



**This is
My beloved
Son;
HEAR
HIM.**

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord — of my resources, of my time, of myself — also sacrificial? Romans 8:32

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2009

- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
- Monday** **Saint Frances of Rome, religious**
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Lent**
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

I will walk before
the **LORD**, in the
land of the living.

MARCH 10 THROUGH MARCH 15

Masses For The Week



- TUESDAY** 5:30 P.M. SMLJ Parish Staff
- WEDNESDAY** 8:30 A.M. †Florence Shaw
- THURSDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Fern Henderson
†Joe Dale Psencik
- FRIDAY** 6:00 A.M. Pres Obama & VP Biden
8:30 A.M. †C. J. Vitek
- SATURDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Deceased of Rutkowski Family
- SUNDAY** 8:00 A.M. †John Kubesch
9:30 A.M. †Victoria Cortes Gonzales
†Cecelia Peterson
11:00 A.M. †Hammond Johnson
Tiffany Sanchez

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

- †Lavina Jacildo, wife of Vincente Jacildo, Sr.
†Ed Ramirez, husband of Irma Ramirez.
†George F. Robie, Sr., father of Dick Robie, grandfather of Patrick and Rebecca.
†Charles William "Bonk" Schroll, father of Tracy Schroll, grandfather of Taylor, Samantha, & Megan.

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.

Kristen Benavides, 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.

Pray for Them

**A VISIT FROM THE CARDINAL
ON THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo has accepted the invitation of the Eucharistic Team of Envision to come to our parish. **Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate Mass** along with Msgr. Leo and Fr. Marty on **Thursday, March 19th for the Feast of St. Joseph -- Mass will be at 5:30PM.** Following the Mass the Cardinal will proceed to the Hall of the Family Life Center to offer special blessings of the St. Joseph altar and the prepared foods. An Italian dinner will follow. **Contact Kathy & Mike Latino at 297-2819 to help** with baking, preparation, and set-up of the St. Joseph's Altar and meal.

Those parishioners who are planning to attend the blessing of the St. Joseph altar and the dinner which follows are asked to **sign the flip chat in the back of the church** indicating the number of persons in your family who will be attending.

THE JOURNEY
WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

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 (5-7pm)
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**



TOGETHER **LET US PRAY** ... **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.



Donations for **EASTER flowers for the Church** can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Requested contribution is **\$15.00 per lily.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



DSF UPDATE: Our parish goal for this year is \$102,000.

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. 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.



May our generous response to our Diocesan Services Fund further the many ministries of our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, thus making each of us the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to those in need.

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.
- **Elderly parishioner** needs assistance with **yard work** and light maintenance.

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



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's



The Knights of Columbus are 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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2364

Catholic Daughters of the Americas engage in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their God-given talents in meaningful ways that positively influence the welfare of the Church and all people throughout the community. We strive to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. Members of our local court raise funds to support youth scholarships, SMLJ capital campaign, National CDA supported charities, and various charitable causes in our community such as Pregnancy Help Center, Salvation Army, Memorial Child Care, Kidz Harbor, Safe Haven, Adopt-a-Family, St. Vincent de Paul, and many others. Our fundraisers include an annual Spaghetti Dinner and periodic bake sales. Our members serve coffee & donuts after all Masses on Sunday to promote fellowship within our parish community. We have 61 members and we meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the F-Wing for a program and social time. All Catholic women are invited to join us and become a CDA sister!

Contact Mary Montague, 297-9026 or Lynne Hanrahan, 297-3041 for more information.

Special Event



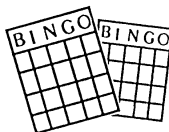
CDA Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

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!!

Come to the SENIOR FRIENDS Bingo
Bring a dish to share, play Bingo, visit

Hope to see you there!



Tues, Mar 10th in the F Wing at 10:00a.m.
with friends, and win some prizes.



The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank **Pack 324 and Troop 324 of St. Michael's and Pack 366 of Our Lady Queen of Peace** for all their work in collecting and donating canned and dried foods to the SVdP pantry during the annual Boy Scout food drive. It really makes a difference to our neighbors in need. Thanks!



Guidelines of Lenten Observance for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of **fast and abstinence**. **Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence**.
- **Fasting** binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.
- **Abstinence** binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.
- **Lent** is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

For more information on the penitential practices of the Catholic Church see the document of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/dpp/penitential.htm>



This **Wed. March 11th at 7pm** in the **Education Building**, we will continue our **Lenten Program, "Echoes of Faith Plus"**. The topic this Wednesday is: **Liturgy & Sacraments**. This module begins by defining liturgy and ritual and describing their importance in Catholic worship. The second segment explores some elements that contribute to the celebration of effective liturgy, especially the use of space, music, and symbolic actions, the role of the assembly, and the importance of cultural expression. The remaining segments address the meaning of sacrament and offer an overview of the Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, and Sacraments at the Service of Communion. **Bring a friend or your spouse and get 2 chances for a door prize.**

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Jason Lorenz
Jeremy & Jeanne Pelt and Brandan
Randall & Marianne Mechura
Michael & Cynthia Pellizzari
Gary & Linda Greer
Monica Mata
John & Maria Howell
Sam & Teresa Garcia
Bevelyn Granger
Steve Richter
Michael & Natalia Marshall



Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are held at St. Michael's on the **third Tuesday of every month** from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The next session is **Tuesday, March 24th due to Spring Break**. Call **Cindy Hakanson at 299-0690** to register. Nursery is available for 4 and under. Class attendance is mandatory for parents wishing to have their children baptized at St. Michael's.



Second Sunday of Lent: First Reading
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 — Loving Self-Sacrifice

Abraham would be arrested for child abuse if he pulled a stunt like this today. He brought his son up a hill and raised a knife to kill him. No parent should do that. We remember this story not as a model of parenting, but as a symbol of sacrifice. Both Abraham and God serve as models. Abraham completely trusted God. God promised him a son, and Isaac was born after Abraham waited one hundred years. Then God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, his only son, the one whom he loved. Abraham continued to trust God. His trust is what inspires us in times of extreme adversity.

The story also symbolizes God's love. God led his son, Jesus, his only Son, whom he loved, up a hill, where he was raised on a cross. In the story of Abraham, an angel stopped the killing. In the story of Jesus, the killing continues, but angels announce that the One who died has risen. Some of our hardest choices concern children we love. We would never harm them physically, but sometimes we inconvenience them, disagree with them, or punish them for the sake of a greater good. We love God more than anyone or anything else.

Second Sunday of Lent: Second Reading
Romans 8:31b-34 — Our Fan Club

Cheering helps. Can you imagine a basketball game where no one cheered? Imagine the stands full of fans who observed the game with the intensity of interns watching surgery. Imagine no one applauding or yelling—people just watching, like analysts, as the game unfolded below. It would be dispiriting to the players. They wouldn't do their best. A little cheering helps. A lot of cheering helps even more.

Lent puts us into a contest against our sins. For six weeks we accept a spiritual regimen of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's a hard contest. It would be nice if someone cheered us on. Well, someone is cheering. God is our fan club. God has already taken extraordinary measures to help save us. Paul writes to the Romans, "God did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all." Since God has already given us Jesus, the greatest possible gift, "How will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God wants us to win our fight against sin. God is our fan club. Do you sometimes feel as though you cannot overcome your bad habits? Can you not forgive yourself for a sin long past? Are you lost when you try to pray? Do you look to the future with despair? God is cheering you on. And, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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Dates to Remember

- The **K of C 4th Degree exemplification** will be held here on **Mar 28th—29th**. We are expecting about **400 members of the 4th degree & their families to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday**. Parking and seating will be limited, so please plan accordingly.
- **St. Michael's 5th Annual Family Fun Fest** will be held **Sunday, April 26th from 12 noon to 4 p.m.** on our Church grounds. Includes BBQ, Silent Auction, children's activities, games, booths, entertainment, and more! For more information, contact Patti Trahan at 297-2591 or plt1978@comcast.net
- The next **Blood Drive** will be held in conjunction with the **Fun Fest on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** using Mobile Units from the Blood Center. Visit the vans in the parking lot of the Family Life Center, donate blood, and then buy yourself a hearty BBQ dinner at the Fun Fest!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MARCH

- 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

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

Our parish youth, grades 6-12 will be fundraising for SUMMER CAMP, '09 MISSION, and STEUBENVILLE. Fundraisers include:

- T-shirt sales during the Friday night Lenten Fish Fry
- Enchilada dinners on March 22nd ; April 19th (take out only); and Sat./Sun. May 30th & 31st.
- Breakfast taco sales Sunday mornings— 3/29, 4/26 & 5/3

Please come through the hall of the Family Life Center and support them.

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Religious Education & Youth Ministry: (979) 297-3043
Website: www.smlj.org
Sunday Liturgy
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday 5:00–5:30 p.m.
Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Adoration Chapel
Every day 9:00 a.m.–Midnight
Nursery
Available in the Family Life Center during the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses



VBS 2009 SonHarvest County Fair — June 22nd -26th — 9a.m-noon
Children preschool age three years to 5th grade.
To volunteer call Tricia DeCarolis @ 297-3017

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- KJZT will meet on Tues, Mar 17th at 10:30 am at 228 Hargett, Clute.