

He Was  
**Lost**  
And  
Now Is  
**FOUND.**



The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

LITURGY



OF THE WORD



Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Sunday:** Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** **Saint Patrick, bishop**  
Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** **Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor**  
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** **Saint Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary**  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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

*Memoriam*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
†**Vincent Henderson**, father of Eric (Lucilla), Vincent II (Sherry), Victoria (Warren) Heckendorn, Paula (David) Myer, Diana Hodges, Greta (Jay) Luce, and Karla (Ed) Christman.

**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**

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

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).



Mass Intentions  
Of The Week

**MARCH 13**  
through  
**MARCH 21**

- 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
- TUESDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Julius Haas  
†Darrell Lyster
- WEDNESDAY 8:30 A.M.** †Louis Russek  
†Ed Carmody
- THURSDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Jack Newport  
Prayer of Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY 6:00 A.M.** †Bernice & Louis Russek
- 8:30 A.M.** †Albert & Rosa Romano  
†Joe & Lena Mandola
- SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.** †Bessie Ermis  
†John Kubesch  
†Gene & Tonie Christen
- SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.** †Alfred & Anita Sokol  
†Donald & Remedios Young
- 9:30 A.M.** Msgr. Leo Wleczyk  
†Marie Hickl
- 11:00 A.M.** †Betty Mildner  
†Doris Pinkard



PRAYER  
REQUESTS

Jack Bartlett, 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, Florence Olenick, Jim Pawelek, Paulette Russek, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, Donna Schwertner, and Joyce Sykora.



**Daylight Savings Time Starts**  
This Sunday - March 14, 2010 at 2:00 a.m.



4th Sunday of Lent

The traditional name for the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** is **Laetare Sunday.** This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song). As we have reached the midpoint of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement. These are not requirements, however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.



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



Our Parish goal for the 2010 DSF campaign is **\$102,000.00**. God bless each of you who have so generously responded with 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.



**Have you ever walked a labyrinth?** If you haven't, give yourself a spiritual treat **March 20th or March 21st**. Adult Faith Formation Ministry is providing this spiritual aide for that weekend. **The labyrinth will be available for walking Saturday, 9:00am to 7:00pm and Sunday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.** "Your

life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation; continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way. You are on the path exactly where you are meant to be right now. And from here you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, or healing or courage, or beauty or wisdom, or power, or dignity, and of love". Caroline Adams----A Path of Grace. **A labyrinth is an ancient symbol long used as a meditation and prayer aide and is related to wholeness.** As you walk the labyrinth, you will find yourself, through prayer and meditation, on a journey approaching your own center. When you reach the center, you will find that the path in is the path out. You will also find that, perhaps, you have the beginnings of a deeper relationship with God. It is hoped you will have a spiritual experience as you make this walk. Perhaps you will have changes in attitudes and changes in feelings. It is also hoped that as you exit the labyrinth, you will not be the same person, spiritually, who entered this path.



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

- **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.
- **Study of the Catechism for the Adult Catholic**, Monday April 5th through May 10th, B-Wing, 7 p.m.
- **Mission 2010** - July 17th - 24th



**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.

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



The Knights of Columbus continues to serve 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**.



**The Spirituality of the Catholic Church**  
By **Camilla Chedester**

**March 8, 15 & 29th (Mondays) Wolter's Room 7PM**

Ms. Chedester will explain that the spiritual life of Catholics is not according to age but according to your relationship with Jesus Christ. Each week she will focus on one of the four stages.

- **March 8th** - Church of children - Trusting, Simple, Concrete and Loving.
- **March 15th** - Church of teenagers - Rebellious, Independent, Bold and Idealistic.
- **March 29th** - Church of Adults Experienced, Dependable, Sacrificial and Responsible / Church of Wisdom People Practical, Guiding, Patient and Tenacious.

A healthy parish needs to acknowledge the gifts of all stages and rejoice that Our Lord brings us all together to worship and praise Him. Ms. Chedester is well know as a speaker in our area, having conducted retreats, educational sessions and catechist training for over 20 years around first the Diocese and now the Archdiocese, she has been in Catholic Education for over 24 years, has a BA and an MA in theological studies from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She is a certified Spiritual Director since 1993.

*Special Event*



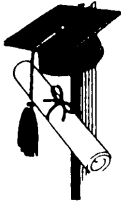
**Adult Faith Formation Ministry presents**  
**Growing From Everything: The Second Stage of the Spiritual Life**  
By **Fr Matthew Linn**  
**April 20, 2010 (Tuesday) 7:00—9:00 PM**  
**Hall of Family Life Center**

Fr. Linn's presentations focus on integrating physical, emotional and spiritual healing. He is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists and has advanced graduate degrees in sociology, spirituality and theology He is a member of Presence, an International journal on spiritual direction. His program at St. Michael's will explore how **whatever we want to change in our life can become the opportunity where we can grow most deeply**. It will emphasize the promise of the beatitudes and that "in everything God works for good with those who love Him—Romans 8:28". Fr. Linn, S.J. works as a team with Dennis and Sheila Linn. They have written over 21 books in over 20 languages (all are in Spanish) and with over a million copies in English. We, at St. Michael's, are fortunate to have Fr. Linn visit us and show us how by applying his ideas, we might make "the promise of the beatitudes come true in our lives—that we will grow more deeply in our spirituality and come closer to God".

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

### MARCH

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

**In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down."** This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? **Please contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.**



**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

**January 2010:** 100 home visits assisting 373 adults and children, providing 147 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc. was \$ 3,843.18. Contributions totaled \$8,030.55

**February 2010:** 61 home visits assisting 167 adults and children, providing 77 bags of food. Financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc. was \$2,935.23. Contributions totaled \$7,109.46.

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

## Thank You for Your Support

On behalf of Knights of Columbus Council 6812 and our 266 brother Knights, we would like to **thank the parishioners of St. Michaels** for your **contributions during 2009**. As a result of your support for our fund raisers such as **Lenten Fish Fry's, BBQ Chicken Sundays, Pancake Breakfasts and other donations**, during 2009 we were able to **give back over \$22,000 to various ministries and the community**.

Your contributions allowed us to donate to or sponsor the following:

St Michael's Catholic Church  
St. Vincent De Paul Society  
St Michael's Youth  
(Mission, Halloween Fest, Food Drive, etc.)  
Altar Servers Recognition  
Youth free throw and soccer contests  
Scholarships to graduating High School Seniors from St. Michaels  
Blood drives at St Michael's  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School  
Monetary support for seminarians, religious and local priests  
K of C State Charities Program  
(70% returned to dioceses)  
Right to Life activities  
(i.e., Culture of Life Fund, Safe Haven)  
Pregnancy Help Center  
Boy Scouts  
NET Ministries  
Wheel Chair Foundation  
Christmas gifts for local needy children  
Prison Ministry  
Brazoswood High School Project Graduation  
City of Lake Jackson Spring Cleanup  
Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Dinner  
Habitat for Humanity

**On behalf of all brother Knights, once again thank you for your support.**

**Scott Hanrahan, Grand Knight**

**Widowed, Divorced, & Separated -- From Grief to Growth -- A Healing Journey** is a support ministry that is being held for 10 weeks on **Wednesday evenings, beginning March 24th through May 26th**. The meetings are held at St. Michael's in the **E-Wing from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.** This program will deal specifically with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation, or death. The pain that accompanies a loss can be made bearable and the grief process worked through more effectively with the assistance of others who have shared a similar experience. **This is a Christ-centered, non-denominational program and everyone dealing with the loss of a spouse is encouraged to attend.** For more information, contact the Parish Office 297-3041 or after 4 p.m. please call 297-4454.

**FOURTH 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**

**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**