

Dear Angels,



Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension. Scripture speaks of the power from God by which Jesus was raised from the dead, the same power that made Him sit at the right hand of the Father in heaven. This power enables us to give witness to Christ in our Christian lives. This power is abundantly available to us when we face sufferings and difficulties as we try to live our faith and gospel values. This power helps us in our fight against the evil powers and dark forces of hell. It fills us with enlightenment and wisdom, with joy and serenity. This power assists us to repent, to forgive our enemies, and to love others.

The power of God becomes active through prayer, especially the prayer of praise. As we praise God we experience His power filling our lives, removing our weaknesses, and transforming us into people filled with His power. What a great gift and what a great privilege. Most of us may rarely think of the power of God within us. Yet our peace and happiness in this life and eternal life in the next depend on His power.

Thus our Lord's Ascension is important to us. It confirms His claim to be God's own Son. It completes the cycle of incarnation-redemption-glorification. It gives us hope that one day we too will be with God in heaven. But in the meantime He has not left us as orphans. Although He is not visibly with us, He dwells within us by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is what He meant when He said: "I am with you till end of time." Yes, Jesus is still with us.

Have a Blessed week! Fr. Peter Chinnappan



MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS CARDS - Gloria Perez

If you would like your mother remembered during Mother's Day 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.

INSPIRING CATHOLIC CDs - Lili Rivera

Have little time to study about your faith? See the display of available titles of **Inspiring Catholic CDs** in the narthex. They make convenient and inspirational listening while you are driving your car.

Vacation Bible School

- John Krajca

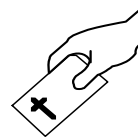
The saints know the secrets... now it's your turn to uncover the mystery!

Embark on a journey to discover the mysteries of the timeless virtues of faith, hope, and love. Travel to distant lands with Saint Brigid of Ireland, Saint Nicholas of Myra, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Martin de Porres, and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha.

Join us this summer for a totally Catholic and totally fun VBS June 23-27.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex. Adult and teen helpers are needed to make this year's VBS program a success. Please consider donating one week of your time to the children of our parish. You can serve others and have a blast at the same time! Volunteer forms can be found in the narthex. Call the parish office if you have questions or need more information.

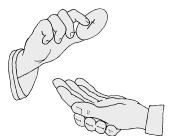
ENVELOPE USAGE - Ernie Valencia



A reminder about envelopes –when you use your envelopes we can keep track of what you donate to the Church and will print a statement for you at tax time. Please remember also that the Church still has expenses during the summer months so continue to use your envelopes to support our parish. Thank you and God bless.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY - Gloria Perez

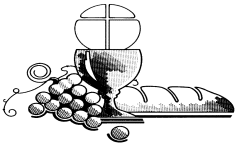
St. Michael has a homebound ministry for anyone who is ill or in a nursing home and so cannot attend Mass to receive Communion. Some of our Eucharistic Ministers are trained to bring Communion to the homebound. These ministers have been cleared through our Safe Environment Program. If you are in need of this service, call the parish office to leave your name and phone number. Someone will contact you to set up a time to visit.



CHURCH BUS FOR SALE - Ernie Valencia



Our church bus is for sale. If you wish to purchase it or know of someone who is interested, please call Gloria in the parish office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

12:00 noon
6:00 p.m.

Monday

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

Thursday

8:00 a.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

May 4

S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh +Antonio & Catherine Lambardo by Virginia & Ray Phillips +Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

Mass for the People
S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

May 5

+Gladys Taylor by Jack & Marcy Smith

May 6

S.I. of Xandu Rojas by Crescencia Pahela

May 7

S.I. of Omenukor family

May 8

+Sophie Wilkinson by Carl Wilkinson

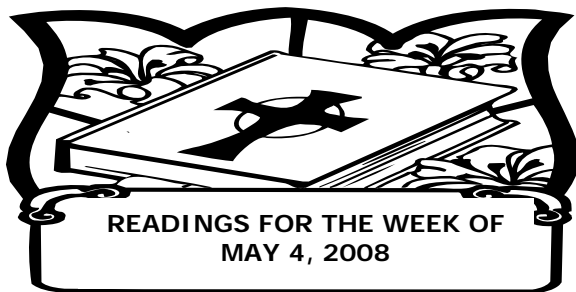
May 9

S.I. Egboh family by Bibian Egboh

May 10

S.I. Nick Benavidez by Lisa Gonzales

The altar flowers are provided in memory of Carmen Martinez by the Martinez family.



Sunday (*Ascension of the Lord*):

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

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Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

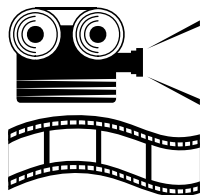
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday morning:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

VIDEOTAPING

- Ernie Valencia



We are seeking a volunteer to videotape special events at the Church so we may put them on our web page and store them in our library. If you are interested, please contact Ernie Valencia at 972-279-6581.

PARISH SCHEDULE

The Ascension of the Lord

SUNDAY: May 4, 2008

8:30 a.m. Boy Scouts Donuts – Parish Hall
9:30 a.m. RCIA – Library
10:30 a.m. Adult Confirmation – Library
10:30 a.m. Mass for Pipe Organ Dedication to Fr. Sharp – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Reception for Fr. Sharp's Pipe Organ Dedication – Parish Hall

MONDAY: May 5, 2008

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul – Youth Room
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting – Parish Hall

TUESDAY: May 6, 2008

10:00 a.m. Women's Craft Group – Pit Area
7:00 p.m. 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Faith Living Meeting - Rms. 110/120

WEDNESDAY: May 7, 2008

10:00 a.m. Health Fair – Rm. 200
6:30 p.m. Angel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study – Rms. 110/120

THURSDAY: May 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. Health Fair – Rm. 200
6:00 p.m. Novena to 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. K of C Officers Meeting – Rm. 140
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Leaders Council Mtg. – Library

FRIDAY: May 9, 2008

10:00 a.m. Health Fair – Rm. 200
7:30 p.m. Family Fellowship – Parish Hall

SATURDAY: May 10, 2008

4:30 p.m. Confessions – Chapel
5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy – Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Mother's Day Dance – Parish Hall

Casino Night

- Anna Quigley

The Community Social Events Group along with the Faith Living Project invites you to a planning meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in room 110/120. We will discuss the possibility of having a CASINO NIGHT this year. All members of the Faith Living Group are asked to attend this very important meeting. Any parishioner who is interested in helping plan the Father's Day Casino Night is welcome to attend. Questions or comments? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14. Proceeds will go to the Parish Hall Renovation Fund.





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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

LIFE NIGHT (5/4): Your Mom Goes to Life Night!

She does – her name is Mary. Everything you wanted to know about Mary. Be able to answer all your friends when they ask you about her.

NO LIFE NIGHT ON MOTHER'S DAY (5/11)

SENIOR SUNDAY (5/18): All graduates and their families are invited to join us for the Life Teen Mass at 6 PM followed by a dinner reception at 7 PM. Be sure to RSVP to Angela by May 11.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Check out all the forms, details, and updates at www.smlifeteen.com.

UPCOMING LIFE NIGHT EVENTS:

Mission Possible: June 8-12

Steubenville Youth Conference: July 11-13

Breakfast of Champions: Most Tuesday mornings this summer.

BOB & WOW will continue throughout the summer on Wednesday nights.



Craft Fair

- Jean Hauppert

The St. Michael Women's Craft Group will have two bake and craft fairs this year. The next bake and craft sale will be held May 18 after all morning Masses. Please support our sale as there will not be a Winter Bazaar. The proceeds will benefit the Food Pantry.

PARISH MINISTRIES

We would like to feature a different ministry each week, depending on bulletin space availability. Please submit a brief description of your ministry to salazar.d@tx.rr.com.

HOLY SMOKERS BAR-B-QUE

- Gary Labac

This weekend is your last chance to place an order for Mother's Day Bar-B-Que. Don't miss out on this **mouth waterin', finger lickin', serious Texas Bar-B-Que**. Check with the **Holy Smokers** order table in the narthex after each Mass or call Gary Labac at 214-649-8043 or Jeff Muessig at 214-533-1046.



BOOK FAIR

- Anna Quigley

Please help raise money to renovate our parish hall as you stock up on books for your children's summer reading. The Book Fair will be open during the following times:

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| Tuesday, May 13 | 1-3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 14 | 6-8 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 15 | 1-3 p.m. |
| After all Masses | May 17 & 18 |

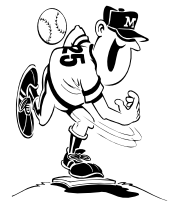
Since this is a fundraiser we will not offer the "Buy One, Get One Free" option. Please be generous!



BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS needed! Please call Anna at 972-279-6581 ext. 14, if you are interested in helping us with book sales during the times listed above.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! - Nick Nicholson

Knights of Columbus are selling Texas Ranger Tickets for the game vs. Oakland on Saturday, May 31, at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$27 each and include bus ride, drinks, and snacks. Contact Bill Cernosek at 972-278-6650 or Nick Nicholson at 972-240-1494.



HAVE A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Please email your bulletin announcement to salazar.d@tx.rr.com on or before 10 a.m. Monday for inclusion in the following week's bulletin. We reserve the right to edit contents.

Happy Mother's Day

- Anna Quigley

St. Michael's MOTHER'S DAY DANCE will be held next Saturday, May 10, from 8 p.m. until midnight in the parish hall. Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 each at the door. Music will be provided by Affinity Presentation Services. Anyone under the age of 18 must be chaperoned by parents. Questions? Call Anna at 972-279-6581, ext. 14.

JESUS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Nick Nicholson

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast in the parish hall on May 11 after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m. Masses. A box will be set up for donations. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.



Getting Married this Year? 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 6 months in advance for preparation.

For more information, contact Anna Quigley in the Marriage Ministry Office, 972-279-6581, ext. 14.