St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~~~~ April, 2021 ~~~~



MASS SCHEDULE

<u>St. Mary—Plantersville</u> Monday through Thursday & First Friday—9:00 a.m.

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. & Sunday—7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor Deacon David G. Garvis

Parish Office ~ 936-894-2223 (Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am ~ 5:00 pm) (Friday: 8:00 am ~ 12 pm) (Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm)

Parish Fax ~ 936-894-3613 Website: www.smsj.org General E-Mail: info@smsj.org



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m. Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

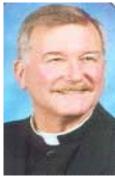
Parish Administrator

Bill Jones	936-894-2223		
<u>AA</u>			
Leland Fougeron	936-870-5102		
Adult Bible Study & Spiritua	l Enrichment		
Jim & Mary Barnette	936-851-0155		
Adult Confirmation			
Sharon Skeans	936-448-2740		
<u>Annulments</u>			
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223		
<u>Music Ministry</u>			
Sue Langston	979-268-6886		
St. Mary's Altar Society			
Kim Kleimann 936-788-3520			
St. Joseph's Altar Society			
Marcy Pavlock	936-661-6662		
Altar Servers			
Wanda O'Brien	936-597-6328		
Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6			
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223		
Spanish Baptism Prep for Infants to 6			
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223		

<u>CCE / RE</u>						
Cheryl Schratwieser	Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223					
Extraordinary Ministers	<u> </u>					
Holy Communion & Sacristans						
Greg Houston 713-898-4172						
Gabriel Project						
Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328						
<u>GriefShare</u>						
Mary Marshall	281-356-2497					
Guardian Angels (Senio	ors)					
Nancy Schlottman	936-525-0007					
Homebound Ministry						
Larry & Patty Decker	936-228-9742					
Lectors						
Richard Prokop 936-597-8688						
Marriage Preparation						
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223					
For Spanish speaking pre	ep, call:					
Brenda Martinez	936-777-9720					
Ministers of Hospitality						
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223					

Pro-Life Outreach				
Nance Shaw	936-894-2512			
RCIA / Adult Faith Formation				
Don Picard	936-697-0195			
Rummage Sale Coordin	ator			
Call Parish Office	936-894-2223			
St. Joseph's Cemetery				
Justin Mock	979-777-4993			
St. Mary's Cemetery				
Rita Swonke	713-557-5817			
St. Mary's Corner Shoppe				
Ethel Barbossa	936-588-4053			
St. Mary's Men's Club				
Greg Houston	713-898-4172			
Stitchin' Sisters				
Juli Murphy	936-206-0677			
St. Vincent de Paul (for help, 936-894-2362)				
Suzanne Hill	713-724-2589			
Write for Life				
Bob Dean	936-582-6314			
Youth Ministry				
Susan Horne	281-536-0810			

If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call the office or pick up a blue registration form in back of the church. A registration can be completed online at www.smsj.org.



AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR ...

I've heard from so many how good it is to be inside the church again. As much as I enjoyed our time in the pavilion through cold, chill and heat. I am also thrilled to be back in our truly sacred space again. However, I have to remind myself and all of you that our gathering in any space, even an outdoor pavilion, becomes sacred. We have been most fortunate churches that we both were able to

continue gathering and celebrating throughout this pandemic when other churches were either closed or strictly monitored attendance.

A lot of discussion always goes into the planning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the Church's year. Last year's discussion was minimal...lol...no gathering for Holy Week....no Easter. It was all so strange for us all. But this year, with the craziness subsiding, it's full steam ahead with a few modifications. I actually think this could be our most memorable Holy Week ever! We seriously took into account the crowds that have, in normal times, attended each service. Also, noting how our Sunday celebration attendance has been increasing steadily, we came to the decision to take a step back to the pavilion to ensure that there isn't a crush of people that would make some or many uncomfortable and so make the decision not to attend. Fingers crossed the weather will cooperate. Do remember that our Easter Sunday Masses have been under the pavilion for at least 10 years...cold, rain or shine! So we'll see what happens....reporting next bulletin.

Moving to another subject....a subject near and dear to my heart and I would have to say has been a major focus of my ministry here at both St. Mary and St. Joseph: The Sunday Hospitality.

When we were developing plans for the expansion of the hall at St. Mary, I was very clear with the architect that I wanted the hall to mirror the church. I was very pleased with the final design incorporating the steeple structure of the church into the entrance design of the hall. In giving tours of the church as I sometimes do when around, I always point out the two structural similarities that are not accidental. I firmly believe that the shared prayer experience and the meal celebrated in the church [if done well and not just a 'go to mass' habit] has to necessarily lead us to the hall to continue our being family and eating a meal together around tables at the hall. That camaraderie and familiarity necessarily brings us back to the church for the Meal that Christ prepares for us. I refuse to see our hall hospitality as a simple donut and coffee, orange juice for the kids....a few grapes on a plate and a quarter size quiche or something. It doesn't have to be a King's feast as at the Renaissance either. But it should show those who have prepared the meal do so for love of our community and that those who have come to eat and share fellowship appreciate what is lovingly prepared for them and find it a meal that draws them back to church and hall Sunday after Sunday.

With that said, our Sunday fellowship has been operating somewhat on a limited outlay and, of course, following all the protocols. We'll still follow the protocols as outlined by our Cardinal but I am determined that our Hospitality teams get back together and plan to feed the troops with the same enthusiasm and lovingly prepared breakfast and lunch that has been our custom and hallmark for both communities.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR ...2

WE WILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS AND TEAMS TO CONTINUE BEING THAT COMMUNITY KNOWN FOR ITS WELCOMING THE STRANGER/ GUEST AND SOCIALIZING/ ENJOYING EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. I cannot find the words to thank all who have been and are part of this most important ministry. I cannot find the words to encourage/plead/beg/persuade you and your family to join the most valuable, important, critical and Christ-centered ministry....feed my sheep.

Call the office to volunteer or, better, inform me that you've formed a team and need to be put on the schedule. With enough teams, no one team will be overworked or burned out. Just quick aside: No one is expected to fund the fellowship meal out of their own pocket. Our church budgets have ample funds set aside for all the ministries that are critical to being a thriving and faith-filled parish. Our Hospitality Ministry of both St. Mary and St. Joseph meets this criteria and just needs you to go shopping and start cooking.

A FATHER TOLD ME QUITE A WHILE BACK AT SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP THAT IT WAS HIS SON'S BIRTHDAY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT ON THE WAY TO CHURCH THAT MORNING, HE AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY GAVE HIM HIS CHOICE OF WHERE HE WANTED TO EAT BREAKFAST AFTER MASS: IHOP, DENNY'S, MAGNOLIA DINER, OR THE RESTAURANT OF HIS CHOICE. HE RESPONDED, "I WANT TO GO TO THE HALL". [Do I need to say more?]

"CONGRATULATIONS FR. ED"

Congratulations on 48 years of Priesthood; you have been, and are today a blessing to so many people. We pray that God will continue to bless you as you shepherd your flock for years to come.

Your Flock

CONFESSIONS

<u>Confessions will not be heard on</u> <u>Wednesday, April 7th.</u>

They will resume on Wednesday, April 21 from 10am-12pm & 5-6pm.

Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would be happy to hear confessions after daily Mass.

Call the office for an appointment at <u>936-894-2223.</u>







No First Friday Mass.

<u>Friday, April 2</u>—Celebration of the Lord's Passion at <u>3pm in the SM</u> <u>Pavilion.</u>

DSF 2021 update as of March 11, 2021:

St. Mary's goal is \$90,000.00, collected to date \$65,957.00 (72%) St. Joseph's goal is \$10,000.00, collected to date \$8,900.00 (89%)

Your donation to DSF will support these very important ministries:

- Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship Ministries.
- Ministering to the Poor, the Sick and the Incarcerated.
- Promoting, Preparing and Supporting the Clergy ministries.
- Nurturing and Strengthening Families Ministries.
- Special Grants.
- Aid to Poor Parishes.

Thank you again for your continued generosity during these trying times. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so.

Staff

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

To better know 'the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions,' the Holy Father asks that his monthly intentions be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."



<u>Pope's Intention</u>: Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Mary Ann Benitez, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Delores Boyett, Danny & Carmen Ferraro, Holly Gilstrap, Charlie & Pat Hodge, Janie Kelley, Angelina Kotch, Carol Kubeczka, Natalie Mattern, Hailey Minor, Chad & Nicole Mock, Rose & David Paluka, Rylie & Reagan Ray, Craig & Kelly Strickler, David & JoNell Stickler, Colleen Syzdek, Daniella Syzdek & Clara Walkoviak

We are in the process of reformatting our prayers for the sick. Please know that when you call in your sick requests, they are at that moment, in prayer by the entire parish.



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PRECEDED US IN DEATH. KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

Patricia Rayha ~ March 5 (St. Mary Parishioner)

Phyllis Mock Calhoun (Granddaughter of deceased St. Mary Parishioners Anton & Mary Mock)



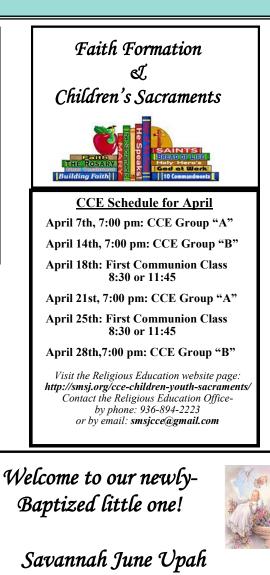
Baptism Infants to Age 6

Our baptism program is currently utilizing an online format culminating with an in-person follow-up session.

These will be scheduled as groups of parents complete the online course.

Please go to our webpage where you will find the necessary information and a link to the registration form to get started.

Webpage link: http://smsj.org/baptism/



Easter Week

Palm Sunday...March 28, 2021 Mass is under the pavilion at St. Mary Regular Mass schedule



Holy Thursday...April 1, 2021

Mass of the Lord's Supper Mass is under the pavilion at St. Mary...7:00 PM Repose of the Blessed Sacrament is in the Church

Good Friday...April 2, 2021

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Service is under the pavilion at St. Mary...3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - at St. Joseph...7:00 PM

Holy Saturday...April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil Mass is in the Church at St. Mary...8:00 PM ****Reception in the hall following Mass honoring the newly received.

Easter Sunday... April 4, 2021

Masses - St. Mary 6:45 AM (Sunrise) St. Mary 9:00 AM St. Mary 11:00 AM

St. Joseph 7:30 AM





2021 St. Joseph's Annual Bazaar May 30, 2021

To Parishioners: The 2021 Bazaar Auction will include this year both a Silent and a Live Auction.

We are adding back The Silent Auction which will Close at 12:30 p.m. this year. The Live Auction Begins at 1:00 pm.

We had a pretty good year last year even with the horrible weather conditions and the COVID restrictions and we want to make 2021 an even better year. Our Pre-Auction focus this year continues to be on the extremely generous donations from all our parishioners, both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's.

Here are a wide variety of potential donation ideas from our parishioners, their friends, neighbors, and relatives for our Live and Silent Auctions:

Cash for Purchases of Power Equipment, Tools, and Purchases of Weekend Getaways Homemade Food Items (e.g., Jelly, Jams, Cakes, Pies, Grape Juice, Cookies, Brittle, Rolls, All Canned Vegetables and Salsa, etc.) Homemade Furniture Livestock for "Raising", Particularly a Young Calf or Pig for showing at a County Level by a Young Future Farmers/Ranchers Boy or Girl of our Parish (More on this if we get a donation) Homemade Quilt, Afghans, and Wall Hangings **Donated Weekend Getaways** Donate Weekend Hotel Stays Group Tours Winery Group Events Sports Event Tickets (Texans, Astros, Rockets, The Roughnecks, etc.) Time Share Donations Fishing Trips and Hunting Events Group Meal Events Weekend Getaways Using Family or Friends' 2nd Homes Group Spa Gift Certificate All Kinds of Sports Teams Autographed Equipment **Travel Points for Airline Tickets** Jewelry Items

No Item is Too Large or Too Small for Our Auction!

Donation Documentation Forms will be available in the Church Hall. If you Cannot Donate an Item, Please Consider CASH Donations for the Purchase of Auction Items.

Thank You! Glenn Mannina & Theresa Rausheck

St. Mary Mass Intentions for April, 2021

<u>Date</u>	Time	Intention Requested By		
Thurs. 04/01		Joe Lynch/ Kathleen Birkett Mary Lynch/ Elizabeth Plessala		
Sun. 04/04	6:45am	Linda Sechelski	Aileen Mock	
Sun. 04/04	9:00am	Angie McLaurin-Till & Buck Till	Sherry & Warren Lee Smith	
Sun. 04/04	11:00am	Yella Klein	John & Holly Kolonczak	
Tues. 04/06	9:00am	Mary Kucera Brandesky	Kucera Family	
Wed. 04/07	9:00am	Cecilia Wagner	John & Holly Koledczak	
Thurs. 04/08	9:00am	John Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery	
Sat. 04/10	5:00pm	Ruth Peoples Frank & Carol Groves		
Sun. 04/11	7:30am	Michael Castleberry Betty Lott		
Sun. 04/11	8:45am	Thomas Potempa	Lou & Pat Potempa	
Sun. 04/11	10:00am	Amber Hoffart/ Mary Hemken	Laveta Malek/ Nick Hemken & Cindy Lyndy	
Sun. 04/11	11:30am	Annie Demny/ Patricia Rayha	Denise Durel/ Betty Wischnewsky	
Mon. 04/12	9:00am	Wanda Morley & Robert Lowery II	Betty Wischnewsky	
Tues. 04/13	9:00am	Ernesto Lucas	Mary Grace Mock	
Wed. 04/14	9:00am	Toby Seale	Carol Ann Boulware	
Thur. 04/15	9:00am	Albert Kearney	Joyce Adams & Family	
Sat. 04/17	5:00pm	John & Mary Dobyanski	Charles & Debbie Kmiecik	
Sun. 04/18	7:30am	Patty Jones	Betty Lott	
Sun. 04/18	8:45am	John Hlebichuk	Ramona Hlebichuk	
Sun. 04/18	10:00am	Katie Smith/	Mary Grace Mock	
		Sam Blair, William Mock, Kiefel & Mock Family The Blair Family		
Sun. 04/18	11:30am	Pro Populo (For the People)		
Mon. 04/19	9:00am	Joseph Johnson	Everette & Mary Jo Johnson	
Tues. 04/20	9:00am	Lorraine Allphin	Donna Allphin	
Wed. 04/21	9:00am	Tom Schwartz	Dianne & Eddie Delgado	
Thurs. 04/22	9:00am	John & JoAnn Sowell/ {Renee Upah}	Gary & Rhonda Kubiak/ Greg Upah	
Sat. 04/24	5:00pm	Marion Kolodczak	John & Holly Kolodczak	
Sun. 04/25	7:30am	Delores Hoffart	Veronica Allen & Ruby Whitaker	
Sun. 04/25	8:45am	Joyce Terrell	Patty Kalich	
Sun. 04/25	10:00am	Neil Rosenberg	Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky	
Sun. 04/25	11:30am	Edna, Veronica, Floyd Keasling, Sr.	Betty Lott & Family	
Mon. 04/26	9:00am	Frank & Maxie Cannistra	Nick & Olive Cannistra	
Tues. 04/27	9:00am	Virgie Sechelski	St. Mary's Altar Society	
Wed. 04/28	9:00am	Barney Kay	Betty Lott	
Thurs. 04/29	9:00am	Bill Malek	Dan & Dianne Malek	

St. Joseph Mass Intentions for April, 2021

<u>Time</u> <u>Intention</u>

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Sun. 04/04	7:30am	Steve & Mary Pavlock/ Albert & Bill Pavlock
Sun. 04/11	7:30am	Jeff Wetuski
Sun. 04/18	7:30am	Sylvia Corolla/ Shirley Bailey
Sun. 04/25	7:30am	Yvonne Wirzberg/ Amanda Tomkivits

Requested By

Fred & Joy Walkoviak Nora Galik Wetuski Family/ Tomkivits Family Charlie & Helen Burzynski/ Randy & Sharon Kroll

In reviewing scheduling of Mass intentions for both St. Mary and St. Joseph, requests for specific dates will be discouraged to give everyone an opportunity to have their intentions celebrated at a reasonable time. Beginning immediately. Fr. Ed



Date





April is Child Abuse Awareness Month . . .

... It began when a report about abused and neglected children caught the attention of President Ronald Reagan in 1983. Sadly, since that first Child Abuse Prevention Month, the number of abused victims has grown from half a million children to over six million new reports of abuse along with 1600 child abuse related deaths annually. One is too many.

On behalf of the Grimes County Child Welfare Board (GCCWB), I am requesting your participation in recognizing the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sunday, April 25, 2021 as National Blue Ribbon Sunday Day of Prayer. National Blue Ribbon Sunday is the day churches across our nation take a moment to pray for the victims of child abuse and pray for those who rescue them. The Grimes County Child Welfare Board takes this opportunity each year to remind all of you the ongoing need for prayer, support, and action to help us address the often critical needs of the vulnerable, abused, and neglected children in our community as well as the families and individuals who work to assist them.

We must face the facts:

**One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. **Most child abuse incidents are drug and alcohol related.

**Within one year of aging out of the foster care system, 66% of victims will be homeless, in jail or dead.

******There are over 100,000 children waiting for adoption in the United States.

<u>How to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday:</u> Pray they will be rescued; Pray they are placed with caring people; Pray their minds and bodies can heal; Pray they find hope; and Pray for those who rescue them!

Let's pray, educate ourselves, and volunteer until black and blue are just colors in a child's crayon box.

Thank You, Gail Sowell, *Treasurer - Grimes County Child Welfare Board*

TEXAS CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE:

To report suspected abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age):

Contact the "Child Protective Services" CPS of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services:

800-252-5400

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>NEXT MEETING:</u> Tuesday, APRIL 13th @ 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH

<u>HALL.</u> We invite all ladies of the Parish to join us.

DINNER HOSTESSES: Dorothy Hlopak, Karen Ruffner and Mary Hollar <u>APRIL ALTAR CARE:</u> Alana Presley, Karen Smith and Karen Ruffner

The Altar Society has many ministries under our umbrella, this month ministry spotlight shines upon our *Prayer Blanket Ministry*.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry consists of a committee of seamstresses who are members of the Altar Society. They sew prayer blankets that are available for anyone who is ill, has had surgery, or just needs our comfort and prayers. These blankets are lovingly made, wrapped in yarn then blessed by Father and a prayer card attached.

Since September about 50 blankets have been received. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to accept a blanket (from the pedestal in front of the Blessed Mother) to be given to those needing comfort, healing, and security that the blanket provides. As Jesus is the healer, we can be those hands that reach out to share his presence.

<u>ST. JOSEPH</u> ALTAR SOCIETY

<u>NEXT MEETING:</u> <u>TUES., Apr. 6 ~ 6:30PM</u> <u>in the parish hall</u>

MARCH ALTAR CARE: Debra Meekins and Julie Coombs

COFFEE SERVERS: APR. 4: Mary Gorney and Clara Fridye APR. 11: Anne Mannina APR. 18: Lorraine Seigle APR. 25: Jane Urbanosky

The Parish office will be closed at Noon on Thurs., April 1st and All Day on Fri., April 2 & Mon., April 5



"If you are new to our Parish or have been thinking about getting involved with one of our many Church Organizations or Ministries, please refer to the front page of the bulletin. You will find a complete list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up."

St. Mary/St. Joseph ACTS UPDATE: "Men's After ACTS"

For many who attend an ACTS retreat, the desire to continue living at that level of faith doesn't go away after returning home on Sunday afternoon. If you ask the men who attended the retreat how it affected them, they will tell you the weekend was one of prayerfully rejoicing, sharing meals together, cheering (and maybe shedding a tear) at life's trials and victories, and finding the face of Jesus in themselves and others.

The men who attended this year's St. Mary's / St. Joseph's ACT retreat will have their Pentecost reunion on Saturday, April 10th. They'll begin with a mass in St. Mary's at 9:00 AM and then move to the hall for food, fellowship and prayer.

ACTS CORE UPDATES:

The ACTS Core team had a great sendoff for the men attending this year's retreat. The men discovered during the weekend that the best is yet to come! The Core will meet again on April 1st.

God is good All the time!



St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church Annual Bazaar Sunday, May 2nd, 12-5pm 302 FM 1774, Magnolia, TX 77375

Come hungry and join us Sunday, May 2nd for our Annual Bazaar.

There will be a delicious barbeque dinner with all the trimmings, take out available, and so many food choices you'll have a hard time deciding what you want to eat first.

Live music will be provided by the Lonely Road Band. Enjoy the raffle, live and virtual silent auctions, Mexican Bingo, Mechanical bull, midway games, inflatables and so much more.

You will share a fun day with your entire family. All proceeds from our annual event will go to the St. Matthias capital campaign for our new church.

The virtual silent auction will begin on April 18th and end on the day of the bazaar.

Auction information can be found at www.bazaar21.givesmart.com. For other information call 281-356-2000.

Calling all <u>adult</u> Catholics (18 years of age or older) who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist.....but somehow missed Confirmation! Don't worry.....

St. Mary's Adult Confirmation Team is here to help you become a fully initiated Catholic.

Take a moment to reflect upon your spiritual life; can you recall YOUR Confirmation? Ask your family members if they remember YOUR Confirmation? If you are being called to this sacrament by the Holy Spirit and would like to celebrate it, contact:



Sharon Skeans @ skeans@consolidated.net

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone who is in need of medical equipment

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone who is in need of medical equipment. For equipment availability, contact the office at 936-894-2223.

> <u>We have hospital beds, electric scooters &</u> many other items available.

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UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

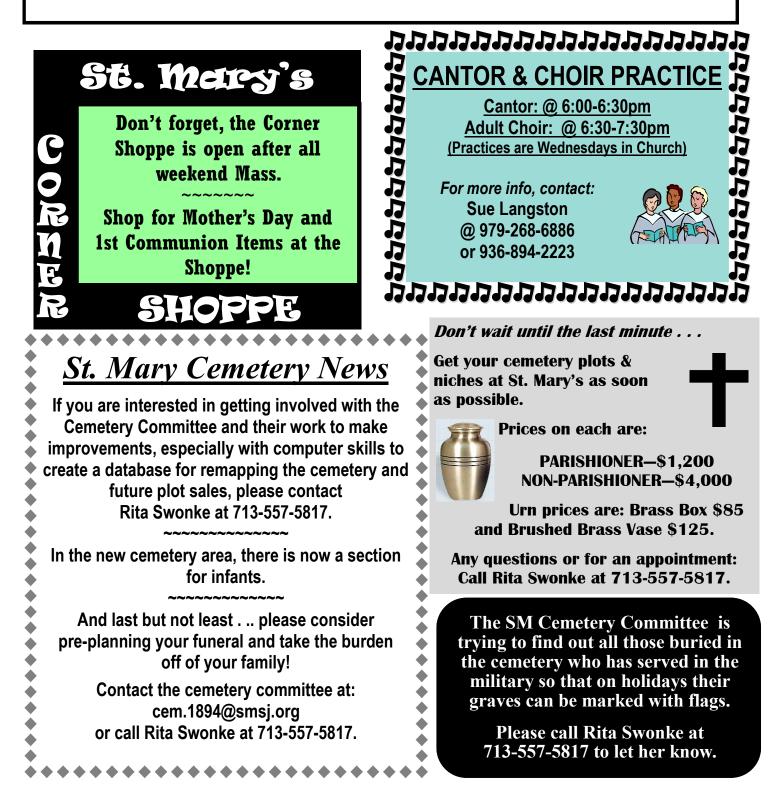


Holy Land Collection - April 2 (Good Friday)



Home Mission - April 24

Home missions diocese are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople.



ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB

In Lieu of a regular April meeting, the SMMC will have a fish fry at Bob and Linda Armstrong's Millican ranch on Tuesday, April 20,2021.

Start time at the Armstrong's is 2:00pm.

Please contact either Charlie Parada (832-594-4603) or Ron Kloster (281-723-2081) if you plan to attend or for more detail.

All parish men are members of the Men's Club and are encouraged to join and participate in the fellowship this fine group of men enjoy on a monthly basis.

ATTENTION!!!!!!

Deadline for the St. Mary's Men's Club Scholarships has been extended to Thurs., Apr. 22, 2021.

Applications are available through the Parish Office and are due back in the office to

Fran Miler by 4:00pm on Apr. 22nd.



St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive Sunday, April 11th.

St. Mary's Men's Club 19th Annual Golf Benefit

Monday, April 26, 2021 <u>Registration</u>: 9:00-9:45am - <u>Shotgun Tee-Off</u> at 10:00am <u>Entry Fees</u>: \$150 per person ******Limit: 120 Golfers***** ****Ladies Welcome****

Sponsorship: \$300 (Hole sign & dinner table advertisement)

<u>Exhibitors</u>: Sponsors will be eligible to get a spot on one of the tees, or in prominent, high-traffic location—at the Walden on Lake Conroe Golf Course during the event, an opportunity for you to interact with participants.

<u>Includes:</u> Range Balls Green Fees Drinks Cart Box Lunch Dinner

Format: Four Golfer Scramble



<u>Prizes:</u> Hole-in-One wins a Golf Cart!

Silent Auction

1st, 2nd & 3rd Men's Foursome Trophies

1st Place Ladies' Foursome Trophies

1st Place Mixed Foursome Trophies

All proceeds support the Charity efforts of St. Mary's Men's Club, which supports the youth and needy in our area.

Checks Payable to: St. Mary's Men's Club

Mail checks and entry forms to: Eric Gensheimer, 706 The Cliffs Ct., Montgomery, TX 77356 (ericg@tamericgroup.com, 713-416-5280 For Inquiries Contact: Charlie Parada at 936-582-6022 or C-832-594-4603 (cparada68493@cebridge.net)



A Lenten Journey Through Grief
Lent is a time when we look at our human passage from life to death and our immortal passage
from death to life in the Divine presence. Just like the stages of grief we all go through, Lent also
involves the following passages that make us aware of the sorrow,
fear and sadness of this season.
Moving form Darkness to Light; Sadness, confusion, questions is part of a loss.
Hold on to hope in the midst of all the sorrow and seek the light.
Moving form Loss to Gain; We should always remember that the measure of our loss is the
measure of our Love, the measure of our pain is also the measure of our gain in the sense that
our grief reveals to us the many ways our life has been <i>Blessed</i> by the Gifts and Presences of our
<i>Loved Ones.</i> Grief affirms not only what is lost but also what remains, the Love, the Gratitude
the Memories and the Hopes.
Moving from Fear to Trust; Let go of your fear, give it to God and trust in His care for you.
Moving from Sorrow to Joy; In our midst of sorrow, faith reminds us that joy is available.
A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved, a joy shared is a joy doubled. Turn to your loved ones and
friends who can bring out the best in you during this difficult time.
As we walk through this season of Lent each one of us will be aware of the promise of Joy, Trust
that is Gained through the Light of Our Savior on Easter and forever.
GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics.
Our next session will be in Fall
Hopefully you can join us:
September 14 – December 14, 2021
Tuesday 10:00 -12:00 am
For more information or to register for St Mary's Fall session,
Call 936-894-2223 or stop by the Church office
If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall
To locate a current GriefShare session and resource please go to www.griefshare.org
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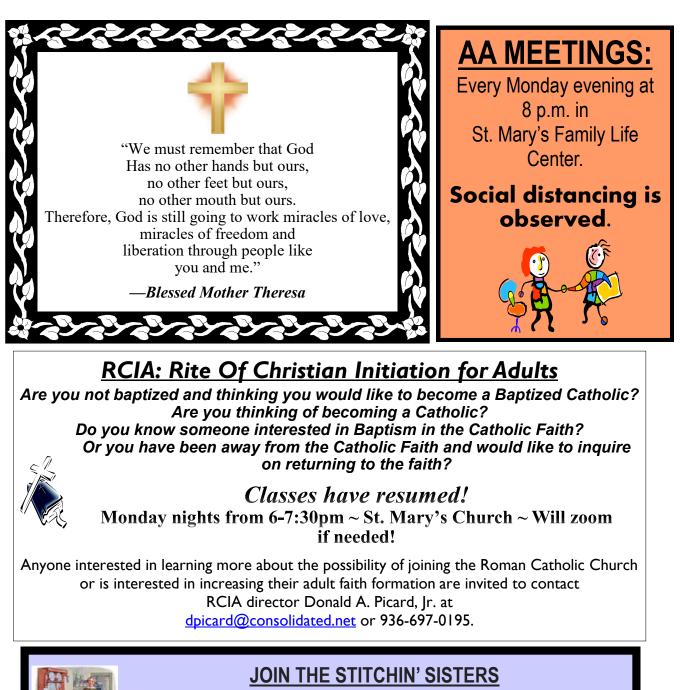






Please pray for our men & women in the military:

A1C Aubrey Herzog, Navy Seal Chief Brian Perry, Lt. Col. John Adams, Michael Cannistra-West Point, Jason Parsons, Angel Pena, Capt. Daniel Hacker, Lt. Col. John E. Tryon, 1st Lt. USMC Jeff Vickers, Major Jeff Kocian, Jeremy Gonzales, Ens. Andrew Pfarner, Cmdr. Jon Haydel, L. Col. Jeremy Angenend, Kenny Oakes-Army, ITC3 Emily Smith, LTJG Marcus Cranford, Lt. Lauren (Osterman) Williams, Peyton Irvan-US Navy, HM2 Jacob A. Orlando-US Navy, Jake Twining Q1-US Navy, Benjamin Smith-U.S. Army, Nelson Shipley-Navy, Ssgt. USAF Kevin Harrison



Are you interested in bringing back a lost art? Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilts three donation

quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilt for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put up a quilt on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at St. Joseph Hall. Bring your own lunch. <u>WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!</u>

For more info, Juli Murphy: at <u>936-206-0677</u> or email <u>julimurphy1988@gmail.com</u>.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENT 2021

As a Community, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent **each Friday at 7:00 pm and each Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass.** Stations on Wednesdays will be guided by our Parish

Members, and on Fridays by the groups

indicated below. All Stations of the Cross will be at St. Mary Church with one exception, April 2nd, Good Friday. These Stations will be at St. Joseph, at 7:00 pm.

Station Guides will be provided for use in Church on Friday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Do use your own Station Guides when you, your families and groups pray together in Church and at home. Our Corner Shoppe and shops in other parishes can show you a choice of Station Guides.

Every life has suffering, temptation, burial and resurrection. We pray and meditate at each Station, that Jesus may guide us to live our lives in His Service as He Wills.

<u>Date</u> April 2 Leader

GOOD FRIDAY ~ St. Joseph Altar Society ~ 'The Scriptural Way of the Cross'

THE GABRIEL PROJECT is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need. Our St. Mary's Gabriel Angels are trained to provide some of the following: ** Be a resource to answer guestions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting

- ** Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- ** Help with items for a new baby
- ** Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs

Donations of baby items can be placed into the bassinet in the foyer of the church. We always have a need for diaper ointment, baby wash, and baby lotion. We also accept gently used clothes (newborn to 24 month) and other baby items. For larger items or boxes of things, these can be placed on the porch in front of The Gabriel Storage Room, near the barn.

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If you or someone you know needs the help of THE GABRIEL PROJECT, please contact the church office or phone Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

"Realize it, my brethren; —every one who breathes, high and low, educated and ignorant, young and old, man and woman, has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random; . . . God sees every one of us; He creates every soul, He lodges it in

the body, one by one, for a purpose. He needs, He deigns to need, every one of us. He has an end for each of us; we are all equal in His sight, and we are placed in our different ranks and stations, not to get what we can out of them for ourselves, but to labor in them for Him. As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."

- St. John Henry Newman

NEXT MEETING: April 27 @ 3:30PM IN SM HALL.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference welcomes new members. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President: Suzanne Hill at 713-724-2589. For assistance, call: (936) 894-2362



GUARDIAN ANGELS NEWS

We're Baaaaaaaacccccckkkkkkk!

St. Mary's Guardian Angels are anxiously looking forward to our upcoming activities once again! We've missed being together with everyone like before!

The first activity to start us off will be with the <u>Domino Group</u>. <u>Dominos will begin on</u> <u>Tuesday, April 13th in the Family Life Center from 11am–3pm. Dominos will be</u> <u>held every Tuesday except for the third Tuesday of each month.</u>

There is no cost to participate in any of these activities. Everyone usually brings something to share for lunch either a side dish, snack, dessert, etc. On April 13th sandwiches will be provided, so you can bring whatever you'd like.

On the third Tuesday of every month we will have either Game Day (all kinds of games including 42 and chicken foot) or bingo. Beginning on May 18th, we will be having Game Day then in June, Bingo. On these days the entre will be provided (we try to let you know ahead of time what it is) so you can bring something that would go with it. Everyone 50 years of age and over is invited to become a member of the Guardian Angels and to participate in any activities we may be having. You don't have to be from St. Mary's or St. Joseph's or even Catholic. You can also bring family members, friends or anyone you know who might like to play 42, chicken foot, or other games. We encourage anyone already coming, to invite someone you know to come with you. The more the merrier.

The purpose of the Guardian Angels is to entertain the seniors of our area by involving them in fun and fellowship and also a day to get them out of their house.

The Guardian Angels first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021 upstairs in the Family Life Center at 10am.

If you are planning on participating in any of our activities, or would consider being one of our leaders, we would really like you to attend our meeting and learn what we do.

For information please contact Nancy Schlottman 936-525-0007

F&ITH FORMATION

<u>Adult Confirmation:</u> Contact Sharon Skeans @ 936-448-2740 or email her @ skeans@consolidated.net.

Baptism: Baptism prep classes and baptisms occur approximately every other month. Infant baptism through age 6. Ages 7 and older, children must enroll in CCE. For more information, call Karen Kibodeaux at 281-455-4433

or email karenkibodeaux@att.net.

For Spanish, call Carmen Troyo at 936-499-6282 or email carmentroyo@gmail.com.

NEXT BAPTISMS: TBD

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE (Call the Office)

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<u>C.C.E.</u>: The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: smsjcce@gmail.com. All CCE First Communion and Confirmation information can be found at: http://www.smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/

Liturgical Readings for April

Apr 1Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14 • Ps 116:12-13,15-16,17-18 • 1Cor 11:23-26 • Jn 13:1-15 Apr 2 Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12 • Ps 31:26,12-13,15-16,17,25 • Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • Jn 18:1-19:42 Apr 3 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil): Gn 1:1-2:2 • Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,12,13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5,6-7,12-13, 20,22 • Gn 22:1-18 • Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 • Ex 14:15-15:1 • Ex 15:1-2,3-4,5-6,17-18 · Is 54:5 -14 • Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 • Is 55:1-11 • Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 • Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4 • Ps 19:8,9,10,11 • Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 • Ps(s) 42:3,5; 43:3,4 or Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 or Ps 51:12-13,14-15,18-19 • Rom 6:3-11 • Ps 118:1-2,16-17, 22-23 • Mk 16:1-7

EASTER

Apr 4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a,37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17,22-23 • Col 3:1-4 <u>or</u> 1 Cor 5:6b-8 • Jn 20:1-9 **or** Mk 16:1-7 Apr 5 Monday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 2:14,22-33 • Ps 16:1-25,7-8,9-10,11 • Mt 28:8-15

Apr 6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 236-41 • Ps 33:4-5,18-19,20,22 • Jn 20:11-18 Apr 7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:1-10 • Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9 • Lk 24:13-35 Apr 8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 3:11-26 • Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 • Lk 24:35-48 Apr 9 Friday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:1-12 • Ps 118:1-2,4,22-24,25-27 • Jn 21:1-14 Apr 10 Saturday within the Octave of Easter: Acts 4:13-21 • Ps118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 • Mk16:9-15 Apr 11 Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy): Acts 4:32-35 • Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 • 1Jn 5:1-6 • Jn 20:19-31 Apr 12: Acts 4:23-31 • Ps 2:1-3, 4-7, 7-9 • Jn 3:1-8 Apr 13 [St. Martin 1]: Acts 4:32-37 • Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 • Jn 3:7b-15 Apr 14: Acts 5:17-26 • Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 • Jn 3:16-21 Apr 15: Acts 5:27-33 • Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20 • Jn 3:31-36 Apr 16: Acts 5:34-42 • Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 • Jn 6:1-15 Apr 17: Acts 6:1-7 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,18-19 • Jn 6:16-21 **Apr 18 Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 3:13-15,17-19 • Ps 4:2,4,7-8,9 • 1Jn 2:1-5a • Lk 24:35-48 Apr 19: Acts 6:8-15 • Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 • Jn 6:22-29 Apr 20: Acts 7:51-8:1a • Ps 31:3-4,6,7,8,17,21 • Jn 6:30-35 Apr 21 [St. Anselm]: Acts 8:1b-8 • Ps 66:1-3,4-5,6-7 • Jn 6:35-40 Apr 22: Acts 8:26-40 • Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 • Jn 6:44-51 Apr 23 [St. George; St. Adalbert]: Acts 9:1-20 • Ps 117:1, 2 • Jn 6:52-59 Apr 24 [St. Fide/is of Sigmaringen]: Acts 9:31-42 • Ps116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 • Jn 6:60-69 Apr 25 Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12 • Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 · 1Jn 3:1-2 • Jn 10:11-18 Apr 26: Acts 11:1-18 • Ps(s) 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 • Jn 10:1-10 Apr 27: Acts 11:19-26 • Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7 • Jn 10:22-30 Apr 28 [St. Peter Chane/; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort]: Acts 12:24-13:5a • Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 • Jn 12:44-50 Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena: Acts 13:13-25 • Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 • Jn 13:16 - 20

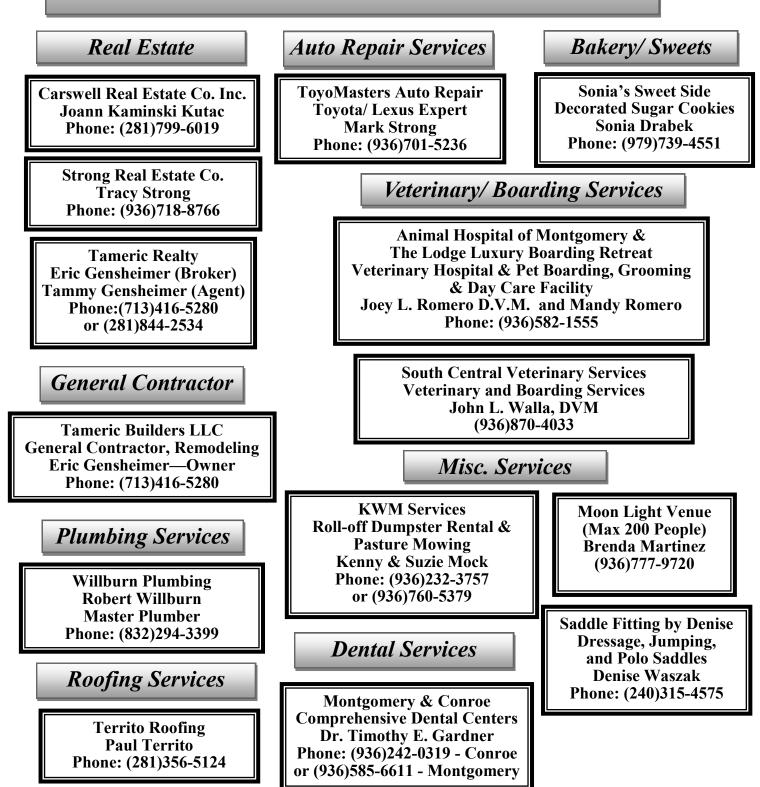
Apr 30 [St. Pius V]: Acts 13:26-33 • Ps 2:6-7,8-9, 10-11 • Jn 14:1-6

FR. ED IS PLANNING A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN NOVEMBER OF 2021!

If you are interested in joining Fr. Ed, please call or text Cecilia Maddox at 210-383-8079 to get on the list as soon as possible because there are very few spots left. (Only 35 people will be accepted!)

There are rugged areas so you must have good mobility.





Parishioner business advertisements for the monthly bulletin are due by the 10th of each month. Please send the Business name, Contact Name & Phone Number to: Fran Miller @ fran.miller@smsj.org.

£. 49 Reception—SM Hall **10** Mass—SM 5:00p 9am-12p—ACTS Reunion 2nd Collection -Hope Missions Mass—SM 5:00p Mass-SM 5:00p Sat following Mass Holy Saturday Mass—8:00p 3p Celebration of the Lord's Easter Vigil 24 4 ৰ্জ 7p Stations of the Cross-SJ Second Collection - Holy 2 No First Friday Mass Passion—SM Pavilion Parish Office Closed Γï and Collection 9 NO MASS 16 NO MASS NO MASS NO MASS 23 30 Deadline for St. Mary's Men's 7pm—Baptism Class—SM Hall Parish Office Closed at Mass-7:00p @ SM Thu Club Scholarships. Holy Thursday Mass-SM 9a Mass-SM 9a Mass-SM 9a Noon 15 29 2 ω 5:00-6:00pm—Confessions 6:30pm—St. Mary's Men's 10:00am—12:00pm and Club Meeting—SM Hall 5:00-6:00pm—Confessic 12p—SMAS meeting—Hall No Confessions Today 7-8p - CCE (Class A) 7-8p - CCE (Class A) 7-8p - CCE (Class B) No Anointing Mass 7-8p - CCE (Class B) Wed Mass—SM 9a Mass-SM 9a Mass—SM 9a SMMC: SM Men's Club— 3rd Tuesday, 6:30p, SM Hall Stitch N Sisters: Every Wednesday, SJ Hall, 9:30a-2p SVDP: St Vincent de Paul 4th Tues., 3:30p, SM Hall SJAS: St. Joseph's Altar Society—1st Tues., 6:30p GA: Guardian Angels—3rd Tues., 10a-2p, SM Hall Domino Club: Every Tuesday @ SM FLC, 11a-3p SMAS: St. Mary's Altar Society—2nd Tues., 6p 4 28 3 6:00pm—St. Mary's Altar Society Meeting—SM Hall St. Mary's Golf Tournament-3:30pm-St. Vincent de Walden Paul Meeting-SM Hall 11a-3p-Dominos-FLC 13 Mass-SM 9a Tue **6** Mass—SM 9a **20** Mass—SM 9a **27** Mass—SM 9a 8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC 8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC 8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC Parish Office Closed Mon 5 No Mass today Mass—SM 9a 9a Mass-SM 9a Mass—SM 4 ഉ 26 8:30-11:15am and 11:15am 8:30-11:15am and 11:15am 25Regular Mass Schedule -12:45—1st Confirmation -12:45—1st Confirmation Mary's Men's Club Blood 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & Regular Mass Schedule 5 **(**5 11:00am Regular Mass Schedule Regular Weekend Class—FLC Room 102 Class—FLC Room 102 9:00am @ SJ--7:30am <u>Saturdavs:</u> 5:00pm (SM) <u>Sundavs:</u> 7:30am (SJ) **Mass Schedule** Mass @ SM—6:45am 8:00am-1:00pm-St. 11:30am (SM) 2nd Collection -Hope Missions Sun Easter Sunday Drive 7 3 4

April, 2021