St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission November 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 ~ 7:00, 8:30, 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
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Leland Fougeron	936.870.5102
ACTS Retreat	
Karen Coffman	281.773.6081
Adult Bible Study & Sp	iritual Enrichment
Betty Hollas	713.419.6106
Adult Confirmation	
Sharon Skeans	281.467.0217
Altar Society-St. Mary	I
Rita Swonke	713.557.5817
Altar Society-St. Jose	<u>ph</u>
Marcy Pavlock	936.661.6662
Altar Servers	
Steve Twining	713.344.6001
<u>Annulments</u>	
Call Parish Office	936.894.2223
Art & Environmente	<u>tc.</u>
Liz Torres	936.894.2223
Baptism Preparation f	or Infants to 6
Email	baptisms@smsj.org
CCE / RE	
Cheryl Schratwieser	936.894.2223

Extraordinary Ministers	<u>-</u>
Holy Communion & Sacr	<u>istans</u>
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
<u>Lectors</u>	
Richard Prokop	936.827.1125
Little Lambs Playgroup	
Wanda O'Brien	936.597.6328
Marriage Preparation	
Dcn. Anthony Olivieri	936.522.8146
For Spanish speaking prep	o, call:
Brenda Martinez	936.777.9720
Music/Wedding Director	
Michael Comeaux	936.894.2223

Church Greeters	1	Pro-Life Outreach	
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Holy Communion & Sac	<u>ristans</u>	Don Picard	936.697.0195
Kerry Masson	713.824.8599	Rummage Sale Coordin	<u>ator</u>
Gabriel Project		Lauren Twining	281.813.5355
Wanda O'Brien	936.597.6328	S.A.L.T. Ministry - Single	es, Divorced,
GriefShare Ministry		Widows & Widowers	
Mary Marshall	281.356.2497	Mary Marshall	281.356.2497
Guardian Angels Senior	Group	St. Joseph's Cemetery	
TBD	936.894.2223	Justin Mock	979.777.4993
Homebound Ministry		St. Mary's Cemetery	
Larry & Patty Decker	936.228.9742	Rita Swonke	713.557.5817
<u>Lectors</u>		St. Mary's Corner Shopp	<u>oe</u>
Richard Prokop	936.827.1125	Ethel Barbossa	936.760.9565
Little Lambs Playgroup		St. Mary's Men's Club	
Wanda O'Brien	936.597.6328	Bob Daves	832.205.2791
Marriage Preparation		Stitchin' Sisters	
Dcn. Anthony Olivieri	936.522.8146	Juli Murphy	936.206.0677
For Spanish speaking pre	p, call:	St. Vincent de Paul (for h	relp, 936.894.2362)
Brenda Martinez	936.777.9720	Bob Daves	832.205.2791
Music/Wedding Director		Write for Life	
Michael Comeaux	936.894.2223	Bob Dean	936.582.6314
		Youth Confirmation	

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If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please pick up a registration form in back of the church or complete online at www.smsj.org.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR ...



I want to apologize to our Confirmation Class for being absent at the Confirmation on October 14th. Of all the years to be absent, it would be the year Cardinal DiNardo was the celebrant! I've heard through the grapevine that the Cardinal was pointedly and amusingly referencing my absence in his homily and visit.

So, where did I go and what was so important as to be absent at the Confirmation of probably one of the largest classes we have had in a long time? And absent when the celebrant was the Cardinal?

It all started with the visit of Fr. Peter Vasko to our parish earlier in May or June. Fr. Peter is a Franciscan friar/priest who has been our guide on all our pilgrimages to the Holy Land. In fact, I have made it known to the company that arranges the travel and accommodations that we don't go without Fr. Peter as our guide. He is the Franciscan who guides all dignitaries of State and celebrities who visit the Holy Land. He became special friends with President Trump on his visit, both being New Yorkers! I particularly want a Franciscan guide because the Franciscans have an 800 year history of being in the Holy Land and caring for the holy sites. When all the other religious orders were expelled from the Holy Land by the Moslems, only the Franciscans were allowed to stay because the Moslem leader had met and was impressed with St. Francis of Assisi. The Franciscans have special access to many of the sites and Fr. Peter is well versed in the history and significance of each one.

Fr. Peter is also head of the Franciscan Foundation of the Holy Land that provides scholarships for native Palestinian students to study and receive a good education and enter a profession that enables them to stay in the Holy Land and not immigrate to other countries. The Christian presence in Israel has been declining for decades. The Foundation has been determined and active to reverse this trend.

During Fr. Peter's visit here, he invited me to attend a special fundraiser for the Foundation that would be held in Washington, DC. It's held every two years and is the Foundation's acknowledgement and appreciation of those who have especially been supportive. Those invited also donate significantly for the privilege to attend and be appreciated...lol. I was invited to be Fr. Peter's special guest and, I figured out later, to have our parish acknowledged as a supporter of the Foundation's work by our sponsoring of students through the years.

The date of the Foundation's Gala was October 14th, the same day of our Confirmation. I didn't realize it at the time I accepted Fr. Peter's invitation and, when I did, I was on the guest list and arrangements were made for my being there. To be totally honest, I was very flattered to have been invited and curious to experience such an event. Knowing how special it was and where it was being hosted, I actually went out and bought a new suit! (I had no idea how expensive clothing is these days...I usually shop our rummage). I decided to splurge because I figured this was my last suit. The suit in my closet is probably 20+ years old and definitely out of style. I am indebted to Margy Manning for repairing my clerical collar on such short notice. It's been a while since I wore so much clerical black.

I arrived several days prior to the event and was escorted by Fr. Peter himself to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Washington DC. (I encourage you to google it and look at their website), It was founded in 1899 and is awesome. It covers a large wooded area in DC. I was warmly welcomed by the friars and given a room in what I would call the guest section of the monastery. It's a bit separate from the friars' quarters, only by a short hallway. I was rooming next to the Bishop of Venice, Florida. Next to him was the Bishop of Springville, Illinois! High Cotton! The room was very nice with an adjoining bath. The entire monastery is air-conditioned and heated, though with the high ceilings I was very comfortable without the a/c. I was free to roam around and explore as I pleased. The peacefulness of the monastery and the beauty of the antique religious art throughout was an experience in itself. I ate my meals with the friars in their common dinning room, the refectory. (Brought back seminary days ...lol). The food was very good and ample, prepared by a hired service because the friars are so busy elsewhere in the monastery. I even ate three meals a day! Rare for me. I took a lot of pics. Will share.

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR (contin.) ...

The Gala was held in the residence of the Apostolic Nuncio, the Pope's ambassador to the United States. His residence is across the street from the Vice President's house. Unlike the Vice President's house which is completely barricaded and guarded, the Nuncio's house has only an electronic gate. It's a very impressive, classical house in which are his offices as well. He lives there with, I think, 3 priests who are his assistants in the embassy. It's elegant in its furnishings. There are portraits of all the past Nuncios which is an impressive gallery. The chapel is small but beautiful and has displayed a rock from the foundation of the Holy Sepulcher. I got there early with Fr. Peter and wandered around taking pictures ... (: I asked a waiter to prep me on what all the items were on the table. I've never seen so many glasses and flatware. I didn't want to make a mistake. I was wearing my new suit.

There were only 60 guests. Fr. Peter, the Comptroller and the Guardian of the Monastery were the Franciscans present. Of course, the Apostolic Nuncio greeted us and we all took a picture with him. He's French and was very personable. Unfortunately, the Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Custos of the Holy Land were unable to attend because of the recent upheaval in Israel and Gaza. (The Patriarch of Jerusalem offered himself in exchange for the hostages held by Hamas). I met many interesting and friendly guests at the event. Texas was well represented. I sat at Fr. Peter's table with a couple from Dallas and a couple from Shreveport. I think I used all the utensils correctly and was relieved I didn't turn over any of the glasses lined up before me. Our parish was noted as a supporter of the Foundation's work by sponsoring students. It was a great evening, unforgettable in many ways. Even the food was tasty!

Sunday morning, I concelebrated with about 15 friars, with the Bishop of Springville presiding. The liturgy was beautiful and the church full with people who, I guess, live in DC or know the Mass is open to the public. Of course, with the crisis occurring in Israel and Gaza, the Franciscans were particularly in prayer for their cohorts spread across the Holy Land.

I failed to mention that the Monastery contains a basilica, a huge church that overwhelms you. If you ever get to DC, be sure to register for the tour of this basilica. It's a special hidden jewel among all the other attractions of DC. It contains replicas of many of the holy places in Jerusalem. I was especially impressed with the replica of the Holy Sepulcher, without the altar built over it. Bethlehem, Nazareth and even the catacombs of Rome are replicated, with the tombs of St. Cecilia and St. Sebastian. Too much to explain here. Either plan a visit or google the website.

I completely enjoyed my stay and visit with Fr. Peter and his brother Franciscans. I didn't know what to expect and was overwhelmed with their hospitality and friendliness. Fr. Peter is now visiting his relatives in New York. The big question is when will he be able to return to Israel. The discussion was that, even if it were possible to return, Jerusalem and most of Israel is in lockdown. Might as well stay here. Fr. Peter knows our door is always open. (He brags about the 5 star guest room in our rectory!)

Let us all keep him and his fellow friars in prayer. I pledged, knowing your generosity, that we'd continue to support the work of the Foundation. We've been asked to help provide for a Christmas party for the US Marines stationed in Jerusalem. Fr. Peter is their chaplain and tries to take good care of them. I told him, "No Problem".

Again, I apologize to our Confirmandi. I might not have been there in person but thought of ya'll that morning and had ya'll in prayer. I mentioned to the Nuncio that I was probably in the dog house with Cardinal DiNardo and if he'd put in a good word for me. He smiled and nodded ... lol.



Congratulations



St. Mary's Church Confirmation - 2023

Callie Bubela, Amaya Burris, Regina Chapa Espinosa, Marcella Ellerbusch, Cristian Escalante, Paige Free, Dora Garcia, Ethan Gigliotta, Andrea Gomez, Aracely Gonzalez, William Grant, Annie Kachtel, Greland Kamill, Emery Kayden, Zachary Kayden, Madeline Kolmes, Rayburn Gmhoff, Lyllian La Prairie, Kaden Leonard, Pablo Mata, Layla McAnally, Catherine McCorquodale, John McCorquodale, Fernando Nunez, Blaise Olivani, Richard Orduña, Isaac Ostigin, Leonel Perez, Jr., Jackson Poole, Kayden Ribardi, Cristofer Romero, Bella Salsbury, Sophia Shirer, Anna Smith, Luke Wbanoski, Branson Vera, Melissa Villa, Kanna Walkoviak, Brook Wright, Benita Zamudio with Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



Pope's Intention: For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:





CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday

November 15th 10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

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

Call the office for an appointment at <u>936-894-2223</u>

Anointing Mass for the
Sick and Elderly
No Anointing Mass
this month

First Friday Mass
November 3rd at 9:00am

Mass times for All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day, Wed., Nov. 1st - 9:00am & 6:00pm @ SM Church

All Souls Day, Thur., Nov. 2nd -

SM: 9:00 am @ the SM Cemetery/6:00pm in SM Church

SJ: 12pm @ the SJ Cemetery

St. Joseph Mass Intentions November 2023 Date Time Intentions Requested by Sun., Nov. 5 7:30am Gay Imhoff Imhoff Family Grady Drawdy Sandra Drawdy Rios Sun., Nov. 12 7:30am Jimmy Tomkivits Susan Davidson Billy & Yvonne Wirzberg Theresa Rausheck Louis Posinski, Jr. Sun., Nov. 19 7:30am Posinski Family Susanne & Thomas Nicholson Randy Nicholson Imhoff Family Ramona Langley Gratitude for a Special Healing Wetuski Family Sun., Nov. 26 7:30am Kevin Klawinski & Deborah Pavlock Greg & Joy Walkoviak



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

<u>Carolyn Finney Dobyanski:</u> wife of Thomas, who died on Saturday, October 21, whose funeral mass and interment was on Saturday, October 28 at St. Mary.

Raymond Lee Werner: who died on Sunday, October 8.

<u>Theresa Diehl:</u> sister of the late Jacob Diehl, who died on Wednesday, October 25, whose funeral arrangements are yet to be determined.

VISITING MISSIONARY NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023



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The missionary assigned to St. Mary/St. Joseph this year is **Rev. Cheo Gregory Ngwa**. He represents the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. While in Houston he has been appointed the Parochial Vicar at St. Christopher Catholic School in Houston. He will be with us to share his mission. Please be generous.

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NO MASS on Thursday, November 23 or Friday, November 24

St. Mary Mass Intentions for November 2023

Date	Time	Intentions	Requested by
Wed., Nov. 1	9:00am	Lena Upton	Upton Family
Wed., Nov. 1	5:30pm	Carolyn Dobyanski	
Thur., Nov. 2		All Souls Day	
Fri., Nov. 3	9:00am	Magee Family	Nick & Olive Cannistra
Sat., Nov. 4	5:00pm	Marie Sposta	Elvira L. Weiser
Sun., Nov. 5	7:00am	Jacob Diehl	Kubiak
Sun., Nov. 5	8:30am	For the People	
Sun., Nov. 5	10:00am	Mary Lebeck	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Nov. 5	11:30am	Robert Riedle	Mary & Susan Riedle
Mon., Nov. 6	9:00am	Kathie Donnellan	Mike & Melinda Donnellan
Tues., Nov. 7	9:00am	Edmond Swonke	Suzie Bill
Wed., Nov. 8	9:00am	Patrick Lacy	Rollie & Sharon Lacy
Thur., Nov. 9	9:00am	T. J. Thompson	Joanie Thompson
Sat., Nov. 11	5:00pm	Tom Martin	Betty Lott
Sun., Nov. 12	7:00am	Janie Legge	John Mock
Sun., Nov. 12	8:30am	Cherry Smock	Jeanne S. & Francisco Cabrera
Sun., Nov. 12	10:00am	Mildred "Millie" Whaley	Marcelle & Bryant Chapman
Sun., Nov. 12	11:30am	For the People	
Mon., Nov. 13	9:00am	Lorraine Pfertner Wagner & Leonard Sumbera	Patrick & Ann Pfertner
Tues., Nov. 14	9:00am	Bill Malek	SM Altar Society
Wed., Nov. 15	9:00am	Annie Westerlage	Carol Fowler
		Adrian Piperi, Sr. & Nancy Straon	Carole Piperi
Thur., Nov. 16	9:00am	Neil Rosenberg	Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky
Sat., Nov. 18	5:00pm	Michael Castleberry	Joan Castleberry
Sun., Nov. 19	7:00am	Patty Jones	Bill Jones
Sun., Nov. 19	8:30am	Kim Delgado	Eddie & Dianne Delgado
Sun., Nov. 19	10:00am	Raymond Pasket	Pasket Family
Sun., Nov. 19	11:30am	Edward Ross	Anthony & Theresa Ross
Mon., Nov. 20	9:00am	Robert E. Tarbett	James Tarbett
Tues., Nov. 20	9:00am	Pat Cavanaugh	Tootsie Mock
Wed., Nov. 21	9:00am	Lavail Lott	Betty Lot
Sat., Nov. 25	5:00pm	Annie Demny	Denise Demny Durel
		John & Mary Lebeck Family	Jerry & Martha Vickery
Sun., Nov. 26	7:00am	Dcn. Ted Baker	Wayne & Dianne Blair Family
Sun., Nov. 26	8:30am	For the People	
Sun., Nov. 26	10:00am	Lena & Eddie Upton	Upton Family
Sun., Nov. 26	11:30am	Frank Tarselli, Jr.	Betty Lott
Mon., Nov. 27	9:00am	Manny Bustillo	Cheryl Williams
Tues., Nov. 28	9:00am	Michelle Venegas	Joanie Thompson
Wed., Nov. 29	9:00am	Martin & Louise Klein	Holly & John Kolodczak
Thur., Nov. 30	9:00am	Dolores Hoffart	Veronica Allen & Robbie Whittaker

II Musical Notes II

November is All Souls Month!

As we near the end of the Liturgical Year, we encounter challenges to be more like Christ, in our actions even more than in our words.

I admit, I'm not good at this. I fear breaking things when trying to build, making situations worse when trying to make them better, and not being "qualified" to offer solutions to advice seekers. I'm a quiet contemplative (some may say neurotic), more of a "be-er" than a "do-er", more of a listener than a proclaimer.

I do know liturgical principles. Fr. Ed has been adamant with me, and others, about creating a congregation of "FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE" participants. I have always strived to use that same mantra in my own preparations for church gatherings. It is a command from liturgical documents, and I do not take them lightly.

Our congregation typically does wonderful liturgy (the "work of the people"). I would like to challenge us to do a bit better when consoling a congregant seeking solace at the death of a loved one. To that end, I'd appreciate a call from several/many of you being willing to support families of deceased members by using your voices to support the singing at funerals. This "Resurrection" Choir would not need to sit in the loft, therefore climbing the stairs cannot be an excuse! Rather, I envision a few congregants sitting several pews behind the loved ones of the deceased, supporting them by praying in song.

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The repertoire will not be grand; the rehearsal requirements will be minimal. The willingness and ability to attend and participate in funeral Masses and celebrations, never scheduled very far in advance, is crucial, along with a servant's consoling, and SINGING, heart. Basically, being behind the grieving family, we will be singing—"we've got your back"!

Once up and running, after one or two introductory meetings/rehearsals, my plan to implement such a choir is to get your emails (preferred) or phone numbers (when you do not have an e-mail address), and I would simply inform you of each upcoming funeral. You would respond back whether you are able to help this time, given the short notice typical of funeral Masses. Retirees - I'm calling for your help especially!

Of course, all groups like this start in someone's imaginations/dreams, and end up having a life of their own, evolving into what (with prayer and God's guidance) they are meant to be.

Are you able and willing to help? If so, please let me know by email (preferably) or phone call to the office. I hope to meet with Resurrection for the first time in the middle of November to discuss further.

Mike Comeaux

Mike.comeaux@smsj.org

936-894-2223

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Be sure to sign up for formed.org, a premier Catholic Faith online platform filled with over 4000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, e-books, and even cartoons for children! It is free to each member of our Parish. Watch it anywhere, anytime on your computer, TV, or phone. Signing up is easy.

- ⇒ Go to formed.org.
- ⇒ Enter your Name, Email, and our Parish Zip Code 77363

That's it! No password to remember!

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP



Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us this month in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am.

Friday, Nov. 10 Friday, Nov. 17

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



## **Rummage News**

The Rummage Sale will take place Saturday, November 4th, 7am-4pm.

Donations are no longer being accepted this year.

Check out the QR code to volunteer to work on November 4th.

We will also need help with setup, October 3oth through November 3rd and tear down. This parish consistently shows up and makes it happen.



We need you again this year.

WE NEED YOU!
PLEASE BETHERE TO HELP US.



## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



November 12: Music Ministry Appreciation

November 19: Catholic Campaign for Human Development



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

St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive & Breakfast Sunday, January 14



The Parish office will be **closed** on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of All Saints Day and Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



## ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

If you haven't joined the Men's Club, maybe it's time. We have a great time, working, praying, and socializing with each other. Our meeting is the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:00 pm social time, 6:30 for dinner followed by a meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 21st @ 6:00 pm in St. Mary's Hall.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas will be here before you know it. Our SVdP conference is making preparations for

- Christmas Food Baskets and gift Cards for our friends. Many have asked in the past how to help our friends during the Christmas Holidays. Since the names and information obtained from our visits with our friends are confidential, the best way is to make a donation to the St. Mary SVdP Conference. Money

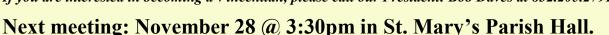
collected, will be used to make up Christmas Food Baskets and Gift Cards. We are expecting the cost of the Christmas Food Baskets to be much higher this year. Any amount that you can give is not too small. Our friends appreciate these gifts as they continue to struggle to make ends meet. You can place

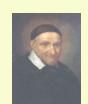
donations in an envelope marked for SVdP and place it in the Sunday Collection basket or send it to the Church office.

On behalf of the friends we serve and the Vincentians of our conference, we thank you.

"He who oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors him" (Proverbs 14:31)."

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

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## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting in the parish hall

Tuesday, November 7th 6:30 pm - SJ Hall

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

#### **ALTAR CARE:**

Mary Gorney & Cecie Kobza

#### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

Nov. 5: Michele Wetuski Nov. 12: Debbie Williams Nov. 19: Lorraine Seigle Nov. 26: Nance Shaw

Montgomery & Conroe Comprehensive Dental Centers

Dr. Timothy E. Gardner, D.D.S.

ARMED WITH OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS,
WE ARE OUT TO CHANGE LIVES BY OFFERING
FREE DENTISTRY TO THE VETERANS OF MONTGOMERY
COUNTY FOR OUR
12TH ANNUAL DENTISTRY FOR VETERANS EVENT.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

<u>WHERE:</u>

MONTGOMERY COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CENTER
951 LONE STAR PARKWAY IN MONTGOMERY, TEXAS.

PRE-SCREENING IS REQUIRED.

BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2023.
PLEASE CALL 936-585-4353 OR 936-539-3636
TO MAKE A PRE-SCREENING RESERVATION
AT EITHER OF OUR OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE NO COST TO THOSE WHO SHOW PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE.

PROCEDURES INCLUDE: CLEANINGS, INFECTION-RELIEF OF PAIN, FILLINGS, ROOT CANALS, CROWNS AND EXTRACTIONS.

## AA MEETINGS:

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



# 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 Cemetery Association

Once again, we are finding glass vases, figurines, placed on the ground by the monuments. These cause a hazard for our lawn maintnance people as they mow and weed eat around the monuments. Make sure all items are placed on the monuments.

Thank you for your understanding.

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# ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

Meeting: November 7, 10am - 11am, FLC Rm 201

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GAME DAY: Wednesday, November 15 at 10am - 2pm in St. Mary's Hall.

An entrée will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a friend. The more the merrier.

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The Domino Group will play Tuesday, November 7, 14, & 28 in the Family Life Center Kitchen.

Remember, please bring a dish to share with everyone

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## ACTS

ACTS is hosting a hospitality breakfast after masses on November 12. We kindly ask for all ACTS brothers and sisters to consider volunteering. Assisting in the kitchen, preparing, serving and cleaning up after each mass will be needed. Please contact Stella Yorek at 936-218-8801 to coordinate a time slot to volunteer. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

## **UPCOMING RETREATS:**

**WOMEN'S**: January 18-21, 20<mark>24</mark>

Women's Retreat Director: Denise Waszak

240.315.4575

<u>MEN'S</u>: February 6-9, 2025

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;

Urn prices are:

Brass Box \$100;

**Brushed Brass Vase \$140.** 





## 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 guilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand guilt three donation guilts 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 guilts, we will guilt member's guilts for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to guilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put a quilt up on a frame, how to mark it, how to guilt it, and how to finish it.

> We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the St. Joseph's 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 the pro-life apostolate offering assistance to a woman and her family during and after her pregnancy. We offer the following to ALL parishioners and those in the surrounding community:

- Maternity clothing
- Baby & Infant clothing from size o thru 2T
- Diapers/wipes/toiletries
- Crib/car seat/toys/other baby needs

We have a well-stocked storage room of new and very gently used items waiting to be gifted to our parish families and those in the area who are pregnant or have little ones!

## Please visit:

https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading



## For November's Liturgical Readings



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 one or our many Church Organizations of the contact information of the person that can get you signed up. If you don't see what you are looking for please ask.

## ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society:

## Tuesday, November 14th at Noon in SM Hall

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

#### Meeting hostesses:

**Sherry Henderson, Claudia Huye,** & Carmen Troyo

#### ALTAR CARE:

**Judy Hayes & Nita Leschinger** 

#### THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**WOMEN'S CENTER** is a parish-supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women and families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

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

Paper plates

Paper bowls

**Paper Towels** 

**Toilet Paper** 

**Forks** 

**Spoons** 

Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the church and the hall.

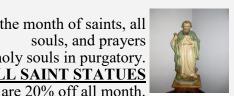
The Women's Center thanks you for all of your donations.

For more information about the Women's Center go to https://mcwctx.org



## The Corner Shoppe

November is the month of saints, all souls, and prayers for the holy souls in purgatory. **ALL SAINT STATUES** 



#### SUNDAY MISSALS

There is a supply of brand-new Sunday missals in The Corner Shoppe. Stop by to buy yours.





HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE **CORNER SHOPPE!** Be sure to stop in The Corner Shoppe to see the many new items arriving for the holiday season.

#### THE CORNER SHOPPE HOURS

The Shoppe is open after each weekend Mass and on Wednesdays from 10:00am-2:00pm.

## Rowan's Prayer

Rowan's Prayon One day God will Bring us back tog with your child, you'll cry no more. Till then, may we draw strength from knowing that they wait by Heaven's One day God will Bring us back together, United Till then, may we draw strength from each other, knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.

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

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



## Faith Formation L Children's Sacraments



**November Events** 

Wednesday Classes are on November 8th and 15th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sunday Classes are on November 5th and 12th, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

If you have any questions you can contact us by email: smsjcce@gmail.com

Visit the Religious Education website page: http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/ Contact the Religious Education Officeby phone: 936-894-2223 or by email: 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 <a href="mailto:dpicard0710@gmail.com">dpicard0710@gmail.com</a> or 936-697-0195



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## **GriefShare Ministry**

# Nothing Loved is ever lost. No one who has ever touched a heart can really pass away, because memories remain & love lives on.



## **Surviving the Holiday Seminar**

This seminar will share information with you on how to deal with all the emotions that the holidays bring when in dealing with a loss of a loved along with other tips & suggestions.

November 11 Seturday 2.4:30 pm at the Kally House

November 11 Saturday 2-4:30 pm at the Kelly House *Come join us to get ready for the Holidays* 

#### Our GriefShare Session is already in motion, Join us anytime

Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 pm at the Kelly House

This program *Welcomes* all who have experienced a loss of a loved one in their life. Everything that is discussed or shared in our session are private and confidential. 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 the knowledge to help you move forward.

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics. To locate a GriefShare session and resource please go to www.griefshare.org. If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall (281-356-2497)

## S.A.L.T. Ministry Single Adults Living Truth

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

*Mats for the Homeless* project, meets on the following Monday's Nov. 6, 13& 27 at the Kelly House from 10-12ish. We work on the mats & enjoy the opportunity to visit. Please come join us.

**Movie Afternoon at the Kelly House,** Nov. 10 Friday 2-4:30. As part of growth in the area of Spirituality we will be watching "The Chosen" season 1.episodes 1-3. Come enjoy the life of Christ & all who are chosen to follow him. We will watch the rest of the episodes in the upcoming months. It will be an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship.

**Kingdom Dog Ministry,** Nov. 18 Saturday 3-4:30 Parish Hall. Kingdom Dog Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching obedience and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a unique use of Labrador Retrievers. Hank Hough uses his relationship with his dogs as a visual illustration, to share the simple & timeless biblical truth. KDM blends humor to show the power of obedience in the life of the believer. Hank & the Dogs have brought over a 1,000 folks to Christ. Believers enjoy the biblical truth that is shared in the program. Come enjoy a unique program that will inspire you and entertain all ages. This is a non-profit ministry so there will be a donation basket to help with KDM expenses. Everyone is invited to come see this amazing program.

<u>3rd Annual Jingle Mingle Christmas Market & Party Dec. 2 Saturday</u> in the Parish Hall. Christmas Market starts at 2:30 & we will serve dinner at 4:00. It ought to be a fun time shopping, eating, mingling with everyone, making new friends. We also have lots of door prizes! We are asking that folks bring a toy or can goods for our needy in the Montgomery area. We are teaming up with Helping Hands of Montgomery to donate the food. The toys will be distributed to a local charity that will distribute them to Children in need for Christmas. Please call or text Barbara at 936-443-6320 to RSVP for the event! If you RSVP before Nov.21 you get a extra ticket for the door prizes! Come join us for this, "Wonderful Time of the Year" event. All singles in the parish are invited. Hope to see you there!

S.A.L.T. has a **Facebook Page** by the name, **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.

## **Support Your Local Parishioners**

## Auto Repair Services

ToyoMasters Auto Repair Toyota/ Lexus Expert Mark Strong Phone: (936)701-5236

Poton Automotive
Gary Ponton
Phone: (036)804-34

Phone: (936)894-3409

## **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

## 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

Constance Marie Photographer United REAL ESTATE Constance Hanak (713)751-9090

## Misc. Services Contin.

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 Imhoff (936)524-3879 Metal Work by Frank Imhoff (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

Wood Waterworks Pressure Washing Services Andy Wood Phone: (936)276-7843

#### **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

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Realty Associates Sherry Henderson, GRI Broker Associate (713)306-4719

Tameric Realty Eric Gensheimer (Broker) Tammy Gensheimer (Agent) Phone: (713)416-5280 or (281)844-2534

Tailored by Design Realty Team by United RE Cecilia Maddox (210)383-8079

Texas Patriot Realty Todd Ubanoski (713)304-8827

## Veterinarians & Boarding Services

South Central Veterinary Services Veterinary and Boarding Services John L. Walla, DVM (936)870-4033

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

# ST. MARY'S GIGANTIC ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 7 AM-4 PM

\*\*\*CLOSED FROM 1:30—2:00PM FOR WORKERS' LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*
CHURCH GROUNDS, 8227 CR 205, PLANTERSVILLE, TX



Early Bird Shoppers: \$10.00 cash admission between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. No charge after 9:00 a.m.

## Bargains Galore - Something for Everyone!

Make your dollar stretch and join us for perhaps the largest Rummage Sale in Grimes & Montgomery Counties. Over 1000 families contributed items during the past year. We have good clean clothing, shoes and handbags (even designer labels), linens, crafts, appliances, kitchenware, home decor, Christmas decor, furniture, electronics, toys, sporting goods, books, collectibles, jewelry, china, crystal, silver & much more.

Food & soft drinks can be purchased at our concession stand. CASH, LOCAL CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

For more info, call the office at 936-894-2223

| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule<br>Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)<br>Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)<br>7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)    | Schedule<br>am (SM)                                                                              | Nov                                                                                                                           | ovember 2023                                                                                                                                | 023                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| *Regular Mass Schedule<br>*2nd collection: Catholic<br>Campaign for Human Devel-<br>opment                           | *9:00am – Mass<br>*8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH                                                      | *9:00am – Mass<br>*6:00pm – SM Men's Club<br>Dinner & Meeting – SMH                                                           | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters –<br>SJH<br>*10:00am -GriefShare – KH                                                         | *No Mass *No Bible Study  Mappy THANKSGIVING                                                                            | *No Mass                                                                                                                            | *5:00pm – Mass                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| *Regular Mass Schedule                                                                                               | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10:00am – Mats for the<br>Homeless – Kelly House<br>*8:00pm – AA Meeting – KH | *9:00am – Mass<br>*11:00am – Domino Club –<br>FLC Kitchen<br>*3:30pm – St. Vincent de<br>Paul Meeting – SM Hall               | *9:00am – Mass<br>*9:30am – Stitchin' Sisters –<br>SJH<br>*10:00am -GriefShare – KH                                                         | *9:00am – Mass<br>*10:00am – noon & 7:00 –<br>9:00pm<br>Bible Study - SMH                                               |                                                                                                                                     | Building Abbreviation Key<br>FLC – Family Life Center – St.<br>Mary<br>KH – The Kelly House – St.<br>Mary<br>SJH – St. Joseph's Parish Hall<br>SMH – St. Mary's Parish Hall                               |