



Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2009

Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12
Monday	Saint Polycarp, bishop, martyr Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

ADORATION CHAPEL

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.

Lenten  Schedule

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (2/25) and ends on **Holy Thursday (4/9)**
The Paschal Triduum begins at dusk on **Holy Thursday (4/9)** and ends on the evening of **Easter Sunday (4/12)**

February

22 – "You've Got The Time" Bible listening program rollout
Lenten brochures distributed

25 – Ash Wednesday

Liturgy of Word & Ash Distribution 6:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm
Mass & Ash Distribution 8:30am and 5:30pm

27 - All Fridays of Lent

Mass 6:00 am and 8:30 am
K of C Fish Fry (4-7pm)
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

March

19 – Feast of St. Joseph (Thurs.)

Cardinal DiNardo presides at 5:30 p.m. Mass
Blessing of St. Joseph Altar and Meal

30 – Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00pm

April

3 – Youth Stations of the Cross (Fri.)

5 – Palm Sunday

5:30pm (Sat.) & 11:00am (Sun.) Masses – Procession begins in the Hall
8:00am & 9:30am (Sun.) Masses
Holy Week brochures distributed

9 – Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at Altar of Repose in Angelina Rm. after Mass until 12:00 midnight

10 – Good Friday

3:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

11 – Holy Saturday

8:30pm Easter Vigil

12 – Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass in Church
9:30am & 11:00 am Mass in Church and Hall

19 – Divine Mercy Sunday



ASH WEDNESDAY

Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.

FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH MARCH 1

††† Masses

For The Week

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Deceased Priests of Arch GH
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Clarence Forse
	5:30 P.M.	†Hammond Johnson
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Sandra Benge
FRIDAY	6:00 A.M.	Unemployed Persons
	8:30 A.M.	†Thomas Cleaver
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Dean Wade Schumacher
		†Bessie Ermis
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Donald & Remedios Young
	9:30 A.M.	Austan Owen
	11:00 A.M.	†Lionel Perret

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of †Audra Hendricks, niece of Kathy & Mike Latino.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul** of †Fern Henderson, wife of Vincent, mother of Eric, Vincent II, Victoria Heckendorn, Paula Myer, Diana Hodges, Greta Luce, and Karla Christman.

Names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. Please call the parish office to request a name to be listed for an additional month.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Jack Bartlett, John Buettner, Orville Carden, Kellie Chaney, Cecil Cromeans, Ann Foster, Josephine "Jody" Gonzales, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, Tony Jaris, Marcella Martinez, Jack Newport, Cecelia Peterson, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, June Stanske, Bill Stevens and Tommy Tumlinson.

Please bring any Palms you have left from last year **to Church this Monday** so they can be burned for use on Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

❖ **Sponsors are needed for the current RCIA program.** A Sponsor gives support to their Candidate or Catechumen by walking their journey with them as a companion, personal prayer, and attending the RCIA sessions and Mass with them.

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

Would you like to learn more about your faith and the Catholic Church? Join us during Lent for video-assisted programs on **The Creed, Liturgy & Sacraments, Catholic Morality, Prayer & Spirituality, and Scripture.** Join us beginning **March 4, on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the Spiritual Learning Center/Education. Look for bulletin insert this weekend.



Needed:

A few good Practicing Catholic men
Call Leo 713-416-9135 Orville 292-6750

The **Catholic Daughters' Court 2364** will meet on **Thurs, Feb 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the F-Wing.** All women are invited to attend for a **SOCIAL** and a discussion of upcoming Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

FEBRUARY

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 RoomFeb 27th – 28th 30 hr. FAMINE Retreat 9th – 12th gradeMar 1st CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.Mar 1st Summer Camp Sign-up 12:30 p.m.

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.

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.

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scout Sunday will be celebrated at the **8:00 a.m. Mass on Mar 1st**, followed by a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall. All Girl Scouts wanting to participate **MUST be at practice at 4:00 p.m. on Feb 27th**. If you must arrive late, contact Natalia Montanez 297-1011 or Coletta Stover, 297-5191.

A VISIT FROM THE CARDINAL



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo has accepted the invitation of the Eucharistic Team of Envision to come to our parish and **celebrate Mass on Thursday, March 19th, the feast of St. Joseph -- Mass will be at 5:30PM.** Following the Mass the Cardinal will proceed to the hall and offer special blessings to include the St. Joseph altar and the prepared foods. An Italian dinner will follow.

Women of St. Michael's Upcoming Meeting

Join us for **The Women of St. Michael's monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd** in the Angelina Room after the **8:30 a.m. Mass.** Gail Mizell from **Grandparents As Parents** support service organization, will speak on the needs of grandparents and relatives raising children who are not their own. This program addresses the legal, emotional and financial issues that many grandparents are facing. Nursery is provided for children 4 yrs. old and under.

CDA Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Lake Jackson Catholic Daughters' will be serving their famous **chicken spaghetti on March 8th** in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars to attend the Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction. **Plates are \$7** (includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert). Take – out or dine – in **after all Sunday Masses beginning with the 8 AM Mass.** Raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) available from all CDA members until 1PM, March 8th. First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt. **Help us help others!!**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ❖ **RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED!** Contact Orville Bellar at 297-1027.
- ❖ **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. Contact Tommie Holt at 265-4685 for more information.
- ❖ **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.

ARE YOU READY FOR A FISH FRY?

Starting Friday, February 27 the KC's will be serving their annual **Lenten fish fry dinners**, continuing **each Friday through April 3rd**. Enjoy your meal in the Hall to the Country Sounds of Duke Gamino or pick up your dinner at our convenient drive through. Purchase raffle tickets at the door or from one of your friendly Knights, as we will as always have some great prizes. Fish dinners with all the trimmings are priced at **\$8.00**. See you there.

You've Got the Time - To listen to God's Word!



Sharing God's Word - in conjunction with

Cardinal DiNardo's emphasis on Scripture reading -- **February 21st & 22nd** the New Testament in a dramatized version of the Catholic Bible will be available here on a **CD**

in an **MP3 format**, from the group - **Faith Comes by Hearing. FREE MP3 CD for each parishioner.** Demonstrations of usage & instructions will be available in the Family Life Center this weekend! **Other formats available for purchase at minimal cost.**

THANK YOU to all who gave blood at least once during 2008. We had a wonderful, **RECORD** year collecting over **500 units of blood**. This helped save almost 1500 lives. Let's start 2009 off with a "bang" and make it an even better year. Our first drive will be held this **Sunday from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the hall of the Family Life Center.** This is our regular Sunday donation process where no appointment is necessary. First come-First served. For your efforts you will receive a nice **FREE T-SHIRT**. Bring a friend!



Give Blood.
Give Life.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer – Wed, Feb 25th - 9:30 am – 2 pm FROM ASHES TO EASTER

We will walk with the early church penitents to see what they experienced. Then we will join them on our own journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. The day concludes with the liturgy of Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes. Minimum Offering: \$30 (lunch included) Actual Cost: \$80. For registration information on any program or for a full listing of all our programs, please visit our website at www.cenacle retreat house.org or call the ministry office at the Cenacle at 281/497-3131.

Lenten Mission, March 8th -11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity, Angleton -

The featured missionary will be Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo. Nightly mission topics to address how our Roman Catholic faith helps us to follow the way of Jesus in our very complicated world today. Break-out sessions for elementary children and babysitting for children under 4 will be available. Please call MHT office to reserve space for your child at 979-849-2421.