



That we be good stewards of the earth and our environment and wisely use its natural resources. "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to

God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?





# Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14;

Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Monday The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;

13 1.10, 10-20, 13 30.8-3, 1000-1

Mt 23:1-12

Saturday

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11;

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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#### WEEK OF February 20, 2016 – February 28, 2016

SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	Donna Ditges
		†Drew Muhl
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Vickie Kaatz
		Fr. Giovanni
	9:30 A.M.	Deacon Gary & Camille
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		Thanksgiving-Kao Family
	11:00 A.M.	†Marty & Pauline Martyniuk
		Tim Keefe
TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	⊕Brad Armintor
		†Maude Broussard
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Charlie & Agnes Kieler
		Blake Novosad
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Dolores Wallis
FRIDAY	6:00 A.M.	Blake Novosad
	8:30 A.M.	John Bongiovi
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Larry Paul
		Joel Hanson
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	Art Longoria
		Gilbert Santa Teresa
	9:30 A.M.	†Eppie Landry
		Bob & Cindy Miller-Family of
		the Month
	11:00 A.M.	†Renee Tomlinson
		†Genevieve Bongiovi



Doris Causbie, Kellie Chaney, Ruth Cleaver, Ruth Coale, Dick Drake, Margaret Flournoy, Ann Foster, David Foster, Paige Haas, Jesse Hernandez, Dorothea Himmel, Dorothy Jurecka, Richard Keistler, Sarah Langston, Ralph Lewis, Tom Loftus, Gertrude Lux, Margie McAda, Eileen

McDonald, Bubba Moore, Edward Moy, Jordon Nachtegaele, Paul Perdue, Donna Schwertner, Liz Stevens, John Dusek, Jack & Barbara Yonge, Lourdes Garcia-Meitin, Roger Kesseler, Bettie Carmody, Patrick Dean, James and Barbara Blanchard, Raymond Muniza, Kathy Harrison, Kim Anderson, Johnny and Doris Follett, Felix and Shirley Broussard, Emma DeAtley, Alfredo Larre, Andrew Haack, Florine Heinroth, Robert Vinklarek, Pat Gifford, Marsha Young, Ken Felcman, Jeanne Kemeny, Gilbert Bohuslav, and Nadia Mendoza

#### <u>Lenten Reconciliation Services</u> <u>in our Area</u>

Sun., Feb. 28—Sacred Heart, Manvel 7:00 pm Tues., March 1—St. John's, Alvin 7:30 pm Wed., March 2—St. Anthony's, Danbury 7:00 pm Mon., March 14—St. Michael's 7 pm

Wed., March 16—Most Holy Trinity, Angleton 7:00pm



Join us for Rosary every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church. Everyone Welcome.

#### PARISH EVENTS



The Knights of Columbus weekly *Lenten Fish Fry Dinners are held* from 5 – 7 p.m. each Friday during Lent in the Hall of the Family Life Center. You can eat in the Hall while you visit with friends, enjoy the music by Duke Gamino, Tiny the Clown, and buy your raffle tickets! You can also pick up your dinner to-go at our convenient drive-through in front of the F-

**Wing** starting at **4:30 pm**. Check out the great prizes, and participate in the weekly drawings by purchasing your raffle tickets at the door or from one of the Knights. Fish dinners with all the trimmings are **\$10.00**.

#### EMHC TRAINING FOR CURRENT AND NEW MINISTERS

All current and new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are asked to attend the workshop on **Saturday**, **February 27**<sup>th</sup> in the church beginning at **10:00am**. This workshop will be a follow-up to the training held this past fall and will help ensure all guidelines are in place for the Easter Season. For those interested in joining this ministry, please contact Sherry Bergen at (979) 235-9995. We are particularly in need of ministers to serve at the 8am Mass. Please prayerfully consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

VIRTUS: "Protecting God's Children" Workshop <u>ALL</u> Clergy, staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children and youth <u>ARE REQUIRED</u> to attend training.

Sunday, February 21st 1:00 pm Angelina Room The session starts promptly, so please be on time. Please go to www.virtus.org to register. Everyone must pre-register, no walkins will be allowed. All attendees must have a Current Driver's License, Texas Identification card, Passport, Mexico Consulate ID, or Guatemala Consulate ID in order to attend the workshop. Your name and date of birth must match pre-registration on VIRTUS. (For example, if you pre-register under the name of Peggy Smith but you driver's license states Margaret Smith, you will not be able to attend. Must arrive 20—30 minutes early for sign in. For further information, please contact Sheri at 979-285-7434 or email slhanson@coastal-link.net

ALL ADULTS AGE 18+

attended a VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children (PGC)

workshop prior to 2010 you MUST take the refresher course,

Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA)

Sunday, February 21st 5:00 pm Angelina Room Must pre-register on line at www.virtus.org or follow link from www.smli.org (under Formation-Safe Environment Program-Virtus) Register with your name EXACTLY as it appears on your Driver's License. Must arrive 20—30 minutes early for sign-in. MUST bring Photo ID. No late admittance, NO EXCEPTIONS! \*No one under 18 will be allowed to attend. For further information please contact Sheri at 979-285-7434 or email slhanson@coastallink.net

The Annual St. Joseph's Altar Celebration will be held Sunday, March 6th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Hall of the Family Life Center. To sign up to help, please contact Kathy Albert at 979-583-6167 or kealbert@academicplanet.com . Thanks to all!!



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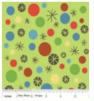
This Lent we will continue our tradition of celebrating Evening Prayer beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the "F" Wing. At St. Michael's we have historically prayed Evening Prayer on the Sundays of Advent and Lent. The first Evening

Prayer will be held February 14th. Evening Prayer is a powerful yet peaceful celebration of the end of one week and the beginning of the next. This is a wonderful way to fulfill one of our Lenten disciplines, that of prayer. Whether you've participated in Evening Prayer before or are new to this community prayer, please plan to join us this Lent!



Catholic Daughters are in need of Material for Prayer

blankets in 1 ¼ yard increments. We have been blessed to give out 88 blankets to parishioners and friends. Please put in collection box in the CDA closet or give to Janet in the youth office.



Rediscover Jesus Chapter 6 Page 41 Point to Ponder: Knowing about Jesus is not the same as knowing Jesus.

Prayer: **Jesus**, *I believe*. Help me to grow out of my doubts and unbelief.

We have an open hour in our Adoration Chapel which needs to be filled by one (or two) dedicated volunteers. If you are willing to spend prayer time

volunteers. If you are willing to spend **prayer time** with the **Blessed Sacrament** in the Adoration Chapel on Friday from 2:00 – 3:00 pm, please call Gay Rayburn at 979-236-4004.

#### **KEEP the GLASSES COMING**



Please continue to donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the youth office. Thank you for helping us to help others!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

"Entering through the Holy Door means discovering the depths of the Father's mercy, who seeks each of us personally."

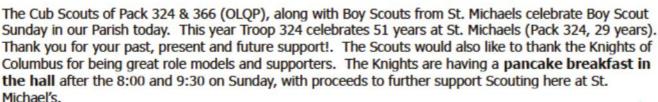
~ Pope Francis



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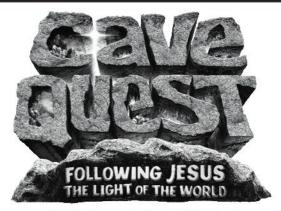
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# SAVE THE DATE! JULY 11-15

Interested in volunteering?
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celeste\_rp@yahoo.com

## **YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

FEB.	21	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grade 6- 12th Social 5:30, 6:00—8:00 pm
	24	DEEPER SESSION—H.S 6:30-9:00 pm
	28	AWAKENING PROGRAM—Grade 6- 12th Social 5:30, 6:00—8:00 pm
MAR.	2	DEEPER SESSION—H.S 6:30-9:00 pm

#### SAVE THE DATE !!!

Youth on a Mission 2016 will be July 16-23, 2016. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for future announcements.

For questions, please contact Paul or Cecilia Gabba at gabbafam@earthlink.net. Thank you

# Steubenville *on the* Bayou High School Youth Conference Thibodaux, LA June 24-26, 2016





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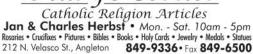


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