St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission May 2023



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
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Deacon Anthony Olivieri

Parish Office PO Box 388, Plantersville, TX 77363 936-894-2223 Parish Fax - 936-894-3613

Monday ~ Thursday: 8:00 am ~ 5:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am ~ 12 pm ***Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm ~ 1:00 pm***



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.

Pro-Life Outreach

Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

936.894.2223

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office

Extraordinary Ministers -

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Parish Administrator	
Bill Jones	936.894.2223
<u>AA</u>	
Leland Fougeron	936.870.5102
ACTS Retreat	
Karen Coffman	281.773.6081
Adult Bible Study & Sp	iritual Enrichment
Betty Hollas	713.419.6106
Adult Confirmation	
Sharon Skeans	281.467.0217
Altar Society-St. Mary	Ī
Rita Swonke	713.557.5817
Altar Society-St. Jose	eph
Marcy Pavlock	936.661.6662
Altar Servers	
Steve Twining	713.344.6001
Annulments	7 10.0 1 1.000 1
Call Parish Office	936.894.2223
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Art & Environmente	
Liz Torres	936.894.2223
Baptism Preparation	for Infants to 6
Email	baptisms@smsj.org
CCE / RE	
Cheryl Schratwieser	936.894.2223
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Holy Communion & Sac	<u>cristans</u>
Kerry Masson	713.824.8599
Gabriel Project	
Wanda O'Brien	936.597.6328
GriefShare Ministry	
Mary Marshall	281.356.2497
Guardian Angels Senio	r Group
TBD	936.894.2223
Homebound Ministry	
Larry & Patty Decker	936.228.9742
<u>Lectors</u>	
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 pro	ep, call:
Brenda Martinez	936.777.9720
Music/Wedding Directo	<u>r</u>
Sue Langston	979.268.6886

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Nance Shaw	936.894.2512
RCIA / Adult Faith For	<u>mation</u>
Don Picard	936.697.0195
Rummage Sale Coord	<u>inator</u>
Lauren Twining	281.813.5355
S.A.L.T. Ministry - Sin	gles, Divorced,
Widows & Widowers	
Mary Marshall	281.356.2497
St. Joseph's Cemetery	<u>/</u>
Justin Mock	979.777.4993
St. Mary's Cemetery	
Rita Swonke	713.557.5817
St. Mary's Corner Sho	ppe
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 (fo	r help, 936.894.2362
Bob Daves	832.205.2791
Write for Life	
Bob Dean	936.582.6314

Coordinator Youth Confirmation

Susan Horne

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...

This month's message is the fourth part of my series explaining some of the actions within the Mass that might seem mysterious or are just overlooked but have a significant purpose in our understanding and our participation in the Church's Eucharistic liturgy.

After the celebrant washes his hands, symbolically asking for a clean heart and cleansing of any sin as he approaches the sacred moment of Consecration [but historically a practical washing of hands after handling the many kinds of gifts originally brought up ...bread, wine, cheese, eggs, chickens, etc. to be then distributed to the poor], we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

An action so often overlooked or whose significance is simply not understood is the *Epiclesis*, a Greek word meaning 'invocation'. It is a dramatic action asking the Father to call down the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine to sanctify them to become the very Body and Blood of Jesus. It is invoked in all the Eucharistic Prayers but most dramatically in Eucharistic Prayer II [which is prayed most on Sundays cause it's shortest...]. The celebrant dramatically raises his hands over the gifts sending them over the gifts 'like the dewfall'. The actual Consecration occurs with the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Notice also that the Eucharistic Prayer is addressed to the Father. What we do we do in and through Christ, His Son, in the unity we share by the Holy Spirit. In the old Latin Mass this most important action of 'epiclesis' called for the ringing of the bell. Not because it was so important but to get the people to stop their private devotions [rosary, novenas, daydreaming] and pay attention to this important part of the Liturgy. Now-a-days, no bell is rung because we're suppose to be attentive throughout the Mass.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the 'Great Amen'. It's called 'Great' because it places an exclamation point (!) that concludes what has happened: simple gifts brought forward have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. I have to say as a celebrant I can gage the assembly's participation in praying the Eucharistic Prayer with me by the response to its conclusion: 'Through Him, and with Him and in Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father for ever and ever.....' Even if not sung, a weak 'Amen' signals they've been listening. A strong 'Amen' signals they have been participating and praying with me. I am pleased to report that usually it is a strong 'Amen'.

The Sign of Peace, after the praying of the Our Father and the two simple prayers after, is meant to be an actual offering to those around us the Peace of Christ that we have in our hearts as we prepare to come forward to receive Communion. That Peace offered is also meant to be a resolve to be at peace with those with whom we might be estranged. An extending of peace symbolically to those whom we have hurt or who have hurt us. We want that peace as we prepare to receive the Prince of Peace. We've already done the greeting, saying hello, doing the 'howdy doody' before we started Mass. This is a solemn moment, not casual. Again, once we realize its true meaning, this handshake/kiss/wave becomes important and meaningful.

The actual breaking of the large Host, the Body of Christ, takes place after the Sign of Peace. Notice it does not take place during the words of Consecration when we recount how Christ, at the Last Supper, took bread, said the blessing, <u>broke</u> the bread...It takes place as we're preparing to come forward to Holy Communion to receive the Lamb of God. The Lamb Whose body was broken for us on the cross. There is also a reference to Jesus being the Spotless Lamb offered for us. The spotless lamb offered in the Temple would have had its throat cut, blood gathered and sprinkled for

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purification, and the body torn apart to be burnt or distributed. The breaking of the Host, the Body of Christ, at this moment as we ask the Lamb of God to have mercy on us and grant us peace reminds us how costly our Salvation was.

After this 'fraction'/breaking of the Host, you might have noticed that a small part of the Host is placed in the celebrant's chalice. It's done without much drama but has a historical significance. Participation in the same Holy Sacrifice was regarded as a sign and pledge of ecclesiastical Communion; mutually to prove and maintain this, Popes and bishops sent to other bishops, or priests too, parts of Consecrated Hosts, which the recipients dropped into the chalice and consumed ...This custom existed in Rome until about the ninth century. There the Pope on Sundays and feast-days sent to those priests who had charge of Divine service at the churches within the city, the Eucharist as a symbol of communion with the ecclesiastical Head, and as a sign that they were empowered to celebrate. This action has continued to this day. This simple gesture reinforces what we prayed in the Eucharistic Prayer: 'Remember, Lord, Your Church spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Francis, our pope, Bishop DiNardo, our bishop ...' What we are doing unites us with the Universal Church who finds our unity in our Holy Father and our Bishop.

As has happened in many instances, this action also took on an additional meaning: the uniting of the Body with the Blood of Christ. Theologically, the Consecrated Host contains the fullness of Christ. The Consecrated Precious Blood is the fullness of Christ. Understanding the gesture's historical roots makes it more meaningful and definitely easier to explain.

Something you might find interesting and haven't thought about: Communion has to be distributed. Communion cannot be a come forward and serve yourself. We come forward to receive the Body of Christ and His Precious Blood. We are permitted to do so actively in the hand or passively on the tongue.

One gesture I myself take fore granted is the celebrant's extending his hands in prayer. This is called the 'orans posture', orans latin meaning praying. This orans posture, in which the celebrant has his arms extended, is the oldest gesture of prayer in Christendom. In this posture, we are physically opening and surrendering ourselves to God. Moreover, the celebrant's outstretched arms remind us of Christ's outstretched on the cross, opening His arms and drawing us to Himself. Indeed, the cross adds depth to this simple gesture of prayer. As the celebrant is opening himself up to offer prayer and the Eucharistic sacrifice, so we too open ourselves to unite our hearts and minds as a Community of faith with the Lamb Who sacrifices Himself for us. Pope emeritus, Benedict XVI, even encouraged this gesture in our private prayer. It has become somewhat a custom, though not part of the ritual itself, to pray in the orans posture, arms extended in union with the celebrant, as we pray together the prayer Christ taught all His disciples, the Our Father. So...Father is in a praying posture with arms extended, not getting ready to fly...lol.

I hope this series has been helpful in understanding, appreciating and spiritually enlightening some of the actions and gestures so important in celebrating Mass with a full, active and conscious participation. That means all of us, celebrant and assembly. In writing this series, I myself have been reminded of how important are the gestures I do within the Liturgy and how conscious I need to be of their meaning when I do them. Hope the same insight and appreciation for you.

"In order that the liturgy may be able to produce its full effects, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds should be attuned to their voices, and that they should cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain [28]. Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something more is required than the mere observation of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects."

Constitution On The Sacred Liturgy, Vatican Council II

You've Made 50 Years of Priesthood A Pleasure!

I am so blessed to be celebrating my 50th anniversary of my priestly ordination here at our communities of St. Mary and St. Joseph. I've reflected more than once that almost half [23years....beginning 24th July 1st] have been here. Thanks to everyone of you for making me the envy of every priest in the Archdiocese...lol. I have received such an outpouring of love and support that I am somewhat embarrassed cause I don't feel I've worked hard enough to deserve it. When Bridget and I wake up each morning, we both look forward to the new day and everyone who will cross our paths. We both are very spoiled... who is spoiled more is open to debate...lol. Thanks so much for the many cards and gifts. The precious gift has been your support, encouragement and affection showered on me during these many years.

Some fellow priests have asked if I plan to retire any time soon. I've heard there are a lot of priests out there that have their sight set on coming here. I've also been questioned by parishioners... 'You're Not planning to retire soon, are you?'. My response to both has been: 'That would be stupid. I have it too good!'.

I was ordained on April 14, 1973 at my parish church of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Corpus Christi in the presence of my pastor, Msgr. Francis Kaspar, who baptized me, gave me my 1st Holy Communion, was there for my Confirmation by Bishop Garriga...all at Sts. Cyril and Methodius. In the early 70's it was thought that ordination in one's parish might increase vocations to the Priesthood. Am not sure it worked out that way cause, after several years, ordinations were again celebrated in the Cathedral church of the diocese. That is the practice today.

I asked for the date of April 14th cause it was the earliest date Bishop Morkovsky would ordain that year. He agreed. I didn't realize that April 14th was the Saturday before Palm Sunday. My Dad demanded that the Ordination Mass be good for the Sunday. Again, Bishop Morkovsky agreed. I might be the only one ordained with the Passion being read at his ordination Mass. I wondered at the time if having the Passion read was a sign of what my Priesthood would be like. It definitely has NOT! I have been blessed with assignments at wonderful parishes, with wonderful dedicated pastors. Again,

Thanks so much. 50 went by in a flash! Having too much fun!!

WE ALL REMEMBER HOW SUCCESSFUL THE QUILTERS' SHOW WAS HERE AT ST. MARY'S SEVERAL YEARS AGO. It ran its course and was a highlight of quilter shows in Texas. This was due to the hard work of so many, especially Lorraine and Ron Nilson, its promoters and organizers. Our Stitchin' Sisters still meet on Wednesdays at St. Joseph's and create beautiful, handcrafted quilts for our bazaars and community events.

I have become aware of an extraordinary quilt show that will take place later in the year and thought some of you might be interested:

European Patchwork Meeting
September 14th—17th 2023
Alsace, France
Tour leaving September 12...returning September 21

The quilts on display are by invitation and created by big name quilters and designers from all over the world. They are displayed in four medieval villages, in churches, theaters, villas and public buildings. After viewing the quilts, there will be days touring Germany and Switzerland.

A group will be leaving from Bush intercontinental on September 12... returning September 21. The organizer is a noted quilter, Marchita Mauck, of Baton Rogue. I'm thinking of jumping on board...For information contact Marchita at mmauck12@gmail .com or call her at 225-802-2434.

Family Life Center 2023 Renovations

Most of you are aware that we will be expanding our Family Life Center soon. The architectural firm Ziegler Cooper is in the process of finalizing the construction drawings and we are hoping to have the final pricing in the next (45) days. The initial preliminary cost of the renovation is \$1,700,000.00 plus.

The renovation consists of a (2) story addition on the west end of the building which will provide (6) additional classrooms and (2) additional storage areas. The main restrooms will also receive a face lift along with a fresh paint job throughout the facility and a new covered drop off will be added which provides a covered entrance to the Hall and the Family Life Center.

St. Mary's has been so blessed to have such generous parishioners that we are able to fund this project from our savings, however several parishioners have inquired about participating with the funding.

If you would like to help offset the cost of this project, you are more than welcome to do so, and it would be greatly appreciated. Please flag your donation as "Family Life Center 2023 Renovation".

God Bless You,

Fr. Ed

DSF 2023

Progress Report

April 24, 2023

As of the most recent report from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston we have made significant progress in meeting our 2023 goals:

St. Mary's goal is \$100,000, collected to date \$67,193 (67%)

St. Joseph's goal is \$11,000, collected to date \$7,730 (70%)

Your donation to DSF supports various important ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

75% of any amount collected over our goal is returned to St. Mary/St. Joseph.

Please note the Archdiocese sends us a bill for any amount short of our goal.





Flocknotes



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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. All that is needed to sign up is your name, your email, and your phone number.

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' 2nd 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!

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



Pope's Intention: For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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, Deborah Kennamore, 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



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

May 17th 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 <u>936-894-2223</u>

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

NO ANOINTING MASS
THIS MONTH

First Friday Mass May 5th 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 May 2023 **Intentions** Time Requested by Date Sun, May 7 Malcolm & Susan Malcolm 7:30am Frances Tomkivits Ellie Imhoff Imhoff Family Sun., May 14 7:30am For All Mothers Sun., May 21 7:30am George & Janie Wishkoski Frank Tepera Gay Imhoff Joyce Mashburn Sun, May 28 10:30am Laura Imhoff Imhoff Family Greg & Joy Walkoviak Deceased Mbrs of

Steve & Mary Pavlock Fam



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

Nancy Strawn: who died on Monday, April 17, whose funeral mass will be Saturday, May 6th at St. Mary.



Something new and exciting is coming to each member of our Parish to help you grow closer to Christ and His Church!

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



St. Mary Mass Intentions for May 2023

Data	<u>Time</u>	Intentions	Requested by
<u>Date</u> Fri, May 5	9:00am	Annie Demny	Denise Durel
<u> </u>		Wayne Young	
Sat., May 6	5:00pm	, ,	Patsy Doege Leslie Kuhlke
Sat., May 6	7,20am	Lily Chiquet	
Sun., May 7	7:30am	Dolores Hoffart	Betty Lott & Family
Sun., May 7	8:45am	Terry Gabriel	Bill & Gloria Boehm
Sun., May 7	10:00am	For the People	
Sun., May 7	11:30am	Joe Lynch	Mary Lynch
Sun., May 7		Harry Kocian	Christine Kocian
Mon., May 8	9:00am	Cindy Smith	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Mon., May 8		Harold Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Tues., May 9	9:00am	Courtney Niebur	Billy & Sally Chapman
Wed., May 10	9:00am	Joseph Johnson	Everette & Mary Jo Johnson
Thur., May 11	9:00am	Thomas Sr. & Sport Diehl	Maj. S.J. & Laura Cicherski
		Marcy Diehl Ellis & Ronnie Canatella	
Sat., May 13	5:00pm	Annette Pinina	Anthony Pinina
Sun., May 14	All Masses	For All Mothers	
Mon., May 15	9:00am	Mary Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Tues., May 16	9:00am	Verena Podraza	Laveta Malek
Wed., May 17	9:00am	Beth Ramsberg	Mike & Melinda Donnellan
Thur., May 18	9:00am	John Westerlage	Carol Fowler
Sat., May 20	5:00pm	Cecelia Sciortino	Ron & Kathy Arnoldi
Sun., May 21		Bob Reidle	Mary & Susan Reidle
Sun., May 21	7:30am	For the People	
Sun., May 21	8:45am	Jacob Diehl	Jim & Katie Schwartz
Sun., May 21	10:00am	Mary Ann Dalliege	Darlene Georges
Sun., May 21	10.000111	Raymond Pasket	Pasket Family
Sun., May 21	11:30am	Katie Smith	Diana Floyd
Mon., May 22	9:00am	Dan, Edna, Billy Heintz	Tommy Heintz
Tues., May 23	9:00am	Sam Blair	Deborah & Natalie Mock-Davis
Wed., May 24	9:00am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne Smock &
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Thur., May 25	9:00am	Kim Delgado	Eddie & Diane Delgado
Sat., May 27	5:00pm	Verna & Joe Kaminski	Kaminski Family
Sat., May 27	7.00	Richard "Ted" Stephen	Arlene Stephen
Sun., May 28	7:30am	Janie Legge	John Mock
Sun., May 28	8:45am	Amber Hoffart	Laveta Malek
Sun., May 28		Grace D. Walker	Dr. Linda A. Walker
Sun., May 28	10:00am	Stanley & Ann Krus, Marilyn Hayes	David & Pat Sydlik
Sun., May 28	11:30am	For the People	
Tues., May 30	9:00am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne Smock &
			Francisco Cabrera
Wed., May 31	9:00am	Robert E. Tarbett	James Tarbett

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! \$15 cash or check



<u>Father's Day, Sunday, June 18 – St. Mary's Famous Kolaches Sale</u>

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! \$15 cash or check



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, June 25<sup>th</sup>



### CONGREGATION OF THE HANDMAIDS OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS



MISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE P.O. Box 3321 Pearland, Texas 77588

April 17, 2023

† JMJ

Rev. Fr. Edward Kucera

St. Mary Church 8227 County Road 205 P.O. Box 388 Plantersville, TX 77363-0388

Dear Rev. Kucera, Fr. Paul Miki and Parishioners,

Prayerful Greetings and Happy Easter!

I write on behalf of the Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus, to thank you sincerely for giving us the opportunity to come to your Parish, St. Mary Church, Plantersville to make appeal for the funding of our missionary work in Africa. The Archdiocese has sent us a check, which Nine Thousand Fifty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Five cents (\$9,053.85) is the contribution from your goodselves (St. Mary Church), thus, giving us the opportunity to continue to serve those who stand most in need of our help. Sister Bernadette and I are overwhelmed with your generosity at these hard times in our world today and so are my Sisters in the community.

I thank you most especially for the warm reception from the moment that we arrived in the Parish, till the time that we left, your kindness and that of the Parishioners knows no bound! I cannot thank you enough for your generous donations at all the Masses on that weekend – Nov. 12/13, 2022, you were all so awesome. The common word "Thank You" sounds inadequate to express my utmost gratitude.

May our Blessed Mother Mary, the Patron Saint of your Church, continue to intercede on your behalf to Jesus Christ Our Savior. May God our Heavenly Father Himself replenish what you generously gave to support the poor.

Be assured of our prayers and continue to keep us in your prayers too.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Catherine Theodore Uboh, HHCJ Director, Mission Development Office

Catherin Pudallel

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# **Rummage News**

The Rummage Sale team continues to accept your gently used donations on Wednesday mornings 8am-noon at the Rummage Barn or see the carts located under the small pavilion, available after every Mass.

If you need to schedule a pick up, please contact Lauren Twining 281-813-5355.

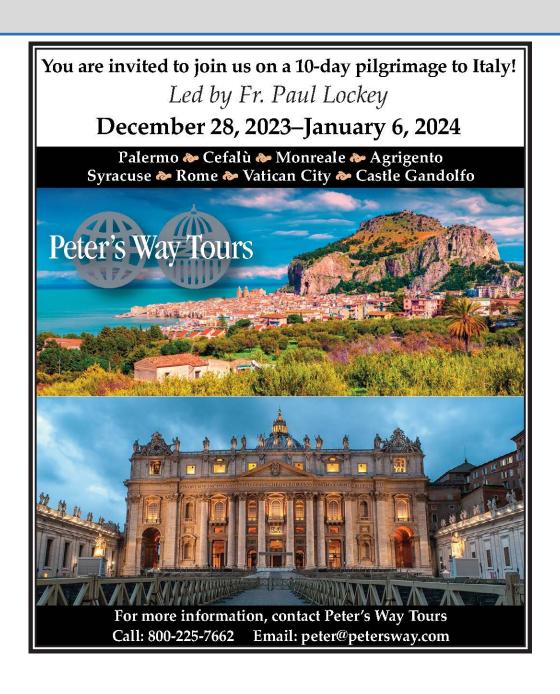
### Pick up schedule for May:

May 3 - Bentwater (contact Karen Smith or Bob Daves)

May 17 - Grand Harbor and Walden areas (contact Amy Schnell 904-556-3486)

If you would like to join a great group of people who are dedicated to serving our parish, our community, and those in need, please come on Wednesday mornings or contact Lauren Twining for more information. You won't regret it. Most that come, end up staying. We would love to see you join us.

Please join **St. Mary's Porch** on Facebook for weekly deals, special sales, and sneak peak at what the Rummage Sale Team is doing.





# Sorry The Parish office will be closed on May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day.

### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16th.

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.

# St. Vincent de Paul Society



To help teach our children the importance of sharing our resources with the poor, we encourage families to let the children bring food items for the food baskets in the church or in the hall. Only canned or boxed items. \* Anything you bring is a blessing to our friends in need. Our May meeting is on Tuesday, May 23 with Mass at 5:00pm meeting to follow in SM Hall.

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 I ...have not charity," says the Apostles, "I am nothing." Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, "if I ... have not charity, I gain nothing." Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But the greatest of these is charity." CCC 1826

Be as charitable as possible to help the poor.

Your SVdP Conference

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

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

### May 21: Catholic Communications

The Catholic Communications campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message.



### 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, May 12 Friday, May 19

# St. Joseph's Memorial Day Weekend Bazaar

It's that time of year again and I know we are all looking forward to St. Joseph's annual Bazaar on Sunday May 28th. It's a time we can all come together and celebrate the blessings God has sent our way.

I encourage you to come out on May 28th and enjoy a fantastic lunch with beef, pork and all the trimmings beginning at 11:00 am. There will also be a live auction beginning at 2:00 pm, a silent auction, live music and entertainment throughout the day along with activities, games. There are booths for children and adults to round out an enjoyable and interesting event.

COME ON OUT, enjoy yourself while celebrating our Veterans on this Memorial Day weekend who made our country great. We look forward to seeing everyone.

### ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

# Altar Society Meeting -

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm

Anyone who is not currently a member of the Altar

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

### **ALTAR CARE:**

The Fougeron Family

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

May 7: Nance Shaw

May 14: Shawna Grant & Jessica Alvarez

May 21: Alice Mock & Julie Mock

May 28: Bazaar

# St. Mary's Cemetery Association

We would like to invite everyone to come and help clean up the cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 21 at 4:00 pm. We will be placing flags by our veterans' graves in preparation for the Memorial Day Service, May 29.

As a reminder, do not place any glass vases, figurines, or any other breakable items on the graves. These become a danger to the lawn service personnel and other visitors.

Don't wait until the last minute . . . Get your cemetery plots & niches at St. Mary's as soon as possible.

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Prices on each are: PARISHIONER—\$1,200; NON-PARISHIONER—\$4,000

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



### AA MEETINGS:

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





# St. Joseph's Bazaar Workdays

On the following dates volunteers are needed to help:

Saturday May 20th @ 8:30am Saturday May 27th @ 8:30am

Monday May 29th @ 8:30am

Just show up and we will put you to work. Lunch will be provided.

# 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 May.

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Game Day will be Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00am - 2:00pm in St. Mary's Hall

Entrée provided, please bring a side dish. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

The Domino Group will play every Tuesday in the Family Life Center

Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone



# 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





### **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 May's Liturgical Readings



### ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

### Tuesday, May 2nd at Noon in SM Hall

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

### **ALTAR CARE:**

Sherry Henderson, Joanna Montgomery, Ann Young

### 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:

**Toddler/Crib Sheets** Sports bras - all sizes Women's underwear sizes 5, 6, and 8

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**

### FIRST COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6. Stop in The Corner Shoppe to see the many cards and gifts to mark this special occasion in the life of someone you know.



### SPECIAL SALE



In honor of Mother's Day this month, all rosaries and Mother's Day gifts are 20% off all month.

### GRADUATION

The Corner Shoppe has gifts and cards for your favorite graduate. Stop by!



## Rowan's Prayer

Rowan's Praye One day God will Bring us back tog with your child, you'll cry no more. One day God will Bring us back together, United

Till then, may we draw strength from each other, knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.

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

Contact Bonnie Haytcher: by calling 941-302-6310, or emailing haytcherb@gmail.com



### Faith Formation L Children's Sacraments



### CCE

Have a happy & blessed summer!

Classes for 2022-2023 have concluded. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Visit the Religious Education website page: http://smsj.org/cce-children-youthsacraments/

### RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

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

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

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A Picard Jr at dpicard0710@gmail.com or 936-697-0195



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# **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

### Age 6 and over:

The preparation for these children is facilitated through the CCE program. For registration information visit the CCE webpage: https://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/

For more information contact: Cheryl Schratwieser - smsjcce@gmail.com

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE**

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

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# GriefShare Ministry

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and settion, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Phillipians 4:6-7

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

Cleaning up St. Mary's flower Garden is an ongoing effort. It gives us a chance to enjoy God's beautiful gifts of plants & flowers and help keep our gardens looking fresh. We are always looking for folks to help out. If you're interested in giving a few hours of your time please contact Joanna at 936.577.9785.

May 13 Saturday, 2:00-4:00pm - Spiritual session, we will be viewing a Mathew Kelly DVD on the 7 Pillars of Catholic Spirituality. Matthew inspires us to enhance our walk through our Catholic faith by encouraging us with hope and energy. For more information and to RSVP please contact Mary at 281.356.2497

May 18 Thursday, 1:00pm - Lunch, Old Oak Taphouse, a Taste of Texas with a great variety of food and beer. Family owned business with a friendly atmosphere. Located at 17527 Hwy. 105 East Plantersville, TX 77363 832.585.3524. Hope you can join us for an enjoyable afternoon come around 12:30 to visit! For more information and to RSVP (how many in your party) please call Debby at 936.444.5164 by May 16.

For more information on this S.A.L.T. Ministry please contact Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

### St. Matthias Catholic Church Annual Bazaar

The event will kick off on **Saturday, May 6 at noon** with a crawfish & shrimp boil (pre-order recommended) and a Gumbo Cook-Off (to compete pre-registration is required). The day will end with a barn dance, live music provided by Lonely Road Band beginning at 6:30pm.

**Sunday, May 7 festivities begin at 10:30am through 5:00pm** and includes games, inflatables, a live and silent auction, a variety of food options including a BBQ dinner, live music and plenty more.

Attendance is free but some activities have charges.

302 S Magnolia Blvd, Magnolia TX 77355 Please visit their website for more information: st-matthias.net/bazaar or call the parish office at 281.356.2000





Loving God, we thank you for the love

of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.

Catholic.org

### **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

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### **Veterinarians & Boarding Services**

**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

Tameric 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

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

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| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday: 5:00pm (SM) Sunday: 7:30am (SJ) 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM) | schedule<br>im (SM)                                                                             |                                                                                                    |                                                                                               |                                                                                 | W                                                         | May 2023                                                                  |
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