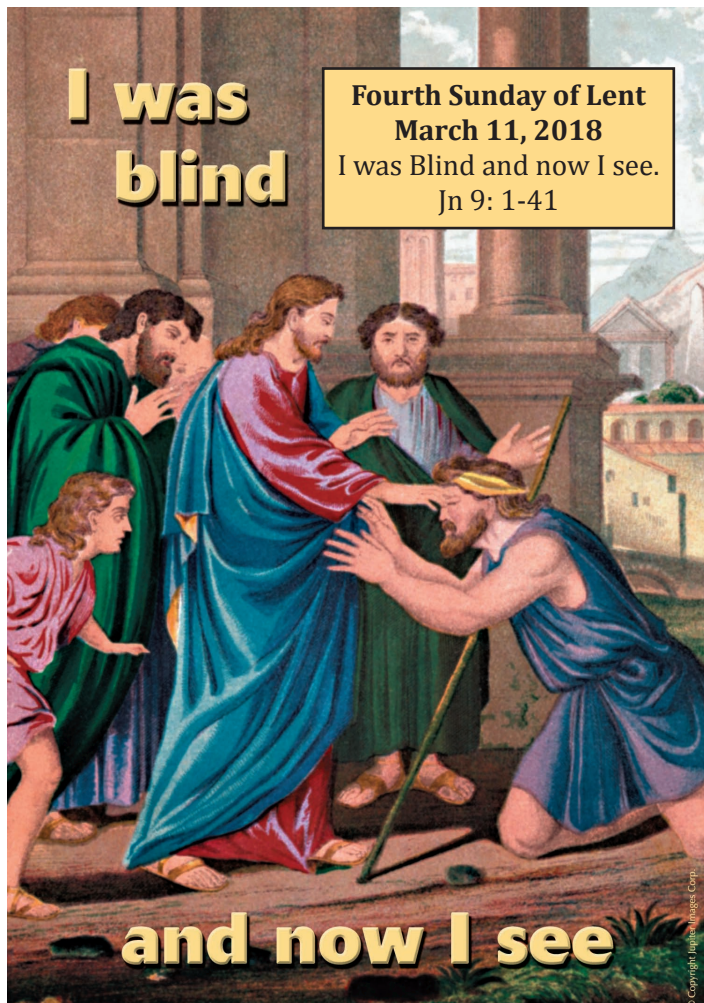
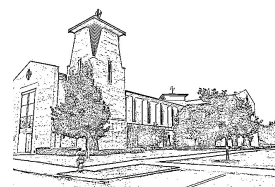


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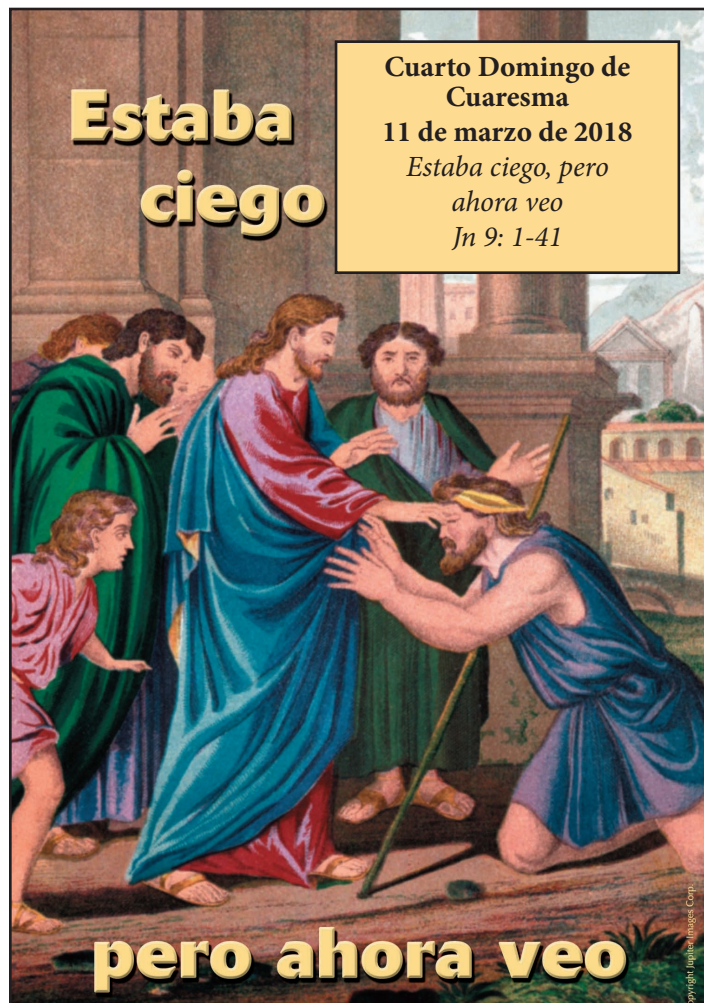


**I was
blind**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018**

*I was Blind and now I see.
Jn 9: 1-41*

and now I see



**Estaba
ciego**

**Cuarto Domingo de
Cuaresma**

11 de marzo de 2018

*Estaba ciego, pero
ahora veo
Jn 9: 1-41*

pero ahora veo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; 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 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Viernes: Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sábado: Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Domingo: Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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10/11 MARCH - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MUSIC SUPPLEMENT

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23 (A)



The Lord is my shep - herd there is no - thing I ____ shall want.

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson / HOUSTON



1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus. God set the
2. I want to see ____ the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of
3. I'm look-ing for ____ the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus. When we have



stars to give light to the world; the star of my life ____ is Je - sus.
righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
run ____ with pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy ____ of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**We pray for those who need the healing touch of Christ/Oramos por aquellos
necesitan el toque de Christ**

***Cameron Byrd, Vanessa Arnolie, Lorna Eileen Rivera, Agnes Bacalzo, Christy Lane, Emigdio Raymundo,
Sam Bennett, Bertha Holley, Christy Graves, Chris Paul, Rachael Owens, Sherry Owens,
Ken Le Forge, Cheryl Pushnack.***

Please inform us of your loved one needing to be added to the prayer list, please call the parish office @ 972-542-4667.
Names will remain on the list for 1 month, at which time you can re-submit their names for prayers.
Para agregar o quitar a alguien de la lista de oraciones, por favor ilama a la oficina.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00 pm &
7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:30 am English
Sunday: 9:30 am & 2:00 pm Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Confessions: Thursday: 6:00-7:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:30 pm-4:30 pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

First Friday 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm

After Hours: Sick Call or Funeral
Requests: 469-667-7324

Funerals: Contact Valerie Stagaman
972-542-4667 ext 114.

Weddings: Contact Brenda Rivera
972-542-4667 ext: 102.

Six months prior to wedding date.

Holy Family

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Sunday: 9:00 am English

Sunday: 12 noon Spanish

Thursday: 9:00 am English

Priests

Rev. Eugene Azorji
Rev. Juan Carlos Marin

Deacons

George Polcer, John Rapier,
Juan Jorge Hernandez,
Patrick Hayes, Sid Little

Parish Manager: Deacon John Rapier

Director of Ministry: Deacon Sid Little

Business Manager: Joe Olickan

Director of Liturgy: Valerie Stagaman

Director of Faith Formation: Ronnie Ricano

Youth Ministry: Deandria Gonzalez

Facilities: Emilio Zavala

Misión Cuaresmal

Los invitamos a escuchar el diacono Guiseppe Spoto en una misión parroquial de cuaresma el jueves 15 de marzo a las 7:30 p.m. y el viernes 16 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. (después de esta presentación tendremos el Viacrucis).

El diacono Guiseppe Spoto nació en Matera, una pequeña ciudad al sur de Italia. Durante la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud en Colonia, Alemania 2005, sintió que Dios le estaba llamando para ingresar en un seminario. Después de un período de discernimiento el 14 de septiembre de 2007, fue a un retiro en Porto San Giorgio, Italia, donde el Señor le envió al Seminario Redemptoris Mater de Dallas. Es un diacono transicional de la diócesis de Dallas y será ordenado sacerdote el 26 de mayo de este año. Actualmente está en la parroquia "Maria Inmaculada" en Farmers Branch, TX.

Mass Intentions Mar 10-17, 2018

Saturday, March 10

5:00 pm † Jim Wisniewski
7:00 pm † Carmela Villanueva

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am † Al Frettoloso
9:30 am † Andres Martinez
† Juana Preciado de Estrella
† Juan Manuel Estrella
† Jorge Martinez Torres
11:30 am † Juanita L. Aragonese
2:00 pm For the People
Jose Luis Galvan
† Zelia Alvarez
† Socorro Molina

Monday, March 12

8:00 am Deceased members of the Cole
& Classen families

Tuesday, March 13

5:30 pm DeLaRosa family members

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 am † Fr. Anthony Collina

Thursday, March 15

5:30 pm † Carolyn Grubb
All souls in purgatory

Friday, March 16

8:00 am † Lee Heun

Saturday, March 17

5:00 pm † Maria Luisa Tobo
7:00 pm All catechists and aides in our
Faith Formation program

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

10/11 DE MARZO - CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA - MÚSICA SUPLEMENTARIA

LECTURA DEL AÑO A

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Creo en Jesús

Carmelo Erdozain



1. Él llamó_a mi puerta, me invitó a compartir su heredad;
seguiré_a su lado, llevaré su mensaje de paz.

2. Ayudó_al enfermo y le trajo la felicidad;
defendió_al humilde, combatió la mentira y_el mal.

3. Día_y noche creo_en Jesús,
Él está_a mi lado, creo_en Jesús.
Sigo sus palabras, creo_en Jesús,
doy por Él la vida, creo_en Jesús.
Es mi salvador.

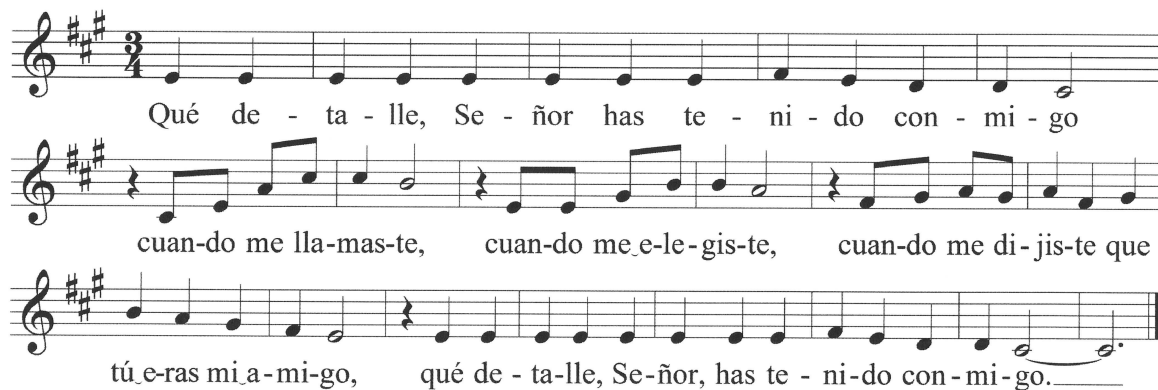
4. Enseñó_a Zaqueo a partir su hacienda_y su pan;
alabó_a la viuda porque dio cuanto pudo_ella dar.

5. Aleluya, creo_en Jesús,
Él es el Mesías, creo_en Jesús.
Él es mi esperanza, creo_en Jesús,
vive para siempre, creo_en Jesús.
Es mi salvador.

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Que Detalle, Señor

Cesáreo Gabarain



1. Te acercaste_a mi puerta, pronunciaste mi nombre.
Yo, temblando, te dije: "aquí_estoy Señor"
Tu me_hablaste de_un reino, de_un tesoro_escondido,
de_un mensaje fraterno que_encendió mi ilusión.

2. Yo dejé casa_y pueblo por seguir tu aventura.
Codo_a codo contigo comencé_a caminar.
Han pasado los años, y_aunque aprieta_el cansancio,
Paso_a paso te sigo sin mirar hacía atrás.

3. ¡Qué alegría yo siento cuando digo tu nombre!
¡Qué sosiego me inunda cuando oigo tu voz!
Que emoción me estremece, cuando escucho en silencio,
Tu palabra que aviva mi silencio interior!

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MINISTERIO A LOS HOSPITALES

La parroquia necesita de ministros de Eucaristía que quieran llevar el Santísimo Sacramento a los que están en el hospital en hogares de ancianos o en hospicio. Es un hermoso ministerio para las personas especiales que no pueden unirse a nosotros en la Misa, nuestros enfermos necesitan la garantía de que su comunidad no los ha abandonado., Este es un acto de las obras de misericordia corporal.

Necesitamos ministros para ser entrenados en este ministerio. Envíe su solicitud a deaconsid@stmichaelmckinney.org o llame al 972-542-4667 ext 101



March 23

Knights of Columbus will be offering
a Fish Fry in St Michael's Hall • 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 PM ENGLISH • 7:30 PM SPANISH

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR CALENDARIO DE FORMACION DE FE

MARCH

12th-18th: Spring break! There will be no classes
19th: Bilingual Parent Meeting. Topic: What the world tells us about sexuality? Presenter: Todd Sluder

28-1st: Holy Week. There are no classes

MARZO

12-18: ¡Vacaciones de primavera! No habrá clases
19: Junta bilingüe de Padres. Tema: ¿Que nos dice el mundo acerca de la sexualidad? Temista: Todd Sluder

28-1º: Semana Santa. No hay clases

BAPTISMS

Baptisms: After the Baptism class, the Baptism can be scheduled by contacting the main office 972-542-4667.

Baptism **classes** are the fourth Saturday of each month, for the English, at 9:00 am in St Michael's Hall. **English Baptisms are at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of the month.**

*Must register in the main office
prior to attending the class.*

Bautismos: Tras asistir a la clase sobre el Bautismo, puede contactar a la oficina parroquial al 972-542-4667 para fijar la fecha de su evento.

Las clases en español se llevan a cabo a las 7pm el último Lunes del mes. Los Bautismos en español se llevan a cabo a las 11am los 2do & 4to sábados del mes.

Favor de registrarse en las oficinas de la parroquia antes de asistir a la clase!

las horas para el registro del bautismo serán

Martes: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Miercoles: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

No habrá clase bautismal en marzo debido a la Semana Santa.

Collection Totals March 4

Collection: \$ 21,380.92

Second Collection: \$ 5,066.00

Attendance: 3976



MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALS

The Parish needs those who want to take the Blessed Sacrament to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Shut-ins. This beautiful ministry to the special ones who are not capable of joining us for Mass, need the assurances that their community has not abandoned them and since they cannot attend Mass with us, this is an act of the corporal works of mercy.

We need ministers to be trained in this ministry. Please send your request to deaconsid@stmichaelmckinney.org or call 972-542-4667 ext 101

Baby Banks do more than help babies...

Did you know that \$100 can provide learning aids for two parenting classes? \$200 can purchase a new crib. \$500 can help supply a Project Gabriel Mom with groceries for a month! Your Baby Bank donation, no matter how big or small, helps to provide these things. Please give generously!

They also

Save lives Convert hearts Educate
Provide healing Support families Affect the nation

THE LIGHT IS ON!

The Diocese of Dallas will once again offer *The Light is On for You*, two special evenings set aside for a diocesan-wide celebration of the sacrament. On **Wednesday, March 21st and Wednesday, March 28th**, 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Dallas will have their "Lights On" for the diocesan-wide evenings for Reconciliation.

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Viernes: Abstinencia

Sábado: Primer sábado

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

Before everything else, fidelity to the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Jesus did not found several churches, but one single Church.

Pope John XXIII

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL

Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact

Name _____

Number _____

Food Allergies or Special
Accommodations

Do you have an air mattress?

Yes No



Christ
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His Parish



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Sign Up Online:
<http://stmichaelmckinney.org/christ-renews-his-parish-form>



Christ Renews His
Parish Retreat
Weekend

Women's Weekend: April 7 - 8,
2018

Christ Renews

What is CRHP?

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. It emphasizes continued growth in your Christian life and in your daily contact with others. The weekend offers an excellent opportunity to move away from regular activities and commitments to be spiritually and personally enriched in a friendly, relaxing, yet highly stimulating environment.



About the Weekend

Overview

The weekend is an opportunity to hear presentations of personal stories and discuss how Catholics function in our modern, complex, and fast-paced society. The renewal weekend provides an opportunity for individual and spiritual growth through prayer and personal reflection. You'll share conversation and thoughts (as much or as little as you desire) with others in the parish who are challenged as you are with the many demands of everyday life. Each CRHP weekend is conducted at the parish by a team of parishioners who attended a previous weekend. The weekend begins at 7:00am on Saturday and ends at 4:45pm on Sunday.



Sleeping Arrangements

Sleeping accommodations are in the classroom building. You are asked to bring your own air mattress or cot, sleeping bag and pillow, or other bedding. You will also need to bring your own towel, soap and other toiletries.

Meals

The St. Michael community provides meals. There are also regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. If there are special dietary needs please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate.

Cost

Nothing! However, donations are Welcomed to help defray the cost of the weekend.

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Parish Calendar for the week of March 12, 2018.

Monday, March 12

8:00 am - Mass - Chapel
 10:00 am - Prayers & Squares, Holy Family Room
 7 pm - CRHP Women - Class Room 3
 7 pm - 6 pm - CRSP Mujeres - St. Michael Hall
 7 pm - Jovenes para Cristo - St. Rose Hall
 7 pm - Legion of Mary - North Drake
 7 pm - CRSP Continuation Formation - South Drake

Tuesday, March 13

10:00 am - Talleres De Oracion Y Vida - Classroom 5
 2:00 pm - St. Vincent DePaul Food Distribution - Holy Family Room
 5:30 pm - Mass - Chapel
 7:00 pm - Grupo Emanuel - Church
 7:00 pm - Pro-Life Group - Classroom -3
 7:00 pm - Junta Mesa Directiva MFC - North & South Drake
 7:00 pm - Talleres De Oracion Y Vida - Classroom 5

Wednesday, March 14

8:00 am - Mass - Church
 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study - Classroom 3
 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church Choir Loft
 7:00 pm - Faith Formation - No Class - Spring Break

Thursday, March 15

2:00 pm - St. Vincent DePaul Food Distribution - Holy Family Room
 5:30 pm - Mass, Adoration and Confessions - Church
 7:00 pm - Clase de RICA - North and South Drake
 7:00 pm - RCIA Class - St. Michael Hall
 7:00 pm - CRSP - Hombres - St. Rose Hall
 7:30 pm - Misión Curesmal - Iglesia

Friday, March 16

8:30 am - Mass - Chapel
 6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross - English - Church
 6:30 pm - Mision Curesmal - Iglesia
 7:00 pm - Ensayo Coro - de la 9:30 Misa - Holy Family Room
 7:00 pm - Junta de Acomodadores - St. Michael Hall
 7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross - Spanish - Church

Saturday, March 17

11:00 am - Baptisms - Spanish - Church
 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions - Church
 5:00 pm - Mass - Church
 7:00 pm - Mass - Spanish - Church

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am - Mass - Church
 9:30 am - Mass, Spanish - Church
 11:30 am - Mass - Church
 2:00 pm - Mass, Spanish - Church
 3:30 pm - Triduum Combined Music Rehearsal - Church



Sign-up Today!

ST MICHAEL'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hi Everyone,
 We are set up to start sign ups and sponsorship packages. I

invite you to visit the website to see all that is available. You can register on the website as an individual or group as well as have the opportunity to play with Fr. Eugene or Fr. Juan Carlos under the "Register" section. We hope that some of you will be interested in our sponsorship packages which all include golf if you would like. All sponsorships can be found under the "Store" section of the website.

<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/stmichaelsgolf>

~ The St. Michael Women's Guild ~

Tuesday, March 13th, at 6:45 PM
St. Michael Hall.

All the ladies of the parish are invited to come and join our group. We pray together, socialize, and work together for our Catholic community.

★ Come join us! ★



St. Vincent de Paul Distribución de Comestibles

Martes y Jueves de las 2PM a 4PM
 2do Sábado del mes de las
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The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.

Pope St. Gregory the Great

ST MICHAEL YOUTH GATHERING



I attended the DCYC for the first time. I had a great experience! Going into it I was very nervous, but after meeting new people and being there, the first night, I felt more comfortable. All the things that the guest speakers said, really got me thinking about myself. The best part about the whole conference was Adoration. During Adoration I can say that I truly felt the presence of God in me. DCYC was a life changing experience and I highly recommend anyone go next year. After going I feel more relieved with myself and happier.

Asistí al DCYC por primera vez. ¡Tuve una gran experiencia!

Al principio estaba muy nerviosa, pero después de conocer nuevas amistades y estar allí, la primera noche, me sentí más cómoda. Todas las cosas que dijeron los presentadores realmente me hicieron pensar en mí misma. La mejor parte de toda la conferencia fue la Adoración. Durante la Adoración puedo decir que realmente sentí la presencia de Dios en mí. DCYC fue una experiencia que cambió mi vida y definitivamente recomiendo a los jóvenes que vayan el próximo año. Después de ir, me siento más aliviada conmigo misma y más feliz.

Samantha Parra

On behalf of St. Michael's Youth Ministry,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to further our journey in our Catholic Faith. By donating your prayers, support, and finances needed for our youth to attend DCYC, not only did you change the lives of all our youth, but the lives of the people who we will contact, because we have learned to love more and see Jesus in all despite our differences.

En nombre del Ministerio Juvenil de San Miguel,

Gracias por darnos la oportunidad de continuar nuestro viaje en nuestra fe católica. Al apoyarnos con sus oraciones, ayuda y financiar nuestra conferencia para que asistiéramos a DCYC, no solo cambiaron nuestras vidas, sino las vidas de las personas con las que tendremos contacto, porque hemos aprendido a amar más y a ver a Jesús. en todo a pesar de nuestras diferencias.

Jeremy La Foucade

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O

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Más de 300 familias asisten a este maravilloso evento. Por favor apoye nuestra causa donando bolsas de dulce individualmente envuelto para llenar mas de cinco mil huevos!

NO Chocolate!

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Many people are wondering today: Why is there no Mass on Good Friday?

Of course, there is the Liturgy of the Presanctified, or the Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion; but it is true that, although communion is distributed, Mass is not celebrated.

So, why no Mass today (or Holy Saturday, before the Vigil)? This question is especially relevant on the day when we commemorate the reality of which the Mass is a sacramental figure: The suffering and death of Christ.

This, like many other questions, was asked and answered a long time ago by a holy Dominican Friar named Thomas Aquinas. In the *Summa Theologica*, part III, question 83, article 2, reply to objection 2, St. Thomas tells us:

"The figure ceases on the advent of the reality. But this sacrament is a figure and a representation of our Lord's Passion, as stated above. And therefore on the day on which our Lord's Passion is recalled as it was really accomplished, this sacrament is not consecrated. Nevertheless, lest the Church be deprived on that day of the fruit of the Passion offered to us by this sacrament, the body of Christ consecrated the day before is reserved to be consumed on that day; but the blood is not reserved, on account of danger, and because the blood is more specially the image of our Lord's Passion."

Yes, it is true that the Mass is the representation of the Passion, but as the figure passes away before the reality, so too the Church omits the celebration of Mass when she commemorates the Passion as it really happened in time.

So while we do not celebrate Mass today, we celebrate something more than Mass; for the Mass represents the Passion as a figure, but the liturgy of the Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion represents our Lord's suffering and death as it was in reality. In omitting the Mass, nothing is lost; but the sacramental figure is perfected in the reality commemorated on Good Friday.

But St. Thomas, good teacher that he was, does not stop there. Instead he anticipates another objection (ST III, q.83, a.2, ad 1): If any should say that—since the Commemoration of Good Friday is, in some sense, more perfect than even the Mass—we should then celebrate Good Friday many times and not only once per year; St. Thomas answers:

"Christ's Passion is recalled in this sacrament, inasmuch as its effect flows out to the faithful; but at Passion-tide Christ's Passion is recalled inasmuch as it was wrought in Him Who is our Head. This took place but once; whereas the faithful receive daily the fruits of His Passion: consequently, the former is commemorated but once in the year, whereas the latter takes place every day, both that we may partake of its fruit and in order that we may have a perpetual memorial."

Since Christ died only once, we commemorate his Passion as it really occurred in history only once each year. But, since his suffering and death are infinitely efficacious unto salvation, Mass is celebrated every day in order that many people might rejoice in the saving fruits of his death.

Catholic Answers

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

This beautiful ministry to the special ones who cannot attend Mass with us, is an act of the corporal works of mercy. We need ministers to be trained in this ministry. Please send your request to deaconsid@stmichaelmckinney.org or call 972-542-4667 ext 101

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A touching video that is often shared on social media shows a man receiving special glasses to correct his color-deficient sight. As he puts on the glasses, he grows emotional as he sees vibrant hues for the first time. Flowers, tissue paper, and clothing overwhelm him with their brilliance. He takes one look into his daughter's vivid eyes and throws his arms around her. Today's readings inspire similar reactions as we imagine being able to see the world the way God sees it. In our Old Testament reading, the Lord shows Samuel how to see like God, into the heart. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be "children of light," seeing what pleases the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, declaring, "I am the light of the world." To see like God, we fix our gaze on Jesus.

I DO BELIEVE, LORD

Today's statement of faith in Jesus comes from a depressing source. "The man blind from birth," who professes faith in Jesus as savior, doesn't even have a name in the account. His neighbors who have known him all his life refer to him casually as "the one who used to sit and beg." Jesus' own disciples immediately form a bad opinion of the man, assuming that his blindness results from sin. His community might have celebrated and rejoiced in his cure, but instead the Pharisees seize the opportunity to ridicule him. This nameless, penniless, friendless outcast becomes our model today. He alone worships Jesus. We should want to be like him. But do we?

Last week's Gospel recounted another bold profession of faith in Jesus, that of the woman at the well. A Samaritan, she too is despicable in the eyes of the Israelites. Yet she inspires the conversion of her entire village. We are astonished, almost scandalized, that Jesus allows people we might call losers to profess faith in him as the Messiah. Is it really such an honor to be counted as Christians alongside these misfits?

IGLESIA CATÓLICA SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL



❧ *El Gremio de Mujeres de San Miguel* ❧

Martes, 13 de marzo, a las 6:45 p.m.

Salón San Miguel

Todas las damas de la parroquia están invitadas a unirse a nuestro grupo. Oramos juntas, socializamos y trabajamos juntas por nuestra comunidad católica.

❧ ¡Únete a nosotros! ❧

GOD'S WORD TODAY

One of the most beloved Christian hymns is "Amazing Grace." Meditate on one particular line of that hymn as we prepare to listen to today's Gospel of the man born blind: "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see." Sinning is a lot like being lost. When one is lost, no matter how hard one tries, one often cannot find one's way out. Through the miracle performed today, Jesus reminds us that when we are lost in the world of sin, he is there to remove our blindness so that we can see our way out. We are now at the heart of our Lenten journey of conversion. As those preparing for Baptism at Easter celebrate the second scrutiny today, let our hearts be one with theirs. As we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let today's word scrutinize our minds and hearts. Let today's living word be the way that leads us out of the confusing mess that sin puts us in. Let today be the day that we are found.

I AM USING ALL OF MY 11.5 PAGES THIS WEEK