



"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is a gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.

*Lord, You Have The Words
Of Everlasting Life.*

Readings for the Week of March 15, 2009

- 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
- Monday**
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42 and 43; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday** **Saint Patrick, bishop**
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 2; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday** **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor**
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday** **Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday**
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday**
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21

Masses For The Week



MARCH 17 THROUGH MARCH 22

- TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Josie Wleczyk
†Mary Roughan Ellyn
- WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Victoria Cortez Gonzales
†Pete Cleaver
- THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Albert & Rosa Romano
†Joe & Lena Mandola
- FRIDAY 6:00 A.M.** Pres Obama & VP Biden
8:30 A.M. †Irene Dirba
†Bessie Ermis
- SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Fern Henderson
- SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Alfred & Anita Sokol
9:30 A.M. †Thomas Cleaver
11:00 A.M. †Hammond Johnson
†Fern Henderson

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.

Pray for Them

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

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

CELEBRATE LITURGY WITH DANIEL CARDINAL DINARDO



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be here to celebrate Mass along with Msgr. Leo and Fr. Marty on **Thurs. 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.

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 chart in the back of the church indicating the number of persons in your family who will be attending. Contact **Kathy & Mike Latino at 297-2819** with questions or to help.



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

There will be a **collection for the Catholic Relief Services** the weekend of **March 21st–22nd.** The Catholic Relief Services combats poverty, displacement, human trafficking, unjust policies, the effects of natural disaster and emergencies, and hunger around the world. **Please give generously.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



DSF UPDATE: As of 3/9/09, a total of 204 of our parishioners have pledged \$55,193.65 to DSF. A total of \$33,679.90, or 33.5% of our parish goal of \$100,405.00, has been paid. **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.

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.



Congratulations!

On Sat. March 7, the Galveston-Houston Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting awarded the following

adults in recognition of their contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scroll of Honor Certificate was awarded to:

Dorothy Babbington, Marcella Latta, Bruce Raiff, Yvonne Samson, and Rev. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

Bronze Pelican Emblem was awarded to:

Steve Solis



The **General Parish Facility Calendar** is available for viewing **ON-LINE** on our website—www.smlj.org. You can check the calendar to find out where & when specific events are being held, or find a room that is available for you to

reserve for an upcoming ministry meeting or event.

Call the Parish Office at 297-3041 to reserve the room for your next ministry event today!



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's



Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

- **Sponsor Couples are needed to work with our pre-marital preparation program.** "For Better and For Ever" is a parish-based program in which a married couple serves as a "sponsor" to an engaged couple. The engaged couple learns of married life from a couple already living a Christian marriage. The sponsor couple helps prepare the engaged couple for the important step they will be taking through individual reflection, written assignments, and group dialogue. Training required.
- **Volunteers are needed for 2009 Vacation Bible School.** We are gearing up for the **Son Harvest County Fair** on **June 22nd -26th** from **9a.m - noon**. Children preschool age three years to 5th grade. To volunteer call Tricia DeCarolis @ 297-3017.
- **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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 6812

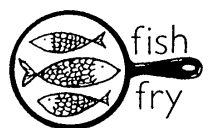
The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1881 as a fraternal organization to serve the church community and member families. There are presently more than 1,600,000 members in 11,000 councils in the world. The Knights of Columbus is a staunch Pro Life organization.

The Knights of Columbus at St. Michael's, Council 6812 is 225 members strong, and is truly a service organization serving church, family, and community. The Council provides financial assistance to many ministries at St. Michael's such as the Youth Ministry, Boy's Scouts, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Gabriel Project, and many others. In addition, assistance is given to Pregnancy Help Center, support of seminary students, blood drives, and other non-profit organizations lending assistance to the needy. We do this with fund raisers such as the Lenten Fish Fry, Bar-B-Que Chicken Sunday, Pancake Breakfasts, and other fund raising activities. **The men of the Knights of Columbus invite you to join with us and become a member.** It takes a little time on your part, but the rewards gained by serving your church and family are too great to outline here. Contact a Knight and talk to them about becoming a member today.



Knights of Columbus

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. Fish dinners with all the trimmings are priced at **\$8.00**.





This **Wed. March 18th at 7pm** in the **Education Building**, we will continue our **Lenten Program**, “**Echoes of Faith Plus**”. The topic this week is: **Catholic Morality**. This module begins with an overview of the meaning of morality and virtue. It continues with segments that treat objective and subjective morality, the conditions for moral actions, conscience and the criteria for moral decision making. **Bring your spouse and get 2 chances for a door prize.**

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MARCH

Mar 15th – 22nd NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK
Mar 27th – 28th Faith In Action work days
Mar 29th CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Mar 29th Mission Adult Ldr. Mtg. 12:15—1:30 pm in Angelina room

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.

Graduating HS Seniors – Scholarship applications from the Youth Office and other ministries have been mailed out. Each individual ministry has set a deadline for return of their application forms. Completed **Youth Ministry Scholarship applications must be returned by April 30th**. If you have not received any forms, please contact the Youth Office. The **Graduation Mass and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, May 17th** with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by luncheon in the Hall of the FLC.

WIDOWED, DIVORCED, AND SEPARATED

From Grief to Growth—A Healing Journey is a support ministry that is being held for **10 weeks** beginning **March 18th through May 20th** at St. Michael's in the **E-Wing**. 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 other who have had a common experience. This is a Christ-centered non-denominational program. Everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is invited. **Weds nights, 6:45 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** Call the Parish Office for more information.



Baptism preparation classes for parents and God-parents 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.

St. Joseph



St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. He was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On **March 19** our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch.

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.
- **VIRTUS—PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** at St. Michael's on **Thurs. May 7th 6:15—9:30 p.m.** Register in advance at www.virtus.org.



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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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. and 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

Please do not park in HANDICAPPED without a permit or in FIRE LANES. The police have been issuing tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- **KJZT will meet on Tues, Mar 17th at 10:30 am** at 228 Hargett, Clute.
- **KJT will meet on Tues, Mar 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Center at St. Jerome's in Clute.
- The **Theresian Communities** of Fort Bend County and Houston are co-sponsoring the **2009 Day of Prayer**. It is open to all women who are interested in deepening their spiritual life particularly during this Lenten season. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Theresa Community Center in Sugar Land with ROBIN HEBERT of Lafayette, LA** as the guest speaker. Robin is well known in Theresian circles as a former TUS National President and an inspiring presenter. Her topic is: **"A Lenten Journey with Martha and Mary: Exploring the Better Part"**. For Registration information contact Pat Reed at 281-494-5500.