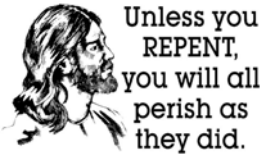


Recently, the countries of Haiti and Chile have been rocked with earthquakes leaving many people dead and even more people homeless. Also, various other disasters, both natural and man-made likewise have wreaked havoc on many nations. Because of our faith in Jesus Christ the Risen Savior, we can hope in these circumstances. In this life we have our crosses to bear, but the One who bore His cross up the hill of Calvary has transformed our death. Jesus is Life and will give Life to all who believe and hope in Him. As Saint Paul has said: "hope does not disappoint."



Father Joseph

Lent and Easter 2010
Reconciliation
 March 24, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.
 Thursdays will continue at 7:00 p.m.
 Fridays in Lent from 7-8 p.m.
 (except March 12, 2010)
 Saturdays in Lent from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WITH BENEDICTION
 Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (except Good Friday)

Preparing for Divine Mercy Sunday

- Bill Brandon

In the 1930s, Our Lord revealed himself to Saint Faustina, a Polish nun. He gave her a mission: to be the secretary and apostle of His mercy. He told her of the desires of His merciful Heart, and promised specific graces to all who would honor and proclaim His mercy.

On the Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, as Our Lord asked. Our Lord's Mercy grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, mercy for even the most hardened sinners! This year, we celebrate this feast on April 11. At St. Michael's we will have a special Mass on that day at 3 p.m., the Hour of Mercy, and a public recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, Our Lord also asked that we say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for nine days before the Feast. Begin this Novena on Good Friday, April 2, finishing it on Saturday, April 10. Our Lord told Saint Faustina, "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

The novena details are online at <http://www.divinemercysunday.com/novena.htm>. This includes instructions for saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be additional notes about this Feast each Sunday in March and April.

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CHURCH SUPPORT

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
03/01/09	2322	\$20,259.00
02/28/10	2058	\$17,602.00

+ **The Cross of Nails**

- Penny Mione

You may have noticed the wooden cross covered with nails in the Narthex. The little squares of brightly colored paper tied with ribbons contain the concerns and Lenten promises of the parishioners at St. Michael. Please add your intentions to the Cross of Nails, and know that our entire community will be praying for you.

Many thanks to the volunteers who made The Cross of Nails a reality – Mirable Brandt, Molly Dunsmore, Rich Fuja, Frances Patton, and Leo Whelan.

- Ann Buckley

Fr. Joseph will be conducting an Altar Server class on Friday, March 12, from 4-6 p.m.



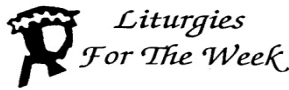
All those who have made their First Communion are eligible to serve. After this class those newly trained will be required to serve on Saturday morning at the 8:00 a.m. Mass at least three times before they will be placed on the schedule. Please contact Mrs. Buckley if you have questions at claddagh7@verizon.net or (972) 240-0318.

Easter Novenas

- Gloria Perez

Easter Novena Masses are for those who would like their loved ones remembered in the novena Masses beginning with the Easter Masses here at St. Michael. If you are interested, you may pick up an envelope in the Narthex, fill out the information, and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

Genreflecting before entering a pew is a sign of respect before our Lord.



Saturday, March 6

8:00 a.m. +Aleena Rule by Andy & Teena Zihlman
 5:30 p.m. +Mario & Mary Giaela by daughter & grandchildren

Sunday, March 7

8:30 a.m. +Rosario & Francisco Sosing by Jorge & Violeta Sosing
 10:30 a.m. +Sandra Lee Dankworth by Mr. & Mrs. William Brandon & family
 12:30 p.m. Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. +Sandra Lee Dankworth by Mr. & Mrs. William Brandon & family

Monday, March 8

8:00 a.m. +Sandra Lee Dankworth by Mr. & Mrs. William Brandon & family

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 a.m. +Thomas Buckley by Ann Buckley

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 a.m. +Sandra Lee Dankworth by Mr. & Mrs. William Brandon & family

Thursday, March 11

8:00 a.m. +Sandra Lee Dankworth by Mr. & Mrs. William Brandon & family
 6:30 p.m. +Celia Solis by her family

Friday, March 12

8:00 a.m. S.I. Gary Busch by Myrna Busch

Tabernacle candle is for the special intentions of Faia and Martin by Lucy Kim.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 7, 2010

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



The Week Ahead

Third Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY: March 7

8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Café – Curran Hall
 8:00 a.m. Faith Formation – Classrooms
 8:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall
 9:00 a.m. RCIA Inquiry – Library
 9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 110/120
 11:00 a.m. 12:30 Choir – Chapel
 1:30 p.m. Super Sunday – Curran Hall & Classrooms
 3:00 p.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall

MONDAY: March 8

8:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Curran Hall
 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation – Classrooms
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall

TUESDAY: March 9

10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
 7:00 p.m. Immaculata Prayer Group – Rm. 210
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting – Curran Hall
 7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir – Church

WEDNESDAY: March 10

12:30 p.m. Census Testing 2010 – Rm. 110/120
 6:00 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir – Church
 6:30 p.m. The Edge – Curran Hall, Rms & SY
 7:00 p.m. Life Teen – Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120

THURSDAY: March 11

4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Rm. 110/120
 6:00 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Grief Ministry – Library
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship – Curran Hall
 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir – Church

FRIDAY: March 12

3:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Curran Hall (Lenten Meal)
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Scouts Meeting – Library

SATURDAY: March 13

1:00 p.m. Life Teen – Youth Room
 4:00 p.m. Confessions – Chapel

Laws of Fast & Abstinence

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that the following practice shall prevail in the U.S. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all those who have celebrated their 16th birthday and have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday.

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



Fridays at 6:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

*Young Adult Fellowship
 Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m.
 Curran Hall
 Join us!*



St. Michael Garland, TX

Rachel Kollhoff – Youth Minister

smyouth@sbcglobal.net 972-279-6581, ext. 17

Be sure to check out our website for current information.

www.smlifeteen.com

(All FORMS can be found on website.)

Life Teen Mass at 6 pm followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 pm. Open to all 9th-12th grade high school students.

Spring Retreat scheduled for: May 14-16

Sign-up to reserve your spot now! It is first come, first serve.

ATTENTION LIFE TEEN PARENTS

The youth group has begun its second semester and is always in need of the following items:

Bottled Water (20-24 pks.)

Snacks (variety pack chips, fruit snacks, cookies, etc)

Soda (cans or liters)

Juice Boxes

Plates, Cups, Utensils, Napkins

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADULT VOLUNTEER FOR THE YOUTH? IF YOU ARE, PLEASE CONTACT THE YOUTH OFFICE!!

- Gloria Gove

Faith Formation classes for families and anyone in the Parish who would like to attend will be held this Sunday, March 7, in Curran Hall at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. The Topic of these talks will be "The Easter Triduum."

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CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Our last SUPER SUNDAY will be held this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Curran Hall. All students must be accompanied by their Parent or Sponsor and have their Confirmation Interview papers with them.

Thank You

- Chris Fowler

We would like to thank those who participated in our annual Scouting for Food Drive. Due to the generosity and support of the parishioners of St Michael and Wal-Mart, the Cub Scouts collected 3,185 lbs. and the Boy Scouts collected 10,719 lbs of canned food items. Along with Packs 276, 434, and 1988, the total collected this year was 15,889 lbs. of food. All the food collected stays here in St Michael's food pantry. This puts our Gray Owl District in second place this year, only 622 lbs. behind first place Great Plains District in all of BSA Circle Ten Council. Again, thank you for helping the Scouts feed the hungry!

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- Penny Mione

"Thank you!" to the anonymous donor who made possible the permanent installation of the Chant Mass in the Ritual Song hymnals. Without this incredible generosity, we would not have been able to do it. Thanks, too, to the tireless volunteers who printed the labels and put them in place. St. Michael appreciates you!

Saint Michael the Archangel Boy Scout Troop 548	
March 7	Scout Café Breakfast, Curran Hall
March 9	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 PM, Curran Hall
March 12-13	Oakleaf Training
March 15	NO Boy Scout Meeting – Spring Break
March 18	Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
March 22	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 PM, Curran Hall
March 25	Parent Committee Meeting, 7 PM,
March 26-28	Monthly Campout/TBA
March 29	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 PM, Curran Hall
For more information contact Scout Master Chris Fowler e-mail: cdf364@att.net Phone: (972) 203-6126	



Adoration with Praise & Worship

- Rachel Kollhoff

Whose Invited? EVERYONE IN THE PARISH
What to Bring? Yourself, an OPEN HEART, and others!!

When: March 7, 2010
Time: 7:15-8:30 p.m. (after 6 pm Sunday Mass)

Where: Curran Hall
Hosted by: Life Teen

What is Adoration with Praise & Worship?
 This is a time where one is able to adore and praise the true presence of Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration with singing. St. Augustine said, "Singing is praying twice." We look forward to seeing you there!!



**Knights of Columbus
Council #11862**

The Knights of Columbus Council #11862 will hold their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Classic on March 28 at the Eastern Hills Country Club. Entry forms are being accepted for the first 144 golfers. Forms are available in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Jeff Muessig at (972) 271-0695.

Pray for peace

The Marriage Corner

- Anna Quigley

Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." (2nd reading) Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 16-18. Dates fill fast, so register early. For more information visit www.dfwme.org. To register, call Angelo & Shanna Nasche, (972) 317-2400, or email register@dfwme.org.

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While it's important to strengthen the marriage relationship, marriage is also a sacrament of service, given not just for the couple's good, but for the good of their family, community, and the Church. Resolve to do at least one service activity this year, as a family or as a couple. Perhaps it's bringing canned goods to the local food pantry on a regular basis or helping out with a parish project.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A job opening for the position of General Manager at St. Michael is now open. Please contact Kim Williams, PAC President, at (214) 797-9225 or Fr. Joseph for more information.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

March 9 2nd Tuesday Night Rosary at Planned Parenthood abortion center, sponsored by TOPP (Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood): 6:30 p.m., in front of Jason's Deli, 7412 Greenville Ave., just south of Walnut Hill Ln., Dallas. After the rosary, we will go into Jason's Deli for food, Christian fellowship and pro-life discussion. Park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. This is a monthly event. Contact Daniel Vinzant, 214-566-2298. Sponsored by *Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood*.

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All are cordially invited to the 25th Anniversary Mass for St. Joseph's Helpers and the White Rose Women's Center to be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Farrell on Wednesday, March 17, at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 6306 Kenwood Ave., Dallas. A reception following the Mass will be held in St. Anne's Hall. If you would like more information about the White Rose or to find out ways you can help, please contact us at 214.821.6292 or visit us at 4313 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, 75205.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for **Catholic Relief Services**.

YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for bingo on Wednesday, March 17, at 1 p.m. in Curran Hall. Light snacks will be served. Questions? Call Rich & Judy Fuja at (972) 686-4754.

The LORD is
kind and merciful.