

Fifth Sunday of LENT



Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to throw
a stone at her.

Jn 8:7



That we keep God first in everything and not put other gods before God. "...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8) The first

commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 3, 2022

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| Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 |
| Monday | Memorial Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn8:12-20 |
| Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wednesday | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thursday | Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 |
| Friday | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42 |
| Saturday | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49 |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Monday thru Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-6pm in the **Church**. Please prayerfully consider making the Adoration Chapel a part of your weekly prayer time. To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org.

You may view the schedule and empty adoration hours on our website by clicking on "Ministries", then "Adoration Chapel".

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions April 2— April 10

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| SATURDAY | 5:30 PM | †Brian Baker Bubba Moore |
| SUNDAY | 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00AM | For the People of the Parish †Nelda Jasek †Homero Salinas †Rosario Iglesias †Gilbert Zaiontz |
| TUESDAY | 8:30 AM | †Sylvia & Luis Codina †Sophie Korenek |
| WEDNESDAY | 8:30 AM | †David Garcia Jr. †Weldon Drapela |
| THURSDAY | 8:30 AM | †Ed Carmody †Charlie & Irene Dirba |
| FRIDAY | 8:30 AM | †Johnny Girouard †Jeanette Malone |
| SATURDAY | 5:30 PM | †Kay Jones †Jessica Bullock Duncan |
| SUNDAY | 8:00AM 9:30 AM 11:00AM | †Emil Faltisek †Bart Garcia For the People of the Parish †Donna Schwertner †A.J. Cessac |

Pray for those who are ill:

Bobbie Jasek, Sarah Langston, Bubba Moore, Paul Perdue, Lori Sipple, "Boots" Ermis, Paula Price, Ray Villarreal, Nolan Link, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Mirella Sherman, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Barbara Yonge, Susan Jurecka, Janie Gonzales, Carson Thelan, Steve Pelletier, Mary Perez, Maudlynn Drake, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Rex & Susan Cade, Patty Sayes, Richard Keistler, Rebekah Calhoun



Adoration will be closed on the following days:

Easter Schedule

There is no regularly scheduled Adoration on Holy Thursday (April 14), Good Friday (April 15), Holy Saturday (April 16) and Easter Sunday (April 17).

Adoration need for Holy Thursday, April 14

8-9 pm
9-10 pm
10-11pm
11pm - 12pm midnight

You can accept the sub requests if you are an adorers at this time or contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org.



†Joel Hanson, son of Kathleen Trefethern

Thank you to all adorers and coordinators and those who substitute and volunteer your time to keep our adoration ministry going.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parish Family,

Have you noticed something different when you came to church today? I am sure you did!

All our statues, images, and crosses are draped and covered in purple cloth. Now you may be asking why. Actually, the covering of statues, images, and crosses is a long time tradition of the Catholic Church. It had its beginnings in the 17th century in Germany and the practice has been adopted all over the world. It used to be practiced during the entire season of Lent when it started but here in America the practice is observed beginning the 5th Sunday of Lent and onwards. The cross is unveiled on Good Friday and the statues and images are uncovered at the Easter vigil mass when we sing Glory to God in the Highest.

When we cover the statues and crosses during this time, I believe we are reminded of our Catholic roots as we participate in this long held tradition. But most of all, it heightens and intensifies our preparation for the greatest feast of our faith. For now the glory of this great feast is “veiled” until we celebrate it on Easter Sunday.

I would like to quote from the WCU Catholic Campus Ministry this paragraph, “This is a metaphor of our life on earth (the veiling of statues and crosses). We are living under a veil. Our true home is in heaven. Only there will the veil of mortality be removed and our true glory be revealed. This will only happen by our participating in Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. We must make the Paschal Mystery our own.”

A Blessed Passiontide to you,

Fr. Dwight

Scheduled Confessions During Lent

Monday—5:00—6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday—4:30—5:30 pm

Wednesday—6:15—7:15 pm

Friday—5:00—6:00 pm

Saturday—4:00—5:00 pm or by appointment



If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter flower for the church during the Easter season, please contact Melanie at 979-297-3041. The requested donation is \$15.

Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm Each Friday during Lent

Holy Thursday Service—7:00 pm

Good Friday—Live Stations of the Cross at noon

Good Friday Service—3:00 pm

Easter Vigil April 16th—8:30 pm

Easter Sunday—8:00 am & 10:00 am



Rosary

Mondays at 7 pm in the Church

Tuesdays-Fridays at 8 am. in the Church

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT: APRIL 3RD Adult Christian Initiation (RCIA) will celebrate the Third Scrutiny at this Sunday’s 11:00 am Mass. As part of this ancient rite, we will read the Cycle A scriptures that focus on The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44). Our newly elected catechumens, or unbaptized candidates, will scrutinize themselves in this rite of self-searching and repentance. Our elect:

**Hunter Batchelor
Lauryn Garza**

through prayer will uncover and heal all that is weak or sinful in their hearts and strengthen all that is upright and good. The last week of scrutiny will complete their conversion and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ. Please continue to pray for Hunter and Lauryn as they make their final steps toward receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil Mass. Our candidate:



Bill Wharmby

seeks to join in Full Communion with the Catholic Church by receiving his First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please also pray for Bill as he takes his final steps.

Safe Haven Training

EVERYONE who volunteers in **ANY** ministry at St. Michael's is required to be trained in the SAFE HAVEN program: <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/> If you do not remember your user ID, email melanie@smlj.org. Please **do not** create a new account if you already have one.



The SVDP food drop-off chest is located in the hallway of the Family Life Center for donations of non-perishable items. Thank you for your continued support!

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Philippians 3:8-14

Doing Without

At some point, we have to do without. If we travel, we do without whatever won't fit in the luggage. If we get sick, we do without the energy we like to have. If someone we love dies, we do without the close companionship we enjoyed for so long.

As we enter the final days of Lent, our minds turn to the final days of Jesus' life. In ministry, Jesus enjoyed the companionship of disciples, the warm reception of caring households, the adulation of large crowds, and the appreciation of those he healed. He had his enemies, but his life had meaning, and his prayer to the Father was rich.

At the end, though, Jesus had to do without. His friends turned against him or abandoned him. He suffered imprisonment, false witnesses, and torture. He was nailed to a cross in a gruesome death.

No one wants to go through anything like that. But somehow, whenever we suffer a loss, our sufferings are lightened by the memory of Jesus.

Paul writes to the Philippians, "For the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord, I have accepted the loss of all things, depending on faith to know him and the power of the resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." We can do without if we believe someday we will do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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COME ENJOY THE BEST FISH FRY IN BRAZORIA COUNTY!

The Knight of Columbus Lake Jackson Council 6812 will hold **sit down and drive thru Fish Fry Dinners from 5:00 – 6:30pm** each Friday during Lent. The dinners include fried fish, beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and french fries for \$12 with mac & cheese for those dining in the Hall. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Raffle Tickets are available for sale with \$1,800 in gift card prizes and a weekly door prize for those buying a ticket that Friday in the Hall. Contact Dick Schneider at rslj54@yahoo.com for tickets or info.

This is the Knights largest fundraiser and helps support the various ministries and charities the KC's fund.



The Knights will be selling Bar-B-Que chickens after all Masses on Sunday, April 10th and not on Sunday, April 3rd.



In Memoriam Gifts

We have been asked about on-line Memorial Gifts and so have now added the capability for on-line donations to St. Michael's made in memory or in honor of a loved one. You can go to www.osvhub.com/smlj/funds and select Memorial Gift.

Please note this is **not intended to be used for Mass Intentions** which need to be made in the office.

ONLINE GIVING The process is very simple! You may go to our website, www.smlj.org and click on the Online Giving icon. Another option is www.osvhub.com/smlj. Thank you for continuing to support St. Michael, especially at this time.

St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport currently has an opening for Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. For details please refer to our website at www.stmarystarofthesea.org or contact the office at 979-233-5271.

**"If we want the world to change,
then our hearts must change first.
Let us look to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."
– Pope Francis**

CDA Annual Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser

April 3, 2022 after all masses.

There will be sit down and to go plates. We will have the silent auction back and of course the raffle.

Raffle prizes are Queen size quilt, a Cardinal basket, Tuscany Basket, Art piece from Cynthia Grandjean, Jim Shore Angel, \$100 Lowes gift card, St. Benedict statue, and a Fire Pit. Tickets are for sale from any CDA member and after all masses.



Confirmation Candidate Beach Clean Up



EYE GLASSES Please donate prescription eye glasses you no longer use to the Crystal Crafters. A collection basket is located outside the library. Thank you for helping us help others.

Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance. *It is imperative that you meet with Father before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.* For an appointment, call 979-297-3041.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3/28/22

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Collections and Mail: | \$14,548.00 |
| OSV Online Giving: | <u>\$2,837.50</u> |
| Total: | \$17,385.50 |

Amount Needed Per Week: \$17,670
Fiscal Year-to-date Average: \$18,085

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: \$12,209

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IGNITE UPDATE
\$1,247,821 from 256 families.



2022 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2022 Diocesan Services Fund. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our goal of \$101,847.

110 Donors have contributed \$35,040

Senior Parents!

Graduation is approaching; please remind your senior that scholarship applications are Online (<https://smlj.org/youth-ministry>) and also located outside the youth office with important information. Senior Graduation Mass will be Sunday, May 15th at the 11:00 Mass with a luncheon in the Msgr. Leo Hall where scholarships will be awarded. Reservations must be made. Additional meals will not be ordered. Please send 3 pics of your senior in jpeg format for a slideshow to janet@smlj.org. (1 baby, 1 child, & 1 current-do not have to be professionally taken. Candid are great!)

**St. Michael's Youth Ministry
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**Good Friday
April 15th
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