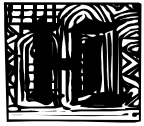


Christ the Lord is risen today!

ALLELUIA



He is Risen!

Dear Angels,

The account of Jesus' rising from death was recorded in the most authoritative historical records, the Gospel books: On the third day of Jesus' death, a few women first found His tomb empty. Then Jesus appeared in front of these women and His disciples talking and eating with them. Out of doubts still, one disciple did not believe Jesus was alive again until he actually touched His fatal wounds. In the following forty days, hundreds of people witnessed this Jesus who had returned from death until He ascended to Heaven.

Before His death, Jesus had promised eternal life to those who followed Him. If the story ended at His death, Jesus would have been no more than a religious figure with a finite life span. But the fact that Jesus rose from death demonstrated He has the power over death, and only through Him can people have hope for eternal life. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) What message can we have for this Easter? 1. Message of expectation, change of heart and new life. 2. Lead a new life with the Risen Lord by dying to sinful life. 3. Live a new life recognizing the nobility of Christians as children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus and members of the mystical body of Jesus.

I wish all our community members a very happy and Glorious Easter! I would like to welcome and congratulate our new members who are received during the Easter Vigil. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all those who helped us celebrate the beautiful liturgy in the Holy week.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan

CURRENT PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Minerva Moreno has been a member of St. Michael since 1997. Married for 34 years, Minerva is the mother of three sons. She is currently a lector, helps with youth ministry, our Boy Scout Troup 548, and is a member of the Parish Advisory Council (serving a 2-year term due to expire on June 30, 2009). She has worked for TI Foundation and Public Affairs for over 28 years and is involved in various community organizations.

GIFTS FOR GOD'S WORK

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
03/18/07	2754	\$16,459.00
03/16/08	2321	\$16,686.00

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus said ***"How very much I desire the salvation of souls! ... I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and to sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept My grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy. My Heart rejoices in this feast."***

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

DIVINE MERCY AND PLENARY INDULGENCE

A person may gain a Plenary Indulgence for oneself or a soul in purgatory by devoutly participating in the Celebration of the Divine Mercy.

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 Divine Mercy Sunday Plenary Indulgence:

- a) **Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday**
- b) **Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- c) **Receive Holy Communion and say one Our Father, the Creed and Hail Mary for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI.**

Remember that...

The office will be closed on Monday the 24th of March in observance of Easter.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon
6:00 p.m.

March 23

Easter Remembrance Mass
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Monday

8:00 a.m.

March 24

S.I. of Jack Smith by Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

March 25

S.I. of Omenukor family

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

March 26

+Christopher Dressner by Vince & Ursula Dressner

Thursday

8:00 a.m.

March 27

S.I. of Omenukor family

Friday

8:00 a.m.

March 28

+Agnes Cooney by Mary Westman

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

March 29

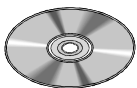
Tabernacle candle is in memory of Winfield & Mary Hudson by Walt & Mary Czaus.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 23, 2008

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs - Lili Rivera



Have little time to study about your faith? Inspiring Catholic CDs are especially effective for those who would like to learn more about Christ and their faith, but have little time to study. See the display of available titles of **Inspiring Catholic CDs** in the Narthex. Enjoy listening to one while you are driving in your car.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: March 23, 2008
MONDAY: March 24, 2008
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting – Parish Hall
TUESDAY: March 25, 2008
10:00 a.m. Women’s Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m. Parish Advisory Council – Rms. 110/120
7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY: March 26, 2008
6:30 p.m. Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120
7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
THURSDAY: March 27, 2008
6:00 p.m. Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Chapel
6:30 p.m. Mass – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Confessions - Chapel
7:00 p.m. 9:00 Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Club – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Community Social Events Group – Rms. 110/120
FRIDAY: March 28, 2008
7:00 p.m. Family Night Out – Parish Hall
SATURDAY: March 29, 2008
4:30 p.m. Confessions - Chapel

EASTER MASSES
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)

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.





Angela Wolden – Coordinator

angela@smlifeteen.com

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 (3/23)

LIFE NIGHT (3/30): *WEE love Jesus!*

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

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.



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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) - Anna Quigley

Natural Family Planning classes will be held at St. Michael on Thursday, April 24, May 22, and June 26 at 7 p.m. in Room 140. Married and engaged couples are encouraged to attend these classes to discover a natural way to postpone or achieve pregnancy. NFP is 100% natural, safe, and has no health risks. The classes will be facilitated by St. Michael parishioners Bob & Colleen Fries. They are nationally certified teachers of NFP. Please call Bob & Colleen at (972) 278-9228 with questions or to register for the sessions. Cost for the sessions is \$75. Flyers can be found in the narthex.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - Lynette Schnitzius

If you were baptized as a Catholic and have received First Holy Communion, but have not been Confirmed, there will be an opportunity available to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, during the 10:30 AM Mass here at St. Michael. A series of four classes on April 13, 20, 27, and May 4 will be required. The classes will be at 10:30 AM in the church library. If you feel that God is calling you to be in full communion with His church, please call to register for the classes. Contact Lynette Schnitzius at 972-286-0648.

MASS INTENTIONS - Ernie Valencia



At every Mass the priest celebrating remembers the special intentions of parishioners and their loved ones. These remembrances can be an anniversary or birthday, the repose of the soul of a loved one or friend, an illness or impending surgery, or any special intention. Mass cards can be sent to the person or family being remembered. You may also sponsor the weekly tabernacle candle. Contact Gloria Perez in the parish office for more information.

BABY BANKS - Tom Clark

Please return your Lenten Baby Banks next weekend Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30. Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Squires will be on hand to collect them. Thank you very much, and may God bless you.



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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF DALLAS, INC. CENTRAL SERVICES - Mary Jo Dorn, Director of Development

Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. Central Services is seeking a Marketing & Communications Associate. This is a full-time position to assist with successful implementation of the Development and Communications Strategic Plan with special emphasis on the following: public relations, communications, and direct mail, marketing the Catholic Charities' brand effectively. Requirements: BA degree, minimum three years experience in public relations/marketing (or similar field); excellent writing/computer skills; Bilingual (Eng./Span.) preferred. Please email your cover letter and resume to mdorn@central.catholiccharitiesdallas.org.

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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.



Sunday Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipatory 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:00 noon, Life Teen 6:00 p.m.

Daily Holy Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Daily Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday Benediction 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Nursery

Available during Sunday Masses
9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon.

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Baptisms

After the 12:00 noon Mass on the 2nd
and 4th Sunday of each month.
Pre-Baptism classes are on the
1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Marriage
Ministry at least 6 months prior to date of
wedding for preparation.

Annulments

Contact the Marriage Ministry.

Newcomers

Welcome! We invite you with great joy to
become a member of the parish by filling out a
registration form located at each of the
entrances of the church. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday by 10:00 a.m. No exceptions

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
Marriage & Family Life Minister: Anna Quigley 972-279-6581 X14
Financial Manager: Sam Civello 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
Altar Servers: Penny Mione 972-279-6581
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
Engaged Couples: Anna Quigley 972-279-6581
Eucharistic Ministry: Penny Mione 972-279-6581
Family Fellowship: Jim & Carla Boshart 972-613-7224
Financial Advisory Committee: Tom Hopkins 972-279-6581
Food Pantry: Robert Mione 972-279-6581
Funeral Meals: Elise Rittmuller 972-279-6581
Knights of Columbus: Nick Nicholson 972-240-1494
Knights of Columbus Squires: Tom Clark 214-282-6297
Lectors: Penny Mione 972-279-6581
Life Teen Band: Richard Sesbino 972-279-6581
Mother's Day Out: Hilda Rodriguez 972-681-4850
New Day Grief Ministry: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581
Nursery: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581
Parish Hall Rental: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581
Pastoral Council: Felipe Salazar 972-686-0832
Pre-Baptism Class: Felipe & Diane 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
Telephone Prayer Line: Gloria Perez 972-279-6581
Ushers: John Main 972-668-5179
Visitors & Welcoming Committee: 972-279-6581
Women's Craft Group: Jean Hauptert 972-279-6581
Young-at-Heart: Rich & Judy Fuja 972-686-4754

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church believes that God's saving presence is made visible in Christ Jesus and that God touches all people through the mystery of the Risen Christ and His kingdom. We believe that by proclaiming the Gospel, worshipping, building community and serving others, we participate in the mystery of Christ among us.

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that **“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”**(Diary 699) He went on to say **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.”** (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy “Divine Mercy Sunday”. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **“I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish”**. (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You”**. (Diary 327) **“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him.”** (Diary 299)

About the feastday “Divine Mercy Sunday”, Jesus said **“...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. 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 be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy”**. (Diary 699)

Our Lord said **“When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul...”** and **“Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy”** (1602) **Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light.”** (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others.

The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.



ALTAR SOCIETY - Penny Mione

Anyone 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.

DAILY ADORATION by Sheila Seifert



What do you actually do during adoration? You may sign up to be an "adorer" which allows you to schedule yourself for one or more hours per week to pray before the very presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. It means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. For more information please call Sheila at 214-552-0636.



Rachel's Corner

By this Easter mystery, Jesus promises us resurrection and a life of love with Him. Join the risen Christ and experience His love and mercy on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org

Today