

Today's psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the source of all they are and have. *Psalm 126*



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Sunday	Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Saints Simon; Jude, apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday	Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

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

All Saints - Sunday, November 1st

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In designating one day on our calendar for all the saints, the church chooses a **time to honor our heroes** - the men and women whose example we admire. Coming near the end of the church year, the **Solemnity of All Saints** invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal life. An early tradition placed the festival on May 13. According to one story, Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609 he dedicated a very old building as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place that honored Mary and all the Christian saints - and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually the idea of a **feast of all saints was transferred to Nov. 1**, near the end of the church year. The church honors many saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are many more saints than those. Since Vatican II, the number of men and women canonized as saints has increased considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specific dates in all our churches throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day. Secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.

The Mass for All Saints Day always replaces the one for ordinary time, even when it falls on a Sunday.



OCT 25 THROUGH NOV 1

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†James Seidler Sherry Aaron
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Cecilia & Jimmy Peterson †James Seidler
	9:30 A.M.	†Donald Huvar †Anton Hoffart
	11:00 A.M.	†J.R. Visperas Michael Dawson Family
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†James Seidler
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Helen Cranley Pres Obama & VP Biden
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Rhonda Clark
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†James Seidler
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	Sherry Aaron
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†James Seidler Sherry Aaron
	9:30 A.M.	†Naomi Valdez-Hernandez †Joan Hsu
	11:00 A.M.	†Tonie Christen †John Ledger

Please pray for the repose of the souls of :
 †**Dorothy Kersey**, mother of Richard (Patricia), grandmother of Patrick, Jennifer, Christopher, and Jonathan..
 †**Tommy Tomlinson**, stepfather of Kay Jones (Ron).

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, Sierra Allen, Zera Bennet, Kenneth Blanchard, Robert Causbie, Doris Causbie, Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Tom Elder, Pete Ermis, Ann Foster, Barbara Grant, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Gene Kanski, Ralph Lewis, Florence Olenick, Jim Pawelek, John Rosser, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner and Jack Yonge.



HALLOWEEN VIGIL FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Have you noticed that much more seems to be made of Halloween these days? Elaborate outdoor decorations on houses seem almost to rival Christmas. We can be happy that so much attention is given to this night. It is one of the few **Christian vigils** to survive. Certainly there are many trappings of the day that derive from pagan customs, but at its root the **Eve of All Hallows**, with its ghosts and skeletons and cemetery symbols, **points to the heavenly Jerusalem** which is **our destiny** along with **all the saints of God**. **Remember, October 31st, Halloween, is the Vigil of November 1st, the Feast of All Saints.**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Homecoming

The survival of the fittest is a merciless principle of life. It bestows worthiness on those who are stronger, swifter, and smarter. In the lives of species, this principle eliminates those who cannot compete. In the marketplace, it impoverishes those who can be duped. But in the spiritual life, it does not work at all. In the eyes of God, the fit and the lame both survive. When Israel went into exile, they lost homeland and hope. After years of suffering, they reflected more deeply on their covenant, and eventually God brought them back. But God brought back not only the fittest. The healthiest of mind, body, and spirit did not return to Jerusalem alone. It must have been quite a procession. The blind and the lame marched in the midst of the remnant who returned. Those offering care and those needing care took their place within the immense throng. God brought them all back on a level road, so that none might stumble. In many ways we are all unfit to enter the house of God. Our sins make us feel unworthy. But God has opened the doors. We may be blind to grace. We may be lame in charity. But God has made us pregnant with hope in receiving the love that heaven so bountifully bestows.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Your Vocation

God has chosen you. You may not always feel it. You may at times feel as though you're in the wrong place, the wrong job, or the wrong century. But God has chosen to create you here and now. God has given you gifts to face the present and to prepare for the glory of the future. We often speak of vocations in terms of religious life. Truly, God chooses some people for special ministry. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks about the vocation of Old Testament priesthood as well as the priesthood of Jesus. "Every high priest is taken from among men," the letter says. It does not say, "Certain men decide to become high priests." Rather, "No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was." Even Jesus did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest. Instead, God had him in mind with two prophecies from the Book of Psalms: "You are my son: this day I have begotten you;" and "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." It is often easier to see a vocation among religious men and women because their work is totally dedicated to God. But others also have a vocation—in the family, at work, and in society. God has chosen you. God has taken you from among others and placed you in the world now to proclaim the nearness of glory.

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Dates to Remember

- **Mums & Mistletoe Holiday Market - FLC Hall on Nov 20th & 21st.**
- **Thanksgiving Day, Nov 26th - Mass 10:00 a.m. and there is no Mass on Friday, Nov 27th.**
- **Dec 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound



Do you know of someone who needs to have the **Eucharist brought to them** in their home? The members of the **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound** would like to visit parishioners who cannot attend Mass regularly and bring them the Eucharist. Please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041 to arrange a time for someone to visit.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in becoming part of the Ministry to the Sick & Homebound? Training will be provided for those wishing to visit the sick & homebound and bring the Eucharist. Please contact Sherry Bergen, 297-9948 - billbergen1@yahoo.com

Pancake Breakfast



Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent De Paul on Sunday, **October 25th** in the Hall of the Family Life Center **after the 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Masses.** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's

- **Sponsors are needed for the current RCIA program.** A Sponsor gives support to their Candidate or Catechumens by **walking their journey** with them as a companion, personal prayer, and attending the RCIA sessions and Mass with them. The Sponsor becomes a witness to the confirmand's initiation into full Christian life and a role model by sharing their personal faith journey.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** needed for all Masses. Must be confirmed Catholic in good standing. Training is required for new ministers and will be scheduled next month.
- **Visitation to Homebound** - Volunteers are needed to call, visit, and/or bring the Eucharist to those who are ill or homebound. Training provided.
- **Brazosport Cares Food Pantry** is in need of persons to deliver food to shut-ins. It is a once a month delivery. If you feel called to this, please contact Lisa Doyle @ 979 299-6625 or eldoyle@sbcglobal.net
- **Crystal Crafters** are still in need of your **old EYEGLASSES** which can be retrofit for the needy in our area. Please leave the glasses in the **BOX in the Hallway** of the Family Life Center.



If you can assist with any of these stewardship opportunities, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041.

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Youth Ministry 7th – 12th Grade

OCTOBER

Oct 25th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Nov 1st

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Nov 5th

Theology of the Body - PARENT Mtg. 7 p.m.

Nov 7th - 8th

Theology of the Body RETREAT

Nov 8th

CANNED FOOD DRIVE - 4:00 p.m.

Nov 15th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Nov 22nd

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Nov 29th

NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



Halloween Carnival

Celebrate the true meaning
of Halloween
“All Hallows Eve Fest”

Where: St. Michael's Family Life Center
Date: Saturday, October 31
Time: 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Admission: Canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul
food pantry
Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus, Council 6812
Come and enjoy the games, hot dogs, fellowship, and of course,
the candy!

YOUTH FUNDRAISING



Our parish youth who are attending
the Ski Trip will be fundraising this
Fall. **Enchilada dinners** on Sunday
Nov 15th after all **Sunday Masses**
(take out only)

Please come through the hall of the Family Life Center and
support our Youth.

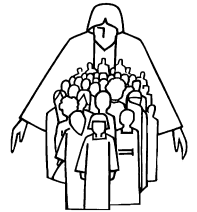
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School



Fall Festival will be held this
Sunday at the Lake Jackson
Civic Center - **Oct 25th** from
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, November 2nd (All Soul's
Day) Masses will be celebrated at
8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

As part of the 5:30 p.m. Mass, St.
Michael's will hold our **10th Annual
Memorial Service** in honor of all our
dearly departed parishioners and their
surviving families. A solemn roll call
will remember the dearly departed as
their names are offered up to the Lord
in prayer. Please come join us as we
come together to remember, honor,
and pray for those who are no
longer with us. **If you have lost a loved one from
outside our parish during this past year**
and you would also like to submit their
name for the roll call, please contact
Susan at 236-8304 or call the Parish
Office. **In commemoration, a special
display of our parish's Book of the
Dead can be viewed in back of the
church during the month of November.**



Share Your Blessings

SVdP Annual Thanksgiving Baskets

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting
monetary contributions to supply
Thanksgiving food baskets
Oct 24/25 and Oct 31/Nov 1
Stop by the table in the Hallway of
the Family Life Center to participate.
Please consider sponsoring a gener-
ous food basket for a needy family
(cost is \$50.00).



Contact Cheri McBurnett 297-8874 or
Gwen Williams 297-5564 for more information.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE
SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 1

This Fall, from September 23 to November 1, join the
hundreds of thousands of people participating in 40
Days for Life in 200+ cities across America.
40 Days for Life saves lives through: Prayer and Fasting
for an end to abortion, Peaceful Prayer Vigil for all our
children outside Lake Jackson Intermediate School, and
Community Outreach to spread the message that life is
sacred.
Learn how to help save lives here in Lake Jackson :
www.40daysforlife.com/lakejackson

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: “Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all.”

Through your gifts, the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** was able to help build the kingdom of God over the past three months as follows:

- July 2009** **130 home visits** assisting **407 adults and children**, providing 130 bags of food, **\$7,778.18** for rent, utilities, etc., and \$2,627.50 shared with Diocese Council. **Contributions \$8,123.51**
- August 2009** **115 home visits** assisting **381 adults and children**, providing 145 bags of food, and **\$7,316.01** for rent, utilities, etc. **Contributions \$3,983.51**
- September 2009** **85 home visits** assisting **294 adults and children**, providing 83 bags of food, and **\$3,653.69** for rent, utilities, etc. **Contributions \$2,877.88**

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? For information, call Dennis Prinz at 979.236.1848

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

- **St. Michael's in NEEDVILLE** will be having their Homecoming Bazaar on **Sunday, October 25th** at the K of C Hall. Serving starts at 11:00 a.m. with an auction at 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- Most Holy Trinity is hosting a **5K Fun Run** on **Saturday, Oct 31st** at the church in Angleton. 7:00 a.m. registration, run starts at 8.
- The **TGIF youth group at St. Mary's** in Freeport will be having a **4 person Golf Scramble** at the Freeport Golf Course on **Saturday, October 31**. Registration is \$65 per person. Support this effort by playing golf. Also needed: hole sponsors for \$100 a hole. For more information, please contact Lynette Hollis at lhollis55@yahoo.com or 979-482-6029.
- **Most Holy Trinity Annual Bazaar** will be held on **Nov 1st** at the K of C Hall, E. Hwy 35 in Angleton. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m.
- **K.J.Z.T. #115** will have a **Mass for the Living and Deceased members** on Thursday, Nov 5th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Jerome in Clute.
- **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**, a weekend program designed to offer a special experience to people who lost a spouse through separation, divorce or death, the **weekend program** begins on Friday evening **November 13** through Sunday afternoon, November 15. For more information or registration contact BE at (713)440-3440 or beinfo@juno.com or www.beginningexperience.org
- **Aggie Catholic Football Contest:** Howdy! Are you an Aggie, parent or friend of an Aggie? Would you like a free chance to win a “**Football Package**” giveaway? Prizes include tickets to **TAMU & UT Game on Nov 26th**. Please call **St. Mary's Catholic Center** 1-888-240-TAMU or visit online at <http://www.aggiecatholic.org> to register. Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on November 2nd.