

From the Pastor 

Many people suffer in that they desire to avoid a particular sin and overcome the temptations which attack them, but they seem to fall constantly into the same sin. As a result of falling repeatedly into the same misdeed, they might begin to fear confession or mistrust in the grace which God gives. They can begin to doubt that their previous confessions were contrite or even despair of ever overcoming those certain temptations. To be holy certainly means that we must enter into a spiritual battle against evil. But Christ is always victorious in the battle against sin, even if we fail. So we can always turn to Him in trust for help in the moment of weakness,
Father Joseph

Weekly Readings

Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a,10-11/ Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Monday, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/ Jdt 13:18bcde,19/ Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Memorial of St. Lucy

Zep 3:1-2,9-13/ Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19 and 23/ Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, Memorial of St. John of the Cross

Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25/ Ps 85:9ab and 10,11-12,13-14/ Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

Is 54:1-10/ Ps 30:2 and 4,5-6,11-12a and 13b/ Lk 7:24-30

Friday, Blessed Honoratus Kozminski

Is 56:1-3a,6-8/ Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8/ Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, Lazarus

Gn 49:2,8-10/ Ps 72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17/ Mt 1:1-17

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | December 11 |
| 8:30 a.m. | + Margarte Ross by Log & Kelly Families |
| 10:30 a.m. | SI Bobbie Gaines by her Parents |
| 12:30 p.m. | Mass of the People |
| 6:00 p.m. | SI Deacon Joe & Gloria Perez by Jean & Frank Haupt |
| Monday | December 12 |
| 8:00 a.m. | + Francisco Fernandez by the Knights of Columbus #11862 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Primitivo Baradas by Fannie Baradas |
| Tuesday | December 13 |
| 8:00 a.m. | + James "Dunc" Duncan by Maxine Priebe |
| Wednesday | December 14 |
| 8:00 a.m. | + Kenneth Gurecky by Patricia Nesuda |
| Thursday | December 15 |
| 8:00 a.m. | + Robert W. Casares by Pete & Rosemary Gonzales & Family |
| Friday | December 16 |
| 8:00 a.m. | + Mary Minh by Dawn |
| 7:00 p.m. | SI Families-Misa de Gallo |
| Saturday | December 17 |
| 8:00 a.m. | SI St. Michael Pro-Life Ministry/ Committee |
| 5:30 p.m. | SI Donna Dayman by the Monroy Family |

CHURCH OFFERING

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/04/11	1769	\$20,996.00
Electronic		\$2,421.00
12/05/10	1928	\$18,853.00
Electronic		\$844.00

The Week Ahead

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| SUNDAY: | December 11 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Breakfast/Brunch
Curran Hall |
| 9:00 a.m. | RCIA-Rm. 110/120 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Life Teen-Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. | This is Our Faith-Rm. 110/120 |
| MONDAY: | December 12 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Faith Formation-Classrooms "Last Day of Class 2011" |
| 7:00 p.m. | Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass-Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts-Curran Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | St. Vincent de Paul-Nursery |
| 8:00 p.m. | Knights of Columbus-Nursery |
| 8:00 p.m. | Lady of Guadalupe Reception-Narthex |
| TUESDAY: | December 13 |
| 9:15 a.m. | Mother's Day Out-Rm. 110/120 |
| 6:45 p.m. | Cub Scouts -Curran Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | St. Gregory Choir-Sanctuary |
| WEDNESDAY: | December 14 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Catholic Studies Group—Rm. 150 |
| 6:00 p.m. | BOB & WOW-Youth Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Edge-Curran Hall |
| 6:30 p.m. | Faith Formation-Classrooms "Last Day of Class 2011" |
| 6:30 p.m. | Littlest Angel Choir-Sanctuary |
| THURSDAY: | December 15 |
| 9:15 p.m. | Mother's Day Out-Rm. 110/120 |
| 5:45 p.m. | Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Chapel |
| 7:00 p.m. | 8:30 Choir-Library |
| 7:00 p.m. | Compassionate Friends-Rm. 200 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Penance Service-Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. | Knights of Columbus-Curran Hall |
| FRIDAY: | December 16 |
| 7:30 p.m. | Misa de Gallo Mass-Sanctuary |
| SATURDAY: | December 17 |
| 7:00 a.m. | Cub Scouts Christmas Party-Curran Hall |

Middle School Youth Ministry

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Meets every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM in Curran Hall.

Attention Parents

Parents please start reviewing the Confirmation Interview questions with your teens. The actual scheduled Confirmation Interview is on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2012. Individual times will be given out to the teens during the Edge program

Attention Teens

*Teens remember to sign the Mass Attendance Binder that can be found on the office door right across from the Sacristy and Chapel.

Please make sure to Save the Dates

Confirmation Retreat Date

February 10-12, 2012 **Cost: \$80**

Payments are being accepted now!

Confirmation Rehearsal Practice

April 26, 2011

Confirmation Date

April 27, 2012 at 7PM

Toys for Tots

Christmas is just around the corner, and St. Michael's is supporting Toys for Tots, sponsored by the United States Marines. Donated toys will be distributed by the Marines to various agencies in need of toys for children. Please place your donations in the specially marked box in the Narthex. We will accept toys until December 18. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th Christmas Eve	4:00PM, 7:00PM, 12:00 Midnight
December 25th Christmas	8:30AM, 10:30AM 12:30PM
December 31st New Years Eve	8:00AM, 5:30PM Vigil Mass 8:00PM Adoration 12:00 Midnight Benediction
Jan. 1st New Years Day	8:30AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM and 6:00PM

High School Youth Ministry

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Life Teen starts with a youth Mass at 6pm followed by a Life Night that lasts until 9pm.

Sign up today!! All forms, information, and details about events and activities can be found on our website: <http://www.smlifeteen.com>

Sunday Life Night Schedule

- * Dec. 11 Life Night
- * Dec. 18 Life Night
- * Dec. 25 Christmas Break-NO Life Night
- * Jan. 1 Christmas Break-NO Life Night

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

Christmas Novena

If you would like your loved one to be remembered during the Christmas season, a Novena will begin December 23. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Gaines in the Parish office.

There will be a **Reconciliation Service** on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. There will be four visiting priests in addition to Father Joseph to help with the service. Please make plans to attend.

Retired religious need your support

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

On behalf of the recently departed **Mr. Leo F. Whelan**, his Family would like to thank all of those who contributed to and participated in the November 5th "Golf For Others" Tournament benefitting the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. **Over \$11,000.00** in proceeds from the tournament has been donated to this charity and we are grateful to all who helped make the event such a huge success. **"Big Red"** is in Heaven, smiling!
The Whelan Family

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

December 12	Boy Scout Meeting, 7 P.M., Curran Hall
December 15	Order of the Arrow Chapter Banquet
December 17	Christmas Party, Curran Hall 3-7PM
December 19	No Meeting-Christmas Holiday
December 26	No Meeting-Christmas Holiday
December 27-31	Winter Camp at Trevor Reese-Jones



For more information contact:
Scoutmaster Chris Fowler
Email: cdf364@att.net



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

December 10-11	Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
December 11	Blood Drive 8:30AM-2PM-Curran Hall-Breakfast served until 2PM
December 12	Officers Meeting, Nursery 8PM
December 15	Business Meeting, Curran Hall 7PM
December 17-18	Christmas Raffle Ticket Sales
December 18	Christmas Raffle Drawing, Curran Hall, 2PM
December 19	Singing Knights Christmas Carol Tour
December 25	Merry Christmas
	Raffle tickets will also be available from Johnny Martinez in the Parish Office Monday through Friday each week.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the semi-annual Carter Blood Drive at St. Michael's on December 11. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. The Knights will be serving a free meal throughout the time of the Blood Drive until 2PM! Please take the time to donate blood-it is the Christmas gift that saves lives!

Christmas Raffle: Time is running out!

Don't delay getting your tickets for the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Raffle. Total value of the prizes this year is over \$4500. Stop by the table in the Narthex to see the prizes. All proceeds support scholarship awards at St. Michael's, as well as seminarians for the Diocese of Dallas, and local and state charities including Special Olympics. Drawing will be

Young At Heart



Young at Heart is hosting Bingo on Wednesday, December 14 at 1:00PM. Please bring a treat to share. Come join us for fun and make new friends. Questions? Contact Rich and Judy Fuja (972)686-4754

Pictures with St. Nicholas

The photos that were taken last Sunday with St. Nicholas are ready for pick-up. They are in a basket in the Narthex labeled "Pictures with St. Nicholas."

The Altar Society would like to thank all parishioners and confirmation candidates who participated in the cleaning of the Sanctuary. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass will be celebrated on Monday,
December 12, 2011 at 7:00PM,
A light reception will follow in the Narthex



St. Michael's Military Support Group

The St. Michael's Military Support Group supports military members, veterans, wounded warriors and their families. **We are in need of donations to cover the cost of postage for our care packages going to Afghanistan.** St. Michael's Military Support Group envelopes are in the Narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make the checks payable to St. Michael Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Heather Phillips at (214)543-4764 or heatherrose8705@yahoo.com

The Entire St. Michael Community is invited to a
Misa de Gallo
"Rooster's Mass"

Misa de Gallo is a devotion to God in anticipation of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Friday, December 16, 2011 at 7:30PM
A Novena will begin December 16.

A popular belief among Filipinos is that upon completion of the novena, a special petition will be granted by God. A light meal will be served after mass in Curran Hall.
For further inquiries, please contact Robert David (214)695-0192 or robertd@stmichaelgarland.org

Come Pray with Us!

Join St. Michael's Pro-Life Committee **the 3rd Saturday of every month** as we pray the Rosary at Southwestern Late-term Abortion mill, Royal and Greenville in Dallas. We car-pool after the 8AM Mass at St. Michael's and start the Rosary around 9:00AM. **Come be a peaceful, prayerful witness of God's love.** Contact Reg Platt ant (214)392-4098 prolifecentral@aol.com for more information.

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) is an exciting new ministry for those young adults ages 18-30, single or married, working or in school. YAF provides the young adults in our community with opportunities for growing spiritually, friendship and fellowship through prayer, support, discussion of our faith and service. We will have our next 6 week block session after the holidays, but we will be hosting our Christmas social soon. Please view our face book page for updates.

There is no mandatory level of membership. We welcome any young adult to participate at any time. Questions? Contact Richard and Katherine Sesbino at (469)583-7031 or krsesbins1219@yahoo.com. Find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Young-Adult-Fellowship->

The Pines Catholic Camp is hosting **ALIVE AGAIN 2011**, a High School Only Weekend December 16-18th. The weekend is dedicated to recharging the camper's faith for the Holidays as well as experiencing all the fun of Summer Camp during the winter. Weekend activities include Mass and Adoration with an amazing praise and worship session led by Ben Walther; as well as conquering our challenge course, playing ultimate Frisbee, enjoying the lake and much more. For more information and registration, visit www.thepines.org or call us at (214)522-6533.

Divorce Ministry

St. Michael's Family Life Ministry is beginning a Divorce Ministry on Thursday, January 12, 2012, in the Youth room. This is a 12-week program which is based on sound Catholic teachings and spiritual principles. Each session helps people find peace, power and passion that they lost through divorce. Some of the session topics include Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, Relearning to Date, and Seeing God in Romance. Registration forms are in the Narthex in the Family Life section. The cost of the program is \$20 and includes one copy of a **Personal Guide**. *Space is limited*, so please sign up early! Questions, Contact Fran Campbell (214) 808-4825 or Tonya Phillips (214)381-4035.

Bulletin Deadline

If you have an announcement that you would like printed in the bulletin, please send it to MichelleC@stmichaelgarland.org by 3:00 p.m. Monday afternoon. You may also contact Michele Cormier at the parish office at 972-279-6581 ext. 18 or drop off a copy of the announcement at the church.

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.