



To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

John 10:12



The Stone
Rejected By The Builders
Has Become The Cornerstone.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

MYSTAGOGY

Mystagogy is reflecting. It is a time set aside for those who just celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil to share the meaning of the rites and rituals they just celebrated. Perhaps sharing how our experience affected us is something that we do not do often enough. We need to take some time to reflect, perhaps with others, on the meaning of the Holy Week celebrations. We are so used to looking forward to upcoming events that we forget how important it is to **look back** and **share how and where God touched our hearts.** That is the whole meaning of Mystagogy.

To ask the question after every Mass, "Where did God touch me during the Liturgy?" would be a wonderful way to make more real the power of God's presence.

Mass Intentions

MAY 5 THROUGH MAY 10

TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†George F. Robie, Sr.
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Irene Dirba
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Pres Obama & VP Biden
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Ryan Barnes
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Louise Muhl Godwin Akpan
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Josie Wleczyk †Albert & Rosa Romano †Joe & Lena Mandola
	9:30 A.M.	†Darcy Pawelka Pres Obama & VP Biden
	11:00 A.M.	†Ryan Barnes †Matthew Anderson

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †John Dubrick, brother of Janice Freeman

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 period of time.



Nelda Alford, John Boettiger Jr., Kellie Chaney, Paige Haas, Dennis Heinroth, Tony Jaris, Chris Kana, Ralph Lewis, Judy Pacella, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner and Tommy Tomlinson.



First Eucharist

Congratulations to our First Communicants!
St. Michael's will have 55 children make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

"Body of Christ, true bread of life, stay always in their hearts."

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 9 & 10, 2009

Ministry	5:30 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
EMHC	Ken Prochaska Xavier Gifford Diana Gonzalez Roya Vallot Dinah Prochaska Sherry Bergen George Hail	Maria Tabotabo Georgia Crosley Dennis Klockentager Mike Kaatz	Veronica Bohuslav Sue Caserta Larry Becker Arlene Becker Vicki Heckendorn Erika Huff	Nelda Alford Lynette Biediger Dottie Mensik Michael Cote Nancy Cote Barbara Robie Tricia Langner
Lectors	Priscilla Sanchez Leada Fecanin	Kevin Land Lisa Madenjian	Cheri McBurnett Mark McBurnett	Art Vandaveer Debra Kyle
Greeters	Kate Shaw Phyllis Shomette Joe Ward Kathy Ward	Marcia Peltier Frank Peltier Tommie Holt Janice Waguespack	Josie Ramirez Oscar Ramirez Ernest Rose Terry Williams	Gloria Villarreal Jeanie Weller Yvonne Whitmarsh Chester Robinson
Ushers	Rick Cary Mike Curtis Pete Ermis Clarence Filip	Andrew Haack Steve Janda Thomas Jurecka Mike Kaatz	Ed Ahlrich David Barber Gilbert Bohuslav Marcos Castillo	Stan Barber Paul Bettge Patti Bettge Susan Gaides
Altar Servers	Mikayla Westbrook MyKenna Westbrook	Ronnie Peltier Thomas Peltier	Josh Kaus Phillip Kaus Mitch Kaus	Sara Guillory Matthew Macaraeg



Please remember to ask someone to substitute for you if you cannot serve as scheduled.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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. 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.



CDA Court 2354 will be having a **BAKE SALE on Mother's Day** after all Masses on **SUNDAY 5/10** in the Hall. Treat your MOM on her special day!

3rd Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang begins Sunday, May 10th. Pick up your baby bottle in the FLC Hall and fill it with change for the Pregnancy Help Center and return by June 21st.



FIREPROOF— MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

The Adult Faith Formation team is proud to present the movie *Fireproof* which will be shown in the **WOLTERS Room** on:

Sunday May 17th at 9:15 a.m.
(coffee, tea, & donuts)
and

Sunday May 24th at 12:15 p.m.
(light lunch & dessert)

Runtime: 2 hrs 2 mins

A heroic fireman (Kirk Cameron) in a failing marriage takes up his father's challenge to be part of a 40-day experiment designed to teach both husband and wife the real meaning of commitment.

Synopsis: FIREPROOF, from the same team that made the 2006 hit *FACING THE GIANTS*, is a Christian relationship drama with a very strong message. The film stars Kirk Cameron of the classic television series *GROWING PAINS* as Captain Caleb Holt, a fireman whose fearlessness is limited to his work. At home with his wife of seven years, Caleb shows little of the bravery he displays on the job, and has a failing marriage as a result. Fighting over every little thing, Caleb and his wife, Catherine (Erin Bethea), are on the verge of signing divorce papers when Caleb's father and co-workers urge him to approach his marriage in the same way he fights vicious flames. When Caleb's father gives him the "Love Dare," a 40-day guide to religiously motivated marriage help, Caleb begins a difficult journey to reclaim his wife, and in the process, his faith in God. With several action-packed scenes, *FIREPROOF* uses fire metaphors in its exploration of marriage. The film offers an alternative to the common romantic comedy and, some might argue, a more multidimensional view of romance. The film examines both the ups and inevitable downs of married life, offering faith as a prescription for saving what may at first glance appear to have already failed. The film offers a fresh perspective on marriage and inspiring relationship tips viewers may want to try regardless of their faith.

Creating Sacred Space, Retreat Formation Program provides parish retreat teams, CYMs, Adult Volunteers and teens with valuable tools needed to conduct retreat ministry for youth, young adults, family programs. **Creating Sacred Spaces provides opportunities for the new and the season retreat veteran** to explore the latest ideas and retreat experiences and suggestions to **help keep the ministry fresh** and deepen the spiritual life of retreat participants. The program will be held at St. Michael's on:

May 19, 2009 - Part 1

May 26, 2009 - Part 2

Both evenings are from **6:30 p. m. - 9:30 p. m.**
(Must attend both sessions to receive credit)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

This covers all material and Retreat Formation Booklet.

Please **R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 11** to reserve your spot. Mike Marshal – mikem@smlj.org, 979-299-3508 or Lisa Ondrey – lisa@smlj.org, 979-299-3509. Payment of \$20 (check made out to St. Michael's) can be brought the first night, May 19th.



The Women of St. Michael's invite all women of the parish to attend our next meeting **Tuesday, May 5th**. We will meet at **8:30am for Mass** and the **May crowning of our Lady**. This will be followed by a short meeting in the Angelina room, and **brunch at GrapeTaste at 10:30 a.m.** If you plan to join us for brunch, **call 297-4109 to RSVP.**

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who came out to the FunFest this past Sunday, and to all those who volunteered to help!

The BLOOD DRIVE was a huge success — We achieved the second highest collection total in our history. 112 units of blood were collected with the three mobile vans! We appreciated everyone's patience as you waited to donate, and we would not have had such a successful drive without your support!

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MAY

May 3rd

Last Class! End of Year BLAST!

May 7th

VIRTUS - pre-register www.virtus.org

May 17th

Graduation Mass & Luncheon

May 24th

Final Summer Camp meeting 12:30 pm all forms and fees due.

May 24th

Mission meeting—all forms and fees due;

Notary available 2—3 p.m. in Hall

Adults only 1-2 pm. Everyone 2-4 pm

FINAL PARENT/SUMMER CAMPER MEETING: Sunday, May 24th, 12:30-1:30pm, Angelina Room. All paperwork and fees are due at this time!

There are still openings for **YOUTH ON A MISSION 2009!! RISE: Give Yourself Away!** Registration packets can be found in the hall outside of Youth Office or www.smlj.org.

Next Mission Meeting will be **Sunday, May 24th, FLC Hall from 1-2pm Adults only and 2-4pm Youth and Adults. Balance of Fees and NOTARIZED Medical/Consent Forms are due! A Notary will be available at the meeting from 2-3 pm for your convenience with signing forms.**

Reminder to all Mission Participants: It is **mandatory for all adults and youth ages 16 and over, who have NOT attended before, to attend a VIRTUS: "Protecting God's Children" Workshop.** (**ages 16-17 require a signed Parent Consent Form for admittance.)

Next **VIRTUS workshop** at St. Michael's is on **Thursday, May 7th, 6:15-9:30pm. Pre-register on www.virtus.org**

4th Sunday of Easter

Chapter ten of the Gospel of John presents the image of **Christ as Good Shepherd**, the charismatic and powerful leader willing to lay down his life for the salvation of the flock. Some part of this Scripture is read every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. **This Sunday gives us an excellent context in which to offer special prayers for vocations to ministry, especially to ordained ministry.** The flock is still, and will always be, in need of good shepherds.

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God invites us to learn more intimately the voice of **Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd**, not only so that we may be guided and protected, but so that we may learn how to **lead others into the Shepherd's care.** We are God's children now, St. John tells us, but we shall also be like him. Let us pray for the

grace to grow ever more like the Good Shepherd, who has led us to the restful waters of baptism.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

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

Remaining Fundraisers include:

- Enchilada dinners on Sat. & Sun. May 30th & 31st.

- LAST Breakfast Taco sale is this Sunday morning 5/3

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



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 parents. Additional guests are \$10. **Please Respond to the Youth Office with YES or NO by May 8th.**

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.
- **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.
- **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**



VBS 2009 SonHavest County Fair will be June 22-26 9:00 a.m.—NOON

Get ready to have fun on the farm this summer!
Children preschool age three years to 5th grade

Volunteers are needed.

Please call Tricia @ 297-3017

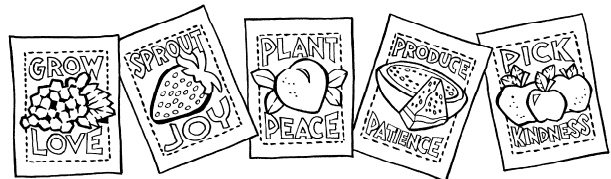
Registration is going on now!

We need help collecting the following VBS supplies:

2-liter CLEAR plastic soda bottles

12 ounce CLEAR plastic water bottles

Please bring supplies to the church office



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ◆ The **statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on May 3rd**. Everyone in the Archdiocese and its vicinity is invited to come to Mass and participate in the Marian procession following Mass. The **Cardinal is the main-celebrant of the Eucharist beginning at 1 p.m.** to pray for justice and peace as well as for vocations and respecting life. After Mass, Bishop Vincent Rizzotto will lead the procession of the statue of Our Lady through several blocks around the Co-Cathedral.
- ◆ **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. There will be lunch provided at Angleton from 11:30 AM to noon for the first 200 who arrive.
- ◆ **The Brazosport Ministerial Alliance and the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce** are sponsoring **two sites for prayer on Thursday, May 7th at 12 noon** at the **Lake Jackson Civic Center** and the **Clute City Hall**.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **An Evening at the Haak Winery, benefitting Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School—Friday May 15th**. Ticket price is **\$100/person**. Limited to 160 guests (8 people per table). Dinner, Auction, & Dancing. Featuring dinner by Chef David Reiss and wine from Haak Winery. Chartered bus leaves OLQP parking lot at 5:30 p.m. sharp and arrives back at OLQP at 11:15 p.m. **Call 265-3909 for more information** or to purchase tickets.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **International Evangelization Conference Calls All Faithful To Holiness September 11 - 12, 2009** at the George R, Brown Convention Center. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is hosting a unique opportunity that will draw you deeper into the mystery and understanding of this beautiful call through missions, workshops and incredible witnessing. Open the doors to Christ! Join us as we look at the lives of Pope John Paul II, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Archbishop Oscar Romero, and Maria Esperanza Bianchini. The conference entails both a general conference and a program for the youth. For more information: www.cth2009.org, conf_info@cth2009.org, or 713-391-2609.