

*From the Pastor* 

Mary said "yes" and the Word of God became a human being. Mary was just a teenager, minding her own business, saying her prayers as she may have done many times before. Yet the Lord God has chosen her from before all ages to be part of His plan of salvation. Still, she had free will and could have refused to cooperate. How sad we would be today had Mary been too afraid to do what God had asked her. But as it is, Mary said "yes" and God has visited His people.  
Father Joseph

**Weekly Readings**

**Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12, 14a,16/ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Monday, Blessed Pope Urban V**

Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

**Tuesday, St. Dominic of Silos**

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2,3-4ab,5-6/ Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, St. Peter Canisius**

Sg 2:8-14/ Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21/ Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday, Blessed Jacopone da Todi**

1 Sm 1:24-28/ 1Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56

**Friday, St. John Kanty**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66

**Saturday, Christmas at Greccio**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16/ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27 and 29/ Lk 1:67-79

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:30 a.m.	+ Margarte Ross by Log & Kelly Families
10:30 a.m.	+ Maria Macias by Family
12:30 p.m.	+ Hugh Gorman by Mary Westman
6:00 p.m.	Mass for the People
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
8:00 a.m.	+ Victor E. Rivera by Moreno Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
8:00 a.m.	+ Kathleen McMillian by Lili Rivera
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:00 a.m.	+ Mary Hudson by Walter and Mary Czaus
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:00 a.m.	SI Our Families by Eddie & Gerry Hayden
6:00 p.m.	SI Kyumi McDonald by Lucy Kim
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00 a.m.	+ Jovita Daisy Legaspi & Victorino Legaspi by her children
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
4:00 a.m.	+ Mary Hudson by Walter & Mary Czaus
7:00 p.m.	+ Carmen Martinez by Family
12:00 Midnight	Christmas Novena

\* Tabernacle Candle is for + Victor E. Rivera by the Moreno Family

**CHURCH OFFERING**

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Mass Count</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
12/11/11	1928	\$21,088.00
Electronic		\$3,413.00
12/12/10	1935	\$16,635.00
Electronic		\$811.00
Second Collection		
Retirement Fund for the Religious		\$1, 649.00

**The Week Ahead**

<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>December 18</b>
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
<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>December 19</b>
	No Events Scheduled
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>December 20</b>
7:00 p.m.	St. Gregory Choir-Sanctuary
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>December 21</b>
	No Events Scheduled
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>December 22</b>
5:45 p.m.	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Chapel
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>December 23</b>
	No Events Scheduled
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>December 24</b>
4:00 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass-Sanctuary

Dear St. Michael Parish,  
I am remiss for not having posted this sooner. Many of you have asked about the heat in the Church on Sunday mornings and the status of the roof replacement. Here is the current situation. The Roof? The contractor has been selected, the materials have been ordered but we are delayed in starting because of the rain. How ironic. The Heat? As many of you know we replaced HVAC units over the Sanctuary this past summer but did not connect the heat because we needed to wait for the roof replacement as the gas line will sit on top of the new roof, again the irony. So for the short term future, please be patient and wear a sweater to Mass. Thanks and God Bless,  
St. Michael Staff

## Middle School Youth Ministry

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

Dec. 21 & 28—No Edge

Jan. 11—No Edge

### 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

## 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. 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](mailto:Rachel@stmichaelgarland.org)

The Fall session of Faith Formation Classes has ended. The Spring Session will begin Saturday, January 7, 2012. We wish all of our Faith Formation Families a Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed holiday season.

**Faith Formation Office**

### 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

### Christmas Novenas

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.

The Parish Offices will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

**Merry Christmas!**

### 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.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

### CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS!

If you can play a band or orchestral instrument and would like to play the Christmas Carols before and during the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass, **HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!** We are expanding the orchestra for this special occasion, and have music for you and your instrument. Requirements: currently playing in a band or orchestra; able to sight read Grade 2 music and above; and play in challenging key signatures( multiple flats & sharps).

Rehearsals :Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00PM and Thursday, December 22 at 6:00PM.

If you are interested, contact Chris Cavner at (214)693-3621 Or [cbcavnar@gmail.com](mailto:cbcavnar@gmail.com)

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

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](mailto:cdf364@att.net)



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

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.

**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 held at 2PM on December 18. Get your tickets today.

## Young Adult Fellowship-YAF

**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](mailto:krsesbins1219@yahoo.com). Find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Young-Adult-Fellowship-YAF/100527636694852>

## Ministry of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S)

Ministry of Mothers Sharing will begin a new eight-week session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in the Youth room. M.O.M.S is an opportunity for women of all ages to develop self esteem, relationship skills, and a more defined sense of their own spirituality at a time when they are facing the difficult challenges of raising a family. It is for women who live stressful lives; women who live with many demands in their time and energy and women who need a place to receive personal and spiritual nurturing. Registration forms are in the Narthex in the Family Life section. The cost of the program is \$20 and included one copy of the book **MOMS: A Personal Journal** by Paula Hagan and Vickie LoPiccolo Jennett. Space is limited, so please sign up early! Please plan on joining us. Questions? Contact Diane Salazar (972)279-6581, ext. 19

## 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, Re-learning 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.

## 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](mailto:heatherrose8705@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto:prolifecentral@aol.com) for more information.

## Men Living the Faith

"Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension." 1Tim.27

All men of the parish are welcome to join us on Saturday mornings beginning January 28 for 8:00AM Mass followed by breakfast and time of fellowship, learning and growing in Christ. Catholic Manhood: being father, husband, and spiritual head of the home carries great responsibility. This ministry will allow men of various stages in their life to help each other learn, grow, and Live the Faith.

For more information, contact Rob Duff (214)437-0553, [rlduff@verizon.net](mailto:rlduff@verizon.net)

A parish staff member is monitoring the restrooms and hallways during weekend Masses. For safety purposes, the monitor will not allow minor children to go to the restrooms alone. Parents or an adult **MUST** escort children to the restroom.

## 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 Gains in the parish office at (972) 270-6581, ext.10.

## Bulletin Deadline

If you have an announcement that you would like printed in the bulletin, please send it to [MichelleC@stmichaelgarland.org](mailto: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](mailto:Darnells@stmichaelgarland.org) by Friday afternoon.

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