



*The Child's
Father And Mother
Were Amazed At
What Was Said
About Him.*

The family is the foundation of society. It is the place where we learn how to relate to others. It is the place where we learn to love. It was in the Holy Family that Jesus learned how to be the man that He was. One of the popes described the Holy Family as a hidden school in which wonderful things happened. We should beg the Holy Family to teach us their lesson of love.
Father Joseph



**Fr. Mitch Pacwa,
SJ, is coming to
St. Michael!**

Celebrate the Year of St. Paul! Fr. Mitch Pacwa SJ will speak on the "Introduction to Saint Paul: Steward of the Mysteries" at 9:00 AM and "St. Paul and the Family" at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 31, in the sanctuary. He will provide valuable insights into St. Paul's background: Who was this Pharisee turned Christian, and how did his identity affect his writings and his approach to the Faith? Make plans to attend.

**INCREASED OFFERTORY
APPEAL**

Our Increased Offertory Appeal continues to meet with success. It is gratifying to learn that more and more of our parish families have answered Fr. Joseph's letter, by increasing the amount of their weekly offering. The additional income is providing the financial means to achieve the goals that were outlined at the beginning of this effort.

Just a reminder: please use the special commitment card to indicate your new level of offering, and then, in succeeding weeks, resume the use of your regular offertory envelopes.

**Let's Play
BINGO**

Come join us here at St. Michael on Wednesday, January 14, at 1 PM for Bingo in Curran Hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fuja at (972) 686-4754.



**PRE-BAPTISM
CLASS**

- Felipe & Diane Salazar
The pre-baptism class for January will be held next Thursday, the 8th, at 7:00 PM in room 110/120.

**MASS SCHEDULE
VIGIL FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD
December 31 at 7:00 PM**

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
January 1
8 & 10 AM**





Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 27

8:00 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh
5:30 p.m. +Margaret & Joseph Wichman by Theresa Canaday

Sunday, December 28

7:30 a.m. +Wilhelmina Brandon by William Brandon & family
9:00 a.m. +Diana Rodriguez by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez
10:30 a.m. +Richard D. Brandon by William Brandon & family
12:00 noon Mass for the People
6:00 p.m. +Diana Rodriguez by Adela Miller

Monday, December 29

8:00 a.m. S.I. Dorothy & Jaime Sanchez

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. S.I. of All St. Michael Volunteers

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 a.m. S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

Thursday, January 1

8:00 a.m. +Gus Jacobsen & Molly Densmore
10:00 a.m. S.I. Liz Ojeda by Stephanie Ojeda

Friday, January 2

8:00 a.m. +Wilhelmina Brandon by William Brandon & family

Tabernacle candle is provided in memory of Reynaldo Santiano by Santiago & Roque families.



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY: December 28

9:00 a.m. RCIA – Rm. 260
3:00 p.m. Y-Teen – Curran Hall

MONDAY: December 29

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room

TUESDAY: December 30

WEDNESDAY: December 31

7:00 p.m. Vigil for The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – Sanctuary

THURSDAY: January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

8:00 a.m. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God – Sanctuary

FRIDAY: January 2

SATURDAY: January 3

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel



In observance of the New Year holiday the parish office will be closed January 1 and 2.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 28, 2008



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:29-34

PRAYER GROUP

- Gloria Perez

St. Michael has a prayer group that prays for anyone that 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 need prayers for yourself or someone you know, call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Once a month a prayer list goes out to all the group members, and they are asked to pray for everyone on the list at least once a day. For emergency prayers, call the parish office, and we will give your petitions to the staff, remembering 'where two or more are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.'





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Be sure to check out our website for current info:

www.smlifeteen.com


(All forms can be found on the website.)

Life Teen starts with Life Teen Mass at 6 PM, followed by a Life Night that ends at 9 PM.

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 16 & 17:** *Lock-in at St. Ann in Coppell*
Sign up today!! We will be walking at the Rally for Pro-life in Downtown Dallas!!!
- **T-shirt pre-orders** will begin in January.
- **B.O.B. & W.O.W.:** Wednesdays in Youth Room from 7-9 PM. All high school teens are welcome!!

New semester of Life Nights will begin on *January 25*
(SEMESTER TOPIC: Church & Sacraments)

Getting Married in 2009 – If you have had your appointment with a marriage minister, be sure your paperwork is turned in as soon as possible.

Engaged and Planning a Wedding – Contact the marriage minister six months in advance for preparation.

For more information, contact Anna Quigley in the Marriage Ministry Office at (972) 279-6581, Ext. 14.



*Welcome Visitors!!
We hope you enjoy your visit. Thank you for worshipping with us and come back soon!.*

Mass Intentions

- Ernie Valencia

The sacrifice of the Mass is a beautiful prayer that we can offer for our loved ones for their birthday, anniversary, for a time of illness or death. We would be happy to schedule a Mass for your intentions. Cards are available for you to send to the families. To schedule a Mass, come by the parish office, Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Mass times are available throughout the year.



GUADALUPE RADIO STATION

If you would like to submit an announcement to be aired on the Guadalupe Radio Station, please do so three weeks in advance of your event. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Palmer at davepalmer@grnonline.com.

Radio for your soul...KATH 910 AM

Happy New Year!



Men's Recovered Alcoholic Retreat

The Diocese of Dallas' Alcoholism Ministry will sponsor the A.A. Men's Recovered Alcoholic retreat on January 2-4, 2009, at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Dallas, TX. This non-denominational retreat is a chance to get away from the routine of your life and look at how God has loved you and how you are responding to that love. The retreat will feature a series of inspiring talks by a recovered alcoholic retreat minister. A.A. meetings and fellowship. For information or to register please call Phil Paschke at (972) 960-2166.

COURAGE

Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers? Do you seek to know the truth about homosexuality and live that truth in love? **COURAGE** is a support group for men and women who desire to live the truth in the Church's teaching on homosexuality. For more information call (972) 938-LIFE (5433), CourageDFW@Catholic.org, or www.CourageRC.net.

COURAGE is endorsed by The Pontifical Council for the Family and sponsored by The Catholic Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth.



Rachel's Corner

"Women of abortion, do not stop living. Do not give in to despair. Do not let fear imprison you and prevent you from accepting the forgiving words of Jesus. There is hope for your future!"

- Pope John Paul II (paraphrased)

Begin the New Year with a peace that surpasses all understanding. We can help.

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