

# St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

## April 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](http://www.smsj.org)**

**General E-Mail: [info@smsj.org](mailto: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

#### ACTS Retreat

Karen Kauffman 936.773.6081

#### 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](mailto: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

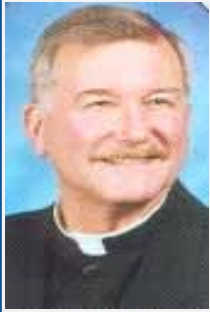
#### Write for Life

Bob Dean 936.582.6314

#### Coordinator Youth Confirmation

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](http://www.smsj.org).



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

I apologize for being lazy and not submitting a bulletin article for the last two months. I was gently reminded to get my article in 'cause the deadline was looming. I'm not very good with a 'gentle' reminder...lol. I have now been issued a 'warning' that I'd better have something for this bulletin. So, here I am on the day of the deadline hammering out this article. Looking back at the December 2022 bulletin, I began answering the question I'm often asked: "Why does the priest do that at Mass?" There are many actions within the Liturgy that can seem esoteric (obscure or meant to be known only by a few) but are very important for a deeper appreciation of the beauty and meaning of each Mass. I ended the January 2023 bulletin explaining what the signing with the cross of the forehead, lips and heart meant just before the Gospel is read.

Moving along, I want to point out an action that is so often overlooked and taken as not important (I guess) but, when thoughtfully considered, is an important expression of an awesome part of our Profession of Faith...that ancient Creed, the Nicene Creed, handed down to us in 325AD. It's a long list of all that we believe as a Christian community. It's required to be said at all Sunday liturgies, except when there is a renewal of Baptismal Promises when what we believe is expressed in a question/answer form. We tend to run through the articles of our faith because we say it so often. If you'll notice, when we come to the phrase **BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HE WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN**, *we BOW (from the waist)* as a reverence of how awesome it is that the Son of God would condescend to become human. It may seem like a small detail, but that bow impresses on us how special we must be to God. So, try not to let that phrase just be run through without special notice. It's awesome!

Now we approach the part of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The altar and our gifts of bread and wine are prepared. Unfortunately (I think), as the altar and gifts are prepared, you, the assembly is distracted by the singing of the Offertory hymn. However, you may have noticed that, after pouring the wine into the chalice(s), the priest or deacon adds some water. (Some priests are obsessive about adding only one drop...). What's that all about?

In the ancient world, wine was often very strong, gritty or thick so water was added to make it more drinkable and pleasing to the taste. It became just good manners to do so. As with so many customs of the ancient world, the early Christians 'baptized' these customs. The wine took on the symbolism of Christ, our precious drink. The water represented us, ordinary humanity. Once the water is poured into the wine, it cannot be extracted. It becomes wine. From the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the 'baptized' meaning represents the mystery of humanity's never being able to be separated from God permanently because of Jesus' coming and pouring His life out for us. Hopefully, we become inseparable from Christ. Christ is inseparable from us. It's a beautiful ancient custom still retained when every Mass is celebrated. As the water is poured into the chalice containing ordinary wine, the priest or deacon pray silently, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

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

The glory of our Roman Catholic Mass is that many of these ancient customs and gestures are still retained up to our present day and still retain their sacred meaning.

When the gifts (the hosts and wine presented by the assembly) are prepared by the priest/deacon/sacristan, the priest then washes his hands. Couldn't he have washed his hands before Mass? Again, this is an ancient custom originating when the gifts presented were not just bread and wine for the Eucharist but cheese, goats, ducks, eggs, chicks, maybe a cow...you get the idea. They were whatever the people had to give. They were then used mainly for the feeding of the poor. You can imagine that the priest receiving these gifts would need to wash his hands before continuing the Eucharist. Eventually, someone invented the offertory envelope...lol. The gifts became the bread and wine and the monetary offerings of the people. However, the gesture of washing hands continued. (Notice: it's a washing of hands, not fingers.) It was 'baptized' to represent the priest wishing to be washed clean of sin before beginning the celebration of the Eucharist. He prays *silently*: "Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me of my sin." It's **taken** from Psalm 25.

With the washing of his hands, the celebrant is now ready to begin the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of our Catholic Liturgy. *In this prayer the priest acts in the person of Christ as head of His body, the Church. He gathers, not only the bread and wine, but the substance of our lives, and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.* {USCCB, United States Council of Bishops}.

*(To be continued next month...promise.)*

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

"IF I HAD TO ADVISE PARENTS, I SHOULD TELL THEM TO TAKE GREAT CARE-  
ABOUT THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM THEIR CHILDREN ASSOCIATE.

MUCH HARM MAY RESULT FROM BAD COMPANY,  
AND WE ARE INCLINED BY NATURE TO FOLLOW  
WHAT IS WORSE THAN WHAT IS BETTER."

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SEATON

MY MOTHER SAID IT A BIT DIFFERENTLY: "BIRDS OF A FEATHER STICK TOGETHER.  
DON'T LET ME CATCH YOU AROUND  
THOSE BIRDS AGAIN."

# 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 Rebates 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.

St. Mary's goal is \$100,000.00

St. Joseph's goal is \$11,000.00

We will have an update on our progress by May's Bulletin.



## Flocknotes



Have you signed up for Flocknotes?

Flocknotes are the best way to stay up to date. We send out Flocknotes each Friday (or last day of the work week) to let you know what is coming up in the next week. We send out changes to the calendar, information about upcoming funerals, death notices, requests for volunteers, etc. Please consider signing up at [smsjcc.flocknote.com](https://smsjcc.flocknote.com). All that is needed to sign up is your name, your email, and your phone number.





## THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

**Pope's Intention:** For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### Please keep our sick in your prayers:

MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Danny & Carmen Mock Ferraro, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Catherine Hoffart, Tommy & Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Ruth Kolek, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, , Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Cleave Parks, Wendy Pitchford, Verena Podraza, Mary Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Frank Smith, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak



## Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00am**

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**First Friday Mass**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**



## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard Wednesday  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am-noon**  
**&**  
**5:00-6:00pm**

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

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



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 April 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun., Apr. 2	7:30am	Wm & Frances Tomkivits Amanda Tomkivits	Ashley Jones, Lailah, Jady
Sun., Apr. 9	7:30am	Joe M. Phillips Family Tony Wetuski Family	Wetuski Family Wetuski Family
Sun. Apr. 16	7:30am	JB Langley Thomas, Theresa, Cory & Sherry Rice	Imhoff Family Mary Sholler, Stepanski/Rice Families
Sun., Apr. 23	7:30am	Irene Mattern CW Lewis Family	Tom & Kaky Wetuski Wetuski Family
Sun., Apr. 30	7:30am	Andy Smith Frank Imhoff	Mary Ann Gurka Imhoff Family



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

**Eddie Roy Schroeder:** husband of Donna Kay Schroeder, who died March 2<sup>nd</sup>, whose funeral mass was on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary.

**Mark Douglas Kuta:** who died on March 10<sup>th</sup>, whose funeral mass and burial was at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**James Abshire, Sr.:** husband of Linda Abshire, who died on March 13<sup>th</sup>, whose funeral mass and interment was at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Lou Lorch:** husband of Hope, who died on March 10<sup>th</sup>, whose funeral mass was March 18<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary.



## **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 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

## St. Mary Mass Intentions for April 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sat., Apr. 1	5:00pm	Kimberly Delgado, JoAnn Amort & Janine Amort	Eddie & Dianne Delgado
Sun., Apr. 2	7:30am	John Lebeck	Martha Vickery
Sun., Apr. 2	7:30am	Stanley Lewandowski	Elnora & Tina Lewandowski
Sun., Apr. 2	8:45am	Jessie Ann Barber	Paul & Kathy Magliolo
Sun., Apr. 2	8:45am	Sammy Blair	Mary Mock
Sun., Apr. 2	10:00am	MaryAnn Daliege	Darlene Georges
Sun., Apr. 2	11:30am	Joe Lynch	Mary Lynch
Wed., Apr. 5	9:00am	Wm. Smith Family (living & deceased)	The Family
Wed., Apr. 5	9:00am	Deborah Pavlock	Greg & Joy Walkoviak
Sat., Apr. 8	8:00pm	Cecelia Wagner	Holly & John Kolodczak
Sat., Apr. 8	8:00pm	Christine Demny	Her Family
Sun., Apr. 9	6:00am	For the People	-----
Sun., Apr. 9	9:00am	Lavail Lott	Betty Lott
Sun., Apr. 9	11:00am	Cindy Smith	Martha Vickery
Tues., Apr. 11	9:00am	Annie Demny	Denise Durel
Wed., Apr. 12	9:00am	Monsignor Fred O'Connor	Mary Ann Flannery
Thur., Apr. 13	9:00am	William Mock, Sr.	Mary Mock
Sat., Apr. 15	5:00pm	Bob Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Sun., Apr. 16	7:30am	Robert E. Tarbett	James Tarbett
Sun., Apr. 16	8:45am	Jacob Diehl	Beatrice Diehl
Sun., Apr. 16	10:00am	Richard 'Ted' Stephen	Arlene Stephen
Sun., Apr. 16	11:30am	For the People	-----
Mon., Apr. 17	9:00am	George Herzog	Rick & Barbara Herzog
Tues., Apr. 18	9:00am	Therese Mercer	Mary Ann Flannery
Wed., Apr. 19	9:00am	Amber Hoffart	Laveta Malek
Thurs., Apr. 20	9:00am	Don Cobena	Elaine Collings
Sat., Apr. 22	5:00pm	Albert Wayne Young	D & R Solarzyk
Sun., Apr. 23	7:30am	Marion Kolodczak	Holly & John Kolodczak
Sun., Apr. 23	8:45am	Terry Gabriel	Kathy & Don Busa
Sun., Apr. 23	8:45am	Ruth Merdian Phillips	Mary Grace Mock
Sun., Apr. 23	10:00am	Bill Malek	Bill Jones
Sun., Apr. 23	10:00am	(Verena Podraza)	Laveta Malek
Sun., Apr. 23	11:30am	John Frances & Norman Sydlik	David & Pat Sydlik
Mon., Apr. 24	9:00am	Eddie Upton	Upton Family
Tues., Apr. 25	9:00am	Zella Klein	Holly & John Kolodczak
Wed., Apr. 26	9:00am	Dan, Edna, & Bill Heintz	Tommy Heintz
Thur., Apr. 27	9:00am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne Smock & Francisco Cabrera
Sat., Apr. 29	5:00pm	Joe Lebeck	Martha Vickery
Sun., Apr. 30	7:30am	Janie Legge	John Mock
Sun., Apr. 30	7:30am	Ethel Martin	Ron Lahue
Sun., Apr. 30	8:45am	Katie Smith	Thomas Smith
Sun., Apr. 30	8:45am	Manuel Bustillo	Cheryl Williams
Sun., Apr. 30	10:00am	August Nowak	Loretta & Randy Burleigh
Sun., Apr. 30	11:30am	Neil Garvis	Ethel Barbossa

## **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.

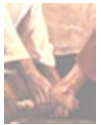
Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily. Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Karen Molina by Thursday, April 13, 2023, by 4:00pm.

**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>**





**St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club**  
Plantersville, Texas

## Twenty First Annual Golf Benefit

**Walden Golf Club**

**Monday April 24, 2023, Rain out date Monday May ,8 2023**

**Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM – Shotgun Tee-off at 10:00 AM**


**Entry Fees: \$150 per person**

**\*\*\*\*\*Limit: 120 Golfers\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*Ladies Welcome\*\*\*\*\***

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

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

<b>Includes:</b>		<b>Prizes:</b>
Range Balls		1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$100 per person
Green Fees		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place \$75 per person
Drinks & Snacks		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place \$50 per person
Cart		4 CTP holes - \$75 each
		Hole in One on hole #6
		\$10,000 worth of Dental work
Dinner		<b>Other Items</b>
		Breakfast Tacos
Format: Scramble		Donuts & Coffee
		Silent Auction

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

**Checks payable to: Saint Mary's Men's Club**

**Mail checks and entry forms to:**

**Eric Gensheimer**

**706 The Cliffs Ct.**

**Montgomery, TX 77356**

**(ericg@tamericgroup.com, 713 416 5280)**

**For Inquiries Contact: Charlie Parada at 936-582-6022, or (cell) 832-594-4603**  
**(cparada68493@gmail.com)**

# Rummage News



**The Rummage Barn is accepting donations on Wednesdays 8am-noon.**

Also, after every Mass, please find the carts located under the pavilion for your donations. We are always looking for gently used items that are in good repair: furniture, clothing, toys, tools, outdoor items, household items, jewelry, and more. Thank you to all that have donated already, this year.

If you are in need of a pick up, please contact Lauren Twining (281-813-5355). Our schedule fills quickly, please call in advance.

**First Wednesday** of every month: **Bentwater area**

(local contact: Karen Smith 936-689-3618)

**Third Wednesday** of every month: **Grand Harbor/Walden area.**

(local contact: Amy Schnell 904-556-3486).

We are in need of a few men willing to work 2 Wednesdays per month on our pick up teams (8am-12pm). And we always need help sorting items in the barn on Wednesday mornings. Come once a month or every Wednesday. We have a great team and you will enjoy your time spent with us.

Hope to see you at the barn on Wednesdays.

## April is Child Abuse Awareness Month . . .

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

On behalf of the Grimes County Child Welfare Board (GCCWB), I am requesting your participation in recognizing the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sunday, April 24, 2022 as National Blue Ribbon Sunday Day of Prayer. National Blue Ribbon Sunday is the day churches across our nation take a moment to pray for the victims of child abuse and pray for those who rescue them. The Grimes County Child Welfare Board takes this opportunity each year to remind all of you of the ongoing need for prayer, support, and action to help us address the often-critical needs of the vulnerable, abused, and neglected children in our community as well as the families and individuals who work to assist them.

**Thank You,**

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

To report suspected abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age): Contact the "Child Protective Services" CPS of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services:

**TEXAS CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-800-252-5400**



The Parish office will be **closed** at noon on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, all day on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18th.

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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next SVdP meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 3:30pm, followed by Mass then dinner.

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**



## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- \*April 7: Holy Land Appeal (Pontifical Good Friday Collection)
- \*April 9: My Easter Gift
- \*April 30: Catholic Home Missions



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

- ♦ Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. (cf. 2 Cor. 8-9)
- ♦ It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.
- ♦ Supporting the collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.
- ♦ Although often through adversities, a Christian presence always remained in the Holy Land since the beginning of the Church. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land, where everything started.
- ♦ The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence, and instability in this region.
- ♦ Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS**

## 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, April 14  
Friday, April 28**



# 2023 ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL BAZAAR

The 2023 Bazaar Auction will include both a Silent and a Live Auction. Our Pre-Auction focus this year continues to be on the extremely generous donations from all our parishioners, both St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. Here are a wide variety of potential donation ideas from our parishioners, their friends, neighbors, and relatives for our Live and Silent Auctions:

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

*No Item is Too Large or Too Small for Our Auction! Donation Documentation Forms will be available in the Church Hall. If you Cannot Donate an Item, Please Consider CASH Donations for the Purchase of Auction Items.*

*Please see Theresa Rausheck, Mike Wetuski or Bo Imhoff with questions or suggestions.*

*Thank You!*

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

### **Altar Society Meeting -**

**Tuesday, April 4 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:**

**Julie Coombs & Debra Meekins**

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

**April 2: Lorraine Seigle**

**April 9: Mary Gorney**

**April 16: Anne Mannina & Jane Urbanosky**

**April 23: Lorraine Seigle**

**April 30: Angie Imhoff**



## **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.

***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 April.

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**BINGO** will be Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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, please 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

## ***RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults***

Please pray in the remaining weeks of Lent, for our 11 parish Elect and Candidates who will be received into full communion with our Roman Catholic Church this Easter Vigil.



### **ELECT:**

Tyler Daigrepont  
Dayra Rodrigues  
Liliana Shermen  
Zakary Shermen

### **CANDIDATES:**

Angie Daigrepont  
Eric Daigrepont  
Bradley Daigrepont  
Ginger Dugan  
Angela Fragos  
Ken Neal  
Anabel Rodrigues



## 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 April's Liturgical Readings***





## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

**Tuesday, April 11th**  
**at 6:00pm in SM Hall**

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

**Meeting hostess:**

**Devoni Wardlow & Judy Hayes**

**ALTAR CARE:**

**Alana Presley, Karen Ruffner & Karen Smith**

## **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:

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Paper plates, cups and bowls
- Baby monitors

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**

The Corner Shoppe is full of cards and gifts to celebrate Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. The celebration of Easter extends for fifty days, from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate these days with great joy as one big feast day. Come to The Corner Shoppe and shop!



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### **FIRST COMMUNION**

First Communion is right around the corner, and The Corner Shoppe has special gifts and more for boys and girls to commemorate this sacrament.



**The Corner Shoppe is open every Wednesday:  
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

April 12	Wednesday CCE 7:00 - 8:00 pm
April 16	Sunday CCE 10:00 - 11:00 am
April 19	Wednesday CCE 7:00 - 8:00 pm
April 26	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](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: <https://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



We remember a Love that sacrificed all...

A Power that conquered all...

A Hope that reaches out to all.

Asking God to refresh you in the Love, Power and Hope we have in the risen Christ!

Have a Blessed Easter

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 Aadults Living Truth

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

**April 14 Friday, 6:00** - Dinner at Cork this Tap That Restaurant, 26091 Hwy 105 Montgomery, TX 936-597-7448. Come enjoy some good food and meet some new friends.

**April 22 Saturday, 2pm-4pm** - Family Life Center, Quarterly Meeting all singles welcomed. Please bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

**April 29 Saturday, 2pm-4pm** Spiritual session, Viewing Mathew Kelly DVD on 7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality. Matthew inspires to enhance our walk through our Catholic faith by encouraging us with hope and energy.

## SUPPORT THE YOUTH GROUP AT THEIR NEXT ACTIVITIES!

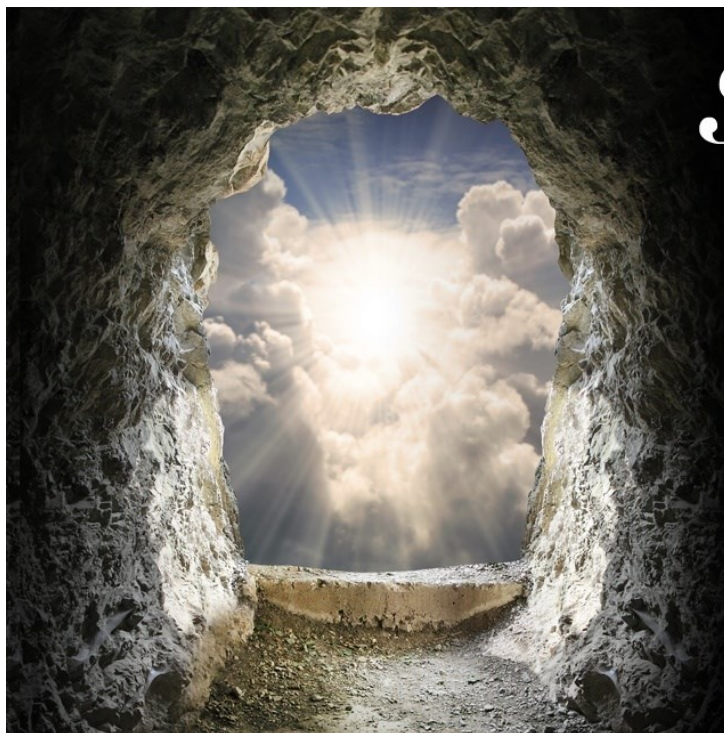
### Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 – Homemade Pastry Sale

Stop by and pick up a freshly baked poppy seed roll and other flavors after all Sunday Masses, while supplies last.  
Your Mother will love you for it, but she might not share!



### Father's Day, Sunday, June 18 – St. Mary's Famous Kolaches Sale

The youth will be working all morning cranking out pans of freshly baked Kolaches. Pick a pan up for Dad to show him how much he is loved!



*He is  
Risen!*

Death could not  
hold him.  
Rejoice in the  
resurrection of  
Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28



# 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

## *Florist*

**Bride and Bloom**  
Alisa McCorquodale  
936.597.4626

## *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*

**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 & Art**  
Facepainting by  
Sherry  
(936)524-3879  
Metal Work by Frank  
(936)524-7999

**Medicare Specialist**  
Broker  
Russell Ross  
(214)458-6027

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

**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)

7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)

# April 2023

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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							<b>Palm Sunday</b> *5:00pm – Mass
2		3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Palm Sunday</b> *Regular Mass Schedule	*No Mass *8:00pm – AA Mtg – SM Kelly House	*No Mass *No Domino Club *6:30pm – SJ Altar Society – SJ Hall	*9:00am – Anointing Mass *After Mass - Stations of the Cross - SM *9:30am – Stitchesin’ Sisters – SJ Hall	*No Scripture Study this week *7:00pm - Holy Thursday Mass (church) <b>Office Closes at noon</b>	*3:00pm – Good Friday (under pavilion) <b>*Special Collection: Holy Land Appeal</b> *7:00pm - Stations of the Cross @ SJ <b>Office Closed</b>		*8:00pm - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (church) Reception immediately following
9		10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Easter Sunday</b> *St. Mary – 6:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am (under pavilion) *St. Joseph – 7:30am <b>2nd Collection: My Easter Gift</b>	*No Mass *8:00pm – AA Mtg – SM Kelly House <b>Office Closed</b>	*9:00am – Mass *11:00am – Domino Club – SM FLC Kitchen *6:00pm – SM Altar Society – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitchesin’ Sisters – SJ Hall *7:00pm – CCE – SM FLC	*9:00am – Mass *Scripture Study: 10am – 11:30am & 7:00pm – 8:30pm — SM Hall <b>Men's Club Scholarship Applications Due by 4pm</b>	*No Mass *9am – 11:00am Little Lambs Playgroup – SM Hall		*5:00pm - Mass
16		17	18	19	20	21	22
*Regular Mass Schedule *10:00am - CCE	*9:00am – Mass *8:00pm – AA Mtg – SM Kelly House	*9:00am – Mass *10:00am – BINGO – SM Hall *11:00am – Domino Club - SM FLC Kitchen *6:00pm – SM Men's Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall	*9:00am – Mass *9:30am – Stitchesin’ Sisters – SJ Hall <b>*Confessions: 10am – noon &amp; 5pm – 6pm</b> *7:00pm – CCE – SM FLC	*9:00am – Mass *Scripture Study: 10am – 11:30am & 7:00pm – 8:30pm — SM Hall	No Mass		*5:00pm - Mass
23		24	25	26	27	28	29
*Regular Mass Schedule	*9:00am – Mass *9:00am - Men's Club Golf Benefit - Walden *8:00pm – AA Mtg – SM Kelly House	*9:00am – Mass *11:00am – Domino Club- SM FLC Kitchen *3:30pm – St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – SM Hall	*9:30am – Stitchesin’ Sisters – SJ Hall *7:00pm – CCE – SM FLC	*No Mass *Scripture Study: 10am – 11:30am & 7:00pm – 8:30pm — SM Hall	*No Mass *9:00am – 11:00am Little Lambs Playgroup – SM Hall		*5:00pm – Mass <b>2nd Collection: Catholic Home Ministries</b>
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# 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