

**Today This Scripture Reading**  
**Is Fulfilled In Your Hearing.**



The U. S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility of each one of us. **We are all stewards of the Church.**"

*Liturgy Of The Word*



**Your words, Lord, are SPIRIT and LIFE.**

**Readings for the Week of January 24, 2010**  
**Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
**Monday: The Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle**  
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18  
**Tuesday: Saints Timothy; Titus, bishops**  
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday: Saint Angela Merici, virgin**  
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday: Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor**  
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34**  
**Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41**  
**Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

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

**"FOLLOW ME ..."**  
**2010 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**



Our 2010 Diocesan Services Fund begins next weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Our theme this year is "Follow me ..." We are called to be Christ to those sick or in need, to teach, to reach out. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston needs your compassion and generosity. Your gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in your parish and in the Archdiocese through more than 60 important programs. In the next week or so, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to head Christ's call and follow him by your participation in this year's Diocesan Services Fund. Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass the next weekend. If you prefer, you may go online at [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf) to make your donation. Your generous gift will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services.



**Mass Intentions Of The Week**

**JANUARY 23 through JANUARY 31**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Jody Martinets †Hattie Richter †Bill Stevens
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†James Seidler †Pete Ermis
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Louis Russek Couples Trying to Conceive
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Margaret Pastor †Margaret Aylward
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Betty Mildner Pres Obama & VP Biden
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Ryan Barnes
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Ma. Guadalupe A. Gutierrez
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†James Seidler †Louis Russek
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Pete & Bessie Ermis †Hattie Richter
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Ernesto Beltran †Julius Haas
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	The John Dusek Family
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	Pres Obama & VP Biden Couples Trying to Conceive

**Please pray for**

John Baxter, Kellie Chaney, Chris Christenson, Jeanette Faulk, Mary Jane Gonzales, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Dorothea Himmel, Frank Kiefel, Ralph Lewis, Florence Olenick, Jim Pawelek, Ilda Rubalcaba, Paulette Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner and Gilbert Staffieri.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

†**Julius Haas**, father of Ken (Diane) Haas, grandfather of Ginger Haas and Erika Thornley.  
†**Rose Krell**, mother of Blair (Suzanne) Krell, grandmother of Jacob and Emily.  
†**Gloria Ledger**, mother of Cynthia Ledger Castille (Merrick), grandmother of Bryan.



From "The Little Burgundy Book, Six-minute Reflections on Stewardship in light of the Gospel of John":

**Off the Top – What is Stewardship?**

Stewardship is a way of life based on the Gospel, How do I make it my way of life?

- I take to heart the opening words of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."
- I recognize that part of my God-given make-up is a need to give, and that it is a source of my own peace and happiness.
- I return a portion of my time/skills and possessions to God in a spirit of gratitude.
- I take it off the top, rather than from what is left over.

**Catholic Daughters Annual Spaghetti Dinner**



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2364 of St. Michael's are selling **RAFFLE Tickets** after all Masses in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. This annual raffle supports the many charitable projects done by our CDA Court throughout the year.

The Annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be in the **Hall of the FLC on Sunday, January 31st** after all Masses. **Plates are \$8** (includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert). Take-out or dine-in after all Sunday Masses beginning with the 8 AM Mass.

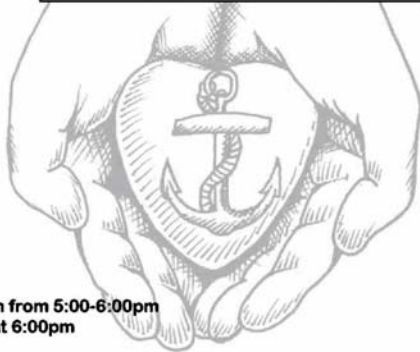
**Raffle tickets** (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) available from all CDA members until 1PM, January 31<sup>st</sup>. **First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt. Second prize is a Laptop + 18 other great prizes. Thank you for your continued support!**

**Still Time to Make a New Year's Resolution**

From our Envision survey, 136 people said they would be interested in an **adult Bible study during the 9:30 hour on Sunday's**. We are here, in **room 149-150** across from the nursery in the family life center. Please join us to listen to **how the Word of God from the pulpit each weekend has touched us and allow it to touch you**. What an easy way to spend 1 hour with the Lord to thank him for giving his Son's life for you. Friendship & Coffee provided! Great for new comers to meet more of their church family and old timers to share their St. Michael experiences.

*14th Annual St. Michael's  
Woman-to-Woman Retreat*  
**Our Hope is His Love**

February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
Palacios Encampment  
Palacios, Texas



Schedule:

**Friday Night:**

- ❖ Check-in from 5:00-6:00pm
- ❖ Dinner at 6:00pm

**Saturday:**

- ❖ Speaker, Pat Hoelscher: St. Philips Catholic Church; El Campo, Texas
- ❖ Mary Accinelli : St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, Missouri City, Texas

**Sunday:**

- ❖ Departure around 11:00 am

*\*For more information call: Janis Barnes 297-8218; cell# 709-1881*

Registration Forms available now in the Hallway of the Family Life Center.

**MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
**Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**



**Thursday, February 11**, is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and designated by the Vatican as "World Day of the Sick." **His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.** will celebrate the **Anointing Mass on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.**

The Order of Malta will assist with planning and logistics.

**All are invited to attend the Mass.**

The Sacrament of the Sick is reserved for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. **If you plan to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass, please register by calling your parish office.** Your name will be sent to the Diocese and a place in the Cathedral will be reserved for you.

**Appropriate reception of the Sacrament of the Sick would include:**

- those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age
- before surgery, if the surgery is caused by serious illness
- elderly people who have become notably weakened, even though no serious illness is present
- seriously ill children who have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by the Sacrament
- those who have been anointed if they relapse after recovery or if the condition becomes more serious
- those who are judged to have a serious mental illness

**Faith in Action of Brazosport is seeking donations for the live and silent auctions at their Annual Wild Game Dinner** which will be held at **St. Michaels on Friday, February 12**. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating items, gift cards, services, sports, movie or event tickets, etc. All proceeds from the dinner and auctions will be used to purchase material needed for our youth and adult volunteers to continue to do home repairs, build wheel chair ramps, etc. for the needy in our area. If you have any questions, or would like to make a donation, please contact: Marlene Hunter at 480-0779, Lisa Ondrey at 292-5093, Maria Macaraeg at 236-9432, or Allen Stover at 292-9729. **Thank you for your continued support of Faith in Action!**

**Bible Study at Hearthstone Nursing Home, Lake Jackson:**



If you would like to volunteer to **conduct a 30 minute bible study** at Hearthstone Nursing Home on Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 10:30 am, please contact Art Vandaveer @ 979-235-0148.

You are invited to the

**Thirty Seventh Annual Mass for Life**  
**His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.**  
**The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**  
1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas 77002  
**6 February, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. with reception to follow at Cathedral Centre located across the street from the Co-Cathedral. The street address is 1701 San Jacinto. The parking lot entrance is on the Jefferson Street side of the building. If you are coming down San Jacinto, you would turn right on Jefferson. The entrance to the parking lot would then be on your left and the entrance to the building is also on Jefferson.

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

JANUARY

- Jan 24th CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- Jan 28th NET Jr HS Retreat 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
- Jan 29 - 30 NET HS Retreat 5:30 p.m. Fri - 8:00 p.m. Sat
- Jan 31st CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

**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!



**GIRL SCOUTS**



**Girl Scout Sunday** will be celebrated this year on **Sunday, Feb 28th** at the **8:00 a.m.** Mass. **Sign up now** to volunteer to fill positions at Mass. Parent Volunteer needed from each troop. Sign-up sheets are available either on the bulletin board in the FLC or from your GS Troup. Call Natalia Montanez 297-1011 or Coletta Stover 297-5191. **Sign-up sheets due no later than Jan 27th.**

of Jan 17th and Jan 24th in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. Please plan on ordering your fertilizer and mulch from the scouts in our Church's Troop 324. **Materials ordered will be delivered on Feb 13th.**



**Time to start planning your Spring Planting!** Scouts will be selling **Fertilizer and Mulch** after all Masses the weekend



of Jan 17th and Jan 24th in the Hallway of the Family Life Center. Please plan on ordering your fertilizer and mulch from the scouts in our Church's Troop 324. **Materials ordered will be delivered on Feb 13th.**

January 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with profound sincerity and gratitude that I express my appreciation for your response to Christ's call to *Show Hospitality to All, Especially the Stranger*, for the Diocesan Services Fund appeal in 2009.

Hospitality is essential to living your Catholic faith in the good times and especially in the more difficult times. Grateful for your generous support, we are committed to being good stewards of the financial resources of the Archdiocese. May God bless you and your families for sharing your hospitality and opening your arms to all those in need. I pray that Christ continues to bless each of you in your daily life and that the hospitality you have shown will be returned more abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**  
Archbishop of Galveston - Houston



# NET RETREAT

PRESENTED BY **2010**  
NET MINISTRIES

**JUNIOR HIGH ONE DAY RETREAT**

- When:** Thursday, January 28th from 5:00pm to 9:30pm
- Where:** St. Michael's Catholic Church, Family Life Center
- Cost:** \$5.00
- Bring:** yourself, a friend, and an open heart!

**HIGH SCHOOL OVER NIGHT RETREAT**

- When:** Friday, January 29th at 5:30pm thru 8:00pm Saturday
- Where:** St. Michael's Catholic Church, Education Building
- Cost:** \$20.00
- Bring:** sleeping gear, toiletries, change of clothes, Mass clothes, 2 liter soda and a snack to share, bible and rosary, a friend

Registration Forms available in Youth Ministry Office.

Registration form (turn in by Friday, January 22nd)

**NEW-COMERS RECEPTION**

Are you new to the Parish? **Come join Fr. Leo and the Welcoming Ministry for a New-Comers Reception on January 24th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Angelina Room.** If you are new (or relatively new!) to our Parish family, please come to meet and socialize with other parishioners. **Contacts from our St. Michael's Ministries and other parishioners are encouraged to attend to help us welcome our new arrivals!** RSVP or Questions: Call the Parish office 297-3041 or Sheri 285-7434.



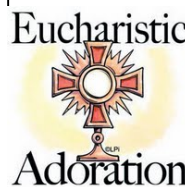
**Young at Heart - All Senior Adult Parishioners**

Reserve the date on your calendar!

**February 13** - "Fun Things to do in Lake Jackson"

All Senior Adults are invited to join in the fun **after the 5:30 PM Saturday Mass** in the Family Life Center Main Hall. Presentations, Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

**The Adoration Chapel** at St. Michael's is a beautiful, quiet place where you can come and sit with our Lord Jesus Christ in quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. to Midnight, 7 days a week. There is an open Adoration Chapel hour to be shared on **Thursday from 4-5 p.m.** Please contact Cheri McBurnett, 297-8874. There is also an opening **on Fridays from 10 - 11 a.m.** Please contact Gay Rayburn, 236-4004.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 2010 Parish Pastoral Council

The **Pastoral Council** for St. Michael's is a **consultative body to the Pastor**. Members support and encourage the Pastor as he shepherds the faith community of St. Michael's. Members also respond to needs and questions from the various Parish ministries and members of our Parish family.

Our **2010 Pastoral Council members are:**

**Joe Lesnau - Chairperson**  
**Sheri Hanson - Vice Chairperson**  
**Teresa Gonzales - Secretary**  
**George Bettinger**  
**Andy Farnum**  
**Gene Kanski**  
**Erv Sterzinger**  
**Margarita Prinz**

Dear Pastors,

Morgan Jackson, International Director of **Faith Comes By Hearing** sponsor for "**You've Got The Time**" **Houston**, asked me to convey to you his thanks for providing the Sacred Scriptures in audio to people around the world. We are providing an update on the impact of your giving to thank you and let you know how you are blessing people with God's Word in their own heart language. We encourage you to share this information with every family in your parish so they can see how their support is changing people's lives around the world. **Because of parishes like yours, 1,236 Proclaimers are now reaching people served by Catholic Missionaries in six Latin American countries and one country in Asia!** Your gifts are providing the opportunity to hear God's Word in schools and parishes, during Catechism, Holy Rosary prayer and Lectio Divina. Thank you so much for blessing people around the world who—regardless of literacy—can hear the Sacred Scriptures in their own mother tongue. Thank you again for your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

James E. Barrette

Director, Secretariat for Pastoral and Educational Ministries

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." **Have you considered answering the call to "bring glad tidings to the poor" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** For information, call Dennis Prinz at 979.236.1848

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.

November 2009: 97 home visits assisting 300 adults and children, providing 130 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc. was \$4,315.33. Contributions totaled \$11,912.36. Additionally, 66 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed providing for 309 adults and children.

**December 2009: 103 home visits assisting 361 adults and children, providing 181 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc. was \$ 4,323.97. Contributions totaled \$10,007.33**