

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!



**You are my inheritance, O LORD!**



**Sunday**

**Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009**  
**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18;  
Mk 13:24-32

**Monday**

**Saints Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, virgin**  
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119;  
Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**  
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday**

**The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, apostles; Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin**

**Thursday**

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28,  
1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday**

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29: 10-12;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday**

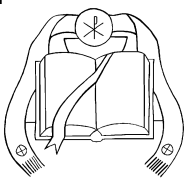
**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**  
Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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

**New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass**



The Missale Romanum (the Roman Missal), the ritual text for the celebration of the Mass, was first promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the reformed liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. A second edition followed in 1975.

**Pope John Paul II issued a revised version of the Missale Romanum during the Jubilee Year 2000.** The English translation of the revised Roman Missal is nearing completion, and **the Bishops of the United States will vote on the final sections of the text this November.** Among other things, the revised third edition of the Missale Romanum contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

We have ordered some "What's New about the Mass" pamphlets and will make them available when they arrive.



Mass Intentions Of The Week

**NOV 14 THROUGH NOV 22**

**SATURDAY  
SUNDAY**

**5:30 P.M.  
8:00 A.M.**

†Bessie Ermis  
†Carl Sam  
Sherry Aaron

**9:30 A.M.**

†Donald Huvar  
†Rosario Iglesias

**11:00 A.M.**

†James Seidler  
Pres Obama & VP Biden

**TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY**

**5:30 P.M.  
8:30 A.M.**

†Brian Baker  
†James Seidler  
†Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik

**THURSDAY  
FRIDAY**

**5:30 P.M.  
8:30 A.M.**

Sherry Aaron  
†Virgie Keller  
†Epifania Tellez

**SATURDAY**

**5:30 P.M.**

†William Stevens  
Sherry Aaron

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 A.M.**

†Virginia Gail Savaso  
†Clemente O. Gutierrez

**9:30 A.M.**

†Ernesto Beltran  
†Brian Baker

**11:00 A.M.**

†Thomas Cleaver  
†Helen Cranley

Sherry Aaron, Cierra Allen, Zera Bennet, Kenneth Blanchard, John Campbell, Robert Causbie, Doris Causbie, Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Tom Elder, Pete Ermis, Ann Foster, Andrew Gore, Barbara Grant, Bevelyn Granger, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Joanna Haswell, Gene Kanski, Ralph Lewis, Florence Olenick, Lisa Ondrey, Jim Pawelek, John Rosser, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Larry Savant, Donna Schwertner and Jack Yonge.



**SPECIAL OFFERING**

The collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** will be the **weekend of Nov 21st - 22nd.**

**CCHD** was founded by the US Bishops as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. This year, the collection is more important than ever because low-income families and individuals have the least capacity to cope in this time of economic crisis. **Please consider a generous donation for this annual appeal.**

*Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations*

**11/14 & 15**

**Mission Appeal - Missionaries of St. Charles Scalabrini Fathers & Brothers**

11/26 Thanksgiving 10:00 am (no Mass on Fri. 11/27)  
11/29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent / Beginning of Year C  
12/6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
12/7 (Mon.) Immaculate Conception Vigil (5:30pm)  
12/8 (Tue.) Immaculate Conception (8:30am & 5:30pm)  
12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 a.m.  
12/13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
12/20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
12/21 (Mon) Advent Penance Service (7pm)  
12/24 (Thu) Christmas Eve – 5:30 & 9:00 p.m. Masses  
12/25 (Fri) Christmas – 10:00am Mass



2009  
Mums & Mistletoe  
Holiday Market



**Final Call for Volunteers!** *Won't you join us for fun and fellowship? The Women of St. Michael's will hold our*

**27th Mums & Mistletoe Market November 20th - 21st**  
Market Times: (Free Admission)

**Friday, Nov. 20th 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Nov. 21st 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**How can you help?**

\* *Volunteers are needed to work 2-hour shifts during the show. There is something for everyone...We need vegetable choppers, soup stirrers, soup servers, sandwich makers, drink servers, dishwashers, order takers, bake sale helpers, hostesses, raffle ticket sellers, and on. This is a perfect time to sign up to work with a friend and meet other parishioners.*

**You can sign-up in the Family Life Center Nov. 14-15**  
\* **Raffle Tickets are on sale after all Masses, too. Come by and see the Grand Prize Quilt! \$1 per chance, or \$6 for 5.**  
\* **Donations of regular Velveeta Cheese (2# box ) are greatly appreciated for our delicious cheese soup! Cheese can be dropped off at the sign-up tables the next three weekends!**

*Other questions, please contact M&M Committee Chairs: Linda Gonzales at 292-0954 or Dottie Mensik at 297-6740. Volunteers can call Susan Lacy at 236-8304.*

**Interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?**

We are in need of additional EMHC at all Masses, as well as individuals who are interested in bringing the Eucharist to the Sick & Homebound. We will have a training session for those wishing to join this ministry on **Sunday, Dec 6th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Church.** Please bring your Bible.

Contact Lynne at 297-3041 for more information. Requirements: Confirmed Catholic, actively practicing your faith, and (if married) married in the Church.



On **Sunday, Nov 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, the Archdiocesan Choir** will present "In Memoria - A Sacred Concert of Remembrance in Honor of the Year for Priests". The event will benefit a Sacred Music Scholarship Fund for Catholic students currently enrolled in various colleges and universities in the greater Houston area. Ticket donations are \$15.00 for adult, \$5.00 Student. Call 713-741-8760 for information.



The **Catholic Daughters Court 2364** will meet one week early, **Thursday Nov 19th**, due to Thanksgiving. Please join us in the **F-Wing at 7:00 p.m.** for social time and a business meeting. We will be planning our Christmas Party (Sat. Dec 5th), discussing our Adopt-A-Family plans, and the 2010 Spaghetti Dinner (Jan 31st). Please join us and bring a friend.



**Interested in singing with the Choir for Christmas?** Rehearsals will begin soon. Contact Kay Jones, 297-5147 or Mike Caserta, 297-6054 for more information.



Poinsettias

If you would like to make a donation towards the **Christmas flowers for the church**, please contact the Parish Office at 297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.00 per poinsettia.

**Stewardship Opportunities at St. Michael's**

- The **Altar Society** is **DESPERATELY** in need of "**Linen Ladies**" who are willing to **wash and iron small altar linens.** Frequency - Every 6 weeks. **Training provided.** Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile ministry and spend a little quiet time (1 - 2 hrs) with our Lord. Please call Kathy Moore, 297-8919.
- **Sponsors are needed for the current RCIA program.** A Sponsor gives support to their Candidate or Catechumen 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. Contact Orville Bellar, 297-1027.
- **Sponsors also needed for Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT) program.** Those recently confirmed and other young adults might think about assisting a younger person on their journey. Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Contact Betty Betczynski, 285-9139.
- The **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound** is seeking people to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Trained volunteers visit those who are sick and homebound, bringing them the Eucharist. **Upcoming training date: Sunday Dec 6th 1 - 4 p.m.** Contact Sherry Bergen, 233-1161 for more information.



Altar Care



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

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA**

- **KJT** will meet on **Tuesday, Nov 17th at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Jerome's in Clute in the Father O'Malley Room.
- **KJZT #155** will have a **Mass for living and deceased members on Tuesday, Nov 17th at 8:30 a.m.** at St. Mary's in Freeport. Meeting after in Heaven's Way room.
- **Women's Retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center**, weekend of Dec 4th - 6th. Catholic Retreat Theme: Trust...Our Gift to God. Contact Retreat Center to register, (713) 464-0211.

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## Youth Ministry 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### NOVEMBER

Nov 15th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Nov 22nd

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Nov 29th

NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

### DECEMBER

Dec 5th

HS youth Decorate Rectory Christmas Tree  
after 5:30 p.m. Mass

Dec 6th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Dec 13th

Ski Tri Meeting 4:30 p.m. F-Wing

Dec 13th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.



## YOUTH FUNDRAISING

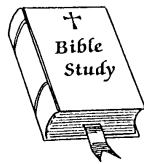
Our parish youth who are attending the  
Ski Trip will be fundraising this Fall.

**Enchilada dinners on Nov 15th after all Sunday Masses**

(take out only) *hall of the Family Life Center*

## DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

"Deeper" is a bible study for High School 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!



Have you every thought about becoming an **ALTAR SERVER**? Training classes are being scheduled for all those who are interested.

Contact Mike Caserta 297-6054,

mike@smlj.org or Kim Westbrook 297-6838,

rwestbrook001@comcast.net

## Dear "40 Days for Life" Volunteers,

**Thank you** for the diapers and wipes you donated to the Pregnancy Help Center. Your donations give hope and help to struggling families in our community. **Your commitment to affirm life by lending a helping hand to these families is what the love of our Lord Jesus is all about.** Lots of folks talk about love, but few actually sacrifice the time to show love, especially to complete strangers. God bless you richly for living the example of Jesus in our community.

Blessings to you all,

Beccy Kerns

Client Service Director, Pregnancy Help Center

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 1st Reading

**Daniel 12:1-3**

**Rise and Shine**

Death scares people. It even scares believers. It shouldn't, of course, because believers hope in a life of bliss with our redeemer. But death still scares us. Like students awaiting a report card, like employees awaiting a performance review, the faithful believe that God will judge our acts after we die. Nothing will be concealed. God may be merciful, but God is also just.

The vision of the judgment that appears in the Book of Daniel strikes as much fear as hope. Michael, the archangel, the prince and guardian of God's people, will come at a time of unsurpassed distress. Those who inhabit the graves of the earth will awaken. Some will live forever, but others will be an everlasting horror and disgrace. That is Daniel's vision. Those who escape the tribulation are those whose names are found written in the book. The hope of every believer is that his or her name will show up there. In daily prayer, many people review what they have done and place it in judgment before God. God's Spirit can help scrutinize our actions each day. Then the day of reckoning will come as no surprise. Those who lead others to justice shall be like the stars forever.

### 2nd Reading

**Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

**Forgiven Once and For All**

If you want to be forgiven, you do something to make up for your offense. You buy flowers. You replace what you broke. You take back your words. You say, "I'm sorry." Life is never the same after sin and forgiveness. You become a person who is capable of a particular sin. But with forgiveness you become a person who can repent. People who became suspicious because of your sin now trust you because of your repentance. Everyone sins. But not everyone admits it. Not everyone apologizes. Not everyone seeks forgiveness. And not everyone grants it. Life is never the same after sin—it sometimes gets worse. Life is never the same after forgiveness—it usually gets better.

The Letter to the Hebrews presents the ministry of Jesus as an exercise in forgiveness. His death parallels the sacrifice that priests offered daily for the forgiveness of sins. But Jesus did not have to be crucified daily. He died once. As the perfect Son of God, his one action sufficed to win forgiveness for us all. Forgiveness doesn't happen until some words or actions take place. We usually don't extend forgiveness until the offender admits the wrong. In the case of Jesus, he has taken the action for us. He has offered himself in sacrifice for our forgiveness. He has made reconciliation easy. When we become aware of our sin, we confess our fault. Forgiveness is already ours.

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THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

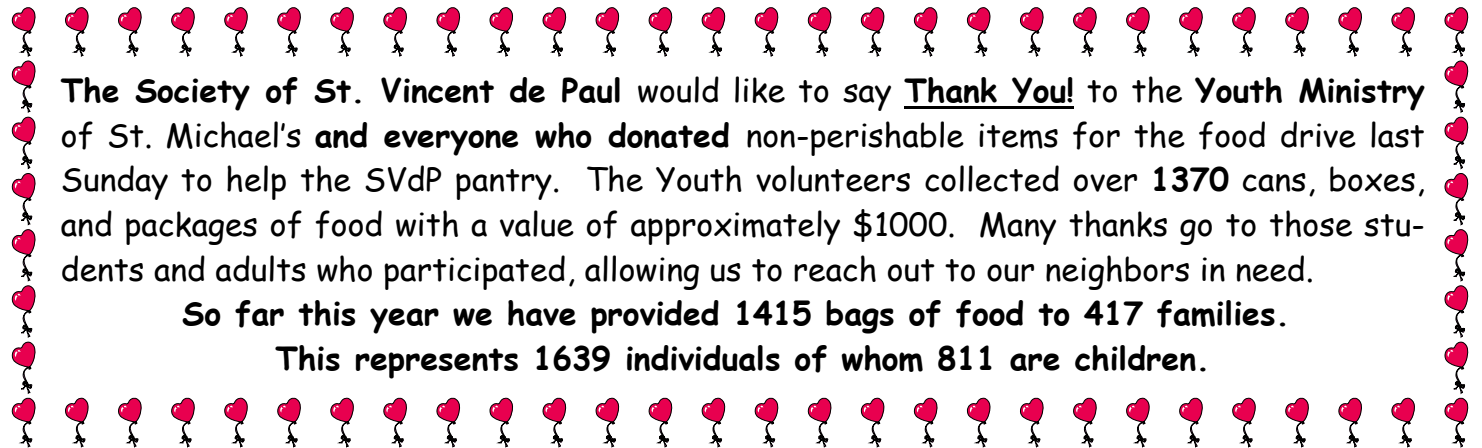


The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.**

- 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 106 home visits assisting 372 adults and children with 130 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc, was \$ 4,252.51. Contributions \$2,877.88.
- October 2009 **98 home visits assisting 368 adults and children, providing 141 bags of food, distributing \$3,719.73 for rent, utilities, etc. Contributions totaled \$4,575.89.**

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



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** would like to say **Thank You!** to the **Youth Ministry** of St. Michael's and **everyone who donated** non-perishable items for the food drive last Sunday to help the SVdP pantry. The Youth volunteers collected over **1370** cans, boxes, and packages of food with a value of approximately \$1000. Many thanks go to those students and adults who participated, allowing us to reach out to our neighbors in need.

**So far this year we have provided 1415 bags of food to 417 families.**

**This represents 1639 individuals of whom 811 are children.**