe, Donna Schwertner, Jim Seidler, **Earl Sherman**, June Stanke, Bill Stevens, Bud Stover, Edward John Thigpen, Tommy Tumlinson, Ernie Valdez, Loyd Wainscott, and Jack Yonge. (Bold denotes new on prayer list or in crisis.)

#### SVDP Food Collection!!!!



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in desperate need of food, particularly now due to the impact from Hurricane Ike. They are asking specifically for donations of canned vegetables, tuna, other canned meats, fruits, cereal, **ANYTHING** they could use for clients that may not have power, etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# awaken

Youth Ministry 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## OCTOBER

- Oct 4- 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Retreat for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Class 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation II Rehearsal in Church 7 p.m.
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> NO CLASS – 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation with Bishop Vasquez  
3:00 p.m. Mass followed by Reception, FLC Hall
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Conf I Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. 7 p.m.
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Class 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Class 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## Marriage Workshop

The Greater Houston Marriage Coalition is sponsoring a workshop on “**Active Marriages & Best Practices**” Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Church in Angleton. This program is open to couples who are married, engaged, or considering marriage. Pre-registration is required and a \$20.00 deposit/couple is refundable upon completion of the workshop. Contact Cheryl Scott at 979-849-2421 ext. 109

## COLLECTION of Items for Military Moms!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas # 2364 will be collecting items for the Military Moms organization to send to our Soldiers. Collection baskets will be set up in the rear of Church and in the Family Life Center the weekend of **October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. Watch the bulletin next week for specific details on the items needed and plan to participate.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

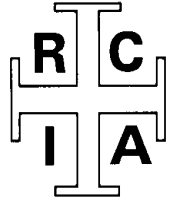
**THANK YOU** to the ~ 70 Parishioners who signed up to assist with the Ministerial Alliance volunteer project to help area residents clean-up from the storm.

## Youth SKI TRIP Fundraiser

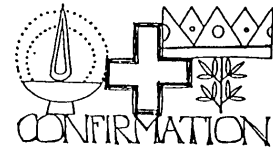
**Youth Ski Trip Fundraiser – Enchilada dinner take-out ONLY, cost is \$8.00. Plate includes beef enchiladas, rice, beans, and dessert. Plates can be purchased in the Family Life Center after all Masses on SUNDAY, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit Youth on a Ski Trip.**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Are you searching for a church to call your own?
- Do you struggle with questions about life – death – suffering – hope – forgiveness – love – God?
- Ever Wonder Why Catholics worship the way they do?
- Do you have questions about what we really believe?



Look no further. If you are not Catholic, but are curious about the Church, or have a friend or family member who may be interested, or perhaps have some misconceptions about the Church. **Inquiry is the place.** All are welcome. For more information call Tommie Holt at 979-265-4685.



**Did you miss receiving your Confirmation as a teenager or young adult?** If so, now is the time to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Tommie Holt at 265-4685 for more information.

**From Grief to Growth – A Healing Journey** is a support ministry that runs for **10 weeks** beginning **August 27<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Meetings are held at St. Michael's Church in the “E” Wing on **Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** 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, and everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is invited. If you know anyone in this type of situation, please encourage them to attend. For more information please call the church office at 297-3041.

“God, I have a problem...Me!”

“Child, I have the answer...Me.”

**MEN:** Plan on making a retreat at **Holy Name Retreat Center** with your parish on **October 17-19th** and find answers to some of questions you may have been asking. Contact Parish Team Leader Tony Barnard at 979-297-3864 to get registration information or call the Retreat Center at 713-464-0211.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

upcoming dates are Oct 10 – 12 & Nov 14 – 16. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-485-5648 or [www.mehouston.org](http://www.mehouston.org) for more information.