

I am the
VINE,
you are the branches.
Apart from me you
can do nothing.



At our baptism, we were grafted onto Christ, the true Vine. He is the source of life for all who believe in him. As a vine needs to be pruned and nourished in order to bear fruit, we come to this Eucharist to die and rise again with Christ and be fed at the sacred banquet. Let us pray today that our presence here will lead us to fruitful lives, serving others as Christ invites us to do.



I will praise you,
LORD, in the assembly
of your people.

Sunday

Readings for the Week of May 10, 2009
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs;
Pancras, martyr

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Saint Matthias, apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Friday

Saint Isidore

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17

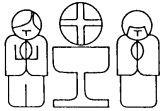
Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



ADORATION CHAPEL

Looking for a closer relationship with our Lord? The Adoration Chapel offers you that and much more! You will find peace, acceptance and rest within His presence when you "let go and let God" take over your joys, trials and disappointments! Come and seek His will in your every thought, word and deed for one hour with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bring your concerns to HIM especially for members of your family. There is an open hour in the Adoration Chapel every Saturday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. beginning May 23rd. Call Lupe Jimenez at 292-0359 for more information.

TAKE NOTE

Msrgr. Leo has asked us to make some temporary changes to our procedures for Mass in response to the Swine Flu issue. Based on guidance received from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the City of Lake Jackson, we will not be administering the Precious Blood from the Cup at Masses for the time being. At this time, we also ask you to please receive the Body of Christ in your hand, not on your tongue. It is recommended that we refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands or embracing during the Sign of Peace. The health and well-being of our parishioners and our community is uppermost in our minds and in our prayers. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mass Intentions

MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 17

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	Kristen & Tommy Culver
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Cecelia Peterson
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Brenda Richard Sandra Bengé & John Bengé
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Bessie Ermis Pres Obama & VP Biden
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†June Stanke Edith Griffith
	9:30 A.M.	†Charles William Schroll
	11:00 A.M.	†Fern Henderson John Boettiger, Jr.

Names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for one month. Please call the parish office to submit a name to be listed in the bulletin or to request a name be listed for an additional period of time.



PRAYER
REQUESTS

Nelda Alford, John Boettiger Jr., Nick Cesarini, Kellie Chaney, Frank Gaides, Paige Haas, Bob Haley, Dillon Hammond, Dennis Heinroth, Tony Jaris, Chris Kana, Ralph Lewis, Judy Pacella, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, Larry Thompson, and Tommy Tomlinson.



God makes no Distinctions

On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life:

"The sacred books, in fact, set out to show **God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb.** "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5), God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14). **These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being.**

God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. **God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one.** He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world.... He destined us in love to be his sons...according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1:4-6)."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The **Baby Bottle Boomerang** begins **Mother's Day weekend** and ends on Father's Day. This fundraiser benefits the **Pregnancy Help Center and Safe Haven Maternity Home**. Please grab a bottle at one of the exits today. When your bottle is full of change, return it to the pink crib by the church Nursery. **Thanks for your support!**



DSF UPDATE: We continue to move towards our Parish Goal. Please **pay your pledge** as soon as you can so that we can bring this program to a close.

Thanks to everyone for participating!
There is still time to donate if you haven't done so!

The **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** serves millions of parishioners around the world and in our community through podcasts, newspapers, television, satellite radio and more. CCC funds programs that inspire us, help us through the challenges of life and strengthen our faith. CCC is always there giving us access to the Word of God 24 hours a day, whenever we may need it. Support the Church's efforts to remain a strong voice in the media. **Give generously to the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign next weekend, May 17th.**



CDA Court 2354 will be having a **Mother's Day BAKE SALE** after all Masses this **SUNDAY** in the Hallway of the Family Life Ctr. **Treat MOM on her special day!**

Senior Adults—Our next Monthly BINGO and pot luck LUNCH will be on Tuesday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the F-Wing. Bring a Covered Dish to Share and BRING A FRIEND!

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.

FIREPROOF— MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

The Adult Faith Formation team is proud to present the movie **Fireproof** which will be shown on two occasions 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.



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's

SERRA CLUB

Serra International ('Serra') is formally recognized by the Holy See as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Serra is a voluntary association of some 20,000 Catholic laymen and laywomen called Serrans. Each Serran is a member of a local Serra Club sanctioned by the Ordinary of the diocese in which the Serra Club is located. St. Michael's Serrans belong to the Serra Club of Brazoria.

Serra's objectives and purposes are:

- ◆ **To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service, and to support priests in their sacred ministry**
- ◆ **To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church**
- ◆ **To assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit**

Serra works closely with the Archdiocesan Vocations office, the parish vocation committees, and the pastors to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Serra club meets once per month.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MAY

May 17th

May 24th

May 24th

Graduation Mass & Luncheon
Final Summer Camp meeting 12:30 pm all forms and fees due.
Mission meeting—all forms and fees due; Adults only 1-2 pm. Everyone 2-4 pm
Notary available 2—3 p.m. in Hall

FINAL PARENT/SUMMER CAMPER MEETING: Sunday, May 24th, 12:30-1:30pm, Angelina Room.

All paperwork and fees are due at this time!

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.



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 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 church office

YOUTH FUNDRAISING

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

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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12 — Speaking Up

There are times you just have to speak up. Something wonderful has delighted you. Or something unjust has befallen you. You may not speak eloquently, but you have to tell people about it. You might send a letter to congress or to the editor of your paper. The word inside you has to get out. The higher it goes the better.

Peter and John healed a cripple, then preached a sermon about Jesus. Multitudes listened. The authorities grew nervous. So they arrested the apostles and locked them up overnight. Meanwhile, five thousand new believers were baptized. The next day, the authorities asked Peter and John for an explanation. They gave a speech about the good deed done to a cripple, the power of the name of Jesus Christ, the guilt of those who crucified him, and the majesty of God who raised him from the dead. Peter and John had experienced the wonder of God's power and the injustice of their arrest. In the wake of these events, they preached a powerful sermon.

When God's power touches us, we have to speak up about it. This Easter God has raised you up to new life in Christ.

**What wonders have you seen?
Who will hear you proclaim them?**

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ◆ **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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

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Pastor — Rev. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.

Rectory & Parish Office: (979) 297-3041

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- ◆ Are you searching for a church to call your own?
- ◆ Do you struggle with questions about life – death – suffering – hope – forgiveness – love – God?
- ◆ Ever wonder why Catholics worship the way they do?
- ◆ Do you have questions about what we really believe?

Look no further. If you are not Catholic, but are curious about the Church, or have a friend or family member who may be interested, or perhaps have some misconceptions about the Church. **Inquiry is the place.** All are welcome. For more information call Tommie Holt at 979-265-4685.