

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

## June 2023



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
 Daniel Cardinal DiNardo  
 Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor  
 Deacon David G. Garvis  
 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.

### *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 Coffman 281.773.6081

#### 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

#### 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

Call Parish Office 936.894.2223

#### 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 936.760.9565

#### 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

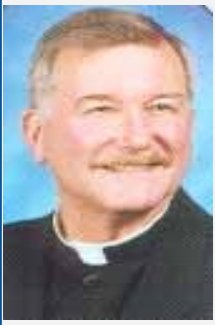
#### Write for Life

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 (pg. 1)...

Mothers' Day weekend is always a special weekend, honoring all mothers in our prayers and special cards and gifts. As on all special holidays, we give our hospitality teams off to celebrate with family and friends. However, I'm up at my usual time Sunday morning, opening the hall and making the coffee and tea. Through the years, I realized how a lot of you drift over to the hall even when hospitality isn't scheduled. I can't remember when it hit me to storm the refrigerators, freezer, and storeroom for stuff to put out for anyone coming into the hall. I've been doing it for a while now and am pleased that it's all gone by the last Mass! The greatest compliment was paid to me after the 10am Mass on Mothers' Day when the remark was made at a table around which sat five or six parishioners: "We're addicted to coming to the hall and visiting after Mass." It was a remark that was made with such a smile and heartfelt sincerity that I can truly say "It made my Sunday!"

I recently met Mr. Jim McIngvale, otherwise known as 'Mattress Mack' of Gallery Furniture in Houston. I was on a mission with Fr. Peter Vasko, a Franciscan friend of mine and the leader of all our parish pilgrimages to the Holy Land. He had a presentation to make to Mr. McIngvale who listened attentively and is now seriously taking his request into consideration. Interestingly, after Fr. Vasko's presentation and discussion, Mr. McIngvale turned to me and asked about our Parish. [Hopefully, he won't mind my recounting our conversation here... fingers crossed.] He wasn't quite sure where Plantersville was until I mentioned the Renaissance Festival, a landmark recognized by all. He was interested that it was a painted church. Somewhere in the conversation, I mentioned that the church was never locked. In fact, no lock is on the front door. [When the Diocesan insurance inspector comes for his yearly visit, he always points out that the front doors do not have a lock. He's even gone so far as to suggest we might not ever lock em but writes us up for not having a lock on the front doors. I nod my head and just say 'we'll try to get around to that.'...23 years of write ups!]. Anyway, Mr. McIngvale was impressed that there was a church unlocked 24/7, lights on, for anyone who needed to pray or reflect.

After the discussion of our unlocked churches [St. Joseph's is also unlocked], I mentioned that we have hospitality after our Sunday Masses and how proud I was that our 'hospitality' wasn't just a cup of coffee and a donut but the works: a full breakfast [I described a sample menu] and a brunch after the later Masses [also describing a menu]. .

## AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR (pg. 2)...

He wasn't just impressed but he made the comment I'll always remember "You're taking care of your customers." He pointed out that in his store there's a restaurant where his employees are fed breakfast, lunch, and supper free. No cell phones or tablets are allowed so that the employees have to talk to each other. I'm sure any hungry customer would also be fed. He was amazed that a small country parish would be aware of how important taking care of each other and feeding each other was to building community.

I told Mr. McIngvale how our area was mushrooming, subdivisions popping up all around. How our parish was growing yet we were determined that Sunday Hospitality would always remain a hallmark of our Sunday celebrations. I invited him to come and celebrate with us some Sunday and see for himself what a dedicated church community can do. [I also let him know he'd not get a better breakfast or brunch at a restaurant... maybe not even his {didn't say that..lol}].

This whole recounting of my visit with Mr. McIngvale reinforces in my mind and heart how important our Sunday Hospitality is. All visitors/guests are blown away with our Liturgy AND by the layout of a feast after each Mass.

We have such a dedicated bunch of Hospitality Teams and Organizations that pour their little hearts out preparing, cooking, and serving our Sunday breakfasts and brunches. No one is asked to pay out of their own pocket. We've budgeted a really significant amount for each Sunday. The budget's even increasing with the rising cost of food these days. I am so proud each Sunday morning when, as I've opened the hall and am making coffee/tea, the team members start arriving, eager to begin prepping and cooking for the morning. The laughter and camaraderie fill my heart with joy and thanksgiving for such a wonderful parish to be part of.

**IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THIS FANTASTIC MINISTRY. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF AN EXISTING TEAM OR FORM YOUR OWN TEAM.** We have two families that have formed their own team, kids and parents. Can't get more fun than that! If you're new to the parish, this is a great way to connect and get to know fellow parishioners in a fun-filled kitchen and, yes, a working shoulder-to-shoulder together. Friends happen that way.

*Here is A list of the Hospitality Team leaders and their phone #'s.* No team has enough hands. It would be great if each team had an early morning shift (7:30-8:45) and a later shift (10-11:30). I'll bet it'll be hard to chase you out of the kitchen!...lol. I'm also hoping for some new teams. Would really be a blessing all around. You'd have your own Special Sunday! Right now, I think, each team has two Sundays a year. You'll plan your own menu, have funds for shopping or ordering your stuff to make everyone's mouth water. At the end of the day, you'll be tired...being a disciple is tiring...but delighted when you experience your fellow parishioners smiling faces and full bellies.

*Please see next page for list of Hospitality Teams.*

**Hall Hospitality Group Leaders**

AS Group No. 1: **Karen Smith 936-689-3618**

AS Group No. 2: **Mo Houston 713-291-3360**

ASGroup No. 3: **Knights of Columbus, Richard Hicks 713-202-1566**

AS Group No. 4: **Tracy Strong 936-718-8766**

AS Group No. 5: **Judy Hayes 281-844-5898**

AS Group No. 6: **Ella Pospisil 713-725-5990**

AS Group No. 7: **Cindy Macholam 309-253-8134**

AS Group No. 8: **Teresa Schmitz 817-539-1126**

AS Group No. 9: **Ronnie Bochat 936-537-9625**

AS Group No. 10: **Lisa Atkinson 936-662-3646**

Acts Team: **Bobby Williams 832-540-2250**

Finance Council: **Charles Parada 832-594-4603**

Guardian Angels/Grief Share: **Nancy Schlottman 936-525-0007**  
**Mary Marshall 281-781-5916**

Men's Club: **Bob Daves 832-205-2791**

SVDP: **Bob Daves 832-205-2791**

Michael Ogorchock family: **Michael Ogorchock 832-493-9722**

Office Staff: **936-894-2223**



**WE'RE HAVING TO MAKE A CHANGE**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTE..... PLEASE.**

There's been some discussion for a while now about the crunch of time between the 8:45am Mass and the 10am Mass at St. Mary. I think Fr. Lockey does a better job than me of getting the Assembly out with enough time for the 10am people to get in and settled. Even Fr. Lockey has mentioned that it would definitely be optimum with a little more time.

If you remember, when we initiated the 8:45am Mass, it was celebrated without music/song. However, as time went on, more and more remarked that they missed the music and singing....a very good thing! Music and singing within the Liturgy is what the Council of Vatican II called for to achieve an active, conscious participation by all who celebrate: priest, ministers, laity.

When we added music/singing to the 8:45am Mass, it really put the squeeze on the time between the 8:45am and the 10am. Often, there was barely 15 minutes before the 10am Mass was to start.

THEREFORE, here's the change of the Sunday Mass Schedule beginning Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mary.

**7:00am ... 8:30am ... 10:00am ... 11:30am**

**SO.....PLEASE TAKE NOTE AND PLACE ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR.**

I seriously don't think the change of the 7:30am to 7:00am will affect you early Mass people...lol...You probably wouldn't mind a 5:30am Mass

The 8:30am is a bit earlier but just 15 minutes. Offer it up. The rest of the schedule is the same: 10am and 11:30am. The 7:30am at St. Joseph remains the same.

Just think of me and Fr. Lockey having to get up that much earlier for the 7am too.

# DSF 2023

## Progress Report

May 8, 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 \$95,453 (95%)

St. Joseph's goal is \$11,000, collected to date \$9,830 (89%)

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.



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\* **Please note: you can find the bulletin on our website [www.smsj.org](http://www.smsj.org)** \*  
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### **New Parish Directory Coming Soon!**

**Our last parish directory was produced in 2017 and our parish family has grown since then. It's time for a new parish directory.**

**This time instead of the paper book type directory, which is out of date by the time it can be printed and distributed, we will be compiling an electronic version that will be kept online and available for updating as required. We will use as much existing information as possible but will be asking you to correct/updated your information as well as provide updated photos. We will be announcing opportunity to have you take new photos and update your information during your weekly visits to the Parish Hall. Look for future announcements on when you will have opportunities to provide your data for the new parish directory.**

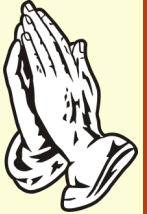


## THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Pope's Intention: For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to enduring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

### Please keep our sick in your prayers:



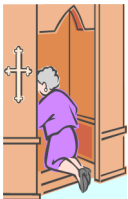
MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Danny & Carmen Mock Ferraro, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Catherine Hoffart, Tommy & Irene Hoffpauir, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Deborah Kennamore, Ruth 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, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak

## Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

June 7th at 9:00am

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First Friday Mass  
June 2nd at 9:00am



## CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

**June 7th & June 21st**  
**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 June 2023**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Intentions</u></b>	<b><u>Requested by</u></b>
Sun, Jun. 4	7:30am	Thomas, Theresa, James Cory & John Stepanski Jimmy Tomkivits	Mary Shollar, Stepanski & Rice Families  Kay Sechelski Studhalter
Sun., Jun. 11	7:30am	William & Frances Tomkivitz Gay Imhoff	Dorothy Bohack Imhoff Family
Sun., Jun. 18	7:30am	For All Fathers	
Sun., Jun. 25	7:30am	Charles & Dorothy Smith Louis Pavlock	Robert & Patricia Kimich Leonard Busa



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

**Barbara Fougeron: wife of Leland, who died on Sunday, May 14, whose Funeral Mass and burial was on Monday, May 22nd at St. Joseph.**

**Roy Champagne: husband of Marian, who died on May 16, whose Funeral Mass and burial was on Monday, May 22nd at St. Mary.**

### **DON'T HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW...**

**So often I hear of someone being gravely ill at home or in-and-out of hospital only after the crisis has passed or someone mentions it in a conversation, I think there is the feeling of not wanting to bother me because 'you're so busy'. Honestly, I do get busy sometimes or at least there's always something to do. But visiting the sick at home or in hospital are some of the most important and rewarding aspects of Priesthood. I can't guarantee a visit personally but will try my best. Please don't hesitate to let me know what's happening. I'm not that busy and I really want to know.**



## St. Mary Mass Intentions for June 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Thur., Jun. 1	9:00am	Nancy Strawn	Bill & Sally Chapman
Fri., Jun. 2	9:00am	August Nowak	Loretta & Randy Burleigh
		Charles Brookshire	Kucera Family
Sat., Jun. 3	5:00pm	Jack Demny	Denise Durel
Sun., Jun. 4	7:30am	(Verena Podraza)	Laveta Malek
Sun., Jun. 4	8:45am	Neil Garvis	Ethel Barbossa
Sun., Jun. 4	10:00am	Jacob Diehl	Charles & Mary Yorek
Sun., Jun. 4	11:30am	Cecile Pattison	Rollie & Sharon Lacy
Mon., Jun. 5	9:00am	Rufus & Billy Uilkie	Natalie Uilkie
Tues, Jun. 6	9:00am	Phillip Klein	Holly & John Kolodczak
Wed., Jun. 7	9:00am	Connie Elizondo	Martha Lucas & Family
Thur., Jun. 8	9:00am	Neil Rosenberg	Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky
Sat., Jun. 10	5:00pm	Bill Malek	Dan & Dianne Malek
Sun., Jun. 11	7:30am	Eddie Upton	Upton Family
Sun., Jun. 11	8:45am	Wayne Young	Kathy Wilson
Sun., Jun. 11	10:00am	Bob Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Sun., Jun. 11	11:30am	Raymond Pasket	Pasket Family
Mon, Jun. 12	9:00am	Katie Smith	Diana Floyd
Tues., Jun. 13	9:00am	Sammy Blair	Alan Lamascus & Family
Wed, Jun. 14	9:00am	Hayden O'Brien	Leo Wick
Thur., Jun. 15	9:00am	Thomas, Sr. & Sport Diehl	Brenda Diehl
		Marcy Diehl Ellis, Ronnie Canatella	
Sat., Jun. 17	5 :00pm	Richard "Ted" Stephen	Arlene Stephen
		John Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Jun. 18	All Masses	For All Fathers	-----
Tues., Jun. 20	9:00am	Amber Hoffart	Laveta Malek
Wed, Jun. 21	9:00am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne Smock & Francisco Cabrera
Thur., Jun. 22	9:00am	Lavail Lott	Betty Lott
Sat., Jun. 24	5:00pm	Cindy Smith	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Jun. 25	7:30am	Janie Legge	John Mock
Sun., Jun. 25	8:45am	Tracy Winkleman	Annette & Richard Prokop
Sun., Jun. 25	10:00am	Toby Seale	His Family
Sun., Jun. 25	11:30am	Terry Gabriel	Bill & Gloria Boehm
Mon, Jun. 26	9:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Linette Tootsie Mock
Tues, Jun. 27	9:00am	Jim & Mary Winter & Family	Barbara Killius
Wed., Jun. 28	9:00am	Pat Holt	Pamela Herzog
Thur., Jun. 29	9:00am	June Voigt	SM Altar Society

## SUPPORT THE YOUTH GROUP AT THEIR NEXT ACTIVITIES!

### 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!

\$15 cash or check

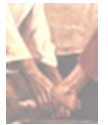


**Thank you!**

**The St. Mary Men's Club had another successful blood drive on April 23, 2023. There were 47 units of blood donated to M.D. Anderson. Again, thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.**

*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 & Breakfast  
Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**





## 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 June: BRING US YOUR STUFF!!**

Thank you for all that these communities donate each month. We appreciate you, greatly!

**June 7 - Bentwater** (contact Karen Smith or Bob Daves)

**June 21 - 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. Also, join **St. Mary's Porch** on Facebook for weekly deals, special sales, and sneak peak at what the Rummage Sale Team is doing.



## *Men's Club Golf Tournament - a huge success.*

The St. Mary's Men's Club annual golf tournament was held at the Walden Golf Course on Monday, April 24th and we had a great turnout of over 100 golfers and approximately 25 volunteers. Fr. Ed was in charge of the weather and the day turned out perfectly.

The purpose of the golf tournament is to raise funds to provide college scholarships for the youth of our parish and our goal each year is to "NET" (clear) approximately \$20,000. I am happy to report that we far exceeded our goal and cleared \$27,857.

I want to thank our 10-member golf committee (Joe Baker, Dennis Alexander, Leo Edmonds, Bob Rose, Lyle Hamm, Jeff McFarland, Dan Macholan, John Tryon, Shanon Salsbury, and Eric Gensheimer) who started working on this year's tournament back in January, and met each month since then to make sure we had all of our sponsors, volunteers, and golfers lined up. The silent auction keeps growing each year and along with our online bidding process, it has proven to be a great source of income.

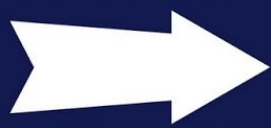
I would like to thank the Walden Golf Course (Danny Jones, head golf pro) and the Cafe on the Green (Thad Adamak, Manager) for hosting the tournament and providing a delicious post golf meal. I would also like to thank all of the Hole Sponsors (too many to list) and our Exhibitors, State Farm Insurance (Shanon Salsbury), Montgomery Comprehensive Dental (Dr. Tim Gardner) and Montgomery Physical Therapy (Alan Thorell) for their contributions.

A special thank you goes out to Rudy's BBQ (Joe Moczygamba, General Manager) who donated 200 breakfast tacos to get the day started.

Charlie Parada  
Chairman, SMMC Golf Committee

CHILDREN, 

**OBEY** your parents in the



**Lord**

FOR THIS IS RIGHT....

FATHERS,



do not provoke

YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER,



but bring them up in the

DISCIPLINE

AND

INSTRUCTION

OF THE

**Lord.**

EPHESIANS 6:14

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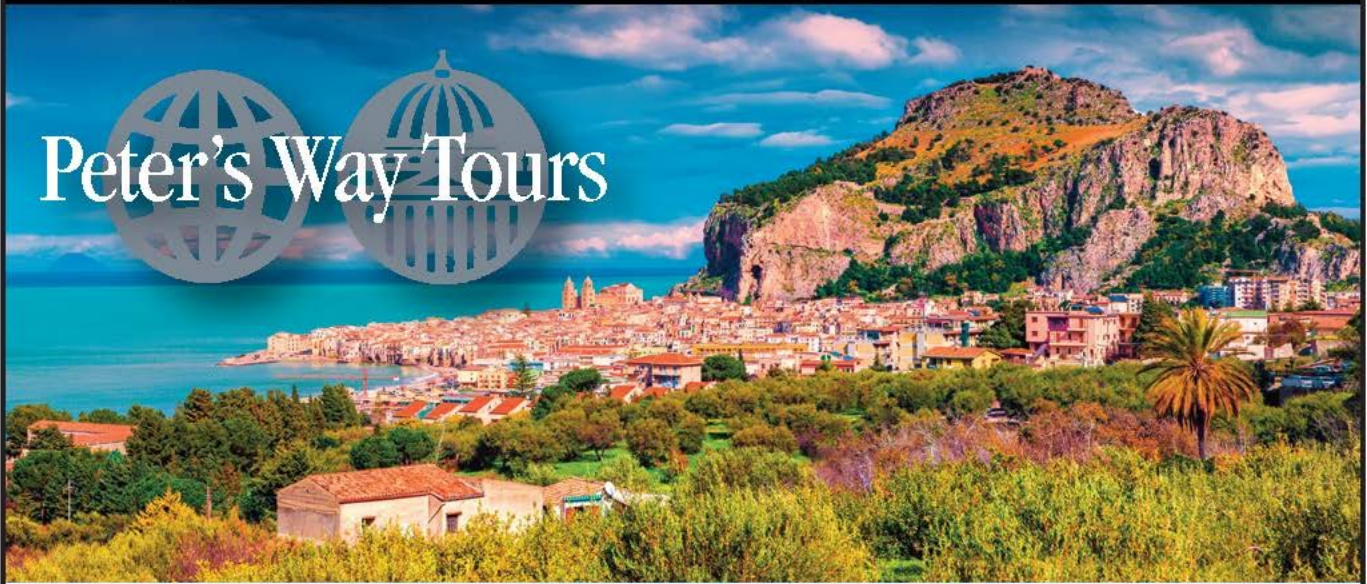
You are invited to join us on a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy!

*Led by Fr. Paul Lockey*

**December 28, 2023–January 6, 2024**

Palermo 🍷 Cefalù 🍷 Monreale 🍷 Agrigento  
Syracuse 🍷 Rome 🍷 Vatican City 🍷 Castle Gandolfo

Peter's Way Tours



For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours

Call: 800-225-7662    Email: [peter@petersway.com](mailto:peter@petersway.com)



The Parish office will be **closed** on Monday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 20

Then Men's Club will be introducing this year's Scholarship Winners. All Students with their parents are invited to attend. Social is 6:00 pm, Dinner is at 6:30 pm with a meeting to follow.

Thanks to everyone who made the Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament a rousing success. We invite all men of St. Mary's to come and join our group.

Bob Daves - President

### St. Vincent de Paul Society



We ask that you continue to bring non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. **Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30pm. Mass will follow at 5:00pm with dinner following at a local restaurant.**

*Deuteronomy 15:7-9 "If one of your kindred is in need in any community in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand against your kin who is in need. Vs 11 The land will never lack for needy persons, that is why I command you: Open your hand freely to the poor and to your needy kin in your land."*

*It is more than giving money or donating food, it is visiting the poor and those living on the fringe of society. They need our personal interaction with them, to pray with them, to hear their "story" to show them that God does care about them. Pray for the work the Society does, and consider becoming a Vincentian.*

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

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



## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

June 11th

### **St. Mary Seminary Collection: Corpus Christi Sunday**

This effort provides funds to operate the Seminary and facilitate formation for the seminarians studying at St. Mary's. The seminary also houses the Archdiocese's permanent diaconate program and the University of St. Thomas School of Theology.



Join us in congratulating Fr. Lockey on his 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood on June 24<sup>th</sup> and Deacon Ted on his 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Deacon on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Happy Father's Day!!!



### LITTLE LAMBS SUMMER FUN FRIDAYS!

Plan now for some SUMMER FUN for your children. Any age children are welcome to join us for 5 Fridays in June - parent or guardian stay with us as well. We'll pair any older children with the wee ones for exciting games and activities. Teens of the parish are encouraged to come and help.

Join us on Fridays in June at St. Mary's Hall from 9:00am until 11:00am. For more info or to volunteer:

Wanda O'Brien [tjobrien911@consolidated.net](mailto:tjobrien911@consolidated.net)

June 2 (begins with 9am Mass in the church, then we'll move to the hall)

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30



## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

### **Altar Society Meeting**

**NO MEETING IN JUNE - Summer Break**

### **ALTAR CARE:**

Marcy Pavlock, Rhonda Sechelski, Kaky Wetuski

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

June 4: Cathy Busa

June 11: Mary Gorney

June 18: JoAnn Kutac and Shelly Sauer

June 25: Cecie Kobza

## **AA MEETINGS:**

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



## **St. Mary Bazaar Raffle Donors Needed**

It's that time again!

It is time to start planning the 2023 St. Mary's bazaar raffle!! If you are interested in being a sponsor please reach out to the church office via email at [info@smsj.org](mailto:info@smsj.org) or contact Lisa Atkinson at 936-662-3646.

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

There are several monuments that are leaning and could possibly fall in the near future. We are asking family members to have these monuments straightened. You may contact the memorial stone company that installed the monument. They can provide the expert service needed. If you see something that needs our attention, please let us know.

***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 June.

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**BINGO** will be Tuesday, June 20th 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:

June 23-25, 2023

### ACTS

*Upcoming Retreats:*

#### Women's:

January 18-21, 2024

#### Men's:

February 6-9, 2025



### 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.

**SIGN UP** NOW!



## **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 June's Liturgical Readings***



## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

NO MEETING IN JUNE  
SUMMER BREAK

### ALTAR CARE:

Beatrice Diehl & Earline Jones

## 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:

- Women's tee shirts – all sizes
- Women's underwear sizes 5, 6, 7, and 8
- Flip flops sizes – 7/8, 9/10, 11/12
- Kids crafting supplies
- Make-up

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



Be sure to come to The Corner Shoppe during the month of June after each weekend Mass and every Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm and shop the cards, gifts, and items to commemorate this month's special events and devotions to our Catholic faith:

June 16, 2023

Sacred Heart of  
Jesus Feast Day



June 18, 2023

Father's Day



The Entire Month of June  
Weddings and Graduations



## 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



### The CCE Program is always looking for new volunteers.

We will have several openings for catechists and aides this coming fall for both our Wednesday night and Sunday classes. If you would like to help please copy the link below to fill out a Volunteer Form.

<https://smsj.wufoo.com/forms/volunteer-form/>

If you have any questions about volunteering you can contact us by email: [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com)

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).





*Blessings to our First Communion students who celebrated the Sacrament on May 6th!*

*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!*

• Coming •  
**SOON**

# GriefShare

This summer we will be offering the Loss of a Spouse Seminar



## Some of the areas that will be discussed:

Coping with life without your partner

What to expect in your grief

Practical advice from experts

Why it won't always hurt this much

More information to come about this seminar through Flocknotes

## Our Fall GriefShare session will be,

September 6 – December 6, 2023

Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 pm

At the Kelly House

Please make plans to join us!

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. The foundation for the program is based on *Community, Understanding, Support* and *Encouragement*. Our Facilitators understand and have experienced what you are currently going through. They are here to offer comfort and encouragement during this difficult time while sharing knowledge to help you move forward.

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics

For more information call the Church office 936-894-2223

## S.A.L.T. Ministry

Single Adults Living Truth

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

### Upcoming Events:

**\*Ongoing Activity**, 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

**Check us out on FACEBOOK: S.A.L.T. has a Facebook Page by the name of S.A.L.T. Ministry.** If you are on Facebook find us & join the group. Send a comment or ask a question.

**\* June 15 Thursday, Honor Café, lunch at 11:30**, they have a unique environment that pays tribute to the men & women that have served and protected our country in the Armed Forces. They offering a 5 star eating experience with a variety of foods.... 103 N. Thompson St. Suite 101 Conroe 77301, 936-286-8081. For more information and to RSVP(by June 12 Monday with number in your party) contact Barbara at 832-443-6320.  
*Hope you can join us.*

**\*New Outreach Activity, Sleeping Mats for the Homeless.** It gives them a little more comfort, it is easy to clean and they are made out of plastic bags. Come to a meeting on **June 5, Monday at 12:30 at the Family Life Center**, join us for lunch, learn more about this activity and do some preparation work. There are several steps in the process that **We All Can Do**. Starting with collecting the bags, straighten them, folding, cutting and, knotting before the mat is put together by crocheting or knitting. This is a terrific opportunity for us to reach out to the homeless and needy people in our community, just like Jesus instructed us to do. *Hope to see you there.*

**We will update or inform you of any other upcoming activities through 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

## *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)

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				*9:00am - Mass	*9:00am - Mass *9:00 - 11:00am - Little Lambs Summer Fun Friday (9am Meet in church for Mass)	*5:00pm - Mass
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
*Regular Mass Schedule	*9:00am - Mass *12:30pm - S.A.L.T. - Meeting - FLC Kitchen *8:00pm - AA Mtg - FLC Kitchen	*9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *NO SJ ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - SUMMER BREAK	*9:00am - Anointing Mass *10:00am - noon & 5:00pm - 6:00pm Confessions *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall	*9:00am - Mass	*9:00 - 11:00am - Little Lambs Summer Fun Friday	*5:00pm - Mass *St. Mary Seminary Collection
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
*Regular Mass Schedule *St. Mary Seminary Collection	*9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg. - Kelly House	*9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *NO SM ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - SUMMER BREAK	*9:00am - Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall	*9:00am - Mass *11:30am - S.A.L.T. - Lunch @ Honor Cafe	*9:00 - 11:00am - Little Lambs Summer Fun Friday	*5:00pm - Mass
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
*Regular Mass Schedule *After Masses - Youth Group Kolache Bake Sale for Father's Day <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	*8:00pm - AA Mtg. - Kelly House  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	*9:00am - Mass *10:00am - BINGO - SM Hall *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *6:00pm - SM Men's Club Dinner & Meeting - SM Hall	*9:00am - Mass *10:00am - noon & 5:00pm - 6:00pm Confessions *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall	*9:00am - Mass	*9:00 - 11:00am - Little Lambs Summer Fun Friday	*5:00pm - Mass
25	26	27	28	29	30	
*Regular Mass Schedule *8am - 1pm - St. Mary Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast - SM Hall	*9:00am - Mass *8:00pm - AA Mtg. - Kelly House	*9:00am - Mass *11:00am - Domino Club - FLC *3:30pm - St. Vincent de Paul - Meeting - SM Hall	*9:00am - Mass *9:30am - Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall	*9:00am - Mass	*9:00 - 11:00am - Little Lambs Summer Fun Friday	