

FROM THE  
PASTOR

Dear Angels,

Today's liturgy makes use of the symbol of water to refer to our relationship with God. Just as water in the desert was life-giving for the wandering Israelites, the water of a true loving relationship with Jesus is life-giving for those who accept Him as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of the Church are primary sources of this living water of divine grace. We are washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered with it by the Spirit. Today's gospel challenges us to remain thirsty for the living water which only God can give. The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus' promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock of Horeb. The responsorial, Psalm 95, refers both to the Rock of our salvation and also to hardened hearts. It reminds us that we have to soften our hearts during Lent by prayer, fasting, and works of mercy so we may receive the living water of God's grace from the Rock of our salvation. In the second reading Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of mankind, Jesus pours the living water of the gift of His Holy Spirit into our hearts. In the gospel an unclean Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive living water. We are told how Jesus awakened in her a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost but which He had come to satisfy. John 4:5-42 gives us Jesus' revelation about Himself as the source of Living Water, teaching us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because He is that life-giving water.

Have a blessed Week!

Fr. Peter Chinnappan

I would like to request that all parents of students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through college encourage their children to attend our parish Vocation Camp on Friday, Feb. 29, and Saturday, Mar. 1. The registration forms are in the narthex. Together we can sow the seeds of vocations in our parish!

**GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK**

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
02/18/07	2462	\$16,098.00
02/17/08	2116	\$16,996.00

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL – MEMBER BIO**

Felipe Salazar has been a member of St. Michael Parish since 1991. Married for 28 years, Felipe is the father of two and has one grandchild. He is a member of the St. Michael Knights of Columbus and St. Teresa Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights). He serves our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, assists with his wife in the Pre-Baptismal classes, co-chairs the Community Social Events Group, helps as an Engaged Couple Sponsor, and is currently the president of the Parish Advisory Council (serving a 3-year term due to expire on June 30, 2010). Felipe is a software engineer for a Fortune 500 major retailer. He usually attends the 9:00 or 10:30 services.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** - Adela Miller

We are in need of Safety Monitors to work during Saturday and Sunday Mass times. This is a paid position. For more information please contact Adela Miller at 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING MEETING**

- Adela Miller

A safe environment training meeting for adult volunteers will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 140. This training meeting is for new or veteran volunteers who need to satisfy their required annual training. If further information is needed, please contact Adela Miller at 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** - Anna Quigley

St. Michael's Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please bring our current selection with you: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom, \$14.00 new. Our selection for March is *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Altar* by Father Robert Jarema, \$15.00 new at [mercycenter.com](http://mercycenter.com). Please also bring one or two book suggestions for future consideration. Questions? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14.



***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.***

*Psalm 95:7-8*

## MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>February 24</b> +Julio Valles by Jose & Luz Santiago
9:00 a.m.	+Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson
10:30 a.m.	+Helen Walker by Durant family
12:00 noon	Mass for the People
6:00 p.m.	+Catherine & Antonio Lombardo by Virginia & Ray Phillips
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>February 25</b> +Rose Stumpo by Joe Stumpo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>February 26</b> +Rose Stumpo by Joe Stumpo
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>February 27</b> S.I. of Eliseo Ocampo & Joel Diaz by Elvie Ocampo
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>February 28</b> +Mary Matta by Quigley family
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>February 29</b> +Lupe Roman by Quigley family
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>March 1</b> +Ernesto Rivera by Quigley family +Bill Weldon by Laura & Cyndie Weldon



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 24, 2008

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14



## Stations of the Cross

At 6:30 PM  
Friday

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** By Ernie Valencia  
We are in need of volunteers to do our lay out for the pictorial directory. We need at least three volunteers to step forward so we can complete the pictorial directory.

## PARISH SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAY:</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 24, 2008</b> Boy Scouts Donuts – Parish Hall RCIA - Library This Is Our Faith – Rm. 110/120
<b>MONDAY:</b> 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 25, 2008</b> St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room Boy Scouts – Parish Hall Eucharistic Ministers Training I – Sanctuary
<b>TUESDAY:</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 26, 2008</b> This Is Our Faith – Library Women's Craft Group – Pit Area Safe Environment Training – Rm. 140 Parish Advisory Council–Rms.110/120 This Is Our Faith – Library 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>February 27, 2008</b> "The Edge" – Parish Hall & Classrooms Angel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Life Teen – Youth Room St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120
<b>THURSDAY:</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 28, 2008</b> Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel Mass - Chapel Confessions - Chapel 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary New Day Grief Ministry – Library Book Club – Youth Room
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>February 29, 2008</b> Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Parish Hall Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary Parish Vocations Camp – Sanctuary & Rms. 110/120
<b>SATURDAY:</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	<b>March 1, 2008</b> Altar Servers Training – Sanctuary Parish Vocations Camp – Sanctuary & Rms. 110/120 Confessions – Chapel

Abstinence from meat is to be observed all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

We would like to feature a different ministry each week, dependent on bulletin space availability.

Please submit a brief description of your ministry to [salazar.d@tx.rr.com](mailto:salazar.d@tx.rr.com).



Angela Wolden – Coordinator

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Youth Office: 972-279-6581, ext. 17

Be sure to check out our web site for current info at [www.smlifeteen.com](http://www.smlifeteen.com)

**THIS WEEK'S LIFE NIGHT (2/24): *Discernment***

What do you want to be when you grow up? What college are you going to? Should you get married? What if you're called to be a priest or religious? How to make the BIG decisions...

**NEXT WEEK (3/2): *Spent***

Tithing – yes, you are supposed to give money to the Church.

**VOCATIONS CAMP:** Feb. 29 & Mar. 1

We would like all teens (guys and girls) in grades 8-12 to join us for this awesome opportunity to learn about religious vocations. No pressure, just amazing lives! This event is totally FREE, so join us for a day of learning and discerning. We'll have plenty of fun too!

Mexico Mission Trip registration has begun. Sign up ASAP to get a spot. Forms are on the youth table and online! Open to high school students (must have completed freshman year).



Formation office, or call Hilda Rodriguez at 469-471-1612.



**PRAYER GROUP** - Gloria Perez

St. Michael has a group which prays for anyone who calls in a prayer request or fills out a prayer request form and places it in the Prayer Box in the narthex. If you are interested in joining this group or if you are in need of prayers for yourself or someone else, call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. A prayer list goes out monthly to all group members and they are asked to pray at least once a day for the intentions on the list. For emergency prayers call the parish office and your petitions will be given to the staff, remembering "where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst".

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** - Gloria Perez

St. Michael has a homebound ministry for anyone who is confined by illness or who lives in a nursing home and is unable to attend church to receive Holy Communion. These Eucharistic Ministers are trained to take Communion into the home. They are cleared through our Safe Environment Program. If you are in need of this service, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you to set up a time to visit.

**CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS** - Penny Mione

Training for all current altar servers and those boys and girls, grades 5 and up, who would like to serve at the altar of the Lord will take place in the sanctuary on the next two Saturday mornings, March 1 and 8. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this important update.



**A WELCOME RECEPTION** - Anna Quigley

A welcome reception for newly registered parishioners will be held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Mar. 9, in the Parish Hall.

All new parishioners are invited to attend. We will have information on ministries at St. Michael and will be available to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you! Please call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14, and let her know if you plan on attending.

**MOTHER'S DAY OUT (MDO)** - Hilda Rodriguez

Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for children ages 6 months-5 years old. It is with your continuous support that Mother's Day Out is offered. Applications can be found by the Faith



**CCL COURSE UPDATE** - Stephanie Reisinger

Couple to Couple has redesigned their method and materials. If you have already learned Natural Family Planning (NFP) from CCL, you may want to attend this one-night course to learn more about how they have simplified NFP and incorporated modern technology. The class will be held Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark in Plano. For more information, registration, and additional dates contact Peter and Stephanie Reisinger at 214-509-0828, [nfp@reisingerfamily.net](mailto:nfp@reisingerfamily.net). If you would like to learn Natural Family Planning through a full course, please consult the schedule on [www.dfwnfp.org](http://www.dfwnfp.org).



*Seek God's kingdom, and all the other things*

*you need will be given to you.*

LUKE 12:31



### ALTAR SOCIETY - Penny Mione

If you are interested in being a part of the Altar Society, please contact Penny Mione in the parish office, extension 15. This ministry is most valuable when the Liturgical Calendar dictates a change in altar cloths and the priest's vestments. It doesn't take much time, especially when we have plenty of volunteers. Consider making the Altar Society part of your ministry at St. Michael.

### *Rachel's Corner*

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## May I Suggest?

### HAVE COMMENTS? - Felipe Salazar

The Parish Advisory Council at St. Michael wants to know what you are thinking. We have a suggestion box for your ideas, comments, concerns, or suggestions. This box will only be opened by Parish Council members. Staff and clergy will not have access to comments submitted in this box. The box has a "COMMENTS" label on it and is located on a table in the narthex.