

St. Mary Catholic Church - St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~~~~ February, 2021 ~~~~



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)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Mary—Plantersville

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.

## 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

### AA

Leland Fougeron 936-870-5102

### Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Jim & Mary Barnette 936-851-0155

### Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 936-448-2740

### Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

### Music Ministry

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

### CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

### Extraordinary Ministers —

### Holy Communion & Sacristans

Greg Houston 713-898-4172

### Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

### GriefShare

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

### Guardian Angels (Seniors)

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 prep, 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 Coordinator

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

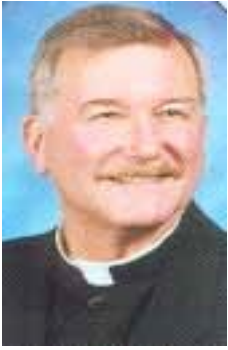
### Write for Life

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, fill it out and return to the office by mail or drop it in the collection basket. Or register online at [www.smsj.org](http://www.smsj.org).**



## AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

It's hard to believe that we're into one full month of the new year: 2021. Still we find ourselves evicted from the church and buildings we hold so dear. I keep asking myself and am being asked: How long will we be out under the pavilion? As I've written before, so much depends on the instruction from our Cardinal. Like us all, he is awaiting a lifting of the 6 foot distancing guideline from both the national and state officials. The bright side to this craziness is that we are entering a warming trend. Hope it lasts.

With Lent beginning February 17th, we can count on being out under the pavilions for the duration. I guess we can all 'offer it up'. This year Ash Wednesday Masses and the Distribution of Ashes will all be celebrated at St. Mary. It just seems common sense to concentrate the Masses to one place rather than set up for only one Mass at St. Joseph, a Mass that has to be really simply celebrated due to the time constraint to get people back to work. The schedule of Masses and Distribution of Ashes is elsewhere in this bulletin but to reinforce and remind everyone, here it is again: 9am at St. Mary...12:15 at St. Mary...6pm at St. Mary.

With the distribution of the COVID vaccine underway, I am hopeful that we will begin to be comfortable in confined spaces again. I am hearing that more and more of us are receiving the shot. We are all being told it will be a while till we can all relax and maybe even shake hands again....

Our Easter Celebration have been outdoors at St. Mary for many years now and will continue this year also. God knows we have had a lot of practice staging under the pavilion and won't require the amount of work putting it together as it took in past years. Hopefully the Easter crowds will be what they have been in years past. For newcomers, the Easter Masses at St. Mary under the pavilion would draw numbers raging from 600 to almost 1,000. We'll be ready once again to make the greatest feast of the liturgical year something to remember. The Easter celebration at St. Joseph will be under the pavilion for the first time. As at St. Mary during this unique period, practice makes perfect.

We will pray the Stations of the Cross in church on Fridays during Lent. Should the crowds prove too large, we may have to reinvent the stations outside..... Please note that both our churches are open 24/7 with the lights and ac/ heating on. You may want to take advantage of the opportunity to pray your Lenten devotions in a private, personal setting. Station of the Cross booklets and other prayer material will be provided on the table as you enter. Just please return so others might benefit also. Confessions are heard on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 10-12noon & 5-6pm. I am using Fr. Kelly's confessional because it offers more space between priest and penitent.

I sometimes feel that we have all been in a prolonged Season of Penitence. We've been carrying the burden of isolation and distancing, fear and uncertainty. We've held up well. I think we all give the credit to our Faith that roots us in trusting that Christ is in our midst through it all. Like many families, we, as a Church Family, have learned to appreciate one another more and have drawn close together. We have come to hunger for the time when we will again be inside the churches we call 'home'. Let's face it: This has to be a better Easter than last Easter 2020. At least we won't be celebrating Easter virtually!

# **The *Shofar* Is Heard Loud And Clear During Lent and Easter!**

The shofar (i.e., “ram’s horn”) will be heard at the beginning of our Sunday celebrations during the Lenten and Easter Season. During the Lenten Season, the simple ram’s horn is used with three short wail-like blasts (signifying repentance). During the Easter Season, an ornately decorated ram’s horn is used with a long single blast (the sound of the King’s coronation).

It is important to realize that the shofar was used and will be used in our celebrations as a means of awakening the slumbering soul. Maimonides, a renowned Jewish scholar, writes: “There is a hidden message we are supposed to infer by listening to the shofar. It suggests to say: ‘Sleeping ones! Awaken from your sleep! Slumbering ones! Awaken from your slumber! Examine your deeds. Remember your Creator and repent!’” This idea was earlier stated in the New Testament writings: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you” (Eph. 5:13-14). This theme of ‘awakening from sleep’ is used elsewhere in the Scriptures (e.g., John 11:11, Rom. 13:11, 1 Thess. 5:6, Dan. 12:1-2, Psalm 78:65). The sound of the shofar calls us to return to the Lord and seek His face. And since finding God is our greatest joy, King David rightly wrote, “Happy is the people who know the shofar blast” (Psalm 89:16). Indeed, the word shofar comes from a Jewish root that means to beautify, alluding to the beautification of our ways as we turn to God in Lenten repentance and, with Easter joy, raise our voices in jubilation!

We are very fortunate to have Larry Langston as our almost professional shofar sounder. Larry takes seriously his ministry as sounder of the shofar to begin our Lenten and Easter liturgies. He has done all the research as to how to sound the shofar distinctly for each season. He practices diligently so as to give us the authentic rendition of the shofar’s sound. I don’t think that any other parishes have this special ritual beginning of their Lenten or Easter celebrations. As in so many ways, we are blessed communities.

When Lent begins, the two shofars will be installed on the wall nearest to the Blessed Mother’s altar at St. Mary. They will have their permanent place there for all to see. Feel free to come up close and admire the beauty of these two instruments that have such a profound and sacred history.

**MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL  
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU  
AND SHINE HIS GLORY UPON YOU.  
MAY YOU BE READY TO HEAR THE SOUND OF THE HEAVENLY SHOFAR  
THAT WILL CALL YOU INTO HIS GLORIOUS PRESENCE.**



# What is the difference between DSF & Parish Offertory?



*A complete guide on how your generous donations serve the 1.7 million Catholics within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*



## Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)

*Supports more than 60 ministries within the Archdiocese*



Programs support families, adults, clergy, the poor, the sick, and the incarcerated

These programs and services can't be accomplished by one parish alone

Gifts can be fulfilled through a one time gift or pledge

You receive the Texas Catholic Herald with your donation

Gifts can be matched by your employer

Your gift can be credited to your parish to meet their DSF Goal.

*No funds are spent on the administration of the Chancery.*

## **DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND**

Well it's DSF time again. The DSF funds vital ministry programs annually such as:

Teaching, Evangelizing and Worship  
Promoting, preparing, and Supporting the Clergy  
Ministering to the Poor, the Sick, and the Incarcerated  
Nurturing and Strengthening families

*For the year 2021:*

**St. Joseph's goal is \$10,000.00 and St. Mary's goal is \$90,000.00.**

Please give this prayerful consideration and be as generous as possible.  
Your gift will go a long ways to help improve someone's life.  
Thank You!

**2021 DSF Appeal will begin on the weekend of February 13 & 14.**

**Do not send in your pledges—Bring your pledges to church.**



*Any shortfall of donations must be made up by the parish; 1/2 of all overages are returned to the parish.*





# St. Vincent de Paul Society

"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you."  
– St. Thomas of Villanova

**NEXT MEETING: February 23 @ 3:30PM IN 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

The Guardian Angels will not have a monthly meeting in February. There will be no Bingo, Game Day or weekly dominos until further notice. We're all looking forward to the day that we can begin our activities again. If anyone is interested in joining the Guardian Angels, please contact Nancy Schlottman @ 936-525-0007.  
**NO VALENTINES DANCE IN FEBRUARY!!!!!!**

### *Save the Date!*

Knights of Columbus will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, February 19 in the St. Mary Parish Hall 5pm til ??



Fish, hush puppies, fries, cole slaw, macaroni & cheese and tea will be served.

## 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.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Feb. 17—Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection  
(Ash Wednesday)



## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Feb. 21—Black and Indian Mission Office

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 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 936-894-2223.



## AA MEETINGS:

Every Monday evening at 8 p.m.  
in St. Mary's Family Life Center.

**Social  
distancing  
is  
observed.**



**PLANNING A MARRIAGE?** There is a **required** preparation process that must be  
completed before one can marry in the Catholic Church —so start early.

*To begin the process: Contact the office at 936-894-2223.*

**NEED AN ANNULMENT?** Please contact the parish office at 936-894-2223.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Adult Confirmation:** 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: February 6 (Spanish) and February 28 (English)**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE (Call the Office)**

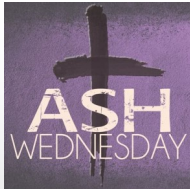
**C.C.E.:** The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: smsjcce@gmail.com.  
All CCE First Communion and Confirmation information can be found at:  
<http://www.smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>

ABUSE

HOTLINE

## TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OF A MINOR (person under 18 years of age)

Contact CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) of the Texas Department of Protective &  
Regulatory Services at 800-252-5400 or your local Police Department or Sheriff's Office.



## **Ash Wednesday ~ Feb. 17**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. It is observed by fasting, abstinence (from meat) and repentance.

### **MASS TIMES:**

**At St. Mary: 9am, 12:15pm & 6pm**  
**NO CONFESSIONS TODAY!**

***St Mary's Cemetery Association will hold its first semi-annual meeting of 2021, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Hall.***

***All parishioners who are interested in working with the Cemetery Association are invited to attend. Improvements to the cemetery will be discussed.***

***For more information, please call Bob Daves at 832-205-2791.***

## **Rowan's Prayer**

*One day God will Bring us back together,  
United with your child, you'll cry no more.  
Till then, may we draw strength from each  
other, knowing that they wait by  
Heaven's door.*

If you have or you know of someone who just experienced a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss or you know someone with a neonatal diagnosis.

Contact Bonnie Haytcher:  
by calling 941-302-6310,  
or emailing  
[haytcherb@gmail.com](mailto:haytcherb@gmail.com)



## **St. Mary Cemetery News**

The cleanup dates for 2021 will be announced soon.

All cleanups will begin at 8:00am.

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The next Cemetery Committee Meeting & Elections will be: February 9, 2021 at 10:00am.

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If you are interested in getting involved with the Cemetery Committee and their work to make improvements, especially with computer skills to create a database for remapping the cemetery and future plot sales, please contact Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817.

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In the new cemetery area, there is now a section for infants and fetuses.

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And last but not least . . . please consider pre-planning your funeral and take the burden off of your family!

Contact the cemetery committee at:  
[cem.1894@smsj.org](mailto:cem.1894@smsj.org)  
or call Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817.

**The SM Cemetery Committee is trying to find out all those buried in the cemetery who has served in the military so that on holidays their graves can be marked with flags. Please call Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817 to let her know.**

***Don't wait until the last minute . . .  
Get your cemetery plots & niches at  
St. Mary's as soon as possible.  
Prices on each are:***



**PARISHIONER—\$1,200**

**NON-PARISHIONER—\$4,000**

**Any questions or for an appointment:  
Call Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817.  
Urns are also available for sale.**



**THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

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."



**Pope's Intention:** Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANER PROGRAM**

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.

**We have hospital beds, electric scooters & many other items available.**

**JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS**



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. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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

**CORNER**

**St. Mary's**

**Don't forget, the Corner Shoppe is open after all weekend Mass.**

**Shop for Valentine's Day gifts at the Shoppe!**



**LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 17 . . . We have books and pamphlets to guide you through the Lenten season.**

**SHOPPE**

**RCIA: Rite Of Christian Initiation for Adults**



***Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to become a Baptized Catholic?***

***Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?***

***Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith?***

***Or you have been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?***

***Classes have resumed!***

**Monday nights from 6-7:30pm ~ St. Mary's Church ~ Will zoom if needed!**

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A. Picard, Jr. at [dpicard@consolidated.net](mailto:dpicard@consolidated.net) or 936-697-0195.





## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**FEBRUARY 9 @ 6:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.**

All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

### **DINNER HOSTESSES:**

Janet Martin, Olive Cannistra and Lynn Logan

### **FEBRUARY ALTAR CARE:**

Pam Poole, Cheryl Hochberger and Bonnie Fezatte



## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**TUES., Feb. 2 ~ 6:30PM**  
**IN THE PARISH HALL**

### **FEBRUARY ALTAR CARE:**

Judy Noski, Mary Ann Waters and Michelle Wetuski

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

**FEB. 7:** Marcy Pavlock & Rhonda Sechelski

**FEB. 14:** Judy Noski & Mary Ann Waters

**FEB. 21:** Judy Noski & Mary Ann Waters

**FEB. 28:** Alice Mock & Julie Mock

## **St. Mary's Men's Club** **\$SCHOLARSHIPS**

The St. Mary's Men's Club is again sponsoring scholarships for students within our Parish.

Applicants must be active members of St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches, be a graduating senior and be planning to attend an accredited trade school, college or university in 2021.

**Applications are available through the Parish Office and are due back in the office to Fran Miller by 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 18, 2021.**

## **ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB**

The St. Mary's Men's Club will be holding their regular meeting in the hall at St. Mary's on February 16 at 7:00pm.

Social period is ahead of the meeting with dinner served at 6:30pm.

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.

The next Anointing Mass will be Wednesday, February 3 @ 9am  
@ St. Mary's.

First Friday Mass will be Friday, February 5 @ 9:00am  
@ St. Mary's.

**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:

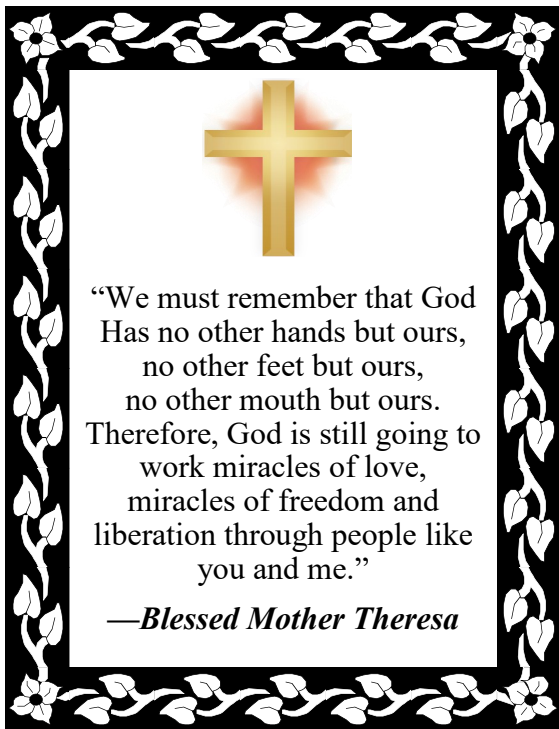
- \*\* Be a resource to answer questions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting
- \*\* Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- \*\* Help with items for a new baby
- \*\* Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs



*The Gabriel Project*

**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.**

**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. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive**


**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**8:00am - 1:00pm**



## **SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!**

*St. Mary's Men's Club Golf Tournament  
is April 26, 2021.*

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

***Thomas Schwartz ~ December 25***  
*(St. Mary Parishioner and husband of Ann Schwartz)*

***Virgie Sechelski ~ January 6***  
*(Former St. Mary Parishioner and wife of deceased parishioner and Deacon Pete Sechelski)*

***Lena Upton ~ January 6***  
*(St. Mary Parishioner and wife of deceased parishioner Eddie Upton)*

***Lorraine Allphin ~ January 8***  
*(St. Mary parishioner)*

***Sylvester Karonka ~ January 8***  
*(Long time supporter of St. Mary & St. Joseph)*

***Katie Smith ~ January 10***  
*(St. Mary parishioner and wife of deceased parishioner Theodore "Tedo" Smith)*

***Shirley Rosa ~ January 12***  
*(Mother of St. Mary Parishioner Tracey Larson )*

***Barney Kay ~ January 16***  
*(Fr. Ed's Uncle)*

***Frank Krenek ~ January 26***  
*(Brother of St. Mary Parishioner Greg Krenek)*

## **St. Mary/St. Joseph ACTS Update**

**St. Mary/St. Joseph Men's ACTS Retreat~March 4-7, 2021**

**Thursday evening-Sunday early afternoon~St. Agnes Retreat Center, Waller, TX**

There is still time for men to sign up for the ACTS retreat as there are still a few spots open. This is a great opportunity to disconnect from our daily responsibilities and build a deeper relationship with Jesus.

For more information, please contact Retreat Director,  
Mike Waszak @ (936)727-4472 or [cbrmike56@icloud.com](mailto:cbrmike56@icloud.com)

### **ATTENTION ALL ACTS BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

On March 19<sup>th</sup> the Stations of the Cross will be led by ACTS members. Please plan to attend if at all possible and wear your red shirts.

*"Lord, make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ."*

*Faith Formation  
&  
Children's Sacraments*



**CCE Schedule for  
February**

February 3rd, 7:00 pm: CCE Group "B"

February 7th, 8:30 am: First Reconciliation  
Classes  
2 pm—Confirmation Class

February 10th, 7:00 pm: CCE Group "A"

**February 17th: Ash Wednesday, No Class**

February 21st, 8:30 am: First  
Reconciliation Classes

February 24th, 7:00 pm: CCE Group "B"

Visit the Religious Education website page:  
[http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-  
sacraments/](http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/)  
Contact the Religious Education Office-



**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/>

*Welcome to our newly-  
Baptized little ones!*



*Derek Patrick Doyle  
Mason Bruce Brami  
Timothy John Carey  
Thomas Michael Carey  
Henry John Reitz  
Santiago Rivera  
Melanie Rivera  
Henry Vandenberg Hill*

**Upcoming Confirmation  
preparation classes taught  
by Susan Horne:**

\*Sun., Feb. 7 from 2-3:30pm  
The Dangers of Pornography



"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."

**ATTENTION!!!!  
St. Joseph's Altar  
Society  
STEW SUPPER**

**Scheduled for  
Thurs., Mar. 18, 2021  
*Has been cancelled***

**CANTOR & CHOIR PRACTICE**

**Cantor: @ 6:00-6:30pm  
Adult Choir: @ 6:30-7:30pm  
(Practices are Wednesdays in Church)**

*For more info, contact:  
Sue Langston @ 979-268-6886 or 936  
894-2223*



# Liturgical Readings for January

Feb 1: Heb 11:32-40 • Ps 31:20,21,22,23,24 • Mk 5:1-20  
Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord: Mal 3:1-4 • Ps 24:7,8,9,10 • Heb 2:14-18 • Lk 2:22-40  
Feb 3 [St. Blaise; St. Ansgar]: Heb 12:4-7,11-15 • Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,17-18 • Mk 6:1-6  
Feb 4: Heb 12:18-19,21-24 • Ps 48:2-3,3-4,9,10-11 • Mk 6:7-13  
Feb 5 St. Agatha: Heb 13:8 • Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 • Mk 6:14-29  
Feb 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions: Heb 13:15-17,20-21 • Ps 23:1-3,3-4,5,6 • Mk 6:30-34  
**Feb 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jb 7:1-4,6-7 • Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6 • 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23 • Mk 1:29-39  
Feb 8 [St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita]: Gn 1:1-19 • Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35 • Mk 6:53-56  
Feb 9: Gn 1:20-2:4a • Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9 • Mk 7:1-13  
Feb 10 St. Scholastica: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 • Ps 104:1-2,27-28,29-30 • Mk 7:14-23  
Feb 11 [Our Lady of Lourdes]: Gn 2:18-25 • Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5 • Mk 7:24-30  
Feb 12: Gn 3:1-8 • Ps 32:1-2,5,6,7 • Mk 7:31-37  
Feb 13 [BVM]: Gn 3:9-24 • Ps 90:2,3-4,5-6,12-13 • Mk 8:1-10  
**Feb 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Lv 13:1-2,44-46 • Ps 32:1-2,5,11 • 1Cor 10:31-11:1 • Mk 1:40-45  
Feb 15: Gn 4:1-15,25 • Ps 50:1,8,16-17,20-21 • Mk 8:11-13  
Feb 16: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10 • Ps 29:1,2,3-4,9-10 • Mk 8:14-21

## +LENT+

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 • Ps 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17 • 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 • Mt 6:1-6,16-18  
Feb 18 Thursday after Ash Wednesday: Dt 30:15-20 • Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6 • Lk 9:22-25  
Feb 19 Friday after Ash Wednesday: Is 58:1-9a • Ps 51:3-4,5-6,18-19 • Mt 9:14-15  
Feb 20 Saturday after Ash Wednesday: Is 58:9b-14 • Ps 86:1-2,3-4,5-6 • Lk 5:27-32  
**Feb 21 First Sunday of Lent:** Gn 9:8-15 • Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9 • 1 Pt 3:18-22 • Mk 1:12-15  
Feb 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle: 1 Pt 5:1-4 • Ps 23:1-3,4,5,6 • Mt 16:13-19  
Feb 23 [St. Polycarp]: Is 55:10-11 • Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19 • Mt 6:7-15  
Feb 24: Jon 3:1-10 • Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 • Lk 11:29-32  
Feb 25: Est C: 12,14-16,23-25 • Ps 138:1-2,2-3,7-8 • Mt 7:7-12  
Feb 26: Ez 18:21-28 • Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7,7-8 • Mt 5:20-26  
Feb 27: Dt 26:16-19 • Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 • Mt 5:43-48  
**Feb 28 Second Sunday of Lent:** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 • Ps 116:10,15,16-17,18-19 • Rom 8:31b-34 • Mk 9:2-10



## 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 beginning February 19th and each Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass beginning February 24th.**

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.

### Date

### Leader

February 19

Fr. Ed ~ 'The Scriptural Way of the Cross'

February 26

Pro Life ~ 'The Scriptural Way of the Cross'

March 5

Confirmation Students ~ 'Meditative Scriptural Way of the Cross'

March 12

St. Mary's Altar Society ~ 'Mary's Way of the Cross'

March 19

ACTS ~ 'The Scriptural Way of the Cross'

March 26

Men's Club ~ 'The Scriptural Way of the Cross'

April 2

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 9am, 12:15pm & 6pm @ SM**



# RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

The newly remodeled rummage barn located behind the office is almost complete.

A new concrete floor was added, a 12' diameter ceiling fan installed, LED lights & multiple electrical outlets added, sliding barn doors and a ADA restroom are complete.

The limestone road getting to the barn should be completed in the next couple of weeks depending on the weather.

**You will be notified by Flocknotes when we start receiving donations.**

## Please keep these people in your prayers:

Rosie Davis, Mike & Robin Delgado, Bertha Delgado, Danny & Carmen Ferraro, Emma, Joe & Jose Sanchez and Gabriel, Christina & Ralph Matthew Torres



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.



**Calling all adult 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](mailto:skeans@consolidated.net)**



## **GET YOUR SUPER BOWL TAMALES.....**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling delicious tamales after all Masses at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Beef, pork, and chicken..... only \$12 per dozen.**

## St. Mary Mass Intentions for February , 2021

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u>                               | <u>Requested By</u>                       |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Mon. 02/01   | 9:00am      | Joe Lynch                                      | Mary Lynch                                |
| Tues. 02/02  | 9:00am      | Edna, Veronica & Floyd Keasling, Sr.           | Betty Lott Family                         |
| Wed. 02/03   | 9:00am      | Laura Miller                                   | Jim & Katie Schwartz                      |
| Thurs. 02/04 | 9:00am      | Amber Hoffart                                  | Laveta Malek                              |
| Fri. 02/05   | 9:00am      | Albert Kearney                                 | Joyce Adams & Family                      |
| Sat. 02/06   | 5:00pm      | Bob Card                                       | Patty Card                                |
| Sun. 02/07   | 7:30am      | Gloria Tschen                                  | Greg & Melanie                            |
| Sun. 02/07   | 8:45am      | John Hlebucuk/ Pat Holt                        | Ramona Hlebichuk/ Pamela Herzog           |
| Sun. 02/07   | 10:00am     | Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )           | ~~~~~                                     |
| Sun. 02/07   | 11:30am     | Thomas & Sport Diehl & Marcy, Ronald Canatella | Brenda Diehl                              |
| Mon. 02/08   | 9:00am      | Mike Castleberry                               | Robert Addotla & Dr. Linda Walker         |
| Tues. 02/09  | 9:00am      | Robert & Katherine Diehl                       | The Klovenski Family                      |
| Wed. 02/10   | 9:00am      | Joyce Terrell                                  | Patty Kalich                              |
| Thurs. 02/11 | 9:00am      | {Verena Podraza}                               | Laveta Malek                              |
| Sat. 02/13   | 5:00pm      | Tom Schwartz                                   | Mary Lundquist                            |
| Sun. 02/14   | 7:30am      | Lorraine Allphin                               | Mary Grace Mock                           |
| Sun. 02/14   | 8:45am      | Florine Bachmeyer                              | Mary Ellen Lundquist                      |
| Sun. 02/14   | 10:00am     | Bishop Peter Adoboh                            | Harry & Nita Leschinger                   |
| Sun. 02/14   | 11:30am     | Lena May Upton                                 | Teresa Ann Zarsky                         |
| Mon. 02/15   | 9:00am      | Paul & Alice Ellwanger                         | Daniel & Christy Ellwanger                |
| Tues. 02/16  | 9:00am      | Virgie Sechelski                               | St. Mary's Altar Society                  |
| Wed. 02/17   | 9:00am      | Tom Biddiscombe                                | Lynn & John Logan                         |
| Wed. 02/17   | 12:15pm     | Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )           | ~~~~~                                     |
| Wed. 02/17   | 6:00pm      | Linda Herzog Sechelski                         | Rick & Barbara Herzog                     |
| Thur. 02/18  | 9:00am      | Beth Ramsey                                    | Mike & Melinda Donnellan                  |
| Sat. 02/20   | 5:00pm      | Luis, Joe & Harold Lebeck                      | Martha Lebeck                             |
| Sun. 02/21   | 7:30am      | Barney Kay                                     | Betty Lott                                |
| Sun. 02/21   | 8:45am      | John Doherty/ {Peg Klug}                       | Mary Grace Mock/ Mary Lundquist           |
| Sun. 02/21   | 10:00am     | Sammy Blair                                    | Charlie, Helen & Matt Burzynski           |
| Sun. 02/21   | 11:30am     | Annie Marie LaRue                              | LaRue Family                              |
| Mon. 02/22   | 9:00am      | Angie McLaurin-Till & Buck Till                | Sherry & Warren Lee Smith                 |
| Tues. 02/23  | 9:00am      | Joe & Verna Kaminski                           | Gary & Rhonda Kubiak                      |
| Wed. 02/24   | 9:00am      | Casper Correa/ Ellen Abshire Cherry            | The Magill Family/ Craig & Diana Phillips |
| Thurs. 02/25 | 9:00am      | Ida June Dugas                                 | Dr. Linda Walker & Robert Addotta         |
| Sat. 02/27   | 5:00pm      | Patrick Lacy                                   | Rollie & Sharon Lacy                      |
| Sun. 02/28   | 7:30am      | Dolores Hoffart                                | Elvin & Joann Kutac                       |
| Sun. 02/28   | 8:45am      | Mary Devine                                    | Mary Lynch                                |
| Sun. 02/28   | 10:00am     | Charles Mock                                   | Linette (Tootsie) Mock                    |
| Sun. 02/28   | 11:30am     | Dan, Edna & Billy Heintz                       | Tommy Heintz                              |

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions for February, 2021

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u>                        | <u>Requested By</u>                       |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sun. 02/07  | 7:30am      | Florine Louise Patke/ Amanda Tomkivitis | Bill Patke/ Family of Amanda Tomkivitis   |
| Sun. 02/14  | 7:30am      | Tony Wetuski Family/ Frances Tomkivitis | Wetuski Family/ William & Mary Gorney     |
| Sun. 02/21  | 7:30am      | Shirley Bailey/ Anton Fridye            | Charlie Burzynski/ Rufus & Theresa Gorney |
| Sun. 02/28  | 7:30am      | Alan Hyman & Kelly Mock Phillips        | Tom & Kaky Wetuski                        |

**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**

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Please send the Business name, Type of business, Contact Name & Phone Number to:  
Fran Miller @ [fran.miller@smsj.org](mailto:fran.miller@smsj.org).



# February, 2021

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                  | Tue                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Thu                                                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                                                                                           | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>1<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC</p>  | <p>2<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>6:30p—SJAS MEETING—SJ Hall</p>              | <p>3<br/><u>ANOINTING MASS</u><br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>10a-12p-Confessions<br/>5-6p - Confessions</p> <p>7-8p - CCE (Class B)</p>                                                                                             | <p>4<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>6:30p—ACTS Core Meeting—FLC Kitchen</p>                                                                | <p>5<br/>9am-First Friday Mass</p>                                                                                                                            | <p>6<br/>Mass—SM 5:00p</p> <p>8-11a-ACTS Retreat Mtg—FLC Kitchen</p> <p>10:30a Baptisms @ SM</p>                           |
| <p>7 Regular Mass Schedule</p> <p>8a-1p—St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive</p> <p>8:30-10a &amp; 11:15a-12:15p—Communion Class</p> <p>9:45-11:15a—RCIA</p> <p>2-4p—Confirmation Class</p>                | <p>8<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC</p>  | <p>9<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>10a-SM Cemetery Meeting &amp; Elections</p> | <p>10<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>7-8p - CCE (Class A)</p>                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>11<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>7p - Baptism Parents Meeting—SM Hall</p>                                                              | <p>12<br/>NO MASS</p>                                                                                                                                         | <p>13<br/>Mass—SM 5:00p</p> <p><b>Diocesan Services Fund</b></p>  <p>8-11a-ACTS Retreat</p>                                 |
| <p>14<br/>Regular Mass Schedule</p> <p>9:45-11:15a—RCIA</p> <p><b>Diocesan Services Fund</b></p>                    | <p>15<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC</p> | <p>16<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>6:30p—SIMMC meeting—SM Hall</p>            | <p>17 Mass (SM Pavilion)</p> <p>9:00a, 12:15p &amp; 6:00p</p> <p><b>NO CONFESSIONS TODAY</b></p> <p><b>NO CCE TODAY</b></p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>Special Collection—Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection</p> | <p>18<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p>                                                                                                          | <p>19<br/>NO MASS</p> <p>7p—Stations of the Cross-SM</p>                                                                                                      | <p>20 Mass—SM 5:00p</p> <p><b>2nd Collection—Black &amp; Indian Missions</b></p> <p>8-11a-ACTS Retreat Mtg—FLC Kitchen</p>  |
| <p>21<br/>Regular Mass Schedule</p> <p>8:30-10a &amp; 11:15a-12:15p—Communion Class</p> <p>9:45-11:15a—RCIA</p> <p><b>2nd Collection—Black &amp; Indian Missions</b></p> <p>2-4p-Confirmation Class</p> | <p>22<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>8p—AA Meeting—SM FLC</p> | <p>23<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>3:30p—SVDP meeting—SM Hall</p>             | <p>24<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p> <p>7-8p - CCE (Class A)</p>                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>25<br/>Mass—SM 9a</p>                                                                                                          | <p>26<br/>NO MASS</p> <p>7p—Stations of the Cross-SM</p>                                                                                                      | <p>27<br/>Mass—SM 5:00p</p> <p>8-11a-ACTS Retreat Mtg—FLC Kitchen</p>                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>28<br/>Regular Mass Schedule</p> <p>9:45-11:15a-RCIA</p> <p>10a—Baptism</p> <p>2-4p—Confirma</p>                |                                                      |                                                                        | <p><u>SIMAS: St. Mary's Altar Society—2nd Tues., 6p</u></p> <p><u>SJAS: St. Joseph's Altar Society—1st Tues., 6:30p</u></p> <p><u>SVDP: St Vincent de Paul 4th Tues., 3:30p, SM Hall</u></p>                                | <p><u>SIMMC: SM Men's Club—3rd Tuesday, 6:30p, SM Hall</u></p> <p><u>Stitch N Sisters: Every Wednesday, SJ Hall, 9:30a-2p</u></p> | <p><u>Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Saturdays: 5:00pm—St. Mary's Sundays</u></p> <p>7:30am—St. Joseph's</p> <p>7:30, 8:45, 10:00 &amp; 11:30am—St. Mary's</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |