The light has come, not just to Jerusalem, but to the whole world. Jesus is revealed to us as the Word of God made Flesh. What began in secret, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin, is announced to the world. Although the birth of Jesus took place in relative obscurity, His kingship is made known to all those who are hoping for Him. It is furthermore revealed that the family covenant planned by God is for every human being of every nation, people, and language. All are called by God to be His adopted children through Baptism.

*Father Joseph*

## PRE-BAPTISMAL

- Felipe & Diane Salazar

A pre-baptismal class is held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month in room 110/120. However, if you wish to baptize a child who is seven years of age or older, please contact the Faith Formation office.

*"Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.."*

## Casino Night Meeting

- Anna Quigley

Come join us as we plan our next CASINO NIGHT! The Community Social Events Group will have their next meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 7 PM in room 140. We invite those of you who helped with last year's event. We would also like to invite anyone who feels energetic and excited about helping us make this Casino Night even better! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Curran Hall Renovation Fund. Please contact Anna Quigley, (972) 279-6581, ext. 14, if you have any questions.

***Please remember to turn off your cell phones and pagers. Thank you.***

**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

## Gifts for God

| Weekend | Mass Count | Contributions |
|---|---|---|
| 12/28/08 | 2040 | $21,474.00 |
| 12/27/09 | 1902 | $.00 |
| Christmas | | |
| 12/25/08 | 2607 | $18,231.00 |
| 12/25/09 | 2552 | $.00 |

## And the winners are...

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas raffle this year. Your generosity and support have enabled our council to support Catholic ministries such as Catholic radio, Pro-Life, Seminarians, & St. Michael Youth Ministries, etc. Our council hopes that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Congratulations to this years' raffle winners.

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| Grand Prize: | **Ann Marie Conway** | 42 inch HDTV & Sony Blue-Ray Home Theater |
| 2nd Prize: | **Alex Lao** | Beatles Rock Band & PS3 Player |
| 3rd Prize: | **Evangeline Palma** | His Golf Package & Hers Spa Package |
| 4th Prize: | **Scott Grant** | PSP-GO player |
| 5th Prize: | **Megan Aquillon** | $200 Visa gift card |
| 6th Prize: | **Chris Hesselgren** | $100 Visa gift card |

## Mother's Day Out

- Marie Cervantes

The Mother's Day Out program will be accepting new registrations in January. We offer a great learning experience for children ages 6 months through 5 years old. Please contact Marie Cervantes for more information at (972) 279-6581, ext. 16.

## Masses For The Week

**Saturday, January 2**
8:00 a.m. +John Gallagher by Baldauf
5:30 p.m. +Sophie Wilkinson by Michael and Kay Samsone
**Sunday, January 3**
8:30 a.m. +John Larsen by Susan & Blas Herrera
10:30 a.m. SI Nwachokor Family by Esther Nwachokor
12:30 p.m. Mass for the People
6:00 p.m. +Michael Paul Mendenhall by Leila Argamaso
**Monday, January 4**
8:00 a.m. +Esteban Pahela by Cresencia Pahela
**Tuesday, January 5**
8:00 a.m. +Bob Adams by DiBernardo Family
**Wednesday, January 6**
8:00 a.m. +Gabriel Macias by Mary Lou Macias
**Thursday, January 7**
8:00 a.m. +Michael Paul Mendenhall by Lyle Argamaso
6:30 p.m. +Michael Paul Mendenhall by Leila Argamaso
**Friday, January 8**
8:00 a.m. +Maria Minh by Dawn Minh

Tabernacle candle is in memory of _____ by _____. Altar flowers are for by _____.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

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| Sunday: | Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52 |
| Monday: | 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Jn 2:3-11/96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 2:12-17/96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 2:18-21/96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18 |
| Friday: | Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28/98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 |

### 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 weeks' bulletin. You may also place your announcement in the pink folder hanging on Gloria Perez's office door labeled "Bulletin Editor." We reserve the right to edit contents.

## The Week Ahead

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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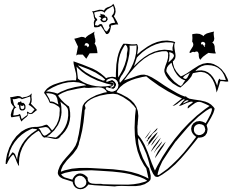
| **SUNDAY:** | **January 3** |
| 9:00 a.m. | RCIA – Rm. 110/120 |
| 11:00 a.m. | 12:30 Choir - Chapel |
| **MONDAY:** | **January 4** |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts Meeting – Curran Hall |
| **TUESDAY:** | **January 5** |
| 7:00 p.m. | 12 noon Choir – Curran Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | St. Gregory Choir – Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Immaculata Prayer Group – Rm. 210 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts Den Meeting – Curran Hall |
| **WEDNESDAY:** | **January 6** |
| 12:30 p.m. | Census Testing 2010 – Rm. 110/120 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Life Teen – Youth Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Littlest Angel Choir Rehearsal - Church |
| **THURSDAY:** | **January 7** |
| 7:00 p.m. | Come Home Gathering – Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. | Pre-Baptismal Class – Rm. 110/120 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Casino Night Planning Meeting – Rm. 140 |
| 7:30 p.m. | Contemporary Choir – Church |
| **FRIDAY:** | **January 8** |
| 7:00 p.m. | Scouts Meeting – Library |
| **SATURDAY:** | **January 9** |
| 4:00 p.m. | Confessions – Chapel |



- Anna Quigley

LENIN JOHN VARGHESE & LIBBY ANN KUZZIPPILLIL will celebrate the Sacrament of marriage on Saturday, January 9. Congratulations!

Please help us pray that they fall in love many times, always with each other.

### *What is an Indulgence?*

An indulgence is partial or plenary according to its removal of either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. It may be applied to the living or the dead: through indulgences the faithful can obtain-for themselves and also for the souls in purgatory-the remission of temporal punishment resulting from sin. Because we and the faithful departed now being purified are members of the same communion of saints, one way in which we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due to their sins may be remitted. (*(Daily Roman Missal)*

## PRO LIFE

If you would like to receive advanced notice of Pro Life events, please contact Tom Clark at (214) 282-6297 or send him an email at ticlark123@tx.rr.com. Please indicate your preference as to how you wish to be notified. Thanks and may God bless you!

- Ernie Valencia

Our sincere thanks to Marvin Rutter for his diligent work in helping maintain the St. Michael web site for the past several years. We appreciate all you have done in this effort!

We would like to announce that we now have a new web site administrator, Janie Reed, and we would like to welcome her as our new Webmaster. In case you were not aware, Janie has given our web page a facelift, and it looks quite nice. Thank you Janie!

If you would like to see our new Web page, go to www.stmichaelgarland.org.

## *Interested in Becoming a*

Are you interested in volunteer opportunities here at St. Michael? Parish ministries are listed on the front page of the church bulletin. Call the telephone number listed for information on a ministry of interest to you. Get involved and be a part of our parish community!

## Save the Date!

February 13 Mardi Gras Family Dance

21 Chicken Tortilla Soup Brunch after morning and 12:30 pm Masses in Curran Hall.

*These events are sponsored by the Community Social Events Group. If you are interested in helping with these events, contact Felipe and Diane Salazar, (972) 686-0832.*

| Saint Michael the Archangel BSA Gray Owl District Troop 548 | |
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| January 4 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| January 7 | Gray Owl District Roundtable |
| January 11 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| January 17 | Scout Café Breakfast Curran Hall |
| January 18 | No BSA Meeting/MLK Holiday |
| January 21 | Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting |
| January 22-24 | Campout/TBA |
| January 25 | Boy Scout Meeting Curran Hall |
| January 28 7:00 pm | Parent Meeting Library |
| January 30 | Gray Owl Badge Mania |
| January 31 | Scout Café Breakfast Curran Hall |

Contact Scoutmaster Chris Fowler for more information:
email: cdf364@att.net
Phone: (972) 203-6126

## *Eye Glasses for the Poor of Honduras*

- Gloria Perez

Due to the current political unrest in Honduras, the Diocese of Dallas is, at this time, unable to sponsor mission trips to that country. However, the presidential elections will hopefully bring peace to Honduras. With that possibility, the Diocesan Medical Mission Team is hoping to travel to Trujillo in the spring of 2010. In preparation for this mission trip, the team is once again collecting "eye glasses," (both prescription and over the counter), that can be used to give sight to Hondurans who do not have access to optical clinics. Your support each year has enabled the Diocesan Medical Mission Team to provide over a thousand pairs of glasses to school children and the elderly of Honduras. Please help touch even more lives with improved vision!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

## HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

**POSITION AVAILABLE: Saint Rita Catholic Community** has an immediate opening for a full-time bilingual Administrative Assistant for its Music Department. Minimum requirements: Computer skills (WordPerfect, PageMaker, Microsoft Word, Excel), strong administrative abilities, highly efficient and organized self-starter. Good writing/reading/speaking bilingual skills are required; knowledge of music would be a plus. Submit résumé, references, and salary requirements by January 15, 2010, to Music Ministry Admin. Assistant Search, c/o Deacon Denis Corbin, dcorbin@strita.net.

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**January 12 2nd Tuesday Night Rosary at Planned Parenthood abortion center, sponsored by TOPP (Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood):** 6:30 p.m., in front of Jason's Deli, 7412 Greenville Avenue, just south of Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas. After the rosary, we will go into Jason's Deli for food, Christian fellowship and pro-life discussion. Park in the Jason's Deli parking lot. This is a monthly event. Contact Daniel Vinzant, 214-566-2298. *Sponsored by Texans Opposed to Planned Parenthood.*

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**John Paul II High School "Information Night":** John Paul II High School will host a special "Information Night" on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. on their campus located at 900 Coit Road, Plano, 75075 (corner of Coit and West Plano Parkway). If you are a parent or student who would like to learn more about what John Paul II High School has to offer – Mark your calendars and be sure to visit this comprehensive and informative session. For more information, please contact our Admissions Office at (469) 229-5195.

**SAVE THE DATE! January 16, The Bishop's Gala for Catholic Charities 2010: Boots & Dazzle Big D Style** at the Hilton Anatole. Concert by Word Records Recording Artists *Diamond Rio*. Dinner – Live Auction – Drawing for trip to Rome/Florence. For more information please call (214) 520-6590, ext. 126, or visit www.CatholicCharitiesDallas.org.

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**January 8-10 17th Annual Recovering Alcoholic Men's Retreat, Lake Dallas, TX,** 24 miles north of Dallas at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House. You will be in a gracious, secluded and prayerful lakeside setting with a comfortable private or semi-private room with bath and good food. There is no set fee for a retreat. We ask that you give what you can afford. This cost is $200 for the entire weekend. Those who can do so will contribute more than the actual cost, whereas those of limited means can make other financial arrangements.

This retreat is a chance to get away from the routine of your life and look at how God has loved you through a series of inspiring talks by a recovered alcoholic retreat master, AA meetings and fellowship. It is a chance to look at how you have responded to that love and how you will respond to it in the future.

Father Jim H. from Tacoma, WA, will touch us all with his talks of experience, strength, and hope about recovery and spirituality. He will also be available for private consultations along with the Jesuit priests of Montserrat.

For information or registration call Phil Paschke at (972) 960-2166.

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Are you or someone you know having a problem with alcohol or drugs? There is a solution. It starts with a phone call. There are thousands of men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind, body, and spirit. Contact Dale Mathias, (214) 280-5556.

## Rachel's Corner

When we have experienced God's forgiveness, we are ***new creatures***! We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live with a forward-looking hope of glory.

- Reflections from *Footprints*

Become a new creation in Christ! Join us on our next retreat and experience His redeeming grace.

Abortion AfterCare-Healing
214.544.CARE healing@racheldallas.org