



Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?



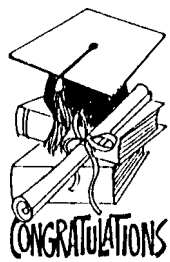
The LORD
Has Revealed His Saving Power
To The Nations.

Sunday	Readings for the Week of May 17, 2009 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Saint John I, pope, martyr Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Saint Rita of Cascia, religious Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19



ASCENSION

The Holy Day of Obligation for the **ASCENSION of the LORD** is celebrated on **SUNDAY, May 24th.**



Congratulations to our 72 High School Graduates!

Your parish family at St. Michael's wishes you God's blessings on your graduation day.

God Bless

You or Your



Graduation Day

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.

Please give generously to the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign this weekend.



Mass Intentions

MAY 19 THROUGH MAY 24

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Ralph Muhl
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†B. L. Schindler †Lovely Mary West
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Pres Obama & VP Biden
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Brenda Richard Kathy & Ted DiBlasi
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Fern Henderson †John Hajdik
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†June Rae Stanke
	9:30 A.M.	†Scott Sitton Bulletin Sponsors
	11:00 A.M.	†Fern Henderson †John Hajdik

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- †**Lawrence (Larry) Vincent Piwonka**, husband of Linda Ruth Piwonka and father of Larry and Anthony.
- †**Robert Ham**, husband of Jeanette Korenek Ham and brother-in-law of Alice Drapela.

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.

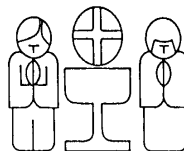


PRAYER REQUESTS

Nelda Alford, John Boettiger Jr., Nick Cesarini, Kellie Chaney, Tonie Christen, Ruth Coale, Shelly DuPont, Frank Gaides, Paige Haas, Bob Haley, Dillon Hammond, Dennis Heinroth, Tony Jaris, Ralph Lewis, Judy Pacella, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, George Sykora, Larry Thompson and Tommy Tomlinson.

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.
- ◆ There is a need for someone to share a chapel hour on **Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 p.m.** Call **Arlene Becker at 798-8388.**

SIXTH 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. You can mail your pledge directly to the Archdiocese, or you can return it in the collection basket and we will mail for you. As of **5/12/09**, **392** families have pledged to DSF, and **76.31%** of the pledges have been paid. **We need your help to wrap up the campaign.** Thank you again to all who have given so generously and to those who have paid their pledged amounts. To donate online, you can go to www.archgh.org/dsf.



3rd Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang is underway! It is hot outside and you don't want to carry all that loose change around in your pockets or purse! Pick up your **baby bottle at the crib** in the FLC Hall and fill it with change for the **Pregnancy Help Center** and **return** it full of change to the crib by **June 21st**.



Spot light on...

Ministry at St. Michael's

WRITE FOR LIFE MAY 2009

WRITE FOR LIFE — A Legislative Effort of the **Respect Life** Directors of the Dioceses of Texas

Write for Life is a program we participate in at St. Michael's which is part of the Respect Life office at the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The Respect Life Office sponsors programs in Pastoral Care, Education, and Public Policy & Legislative Change to bring about a conversion of heart and mind for a true appreciation of God's gift of life from conception to natural death. The following information is from this month's **Write for Life** campaign communication.

EARLIER TARGETS:

In March we wrote our state legislators in Austin, asking their support of pro-life legislation. Most replies have been favorable. Our April target was the Chairman of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. Replies seen so far are just acknowledgments, not expressions of regret. We suggest that those who haven't yet done so, send a letter to Chairman Richard Notebaert, Univ. Of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. The pressure is mounting. Mary Ann Glendon, former Ambassador to the Vatican, has rejected the major honor that Notre Dame was giving her this year. Alumni are withholding millions in donations. It seems appropriate to be justifiably angry. By honoring Obama and his very pro-abortion actions, Father Jenkins, the president of Notre Dame, is dishonoring the Church, the Pope, the Bishops, and even his own school, dedicated to Our Lady.

MAY TARGET:

We have had so much bad news in recent months, it may seem good to support a new piece of very positive legislation. We refer to the Pregnant Women Support Act (HR 2035) introduced by Congressman Lincoln Davis, Democrat from Tennessee. Cardinal Rigali, of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has sent a letter to Congress in support of this legislation which will help mothers and won't encourage abortions. The Cardinal's letter said in part: "No woman should have to undergo an abortion because she feels she has no other choice, or because alternatives were unavailable or not made known to her."

We want you to write our Representative who is listed here by Congressional District: 17— Ron Paul (Lake Jackson area)

HOW TO ADDRESS: Hon. _____, House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515
(You can find their e-mail addresses by accessing <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>)

BODY OF LETTER:

Use your own words. Be brief. See samples below.

1. The Pregnant Women Support Act, HR 2035, would be a big help to expectant mothers and would help avoid abortions. We trust you will support it.
2. Please lend your support to the Pregnant Women Support Act introduced by Congressman Lincoln Davis of Tennessee. This will help mothers in need without pressuring them into having abortions. I look forward to your reply.
3. Cardinal Rigali, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has recently sent you a letter citing several good reasons to vote for the Pregnant Women Support Act, HR 2035. We agree with his letter and add our voice to his in requesting your support.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

MAY

May 17th

May 24th

Graduation Mass & Luncheon
Final Summer Camp meeting 12:30 pm all forms and fees due.
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!

2009 Youth on a Mission Meeting will be held next Sunday, May 24th, FLC Hall from 1 - 2pm **Adults only** and from 2 - 4pm for both **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. Parent must be present in person when notarizing the forms.

Join us for a great MOVIE.

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 shown again on
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.

HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. **Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.**

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Dates to Remember:

- Join us for the next **Knights of Columbus PANCAKE BREAKFAST** after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on **Sunday, May 24, 2009** in the Family Life Center Hall. Proceeds will benefit **OLQP school**.
- 2009 Ministry Awareness event** will be held after all Masses on the weekend of **August 15th & 16th**.
- Women's Christ Renews His Parish** retreat at St. Michael's on **Sept 12th—13th**

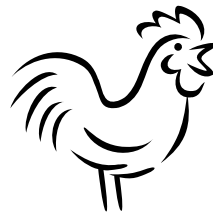


A VOCATION MUST BE NURTURED for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. **A life of service needs support from those served.**
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The Rooster Crows,
"Time Is Running Out!"
Don't Miss the Son Harvest County Fair!

Register Now for VBS 2009!"

Pick up your Vacation Bible School Registration Form in the Family Life Center Hallway next to the Parish Office.
Registration Deadline is May 22.



VBS 2009 SonHarvest County Fair will be June 22nd — 26th 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 are in need of an adult music leader for Vacation Bible School.
Could this be the opportunity for YOU?

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- ◆ The **Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart** will celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (The Body and Blood of Christ) on Sunday, **June 14, 2009 with Mass at 5:30 p.m.** Following this 5:30 p.m. Mass, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around several city blocks of downtown Houston. All are invited to attend.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 Saint Joseph Parkway (Free parking available), Houston, TX

- ◆ The **Explore Program** is for young men between the ages of 15-18 who would like to **find out more about the Priesthood and experience life at the seminary.** Explore will be held at **St. Mary Seminary**, 9845 Memorial Drive in Houston on **Tuesday, June 9** starting at 6:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm on **Thursday, June 11.** Deadline for registration is Friday, May 29, 2009. Space is limited, register early! Cost is \$80 (\$40 due with application-nonrefundable and \$40 due at sign-in). For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at vocations@archgh.org or call (713) 652-8239 or visit www.archgh.org/vocations.
- ◆ The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be joining the **Houston Dynamo** in celebrating **Faith & Family Night** on **Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 7:30p.m.**, in the University of Houston's Robertson Stadium. Make it a goal to come out to the game and see the Dynamo take on D.C. United. For more information, please call Leslie Barrera or Michael Schillaci in the Development Department at (713) 652-4417 or visit the Faith & Family Night website at www.archgh.org/dynamo.
- ◆ **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.