



Unless you  
**REPENT,**  
you will all  
perish as  
they did.

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

LITURGY



OF THE WORD

**THE LORD IS**

*kind and merciful.*

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent  
Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
- Monday:** Saint John of God, religious  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Saint Frances of Rome, religious  
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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



Surely  
He has  
borne  
our  
Griefs  
and  
carried  
our  
Sorrow

The Annual St. Joseph's Altar Celebration will be held this 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.



Mass Intentions Of The Week

MARCH 6  
through  
MARCH 14

- SATURDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Hattie Richter
- SUNDAY** 8:00 A.M. †Pete Ermis  
†Robert F. Lesnau
- 9:30 A.M. †Louis Russek  
†John & Gloria Ledger
- 11:00 A.M. †Betty Mildner  
Pres Obama & VP Biden
- TUESDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Vera Colura
- WEDNESDAY** 8:30 A.M. †Alfred & Joe Dale Psencik
- THURSDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Louis Russek  
†Aurea Bautista
- FRIDAY** 6:00 A.M. †Claire, Mark & Randy Crosley
- 8:30 A.M. †Pete Ermis
- SATURDAY** 5:30 P.M. †Pete Ermis  
†Colleen DeAses
- SUNDAY** 8:00 A.M. Fr. Marty Pham  
Pres Obama & VP Biden
- 9:30 A.M. †Betty Mildner  
†Hattie Richter
- 11:00 A.M. †Louis Russek  
†John & Gloria Ledger



PRAYER REQUESTS

Kellie Chaney, Ted DiBlasi, Luciana Farrar, Jeanette Faulk, Mary Jane Gonzales, Arthur Haas, Paige Haas, Joanna Haswell, Frank Kiefel, LeRoy Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Patty Matus, Raymond Muniza, Elaine Najvar, Florence Olenick, Jim Pawelek, Paulette Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, and Joyce Sykora.

We will continue the Lenten tradition of **Vespers** being celebrated each **Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the "F" Wing.**

Eucharistic



Adoration

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).

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C



On the Third Sunday of Lent each year, the first reading comes from the book of Exodus. In this C year, Moses discovers God in the burning bush and comes to know that he is standing on holy ground, the ordinary—but much transformed—place of his daily work. This and other readings designated for today and for the next two Sundays may be set aside in favor of the A-year readings which focus on the baptismal themes of water, light, and life. Taking the A option is especially appropriate in assemblies celebrating rites called scrutinies with the elect who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. These scrutiny rites, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, are meant to discover and heal anything sinful that may remain in the hearts of the elect and to uncover and strengthen that which is good. This bulletin insert was written by Marion Eagen, © 2002 Resource Publications, All rights reserved.

**2010 Diocesan Services Fund "FOLLOW ME ..."**



Our Parish goal for the 2010 DSF campaign is **\$102,000.00**. God bless each of the **222 families** who have so generously responded with **\$73,385 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 Di-Nardo and enables you to view the DSF video, and learn more about the various ministries supported by your donation.

**Lenten Day of Reflection**

presented by the Women of St. Michael's  
**"A Lenten Journey"** will be presented on  
**Wednesday, March 10th**

Wolter's Room of the Education Building  
**Mass 8:30am**  
**Program 9am - noon**

Simple lunch provided

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please **RSVP** to Nancy Yung: 297-9540

Or [nyung7@gmail.com](mailto:nyung7@gmail.com)

Nursery available for ages 4 and younger with reservation.



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**.



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



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.



**Our local 40 Days for Life prayer volunteers support the Spring 40DFL campaign in**

**Houston**. Each **Saturday morning of the Lenten season**, we will caravan to the planned parenthood on Fanin to be a "visible", yet gentle, sign of God's love" through our quiet, earnest prayer for the men, women, and teenagers who find themselves on the doorstep of this clinic, where **everyday is an abortion day**. Please consider joining us this Saturday to shine the light of Christ into the darkness of planned parenthood. **Please gather in the church parking lot at 7:45 a.m. for an 8 a.m. departure**. We cover the 9 - 11am shift and return home by noon. Questions? Jeanne Schroll 297-5860



**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.



We can always count on our great St. Michael's parishioners. Remember, we promised the M.D. Anderson blood drive team that we would donate at least 100 units of blood--guess what--**112 of you came through with 101 units**. While making the donations, 9 different grateful people were recipients of your generous donation. Each one of them would like to thank you from the bottom of their heart. God Bless all of you--remember to put **April 25th on your calendar for our next blood drive**.

**K.J.Z.T. #115** will meet on **March 23rd** at 10:30 a.m. at 1621 McFadden in Brazoria.



Our **SVDP pantry** is in need of **Jelly, Canned Meats & Tuna, and Canned Fruit**. We really appreciate your support throughout the year and couldn't help so many families with food **without YOU!!!**



- **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children Workshops** at St. Michael's on Thurs. April 22nd or Tues. May 11th; 6:15 - 9:30 p.m. Pre-registration required.
- Growing from Everything: The Second Stage of Spiritual Life by **Fr. Matthew Linn** - April 20th, 7 - 9 p.m.
- **The Labyrinth** - Mar 20th & 21st, FLC Hall. Walk the Labyrinth on Saturday 9A - 7P and Sunday 9A - 3 P.
- **Study of the Catechism for the Adult Catholic**, Monday April 5th through May 10th, B-Wing, 7 p.m.
- **Mission 2010** - July 17th - 24th

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

### MARCH

Mar 7th

CLASS 6:30—8:30 p.m.  
Mission Adult Planning 1 - 2 pm  
Summer Camp REGISTRATION 4pm-Wolters

Mar 14th

NO CLASS - Spring Break

Mar 21st

NO CLASS - Spring Break

Mar 26th

Youth Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

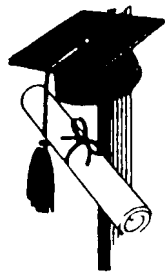
Mar 26 - 27th

30-hr Famine High School Retreat

Mar 28th

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



### US Census: Be counted in 2010.

The 2010 Census is a historic event that will help shape our nation's future for the next 10 years. **Census data can determine the allocation of federal funds for school lunch programs, senior citizen centers, new construction of highways and hospitals.** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person. Watch for your Census, fill it out, and return it.

### News from Nigeria - FR. CALLISTUS ISARA

When Fr. Callistus returned home in January, he received a letter from his Superior General which stated that Fr. Callistus had been appointed regional superior of his religious order in northern Nigeria. In addition to his present duties, he will be coordinating missions in the north, work directly with the bishops and report to the Superior General and his Council. He will be directly responsible for the 35 priests in that area. He is still looking forward to returning to Lake Jackson in the summer.

### Third Sunday of Lent:

First Reading - *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*

God Answers

We all want to have our prayers answered. We think it would make life easier. But sometimes God answers them in a way that makes life more challenging.

Young Moses was minding his own business, tending the flock of his father-in-law, when God decided it was time to answer some prayers. For years the chosen people had been held in Egypt in conditions of slavery. They longed to return to their own land, the land that God had given them. They prayed for release.

God answered their prayers by appearing to Moses in a bush that was flaming but not consumed. God asked Moses to lead the people out of slavery into freedom.

This was probably not the answer Moses had in mind. Moses would have been content to let someone else lead the people to freedom. He wanted an end to slavery as much as anyone else. But he never envisioned that he would lead the exodus. God was answering his prayers, but in a way that caused anxiety for Moses.

When we want something done, God hears from us. When God wants something done, we hear from God. It may come as a surprise, but God may have us in mind to answer someone else's prayer.

Second Reading - *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

The Rock That Moves

Looking back on our past we can retrace the steps that brought us to where we are. We made decisions at important crossroads. We met people we weren't expecting. Opportunities and setbacks came our way. We made the best decisions we could. Somehow, mysteriously, they have brought us to where we are.

Lent is a good time to reflect on the past, to thank God for the blessings that have brought us to this day, and to confess the sins that hindered our journey.

Through this reflection we more deeply realize the presence of Christ. He has been our companion through good times and bad. He has guided us, stood patiently by while we made our mistakes, and cleared a path for our faith.

In a letter to the Corinthians, Paul explained that the followers of Moses had a companion on their journey as well. Surprisingly, that companion was Christ. The Bible records two instances when Moses struck a rock and produced water in the desert. The stories occur in different locations. So a tradition developed that the rock moved along with the chosen people. Paul expands that tradition and says, "the rock was Christ."

Throughout Lent we confess our guilt. But we also take heart in the good news that our sometimes crooked path is straining toward a glorious end. Guiding us along the way, solid as a rock, fluid as a stream, is Christ.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church**

100 Oak Drive South Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Website: [www.smlj.org](http://www.smlj.org)

**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**