

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

March 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

Betty Hollas 713-419-6106

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

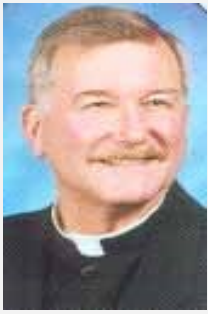
Bob Dean 936-582-6314

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...



No WORDS this month. Fr. Ed's printer has taken a break.



**BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD OUR GOD,
WHO GIVES TO US NOURISHMENT
IN TIMES OF SILENCE AND SOLITUDE**

From uplifted hearts, hearts full of gratitude,
may this prayer of thanksgiving rise to You,
God of All Gifts and of Great Generosity.

We are thankful for times of stillness
which allow us to listen
to that holy river of prayer
flowing in the heart;
for the presence
of Your Holy Spirit within,
the Spirit who prays continuously.

These times of quiet heal us, within and without,
replenish our spirit with new strength
and prepare us to meet the constant struggle of daily life
with renewed hope and joy.

Like Your Son, Jesus,
who climbed mountains at night,
who retreated deep into the desert
to find You in stillness.
may we,
after this silent-solitary communion with You,
allow our lives to reveal
Your Glory and grace.

Lord, may the seeds of the tree of stillness
bear fruit for us
and for all the restless world.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,
who gives to us nourishment
in times of silence and solitude.

Amen+

DSF 2023

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/St. Joseph so we can ensure it will be credited to the correct St. Mary/St. Joseph Parish.

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.



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Pope's Intention: For victims of abuse

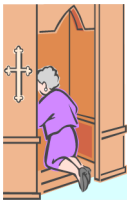
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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
March 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

March 1st 9:00am

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**First Friday Mass**  
**March 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 March 2023

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                                                              | <u>Requested by</u>                                      |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Mar. 5  | 7:30am      | Irene Mattern<br>Frances Tomkivits                                             | Tom & Kaky Wetuski<br>William & Mary Gorney              |
| Sun., Mar. 12 | 7:30am      | Thomas, Theresa, James,<br>Cory & John Stepanski<br>JB Langley & Amelia Imhoff | Mary Shollar/ Stepanski & Rice Families<br>Imhoff Family |
| Sun., Mar. 19 | 7:30am      | Frank Tepera<br>Jeff Wetuski                                                   | Erin McGinity<br>The Wetuski Family                      |
| Sun., Mar. 26 | 7:30am      | Thomas Diehl, Sr.<br>Frances Imhoff King                                       | Clara Fridye/Wm & Mary Gorney<br>George Wishkoski        |



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

**Neil Garvis:** son of Deacon David & Janice Garvis, who died Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, whose funeral mass and interment was Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.

**Ralph George Ballard:** husband of the late Patricia Ballard, who died Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, whose burial will be on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in the St. Mary's Cemetery.



## **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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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>                                                        |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 3     | 7:00 pm     | St. Vincent de Paul: Stations of the Cross for a Wounded World       |
| March 10    | 7:00 pm     | St. Mary's Men's Club: Scriptural Stations of the Cross              |
| March 17    | 7:00 pm     | St. Mary's Altar Society: Mary's Way                                 |
| March 24    | 7:00 pm     | 2023 Confirmation Class: Reflections of Jesus' Journey to the Cross  |
| March 31    | 7:00 pm     | SMSJ Altar Servers: The Way of the Cross Through the Eyes of a Child |
| April 7     | 7:00 pm     | St. Joseph's Catholic Church: Good Friday Stations of the Cross      |



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|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Wed., Mar. 1    | 9:00am      | Amber Hoffart                                                     | Laveta Malek                                    |
| Thur., Mar. 2   | 9:00am      | Joseph Barbossa<br>& Carmela Barbossa                             | Ethel Barbossa                                  |
| Fri., Mar. 3    | 9:00am      | Richard "Ted" Stephen                                             | Arlene Stephen                                  |
| Sat., Mar. 4    | 5:00pm      | Bill Malek<br>Cindy Smith                                         | Paul & Kathy Magliolo<br>Jerry & Martha Vickery |
| Sun., Mar. 5    | 7:30am      | Janie Legge                                                       | John Mock                                       |
| Sun., Mar. 5    | 8:45am      | Tasha Bienski<br>& Marilyn Hays                                   | David & Pat Sydlik                              |
| Sun., Mar. 5    | 10:00am     | Wayne Young                                                       | Mary Grace Mock                                 |
| Sun., Mar. 5    | 11:30am     | Frank, Mary, Anthony Tarselli                                     | Ethel Barbossa                                  |
| Mon., Mar. 6    | 9:00am      | Cherry Smock                                                      | Jeanne S & Francisco Cabrera                    |
| Tues., Mar. 7   | 9:00am      | Don Cobena                                                        | Elaine Collings                                 |
| Wed., Mar. 8    | 9:00am      | Jacob Diehl                                                       | Atkinson Family                                 |
| Thur., Mar. 9   | 9:00am      | Dan, Edna, Billy Heintz                                           | Tommy Heintz                                    |
| Sat., Mar. 11   | 5:00pm      | Joe Swonke & Barbara Swonke                                       | Charles & Rita Swonke                           |
| Sun., Mar. 12   | 7:30am      | Louis Lebeck                                                      | Jerry & Martha Vickery                          |
| Sun., Mar. 12   | 8:45am      | Sam Blair<br>Bill Parsons                                         | Blair Family<br>Pattie Huey                     |
| Sun, Mar. 12    | 10:00am     | Anita Hill<br>Robert Kadlubar                                     | Betty Lott<br>Mary Kadlubar                     |
| Sun., Mar. 12   | 11:30am     | Mary Ellen Lindquist                                              | Mary Lynch                                      |
| Mon., Mar. 13   | 9:00am      | Pat Holt                                                          | Kayla McCormick & Family                        |
| Tues., Mar. 14  | 9:00am      | Bob Riedle                                                        | Mary & Susan Riedle                             |
| Wed., Mar. 15   | 9:00am      | Ernesto Lucas                                                     | Martha S. Lucas & Family                        |
| Thur., Mar. 16  | 9:00am      | William "Bill" Hock<br>& Denise Hock                              | Sharon Hock                                     |
| Sat., Mar. 18   | 5:00pm      | Kim Delgado & Arturo Delgado                                      | Eddie & Dianne Delgado                          |
| Sun., Mar. 19   | 7:30am      | For the People                                                    | -----                                           |
| Sun., Mar. 19   | 8:45am      | Joe & Verna Kaminski                                              | Kaminski Family                                 |
| Sun., Mar. 19   | 10:00am     | Manuel Bustillo                                                   | Cheryl Williams                                 |
| Sun., Mar. 19   | 11:30am     | Terry Gabriel                                                     | Buster & Marti Orlando                          |
| Mon., Mar. 20   | 9:00am      | Neil Rosenberg                                                    | Charles & Rita Swonke                           |
| Tues., Mar. 21  | 9:00am      | Eddie Upton                                                       | Upton Family                                    |
| Wed., Mar. 22   | 9:00am      | Dolores Hoffart                                                   | Betty Lott & Family                             |
| Thurs., Mar. 23 | 9:00am      | Harold Lebeck                                                     | Jerry & Martha Vickery                          |
| Sat., Mar. 25   | 5:00pm      | Frank Mock                                                        | Tootsie Mock                                    |
| Sun., Mar. 26   | 7:30am      | For the People                                                    | -----                                           |
| Sun., Mar. 26   | 8:45am      | Jacob Diehl                                                       | Virginia & Florence Jozwiak                     |
| Sun., Mar. 26   | 10:00am     | Edward Tedo & Katie Smith                                         | Thomas Smith                                    |
| Sun., Mar. 26   | 11:30am     | George Herzog                                                     | Rick & Barbara Herzog                           |
| Mon., Mar. 27   | 9:00am      | Tracy Winkelman                                                   | Annette & Richard Prokop                        |
| Tues., Mar. 28  | 9:00am      | Thomas, Jr. & Sport Diehl<br>Marcy Ellis Diehl & Ronnie Canatella | Sonny Diehl                                     |
| Wed., Mar. 29   | 9:00am      | Edward C. Kucera, Sr.                                             | Kucera Family                                   |
| Thur., Mar. 30  | 9:00am      | Joe Lynch                                                         | Mary Lynch                                      |

## **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.

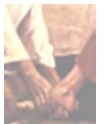
Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily. Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Karen Molina by Thursday, April 13, 2023, by 4:00pm.

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



*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*



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

**St. Mary's Men's Club**  
**Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**



# Rummage News



The Rummage Sale will begin accepting donations for the 2023 year on March 1. We will accept donations every Wednesday from 8am-12 at the rummage barn or you can drop off donations under the pavilions after weekend masses. Please find large green carts located under the small pavilion. Signs will be visible to point you to the right spot.

The Rummage Team is planning to have another outstanding year. We need your help making that possible. Please donate your very gently used furniture, clothing, household items, crafts, toys, sporting goods, etc. Items must be in good working order. Clothing must be clean, no tears or stains.

If you need to schedule a pick up for larger items, be advised that our schedule fills up quickly, please call several weeks in advance. Lauren Twining **281-813-5355**

To help our pick up team limit the amount of driving required of them, we will be picking up in some areas just one day each month: BENTWATER and GRAND HARBOR/WALDEN. These are the only days each month that our truck will be in these areas.

Pick ups for **Bentwater** will be the first Wednesday of every month. Items can be brought that morning to the parking lot of the Northshore community church or you can have larger items picked up that day. (Coordinated by Karen Smith)

Pick ups for the **Walden/Grand Harbor** areas will be third Wednesday of the month. Items can be brought that morning to the Gregson Park in Grand Harbor. Or, you can have larger items picked up that day. (Coordinated by Jackie Nielson)

We look forward to another outstanding year in 2023!! Thank you to all that donate, work, set-up, clean up, cook, or just shop. We appreciate you!!



## St. Vincent de Paul Society



The next SVdP meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28. The meeting will start after 5:00pm Mass.

**All parishioners are welcomed to attend mass at 5:00pm.**

*If you feel the calling for helping the poor in our area, please join us at our meeting following mass and learn what our ministry is about. Christ calls us to help the poor and comfort the lonely. We would love to tell you more about our ministry.*

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

**" BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN" - Mathew 5:3** The poor in spirit refers to those who are without material possessions.

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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, March 21st.

Social at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm with meeting to follow.

All men of St Mary's and St Joseph's are welcomed to join the Men's Club.

Join us for the fellowship and good food. Meet your fellow parishioners and learn what you can do to help our parish.

Help us with our Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, April 24.

## **Knights of Columbus Council 4054**



## **Lenten Fish Fry**

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

**\$15**

**Fish**

**French Fries**

**Cole Slaw**

**Mac & Cheese**

**Hush Puppies**

**Dessert**

**Tea**

**Serving starts 5pm**



## Annual Screening

RightWay Imaging will be onsite for  
scheduled screenings

February 27th and 28th in St. Mary's Hall

## UPCOMING SECOND/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

\*Mar. 19 - Catholic Services Collection



### ST. MARY/ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

for grades 7-12th

Saturday, March 11

6-9pm

St. Mary's Hall/Kitchen

Pizza-Making & Minute-to-Win-It Games

Come hungry and ready to have a great time!



## 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, March 10  
Friday, March 24

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

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

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

### **ALTAR CARE:**

Willie Mae Bohack & Lorraine Seigle

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

March 5: Tina Kimich

March 12: Sharon Kroll

March 19: Nadine Morris & Christina Fortunato

March 26: Theresa Rauschek

## **AA MEETINGS:**

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



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

If you have loved ones buried in the St. Mary Cemetery, please check the monument to make sure it is not leaning. Due to the extreme hot dry weather and wet weather over the past several years, some monuments have settled and shifted. If they need to be re-leveled, have a monument company do it for you. If you have any questions, please call Bob Daves at 832-205-2791. As always, please be careful when entering and exiting the cemetery.

## **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.**



***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'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS**

The Guardian Angels is **NOT** having a meeting in March

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**Game Day** will be Tuesday, March 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

## **Women's Holy Name Passionist Retreats**

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:**

May 19-21, 2023

June 23-25, 2023

## **Celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day**

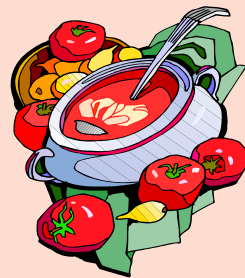
**Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 6pm**

**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 March's Liturgical Readings***





## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society on:

**Tuesday, March 14th**  
**at Noon in SM Hall**

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

**Meeting hostess:**

**Olive Cannistra, Earline Jones, Terice Richards**

**ALTAR CARE:**

**Ethel Barbossa, Elaine Carroll, Carolyn Pinina**

## **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:

Baby Monitors  
Paper Plates  
Paper Bowls

Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the church and the 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**

As we as a community focus on the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this Lenten season, The Corner Shoppe has resources to help you during this time of reflection and traditional devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. Visit the Corner Shoppe for special Lenten items.



### **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

March 17 is the traditional death date of St. Patrick, Bishop, and foremost patron saint of Ireland. Stop in The Corner Shoppe and see the beautiful St. Patrick rosaries.



### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

March 19 is the feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Universal Church. Browse the books and articles this month in The Corner Shoppe honoring St. Joseph.



**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 March Events

|          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| March 1  | Wednesday CCE<br>7:00 - 8:00 pm |
| March 5  | Sunday CCE<br>10:00 - 11:00 am  |
| March 8  | Wednesday CCE<br>7:00 - 8:00 pm |
| March 29 | 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***



## **Preparing for Lent**

### **Coming to the Lord with a Thankful Heart**

My heart is full of deep gratitude for how You've worked in my life, help me to recall the many blessings You've given. Let this season of Lent be a time of thanksgiving - rejoicing in my soul to God who saves me. Amen

### **Prayer of Reflection**

Let this be a time of deep reflection on the Lord's goodness and faithfulness. Help me to carve out time to meditate on Your word. As I reflect, I am reminded the Lord has never left me nor forsaken me. He is always near just a whisper or a thought away. Help me to feel a oneness with you Lord, Thank You for being the Lord of my life - past, present, and future. Amen

### **A Prayer of Repentance**

I come before You in humble repentance. I know I've stepped outside of Your will in certain areas of my life, and I am truly sorry, Lord. Whatever needs to change in me, please make it clear during these days of Lent. Press on my heart the things that need to go. Thank You for Your faithfulness as I commit my life to You once again. Amen.

### **A Prayer of Hope**

Lord, Restore my Hope. Let this be a time of strengthening so that I will not falter in the coming days. Fill my heart with Your guidance, patience & goodness, reminding me there is always hope. Most of all, remind me that You are the God of all hope, and all things are possible with You. Indeed, my hope is in You, today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

### **A Prayer of Renewal**

Lord God, in this time of renewal and restoration, please touch me with Your Spirit and help me to do your work. Oh, how I need the presence of Your Spirit! As I look forward to Easter, let it be a time of personal growth. Prune the branches in me that are not bearing fruit and cultivate the parts that are ready to flourish. I know that in Jesus, I have fullness of life, and it is in His fullness I long to live. Thank You for the abundance You provide. Fill my heart with an overflowing sense of Your presence and purpose. Amen.

**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**

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

Single Adults Living Truth

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

**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 Socials, 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 Events:**

**March 11 & 12,** After all masses we will have a table set up outside of church to share information about our ministry. Please come by & visit.

**March 25 2-4** Family Life Center, Quarterly Meeting all singles welcomed.  
Please bring a snack to share.

**Please watch for more monthly events announced on Flocknotes**

**For more information on this S.A.L.T. Ministry please contact Mary Marshall(281-356-2497)**

# 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

## *Misc. Services*

**ACT SEPTIC SOLUTIONS, LLC**  
Septic Installation & Maintenance  
Services for Home or Business  
Austin & Keri Tucker,  
Owners/Operators  
832.922.2666

**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

## *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

## *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

**Tamerc 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

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

| Sunday                                                                | Monday                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                              | Wednesday                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                                                     | Saturday                                                   |
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|                                                                       |                                                  |                                                                                                                      | *9:00am – Anointing Mass<br><b>*NO CONFESSIONS</b><br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall<br>*7:00pm – CCE - FLC | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10:00am - 11:30am & 7:00 - 8:30pm - Scripture Study                                  | 9:00am – 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass<br>*5:00pm-Plantersville Town Hall - Fish Fry @ SM<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross | *5:00pm - Mass                                             |
| 5                                                                     | 6                                                | 7                                                                                                                    | 8                                                                                                                 | 9                                                                                                       | 10                                                                                                                         | 11                                                         |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>*10:00am – CCE - FLC                 | *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<br>*10:00am - 11:30am & 7:00 - 8:30pm - Scripture Study                                  | *No Mass<br>*10:00am - Little Lambs - SM Hall<br>*5:00pm-KofC - Fish Fry @ SM<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross           | *5:00pm – Mass<br>*6-9pm - SJ/SM Youth Group Night—SM Hall |
| 12                                                                    | 13                                               | 14                                                                                                                   | 15                                                                                                                | 16                                                                                                      | 17                                                                                                                         | 18                                                         |
| *Regular Weekend Mass Schedule                                        | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Domino Club - FLC<br>*Noon – SM Altar Society Mtg. – SM Hall                            | 9:00am – Mass<br>*10am – noon & 5pm – 6pm – Confessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall                   | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10:00am - 11:30am & 7:00 - 8:30pm - Scripture Study<br>*6:00pm - Stew Supper SJ Hall | *No Mass<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross                                                                                | *5:00pm – Mass<br><b>*Catholic Services Collection</b>     |
| 19                                                                    | 20                                               | 21                                                                                                                   | 22                                                                                                                | 23                                                                                                      | 24                                                                                                                         | 25                                                         |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br><b>*Catholic Services Collection</b> | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Domino Club – FLC<br>*10:00am – GAME DAY – SM Hall<br>*6pm – SM Men’s Club Dinner & Mtg | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall                                                            | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10:00am - 11:30am & 7:00 - 8:30pm - Scripture Study                                  | *No Mass<br>*10:00am-Little Lambs - SM Hall<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross                                             | *5:00pm – Mass                                             |
| 26                                                                    | 27                                               | 28                                                                                                                   | 29                                                                                                                | 30                                                                                                      | 31                                                                                                                         |                                                            |
| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule                                         | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Mtg – Kelly House | *9:00am – Mass<br><b>*No Dominos</b><br>*3:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – SM Hall                                 | *9:00am-Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters -SJ Hall<br>*7:00pm – CCE - FLC                                       | *9:00am-Mass<br>*10:00am - 11:30am & 7:00 - 8:30pm - Scripture Study                                    | *No Mass<br>*7:00pm – Stations of the Cross                                                                                |                                                            |





# St. Mary/Plantersville & St. Joseph/Stoneham



## **TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:**

**Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023 (in the church)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: St. Mary – 7:00pm

**Good Friday, April 7, 2023 (under the pavilion)**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

St. Mary – 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross: St. Joseph – 7:00pm

**Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023 (in the church)**

Easter Vigil: St. Mary – 8:00pm

*~Reception in SM Hall following Mass honoring the newly received~*

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**Mass Times:**

**\*St. Mary**

6:30am (Sunrise)

**9:00am**

**11:00am**

**St. Joseph**

7:30am