


You cling
to what is
**HUMAN
TRADITION.**

"Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from above," says St. James in the second reading. But he reminds us, true worship of God involves **using** those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith! **James 1:17**

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OF THE WORD




He who does **JUSTICE**
will live in the presence
of the **LORD**

Readings for the Week of August 30, 2009

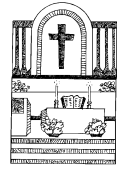
- Sunday** **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday** **Saint Gregory the Great, pope, doctor**
Col 1:9-14; Ps 98; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday** **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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

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**
Sherry Aaron, Maria Aguilar, Carl Bell, Kenneth Blanchard, Mary Cerda, Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Tom Elder, Andrew Gore, Arthur Haas, Gene Kanski, Florence Olenick, Lisa Ondrey, Jonathan Ozuna, Judy Pacella, Jim Pawelek, John Rosser, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Marvin Stanke, Bill Stevens, and Tommy Tomlinson.

SHHH! We are trying to keep all the details of the party a surprise for Fr. Leo!!! For more information, please call the Parish Office.



**MASS INTENTIONS
SEPT 1 THROUGH SEPT 6**

- TUESDAY 8:30 A.M.** Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.
- WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** Pres Obama & VP Biden
Sherry Aaron
- THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Anselmo Tapiador
†Charles John Savaso
- FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Louis Lippman
†James Seidler
- SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Bessie Ermis
Sherry Aaron
- SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** Sherry Aaron
†Donald & Remedios Young
- 9:30 A.M.** †Doris Perryman
†Dorothy Moore
- 11:00 A.M.** Pres Obama & VP Biden
†Tony Jaris

The official numbers for our August 23, 2009 blood drive as given to us by the blood center are as follows:

WHOLE BLOOD	76 donors	76 x 1 = 76 units
DOUBLE RED	10	10 x 2 = 20 "
RB/CP	8	8 x 2 = 16 "
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DONORS	94	112 units donated
DEFERRALS	8	
	=====	
TOTAL DONORS	102	

We had a total of 106 people sign up therefore there are probably 4 donors who had reasons other than deferred to not give blood. For example, not able to give for some previous reason or maybe not yet eligible and etc. To those of you who were able to come and donate, my special THANKS. I hope the drive was done in a manner which was satisfactory to you. To those of you who were not able to donate, hopefully we will see you at our next drive on October 18, 2009.

God Bless each of you for your committeemen to the GIFT OF LIFE program. Who knows, the next beneficiary may be you.
Gilbert Bohuslav, K of C Blood Drive Chairman

It's been 25 years! September 1984 - September 2009
You are invited to join us for a special celebration in honor of
Msgr. Leo Wleczyk
In recognition of his **25th Anniversary** as
Our **Pastor** at **St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church**
Date: Saturday, September 19, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m. (following the 5:30 p.m. Mass)
Where: Family Life Center Hall

Women's Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)



Retreat weekend will be held here at St. Michael's on **Sept. 12th & 13th**. Do you feel the Holy Spirit gently nudging

you? Team 20 invites all women of the parish who have not attended a previous retreat to consider this opportunity to spend a special weekend with Jesus Christ. For information, contact Sarah Finley (979-215-7183) or Claire Conboy 297-5986).

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Pre-registration is a MUST.

If you plan to attend or if you have any questions concerning this course, please call Tommie at 979-265-4685 or e-mail him at tholt@f8click.com.

Attendance at the first lecture is most important as it is the key to the complete program. You cannot miss the first talk and then play catch up the following week.

Widowed, Divorced, & Separated -- From Grief to Growth -- A Healing Journey is a support ministry that is being held for 10 weeks on **Wednesday evenings, beginning Aug 26th through Oct 28th**. The meetings are held at St. Michael's in the **E-Wing from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.** This program will deal specifically with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation, or death. The pain that accompanies a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have shared a similar experience. **This is a Christ-centered, non-denominational program and everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is encouraged to attend.**

Bridge Anyone? The Bridge Group meets on the **2nd Thursday** each month in the **Angelina Room**. Our next play date is **Sept. 10th at 9:00**

a.m. This group is open to anyone who enjoys playing! Join us for coffee, refreshments, and good fellowship. Call Lena Jarvie at 480-4641 with any questions.



Senior Friends BINGO will be held on **Tues, Sept 8th 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!

Living a Life of Balance Part 1 (of 2)

A **six week bible study** designed to lead us toward the balance God intends for our lives. The nursery is available to care for your little ones.

Starting date: Thursday, August 27th

Time: 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Location: "F" Wing

Please register through e-mail at schrollj@hotmail.com (include the names/ages of children for the nursery).

Questions? E-mail or call Jeanne Schroll at(979) 297-5860.

Interested in learning more about Centering Prayer?

A Centering Prayer group will resume meeting on **Thurs. Sept 10th at 4:00 pm** in the **Library** in the Family Life Center. We will read the Sunday's readings, discuss them and do a 20 minute Centering Prayer. **We start at 4pm and will be out in time for 5:30 pm Mass.** Call Adele at 297-6148 for more information.



Rosary for the Unborn will be said on **Saturday, September 5th, at 8:00**

AM in the St. Michael's **chapel**. All are welcome to come and pray for an end to abortion. For additional information contact Betty Betczynski at 285-9139.

Women of St. Michael's will meet in the Church **Tuesday, Sept 1st for 8:30 a.m. Mass** followed by a brunch and meeting in the Angelina Room. **Please bring a dish to share.** Juan Longoria will speak on the Prescription Assistance Program. All women of our parish are invited to attend and nursery is provided for 3 year olds and under. Feel free to bring a guest.

The Evening Group will meet at **The Wurst Haus Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.** The program will be the same. Dinner will be "Dutch treat" and RSVP is preferred but not required. Call Susan Lacy @236-8304.

THE FIRE OF THE GOSPELS (is it burning in your lives?)

Adult Faith Formation ministry presents Ms. Camilla Chedester in a series of four lectures entitled **"The Fire of the Gospels--is it burning in your lives?"** Dates of the lectures are **Sept. 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00 PM** in the **Walters' Room**. Bring your Bible to each session and follow the life of Jesus through the words of those who knew Him best. **Sept 8th: Studying and Praying with the Bible – Less dust, more trust.** This will be an introduction and foundation of Biblical study, how the Bible was formed, and its role in the Catholic Church that looks at both Scripture and Tradition for doctrinal teachings. We will cover the different forms of the Bible, Catholic vs. Protestant Bibles, study aids to help increase our understanding, and how to start and continue Biblical study. We will also cover praying with the Bible and how to enhance our meditative and prayer life through Lexio Divina and other prayer methods.

St. Michael's High School Youth Ski Trip 2009 sign up meeting will be held **Sunday, August 30th at 4:30 in the F-Wing**. The trip to Durango, CO will be 12/28/09 thru 1/3/10. This trip is open to all High School age youth and will cost \$545.00. For more information please contact Bruce Swope (979) 299-1236 bkswope@comcast.net <http://home.comcast.net/~bkswope/skitrip.htm>

Have you considered a Catholic Education for your child? Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is currently enrolling students in grades Pre-k 3 through the 8th grade. Call 979-265-3909 for more information or stop by for a tour at 1600 Hwy 2004 Richwood TX. www.olqpschool.org

Wed. Sept. 9 at 6pm -- "Protecting God's Children" at Most Holy Trinity Church, Angleton.
Register on-line at www.virtus.org

Thurs. Sept 17 at 6:15pm -- "Protecting God's Children" at St. Michael Church, Lake Jackson.
Register on-line at www.virtus.org
This is the last program at St. Michael's for 2009.

Have you registered your child for Religious Education Classes & Youth Ministry? Classes begin Sept 9th & 13th. REGISTER NOW before it is too late!

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.

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.



Jesus & Maria Alejandrez (Felicia, Olivia, & Abigail)
Jeremy & Rebecca Tillman (Gabriel & Gavin)
John Willis & Katrina Lewis
Albert Brennsteiner, & Mary Phillips (Albert)
Neil & Julie McKenna (Aiden)
Donna Janak
Gerardo & Guadalupe Olivares
(Isis, Gerardo, & Miagamilla)
Jimmy & Betty Jo Jurries
Andrea Guerrero (Arianna)
Shawn & Stephanie Carr (Brooke, Brittany)
Larry & Deedrea Mize
David & Alison Pottratz (Luke, Benjamin)
Eloy & Elizabeth Delgado
Gabnella Mendoza (Kaelie)
Bennett & Kathleen Cepak
Veronica Martinez
Tracy Nixon (Tyler, Nathaniel, & Luke)

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"We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development..." Archbishop Oscar Romero

Youth Ministry Catechetical Kick-Off MASS – Sunday, Sept. 13th 5:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Celebration – Sunday, Sept 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm for ALL youth – grades 7th – 12th, Parents and Teachers invited! Youth will join us immediately after Mass in the Hall for this kick-off.

PARENT MEETINGS: Parents of all 7th - 10th graders will remain in the Church for a brief parent meeting. PARENTS of Current High School Juniors CONFIRMATION I (11th grade) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the ANGELINA ROOM.



Confirmation Program for Teens - All students 11th grade - (or older) who have been baptized and have received First Communion, are eligible for the St. Michael's Confirmation Program, which is a two-year program. Year One is the preparation for the Sacrament, which includes regular class attendance. Year Two involves committing yourself to Service in the Church and community. **A mandatory**

Parent Meeting will take place on Sunday, Sept 13th in the Angelina Room, at 6:30 pm, after the 5:30 Youth Ministry Kick-Off Mass. Registration of your student in the CCE/Youth Ministry program is required. Forms may be found in the hall and also may be accessed from www.smlj.org.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2009

Dear St. Michael's Parishioners,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the building fund and the future plans. First of all, we have approximately \$2 mill (plus) that is being held by the Archdiocese, collecting interest earmarked for the building fund. We continue to receive donations toward a new church building, which is continuously being deposited.

As most of you are aware, our building drive began in May 2001. When this campaign was announced the Archdiocese came shortly after and levied funding for the new co-cathedral in Houston. The parishioners at St. Michael's were surveyed and the outcome was to hold our campaign simultaneously with the diocesan campaign. This put a strain on our capital campaign and consequently the funding did not grow as anticipated. In addition, we have steadily decreased in family numbers, from 1789 to 1450.

Since our church building is structurally sound and has been adequately maintained, I find no reason to put our parish in financial stress, especially during these uncertain times. We are no longer crowded at any Mass. There is no need for anyone to stand. Because of this and the decrease of our parish population, the decision has been made to not pursue building a new church at this time.

In closing, we will continue to hold the money for the new church with anticipation of building a structure in the future as the need changes.

Msgr. Leo

Events in our Surrounding Area

- ◆ **KJT** will meet on **Tues Sept 1st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's in the Father O'Malley Room**. Director Stanley Cernoch of Baytown will be the guest speaker. Members are urged to attend.
- ◆ **The Beginning Experience**, a special weekend program for those who have lost a spouse through separation, divorce, or death, will be held **Friday evening, Sept 18th through Sunday afternoon, Sept 20th at the St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center**. It is designed to help make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience or hope. For more information and/or to register, call (713) 440-3440 or www.beginningexperience.org