

I, the Lord, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3





## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of March 3, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

### 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, Wilhelmina & Ray Muniza, Barbara Yonge, Carson Thelan, Mary Perez, Lucille Engelking, Barbara Lanier, Paul & Colette Garcia, Richard Keistler, Joyceline Nachtgaele, 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, Kennedy Grandjean, Mike Sabrula, Kenny Cicherski, Sarah Sterzinger, Elena Cesarini, Dcn. Julio and Virginia Garcia, Patrick Martin

### Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Mar 2 thru Mar 10

<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Francis Kiefel †Bruce Baker
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	†Boots Ermis †Matthew Anderson
	9:30 AM	†Agnes & Charlie Kieler †Dave Schneider
	11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Fr. Francis Nissl Sac †Art Vandaveer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Fr. Dwight Canizares †Rodolfo De La Garza
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†John Rosser Viola Villarreal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8:30 AM	†Lillian Sablatura †Leslie Stein
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	†Bubba Moore †Richard Merck
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
	9:30 AM	†Joanne Lenzi †Matthew Anderson
	11:00 AM	†Art Vandaveer †Christen & Mensik Family

### Stations of the Cross

**Each Friday during Lent  
7pm in the Church**



### AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:

Fri	3/01	St. Jerome, Clute	6:30 PM
Weds	3/13	Sacred Heart, Manvel	6:30 PM
Thurs	3/14	St. John the Baptist, Alvin	6:30 PM
Weds	3/20	Most Holy Trinity, Angleton	6:30 PM
Thurs	3/21	St. Mary, Freeport	6:30 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Tuesday 5—6pm** Msgr. Leo  
**Wednesday 5—6pm** Fr. Dwight  
**Thursday 5-6pm** Msgr. Leo  
**Saturday 4 to 5pm** Fr. Dwight  
**Also offered by appointment**

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12-6pm in the **Church**.

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Dear Parish Family,

We are almost halfway through the season of Lent. On this 3rd Sunday of this holy season, we read about an incident in the life of Jesus in which He entered the temple and cleansed it of all that desecrated the holiness and sacredness of the place. All four Gospel writers spoke of this event, so it obviously held great significance in the first generation of the church. In St Mark's account, He cleansed the temple and forbade business there. In St Matthew's story, after He cleared the area, the sick came to Him and He cured them. St Luke indicates that Jesus drove out the sellers and then set up His teaching ministry there. In St John's, after the area was cleared, Jesus compared it to His body that will be destroyed and then raised up again. In each case, we see that Jesus claims the space for God and all that belongs to God. Jesus was always in "the business of His Father" and that occupied Him more than any other concern.

St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 6,19 says, 'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?' It's telling us that we are God's dwelling places! How special that can be! Sad to say, sometimes we fill this God's temple with many unnecessary and unwanted clutters. Therefore it needs cleansing too. If we allow Jesus in, He too can cleanse us, as He did the Jerusalem temple, and make us truly a worthy dwelling place for God!

Sincerely,  
*Fr Dwight*

*Our condolences and prayers are offered to the  
family of:*



† **Georgia Crosley,**  
*mother of Chuck, Teresa, John &  
Tom,*  
*proceeded in death by children*  
*Mark, Claire, Randy & Patti*



**St. Michael Baptism Class** will be  
held on **Saturday, March 9th** from 9:00 a.m. to  
11:00 a.m. in the Angelina Room. You must  
call and pre-register and get information on the  
required forms. Parents and godparents need  
to attend this class. Let us know how many will  
be attending.

Contact Sally at 979-297-3043 to register.



Four men from our parish received the Rite of Candidacy for the Diaconate from Cardinal DiNardo on February 24th at St. Mary's Seminary. Pictured above from the left is Daniel Caraballo, Art Orscheln, Mike Futschik and Chad Funk.

Please pray for these men as they continue in their formation.

## Parish Survey Update

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the parish survey. Your input is greatly appreciated and is contributing to a two to three year parish plan.

As previously communicated a planning committee was formed in December to review and evaluate the results. This committee of nine includes Fr. Dwight, Aaron Ware, Traci Smith, Vicki Orscheln, Mike Futschik, Mark McBurnett, Dcn. Jeff Cadenhead, James Carrasco, & Dcn. John Kyle.

The committee has met with the Disciple Maker Survey consultant three times and three times independently of the consultant.

They have identified three improvement opportunity areas for the parish along with several goals for each opportunity.

The final meeting with the consultant in March will be to develop strategies and tasks which align with achieving the stated goals.

All of this will be drafted into a pastoral plan for the parish and communicated to everyone along with key take aways and findings from the survey.

Thanks for your interest and support and stay tuned for much more information to come in April.

*Women of St. Michael's*  
*Invites you to our next*  
*Dinner Gathering*  
**Tuesday ~ March 5, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
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This is the Knights largest fundraiser and helps support the various ministries and charities the KC's fund.



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

#### FOR THE WEEK ENDING 02/25/24

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	\$ 19,324.35

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

### ADORATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

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Thurs 10am & 11am and  
Fri/Sat/Sun afternoons**

For more information, contact Pat Williams at [adoration@smlj.org](mailto:adoration@smlj.org).

## EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH



We are putting our prayers into action.

The Pregnancy Help Center of Brazosport needs a new ultrasound machine to give expectant mothers a clear image of their unborn child. The Lake Jackson Knights of Columbus Council invites our parish community to help us raise \$8,000. These funds combined with funds from our national and state councils will fund the new equipment.

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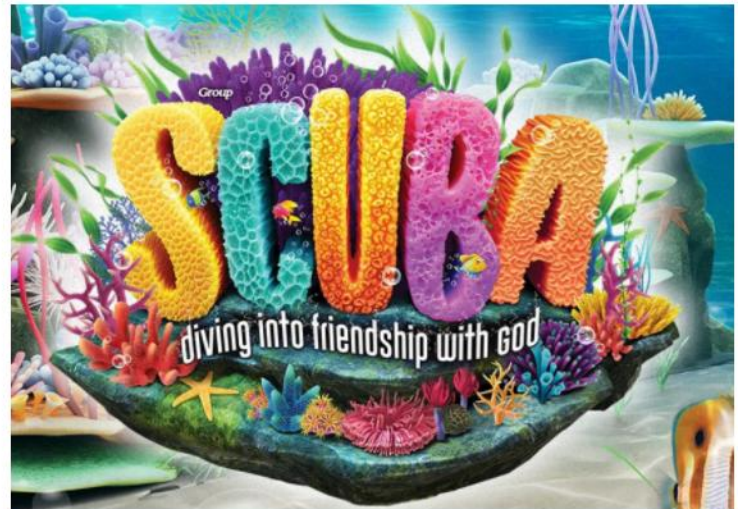
### Join us for Fun and Fellowship

Senior Bingo is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Year End Giving Statements have been emailed on Feb. 5.** Be sure to check your spam folder for your emailed statement.





## Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Our Theme This Summer is **SCUBA!**

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**Masses**

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April 21,

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June 30,

July 21,

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- The manna in the wilderness prefigures the Eucharist.
- The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey and gives us a foretaste of Heaven.
- In the Mass, we worship with all the angels and saints in Heaven; in the Eucharist we are united to God and to everyone else who is in communion with him.
- The Liturgy of the Word includes readings from Scripture, the Responsorial Psalm, the homily, the Creed, and the Prayers of the Faithful.
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist makes present the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- We participate in the Mass by offering ourselves to God, united to the sacrifice of Christ.
- We must receive the Eucharist reverently and observe the Church's rules for doing so.
- The Mass sends us forth with a mission of love.



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