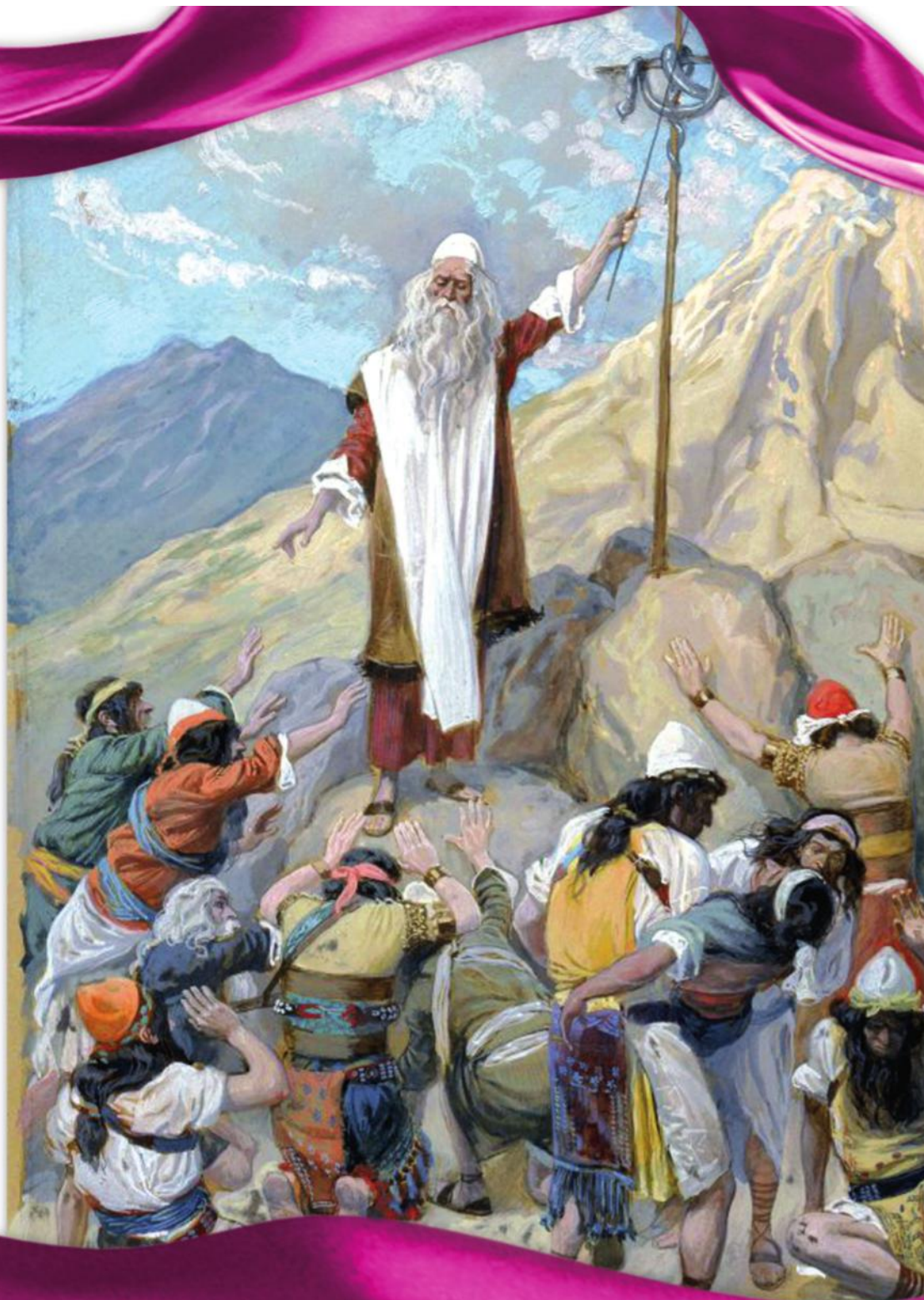


Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
in him may have
eternal life.”

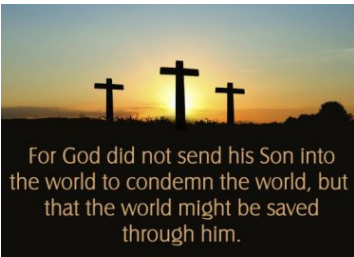
John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



That we may show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 10, 2024

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

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 Nachtegaele, 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, Cheryl Brownlow

Mass Schedule and Liturgy Intentions Mar 9 thru Mar 17

SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Bubba Moore †Richard Merck
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish †Joanne Lenzi †Matthew Anderson †Art Vandaveer †Christen & Mensik Family
TUESDAY	8:30 AM	†Fr. John Ulm †Victoria Gonzales
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM	†Betty Hightower †John Kubesch
THURSDAY	8:30 AM	†Anders Norgaard †Stephen Roesly
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	†Charlie & Irene Dirba †Earl Erikson
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	†Francis Kiefel †Jessica Bullock Duncan
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	†Boots Ermis †David Posadas For the People of the Parish †Annie Luce †Bettie Carmody

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent
7pm in the Church



AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:

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
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

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

Dear Parish Family,

Laetare Sunday! This is the name given to the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It means Rejoice!! We are halfway through this Holy Season and soon we will arrive at the joys of Easter! Just a few thoughts to remind us. To think of Lent only as a time of penance is not enough. We are all called to also change our sinful ways; a change of mind and heart toward new ways of thinking and acting. This involves taking a look at where we are and trying to see where we ought to be. It is looking at our values and how they measure and compare to the values that Jesus offers to His followers. As we go to the final weeks of Lent, it is also the time of final preparations for our Catechumens and Candidates who will join us in our Catholic faith. Let us pray for them and be reminded of the need to renew our commitment when we were baptized and became members of God's people. Finally, the season of Lent prepares us for Holy Week; the most sacred days of the year when we celebrate the suffering and death of Jesus, the Lord's gift of Himself in obedience to the mission He receives from His Heavenly Father.

We need to be aware of these three things during this Holy Season. Sometimes the church plays only one of these themes. Sometimes two or even three of them are presented together, to make us aware that a change of heart, beginning a new life and participating in the sufferings of Jesus are all part of what it means to be His disciples!

Rejoice!

Fr. Dwight

LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION During the Offertory at all Masses March 16-17

This is our monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Currently, the pantry is in need of:

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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.

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† Lloyd Connick,
husband of Peggy



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for \$15.

Meals will be served from 5 – 7:00 pm in the hall of the Family Life Center. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted.

Raffle Tickets are also available for sale with over \$1,800 in gift card prizes. Contact Dick Schneider at rcslj54@yahoo.com for tickets or info.

This is the Knights largest fundraiser and helps support the various ministries and charities the KCs fund.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING 03/03/24

Collections and Mail:	\$ 23,362.00
OSV Online Giving:	7,359.35
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	\$ 30,721.35

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.

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Current Status: \$25,300.00 from 69 donors

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.

ADORATION MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!



We Have a Need for a 2nd adorer on Monday 10am & 1pm, Thurs 10am & 11am and Fri/Sat/Sun afternoons

For more information, contact Pat Williams at 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.

Donations can be made at a Fish Fry or mailed to:

Lake Jackson Knights of Columbus
PO Box 1412
Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 6812" and put "PHC" in the memo section.

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.



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.

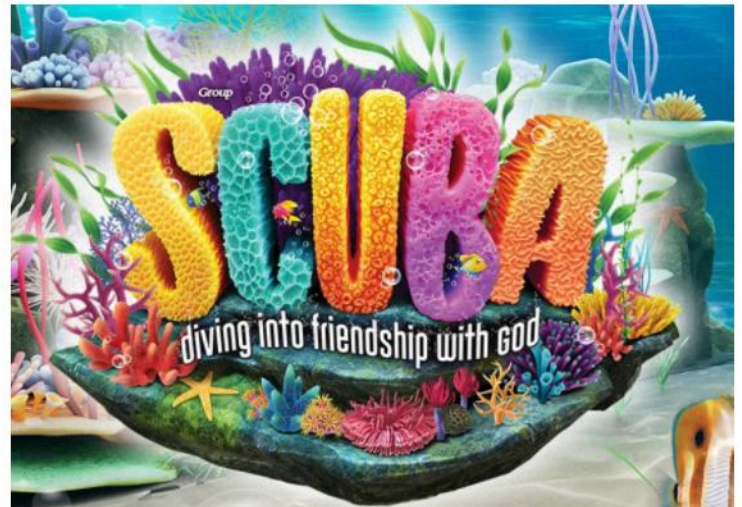


Safe Haven Training

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.



Save the Date!
Registration opens March 20th!



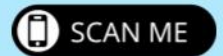
Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Our Theme This Summer is **SCUBA!**

**VBS will be July 15-19,
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