



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2009

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Saint Casimir Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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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 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)**

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

All Sundays of Lent

VESPERS – 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in F-Wing

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

Join us to pray **VESPERS** every **Sunday** evening from **6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the F-Wing**. This is a beautiful way to end every week during the Lenten Season.



**YOUR WAYS, O LORD,
ARE LOVE AND TRUTH,
TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT.**

MARCH 3 THROUGH MARCH 8



**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**

TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠ Fern Henderson
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	✠ Emily Sophia Gaides SMLJ Parish Staff
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	✠ Audra Hendricks
FRIDAY	6:00 A.M.	✠ Fern Henderson
	8:30 A.M.	✠ B. L. Schindler
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	Kolbe Ondrey Pres Obama & VP Biden
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	✠ Margaret F. Ryan
	9:30 A.M.	✠ Fern Henderson
	11:00 A.M.	✠ Thomas Cleaver

Please pray for the repose of the soul of ✠ **Cecelia Peterson**, mother of Patricia Williams.

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

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.
- ❖ **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** needed for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Must be confirmed Catholic in good standing. Training required.

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



DSF UPDATE:

If you have not already offered your pledge to this year's Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. We are counting on you to answer the call of the

Eucharist: to *Show God's Hospitality*. Through your generous support of DSF, we can bring Christ's comfort and support for the many pressing needs and priorities that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. **For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude** and know of our prayers that your gift will be returned to you through Christ. **Our parish goal for this year is \$102,000.** With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need and advance the work of the church in our community. To donate online, use www.archgh.org/dsf.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MARCH

- Mar 1st CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Mar 1st Summer Camp Sign-up 12:15 p.m.
- Mar 8th CLASS 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Mar 11th Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor 7 pm FLC
- Mar 15th – 22nd NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK
- Mar 27th – 28th Faith In Action work days

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 12:15 -1:30 pm** in the Angelina Room for all those interested in attending, and their parents.

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 from 9 – 11 am**. Proceeds to benefit St. Michael's Girl Scout Spiritual Day.

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!!**



Feb 28th – Mar 1st St. Michael's Library will have a **Book Fair** with items from Veritas Bookstore. Open Saturday before and after Mass and after all Masses on Sunday. Come check out new Lenten & Easter items for your spiritual journey.

Pro-Life

We have a Pro-Life group that meets to pray **the rosary for the unborn** each First Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM in the chapel. The next rosary/prayer day is March 7th. Rosaries specifically for saving the unborn from abortion, from our Blessed Lady, will be available. **COME JOIN US!** Pray for an end to abortion!

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?



The Knights of Columbus will be serving their annual **Lenten fish fry dinners each Friday 5 – 7 p.m.** in the hall of the Family Life Center 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.



This **Wed. March 4th at 7pm** in the Education Building, we will begin our **Lenten Program, Echoes of Faith Plus**. The topic this Wednesday is: **I Believe, We Believe (The Creed)** This video module addresses the major elements of the Catholic Profession of Faith: the Trinitarian images of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; as well as the

Church and the development of its key creedal statements. **Bring a friend and get 2 chances for a door prize.**

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, the New Testament is available in a dramatized version of the Catholic Bible on **CD in an MP3 format** from the group Faith

Comes by Hearing. **FREE MP3 CDs are available for each parishioner**. Demonstrations of usage & instructions will be available. **Other formats are available for purchase at minimal cost**. Contact the Parish Office at 297-3041 for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ❖ **Lenten Mission, March 8th -11th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity, Angleton** - The featured missioner 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.
- ❖ **Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School will host an Open House on Tues, Mar 3rd from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** New families that attend this open house will be able to register prior to the general public on Mar 10th. 979-265-3909 for information.
- ❖ **KJZT will meet on Tues, Mar 17th at 10:30 am** at 228 Hargett, Clute.