

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.



*Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is GOOD,
His love is EVERLASTING.*

Sunday	Readings for the Week of April 19, 2009 Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Saint Anselm, bishop, doctor Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Saints George, martyr; Adalbert, bishop, martyr Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Saint Mark, evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35—Share and Share Alike

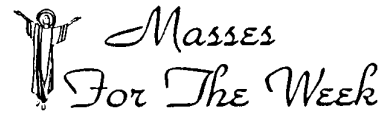
Share and share alike. One of the first lessons we learn in life is the importance of sharing what we have. Whether we receive freely or give freely, sharing bring happiness to all involved. When the first Christians formed a community, they shared everything they owned. The followers of Jesus were not content with a personal relationship with their Savior. They craved a personal relationship with the community of believers. Some believers had more than others. Those who owned property or houses sold them and gave the proceeds to the leaders, who distributed the money to those who needed it. Those who had more realized they could live with less. Those who had less got what they needed to live. Today many Christians feel good if we tithe. If we give ten percent of what we earn to charities, we feel like we've done our part. The first Christians did more. Much more. They gave until everyone in their community had the same. Share and share alike. Do you have more than you need of something? What would it take for you to give it away?

All the early church needed was faith.

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Hallelujah!



APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 26

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Charles William Schroll
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Irene Dirba
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Lynne & Scott Hanrahan †Denise Libersat
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	Shawn Hanrahan †Russell Hakanson
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Cecelia Peterson Pres Obama & VP Biden
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Bulletin Sponsors
	9:30 A.M.	†Cecelia Peterson †Margaret Ryan
	11:00 A.M.	†Fern Henderson

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †**June Rae Stanke**, mother of Lindy Mulhollan (Renalde), grandmother of Jonathan and Aaron.

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.



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, Michael Hunt, Tony Jaris, Christopher Kana, Ralph Lewis, Marcella Martinez, Jack Newport, Louis Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, Bill Stevens and Tommy Tumlinson.

Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus Christ is risen. **Alleluia!** What we celebrate on Easter Sunday we celebrate with equal joy for a full fifty days—seven times seven days, a week of weeks—until Pentecost. The jubilant word “alleluia,” which comes to us from Hebrew, is not used at all during Lent. We use it over and over again in this season, however, for as St. Augustine said, **“We are an Easter people and ‘alleluia’ is our cry.”**

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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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



DSF UPDATE:

As we continue to move towards our **Parish goal of \$100,405.00**, it is very important that **everyone complete and send in their pledge card**, or donate online. Additional DSF envelopes are available on the table at the rear of the church or in the Parish Office. You can mail your pledge directly to the Archdiocese, or you can return it in the collection basket and we will mail for you. **We need your help to wrap up this part of the campaign.** We are still short of our goal. **Thank you again to all who have given so generously.** The next step will be for everyone to pay the amount that they so generously pledged. To donate online, you can go to www.archgh.org/dsf.

Attention All Parishioners!!!! Join us for FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

It is only one week away from **St. Michael's Family Fun Fest to be held Sunday, April 26th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** on our Church grounds.

There will be **BBQ, a huge Silent Auction, Children's Activities, Games, Booths, Entertainment, BINGO,** and more!



- ◆ **Volunteer to sign-up and work a one-hour shift.** We will have **Helper Sign-Up after all Masses in the Family Life Center today.** Please sign up!!
- ◆ You can also **buy your BBQ tickets, food/game tickets, and wristbands for the children's rides early** after all Masses today, too!
- ◆ Can you bake and **donate your family's favorite dessert for the bake sale?** Drop off by 12 noon April 26th.
- ◆ Don't forget to **mail out your Parcel Post requests** to family and friends. Parcel Post items should be returned to the office by **Weds, April 22nd.**
- ◆ **Can you donate an item for the SILENT AUCTION?** Forms can be found in the basket at the back of church.
- ◆ 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.** Donations can be made in Family Life Center after Masses today, too!
- ◆ A **Blood Drive will be held in conjunction with the Fun Fest.** We will have Mobile Units set up from the Blood Center in the church parking lot from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.!** We will have **3 COACHES (BLOOD MOBILES)** set up near the FunFest activities. We will give you a **FREE T-SHIRT** for your gift. No appointments necessary--come out enjoy the activities and give the **GIFT OF LIFE.** For questions call 297-6800.



For further info, see www.smlg.org church website or contact Patti Trahan at 297-2591 or at plt1978@comcast.net.



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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

APRIL

Apr 19th

Apr 19th

Apr 26th

MAY

May 3rd

May 17th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Mission Meeting—CANCELLED
Graduation Mass planning 6:30 p.m.
PARISH FUN FEST—NO CLASS

Last Class!
Graduation Mass & Luncheon

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**.

Calling All 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.



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



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.

Please RSVP to the Youth Office.

Dates to Remember

- **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.
- **3rd Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang** begins here **Sunday, May 10th.** Pick up your baby bottle and fill it with change for the Pregnancy Help Center and return by June 21st.
- **FIREPROOF—Making a Marriage Work MOVIE, May 17th 9:15 a.m. and May 24th 12:15 p.m.** in the Wolters Room. Hosted by Adult Faith Formation.
- **Vacation Bible School—Son Harvest County Fair** will be held **June 22nd—26th** from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **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.**
- **Women's Christ Renews His Parish** retreat at St. Michael's on **Sept 12th—13th**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ◆ **Brazoria County National Day of Prayer Event** will be held on **Thursday, May 7, 2009, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** across from the Angleton Courthouse on East Locust Street. Free lunch served to the first 250 people at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ We invite you to join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in a **Peaceful, Prayerful, Mass and Rosary Procession to an Abortion Facility** on **Saturday, May 9, 2009.** Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Christ the Good Shepherd, 18511 Klein Church Road, Spring, Texas 77379. A Rosary Procession to Women's Medical Center of NW Houston, 17070 Red Oak will follow.
- ◆ **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. 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.
- ◆ **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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that "in every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Bishops, priests and deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as **ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord**. When such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, the priest may call upon **extraordinary ministers**...to assist him for this purpose."

Extraordinary Ministers are called to this ministry for many reasons, but all share a common love for **Christ in the Eucharist**. When lay Eucharistic Ministers are asked about the doctrinal significance of their ministry, most speak immediately of the Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When distributing Communion, the minister proclaims "**The Body of Christ. The Blood of Christ.**" Christ who existed before existence, Christ the eternal Word who became flesh in Bethlehem, Christ whose flesh and blood were nailed to a cross, Christ whose body rose from the dead in a new form, Christ who left us his body and blood in the Eucharist, Christ whose body *we are* — **this is the Christ we proclaim**. When we receive Communion, we join in the communion with the Body of Christ, risen and present all around us. We say, AMEN! What a privilege it is for us to serve our community of faith as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. Outside of Mass, Extraordinary Ministers assist priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Extraordinary Ministers must be Catholics who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. They must be at least 18 years of age and participate regularly in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. If the Extraordinary Minister is married, the marriage must be one recognized by the Catholic Church.

Christ does not call the "equipped" to serve Him, He "equips" those He calls. Remember the boy in John 6:9, **who was called** to bring his five barley loaves and two fish to help Christ feed five thousand people? He likely did not feel worthy, **but he was CALLED** by Christ. **Are you being CALLED** to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? For more information, contact the Parish Office.