

The good stewards must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Readings for the Week of September 6, 2009</b> <b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Labor Day</b> Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Peter Claver, priest</b> Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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

**The Parish Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, Sept 7th for the Labor Day Holiday.**  
**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES**

- ◆ There will be a **Mass celebrated at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday evening, Sept 13th** to kick-off our Youth Ministry Program.
- ◆ **Tuesday, Sept 1st** we resumed the Sept - May schedule of **celebrating Mass on the FIRST TUESDAY** of each MONTH at 8:30 A.M.


**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 8 THROUGH SEPT 13**

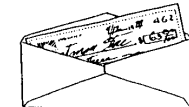
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	Sherry Aaron
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	Pres Obama & VP Biden †James Seidler †Angel Onate
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Matthew Anderson
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Maria Rubalcaba †Tony Jaris
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Mary Hecimovich Sherry Aaron
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Alfred & Anita Sokol †Cecelia & Jimmy Peterson
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	Sherry Aaron †Donald Huvar
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Samuel Edge
	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†James Seidler

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **†John Ledger**, father of Cynthia Castille (Merrick) and grandfather of Bryan Castille (Lisa)

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

There will be a **Special Collection for Catholic Higher Education** the weekend of **Sept 12th & 13th**. The money collected will be shared between the **University of St. Thomas (UST) Fr. Monaghan Scholarship Fund** and the **Catholic University of America**. UST gives 75% of their students scholarships, and UST depends on gifts from area parishes to make this possible. Please bless them with your support.



**It's been 25 years! September 1984 - September 2009**

You are invited to join us for a special celebration in honor of

**Mgr. 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](mailto: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!

**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.

Join us as we study the **Parables of Jesus**. This Little Rock Scripture study group will start on **September 11th**. We meet from **9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Learning Center**. Call Pam Walker at 297-9746 for details.



The **Wed. Morning Bible Study** sessions will resume on **Sept. 9 from 9:15-11:00 in Room 149-150** in the Family Life Center. We will be studying **1st and 2nd Chronicles**. New American Bibles are available for use in the room, but you may bring any edition you might have. Collegeville Commentaries will be provided at no cost, and all are welcome; please join us even though you may not be able to attend the first session. For more information, please call Bettie Carmody, 265-6509.

Our **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** is in need...no actually **DESPERATE NEED**, of **canned meats, fruit, rice, and beans**. All non-perishable donations can be dropped off in the Hall of the Family Life Center or in Church. The number of calls for help continue to increase. **Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this ministry!**



**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.

Wed. Sept. 9 at 6pm -- *"Protecting God's Children"* at Most Holy Trinity Church, Angleton.  
Register on-line at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

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

**Have you registered your child for Religious Education Classes & Youth Ministry?** Classes begin this coming week -- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade this fall, that child needs to be attending 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Religious Education Classes.

**Do you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Student registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace?** If you wish to prepare your 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*"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 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm for ALL youth – grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 (11<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the ANGELINA ROOM.



**Confirmation Program for Teens -**

All students 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.smlj.org).

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Come join us in the **Hall** of the Family Life Center **after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.**

**Masses on Sunday, Sept 20th** for a delicious **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 6812. All donations will benefit **Our Lady Queen of**

**Peace (OLQP) Catholic School!**

**To: SENIOR ADULT PARISHIONERS**

**Re: 'Young at Heart' Invitation**

When: Saturday, Sept 26th; 9am-Noon

Where: Wolters Room in the Education Bldg

Why: Food, Fun, Fellowship &

Guest Speaker: Deacon Jimmy Smith

Questions? Joe L: 265-6221; Margarita P: 297-0297,

Lou B: 239-7769

**Blessing Religious Articles - Paul Turner**

Many Catholics like to use religious articles. Medals, crucifixes, statues, pictures, scapulars, rosaries and other items made from common elements may be set aside for religious use. They are usually obtained from dealers of church goods, but they may also be fashioned at home by hand. Some religious articles are hung on the wall at home, at school or at work. Others are worn beneath or on top of clothing. It is customary for such articles to be blessed by a deacon or a priest. Religious articles can be a means of evangelization. They depict a symbol of the faith that Catholics hold. They prompt discussion about biblical figures and events, as well as the holy people who have kept the faith throughout history. Many Catholics carry religious articles with them as a reminder of God's presence or to seek divine protection. A blessing sets the articles apart for this sacred purpose. The blessing of religious articles may take place during liturgical prayer. People bring articles with them to church, where the celebrant introduces the service. A Scripture reading is proclaimed. For example, in Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, he says, "All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit" (cf. 3:17b-4:2). Intercessions are made, and the celebrant concludes with a blessing over the objects and the people. Alternatively, the priest or deacon may say a very short formula apart from a liturgical service: "May this (*name of article*) and the one who uses it be blessed, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit."



**Crystal Crafters** thanks St. Michael's parishioners for the many, many pairs of glasses. **WE STILL NEED MORE!** We were able to help **450 children** get ready for school this year, thanks to donations. We will be making our fall mission trip to Mexico very soon and as always need to have more glasses. **An empty box for used glasses awaits in the Hall of the Family Life Center.** THANKS AGAIN for your participation in this project!

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!!!!!!**

The **"Call to Holiness" Evangelization Conference**, hosted by the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, is being held **September 11th & 12th** at the **George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston**. This is a unique opportunity to join with fellow Catholics to learn how to raise the level of consciousness about God's work in our lives as a means for a **new evangelization in the every day life** of people and communities. **REGISTER TODAY!** There are brochures on the table in the Hallway of the Family Life Center, or <http://www.cth2009.org/> to register on-line.

**Events in our Surrounding Area**

- ◆ **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](http://www.beginningexperience.org)
- ◆ **K.J.Z.T. #115** meeting will be held on **Sept 15th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's in Brazoria**.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Festival** with Barbeque Meal and Auction - **Sunday Sept 20th 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** in Bay City, TX.
- ◆ **MARRIED COUPLES – " I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN OUR MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER"** (Pope John Paul II) Our Holy Father invited all married couples to experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. The next upcoming weekend dates are, **September 25-27 (Houston South) and October 9-11 (Houston North)**. Contact Brian & Tine Little at 281.485.5648 for more information. We invite you to visit [www.mehouston.org](http://www.mehouston.org). **Early registration is highly recommended to save your place on the Weekend.**
- ◆ **When is the last time you devoted a full weekend TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAITH, and THE LORD?** Holy Name Retreat Center invites you to join other men from your parish and community on the **weekend of October 16** for our men's weekend retreat. For more information please contact Tony Barnard - 824-5787 or call Holy Name Retreat Center at 713-464-0211 for registration information. Or, just make registration online at [www.passionist.org/holyname](http://www.passionist.org/holyname)