



Today, we are summoned from our homes by the Holy Spirit to offer praise to our God. Today's liturgy reminds us to sing joyfully to the Lord,

for our God is a gentle shepherd who guides the flock with love and care. Let us open our hearts to receive God's living word, which has the power to transform us and give us life.

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Monday	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday	Saints Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Saint Paul Miki, and his companions, martyrs Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

ADORATION CHAPEL

Looking for a closer relationship with our Lord? The Adoration Chapel offers you that and much more! You will find peace, acceptance and rest within His presence when you "let go and let God" take over your joys, trials and disappointments! Come and seek His will in your every thought, word and deed for one hour with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bring your concerns to HIM especially for members of your family.

- ❖ There is an **open hour in the Adoration Chapel** on **Friday from 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** Call Gay Rayburn 265-1108 for more information.
- ❖ **Open hour on Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Call Diane Brawley at 297-5679.



Sunday, Feb 1st the Knights of Columbus will be selling their delicious **Barbeque Chickens for \$8.00** after all Masses. The

K of C had to increase the cost by \$1 to cover the rising costs of chickens and other supplies. Thank you for your past support, and we hope you will continue to support the K of C fundraisers which are used to fund their charity work.

There are a number of miscellaneous **Religious Items which have been stored or left in the F-WING** for a very long time. We are in the process of cleaning and re-organizing the space, and need to know what items to keep and which can be removed. **If you have Religious items (crosses, statues, icons, etc.) that have been left in F-Wing, please remove them or contact the Parish office** if they are currently used by your ministry and they need to remain in the room. Thank you.

Save the Date: 13th Annual Woman to Woman Retreat, Feb 27th. Applications available next week. Planning meeting **Tuesday, Feb 3rd at 6:30 p.m. E-Wing.**

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

FEBRUARY 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 8



Liturgy Intentions For The Week

TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	The Women of St. Michael's
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠John Savaso
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	✠Dr. Frederick Turner
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠Josiah Hall
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	Dennis Heinroth Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Badeaux
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	✠Donald & Remedios Young
	9:30 A.M.	✠Josiah Hall
	11:00 A.M.	✠Ronnie Gaspard

Names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. Please call the parish office with an update if you would like the name to remain on the prayer list for an additional period of time.

John Buettner, Kellie Chaney, Cecil Cromeans, Emil Galetka, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, Fern Henderson, Julie Lange, Pat Latkovich, Marcella Martinez, Jim Pawelek, Donna Schwertner, June Stanske, Bill Stevens, Tommy Tumlinson, and Jack Yonge.



Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

- ❖ 13th Annual Woman to Woman Retreat team is looking for a few more ladies to help with the small jobs we have left.
- ❖ Infirm parishioner asking for someone to help with yard work and maintenance around home.

If you can assist with any of these stewardship opportunities, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041.

Join us for **The Women of St. Michael's monthly meeting this Tuesday, February 3rd!** Both daytime and evening



meetings available. Feel free to bring a guest! The Day Group will meet in the **Angelina Room after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** A modern day shepherd

will be interviewed in a program titled "The Lord is my Shepherd". Nursery is provided for children 4 yrs. old and under. Everyone is invited. **The Evening Group will meet at the Wurst Haus Restaurant in L.J. at 6:30 p.m.** Dinner will be "Dutch treat". Program: "Growing Citrus Trees" presented by John Panzarella, Parishioner and Texas Gardener expert. RSVP preferred but not required; call Susan Lacy @236-8304.

The 2008-2009 **Junior Service League** Provisional Class is hosting a **baby shower to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center and Safe Haven in Lake Jackson!** We would like to invite the community of St. Michael's to participate in this worthy project. **Donations can be placed in the large baby bottle located in the main hallway of the Family Life Center from Sunday, February 1st until Sunday, February 22nd.** Thank you for supporting our project and the Brazosport community!

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

JANUARY

Jan 31st/Feb 1st Souper Bowl of Caring collection

FEBRUARY

Feb 1st NO CLASS

Feb 8th CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb 15th CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb 21st Jr. HS Youth Rally

Feb 22nd CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb 22nd Mission Adult Leaders Meeting, 1:00-2:00 pm
Mission 2009 Registration/Information Meeting,
2:00-4:00 pm, Angelina Room

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the **Souper Bowl of Caring**, and have mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$50 million for people in need.



Please drop \$1 (or more) in a soup pot at the doors of Church this weekend after Mass on Saturday & Sunday. All proceeds will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. For more information on the Souper Bowl of Caring visit www.souperbowl.org

It is not too late to register for the **2009 Archdiocesan Junior High School Youth Rally** to be held on **Saturday, February 21st** at St. Helen Parish, Pearland, 10:30am – 9:00pm! **Late registration deadline is noon Friday, February 6th.** Cost is \$45.00. Open to grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. Registration packets for youth and adults are located outside Youth Ministry Office.

Summer Camp 2009 – for current 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students will be **June 18th – 24th**, at Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville. There will be an Information and Sign-Up meeting on **Sunday, March 1st at 12:30 -1:30 pm** in the Angelina Room for all those interested in attending, and their parents. Limited space is available—sign up NOW! Fundraising will be available.

Mission 2009 – Adult Planning Meeting will be held Sunday, February 22nd from 1:00 – 2:00 pm in the Angelina Room.

Youth on a Mission 2009 – “**RISE: Give Yourself Away**” will be July 18th – 25th. All those High School/College students who are interested in attending please come to the Information and Sign-Up meeting on **Sunday, February 22nd at 2:00 – 4:00 pm** in the Angelina Room. (This is a date change from previous schedule**) Deposit of \$75.00 AND attendance at this meeting is required for your registration and will guarantee a position on the **2009 Youth on a Mission trip, first come, first serve basis. Limited space is available.** Fundraising will be available.

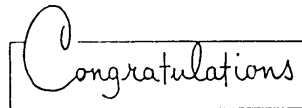
This is the LAST CHANCE to sign up for the next Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Men’s Weekend Retreat on February 7th & 8th at St. Michael’s. All men 18 and older are invited to participate in this fun Christ filled weekend. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun weekend of fellowship that will renew and energize. For more information contact **John Kyle 236-9464** or **Bob Whitmarsh 979-824-2533.**



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of **Rice and Dry Pinto Beans, Canned Fruit, and of course, Cereal.** We really appreciate how generous ST. Michael's is to the needs of our community. Without your support we could not feed our clients in need of FOOD!!! Thank you so much.

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS TO RESUME FEB 2nd

If you have wanted to learn more about your Catholic faith, this is your opportunity! The **Monday evening US Catholic Catechism for Adults** group will resume studies beginning on Feb 2 at 7:00 pm in B Wing. All parishioners are invited to join in. Previous attendance is not required. The topic for the first class is **“Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: God is Rich in Mercy”.**



On January 17, 2009, the **Boy Scouts of America, Cradle of Texas District Award of Merit** was presented to two of St. Michael Boy Scout Troop 324 Adult Members. Congratulations to: **Nolberto Frausto III and Floyd Young.**

FOCA – A Radical Threat to Human Life

We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever – the **“Freedom of Choice Act”** or FOCA. This bill would create a right to abortion the government could not limit, and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the Roe v. Wade decision. For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. Simply put, if FOCA becomes law, it will put at risk all the widely supported laws that for 35 years have promoted women’s health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement, safeguarded rights of conscience, and respected the desire of most citizens not to support abortion with their tax dollars. What can you do? Pick up a flyer and a sheet of postcards at the entrance to Church. Fill in your information, address them to our Senators and Representative, affix postage and mail. See the flyer for more information. **Please take action today!**



You've Got The Time!! Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming program.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ❖ **Annual Mass for Life -- Saturday, February 7, 2009** at the new Co-Cathedral. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo will preside at the Mass. The Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. with reception to follow at Cathedral Centre located across the street from the Co-Cathedral. The street address is 1701 San Jacinto.