

No prophet  
is without  
honor except  
in his native place.

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

Psalm 123



Our **EYES** are fixed on  
**THE LORD**,  
pleading for his **MERCY**.

**Sunday** Readings for the Week of July 5, 2009  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

**Monday** **Saint Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr**  
Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday** Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33;  
Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday** **Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs**  
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105;  
Mt 10:7-15

**Friday** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday** **Saint Benedict, abbot**  
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday** **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10;  
Mk 6:7-13

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

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

There is a brief (8 minute) video of the recent **Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** presentation on You Tube. You can access it directly or from a link on the [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org) website.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KChFfFaW-f0>

**Call to Holiness Evangelization Conference** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston **Sept 11 - 12, 2009 at the George R. Brown Convention Center** in Houston. Come and join your friends, colleagues, youth, campus ministers, religious education leaders, theologians, clergy, religious, parishioners, and many volunteers for two days of inspiring keynotes, challenging workshops, dynamic prayer, worship and community. This exciting two-day program features three tracks: a theological symposium, a general conference, and a youth track. Information and registration available at [www.cth2009.org](http://www.cth2009.org)  
**Register by 6/30 to save with early bird rates.**



**JULY 7 THROUGH JULY 12**

**TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** John Bengé & Sandra Bengé  
Sherry Aaron

**WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Tony Jaris

**THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** Pres Obama & VP Biden

**FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Matthew Anderson

**SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †John Kubesch  
Sherry Aaron


**SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Alfons Koranek

**9:30 A.M.** †Tony Jaris  
Danny & Marcela Buentello

**11:00 A.M.** †Thomas Cleaver

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
†**F. L. (Jack) Quarles**  
†**Donald E. Huvar**, father of Dr. Jared Huvar (Priscilla), grandfather of Bella and Scarlett.

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.

**TOGETHER**  **LET US PRAY ...**

Sherry Aaron, Kenneth Blanchard, Kellie Chaney, John Custer, Juventino De Leon, Shelly DuPont, Tom Elder, Ann Foster, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Dorothea Himmel, Gene Kanski, Joe Matzke, Ernie Mensik, Judy Pacella, Louis Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Anna Shreves, George Sykora, Larry Thompson, Tommy Tomlinson, Kathy Ward and Jack Yonge.

**St. Maria Goretti**

**Feast day: July 6** born: 1890 died: 1902  
Patron of youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape



Born in Corinaldo, Ancona, Italy, on October 16 1890; her farm worker father moved his family to Ferrier di Conca, near Anzio. Her father died of malaria and her mother had to struggle to feed her children. In 1902 an eighteen-year-old neighbor, Alexander, grabbed her from her steps and tried to rape her. When Maria said that she would rather die than submit, Alexander began stabbing her with a knife. As she lay in the hospital, she forgave Alexander before she died. Her death didn't end her forgiveness, however.

Alexander was captured and sentenced to thirty years. He was unrepentant until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him flowers. When he woke, he was a changed man, repenting of his crime and living a reformed life. When he was released after 27 years he went directly to Maria's mother to beg her forgiveness, which she gave. "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness," she said. When Maria was declared a saint in 1950, Alexander was there in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950 for her purity as model for youth. She is called a martyr because she fought against Alexander's attempts at sexual assault. However, the most important aspect of her story is **her forgiveness** of her attacker -- her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death. **Her feast day is July 6.** St. Maria Goretti is the patroness of youth and for the victims of rape.

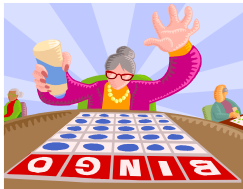
# Thank You!



What a wonderful group of parishioners!!! With so many on summer vacations, trips, etc. we still had **92 people** come to our blood drive last Sunday. **We were able to collect 95 units of blood** which will help allow almost 300 people enjoy this summer and live a better life.

From those 300 people and the staff of the St. Michael's K of C Blood drive team, **we thank you. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU** for your willingness to help those in need!

## ANNOUNCING



**Senior Friends BINGO** will be held on **Tuesday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the F-Wing.** Come join us! Bring a **Covered Dish** to share and **Bring a Friend!** There is no charge

to play, and there are Prizes!



The Adult Faith Formation Team presents:  
**Summer at The Movies.**

What do Moses, miracles, and mountains have to do with our Savior, salvation, and the sacraments? Find out in

### MOSES

#### Signs, Sacraments, and Salvation

Come follow the footprints of God as we join the adventure of Steve Ray.

He will take us on an incredible journey of discovery through Egypt, Jordan, and Israel.

**When: July 12, 2009**

**Where: Wolters Room**

**When: after 11:00 am Mass**

Light lunch will be served.

Nursery will be provided for children under 3 years old.

Please sign up after all Masses in the Family Life Center.

# Thank You!

When God provides (the workers) the work always goes well. **Our parish family is very GRATEFUL** to the many workers who came out and spent several hours **working in the HEAT** on **Saturday, June 27th** to help landscape our grounds. Much was accomplished to beautify our parish grounds. The next work day is planned for the fall in cooler weather.



## STEWARDSHIP

*is what I do after I say "I Believe"....*

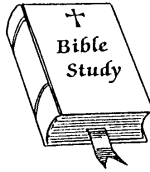
- ◆ **The Men's CRHP Team 18 is looking for a few good men.** If you have participated in a Christ Renews His Parish weekend, but couldn't immediately serve on team, but you have the time and commitment now...or if you have served on team and feel you need a spiritual boost that the team experience provides, please call David Konvicka 297-0051.
- ◆ **The Adult Faith Formation team** meets on the **third Tuesday of each month.** If you have enjoyed the opportunities to increase your adult faith that the team has brought to St. Michael's in the past three years and have ideas or would like to help, please join us at **6:30 p.m. in room 108 of the Spiritual Learning Center** or call Tommie Holt, 265-4685
- ◆ **Crystal Crafters** are set up at the Dream Center on 288B to **re-cycle eye glasses for people in our community who are in need.** The people are screened and get help. It is such a joy to be able to restore someone's sight! Will you help by **bringing your used, but no longer needed glasses to St. Michael's?** There is a box in the Family Life Center hallway for collection.



For those of you who may not have attended the 9:30 a.m. Mass on **Pentecost Sunday** (May 31), we had the **General Intercessions proclaimed in 12 languages.** This was recorded and has been put on our website for all to hear. If you'd like to listen, please go to our home page ( [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org) ) and follow the Pentecost link. Hope you enjoy it.

### DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

"Deeper" is a bible study for HS youth, including prayer and Praise & Worship time, lead by our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mike Marshall. DEEPER meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. in the A-Wing. All High School students are encouraged to attend. Bring a friend!



The photos from JR HS summer camp have been uploaded to an on-line web based sharing site. They are in 2 places, one for photos and one for videos. The photos are at Walgreens, so it will be easy for people to order prints of the photos they may want. The video can be viewed on-line. These are the web links:

Photos: <http://photo2.walgreens.com/groups/cog2009>

Video: [www.shwup.com/album/cog\\_09](http://www.shwup.com/album/cog_09)

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the Knights of Columbus will be selling their delicious Barbeque Chickens after all Masses next Sunday, July 12th. Please be sure to stop by and help support the worthy projects funded by our Knights!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan 2009 Black Bag Collection will be held the weekend of July 18th - 19th. Poverty comes in many forms - lack of food, need for shelter, assistance with paying a bill, or maybe an ear to listen. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is approached to help meet the needs of many. This is only possible with your help. We prayerfully request your continued assistance by donating to the Archdiocesan Annual Black Bag collection the weekend of July 18-19 to help us to continue to share with those in need.

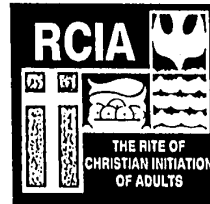


The Gabriel Project® is a Parish-based crisis pregnancy intervention within the Catholic Church. Our Gabriel Project® effort at St. Michael's has been headed by Michelle Guillory for the past several years, but now Michelle and her family are relocating. We are in need of someone to take over this very important ministry. For more information, please contact the Parish Office, 297-3041.



### 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.



### Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass

The 2009 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating Golden (50th) and Silver (25th) Anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church in 1959 or 1984 will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the preside. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by the Cardinal. A couple wishing to participate is asked to contact Lynne at the Parish Office at 297-3041 (lynne@smlj.org) and register their names, address, daytime phone number, wedding date and the name and location of the Catholic Church where they were married. Deadline for registering is August 14th. Those registered receive a letter from the Archdiocese with information about the Mass and an RSVP.



Our third annual Summer Choir season begins on June 14th and runs through the end of August. This choir ministers at every other 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and the only practice is at 9:00 a.m. on the Sundays we minister. All ages are welcome and no previous voice experience is necessary.



EVENTS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA

- ◆ Have you considered **BRAZOSPORT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**? At BCS, they bind Scriptural truth and Godly values into a competitive academic program. Brazosport Christian School also offers a bible-centered curriculum for Home-Schoolers and the BCS on-line Academy for grades 4 - 12. Contact BCS for more information at 979-297-0563.
- ◆ Couples who make a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their Church. Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future in Marriage Encounter." Some upcoming weekend dates are **July 17 - 18 and August 21 - 23**. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-485-5648 for more information or go on-line at [www.mehouston.org](http://www.mehouston.org) to register. Register early and experience this fantastic opportunity to grow as a couple!
- ◆ You are invited to join the **Helper's of God's Precious Infants** in a peaceful, prayerful, **Mass and Rosary procession to an Abortion Clinic on Saturday, July 18, 2009**. Mass will begin at 8:10 a.m. at Holy Ghost Church, 6921 Chetwood Drive. A Rosary Procession to AALTO Women's Center, 6671 Southwest Freeway and Hillcroft will follow. Contact the Archdiocesan Coordinator Vicky Whynott at 832-875-5126 with questions..



**Flowers**

Historians tell us that flowers were used to embellish the worship space as far back as the time of the Roman empire when the faithful gathered to celebrate in the catacombs. Fragrant and colorful flowers impart a sense of festivity and joy to liturgical celebration and are always appropriate except during the preparatory and penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers should not be placed on the altar, however, as this table is reserved for the action of the Eucharist, and nothing but fresh, real flowers should ever be used.

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