

Lent

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Angels,

We are in the season of Lent. Ours is a vibrant culture, always in pursuit of happiness. Death is an obscenity, hidden by cascades of flowers and relegated to remote burial lawns on the edge of town. Sin is denied, camouflaged, psychoanalyzed, and repressed—not confessed. We don't really sin. We make mistakes of judgment. If a popular politician lies, he or she is only being human. Lent is a time to look at such temptations, sin, and the consequences. Originally Lent was the season when those about to be baptized repented of their sins and sought to know the Lord Jesus more intimately. Then it became a season for the baptized to do the same. We are challenged to die to sin so that we may rise again to the new life in Christ. Since the Church begins the season with a reflection on the origins of sin among us, the main themes in today's readings are temptation, sin, guilt, and forgiveness. We are told of the temptations offered to our Lord, submission to which would have destroyed his mission. Today's readings give us the notion that testing comes to us by an agency apart from and in opposition to God, but the truth is that while testing comes from the outside, temptation comes from within us. However, the good news is that though we are tempted and often succumb, God's grace provides the way of salvation for us. Let us this lent focus on our spiritual journey towards the resurrection.

We have a wonderful opportunity to begin this journey guided by Fr. Jarema during the Parish Lenten Mission. I would earnestly request you all my dear parishioners to attend this Lenten mission starting from Monday, Feb. 11, and ending on Wednesday, Feb. 13, with the healing mass.

Have a blessed Week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

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, 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING

- Sheila Seifert



Eucharistic Minister's training class will be held on Monday, Feb. 25, and Monday, Mar. 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Sign-up forms will be in the narthex.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
02/04/07	2211	\$21,366.00
02/03/08	2269	\$19,326.00



- Ernie Valencia

We are blessed to have Fr. William Jarema coming to St. Michael to host our parish mission. He is the founder of Mercy Center in Colorado Springs and its program director for Healing of the Whole Person. He is also the founder and spiritual director for the Society of Missionaries of Mercy. The Missionaries of Mercy are a lay institute committed to a spirituality of mercy and the vow of conversion of life. They host short-term mission projects throughout the world.

Fr. Jarema will be here on Feb. 9/10 to speak at all the weekend Masses.

The schedule for the mission will be: 7-9 P.M.

- Mon., Feb. 11 – The Power of Forgiveness
- Tues., Feb. 12 – Empowered to Surrender
(Veneration of the Cross)
- Wed., Feb. 13 – Healing Mass

We invite you to make use of this wonderful opportunity to renew spiritual commitments.

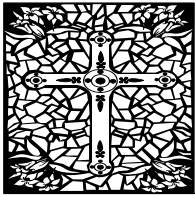
Our parish mission was a big success last year with attendance of almost 1000 participants over three evenings. As we did last year, we are looking for sponsors to help provide free meals to mission participants. **However, we would like to thank the following individuals who have contributed thus far toward the Lenten Mission dinners. They are Tom Hopkins, Alberto Nunez, Marc Czaus, and Richard Gehring.** We are still in need of more sponsors. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Fr. Peter or Ernie Valencia. Any donations towards these expenses will be greatly appreciated. All dinners start at 5:30 and end at 6:45 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT - Hilda Rodriguez

With Valentine's Day falling on a Thursday this year, many of you will be celebrating on Friday night, Feb. 15. Mother's Day Out is offering babysitting from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Enjoy a nice



evening out without worries for your little ones. For more information, please pick up a flyer and application by the Faith Formation office.



MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday</u> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 6:00 p.m.	<u>February 10</u> +Luis O. Valencia by Valencia family +Mary, Ed, & Alvina Renze by Eddie & Kristy Gonzalez +Perfecto Pusung by Durant family Mass for the People +David Castanon by Mr. & Mrs. Keven Gordon
<u>Monday</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>February 11</u> +Luis P. Valencia by Valencia family
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>February 12</u> +Mauricio Ocampo by Elivie Ocampo
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>February 13</u> +Bengino Rojas by Cresencia Pahela
<u>Thursday</u> 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<u>February 14</u> +Enrique Rojas by Cresencia Pahela +Victorina Rojas by Cresencia Pahela
<u>Friday</u> 8:00 a.m.	<u>February 15</u> +Pedro & Andran Pahela by Cresencia Pahela
<u>Saturday</u> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<u>February 16</u> +Ereneo & Cornelia Tablon by Cresencia Pahela +Baldomero Garcia by Valencia family

Tabernacle candle is for the special intentions of Michele Hammond by Valencia family.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
February 10, 2008**



Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 10, 2008 RCIA – Library Squires Meeting – Rm. 140 Why Catholic? – Rm. 110/120
MONDAY: 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 11, 2008 Lenten Meal – Parish Hall Lenten Mission - Sanctuary St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall
TUESDAY: 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	February 12, 2008 Why Catholic? - Library Women's Craft Group – Pit Area Lenten Meal – Parish Hall Lenten Mission - Sanctuary RCIA – Rm. 110/120
WEDNESDAY: 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 13, 2008 Lenten Meal – Parish Hall Lenten Mission - Sanctuary
THURSDAY: 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 14, 2008 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel Mass - Chapel Confessions - Chapel 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary New Day Grief Ministry – Library K of C Officers Meeting – Rm. 140
FRIDAY: 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	February 15, 2008 Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Parish Hall
SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 16, 2008 First Communion Workshop – Parish Hall, Classrooms, Sanctuary Confessions – Chapel Catholic Arts & Gifts Sales - Narthex

Abstinence from meat is to be observed all Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14th birthday. Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

ROSARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD - Tom Clark

A rosary sponsored by Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood (TOPP) will be recited near the Planned Parenthood Abortion Center at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. We will meet in front of Jason's Deli, located at 7412 Greenville Ave. south of Walnut Hill Lane. After the rosary we will go into Jason's Deli for food,



Christian fellowship, and pro-life discussion. You may park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. This is a monthly event on the second Tuesday. Contact Daniel Vinzant at 214-566-2298 with any questions.



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Be sure to check out our web site for current info at www.smlifeteen.com

THIS WEEK'S LIFE NIGHT (2/10): ***"Hand Me Downs"***

Come learn about apostolic succession on where the pope came from!

NEXT WEEK (2/17): ***"Dinner Time - THE MASS!!!"***

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 will begin soon! Look for forms on the youth table and online!
www.smlifeteen.com.



THANK YOU - Ernie Valencia

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Lumanlan family who lost their home to a fire. A total of \$1,495.00 was collected. May God bless you for your generosity.

ST. MICHAEL FOOD PANTRY - Bob Mione

The Food Pantry is in need of a PC programmer to write a custom application. This would be a great project for an advanced programming student or a current professional programmer who desires to help the Food Pantry's efforts. If interested, please contact Robert Mione at 214-534-1900.

JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL - Maria L. Carrillo

John Paul II High School is now accepting applications for the 07-08 and 08-09 school year.

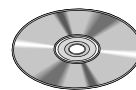
The next Open House will be Sunday, Apr. 27, from 2-4 p.m. Contact Office of Admissions at 972-867-0005 for more information.

PRO LIFE "BABY BANKS" - Tom Clark

"Baby Banks" will once again be distributed after all Masses this weekend. Please be sure and pick one up. Take it to work or school and collect as much money as you can to help the Pro Life cause. It would also make a great Lenten season project! Please return the "Baby Banks" on the weekend of March 29/30, and place them in a box in the sacristy labeled "BABY BANKS." Contact Tom Clark at 214-282-6297 if you have any questions. Thank you and may God bless you.



INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs



Have little time to study about your faith? See the display of available titles of **Inspiring Catholic CDs** in the Narthex. Enjoy listening to one while you are driving in your car.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will be sponsoring a breakfast with praise and Eucharistic devotion from 9:00 to noon on Saturday, Feb. 16,

at the DFW Hilton. The keynote speaker will be Mary Ann Kuharski, director of PROLIFE Across America, "The Billboard People."

POSITIONS OPEN AT PASTORAL CENTER

- Mike Weis, CFO, Diocese of Dallas

The Dallas Diocese is seeking a Director of Risk Management. Responsibilities include managing and directing all components of the Diocese's casualty insurance program (selecting brokers and other vendors, negotiating coverage and pricing, administering the claims management/resolution process and providing risk reduction and management training for parishes and schools). The position reports to the CFO.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience, knowledge and commitment to the principles of commercial insurance and self-insurance for all insurable risks and be able to apply those to a non-profit environment.

The Dallas Diocese is also seeking a business professional with an accounting degree, a CPA license, and a minimum of five years of public accounting audit experience who is a Catholic in good standing. This new full-time position is responsible for oversight, direction, and administration of the accounting and financial reporting process for parishes, schools and other

diocesan entities. This includes review, analysis and follow-up on quarterly assessment and financial reports and the annual audit/financial review reports. This professional financial position reports to the CFO, and works closely with the Controller.

Interested and qualified individuals for either of these positions should forward a cover letter and resume, in Word format, via e-mail to personnel@cathdal.org. All replies will be held in strict confidence.

YOUNG AT HEART - Rich & Judy Fujia

Let's play BINGO!! Join us here at St. Michael on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. for Bingo in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please call Rich & Judy Fujia at (972) 686-4754.

ST. MICHAEL ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

- Lili Rivera



The next meeting of the St. Michael Rosary Makers Guild will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21, in Room 140 at 7 p.m. Please join us in making rosaries that will be sent to Catholic Missions.

Clergy

Rev. Peter Chinnappan, Pastoral Administrator 972-279-6581
 Rev. Marcus Chidozie, Priest-in-Residence 972-279-6581
 Rev. Mr. Joe R. Perez, Permanent Deacon 972-271-8051

Parish Staff

General Manager: Ernie Valencia 972-279-6581
 Parish Secretary: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581 X10
 Parish Catechetical Leader: Pre-School: John Krajca 972-279-6581 X16
 Parish Catechetical Leader: Elementary: Gloria Gove 972-279-6581 X12
 Parish Catechetical Leader: The Edge: Lisa Gonzales 972-279-6581 X11
 Youth Minister: Angela Wolden 972-279-6581 X17
 Family Life Minister: Anna Quigley 972-279-6581 X14
 Director of Marriage Ministry: Mary Kay Ritchie 972-279-6581 X15
 Financial Manager: Sam Civallo 972-279-6581 X18
 Safe Environment Coordinator: Adela Miller 972-279-6581 X19
 Director of Music: Penny Mione 972-279-6581
 Facility Manager: Max Belino 972-279-6581

Parish Ministries

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Sheila Seifert 972-279-6581
 Adult Bible Study: Jaki Rutter 972-686-6367
 Book Club: Anna Quigley 972-279-6581
 Boy Scouts: Chris Fowler 972-203-6126
 Children's Choir: Theresa Canaday 972-278-5332
 Community Social Events Group: Felipe & Diane Salazar 972-686-0832
 Compassionate Friends: Carol Niles-Jones 972-771-1097
 Contemporary Music: Chris Cavnar 972-279-6581
 Family Fellowship: Jim & Carla Boshart 972-613-7224
 Financial Advisory Committee: Tom Hopkins 972-279-6581
 Food Pantry: Ken Smith 972-279-6581
 Knights of Columbus: Nick Nicholson 972-240-1494
 Knights of Columbus Squires: Tom Clark 214-282-6297
 Life Teen Band: Richard Sesbino 972-279-6581
 Mother's Day Out: Hilda Rodriguez 972-681-4850
 Pastoral Council: Felipe Salazar 972-686-0832
 Pro Life: Tom Clark 214-282-6297
 RCIA: Lynette Schnitzius 972-279-6581
 Religious Articles, Rosary Guild: Lilia Rivera 972-279-6581
 St. Vincent de Paul: Voice Mail 214-373-2339
 Ushers: John Main 972-668-5179
 Visitors & Welcoming Committee.....
 Women's Craft Group: Jean Hauptert 972-279-6581
 Young-at-Heart: Rich & Judy Fuja 972-686-4754
 Altar Servers, Engaged Couples, Eucharistic Ministry, Funeral.....
 Meals, Lectors, Telephone Prayer Line: Mary Kay Ritchie 972-279-6581
 Pre-Baptism Class, Library, Nursery, New Day Grief Ministry,.....
 Parish Hall Rental: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581

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Parish Office Hours: **Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Fri., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. daily