

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.



The Lord
is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2009

- Sunday** **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
- Monday** **Saint Apollinaris, bishop, martyr**
Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1-6;
Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday** **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor**
Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17;
Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday** **Saint Mary Magdalene**
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday** **Saint Bridget of Sweden, religious**
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56;
Mt 13:10-17
- Friday** **Saint Sharbel Makhluf, priest**
Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday** **Saint James, apostle**
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28
- Sunday** **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

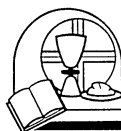
Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

Keyboardist Search

The relocation of the Barry Guillory family to England leaves a void in our parish community. The **Music Ministry** shares this void deeply as Barry served as the **keyboardist for the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. At this time, we are beginning a keyboard player search for this service. **If you have talent in this area, we invite you to consider sharing it with our Parish family.** For more information, please call Kay Jones at 297-5147 or Mike Caserta at 297-6054.

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.

One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness. ~ Alice von Hildebrand



Mass Intentions Of The Week

JULY 21 THROUGH JULY 26

- TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** John Bengé & Sandra Bengé
- WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Brenda Richard
- THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Diane Marie Dankoski
- FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Tony Jaris
Sherry Aaron
- SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** Stephen Dankowsky
- SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Cecelia & Jimmy Peterson
- 9:30 A.M.** †Tony Jaris
†Dennis Heinroth
- 11:00 A.M.** Pres Obama & VP Biden
Sherry Aaron

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †**Raul Trevino, Jr.**, son of Raul and Eloisa Trevino.

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.



Sherry Aaron, Kenneth Blanchard, Cathy & John Buettner, Mary Cerda, Kellie Chaney, Tom Elder, Arthur Haas, Gene Kanski, Judy Pacella, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, James Seidler and Tommy Tomlinson.

Genuflection
by Paul Turner

A genuflection is the action begun from a standing position in which a worshiper moves his or her right foot back a step, drops the right knee briefly to the floor, and then stands upright again. Most people naturally bow their head while performing this action; some make the sign of the cross. Some hold onto a nearby pew for physical support. The purpose of genuflection is for the worshiper to **honor Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist**. The priest genuflects three times at Mass. During the Eucharist prayer he genuflects after showing the Eucharistic bread and after showing the cup to the people. He genuflects again before announcing, "This is the Lamb of God." Taken together, his genuflections affirm the central belief about the Mass: **During the Eucharistic prayer, the Holy Spirit changes the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ;** that food then becomes communion for the faithful. Additional genuflections should be made in churches where a **tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament** is in the sanctuary. In those cases, the priest genuflects before and after Mass, and **anyone passing in front of the tabernacle also genuflects to it**. Since a tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament is commonly found in sanctuaries of Catholic churches, the faithful typically make a genuflection toward the tabernacle before entering and after leaving their place. In churches where the tabernacle is not in the sanctuary, the faithful should bow to the altar before and after the service instead. Genuflection is directed not toward the altar, not toward the cross, not toward one's proximity to a pew, but to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Formerly it was customary to make a genuflection before a bishop and a double genuflection (both knees to the ground) when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration. These practices have been eliminated. A single genuflection is always appropriate before the Blessed Sacrament whether it is in the tabernacle or exposed in a monstrance; you may bow to a bishop if you wish.

Today is our **Black Bag Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.** We would like to thank you for your donation. With your help, we will continue to serve the Lord in our community and bring relief to those in need of help.



Our Vincentians visit with those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. They collaborate with other people of goodwill in relieving need and addressing its causes, because in them, the members see the face of Christ.

We invite you to show your love for our Lord by helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and alone. Our Food Pantry is almost BARE and the requests for food, as well as for assistance with utilities and rent, are VERY high at this time. You can bring any **non-perishable food supplies** to the baskets located in the hall of the Family Life Center.

Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** project which benefits the Pregnancy Help Center and the Safe Haven Maternity Home. **Please turn in any remaining bottles** for the **BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG** project as soon as you can. You can bring them to the Parish Office or leave them in the crib in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. **As of 7/7/09, our St. Michael's collection raised an amazing total of \$4,617.37.** Brazospoint Fellowship in Lake Jackson is leading the way with \$5,036.47. Any chance we can surpass them with remaining donations ????



Crystal Crafters want to **THANK THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S** for their **generous donations of used reading and sun glasses.** The people who can now read (or remove a splinter from their children) **THANK YOU TOO! Please keep them coming, We always need more.** The box for the glasses is in the Family Life Center hallway.

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.



Covered Dish Dinner!



Come and Enjoy - all parish families are invited. The St. Michael's team representing **Men's retreats at Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston,** invite **all parish men and their families** to a covered dish dinner featuring **Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.,** Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston.

Fr. Joe will show you how **a weekend retreat can:**
Relax you from the stress of work or other worries.
Reward you spiritually.

Make you a **better** husband, father, and Christian.

Monday, Aug 10, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Angelina Room A-F bring meat or casserole, **G-N** bring salad or vegetable, **O-Z** bring dessert.

For more information contact Tony Barnard at 297-3864

UNDERSTANDING AND PRAYING THE ROSARY

Fr. Callistus Isara will give a talk **Sunday, Aug. 2** in the Family Life Center beginning at **7:00pm.** Father will speak on **"Understanding and Praying the Rosary.** The rosary is a simple but very rich prayer in the Church. Fr. Isara will show us that as we pray the Rosary we can learn to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ, who is the center of this simple prayer. We will come to see that this is a spiritual journey with Mary focusing on the mysteries of our salvation in Jesus Christ. While praying the rosary, we should feel a union with Mary in contemplating her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please plan for you and your family to attend this event. Nursery will be provided for Children up to 3 years of age.



50 youth and 23 adults left St. Michael's on **Saturday** July 18th to travel to the valley in San Juan, Texas. These youth & adults will participate in a **week-long Mission trip** helping the people who live in that area. Please join us in praying for them as they spend each day teaching **Vacation Bible School** and **doing repair work projects on homes of those in need in this area.** Check out link on www.smlj.org for pictures and updates on the Mission trip this week!

Come join **St. Michael's Youth on a Mission 2009** for a **Welcome Back Celebration** hosted by the K of C. The Missionaries of St. Michael's would like to thank you for your fervent prayer and support for this year's **Youth on a Mission 2009.** Please join us **after the 11:00 a.m.**



Mass on Sunday, July 26th for some food, fun, and fellowship as our missionaries share their mission experiences with our parish family. Please call Kathy in the Youth Office at 297-3043 with any questions. **We want to thank the Knights of Columbus** for preparing the food for this celebration!

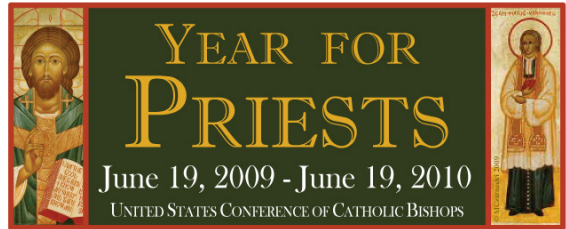
Have you registered your child for Religious Education Classes & Youth Ministry? Register now! After August 1st, there is a \$10.00 late fee added to the registration fee.

Sacrament Preparation: Do not forget to register your child in Religious Education Classes. The Sacrament Preparation Program is a 2 year program! If your child is entering 1st Grade this fall, that child needs to be attending 1st Grade Religious Education Classes. **Register now, classes are filling up!**

Do you have a 2nd Grade Student registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace? If you wish to prepare your 2nd Grade Student for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, you will need to register in our religious education program. Please call or stop by the office, Tuesday – Friday, 9am-3pm.

Help Needed: The CCE Office & Youth Ministry Office need teachers and aides. We need volunteers for all grade levels on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. Don't forget all volunteers are required to take the "Protecting God's Children Workshop." Call 297-3043, the Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office for more information.

The next "Protecting God's Children Workshop" will be on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:15pm in the Hall. This workshop is **required by the Archdiocese** for anyone who works with youth at St. Michael's. Any interested adult may attend. **You are required to pre-register.** Go to www.virtusonline.org to register on-line.



A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

We thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, grant that these, your priests, may inspire us to strive for holiness by the power of their example, as men of prayer who ponder your word and follow your will.

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. John Vianney, universal patron of priests, pray for us and our priests.

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The Catholic Daughters Court 2364 will meet on **THURSDAY, July 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the F-Wing.** Bring your scissors - we are going to put Velcro on our Sashes. We are also going to learn to make rosaries! **Lori Greak, CDA regent from the Angleton Court, will be here to demonstrate how to make rosaries!** Bring a friend!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

If you have difficulty getting childcare for an entire week-end away or just would rather go home to sleep in your own bed, there is now a Marriage Encounter Weekend just for you. You will renew, revitalize, reconnect and receive new life in your marriage. *What a difference it can make!* **August 21-23, 2009 -- St. Dominic's Retreat Center** For information and registration contact Ralph & Ann Raines at (281) 894-8035 or online at mehouston.org

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Uniting the Flock

When parents hand children over to other caretakers for the day, they rightly expect that those in authority will dutifully watch the kids. When religious and civil leaders accepted responsibility for the people of Israel, God rightly expected that they would watch the people with care. It didn't happen. They failed. Through Jeremiah, God told the leaders of Israel that they were like hired shepherds who scattered the sheep and drove them away. Several consequences resulted. God punished the irresponsible leaders, gathered the remnant of the chosen people back together, and appointed new leaders who would do the job right. God also promised something more. God promised to "raise up a righteous shoot to David," a king who would govern wisely and do what is just. We Christians believe that that prophecy was fulfilled in the coming Jesus, who rules as a righteous king. God is no happier with bad leadership than parents are when caretakers mistreat their children. **Whom has God placed in your care?** If God were to assess your leadership, how would you score? If God could use you to unite rather than scatter, what actions would you take?

Ephesians 2:13-18

The Path to Peace

Forgiveness can be hard to achieve. If you have broken a relationship that you wish could be restored, you know the longing for reconciliation. In some cases, you may not even seek reconciliation. You may still be angry over an injury committed against you, your home, or someone you love. You may wonder how one nation could ever reconcile with another after being at war. The death and destruction caused by war lies beyond imagination; healing seems unreachable. Then forgiveness seems not only hard—it seems impossible. In the first century, the separation between Jews and Gentiles was severe. The Letter to the Ephesians called it a "dividing wall of enmity." It seemed as though the two groups would never agree, never get together, never heal the old wounds. But then came Jesus, who suffered and died so that everyone might have life. Ephesians says, "He is our peace, he who made both one." Through the cross, Christ put death to death, but he also put enmity to death. "He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father." Forgiveness may seem unreachable, but all things are possible with Christ. He provides a middle ground where hope is alive and peace is real.

Those who listen to his message and heed his words are already on the path of reconciliation.