

From the Pastor 

The healing of the man born blind is not strictly speaking about the forgiveness of sin. Rather, he was born blind so that the works of God might be made visible through him. Through the course of the Gospel account, the man born blind not only received the gift of vision (a marvelous miracle), but he came to faith in Jesus as both God and Savior (and worshiped Him in truth). On the other hand, those who opposed Jesus descended into greater darkness. Not only did they not believe in Him, but they began to lose their ability to see God's goodness or their own need.

-Father Joseph

Weekly Readings



Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, Saint Isidore of Seville

Is 65:17-21/ Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, Saint Vincent Ferrer

Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, Saint Crescentia Hoess

Is 49:8-15/ Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Ex 32:7-14/ Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday, Saint Julie Billiart

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Ps 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Saint Cecilia

Jer 11:18-20/ Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53



mass intentions

Saturday

8:00 a.m. SI Alvarado Family
5:30 p.m. + Margaret Eckbeth by Jack & Marcy Smith

Sunday

8:30 a.m. + Alejandro & Estrella Capasgordo by Capasgordo & Ani Families
10:30 a.m. + Sebando & Josefa Casares by Pete & Rosemay Gonzales Family
12:30 p.m. + Joe & Rose Stumpo by Chet & Gloria Stumpo
6:00 p.m. Mass for the People

Monday

8:00 a.m. + Esteban Pahela by Cresencia T. Pahela

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8:00 a.m. + Fr. Nick Santamaria, SDB by Rome & Ken Ramoz

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8:00 a.m. + Maxine McCreary by Rome & Ken Ramoz

Thursday

8:00 a.m. Senaida Martinez by Gloria Perez
6:30 p.m. SI Gabriel Family

Friday

8:00 a.m. + Moises Cruz by Lily Grio
*Tabernacle Candle is in memory of Joseph Kim by Lucy Kim

CHURCH OFFERING		
Weekend	Mass Count	Contributions
03/28/10	1941	\$18,287.00
Electronic		\$400.00
03/27/11	2060	\$19,390.00
Electronic		\$1,066.00



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY:

8:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes – Classrooms
9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast/Brunch – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. Life Teen – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. This is Our Faith – Rm. 110/120

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Venture Crew – Curran Hall
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Class – Classrooms
6:45 p.m. Boy Scouts – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends – Library

TUESDAY:

9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Out – Rm. 110/120
10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
5:45 p.m. Quince Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. St. Gregory Choir – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Curran Hall
7:00 p.m. K of C 1st Degree Team– Rm. 110/120
7:00 p.m. Immaculata Prayer Group – Rm. 210

WEDNESDAY: April 6

6:00 p.m. Edge – Curran Hall
6:00 p.m. Bob & Wow – Youth Room
6:30 p.m. Littlest Angel Choir - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rm. 110/120
THURSDAY: April 7
9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Out – Rm. 110/120
5:45 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Pro-Life Meeting – Rm. 200
7:00 p.m. English Pre-Baptismal Class – Rm. 110/120

FRIDAY:

4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Confirmation - Sanctuary

SATURDAY:

April 9
9:00 a.m. RCIA Meeting – Rm. 110/120
2:00 p.m. Quince - Sanctuary

Lenten Practices

So the purpose of Lent is to be of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion and simplicity.

Prayer: Lent is a good time to develop or strengthen a discipline of daily prayer. An ancient practice of praying throughout the day, is a good place to start. A good goal for Lent would be to read Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer every day. If you already do that, perhaps you could add noon or night prayer (also called Compline). Contemplative prayer, based around the idea of silence or listening for God, is also well suited to Lent. There are also many excellent form prayers that reflect the penitential mood of Lent. We can also find many excellent prayers for Lent from the Scriptures. . Praying The Rosary throughout Lent can be rewarding too. Theology and liturgy should always be prayer, so a good discipline for Lent would be to make an effort to attend worship services whenever possible. Daily mass would be very rewarding.

Nursery News

The nursery is in need of help during the 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm Masses. This is a paid position and applicants should have experience with children ages 6 months – 2 years. Anyone interested in applying please contact Mary Gaines in the parish office at 972-279-6581, ext. 12 or by submitting a resume to maryg@stmichaelgarland.org.

For the convenience of our parishioners we offer child care in the nursery during the 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30 pm Masses. You can drop your child off before the Mass you attend and pick them back up once it is over. For more information or to ask questions please contact Mary Gaines in the parish office.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out is now accepting registration for the summer season. Spots are going fast and limited are accepted due to accommodation abilities, it is first come first serve. Please consider registering your child for this great opportunity. The children are taken care of Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15-2:15.



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Mary Rak – Middle School Youth Minister
MaryR@stmichaelgarland.org 972-279-6581 ext. 14
Meet every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WHAT'S COMING:

- April 7** Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
April 8 Confirmation Mass – 7:00 p.m.
April 10-14 No Edge – Parish Mission – 7:00 p.m.
 Parents please take your teens and go to the Parish Mission! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your faith and reconnect with the Lord.
April 14 Penance Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Great chance to get in your Lenten Reconciliation.
April 20 No Edge – Holy Week
 Please participate as a family
May 13 Movie Night – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
 Mark your calendars now with all of these activities, as well as our regular Edge Sessions on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Rak at maryr@stmichalegarland.org or call the church office.

PARENTS: This past week in The Edge we had the pleasure of having Fr. Joseph as our guest speaker. He led a teaching Mass, taking us through the Mass and explaining as he goes why he is doing what he is doing and how it affects us. If you were unable to attend, ask your teen what he/she learned that night. How has it changed the way they participate in Mass? Has it made Mass more interesting? Less confusing? Now is the time to ask questions you've always wondered about! If you'd like more information, contact Mary Rak at maryr@stmichaelgarland.org or 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

Have a great week Edgers!

St. Michael High School Youth Ministry

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Life Teen starts with Life Teen Mass at 6pm, followed by a Life Night and dinner that last until 9pm.

2011 Spring Semester Schedule

- Apr. 3 Attack on the Dignity of the Family
- Apr. 10 Attack on Sexuality
- Apr. 17 NO LIFE NIGHT
- May 1 Attack on Truth

Upcoming Church Activities

- Apr. 15-17 HS Spring Retreat
@ Sabine Creek Ranch
(Cost: \$100)
- Apr. 22 Live Stations of the Cross
(Teens can sign up to help act out! Sign up by email.
Opportunity for service hours!)
- May Crowning
(Need a total of 8 Jr's or 8 Sr's to help with crowning Mary)
- May 20-22 Jr & Sr Camping Trip
(Cost: \$40)
- Jun. 25-27 Steubenville South Conference
(In Alexandria Louisiana, Cost: \$200)
- Jun. 27-July 1 Vacation Bible School
(Teens wanting to volunteer as a crew leader need to be 13 years old or older! Contact Gloria Gove in the parish office at 972-279-6581, ext. 11)

BOB & WOW (Every Wed. unless notified)

- Apr. 6 Bob & Wow
- Apr. 13 Bob & Wow attending Parish Mission
- Apr. 20 **NO** Bob & Wow due to Holy Week
- Apr. 27 Bob & Wow resumes 7pm-9pm
- May 4 Bob & Wow
(Tutorials available during all Bob & Wow sessions but upon request)

Summer Activities

- Summer Softball
Coaches and Players needed
- Summer Bowling
Coaches and Bowlers needed
- Monday Movie Nights 7-9pm
- Tuesday Breakfast of Champions 8am-12noon
- Wednesday BOB & WOW 7-9pm
- Thursday Cooking Class 2:30-5pm

More details for summer activities to come...

All forms, information, & details about events and activities can be found on our website, www.smlifeteen.com

For more information about getting your high school teen registered into the program please contact Rachel Kollhoff at 972-279-6581 ext. 17, or Rachel@stmichaelgarland.org.

**Saint Michael the Archangel
Boy Scout Troop 548**

April 3	Pope Pius XII Awards, 2PM, St. Patrick
April 4	Boy Scout Meeting, 7PM, Curran Hall
April 7	Gray Owl District Roundtable, 7:30PM
April 10	Big D White Rock Marathon
April 11	No Boy Scout Meeting
April 14	Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
April 18	Boy Scout Meeting, 7PM, Curran Hall
April 25	No Boy Scout Meeting/TAKS
April	Camping: TBA

For more information
contact Scoutmaster
Chris Fowler
email: cdf364@att.net
Phone: (972) 567-3175



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 11862**



The Knights are looking for golfers. We have our 3rd annual gold tournament at Eastern Hills Country Club in Garland. It's on Sunday, April 17 at 1pm. Food-Fun-Fellowship-Prizes. Call Jeff Muesslg at 214-533-1046 or go to www.kofc11862.org for more information. If you would like to donate prizes for this event you can also contact Mr. Muesslg. If you are interested in obtaining information about joining the Knights, please contact Gary Labac 214-649-8043, or email labac@verizon.net

Women's Craft Group

Spring Bake & Craft Sale will be after the 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm Masses on Sunday, April 17 in the Pit Area of the church. Buy "goodies" for Easter and Mother's Day plus other crafts. This supports the St. Michael Food Pantry.

Community Social Events Group

The Community Social Events Group will serve a brunch meal after the 8:30am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm Masses this weekend, April 2 and 3, in Curran Hall. Please plan on good family fellowship and a good meal. Donations will be accepted and appreciated.

Rosary Guild

Because the third Thursday of April falls in Holy Week, there will be no Rosary Guild meeting April. The next meeting will be May 19th at 7:00 PM in room 140. If you are interested in making rosaries, please join us.

Pre-Baptismal Class

An English pre-Baptismal class is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. The next class will be held on Thursday, April 7. However if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Respect Life Ministry

Next Pro-Life Meeting Thursday, April 7th

St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Contact Tom Clark at 214-282-6297 / tjclark123@gmail.com for more information.

Come Pray With Us!

Join St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee the 2nd Saturday of every month as we pray the rosary at Southwestern late-term abortion mill, Royal and Greenville in Dallas. We carpool after 8am Mass at St. Michael's and start a rosary around 9am. Come be a peaceful, prayerful witness of God's love. Contact Tom Clark at 214-282-6297 / tjclark123@gmail.com for more information.

Second Collection

Today we can support families that face difficulties most of us could not imagine, like famine, war, and life in refugee camps. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps families by working to reunite them, caring for vulnerable and exploited children, changing unjust laws, and providing pastoral care and humanitarian and emergency assistance across the globe. **How will you help?** Please be generous to this Collection.

The Cross of Nails

You may have noticed the wooden cross in the narthex that is covered with nails. The little squares of 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.
May God bless you.

Position Opening

We are in need of an experienced maintenance service professional. If you are interested or know someone who may be qualified please send resumes to johnnym@stmichaelgarland.org.

Pilgrimage to San Juan, Texas

-National Shrine in San Juan, Texas – October 18, 19 & 20, 2011
St. Michael's Community Social Events Group is sponsoring a pilgrimage to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle – National Shrine in San Juan, Texas, on October 18, 19 & 20, 2011. Only 48 spaces are available. Adults only, please. If you would like to join us, please turn your reservation in early to assure your spot as well as \$75 per person. The deadline date is June 10, 2011, to complete your payment for the trip. We will be traveling by a chartered bus. For more information, contact Diane Salazar, 972-279-6581, ext. 19, or go by her office. For information on the Shrine, visit their website: www.olsjbasilica.org/web/home.

Getting Married – 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 Diane Salazar in the Marriage Ministry Office at 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

Marriage Convalidation

Has your marriage been blessed by the Catholic Church? Did you know you can have a convalidation?

- A convalidation is the blessing of your marriage in the Church.
- Convalidation makes your marriage sacramental which allows you to receive the sacrament of matrimony.
- Having a convalidation places you in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- This gives you admittance to the Sacrament of the Eucharist (body and blood of Jesus Christ).

If you have questions or would like to have a convalidation, please contact Diane Salazar, Director of Marriage & Family Life, at 972-279-6581, ext. 19.

DID YOU KNOW?

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.
Who Are the Abusers?

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female. Report suspected abuse to the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453 or Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400. Be part of the solution. You CAN help stop the abuse.

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WELCOME

Registration sheets are available at both entrances of the church. Please fill out and return the registration form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gaines in the parish office at (972) 279-6581, ext. 10.

Bulletin Deadline



If you have an announcement that you would like printed in the bulletin, please send it to Samanthas@stmichaelgarland.org by 3:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. You may also contact Samantha Silvas at the parish office at 972-279-6581 ext. 12 or drop off a copy of the announcement at the church.



Website

If you would like to contribute photos, articles, or share information, on the parish website please contact Johnny Martinez at

JohnnyM@stmichaelgarland.org. You can view the bulletin and other information on the website at www.stmichaelgarland.org

Pulpit Announcement

If you have something you would like announced at the ambo after mass please call Darnell St. Romain at 972-279-6581 ext. 15 or email him at Darnells@stmichaelgarland.org by Friday afternoon.



