

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

July 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.



AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR (pg. 1)...

There are two very important Sundays after the Solemnity of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter Season: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Both affirm our faith rooted in Christ. He reveals to us His Father, who sent Him, the Son, to redeem all Creation and sends us the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to unify and strengthen His disciples to go and bring His Good News to all the world. Christ does not leave us orphans but continues His presence among us in the most precious of gifts: Himself in the Eucharist. The Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ is our affirmation of faith in the true presence of Christ in His Body and Blood we receive at every Mass.

In the 'Ole days' on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi there was a special procession either outside around the church or, especially if the Bishop was celebrating, down the street in town. Houston for years had a huge procession in downtown. Prior to Vatican II, the devotion of 'Benediction' was regularly a devotion part of a weekly parish Novena (probably another devotion many haven't heard of...lol).

Reflecting on the upcoming Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), I realized that many of those born during and after the Council probably have not experienced 'Benediction' and those once familiar with it haven't experienced it for a long time. That led me to the decision to end this year's celebration of Corpus Christi with 'Benediction'. In the pew that Sunday was the following explanation of the devotion so that it wouldn't be absolutely esoteric and confusing but understood and appreciated. Unfortunately, I asked that the paper explaining Benediction be left in the pew. I also realized that many hadn't read it before Mass. So.....Here is what you **might** have missed or, if you read it, can now digest it more completely.



*Benediction:
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with
a blessing of the people with the Sacrament itself.*

The word 'Benediction' comes from the Latin, *benedictio*, meaning 'blessing'. It is a devotion peculiar to the Western Church (our Roman Catholic Church). It originated together with the practice of elevating the consecrated Elements (the Body and the Blood) for adoration at Mass, the reservation of the Sacrament for public view and the celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. It reflects the Church's understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It may have grown out of the older practice of blessing the people with the cross or a relic, or in the case of Communion of the sick, with the Eucharist itself. In the early 14th century this practice was extended to blessing with the Sacrament (exposed in a monstrance [from Latin, meaning 'to show'] the people who gathered at the place of reservation to sing a song after Compline (the Evening Prayer of the Church...the prayer ending the daily Divine Office...the Church's official daily prayer). Similarly, the practice may have grown from the annual Procession of the Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi which concluded with the priest blessing the people with the Sacrament.

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

The Council of Trent (1545-63) reaffirmed the Church's belief in the Real Presence. Benediction became a regular part of Catholic life from Trent to Vatican Council II (1962- 1965). Although not as common a devotion as it once was, it is still very much one of our Catholic devotions that affirm that we truly believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Benediction begins with the taking of the Host out of the tabernacle and placing it in a special object made specifically to 'show' the Host: the monstrance. A hymn is sung "O Saving Victim" as the Sacrament is placed in the monstrance. Another hymn is sung as the Sacrament is incensed, an action that is meant to reverence and show our devotion to Christ truly present. A prayer is then prayed thanking the Lord for this precious Sacrament and asking that we sincerely appreciate what He has done for us and the hope to be in His presence in the Kingdom.

When the priest prepares to bless the people with the Sacrament, he is brought the 'humeral veil', a draping over the shoulder, with which he, as it were, covers himself so as not to draw attention to himself but that Christ Himself is blessing His people.

The devotion ends with the echoing of the 'Divine Praises', each acclamation affirming an article of faith that binds us to Christ, His Church and to one another.

As the Blessed Sacrament is replaced into the tabernacle, a hymn is sung, typically the oldie-goldie, 'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name'.

We're incorporating this devotion into our Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) because so many may actually be unaware of it or may not have experienced it for a while. Hope you enjoy and have a deeper appreciation of the Lord's great gift: His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Father Ed Kucera
July 1, 1999 - July 1, 2023

Thank You!

*Join us in thanking Fr. Ed for his 24 years of
being our Shepherd at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's.
We look forward to enjoying many more years with you.*

The Question Has Come Up More Than Once "Are we going to build a new church at St. Mary?"

I guess the question is being asked because of the new growth of population in the area and the new churches recently built in Conroe and Magnolia. It's a question that will definitely have to be addressed in the future...either near or far future.

What is being discussed now is planning for the future so as not to be caught-off-guard and ill prepared. With the purchase of the 47 acres across the street, it was imperative that we have an updated Master Plan so as to use the property wisely and not in a hodge-podge, rambling way that future generations would have to remedy or put up with. I say 'updated' because from my arrival 23 years ago, we have always operated with a Master Plan in place to guide us before we undertook our building projects. I have had discussion with the architects we have used in our building projects to propose the ideal location of a new church so that our present church, so loved by all, will not be neglected, or worse, torn down to make way for the new. I would want the new church to in relation to the present church both in its location and architecture, forming what might be called a piazza between them. (Of course, my successor might have other ideas.)

I am also convinced that we must have what I am calling a 'Venue' to compete with the many very expensive venues in the area. It seems our hall isn't adequate for what many bridal parties desire: bridal room with make-up facilities, grooms' room, etc. This is all in the initial stage. Nothing finalized. When it is, you'll be the first to know. Please, someone with the Powerball!



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

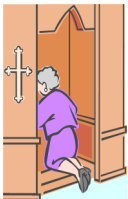
Pope's Intention: For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:



MaryAnn Benitz, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, James & Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Clara Fridye, Holly Gilstrap, Russell Grasshoff, Joanne Hare, 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, CeCe Ray, Mary Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Danielle Sharp, Angela Slater, Fred Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

July 5th & July 19th
10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

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

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

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

July 5th at 9:00am

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First Friday Mass

July 7th 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.



Introducing Michael Comeaux Music Director

A long time ago in a parish far, far away...where a brand-new young priest named Fr. Ed was mentoring the Catholic Youth Organization...St. Joseph Catholic Church in Baytown, TX to be exact...same diocese (not an arch- back then) but on the far, far side of the big city of Houston.

I'm the 12th of 13 children born to a good Catholic family in the early 60s, when hip huggers were for hippies, and some of my family were hippies, and others were anti-hippie. Two of my brothers grew up in the same room all their lives until college (one UT, one A&M); one became a nuclear engineer, the other protested what he considered unsafe nuclear sites as an activist. I

think that says everything about being taught to unconditionally love, teach, think, and coexist despite differences. A tribute to my parents.

It was my first weekend going to Sunday Mass at the AD Bruce Religion Center, on the University of Houston campus, that I both felt the warm pull and I also gave a resistant push after receiving a warm bearhug from one of the campus ministers, Sr. Ginger Peters, O.P. It was NOT my plan to be a churchgoer in college; I merely wanted to be prepared for "parents' week" when my parents would join my best friend, mentor, and older sister Mary and I for Mass. I guess I got pulled in more so than I pushed away.

My formal education concluded with the reception of my teaching certification and a BS in Music Education from the University of Houston. Even back then, I had already recognized that at least half of my collegiate formation and education had been at the Catholic Newman Association, from which I made lasting friendships and faith connections.

After college, intending to be a secular music teacher, I instead accepted an offer to teach at a Catholic school AND work as the first music minister of that parish. Between the two salaries, I almost earned the paycheck of a public school teacher! In 1986!

I've tried NOT being a musician for the Lord. I've been an administrator, a realtor, and an office manager (and a gentleman)... whenever I've needed a breath, I've been "pulled back" into church ministry. For example, the day after receiving my largest paycheck as a realtor (and it was a nice one!), and realizing that being a realtor was not for me despite the largesse, I received unsolicited calls from two different parishes seeking my availability. I've heard those "coincidences" called 'Godwinks'. Actually, perhaps God yells. And I decided to finally listen.

Twenty-five years after my final foray into church music (and sometimes liturgical) ministry, I can honestly say I'm moving UP to smaller parishes. I am hoping to see the good in y'all people "up north", and for y'all to see the good in me. As I am departing my music/liturgy position after 15 years down by Galveston, one of my choir members said to me that my theme song should be the old hippie song..."I'd like to teach the world to sing, in perfect harmony....". Not just about music.



St. Joseph Mass Intentions July 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sun, Jul. 2	7:30am	Roman Warchesik Family Bill Rios	Wetuski Family Sandra Naski Rios
Sun., Jul. 9	7:30am	Jimmy Tomkivits Theresa Smith	Susan Tomkivits Davidson John Galla
Sun., Jul. 16	7:30am	Amelia, Valeria Imhoff & Frances Langley King David & Dorothy Gast	Imhoff Family Samantha Miller
Sun., Jul. 23	7:30am	Helen "Alice" Mock Louis Posinski, Jr.	Steve & Diana Floyd Karen Fishbeck
Sun., Jul. 30	7:30am	Cross & Samantha Smith Rufus Uilkie	Wetuski Family Victor & Dorothy Bartkowiak



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

Edward Krivacka: who died May 26, whose Funeral Mass was on Friday, June 9 in Fayetteville, TX.

Cody Godinez: who died June 13, whose funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

Franklin Wayne Ruda: son of Brian and Allison Ruda, who died on June 13, whose Funeral Mass is yet to be determined.

ACTS

UPCOMING RETREATS:

WOMEN'S:

January 18-21, 20**24**

Women's Retreat Director:
Denise Waszak
240.315.4575

MEN'S:

February 6-9, 20**25**

St. Mary Mass Intentions for July 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intentions</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Sat., Jul 1	5:00pm	John Anthony Kirk (Karen Godinez)	Carol Fowler The Callahan Family
Sun., Jul 2	7:00am	Edna Casey & Colleen Syzdek (Joanie Willis)	Barney Syzdek Greg & Joy Walkoviak
Sun., Jul 2	8:30am	The Deceased Members of the John Lebeck Family	Dorothy Pasket
Sun., Jul 2	10:00am	Mary Ann Daliege & Jim Stozek	Darlene Georges
Sun., Jul 2	11:30am	Terry Gabriel	Bill & Gloria Boehm
Mon., Jul 3	9:00am	Fr. Bill Kelly	Mary Ann Flannery
Wed., Jul 5	9:00am	(Ron Lousberg)	Sharon & Rollie Lacy
Thur., Jul 6	9:00am	Lois Ann Dentel	Suzanne Simmonds
Fri, Jul 7	9:00am	John Kolodczak	Holly & John Kolodczak
Sat., Jul 8	5:00pm	Patty Jones Cody Godinez	Bill Jones The Callahan Family
Sun., Jul 9	7:00am	Martha Sue Hopper Phipps	Dr. Linda Walker
Sun., Jul 9	8:30am	Jacob Diehl	Jason/Sheri/Elizabeth Diehl
Sun., Jul 9	10:00am	Herbert C. Coyle	Harry & Nita Leschinger
Sun., Jul 9	11:30am	John Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Mon., Jul 10	9:00am	Braylen Burling	Ellie Weiser
Tues., Jul 11	9:00am	Bill Malek	Laveta Malek
Wed., Jul 12	9:00am	Raymond Pasket	Pasket Family
Thur, Jul 13	9:00am	Maureen Magee	Olive & Nick Cannistra
Sat., Jul 15	5:00pm	Antone Lebeck Cherry Smock	Martha & Jerry Vickery Jeanne S. & Francisco Cabrera
Sun., Jul 16	7:00am	Gerry Mattern	Patricia Bruce
Sun., Jul 16	8:30am	Wayne Young	Kathy Doege
Sun., Jul 16	10:00am	Verna & Joe Kaminski	Family & Friends
Sun., Jul 16	11:30am	Sean Curtin Schratwieser	Schratwieser Family
Mon., Jul 17	9:00am	Sam Blair	Deborah & Natalie Mock Davis
Tues, Jul 18	9:00am	Thomas, Sr. & Sport Diehl Marcy Diehl Ellis & Ronnie Canatella	Sonny Diehl
Wed., Jul 19	9:00am	Richard "Ted" Stephen	Helen Rose Pakelis
Thur., Jul 20	9:00am	Pat Holt	Kayla McCormick & Family
Sat., Jul 22	5:00pm	Pauline Swonke & Floyd Swonke	Charles & Rita Swonke
Sun., Jul 23	7:00am	For the People	-----
Sun., Jul 23	8:30am	Katie Smith	Diana Floyd
Sun., Jul 23	10:00am	Diane Maguire	Maguire Family
Sun., Jul 23	11:30am	Antone Lebeck	Martha & Jerry Vickery
Mon., Jul 24	9:00am	Neil Rosenberg	Ellen & Steve Schlader
Tues, Jul 25	9:00am	Amber Hoffart	Laveta Malek
Wed., Jul 26	9:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Elvin & Joann Kutac
Thur., Jul 27	9:00am	For the People	-----
Sat., Jul 29	5:00pm	(Clemente Fierro)	Suzanne Fierro
Sun., Jul 30	7:00am	For the People	-----
Sun., Jul 30	8:30am	Suzanne Brown	Lynn & John Logan
Sun., Jul 30	10:00am	Anton & Mary Mock Family	Mock Family
Sun, Jul 30	11:30am	Betty L. Johnson	Dr. Linda Walker
Mon., Jul 31	9:00am	June Voigt	SM Altar Society

St. Mary Bazaar is quickly approaching!

Save the Date!



****Labor Day Sunday****
September 3, 2023
11:00 a.m. until ??

Come join us on this festive occasion where we have an old-fashioned country barbecue, games, live auction, silent auction, raffle and a heaping dose of fellowship.

Y'ALL COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!



BOUNTIFUL HARVEST?

Well, do we have a use for that!! Please can a few extra jars of jam, pickles, relish, etc. and donate to the
ST. MARY'S BAZAAR COUNTRY STORE!

RAFFLE TICKETS will soon be ready for all to sell.

Pick up a ticket envelope to sell to family, friends & co-workers. Tickets will be available at the Parish Office.
\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Let's make this year's raffle better than it has ever been.

Rummage News



The Rummage Sale team continues to accept your gently used donations on Wednesday mornings 8am-noon at the Rummage Barn or see unmanned 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**. Someone is always available to open the barn if you cannot drop off on Wednesdays, just give us a call.

Thank you to the communities that support us each month. We appreciate it, greatly!

Pick up schedule for JULY:

July 12 - We will be in **Bentwater** at the parking lot of the North Shore church at 9am. If you need a larger item picked up call Lauren Twining and we will pick up later that morning.

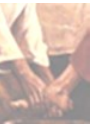
July 19 - Grand Harbor. We will be at the park in the subdivision at 9am. If you need a larger item picked up, please call. We will make arrangements to pick up later that morning.

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. We would love to see you join us. Also, join St. Mary's Porch on Facebook for weekly deals, special sales, and a sneak peak at what the Rummage Sale Team is doing.

The Rummage Team is in search of someone willing to buy everything that is left over after our big one-day event to be held Saturday, Nov 4, 2023. We enjoyed a 5 year mutually beneficial relationship with the previous buyer, who is no longer available. We are looking for just the right person/organization to fill those shoes. By 5:00pm on the day of the rummage sale, everything is boxed up and ready to be moved. All items have been sorted, checked, cleaned, priced and are ready to be sold. If you know of a person, charity, or possibly another church interested, please contact the church office or Lauren Twining 281-813-5355.

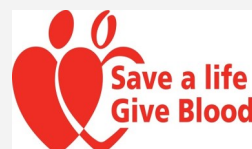
We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other feet but ours, no other mouth but ours. Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."

~~~Blessed Mother Theresa



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

**St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive & Breakfast  
Sunday, August 27**



## St. Dominic's Retired Priests – Ministry

On Friday, May 12, 2023, members of the Altar Society visited the retired priests at St. Dominic's Villa in Houston as part of the Retired Priests Ministry. Members attended Mass, then ate lunch with the priests. After lunch, some of the members toured the gardens they recently restored as part of the Retired Priest Ministry.



Pictured in the Holy Family Garden: Patti Kling, Carol Anderson, Betty Lott, Nita Leschinger, MaryAnn Flannery, Rita Swonke and Sharon Lacy.



Pictured in the Atrium Garden: Patti Kling, Rita Swonke, Karen Smith, Sharon Lacy, and Jamice McMahon.

The Altar Society visits the Retired Priests three times a year.

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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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## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### July 2: The Holy Father ~ Peter's Pence

Participating in the Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection help our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to support victims of war, natural disasters and other most in need of assistance.

### July 9: St. Vincent de Paul Society (Black Bag) ~ Parish Collection



## Teens 7th Grade & Up...



**Come to our next Youth Event!**

**Food, Fun & Games**

**Saturday, July 15th 6:00 pm**



**Hot dogs, chips & desserts**



**Outdoor games - Volleyball, Cornhole,  
Gaga Ball**

**Indoor Games - Assorted table games  
available or bring your own favorite one.**



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!

**RSVP @**

**<https://smsj.wufoo.com/forms/youth-event/>**



The Parish office will be **closed** on Tuesday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

### ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18

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



We ask that you continue to bring non-perishable food to help those in need in our community. **Our July meeting is on Tuesday, July 25 with Mass at 5:00pm with meeting to follow in SM Hall.**

Psalm 10:17-18 "The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish ever." God reminds us that the poor will always be with us. Let us not forget to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked.

Support our SVdP Conference in prayer and continue to give generously. Keep your eye out for a special drive for paper goods, personal hygiene products since friends with SNAP cards cannot purchase these items with the card.

*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**





## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

### **Altar Society Meeting**

**NO MEETING IN JULY - Summer Break**

### **ALTAR CARE:**

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

July 2: Kaky Wetuski

July 9: Meribeth Shimshack & Kenzie Stutts

July 16: Angie Imhoff

July 23: Donna & Kathy Burzynski

July 30: Tina Kimich

## **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 monuments that are leaning that need to be straightened and foot markers that have become partially buried. The cemetery association will be contacting the family of members who are buried in our cemetery that have these leaning monuments or buried footers. These need to be leveled.

To all our parishioners, consider purchasing a plot or niche in the Columbarium in our beautiful 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 July.

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### **NO GAME DAY OR BINGO THIS MONTH**

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

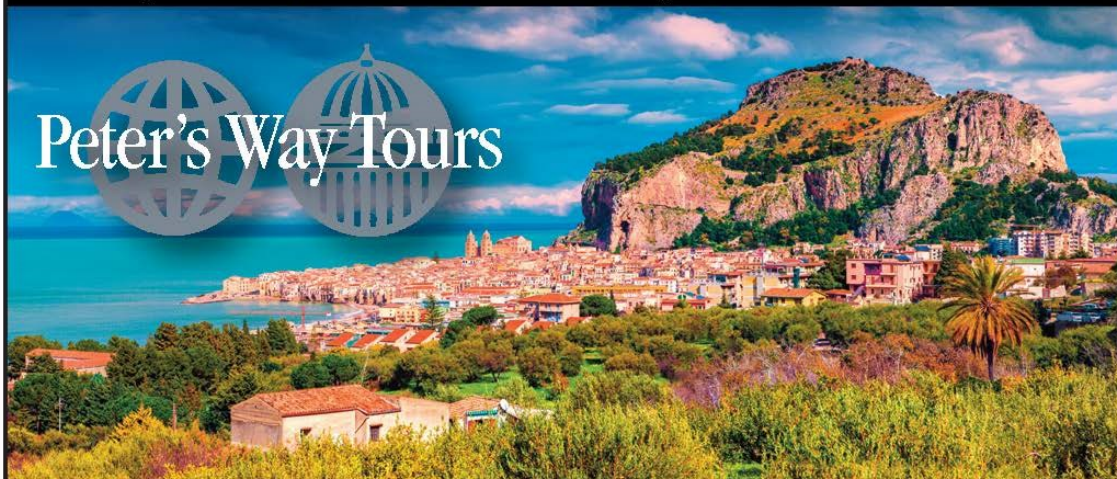
*Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone*

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

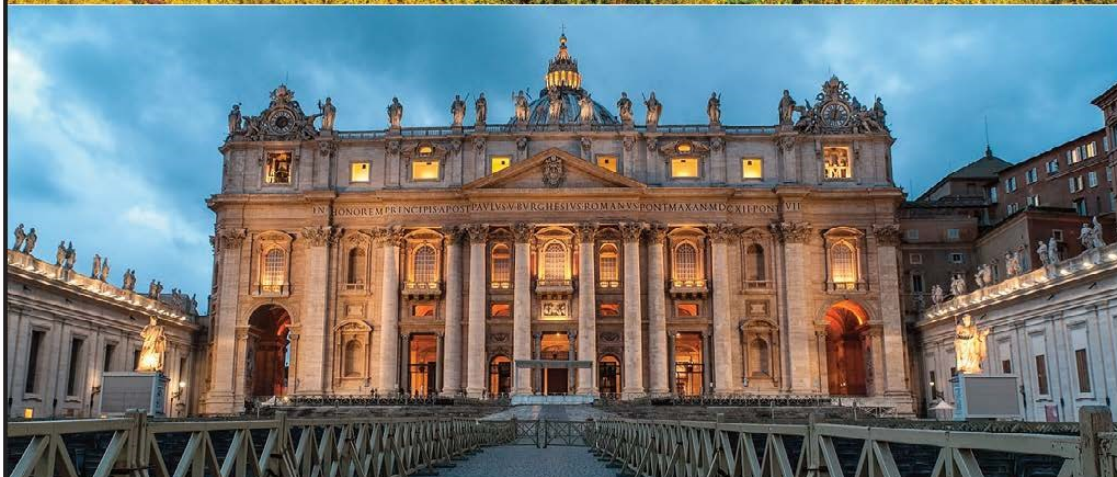
*Led by Fr. Paul Lockey*

**December 28, 2023–January 6, 2024**

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**For more information, contact Peter's Way Tours**

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



## **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 July's Liturgical Readings***





## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

**NO MEETING IN JULY  
SUMMER BREAK**

### ALTAR CARE:

Angela Cotton  
Jamice McMahon  
Jennifer Montgomery

## **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.

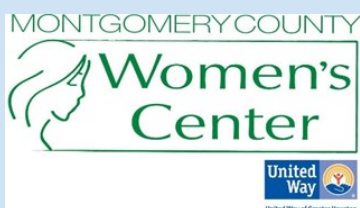
**The shelter is in need of the following items:**

Pull up 4t/5t  
Toddler sheets  
Flip-flops sizes 7 - 12

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**

### **BOOKS ON SALE!**

The Corner Shoppe has a variety of used books for only **\$1.00** that are perfect for lazy July days and for spiritual growth.



**ALL STATUES ARE 20% OFF THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JULY!**

### **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS FOR SUMMER READING**

Check out the children and teen sections in The Corner Shoppe!



### **SUMMER HOURS**

The Corner Shoppe summer hours are the same as always – open after every weekend Mass and every Wednesday from 10:00am – 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



### 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



## **Baptism ~ Infants to Age 6**



Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and usually occur on Saturday mornings. Available dates will be provided upon completion of all requirements.

Parents must take a preparation course (if they have not previously completed one within the past 3 years). Godparents are asked to complete one as well. We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Further information and a link to the registration form can be found on our Web page at <https://smsj.org/baptism/>

Please send all questions and inquiries to [smsjbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:smsjbaptism@gmail.com)

### Baptism for Ages over 6:

Please contact Cheryl Schratwieser at [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com) for information.

## GriefShare

*When we leave this earth, the love that we've given and received remains behind to light the lives of those we touched - each memory a candle burning bright*



**Come join us for our Loss of a Spouse Seminar  
Sunday, July 23 at the Family Life Center 1:00 - 3:00**

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  
Practical advice from experts

### **Our Fall GriefShare session:**

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 biblically based on grief and recovery topics.

For more information call the Church office 936-894-2223  
If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

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

**\*July 24, Monday, Educational Session with Stephanie Jahnz, Senior Elderly Lawyer**, at the Family Life Center at 10:00am. Discussion on wills and other senior concerns. Please bring your questions and join us for an informative session. RSVP with Kim(832-707-5095 or text) by 7/17. *Hope you can join us!*

**\*New Outreach Activity, Sleeping Mats for the Homeless**. We had 2 preparation meetings to get materials ready for assembling the mats. We had a great bunch of folks that were interested & enthusiastic about helping the needy in our community. The ladies from WoodsEdge Community Church (Sleeping Mats for the Homeless small group) will be here in July to share their knowledge & skill with us to show us how to start the mats. We will send out the date through Flocknotes. There are several steps in the process that, We All Can Do. Starting with collecting the bags, straightening, folding, cutting and, knotting before the mats are 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. For more information contact Mary (281-356-2497) *Come get involved!*

**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, we will be happy to respond.**

**We will update or inform you of any other upcoming activities through Flocknotes & through the newsletter.**  
For more information on the S.A.L.T. Ministry or activities 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

| New Regular Weekend Mass Schedule                                                             |                                                                                                |                                                                        |                                                                                                    |             |                                    |                                                                                    | July 2023 |        |         |           |          |        |          |
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| Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)<br>Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)<br>7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)              |                                                                                                |                                                                        |                                                                                                    |             |                                    |                                                                                    |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| Sunday                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                          | Thursday    | Friday                             | Saturday                                                                           | Sunday    | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|                                                                                               |                                                                                                |                                                                        |                                                                                                    |             |                                    | *5pm – Mass<br>*2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence                          |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 2                                                                                             | 3                                                                                              | 4                                                                      | 5                                                                                                  | 6           | 7                                  | 8                                                                                  |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence                          | *9am – Mass<br>*8pm – AA Meeting – Kelly House                                                 | *Office Closed<br>*Independence Day                                    | *9am – Anointing Mass<br>*10am – noon & 5-6pm Confessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall | *9am – Mass | *9am – 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass | *5pm – Mass<br>*2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: St. Vincent de Paul (Black Bag) Parish |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 9                                                                                             | 10                                                                                             | 11                                                                     | 12                                                                                                 | 13          | 14                                 | 15                                                                                 |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: St. Vincent de Paul (Black Bag) Parish | *9am – Mass<br>*8pm – AA Meeting – Kelly House                                                 | *9am – Mass                                                            | *9am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall                                               | *9am – Mass |                                    | *5pm – Mass<br>*6pm - Youth Party – SM Hall                                        |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 16                                                                                            | 17                                                                                             | 18                                                                     | 19                                                                                                 | 20          | 21                                 | 22                                                                                 |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| *Regular Mass Schedule                                                                        | *9am – Mass<br>*8pm – AA Meeting – Kelly House                                                 | *9am – Mass<br>*6pm – SM Men's Club Social, Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall | *9am – Mass<br>*10am – noon & 5-6pm Confessions<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters - SJ Hall           | *9am – Mass |                                    | *5pm – Mass                                                                        |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 23                                                                                            | 24                                                                                             | 25                                                                     | 26                                                                                                 | 27          | 28                                 | 29                                                                                 |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*1p–3p - Loss of a Spouse Seminar – Family Life Center              | *9am – Mass<br>*8pm – AA Meeting – Kelly House                                                 | *9am – Mass<br>*5pm – SVdP - Mass & Meeting in SM Hall                 | *9am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters – SJ Hall                                               | *9am – Mass |                                    | *5pm – Mass                                                                        |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 30                                                                                            | 31                                                                                             |                                                                        |                                                                                                    |             |                                    |                                                                                    |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| *Regular Mass Schedule                                                                        | *9am – Mass<br>*8pm – AA Meeting – Kelly House<br>*10am - S.A.L.T. – Educational Session - FLC |                                                                        |                                                                                                    |             |                                    |                                                                                    |           |        |         |           |          |        |          |