

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

November 2022



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



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 Fougerson 936-870-5102

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Jim & Mary Barnette 936-851-0155

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281-467-0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Rita Swonke 713-557-5817

Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936-661-6662

Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713-344-6001

Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936-894-2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

Extraordinary Ministers —

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713-824-8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

GriefShare/S.A.L.T. Ministry

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

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

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Music/Wedding Director

Sue Langston 979-268-6886

Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936-894-2512

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Don Picard 936-697-0195

Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281-813-5355

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

Bob Daves 832-205-2791

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936-206-0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help. 936-894-2362)

Bob Daves 832-205-2791

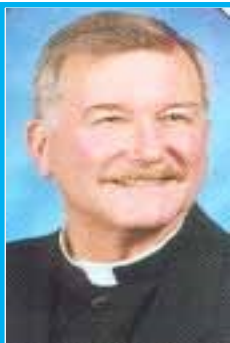
Write for Life

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 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 would like to 'ditto' Bill Jones' article [found in this month's bulletin) on the importance of volunteers in every society, every nation and particularly in the Church. In fact, Christ's call to the disciples was a call to 'volunteer' and be His co-workers in spreading the Good News. From the earliest Church, disciples responded to the Gospel call to come forward and be His light in the world. In doing so, those disciples became a family devoted to the Lord and to each other. Others looking in remarked, "See how they love one another". That statement can also be translated, "See how they pray together, live together and work together. I want what they have!". That activity so freely entered into and enjoyed was the hallmark of the Early Church. I sincerely believe that spirit of volunteering, coming forward and working shoulder-to-shoulder is still our hallmark as a Universal Church and, especially evident and operating here in our parish communities of St. Mary and St. Joseph.

Bill outlines the many benefits of volunteering to the individual and to the community or cause. He puts forth very well the value and the rewards of volunteering. Without volunteers, so much of what needs to be done in the world, our nation, civic community and parish would be left undone. To put it another way...We'd all be up a creek! As pastor...and I think I can speak not only for myself but for all priests...there is another very valuable factor in volunteering in the parish that might not, at first, be evident. A pastor has a difficult time meeting and interacting with his flock. The handshake after Mass is sincerely an expression of each other's gratitude for being together at Mass. I find my purpose and energy celebrating the Eucharist with you and having those moments of saying 'Hello' personally after Mass and, sometimes even having a short conversation about something going on in your life. Unless we have an occasion such as a wedding or funeral, our getting acquainted is limited. I'm always open to coming to your home, relaxing and enjoying a good meal [I don't cook] but there are only so many days/weeks/months and quite a few of ya'll. Not to mention the other demands on my time.

I can honestly say that I look forward to the times when an event or project comes up and I can rub shoulders with you and, in doing so, get to know you on another level. Yes, I know I'll always be pastor and you parishioner but, in that interaction, we also become more...I put names to faces...wives with husbands...children with parents...even grandparents with grandchildren and, as time goes on, ...friends. I look forward to those occasions. I also think that for children to see their parents involved in church activities roots them in the Church. Church becomes more than just a Sunday-going-to-church and becomes truly a faith home where Jesus' family works together. Volunteering also impresses on the youth that it's praying and *working* together that truly makes us disciples. I think it's also a great opportunity for kids to see the priest/pastor off the altar and not in all those robes! .. lol. I recognize and sympathize with the many extracurricular activities that kids have these days and how you parents and grandparents are stretched to the limit at times. However, as busy as my parents were working to keep body and soul together, we kids knew what was important by how they managed their time and our time: church was definitely important. When I was scheduled for 5:30am Mass for a week...Mon-Sat...I was there...sometimes kicking and unhappy...but there. It was important and I volunteered to be a server.

I also realize a lot of us are getting up there in age and may not be moving as sprightly as we used to. As I would tell my mom [who died at 95], no one retires in serving the Lord. There's always something we can do...or something that will be found we can do. It's remarkable the sense of accomplishment that is felt when done, not to mention what getting out of the house and a little exercise can do.

We have so many opportunities to volunteer and be servants of the Lord in prayer and in the work we do in His name. As I'm writing this, I'm thinking of the upcoming Rummage Sale on November 5th. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off...setting it up...working the day...helping the shoppers...and at the same time, getting to meet other parishioners and know the ones you see and know .. to know 'em better. I am also inspired this moment to extend an invitation to those at St. Joseph who might hear Christ calling to come over and volunteer at St. Mary's Rummage Sale. Yes, it's St. Mary's Rummage Sale but what a wonderful way to witness to our oneness in Christ and a great way to get to know members of each other's communities.

Well, you've had a lot in this bulletin about how important it is that you see yourself as a disciple of Christ, a volunteer in His service and about how important it is to our parish family that each of us works together in the many ministries and activities that lie before us and need us. A lot to think about.

SCRIPTURAL EVANGELIZERS

MARY BRINGS CHRIST TO THE WORLD.....LUKE 1-2

JOHN THE BAPTIZER POINTS OUT JESUS TO CROWD AT JORDAN.....JOHN 1.35-37

ANDREW INTRODUCES PETER TO JESUS.....JOHN 1.40-42

ANDREW INTRODUCES BOY WITH BREAD AND FISH TO JESUS.....JOHN 6.8-9

ANDREW INTRODUCES SOME GREEK BELIEVERS TO JESUS.....JOHN 12.21-22

PHILIP INTRODUCES NATHANIEL TO JESUS.....JOHN 1. 44-48

SAMARITAN WOMAN TELLS TOWNS PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS.....JOHN 4.28-30

PEOPLE BRING PARALYZED MAN TO JESUS THROUGH ROOF.....MARK 2.1-12

MARY MAGDALENE TELLS PETER AND JOHN ABOUT EMPTY TOMB.....JOHN 20.2

WE ARE EVANGELIZERS BRINGING OTHERS TO CHRIST.
HE IS INVITING US TO REJOICE THAT HE HAS CALLED US TO DO JUST THAT.
WE RESPOND BY VOLUNTEERING TO DO THAT AS BEST WE CAN.

Our problem is how to live what we pray,
How to make our lives a daily commentary on our prayer book,
How to live what we promise,
How to keep faith with the vision we pronounce.

Abraham Joshua Heschel



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Pope's Intention: For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Jeffrey Anderson, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Holly Gilstrap, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Ruth Kolek, Angeline Kotch, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Carmen Mock Ferraro, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Mary Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkowiak



Names on the prayer list will be removed after two months.

If you want a loved one to remain on the list please contact the parish office.



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday
November 16th
10:00am-noon
&
5:00-6:00pm

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

Call the office for an appointment
at 936-894-2223

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

No Anointing Mass in November

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First Friday Mass - November 4<sup>th</sup>



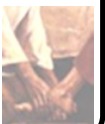
If you are new to our Parish or have been thinking about getting involved with one of our many Church Organizations or Ministries, please refer to the front page of the bulletin. You will find a complete list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up.



**St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

*We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other feet but ours, no other mouth but ours. Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."*

*~Blessed Mother Theresa*





## St. Joseph Mass Intentions November 2022

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                                | <u>Requested by</u>                                    |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Nov. 6  | 7:30am      | Gay Imhoff/Virginia Carver<br>John & Mary Lebech | Joette Jochen/Jacade Isbell<br>Dorothy Pasket          |
| Sun., Nov. 13 | 7:30am      | (Genevieve Kuta)<br>Louis Pavloch                | Anonymous<br>Leonard Busa                              |
| Sun., Nov. 20 | 7:30am      | Ramona Langley<br>Yvonne Wirzberg                | Joette Jochen/Jacade Isbell<br>Edmond & Peggy Sullivan |
| Sun., Nov. 27 | 7:30am      | Billy & Alan Hyman<br>Frank Tepera               | Tom & Kaky Wetuski<br>George & Janie Wishkoski         |



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

**\*Cynthia Smith:** wife of Mike and daughter of Jerry and Martha Vickery, who passed away on Saturday, October 8, whose funeral mass was on Wednesday, October 12 @ 10:30am at St. Joseph.

**\*Bernard Higgins:** who passed away on Thursday, October 6, whose funeral mass was on Tuesday, October 11 @ 10:30am at St. Mary.

**\*Patricia "Tricia" Dobyanski:** sister of David Dobyanski, who passed away on Monday, October 10, whose funeral mass was on Tuesday, October 18 @ 10:30am at St. Stanislaus in Anderson, TX.



## Israel Trip with Fr. Ed

**Come see the SCRIPTURES  
COME TO LIFE !!!  
The trip is set for  
Feb. 4-14, 2023**

**Please email Cecilia Maddox to be placed on the waitlist or with any questions at Maddoxrc5@gmail.com. You may also call or text at (210) 383-8079.**

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| <u>Date</u>    | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                          | <u>Requested by</u>                        |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Tue., Nov. 1   | 9:00am      | Anna Mae Smith                             | Stanley, Diane, Susie, Linda<br>Massingill |
| Tue., Nov. 1   | 5:30pm      | Arthur & Mary Ann Daliege                  | Darlene Georges                            |
| Wed., Nov. 2   |             | All Saints Day                             |                                            |
| Thur., Nov. 3  | 9:00am      | Gerry Mattern                              | Patricia Bruce                             |
| Fri., Nov. 4   | 9:00am      | (Charles & Lucy Mascarella Family)         | Jackie & Niels Nielson                     |
| Sat., Nov. 5   | 5:00pm      | Bob Riedle                                 | Riedle Family                              |
| Sun., Nov. 6   | 7:30am      | For the People                             | -----                                      |
| Sun., Nov. 6   | 8:45am      | Patty Jones                                | Bill Jones                                 |
| Sun., Nov. 6   | 10:00am     | Terry Gabriel                              | Bill & Gloria Boehm                        |
| Sun., Nov. 6   | 11:30am     | Mary Ellen Lundquist                       | Mary Lynch                                 |
| Mon., Nov. 7   | 9:00am      | Patrick Lacy                               | Rollie & Sharon Lacy                       |
| Tue., Nov. 8   | 9:00am      | Jacob Diehl                                | Thomas & Frances Kowis                     |
| Wed., Nov. 9   | 9:00am      | August Nowak                               | Loretta & Randy Burleigh                   |
| Sat., Nov. 12  | 5:00pm      | Christine Demny                            | Her Family                                 |
| Sat., Nov. 12  | 5:00pm      | Peggy & Dempsey Stinson<br>Stephen Stinson | Margaret Stinson                           |
| Sun., Nov. 13  | 7:30am      | Edward Tedo & Katie Smith                  | Thomas Smith                               |
| Sun., Nov. 13  | 7:30am      | Dolores Hoffart                            | Danny & Linda Massingill                   |
| Sun., Nov. 13  | 8:45am      | For the People                             | -----                                      |
| Sun., Nov. 13  | 10:00am     | Josephine Swonke                           | Mary Grace Mock                            |
| Sun., Nov. 13  | 11:30am     | Frank Mock                                 | Tootsie Mock                               |
| Mon., Nov. 14  | 9:00am      | Jack Siersma                               | Kathy Wallace                              |
| Tue., Nov. 15  | 9:00am      | Adrian Piperi                              | Carole Piperi                              |
| Wed., Nov. 16  | 9:00am      | Amber Hoffart                              | Laveta Malek                               |
| Thur., Nov. 17 | 9:00am      | Joanne Amort & Tracy Winkleman             | Eddie & Diane Delgado                      |
| Sat., Nov. 19  | 5:00pm      | Michael Castleberry                        | Joan Castleberry                           |
| Sun., Nov. 20  | 7:30am      | Janie Legge                                | Johnny Mock                                |
| Sun., Nov. 20  | 8:45am      | Albert Wayne Young                         | Diane & R. Solarezyk                       |
| Sun., Nov. 20  | 10:00am     | For the People                             | -----                                      |
| Sun., Nov. 20  | 11:30am     | (Charles & Lucy Mascarella)                | Jackie & Niels Nielson                     |
| Mon., Nov. 21  | 9:00am      | Gerry Mattern                              | Patricia Bruce                             |
| Tue., Nov. 22  | 9:00am      | Lavail Lott                                | Betty Lott                                 |
| Wed., Nov. 23  | 9:00am      | Kimberly Delgado                           | Eddie & Diane Delgado                      |
| Wed., Nov. 23  | 9:00am      | Annie Demny                                | Denise Durel                               |
| Sat., Nov. 26  | 5:00pm      | Neil Rosenberg                             | Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky                  |
| Sat., Nov. 26  | 5:00pm      | Mary Lebeck                                | Jerry & Martha Vickery                     |
| Sun., Nov. 27  | 7:30am      | For the People                             | -----                                      |
| Sun., Nov. 27  | 8:45am      | Robert & Annie Pfortner<br>Lorraine Wagner | Patrick & Ann Pfortner                     |
| Sun., Nov. 27  | 10:00am     | MaryAnn Daliege                            | Darlene Georges                            |
| Sun., Nov. 27  | 11:30am     | Eddie Upton                                | Upton Family                               |
| Mon., Nov. 28  | 9:00am      | Richard "Ted" Stephen                      | Arlene Stephen                             |
| Tue., Nov. 29  | 9:00am      | Martin & Louise Klein                      | John & Holly Kolodczak                     |
| Wed., Nov. 30  | 9:00am      | Bill Malek                                 | Laveta Malek                               |

One word that came to mind this morning was "Volunteers". Do you realize what an awesome group that is and how large the group is if you were to count all the volunteers on this old earth of ours? Just look at our small country churches and all that the volunteers accomplish; it's amazing! Every ministry, every group and every activity are staffed by volunteers.

Let's just mention a few:

AA, Adult Bible Study, Adult Confirmation, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Art & Environment, Baptism Preparation, CCE, Extraordinary Ministers, Gabriel Project, Grief Share, Guardian Angels, Lectors, Marriage Preparation, Church Greeters, Pro-Life, RCIA, Our Rummage Sale Team, St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Mary's Corner Shop, Men's Club, Stitchin' Sisters, St. Vincent de Paul, Write for Life, Youth Group, Our annual Bazaar, Our Weekly Hospitality in the Hall and the FM 1774 Clean Up Group.

We have visitors from all over that are amazed at the overall scope of our annual bazaar and rummage sale. We constantly hear that they have never seen anything like it before.

We hear a lot of negative stuff on the news channels every day, I just wish the news media could get off the negative and highlight some of the positive.

Maybe if they visited a little church like ours every now and then, they would.

We are so blessed to be a small part of our wonderful community. Thank you for all you do. You make St. Mary and St. Joseph the special places they are.

Bill Jones

### New Church Directory

St. Mary's is looking for a couple of volunteers to coordinate a new church directory. The directory we're looking at is an online directory from "Instant Church Directories". Parishioners will have the ability to go online and update their information, be able to print their directory if they wish, view the directory online and on their cell phone with a mobile app. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call the office at 936-894-2223.

Thank You,

Parish Staff



### Mass times for All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day, Mon., Nov. 1st - 9 am and 5:30pm @ SM

All Souls Day, Tues., Nov. 2nd - 9am and 5:30pm @ the SM Cemetery and 12pm @ the SJ Cemetery



# 2022 Mission Appeal

## Sister Catherine Theodore Uboh, HHCJ

### The Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus

The group assigned to our Parish this year 2022 Mission Appeal is, the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus. **Sister Catherine Theodore Uboh, HHCJ** will be speaking to us from **the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus** on the weekend of November **12/13, 2022**.

The Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus is a Religious Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1931 by a Religious Sister of Charity, Mother Mary Charles Magdalen Walker, RSC, *Servant of God*, in response to many needs of Africa. Today, they have over 900 professed Sisters, ministering in seven countries of Africa - (**Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, Togo and Tanzania**); three countries in Europe (**England, Germany and Italy**); North America (**the United States of America, and Canada**) and in **Grenada** in West Indies.

Their mission focusses this year on Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Cameroon mission where starvation, socio-political wars etc. are going on - to provide rehabilitation, care for the vulnerable people and education for over 205 students with low vision, partial vision and total blindness. They also need funds to: 1) provide fresh water; 2) buy educational materials like print textbooks and instructional materials, Braille machines, Audio materials etc. and 3) For feeding and clothing of the most vulnerable part of the body of Christ. They need our prayers and financial assistance to continue this mission.

Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus as they continue to serve God in humanity. Thank you for your support and God bless you.

*“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal – Albert Pike”*







*Montgomery & Conroe Comprehensive Dental Centers*

*Dr. Timothy E. Gardner, D.D.S.*

ARMED WITH OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, WE ARE OUT TO  
CHANGE LIVES BY OFFERING FREE DENTISTRY TO THE  
VETERANS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR OUR 11TH ANNUAL  
DENTISTRY FOR VETERANS EVENT.

**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022**

**WHERE:**

**MONTGOMERY COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CENTER  
951 LONE STAR PARKWAY IN MONTGOMERY.**

**PRE-SCREENING IS REQUIRED.**

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, PLEASE CALL 936-585-4353 OR 936-539-3636  
TO MAKE A PRE-SCREENING RESERVATION AT EITHER OF OUR OFFICES.  
THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THOSE WHO SHOW PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE.

PROCEDURES INCLUDE: CLEANINGS, INFECTION-RELIEF OF PAIN, FILLINGS,  
ROOT CANALS, CROWNS AND EXTRACTIONS.



**A gentle reminder from the St. Mary's Cemetery Association**

**Please do not place breakable items such as glass, vases, statues,  
or other items on the ground.**

**These become a danger to our grounds keeping crew.**

## Altar Servers Needed!

We're looking for dedicated  
Young parishioners to be  
Altar Servers.

**Note:** All Altar Servers must have  
received First Communion.

Please contact Steve Twining at  
stevetwining88@gmail.com or at  
713-344-6001 for more information



## Please visit:

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

## For November's Liturgical Readings



## UPCOMING SECOND/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

\*Nov. 6: Retirement Fund for  
Religious (Priests)

\*Nov. 13: Music Ministry  
Appreciation

\*Nov. 20: Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development



*Please pray*  
*for all of our*  
*men & women*  
*in the military.*



The Empty Tomb,  
Church of The Holy Sepulchre

You are invited to join  
Fr. Paul Lockey on an 11-day



## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

December 5-15, 2022

The itinerary includes visits to  
Akko, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth,  
Magdala, Mt. Tabor, Jericho,  
Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ein Karem,  
and Emmaus. Pilgrims will have  
the opportunity to worship God  
in holy places providing graces  
to return home transformed!

Peter's Way Tours

To request a brochure  
call 516-605-1551  
or email [peter@petersway.com](mailto:peter@petersway.com)  
(Ask for tour code 9791)

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Altar Society Meeting -**  
**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm**

Anyone who is not currently a member of the Altar Society, but would like to be, please plan on attending.

### **NOVEMBER ALTAR CARE:**

Mary Gorney & Cecie Kobza

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

Nov. 6: Michele Wetuski

Nov. 13: Debbie Williams & Barbara Fougeron

Nov. 20: Lorraine Seigle

Nov. 27: Nance Shaw



The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of All Saints Day & Thursday/Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday

**No Mass on Thursday,**  
**November 24th**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

### **AA MEETINGS:**

**Every Monday evening**  
**@ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's**  
**Kelly House.**



### **ALL THINGS RUMMAGE**

#### **Rummage News**

**\*October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 4<sup>th</sup>** is set-up week.

Show up to the church grounds and someone will help you find a job. Everything must be organized and arranged for display. Lots of workers are needed.

**\*CALLING EVERYONE: VOLUNTEER** on the day of the Rummage Sale, Saturday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Work all day or for just a few hours.

Sign up after Masses with a rummage sale volunteer or use this QR Code:



### **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 walkers, bedside commodes,**  
**& various other items available.**



## ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

The Guardian Angels is NOT having a meeting in November.

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**GAME DAY** will be Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Hall. Entrée provided, please bring a side dish. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

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The Domino Group will play every Tuesday except November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center

*Remember to bring a dish to share with everyone*



### MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

February 16-19, 2023

All St. Mary/ St. Joseph men (18 and older) are invited to spend time with fellow parishioners for a three-day retreat at the St. Agnes Retreat Center in Waller, Texas. Spend time deepening your FAITH, re-centering your FOCUS on what's really important in life...and most importantly, growing in your relationship with JESUS. For more information, contact Mike Fortunato [m\\_j\\_fortunato@yahoo.com](mailto:m_j_fortunato@yahoo.com)

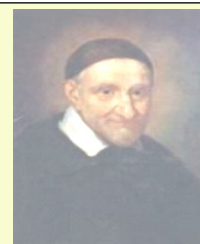
## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### NEXT MEETING:

Mass at 5:00pm with meeting to follow, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in SM Hall

*Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference welcomes new members.*

*If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President: Bob Daves at 832.205.2791.*



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Reflection: "Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, I tell you it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Matthew 19:23-24

For assistance, call:

(936) 894.2362





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 quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's 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 the 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.

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP



The SUNDAY FUNDAY ministry is expanding!

Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am on the following dates in November: Friday, Nov. 11th and 18th

Need more information? Contact Wanda O'Brien at jobrien911@consolidated.net



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

Pregnant and need maternity clothes? We have a large supply of items.

Please phone to set up a time to come and pick out what you need.

Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful! Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.

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

Urn prices are: Brass Box \$100; Brushed Brass Vase \$140.



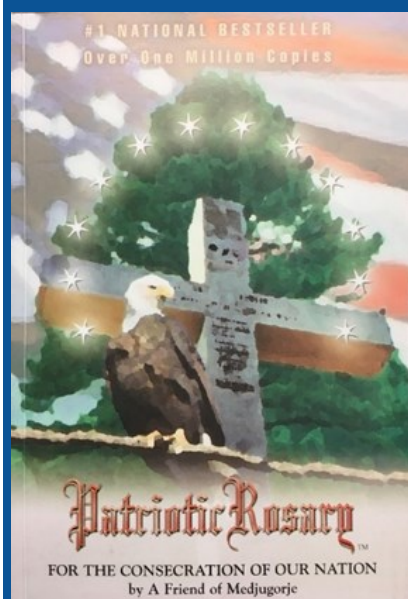
ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The St. Mary Men's Club will be holding their regular meeting in the hall at St. Mary's on **November 15th at 7:00 pm.**

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 participate in our monthly fellowship.

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful" - St. Teresa of Calcutta



Patriotic Rosary

Please join the Knights of Columbus, Council 4054 in praying the Patriotic Rosary on November 6th at 1pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Patriotic Rosary is a powerful prayer for the consecration of our nation.

Booklets will be available for those in attendance to participate in asking for Gods divine protection and mercy for our Nation and its rebirth.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to be a Baptized Catholic? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith? Or have you been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?

RCIA "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process of educational formation and spiritual formation by which adults become full members in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

We invite all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in other faiths and those baptized in the catholic faith that would like to increase their knowledge in Catholicism.

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 dpicard0710@gmail.com or 936-697-0195



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society for our
November meeting on:

Tuesday, November 8th
at 12pm in SM Hall

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Meeting hostesses:
Sherry Henderson & Lynn Logan

NOVEMBER ALTAR CARE:
Mary Ann Flannery and Nita Leschinger

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WOMEN'S CENTER is a parish supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women/families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

We appreciate your support for the Women Center. To help them prepare for colder weather, the Women Center is in need of sweaters, jackets, and socks in medium, large and extra-large sizes for women. These clothing items can be new or gently used.

The number of clients at the shelter fluctuates and they need to be prepared to care for those who are in need.

Please place your donations in the baskets provided.

For more information about the Women's Center go to <https://mcwctx.org>



The Corner Shoppe

The Corner Shoppe is getting ready for the new Liturgical Year which starts with the season of Advent on **Sunday, November 27.**



Brand new Sunday missals will be arriving in The Corner Shoppe soon.



There is also a supply of **Advent Wreaths and Candles.**

Consider Shopping at The Corner Shoppe this month.



The Corner Shoppe is now open on **Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm.**

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



Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



CCE November Events

CCE Calendar

November 9	Wednesday CCE 7:00—8:00 pm
November 13	Sunday CCE 10:00—11:00 am
November 16	Wednesday CCE 7:00—8:00 pm

Visit the Religious Education website page:
<http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>
 Contact the Religious Education Office-
 by phone: 936-894-2223
 or by email: smsjcce@gmail.com

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.

If you are interested in celebrating the
 Sacrament of Confirmation in
 January 2023, preparation
 sessions begin in October
 2022 and will conclude by
 Christmas.

For more information,
 email Sharon Skeans at
Skeans@consolidated.net.



Baptisms:



Infant baptism through age 6.

Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and are usually on Saturday mornings.

Parents must take a preparation class beforehand. Our program currently consists of an online course followed by one in-person session. Godparents are asked to attend this session as well.

Information and a link to the registration form can be found on our webpage at this address:
<http://smsj.org/baptism/> once you have completed the online course please forward your certificate of completion.

We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate. This may be uploaded to the registration form in the spot provided. You may also send it as an attachment to this email address: smsjbaptism@gmail.com

Age 6 and over:

The preparation for these children is facilitated through the CCE program. For registration information visit the CCE webpage: <https://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>
 For more information contact: Cheryl Schratwieser – smsjcce@gmail.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE

C.C.E.: The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: smsjcce@gmail.com.

GriefShare



**In Our times of deepest needs, the Tenderness & Grace
of Christ is a refuge like no other,
He alone understands our sorrows and draws near in
Love to wipe away our tears.**

**Come join us any time for our GriefShare Sessions
Wednesday 10-12:00 pm at the Kelly House**

Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Let us share with You ways to get through the Holiday season after losing a Loved One
Sunday November 13, 2022 2-4:30 pm at the Kelly House
Hope to see you there!



For more information please contact Mary Marshall (281-356-2497)



S.A.L.T. Ministry

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

Thank You to all the Parishioner's that helped us collect toilet paper rolls to assist Live Oak Senior Center Christmas Project. With our help they have exceeded their goals.

Mark your calendar:

- *November 11 Friday, Pizza & Movie at the Family Life Center 11:30am-3pm
We will be watching the movie "Shack". A heart warming & enlightening movie.
(RSVP with Mary 281-356-2497 by 11/9) Come join us for a relaxing afternoon.
- *December 2 Friday, Jingle Mingle Christmas Bash at the Parish Hall 4-7 pm.
A Celebration of Joy, Cheer, Fun and Fellowship. (More information to come)

Watch Flocknotes for additional activities in Nov. & Dec.

Unveiling of the Memory Board Shadow Box will be on November 1, All Saint's Day. The Memory Board Shadow Box will display pictures of our loved ones that passed on to be with Our Lord. It will be located across from The Corner Shoppe in the foyer of the Parish Hall. Please stop by & take a look.

We would like to Thank, Frank Horwath, Joanna Montgomery and Michelle & Joe Schromofsky for their vision, passion & all the hard work they put into this project to visually display pictures of our parishioners that have passed on with our parish family.

Support Your Local Parishioners

Auto Repair Services

ToyoMasters Auto Repair
Toyota/ Lexus Expert
Mark Strong
Phone: (936)701-5236

Poton Automotive
Gary Ponton
Phone: (936)894-3409

Bakery/ Sweets

Sonia's Sweet Side
Decorated Sugar Cookies
Sonia Drabek
Phone: (979)739-4551

Dental Services

Montgomery & Conroe
Comprehensive Dental Centers
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

Food/Grub

Old Oak Taphouse
17527 Highway 105 E
Plantersville
Dog & Family Friendly
440.281.0354

Interior Design

Designed Interiors
by Terri
Terri Furce
(936)718-5002

Misc. Services

Saddle Fitting by Denise
Dressage, Jumping,
and Polo Saddles
Denise Waszak
Phone: (240)315-4575

KWM Services
Roll-off Dumpster Rental
& Pasture Mowing
Kenny & Suzie Mock
Phone: (936)232-3757
or (936)760-5379

Moon Light Venue
(Max 200 People)
Brenda Martinez
(936)777-9720

Rafter R Ranch
Services and Barn
Building
Rusty & James
Maddox
(210)844-3844

Rocky Creek Metal
and Art
Facepainting by
Sherry
(936)524-3879
Metal Work by Frank
(936)524-7999

Medicare Specialist
Broker
Russell Ross
(214)458-6027

Plumbing Services

Willburn Plumbing
Robert Willburn
Master Plumber
Phone: (832)294-3399

Real Estate

BCS Properties
Barbara Shrader (Broker)
Phone: (936)443-6320

Carswell Real Estate Co. Inc.
Joann Kaminski Kutac
Phone: (281)799-6019

Strong Real Estate Co.
Tracy Strong
Phone: (936)718-8766

Realty Associates
Sherry Henderson, GRI
Broker Associate
(713)306-4719

Tametric Realty
Eric Gensheimer (Broker)
Tammy Gensheimer (Agent)
Phone: (713)416-5280
or (281)844-2534

Tailored by Design Realty
Team by United RE
Cecilia Maddox
(210)383-8079

Texas Patriot Realty
Todd Ubanoski
(713)304-8827

The Bric Group
Brittany Gutierrez
(469)371-9478

Roofing Services

Territo Roofing
Paul Territo
Phone: (281)356-5124

Veterinarians & Boarding Services

Animal Hospital of Montgomery & The Lodge Luxury Boarding Retreat
Veterinary Hospital & Pet Boarding,
Grooming & Day Care Facility
Joey L. Romero D.V.M. and Mandy Romero
Phone: (936)582-1555

South Central Veterinary Services
Veterinary and Boarding Services
John L. Walla, DVM
(936)870-4033

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)
(SM) 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		*9am – Mass *5:30pm – Mass *6:30pm – SJ Altar Society Mtg – SJ Hall	*9am – Mass – SM Cemetery 12 noon – Mass – SJ Cemetery *5:30pm – Mass – SM Cemetery *10am –GriefShare – Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm Choir Practice	*9am - Mass	*9am – 1 st Friday Mass	*5pm – Mass *Special Collection – Priests Retirement Fund
		ALL SAINTS DAY				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
*Regular Mass Schedule *Special Collection – Priests Retirement Fund *1pm Patriotic Rosary KofC—SM Church	*9am – Mass *8pm – AA Mtg Kelly House	*9am – Mass *No Guardian Angels Meeting *11am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *12 Noon – SM Altar Society – SM Hall	*9am - Mass *10am –GriefShare – Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm Choir Practice *7:00pm – CCE	*No Mass	*No Mass	*5pm – Mass *Mission Appeal – The Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
*Regular Mass Schedule *10-11am – Sunday CCE – FLC *Mission Appeal – The Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus	*9am – Mass *8pm – AA Mtg Kelly House	*9am – Mass *11am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen *6:30pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall	*9am - Mass *10am – noon & 5-6pm - Confessions *10am –GriefShare – Kelly House *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm Choir Practice *7:00pm – CCE	*9am - Mass	*No Mass	*5pm – Mass *Special Collection – Catholic Campaign for Human Development
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
*Regular Mass Schedule *Special Collection – Catholic Campaign for Human Development	*9am – Mass *8pm – AA Mtg Kelly House	*9am – Mass *11am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen	*9am - Mass *No GriefShare *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm Choir Practice	* Happy Thanksgiving *No Mass	*No Mass	*5pm - Mass
27	28	29	30			
*Regular Mass Schedule	*9am – Mass *8pm – AA Mtg Kelly House	*9am – Mass *11am – Domino Club – FLC Kitchen	*9am - Mass *9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall *6:30pm Choir Practice			

ST. MARY'S GIGANTIC ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022—7 AM-4 PM

*****CLOSED FROM 1:30—2:00PM FOR WORKERS' LUNCH BREAK*****

CHURCH GROUNDS, 8227 CR 205, PLANTERSVILLE, TX



**Early Bird Shoppers: \$5.00 cash admission between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.
No Charge after 9:00 a.m.**

Bargains Galore—Something for Everyone!

Make your dollar stretch and join us for perhaps the largest Rummage Sale in Grimes & Montgomery Counties. Over 1000 families contributed items during the past year. We have good clean clothing, shoes and handbags (even designer labels), linens, crafts, appliances, kitchenware, home decor, Christmas decor, furniture, electronics, toys, sporting goods, books, collectibles, jewelry, china, crystal, silver & much more.

Food & soft drinks can be purchased at our concession stand.
CASH, LOCAL CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

For more info, call the office at 936-894-2223