



PALM SUNDAY

Dear Angels,

This is an eventful week! Today we celebrate the solemn entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the people acclaiming Him as their king. On Tuesday the Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7 PM - priests renew their promises with our bishop and Holy oils are blessed. On Thursday we remember the washing of feet followed by the Last Supper where the Holy Eucharist was instituted. On Good Friday we will commemorate the Passion of Jesus by following his walk to Calvary. On Saturday we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil as we perform the Baptism and Confirmation of five adults and four children.



During the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, I invite everyone to come up either to wash or to be washed, imitating Jesus to humble ourselves as servants. There will be five stations in total, three for washing feet and two for washing hands.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist will continue until midnight Thursday. I would encourage you all to spend some time with the Lord in His time of agony.

He calls us to be His disciples when He invites us to walk His way, share His suffering, imitate His attitudes, and "empty" ourselves to live in service of others – in short to love others as He loves us. This is not a call to a life of pain and misery but, on the contrary, it is an invitation to a life of freedom, peace, and happiness.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Peter Chinnappan

WATCH SPECIAL EWTN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMMING

- Lili Rivera

Join the Catholic Network EWTN in remembering Christ's love poured out for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, EWTN brings you special programming and live Easter Masses televised from Rome or the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington D.C. You can watch EWTN on the following channels: Time Warner 18 (basic) or 140 (digital), DirectTV 422 and Dish 261.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
03/11/07	1807	\$16,624.00
03/09/08	2038	\$16,635.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$1,739.00



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins are as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Divine Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Michael on Sunday, March 30, at 3 PM.



CURRENT PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Edwina Cernosek has been a member of St. Michael since 1980. Married for 46 years, Edwina is the mother of three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She is active in the Women's Craft Group, past president of Young-At-Heart, a Eucharistic Minister, handles the birthday wishes for the Youth group, and serves on the Parish Advisory Council (a 4-year term due to expire on June 30, 2011).



**MASS
INTENTIONS
Sunday**

March 16

7:30 a.m. S.I. of John G. Solis by Macias family
 9:00 a.m. +Santiago Rodriguez, Sr., by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez
 10:30 a.m. +Gordon Schumacher by Rosemarie Pinueza
 12:00 noon Mass for the People
 6:00 p.m. +Frank McClure by St. Michael Staff

Monday

8:00 a.m. S.I. Omenukor family

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Wednesday

8:00 a.m. S.I. of Judy Fujia by Mary Lou Macias

Thursday

8:00 a.m. S.I. of Omenukor family

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. S.I. of Cresencia Pahela by Cresencia Pahela
 5:30 p.m. S.I. of Lisa by Macias family

March 17

S.I. Omenukor family

March 18

S.I. of Omenukor family

March 19

S.I. of Judy Fujia by Mary Lou Macias

March 20

S.I. of Omenukor family

March 21

8:00 a.m.

March 22

S.I. of Cresencia Pahela by Cresencia Pahela
 S.I. of Lisa by Macias family



Tabernacle candle is in memory of Walter, Sophie. & Robert Czaus by Walt & Marv Czaus.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 16, 2008**

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: (Christ Mass)
 Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Friday: (Mass of the Lord's Supper)
 Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
 Saturday: Vigil:
 Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

BLESSING OF EASTER MEAL

According to custom, food may be blessed before or after the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning for consumption at the first meal of Easter, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy.

PARISH SCHEDULE



SUNDAY: March 16, 2008
 9:30 a.m. RCIA – Library
 7:00 p.m. This Is Our Faith – Rms. 110/120
MONDAY: March 17, 2008
 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
 7:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting – Rms. 110/120
TUESDAY: March 18, 2008
 10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
 7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY: March 19, 2008
 6:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
THURSDAY: March 20, 2008
 7:00 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. K of C Business Mtg. – Parish Hall
 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sanctuary
FRIDAY: March 21, 2008
 3:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Good Friday Services

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy - Sanctuary
SATURDAY: March 22, 2008
 3:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 8:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass – Sanctuary

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

If you would like your loved ones remembered during Easter Masses, please pick up a card in the narthex, fill out the information, and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



THE BISHOP'S 15TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DINNER

The Bishop's 15th Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner will be held Saturday, April 5, at the Hilton Anatole of Dallas. Keynote Speaker will be Father Frank Pavone. There will be a silent auction at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our own Tom Clark will be a recipient of an award. We would like our parishioners to participate and witness this ceremony. Registration forms for the event are in the narthex.

DON'T FORGET...

You may make an appointment with priests for your confession during the week!!



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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

NO LIFE NIGHT TONIGHT OR EASTER SUNDAY
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS (3/21) AT 3 PM:



**Stations
of the Cross**

Life Teen will lead Stations of the Cross, bringing them to "life" by acting them out. This event is open to

the whole parish and will be a very moving time of prayer.

LOST & FOUND – LT Spring Retreat (April 4-6)

Registration has begun! It will fill up fast so get your spot today. We are heading to Rockin' C Ranch for a time to get away, pray, and have lots of fun. Permission slips and details are on the youth table and on the website.

LIFE NIGHT (3/20): *WE love Jesus!*

All teens are welcome. HS Confirmation students MUST attend and bring any paperwork still needed, including service project!

Mexico registration is due TODAY (3/16).



THANK YOU TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS - Penny Mione

The spring training for altar servers was very well attended. We learned important details about this specialized ministry. Sincere thanks go to Bill Cernosek and Ann Buckley for sharing their invaluable knowledge and experience with us. A social event is being planned for these young ministers at the end of May. Details will follow.

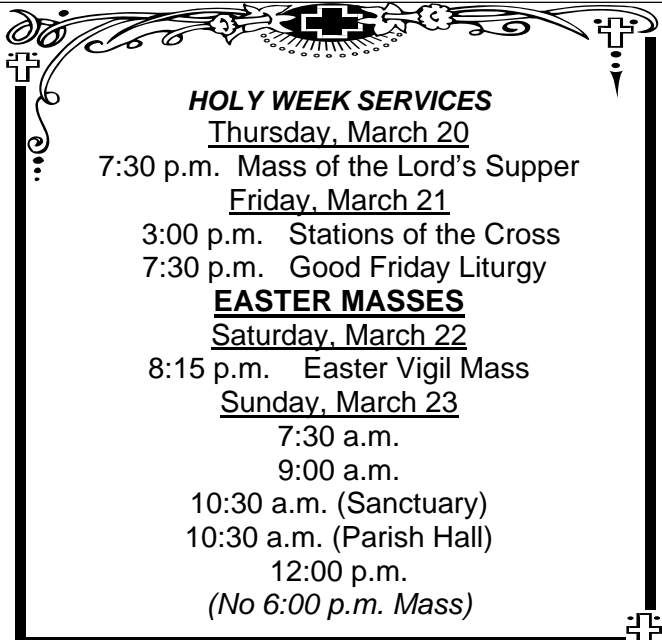
ANNUAL ST. MICHAEL EASTER EGG HUNT

- John Krajca



Get Ready!!!! The Annual Saint Michael Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Children should bring their own baskets and be ready to hunt

for lots of goodies! Donations of individually wrapped Easter candy, gum, small toys, and stickers are needed for this annual event. Please be generous and donate a bag of goodies to make this a fun and successful event for the children of our parish. Donations should be placed in the labeled box near the church office. Thank you in advance to all who can help!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Thursday, March 20
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, March 21
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
EASTER MASSES
Saturday, March 22
8:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 23
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. (Parish Hall)
12:00 p.m.
(No 6:00 p.m. Mass)

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION AND PLENARY
INDULGENCE

A person may gain a plenary indulgence for himself/herself or a soul in purgatory by devoutly participating in the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

What is a plenary indulgence? When we sin there is a temporal (worldly) punishment due to each sin. This punishment accumulates over a period of time. When we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) our sins are taken away but the temporal punishment is not. It can be reduced or completely taken away by saying certain prayers or performing certain corporal or spiritual works of mercy to which the Church is attaching graces received from the merits of Christ's Death and Resurrection. These graces are attached by the Church to encourage us to live better lives in accordance with Christ's wishes.



Three conditions are also required to receive the Good Friday Plenary Indulgence:

- 1) Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 8 and 20 days before or after Good Friday.
- 2) Venerate the Cross of Christ during the Good Friday Service.
- 3) Receive Holy Communion and say one Our Father, the Creed, and Hail Mary for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.

You can only gain this once on this day. You can also gain another one on Divine Mercy Sunday with similar conditions.

Collection taken during this service will go toward the upkeep of the Holy Land shrines.

MUSIC NOTES - Penny Mione

 The Angel Choir will sing April 20 at the Noon Mass. There will be no rehearsal Wednesday evening, March 19. It isn't too late to join the choir. We have lots of fun and praise God in song. Membership is open to all elementary school children 2nd grade and older. 

CALLING ALL SINGERS - Penny Mione

Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm will be the final combined rehearsal for Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday liturgies. We have the instrumentalists from Bishop Lynch High School, but ***we need singers***. You may choose to participate in the St. Gregory Choir on a **short-term** basis. This experience will bless your life and the community of St. Michael and will be the highlight of your Lenten journey.

*There's Music
In the Air!*

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.

FAMILY NIGHT OUT - Anna Quigley

Take a "FAMILY NIGHT OUT" on Friday, March 28, from 7-9 PM in the Parish Hall and join us as we discover the sacred in daily life, even amidst busy schedules and multitasking! We will share ideas for transforming routine activities into holy moments with God at home, in the car, at school, and at work. This evening for youth and their families will be facilitated by Mary Lee Becker, a national presenter, consultant, and author in youth ministry. She is a gifted storyteller and her humor, passion, and love for being Catholic are contagious! This evening is geared for families of 6th-12th graders. Limited childcare for children not yet in 6th grade will be available by reservation only. Deadline for registering for childcare is March 21.

