

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

February 2023



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 Fougeron 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

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Extraordinary Ministers -

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713-824-8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

GriefShare 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

Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936-777-9720

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

S.A.L.T. Ministry – Singles, Divorced,

Widows & Widowers

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

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

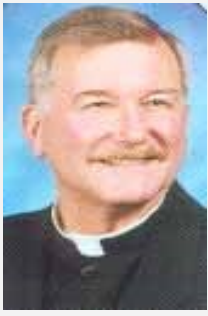
Write for Life

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...

Fr. Ed will return from the Holy Land with a fresh WORD for the flock.
In the meantime here is a prayer to contemplate.

BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD OUR GOD, WHO HEALS US WITH FORGIVENESS

With a healed and happy heart,
we proclaim our thanksgiving to You,
God of Compassion and Great Kindness.

We rejoice in Your absolution of our failings
and in the fact that You call us
to forgive each other daily
with the sacrament of understanding,
for in that mutual forgiveness,
we experience Your divine grace.

We are grateful for those persons in our lives
who have allowed us to be reconciled
after we have become separated from them
through selfishness and thoughtlessness.

For the numerous experiences of absolution in our past lives,
for the lifting of the burden of guilt,
we are thankful.

We are most grateful as well, Loving God,
for the gift of Your Son, Jesus,
who calls us to lives of compassion,
He, by His life, gave us an example
of how we are to love those who harm us
and forgive those who injure us
when He asked You, His Father,
to forgive those who had led Him to suffer
and die on a cross.

Teach us, Lord,
how to forgive ourselves
and to be patient with the slowness
of our growth in holiness.

Able to forgive ourselves,
we shall be more eager and able to forgive others
according to your divine pattern.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,
who heals us with forgiveness.

Amen+

DSF 2023

The Archdiocese is kicking off DSF 2023 the weekend of February 4th & 5th; St. Mary's and St. Joseph's will be kicking our campaigns off the weekend of February 25th and 26th. This year's campaign funds will be allocated as follows: Teaching, Evangelizing & Worship (30%), Nurturing & Strengthening Families (24%), Promoting, Preparing & supporting the Clergy (20%), Ministering to the Poor, the Sick and the Incarcerated (15%) and Re-bates to the Parishes (11%). We are asked to be as generous as possible to help support these very worthwhile ministries. Please return your DSF envelope to St. Mary's so we can make sure it will be credited to the correct St. Mary's Church.

The calculated goal for St. Mary's is \$149,500.00 but Cardinal DiNardo has approved a goal of \$100,000.00; the calculated goal for St. Joseph's is \$11,300.00 but Cardinal DiNardo has approved a goal of \$11,000.00.



A Message from Cardinal DiNardo

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the most frequent questions we receive is “why do we have the Diocesan Services Fund?” The answer is simple – because we are Catholic and we are called to serve one another.

The Diocesan Services Fund allows the Archdiocese of Galveston–Houston to support 64 ministries that no one parish can conduct on its own. Through your support, together we can more fully live out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ by serving the poor, the sick, the homeless, and the forgotten; we can educate future generations of faithful and flourishing Catholics through our schools; we can prepare our seminarians for the priesthood and support our clergy as they ministry to the 1.7 million Catholics in the Archdiocese; and we can help to nurture holy families that bring the love of God into each of our homes and our communities.

God, who is truly the strength of our hearts, calls us through His son Jesus to love and serve joyfully. The Diocesan Services Fund allows us, as Catholic Christians, to joyfully fulfill that call and to show a true love of neighbor through service and prayer.

I invite you to join me in supporting the Diocesan Services Fund and helping our local Church continue to live out our faith in an authentic and inspiring way.



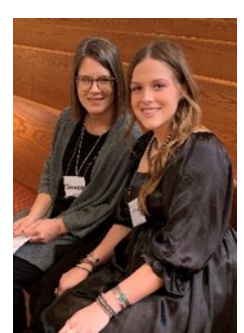
***Be sealed with the
gifts of the Holy Spirit:***

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel,
Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety &
Fear of the Lord



The parishioners of St. Mary/ St. Joseph welcome **Selene Almazan, Isabel Avila, Joe Baker, Lucero Nunez, Charles Strong, and Parker Wilson** into full communion with the universal Roman Catholic Church. On Sunday, January 8, 2023, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, they joined 160 other adults at this regional site for celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Additional celebrations were also held that day at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Houston), St. Angela Merici (Missouri City), and St. Martha (Kingwood). Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell 'Oro served as presider for this liturgy. These adults completed the archdiocesan preparation sessions during the fall of 2022.

Confirmation sponsors included: Elsa Olivia Nunez for Selene, Yendy Villa Murad for Isabel, Stan Haydel for Joe, Martha Hernandez for Lucero, Mark Strong for Charles, and Linda Lara for Parker. As fully initiated Catholics, these adults will continue their faith journey as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your prayers!



If you are 18 years or older and have graduated from high school and have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Sharon Skeans at skeans@consolidated.net. Sessions begin again in the fall of 2023.

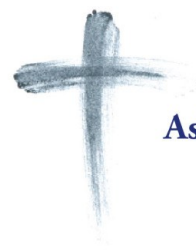
Ash Wednesday Mass Times

February 22, 2023

9:00am - St. Mary

12:15pm - St. Joseph

6:00pm - St. Mary



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pope's Intention: For Parishes

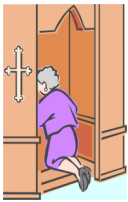
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:



Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Ruth Kolek, Angeline Kotch, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Carmen Mock Ferraro, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Mary Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak

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



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday
February 1st & 15th
10:00am-noon
&
5:00-6:00pm

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

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

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

February 1st 9:00am

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First Friday Mass
February 3rd at 9:00am



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. Joseph Mass Intentions February 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Feb. 5	7:30am	Bill Hyman Andy Smith	Debbie Nordstrom Mary Ann Gurka
Sun., Feb. 12	7:30am	Thomas, Theresa, James, Cory & John Stepanski	Mary Sholler Stepanski & Rice Family
Sun., Feb. 19	7:30am	(Genevieve Kuta) Wm, Frances, Amanda & Jimmy Tomkivits	Anonymous Janet Sunday
Wed., Feb. 22	12:15pm	Rufus Uilkie	Charles & Darlene Konieczny
Sun., Feb. 26	7:30am	Alan Hyman Randy Nicholson	Debbie Nordstrom Susanne & Thomas Nicholson



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

Alice Self: wife of Fred Self, who died Sunday, January 15th whose funeral mass and burial was Saturday, January 21st at St. Mary.

James "Jimmy" Tomkivits: who died Friday, January 13th whose funeral mass and burial was Saturday, January 21st at St. Joseph.

Ray Haydel: brother of Stan and Neen Haydel, who died Sunday, January 15th whose memorial mass will be held on March 16th at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Casper, WY

Michael Plessala: brother-in-law of Elizabeth Plessala, who died Sunday, January 21st.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENT 2023



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 7th, 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>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>
February 24	7:00 pm	Fr. Edward C. Kucera
March 3	7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
March 10	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Men's Club
March 17	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Altar Society
March 24	7:00 pm	2023 Confirmation Class
March 31	7:00 pm	SMSJ Altar Servers
April 7	7:00 pm	St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Mary Mass Intentions for February 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Wed., Feb. 1	9:00am	Josefa Lacayo & Guillermina Delgado	Eddie and Diane Delgado
Thur., Feb. 2	9:00am	Robert E. Tarbett	James Tarbett
Fri., Feb. 3	9:00am	Toby Seale	The Family
Sat., Feb. 4	5:00pm	Jack Kearney	Joyce Adams
Sun., Feb. 5	7:30am	Edward Tedo & Katie Smith	Thomas Smith
Sun., Feb. 5	8:45am	Albert Wayne Young	D & R Solarczyk
		Bill Hyman	The Hyman Family
Sun., Feb. 5	10:00am	Josephine Swonke	Suzie Bill
		Robert Kadlubar	Mary Kadlubar
Sun., Feb. 5	11:30am	Anita Hill	The Family
		Bob Card	Patty Card
Wed., Feb. 8	9:00am	Wm Smith Family (living & deceased)	The Family
Sat., Feb. 11	5:00pm	Sammy Blair	Mary Grace Mock
Sun., Feb. 12	7:30am	Luca Giovanello	Margaret & Scott Massenzio
Sun., Feb. 12	8:45am	Bill Malek	Eddie & Diane Delgado
Sun., Feb. 12	10:00am	Terry Gabriel	Bill & Gloria Boehm
Sun., Feb. 12	11:30am	Jessie Ann Barber	Paul & Kathy Magliolo
Wed., Feb. 15	9:00am	Sean Magee	Olive & Nick Cannistra
Thur., Feb. 16	9:00am	Joe & Verna Kaminski	Leonard Busa
		Jim & Mary Winter & Family	Barbara Killius
Sat., Feb. 18	5:00pm	August Nowak	Laretta & Randy Burleigh
Sun., Feb. 19	7:30am	For the People	-----
Sun., Feb. 19	8:45am	Patty Jones	Bill Jones
Sun., Feb. 19	10:00am	Jacob Diehl	Pat & Kathy Magliolo
Sun., Feb. 19	11:30am	(David & Pat Sydlík)	60 th Anniversary
Mon., Feb. 20	9:00am	Gerry Mattern	Patricia Bruce
Tues., Feb. 21	9:00am	George Herzog	Rick & Barbara Herzog
Wed., Feb. 22	9:00am	Marianne Jones	Jim Schwartz
Wed., Feb. 22	6:00pm	Pat Holt	Kayla McCormick & Family
Thur., Feb. 23	9:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Veronica Allen & Roby Whittaker
Sat., Feb. 25	5:00pm	Terry Gabriel	Charlie, Helen & Matt Burzynski
Sun., Feb. 26	7:30am	For the People	-----
Sun., Feb. 26	8:45am	Alan Hyman	The Hyman Family
Sun., Feb. 26	10:00am	Mary Ann Daliege	Darlene Georges
Sun., Feb. 26	11:30am	Buck & Angeline McLaurin-Till	Thomas & Frances Kowis
Mon., Feb. 27	9:00am	Frank Mock	Tootsie Mock
Tues., Feb. 28	9:00am	Lena Upton	Upton Family

HEADS UP-

Thanks to all of the volunteers and the helpers from Randy Kreiger and Joe Imhoff, the pews from the church were removed in record time. A few of us were here on December the 26th unbolting the pews from the floor and we started moving the pews on December the 27th; they were all in the rummage barn by noon that day. Under the guidance of Liz Torres and Fr. Ed the hall was converted into a beautiful facility for our temporary Church. The contractor refinishing the floors was scheduled to move in January the 2nd and was planning on finishing in (8) to (10) days; they finished in (9) days and the floors are beautiful. We plan on starting the installation of the pews on January the 17th. We have a few of the leaded glass windows in the church that need a little face lift and hope to start this in a few weeks.

We're planning on expanding the Family Life Center (FLC) in the near future; the West side will be extended to the West approximately 30' and provide our CCE Program with the additional space they need. The expansion will truly be an asset to St. Mary's. Along with the expansion the restrooms in the FLC will get a "freshing up" and were hoping to repaint the inside of the existing building as well.

Work is proceeding on the renovations to the Church Office; the exterior is being painted, the south wall was replaced with Hardiplank due to a moisture problem, part of the back porch area is converted into a much needed storage room and the wood side porch has been replaced.

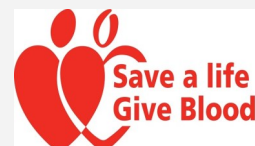
You will soon be seeing the new site signs that will be located around our campus helping direct visitors to the Church, Hall, Family Life Center, etc.

One last thing, we are not accepting donations for the rummage sale at this time. People have been dumping items under the small pavilion and these items will probably wind up being put in the dumpster. Our Rummage Team is taking a much deserved and needed break.

Thank you,
Staff

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

**St. Mary's Men's Club
Blood Drive
Sunday, February 19th**





Time is running out!

Men (18 years +): Is one of your New Year's resolutions to grow closer to Jesus and to deepen your love for our Catholic faith? If so, please consider participating in this Retreat!

The **Men's ACTS Retreat** is Thursday night [February 16] beginning at 5:30 pm and concluding Sunday at 11:30 Mass [February 19]. Applications are available after all Masses in the hall during the month of January OR contact any of the Retreat Team Leaders:

- Mike Fortunato at m_j_fortunato@yahoo.com
- George Morris at georgemorris50@gmail.com
- Greg Pellegrino at gregpellegrino11@gmail.com

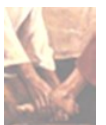
Almost 100 men from St. Mary & St. Joseph have attended this powerful retreat in previous years. Just ask anyone and let them share their experiences!

An **ACTS weekend** is designed to help retreatants enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow parishioners. This goal is accomplished through fellowship and daily prayer (**A**doration); the call to community in our parish as a member of the Body of Christ (**C**ommunity); the study of Scripture and our Catholic faith (**T**heology); and the virtue of service to our Lord, our parish and one another (**S**ervice).

Register NOW and join other adult men to gain a better understanding of God's love for them and to share His love with others by becoming better disciples involved in our faith-centered parish community. |

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. Vincent de Paul Society



The **February 28th** Meeting starts at **3:30pm** in SM Hall followed by Mass or Communion Service, and dinner immediately after.

If you have a calling to serve the poor, please come join us and learn about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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**If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the  
St. Vincent de Paul Society, call: (936) 894.2362**

## ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting  
will be held Tuesday, February 21st.

Social at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm  
Followed by the meeting in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Come join your fellow parishioners and enjoy this time. This is Mardi Gras for us.

## **Knights of Columbus Council 4054**

**Tamales and Super Bowl** - Get ready for some FOOTBALL and TAMALES. Knights will be selling Beef, Pork, and Chicken tamales after masses on **Saturday and Sunday, February 4th & 5th**. Plan ahead for Super Bowl LVII (Sunday, February 12th).

**Cost is \$15 per dozen** (price may vary based on market rates).



## **Lenten Fish Fry**

**February 24th - St. Mary's Catholic  
Church, Plantersville**

**March 10th - St. Joseph's Catholic  
Church, Stoneham**

**\$15**

**Fish  
French Fries  
Cole Slaw  
Mac & Cheese  
Hush Puppies  
Dessert  
Tea**

**Serving starts 5pm**

## **Altar Servers Needed!**

We're looking for dedicated Young parishioners to be Altar Servers at St. Mary's.



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

Please contact Steve Twining at [stevetwining88@gmail.com](mailto:stevetwining88@gmail.com) or at 713-344-6001 for more information.

## **UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- \*Feb. 12: Black and Indian Missions Collections
- \*Feb. 22: Archdiocesan Social Ministries
- \*Feb. 26: DSF Kickoff for St. Mary St. Joseph



## **Annual Screening**

RightWay Imaging will be onsite February 11th & 12th to explain various health screenings available and to schedule appointments. The actual screening will be scheduled for February 27th and 28th in St. Mary's Hall

## **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.

Friday, Feb. 10  
Friday, Feb. 24

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Altar Society Meeting -**  
**Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm**

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

### **FEBRUARY ALTAR CARE:**

**Judy Noski & Mary Ann Waters**

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

**Feb. 5: Dianne Phillips**

**Feb. 12: Marcy Pavlock & Rhonda Sechelski**

**Feb. 19: Judy Noski & Mary Ann Waters**

**Feb. 26: Judy Noski & Mary Ann Waters**

## **AA MEETINGS:**

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



## **St. Mary's Cemetery Association**

Please do not place glass vases, ceramic figurines, or wind chimes on the graves. These pose a danger to the crew who mow the cemetery.

***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.**



## **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 February.

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**BINGO** will be Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00am - 2:00pm 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 in the Family Life Center**

*Remember to bring a dish to share with everyone*



**Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center**  
Houston, TX

## Holy Name Passionist Women's Retreat

In this unsettled world today, where do we find peace and allow it to inspire our society across generational lines?

Christ extends a special invitation for you to spend time at a place "where miracles happen". The theme for this year is Rise up in Christ's Love: Generations in Action. Think about taking your mother, daughter, nieces, and/or best friends to grow together in holiness.

For more information and to register go to <https://holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-weekend-retreats>

### **Women's Retreat Dates:**

February 24-26, 2023

May 19-21, 2023

June 23-25, 2023

## Celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day

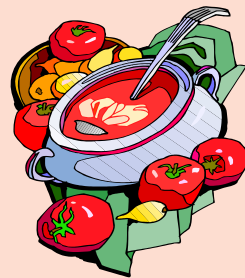
**Thursday, March 16, 2022 @ 6pm**

**St. Joseph Catholic Mission, Stoneham, TX**

Fantastic Beef Stew, wonderful bread & homemade pies

Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.

**ADULTS—\$10.00 & CHILDREN (12 & under) - \$5.00**





## **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.**

## **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.**

***Please visit:***

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

***For February's Liturgical Readings***



## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Tuesday, February 14th  
at 6:00pm in SM Hall

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Meeting hostess:

Rita Swonke

### FEBRUARY ALTAR CARE:

Bonnie Fezatte, Cheryl Hochberger, Pam Poole

## 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.

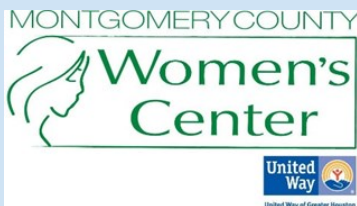
The shelter is in need of the following items:

- Bath Towels
- Twin size bed sheets
- Queen size bed sheets

Please put your donations in the Women's Center baskets in the church and hall.

Thank You from the Women's Center for all your donations.

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



## The Corner Shoppe

LENT begins on Wednesday, February 22!  
Come to The Corner Shoppe to see the books and other items to enrich and deepen your Catholic faith during this important season.



### *FEBRUARY 14 is VALENTINE'S DAY* *Just for her*



We have a variety of beautiful bracelets, necklaces, and other items for the special woman in your life.

### *And...Just for Him*

We also have a variety of jewelry and other special articles for the special man in your life! Come and see!



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**REMINDER: The Corner Shoppe is open every Wednesday from 10:00am until 2:00pm**

## **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)



## Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



### CCE February Events

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| February 8  | Wednesday CCE<br>7:00 - 8:00 pm |
| February 12 | Sunday CCE<br>10:00 - 11:00 am  |
| February 15 | Wednesday CCE<br>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](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:dpicard0710@gmail.com) or 936-697-0195



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com)

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE

C.C.E.: The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com).



## ***GriefShare Ministry***

**“They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before; They are now wherever we are” St. John Chrysostom**



The great and very sad mistake of many people, even among pious souls, is to imagine that those whom death has taken, leave us. They do not leave us; they remain! Where are they? In darkness? No! No! It is we who are in darkness. We do not see them, but they see us. Their eyes, radiant with glory, are fixed upon our eyes full of tears. Oh, infinite consolation! Though invisible to us, our dear dead are not absent. Death has not destroyed or carried them away. They are not even absent, but living near to us, transfigured, having lost no delicacy of their souls, no tenderness of their hearts, nor especial preference in their affection. Death is for the good: translation into light, power and love! Those who, on earth, were ordinary Christians, become perfect; those who were good Christians become sublime.

**If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)  
To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)**

## **S.A.L.T. Ministry**

**Single Adults Living Truth**

**Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks**

**Thank you to all that attended our *Jingle Mingle Christmas Party*. It was a Great Success, lots of members networking and enjoying the yummy food from around the world.**

This Ministry is for Singles, Divorced, Widows & Widowers in our parish and surrounding Communities, that are interested in networking, meeting & making new friends along with visiting with current friends. Attending social, Spiritual & Educational activities and having a desire to give back through Outreach in our community.

If this is **You** come check us out at one of our monthly activities.

### **Upcoming Event:**

**February 11, Saturday: Pizza & Movie, 12:30-4:00 Family Life Center**

We will be watching the movie *The Shack*, "After, a family tragedy the father Mack has a faith crisis and questions God's existence and life's purpose". A heartwarming & enlightening movie. Please RSVP to Mary at 281-781-5916 if you plan on joining us

**Please check FlockNotes for any other activities**

## **2023 St. Mary Men's Club Scholarship**

St. Mary's Men's Club scholarship applications for 2023 are now available in the parish office (see Karen Molina). Applicants must be active members of the parish of St. Mary's, Plantersville/St. Joseph's, Stoneham Catholic Church for a minimum of one year.

This scholarship is for each of the first two years of enrollment at a state-accredited trade school, college or university and is to be used for tuition, school fees, required class books and living expenses directly related to school. Grades are not the major criteria in the award of this scholarship. Rather, emphasis is placed on work ethic, attitude, and need.

Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily.

Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Karen Molina by Thursday, April 13, 2023, by 4:00pm.

**Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications!**



F E B R U A R Y

# 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*

**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**

# February 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                              | Monday                                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                 | Thursday                                            | Friday                                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                               | *9:00am – Anointing Mass<br>*10am – noon & 5pm – 6pm – Confessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall                | *9:00am – Mass                                      | 9:00am – 1st Friday Mass                                                                        | 5:00pm - Mass                                                                                   |
| 5                                                                                                                                   | 6                                                                               | 7                                                                                                                             | 8                                                                                                                         | 9                                                   | 10                                                                                              | 11                                                                                              |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule                                                                                                       | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House                                | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Domino Club - FLC<br>*6:30pm – SJ Altar Society Mtg. – SJ Hall                                   | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall<br>*7:00pm – CCE - FLC                                             | *9:00am – Mass                                      | *No Mass<br>*9:00am - Little Lambs—SM Hall                                                      | *5:00pm – Mass<br>*RightWay Imaging<br>*2nd Collection<br>Black & Indian<br>Missions Collection |
| 12                                                                                                                                  | 13                                                                              | 14                                                                                                                            | 15                                                                                                                        | 16                                                  | 17                                                                                              | 18                                                                                              |
| *Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>RightWay Imaging<br>*10am – CCE - FLC<br>*2nd Collection<br>Black & Indian<br>Missions Collection | *8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House                                                  | *11:00am – Domino Club - FLC<br>*6pm – SM Altar Society Mtg. – SM Hall                                                        | 9:00am – Mass<br>*10am – noon & 5pm – 6pm – Confessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall<br>*7:00pm – CCE -FLC     | *9:00am – Mass<br>*4pm - ACTS Men's Retreat Sendoff | *No Mass<br>Men's ACTS Retreat                                                                  | 5:00pm – Mass<br>Men's ACTS Retreat                                                             |
| 19                                                                                                                                  | 20                                                                              | 21                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                                                        | 23                                                  | 24                                                                                              | 25                                                                                              |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>Men's ACTS Retreat                                                                                 | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House                                | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Domino Club – FLC<br>*10:00am – BINGO – SM Hall<br>*6pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Mtg             | <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>*9am – Mass @ SM<br>*12:15pm – Mass @ SJ<br>*6:00pm – Mass @ SM<br>Archdiocesan Social Ministries | *9:00am – Mass                                      | *9:00am—Little Lambs—SM Hall<br>*5:00pm-KofC - Fish Fry @ SM<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross | 5:00pm – Mass<br>*DSF Kickoff for SM & SJ                                                       |
| 26                                                                                                                                  | 27                                                                              | 28                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>*DSF Kickoff for SM & SJ                                                                           | *9:00am – Mass<br>*RightWay Imaging - SM Hall<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House | *9:00am – Mass<br>*RightWay Imaging – SM Hall<br>*11:00am – Domino Club - FLC<br>*3:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – SM Hall |                                                                                                                           |                                                     |                                                                                                 |                                                                                                 |