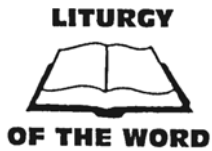




Today's readings are all about promises. God promises Abraham that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the skies. In the story of the Transfiguration, we are given a glimpse of the promise of glory made to those who put their faith in Christ. Bathed in the brilliant light of the Transfiguration, we open our hearts to listen once again to the dazzling promises made by our loving and compassionate God.



**Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010**  
**Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent**  
 Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday: Saint Katharine Drexel, virgin**  
 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday: Saint Casimir**  
 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent**  
 Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

**Lenten Reconciliation Services in our Area**  
**Monday, 3/22 at St. Michael's - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tues, 3/23, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport, 7 pm**  
**Weds, 3/24, Most Holy Trinity, Angleton, 7pm**  
**Thurs, 3/25, St. John the Apostle, W.C. 7 pm**

**THE JOURNEY WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent**  
 We will continue the Lenten tradition of **Vespers** being celebrated each **Sunday of Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the "F" Wing.** Vespers is a powerful yet peaceful celebration of the end of one week and the beginning of the next. This is a wonderful way to fulfill one of our Lenten disciplines, that of prayer. Whether you've participated in Vespers before or are new to this community prayer, **please plan to join us this Lent!**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 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.** (contact Cheri McBurnett, 297-8874). There are also openings on **Fridays from 10 - 11 a.m.** (contact Gay Rayburn, 236-4004) and on **Sundays, 12 - 1 PM and 4 - 5 PM.** (contact Mary Ann Longoria, 297-4109).



**FEBRUARY 27 through MARCH 7**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Hattie Richter †Bill Stevens
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Pete Ermis †Donald & Remedios Young
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Darrell Lyster †Susana Burgos
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†J. R. Visperas †Louis Russek
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Betty Mildner †Victoria C. Gonzales
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Louis Russek Pres Obama & VP Biden
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:00 A.M.</b>	†Deceased Priests Archdio G-H
	<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	†Louis Russek
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>	†Hattie Richter
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	†Pete Ermis †Robert F. Lesnau
	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>	†Louis Russek †John & Gloria Ledger
	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	†Betty Mildner Pres Obama & VP Biden

**Please pray for** James Blanchard, J. Robert Causbie, Doris Causbie, Kellie Chaney, Ruth Coale, Pearl Cresswell, Ted DiBlasi, Luciana Farrar, Jeanette Faulk, Mary Jane Gonzales, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Joanna Haswell, Frank Kiefel, LeRoy Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Elaine Najvar, Florence Olenick, Judy & Jonathan Ozuna, Jim Pawelek, Ilda Rubalcaba, Paulette Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner and Albert Villarreal.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
 †**Alice Martin**, mother of Kathy (Joe) Ward, grandmother of Julia Ward.  
 †**Jack Newport**, father of Patrick Newport.

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday's liturgy focuses on faith and trust in God and gives us a kind of preview of Christ's resurrection in the Gospel reading of the **transfiguration**. These themes form an excellent background for a special penitential rite or scrutiny that is celebrated today with already-baptized candidates who are preparing for reception into the church at Easter. It is interesting to note that the transfiguration story is revisited on August 6 with its own feast and a very different liturgy focusing on triumph, praise, and exaltation.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

2010 Diocesan Services Fund "FOLLOW ME ..."



Our Parish goal for the 2010 DSF campaign is **\$102,000.00**. God bless each of the **130 families** who have so generously responded with **\$39,325 in pledges** for the 2010 DSF campaign. If you have heard Christ's call, but have not yet responded, **please do so today**. Remember that no gift is too small.

Each gift helps. With every parishioners meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal and provide hope and help to those among us who are in most need.

The new **DSF-2010 Website** <http://www.archgh.org/DSF/2010/> contains this year's message of "Follow me" from Cardinal DiNardo and enables you to view the DSF video, and learn more about the various ministries supported by your donation.

**Special congratulations to Gilbert Bohuslav** who received the Bill T. Teague "chairman of the year" award from the **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center**. This award is given to an individual who exceeds in making the goal of saving lives, through blood donations, a priority. Gilbert's leadership and commitment was recognized from among 4500 other blood donation centers throughout the Gulf Coast region. **Job Well Done, Gilbert** and to all those on the team! And a **special thanks to all those who have given blood** at our blood drives through the Knights of Columbus here at St Michaels. **We were nominated along with 2 other churches for Church of the Year**. Your continuous commitment to saving lives is very much appreciated.

**Thank You!**

There has been a lot of volunteer effort going on within the Parish recently, and we want to take a moment to recognize some of the "sweat equity" people have contributed to help make good things happen around here!

- **Boots Ermis, Tom Loftus, Erv Sterzinger and Dennis Rhodes** installed the handrails along the walkway from the front parking lot to the Church...
- **Gene Kanski, Bob Miller, Leo Chelette, John Respondek, and Paul Gamino** brought in dirt and sod to help fill those areas near our concrete walkways and front driveway which the drought and rain have impacted most severely....
- **Bubba Moore and Dan Swist** have worked on the grounds at the Outdoor Stations of the Cross...
- **Dana & Matt Pretz** have revamped and reworked the Gabriel project storage areas...
- **Tom Betczynski, Bubba Moore, Mike Caserta and Mario Cruz** dug the holes and installed the large Lenten Crosses....
- **Art Vandaveer and a BUNCH of other folks** put up and took down the 600+ crosses used for our Pro-Life display...
- **Our new Art and Environment Committee** (made up of several very dedicated people!!!) has worked very hard during Advent, Christmas, and now LENT to make our Church liturgical environment look fantastic...

**Our parish could not operate without all the hard working dedicated volunteers!!!! Thank you to everyone for all you do here to make St. Michael's a better parish community.**



Please join us to pray the **Rosary for the Unborn** in the chapel on **First Saturday, March 6th**, in the chapel, beginning at **8:00 am**. For further information, contact Betty Betczynski, 285-9139.



The Knights of Columbus will be serving their annual **Lenten fish fry dinners each Friday from 5 - 7 p.m.** in the **Hall** of the Family Life Center through **March 26th**. Enjoy your meal in the Hall to the **"Country Sounds of Duke Gamino"** or **pick up** your dinner at our **convenient drive through in front of the F-Wing**. Purchase raffle tickets at the door or from one of your friendly Knights. Fish dinners with all the trimmings are priced at **\$8.00**.



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*Donations for **EASTER flowers** for the Church can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Requested contribution is **\$15.00 per lily**.*

**Girl Scout Sunday - Feb 28th, 8:00 a.m.**

**Mass** followed by a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall of the FLC. The **Pancake Breakfast**,

GIRL SCOUTS



hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held **after the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Masses** this Sunday, with donations accepted to help support the Girl Scout Spiritual Day.



**Elderly/Homebound Parishioner** is looking for someone to do some periodic **Yard Work**. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 297-3041 for additional information.



Adult Faith Formation ministry again presents Ms. Camilla Chedester in a series of Lenten talks entitled **"The Spirituality of the Catholic Church"**. The series will begin Monday, **March 8th (continuing with sessions on 3/15 and 3/29)** in the **Wolters' Room in the Educational Building beginning at 7:00PM**. There are four stages of Spiritual Life—Church of Children, Church of Teenagers, Church of Adults and Church of Wisdom People. Come and hear how as we grow, we go through each stage and our relationship with Jesus Christ grows.

The **Annual St. Joseph's Altar Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, March 7th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass** in the Hall of the Family Life Center. Festivities will begin after the 11:00 am mass when Msgr. Leo will ask God's blessing on the foods prepared, those making the celebration possible and the guests. **Please come and enjoy the fine Sicilian/Italian foods and dine with friends to the sound of Italian music**. Bring nothing but yourselves and family members. Stay for the drawings for door prizes. Everyone attending is usually lucky and takes home a prize. A love offering will be asked. Contact Kathy & Mike Latino 297-2819 with questions.



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

### FEBRUARY

Feb 28th CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

### MARCH

Mar 7th CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Mar 14th Mission Adult Planning 1 - 2 pm  
Summer Camp REGISTRATION 4pm-Wolters

Mar 21st NO CLASS - Spring Break

Mar 26th NO CLASS - Spring Break

Mar 26 - 27th Youth Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

Mar 28th 30-hr Famine High School Retreat

CLASS 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mission Adult Planning 1 - 2 pm

Mission Info & Register 2 - 4 pm

**ATTENTION 2010 GRADUATING SENIORS:** Scholarship applications from the Youth Office have been mailed out. These are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a letter with the application, please call the Youth Office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:** The 2010 Graduation Mass and Luncheon is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. Look for upcoming details in the near future!

Come join us in a wild Safari Adventure this summer!!

### VBS 2010 - Safari In The Sun June 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 9 am-noon

Children preschool age three years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will explore God's word through exciting and fun Bible stories, games, crafts and music.

Come join our Safari Crew!

**Volunteers are needed!**

Please call Tricia DeCarolus at 297-3017



**Attention: Women!** Did you know that all women of the parish are automatically members of the **Women of St. Michael's Ministry**? If you are new to the parish or have not been to a meeting in awhile, come join the fun! All women of the parish are invited to attend either the day meeting, evening meeting or both. Guests are welcome!

The **Day Group** will meet **Tuesday, March 2nd** in the **Angelina Room**. Our program will be "**Beauty On-The-Go**" presented by guest speaker **Cindi Coleman**, owner of Beauty Cosmetics, Inc. **Join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass** followed by refreshments and our **meeting at 9:15 a.m.** For more information contact Peggy Robinson 265-6883 or Cheri McBurnett 297-8874. Nursery is provided for children 4 yrs. old and under. **The Evening Group** will meet **Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30p.m.** in the **Angelina Room**. Our program will be "**The Holy Land Experience**", presented by member **Kay Birdsong**, who recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land. Please bring a salad ingredient to share. For more information, contact Susan Lacy 236-8304.

### Volunteer Training for Pregnancy Help Center/Safe Haven

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Dinner will be served on Friday and  
Breakfast & Lunch on Saturday.

Training held at the Pregnancy Help Center  
327 Garland Dr., Lake Jackson.

All materials are supplied! **Please call to RSVP (979-297-3622)**  
**so they will have everything ready for you.**

### Second Sunday of Lent:

First Reading - *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

God's Gifts and Our Desires

There are two desires that lie deep within the human soul: descendants and property. Some people are blessed with plenty of each. Others have very little to show, even for a life lived well. Some people receive descendants and property in different ways. They have students, disciples or friends who admire them and strive to be like them. Or they have access to the land that others own. One need not have blood descendants and deeds of property to make life worthwhile. But it is what many people want.

It is what Abram wanted. He was an old man, childless. He lived in Ur of the Chaldeans, in modern day Iraq. God made him a promise. God promised him the two desires that lay deep in his soul: descendants and property. "Count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be." And then, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River." It was an amazingly generous gift. It could only come from God. It was beyond what someone could even hope for.

Because these desires are so strong, people react strongly when something goes wrong with them. If a child turns out different from what one hoped, or if property is vandalized, damaged, or lost—people feel a huge sense of betrayal and despair.

God knows the desires of our hearts. And God wants to fulfill them with the descendants and property that will unfold the divine plan.

### Second Reading - *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Changing into Glory

Teachers have the special joy of watching students change. Right before their eyes, they see students begin the year one size and shape, and end the year with more knowledge, maturity, and life. They have a special role in this change, and they deserve all the thanks our society can give.

Change usually comes hard to us, but it is a necessary part of life. Some people, sadly, change for the worse. They meet the wrong friends and develop the wrong habits. They change their values and lose the respect of those who hoped for their future. But when change is for the better, marvelous things happen. You grow in wisdom and understanding. You inspire others by your thoughts and deeds. And you reveal yourself as a true child of God, a citizen of heaven, growing more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Of course, the most dramatic change will come at the end. We will change from our earthly body into heavenly beings. Paul wrote to the Philippians, "The Lord Jesus Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

Jesus demonstrated this hope in his transfiguration. Like a good teacher, he revealed the glory of God, a model for the change he has in mind for us. This Lent, let us not be discouraged by our sin, but encouraged by the vision of glory Christ holds out for us.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Pastor - Rev. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, E. V.**  
**Parochial Vicar - Rev. Marty Pham**

**Rectory & Parish Office: (979) 297-3041**  
**Religious Ed & Youth Ministry: (979) 297-3043**

**Weekend Liturgy**

**Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Penance**

Tuesday 5:00–5:30 p.m. & Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.

**Adoration Chapel**

Every day 9:00 a.m.–Midnight

**Nursery**

Available in the Family Life Center during the  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses

**Baptism Preparation**

Call Cindy Hakanson at 299-0690 for information

**Visitation of Sick & Homebound**

Please call the Parish Office to have someone visit.

**THE JOURNEY**

**WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent**

**All Fridays of Lent**

Mass 6:00 am and 8:30 am

K of C Fish Fry (5-7pm)

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

**All Sundays of Lent**

**VESPERS – 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in F-Wing**

**March**

**7 – Feast of St. Joseph (Sunday)**

Blessing of St. Joseph Altar after 11:00 am Mass

**22 – Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00pm**

**26 – Youth Stations of the Cross (Fri.)**

**28 – Palm Sunday**

5:30pm (Sat.) & 11:00am (Sun.) Masses

Procession begins in the Hall

8:00am & 9:30am (Sun.) Masses

**April**

**1 – Holy Thursday**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at Altar of Repose in Angelina Rm.  
after Mass until 12:00 midnight

**2 – Good Friday**

3:00pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**3 – Holy Saturday**

8:30pm Easter Vigil

**4 – Easter Sunday**

8:00am Mass in Church

9:30am & 11:00 am Mass in Church and Hall

**11 – Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00 P.M. Service in Church**