

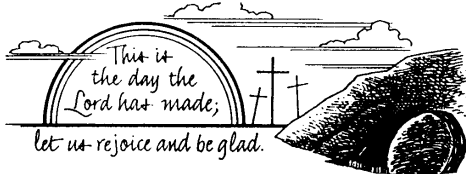


Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

alleluia

MASSES
For The Week

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.



Sunday

Readings for the Week of April 12, 2009
Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48
Friday Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday **Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday**
Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday


Saturday

Sunday

APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 19

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Pres Obama & VP Biden
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Johnnie McGregor
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Olga Valenzuela
		†Fern Henderson
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	Rev. Martin Pham
		†George Robie, Sr.
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Alfred Psencik
		†Lupita Delafuente Sykes
		†Alex Adrian Pulido
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Clemente O. Gutierrez
		†Ma. Guadalupe A. Gutierrez
	9:30 A.M.	George Ryan
		†Matthew David Anderson
	11:00 A.M.	†Hammond Johnson
		†Sam Knox

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

Nelda Alford, Kristen Benavides, John Boettiger Jr., Abby Campestre, Kellie Chaney, Tonie Christen, Cecil Cromeans, Cindy Dworaczyk, Pete Ermis, Ann Foster, 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.

Please join us to celebrate the Feast of Mercy on

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009

Divine Mercy Prayer Service

Eucharistic Exposition
and Benediction

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come and give thanks to God for His great gift of Mercy upon the whole world this special day!



Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 — All Is New

“What’s new?” That’s what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew. After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples did not wait for people to ask, “What’s new?” **They proudly proclaimed it: “God raised Jesus on the third day and granted that he be visible to us witnesses.”** Now, that’s new! If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your dependence upon God’s help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor. Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God’s Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you! You are now a witness of all that God can do. **This Easter Day, tell your story.** Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! **Jesus lives!**

Colossians 3:1-4 — New Neighbors

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. He has entered a new neighborhood, and he has made room for us. After three days in the tomb, Jesus rose again to display his power over death—all death, his and ours. The resurrection is a sign of God’s power and of human hope. We have nothing to fear. We trust God’s complete desire to end all misery and to raise us up in glory. The Letter to the Colossians says, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above. ... Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” With the resurrection of Jesus, we have moved into a new neighborhood. We no longer live in a place of sin and suffering. We live in hope and glory. We sustain this happy life when we seek what is above, not what is on earth. We contemplate the life of prayer, charity and peacefulness, and not the life of greed, selfishness and hatred. We live in a new place away from the addictions of old. This Easter day brings immense rejoicing. It also brings expectations. It expects that we who are privileged to live with the risen Christ will keep up the neighborhood. We will have all the help we need from the Spirit who dwells within us. This Easter, let us joyfully think of what is above and place ourselves at the service of the One who will raise us up in glory. Written by Paul Turner. Copyright © 2008, Resource Publications, Inc.

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DSF UPDATE:

As of 4/6/09, a total of 336 of our parishioners have pledged \$96,313.65 to DSF. Of the total pledged, \$60,395.90 has been paid. This is 60.15% of our parish goal of \$100,405.00. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously. We continue to move towards the goal with the amount pledged, but we still need everyone to complete their pledge card, or donate on line, so we can wrap up this part of the campaign. Of course, the next step will be for everyone to pay their pledged amount.

To donate online, you can go to www.archgh.org/dsf.

BINGO

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

Calling ALL SENIORS (60+) - Come play BINGO this Tuesday 4/14 and enjoy a Pot Luck Lunch! We meet in the F-Wing at 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the month for a few hours of fun and fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share, and bring a friend! There is no charge, and we have PRIZES! Contact Lucille Drabek at 297-4264 for more information.

St. Michael's 5th Annual Family Fun Fest will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on our Church grounds. BBQ, Silent Auction, Children's Activities, Games, Booths, Entertainment, BINGO, and more!



KICK IT UP! Please consider **baking & donating your family's favorite dessert** for the bake sale for our Parish Picnic on April 26th. **BAM!**



St. Michael's Nursery is located in the **Family Life Center** just off the main hallway and is available **free** of charge and **adult supervised each Sunday from 9 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.** for children from **Infant through the age of three (3) years.**

Questions: Call Lynette Biediger, Nursery Ministry Director, 265-7520; lwrightb@hotmail.com

- ⇒ Don't forget to **mail out your Parcel Post requests** to family and friends. Parcel Post items can be returned to the office.
- ⇒ Please consider **donating an item, large or small for the SILENT AUCTION.** Forms can be found in the basket at the back of church.
- ⇒ **Volunteers are needed to sign-up and work one-hour shifts.** We will have Helper Sign-Up after all Masses in the Family Life Center on April 18-19. Please sign up!!
- ⇒ In lieu of each family buying \$25 worth of raffle tickets this year, we will have the **raffle cage and envelopes set up for families to donate directly to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.**
- ⇒ For further info, please contact Patti Trahan at 297-2591 or at plt1978@comcast.net.

Don't Forget Girl Scout Spiritual Day
April 19th — 12:00 noon—5:30 p.m.



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Inspired by Gospel values, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. As a reflection of the whole family of God, members who are known as **Vincentians** are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level. Vincetians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic rule. Organized locally, **Vincetians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has as its mission to assist, spiritually and materially, people in need. At St. Michael's, the **Vincetians operate an emergency food pantry.** The pantry is not a storefront open to the public. Instead, our volunteer Vincetians respond to requests they receive from individuals or families who live in the local areas of Lake Jackson, Clute, and Richwood. When an individual calls or visits the parish office, a team of two Vincetians makes a home visit to bring food to the person and their family. During the home visit, the Vincetians evaluate the individual's or family's needs and try to assist where they can. The needs may be physical (food, prescriptions, or money for rent / utilities) or they may just need someone to talk to. **Regardless of the circumstances, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does what it can to assist those in our community who are in need.**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Michael's is funded by donations from our parishioners and many others in the community. The Food Pantry is stocked through food donations dropped off at the church or through periodic food drives conducted by our Youth Ministry, Boy & Girl Scouts, or others. Monetary donations received by the SVDP are used to stock the pantry when necessary, and to purchase perishable items which are brought to clients in need. None of this would be possible without the generous donations from our parishioners, other people in our local community, and the hard work of the Vincetians. **SVDP needs people like you to donate time, energy and experience in a variety of areas.** Consider becoming part of the group so you can help families and individuals meet not only their daily needs, but to work towards a brighter future. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

APRIL

Apr 12th

Apr 15th

Apr 19th

Apr 19th

Apr 26th

NO CLASS—EASTER

Conf I Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. 7 p.m. FLC

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Mission Meeting—CANCELLED

Graduation Mass planning 6:30 p.m.

PARISH FUN FEST—NO CLASS

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

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

Fundraisers include:

- **Enchilada dinners** on **April 19th, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**
and **Sat. & Sun. May 30th & 31st.**

- **Breakfast Taco** sales Sunday mornings— **4/26 & 5/3**

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

ATTENTION MISSION 2009 PARTICIPANTS: The Mission Meeting for APRIL has been **CANCELLED**.

Attention Graduating 2009 Seniors

Please come to a meeting on **Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 pm** in the Family Life Center with Mike to help plan the **Graduation Mass and Luncheon** that will be held on May 17th. This will be your special day, and we request your attendance and active participation at this meeting!

Attention High School Seniors!!

The Women of St. Michael's are offering **four \$500 scholarships** this year. Applications have been mailed out to all graduating seniors. **Completed applications are due by April 30, 2009.** If you did not receive an application form, please contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Mary Gerwig at 979-373-1330 or the Youth Office.

Easter Sunday

Reforming our lives during Lent has led us to renewing our baptismal promises at this Easter celebration. Each Sunday during the Easter season, we should recall our baptism through the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water. This is the ideal time of year to celebrate not only baptism but also confirmation and first communion, the sacraments which complete the Christian initiation process begun with baptism.

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Dates to Remember

- 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.
- **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) Court 2364** will have a **BAKE SALE** after all Masses on **Sunday, May 10th. Bring home a dessert to treat your MOM on Mother's Day.** Proceeds will support youth scholarships and other charitable projects.
- The High School **Graduation Mass** will be held on **Sunday, May 17th** with **11:00 a.m. Mass** followed by a **luncheon** in the Hall of the FLC for graduates and their families.
- **Summer Camp 2009** for 6th, 7th, & 8th will be **June 18th – 24th**
- **Youth on a Mission 2009 – "RISE: Give Yourself Away"** will be **July 18th – 25th.**
- **Vacation Bible School—Son Harvest County Fair** will be held **June 22nd—26th** from **9 a.m. to noon.**
- **Women's Christ Renews His Parish** retreat at St. Michael's on **Sept 12th—13th**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ◆ **"An Afternoon of Reflection with the Teachings of Archbishop Sheen"** will be held on **April 18th** in Houston at the Cathedral Center from 2:30—4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at the Co-Cathedral. For info — www.archbishopsheencause.org
- ◆ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend upcoming dates: **June 12th —14th** and **July 17th—19th.** Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-485-5648 for more information or see website at www.mehouston.org
- ◆ **St. Laurence Chamber Singers Mozart's Requiem Spring Concert Performance** Thursday, **April 16, 2009 7:30 p.m.** Soloists, Chorus, and Orchestra conducted by Kevin M. Klotz. Free admission and reception at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX; 281.980.9812 or www.stlaurence.org
- ◆ **International Evangelization Conference Calls All Faithful To Holiness**

What do a pope, an archbishop, a missionary and a mother have in common? They all said "yes" to **God's Universal Call to Holiness**, walking unhesitatingly according to their own gifts and duties in the path of a living faith. The result was to arouse hopes and works of charity amongst others, thus living out the words of Vatican II bishops faithfully. Participants will have the opportunity to discover their own path of a living faith on **September 11 -12, 2009**, Friday and Saturday, during a unique and exciting evangelization conference. The **Call to Holiness conference will be held at the George R. Brown Conference Center downtown.**

For more information please go to www.cth2009.org

- ◆ **St. Joseph on the Brazos** in Brazoria will have their **Annual Bazaar on Sunday April 26th.** BBQ dinners \$8.00 served from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Auction, kids games, raffle, etc.

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Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

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Religious Education & Youth Ministry: (979) 297-3043

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

Baptism Preparation

Call Cindy Hakanson at 299-0690 for information

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



Welcome the youth Catechumens & Candidates who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday April 11, 2009:

Baptized, First Communion, & Confirmation:

Willie Petree Godparents: Sandra Torres & Jesse Tupaz

Amber Petree Godparents: Carlo Maki & Charles Willard

Amber Thompson Godparents: Robert & Hilda Martinez

Received First Communion:

Destiny Gonzales

Kyera Rangel

