



The Last
Will Be First
& The First
Will Be Last



"Thus, the
Last
will be
First..."

That we realize we are not only responsible for our lives, but for the lives of others. "Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly

applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Sept 23 thru Oct 1

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Jim Solis †Elouise Boling
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Johnny Girouard †Bobbie Jasek †Lillian Sablatura †Rey Villarreal
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†Boots Ermis †Art Imperial
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†John Rosser †Lee Roy Jurries
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	Msgr. Leo Wleczyk †Msgr. Fred O'Connor
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	†Gladys Dusek †John Bongiovi
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Ed & Bettie Carmody †Achiyamma Panicker
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	†Fred & Mary Mathis †Leo Crosley For the People of the Parish †Bobbie Jasek †Martha Webb

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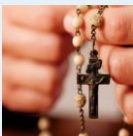
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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to St. Michael's. We have had Eucharistic Adoration available for 7 days a week for over 40 years for ourselves and our community!

In order to maintain the current schedule, We need adorers! Please prayerfully consider spending one hour per week with Jesus - the Real Presence and source and summit of our faith.

It is much easier to have at least two individuals or families in an hour. We are working to achieve this with our ministry. Times are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

To volunteer or for more information contact Pat Williams at adoration@smlj.org.



Rosary

Mondays at 7 pm in the Church

Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 am. in the Church



Pray for those who are ill:

Sarah Langston, Paula Price, Nolan Link, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Belia Hue, Ross Falcon, Barbara Yonge, Janie Gonzales, Carson Thelan, Steve Pelletier, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Joyceline Nachtgale, Joni Bergeron, Maurice Badeaux, Steven Rod,

Ron Jones, Ronnie Hock, Carolyn Erickson, Rene Damian, Janet Anderson Cook, Lance Savant, Scott Morgan, Amelia Garcia, Stacy Yates, Juan & MaryAnn Longoria, Peter Dudle

Dear Parish Family,

Some years ago, the late Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza wrote an article in The Texas Catholic Herald. The subject matter of his article pertains to our celebration last Sunday---Catechetical Sunday. I realize the word is very difficult to pronounce, let alone spelling it, but before you move off to easier to read items, give me a moment of your time.

The Catechetical Ministry is so very important. The archbishop states, "The catechists are the ones who hand on the faith from generation to generation to both children and adults. They are not "the volunteer", nor "holy Joe", nor "holy Mary". No, they are ministers of the good news. They are evangelists, teachers, and apostles. The Holy Spirit uses these committed Catholics "to teach all nations---". They are committed not only to teach but to learn and deepen their faith in Jesus. They go to classes, seminars, and meetings to be updated on the latest styles and techniques of teaching." Certainly, we are grateful for their yes to Jesus!!

When we come to the subject of our faith and Jesus' teachings--- how often do we fall back on grade school age memories? In my age group, my peers will quote "sister" or the Baltimore Catechism. They were my companions as I grew up in my faith. "Sister", with her patient and dedicated enthusiasm in teaching the basics of the catholic faith and of course the go to book and source - The Baltimore Catechism. We are certainly grateful for all these loving and caring catechists of our lives. They brought us closer to God.

Please pray for our Catechists. Please pray for our parish. Jesus has so much He wishes to teach us. May our hearts always be open!

In Jesus,

Fr. Dwight

It's Official! The Disciple Maker Index Parish Survey is Open!

Please help us by completing the 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/gc3x3g> or scan the QR code below to access the survey.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey in the Hall after weekend Masses and if necessary, you can obtain a paper copy in the Hallway of the Family Life Center or by contacting the parish office at (979) 297-3041

The survey will be available from September 8th until October 9th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Dwight and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this fall at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



St. Michael's Catholic Church Vincentians- Assisting the Needy

Jesus said, "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did unto me." The Gospel makes it clear that serving the less fortunate is fundamental to being Christian. The Vincentians are part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St Michael's Catholic Church. We joined this ministry to enrich our Christian faith through service to those in need. Our parish assists the disadvantaged with rent, utilities, and medical care, all within our spiritual mission. Yet our capacity is limited. That's why we are urging you to join us and make a difference for the vulnerable. We're looking for empathetic volunteers to join our cause (a variety of different ways to serve: phones, pantry duties, visits, etc). This fulfilling work requires patience, prayer, and an open heart- but the joy of giving and helping those in need is so rewarding. Your financial support is appreciated through your Loaves and Fishes contributions, financial donations, or the black bag collection. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, email svdp@smlj.org or leave a message at 979-297-2046 and someone will contact you. May God bless you for your time and consideration. Thank you!



The Knights are sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** benefiting St. Vincent De-Paul Society after the 8 & 9:30 AM Masses on **Sunday, September 24th**

*Come out and help us support
this worthwhile effort.*



ANNUAL BAZAAR

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hungerford, TX
Sunday October 1st
at the Hungerford Community Center

Mass at 9:30am
Beef, Chicken and Sausage serving begins at 10:30am
Dine in or To Go

Auction begins at noon in air conditioned hall.
Country Store, U-Pick It, kids games and cake walk.

Our condolences and prayers are offered to the family of:

† **Jean Paul Chauvel Sr.**,
father of Paul Chauvel



SAVE THE DATE

St. Michael's Annual Bazaar will be

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Senior Bingo is the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the F wing from 10:00 to noon. Please bring a snack to share for lunch. Must be a member of St. Michael's.



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's.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9/17/23

Collections and Mail:	\$ 14,921.00
OSV Online Giving:	4,561.80
	\$ 19,482.80



IGNITE UPDATE
\$1,257,437 from 256 families.

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2023 Diocesan Services Fund. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf or scan the code below. Help us attain our goal of \$96,000.

\$86,844 from 199 families.



Women of St. Michael
2023 Mums & Mistletoe Raffle Prizes

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Second Prize: RTIC 32 Qt. Ultra Light Hard Cooler
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4th Prize: \$150 Visa Card
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Drawing to be held on Saturday November 4, 2023

Contact Natalia for tickets to sell or buy
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ms_nattie@hotmail.com



Planning to be married in the Church?

Please contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

It is imperative that you contact the Parish Office before setting a wedding date or reserving a reception venue.

For an appointment, call:
979-297-3041.

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.



In Memoriam Gifts

If you are wishing to make on-line Memorial Gifts to St. Michael's 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.



2023-2024

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

For Grades 6-12

**Sundays, 5:30pm -
7:00pm**

Spiritual Learning Center

September: 24

October: 1, 8, 15*, 22, 29

November: 5, 12, 26**

December: 3, 10

January: 7*, 21, 28

February: 25**

March: 3, 24

April: 7, 14, 21 (Closing Night!)

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Oct. 6 Oct. 20

Youth Ministry Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 15	Disc Golf Outing	Grades 9-12, 4p-6:30p, Dunbar Park
Oct. 21	Extreme Challenge!	Grades 6-8, All-Day, Off-Campus
Nov. 1	All Saints Festival	Whole Family, 6p-7:15p @ FLC
Nov. 12	Food Drive	Grades 6-12, 3p-5:30p, SLC
Nov. 19	Mulligans Golf/Games Outing	Grades 6-12, 5p-8p, Angleton
Nov. 26	Adoration & Praise Night	Whole Family, 5:30p-7p, Church
Dec. 17	Christmas Caroling	Whole Family, 4p-7p, Nursing Homes
Dec. 20	Hot Chocolate & Nativity Story Movie	Grades 6-12, 6p-8p, FLC
Jan. 7	Laser Tag & RememberTitans Movie	Grades 6-12, 5p-7p, FLC
Jan. 12-14	High School Retreat!	Grades 9-12, All Weekend, Forest Glen
Jan. 20	Service Event: Pro-Life Crosses	Whole Family, 9a-10a, Church
Feb. 4	Parish Bazaar	Whole Parish, 11a-3:30p, FLC
Feb. 11	Service Event: SouperBowl Collection	Grades 9-12, all Masses
Feb. 24	Junior High Youth Rally!	Grades 6-8, All-Day, Off-Campus
Feb. 25	Latin Mass @ Annunciation Church	Whole Family, 11a Mass
Feb. 25	Adoration & Praise Night	Whole Family, 5:30p-7p, Church
Mar. TBD	Houston Rodeo Concert	Grades 9-12, 5p-10p, Houston
Mar. 15-16	Camping Trip @ Brazos Bend	Grades 9-12, All Day Overnight
Mar. 22-23	Service Event: Faith in Action Camp	Grades 6-12, Fri.-Sat.
Mar. 27	Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross	Grades 9-12, 6p-8p, SLC
Mar. 29	Live Stations of the Cross	Whole Parish, 12 Noon, Church
April TBD	Astros Faith & Family Night	Whole Family, 4p-10p, MM Park
April TBD	Priests VS. Seminarians Basketball Game	Whole Parish, TBD
May 1	May Crowning of our Blessed Mother	Whole Family, 6p, Church
May 5	Altar Server Appreciation Party	Altar Servers, 5:30-7p, Church
May 19	Graduate Mass and Reception	Whole Parish, 11am, Church
June 9-15	Youth Mission	Grade 9 thru Adult, All Week, San Juan TX
June 18	Schlitterbahn Water Park Trip	Grades 9-12, 9a-5p, Galveston
June 21-23	Steubenville Conference	Grades 8-12, All Weekend, Irving TX
June 24	"Unplanned" Movie Night	Grades 8-12&Parent Must Attend, 7pm, AMC
July 8-13	High School Summer Camp	Grades 8-12, All Week, TBD
July 15-19	Junior High Day Camp	Grades 5-8, 9a-12p, Various
July 28-30	AYC Conference	Grades 8-12, All Weekend, Downtown Hilton
August 4	Back-to-School Beach Bash	Grades 8-12, 5p-8p, Surfside Beach

YOUTH MASSES

11am Sunday Masses

Oct. 8, Nov. 26, Dec. 24 @ 4pm,

Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Mar. 24, April 21, May 26

June 30, July 21, Aug. 25



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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FORMED's SYMBOLON Session 1, The Journey of Faith
Sept 27, Wednesday 6:00-7:15 PM, Angelina Room



<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-journey-of-faith-trinity-faith-the-god-who-is-love>

Session 1: Talking Points – The Journey of Faith

- God freely chose to create us out of his own love and goodness, so that we could share in his blessed life.
- We were created by the God who is love, and we are made for his love. As St. Augustine says, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in him.”
- At every moment of our lives, God draws near to us, calling us to seek him, to know him, and to love him.
- There is only one God, but this one God has revealed himself as a communion of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God himself is an eternal exchange of love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.
- Faith is our response to God who has made himself known to us. Faith has two key aspects. On one hand, it is an assent of our minds to all that God has revealed. On the other hand, it is a personal adherence to God by which we entrust our lives to him.



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