

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~~~~ December, 2021 ~~~~



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

Parish Office ~ 936-894-2223  
(Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm)  
(Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm)  
(Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)

Parish Fax ~ 936-894-3613

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

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



## MASS SCHEDULE

### St. Mary—Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday—9:00 a.m.  
Saturday - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday—7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

### St. Joseph—Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.  
Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning  
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

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

### Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936-894-2223

### AA

Leland Fougerson 936-870-5102

### Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Jim & Mary Barnette 936-851-0155

### Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281-467-0217

### Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

### Music Ministry

Sue Langston 979-268-6886

### St. Mary's Altar Society

Kim Kleimann 936-788-3520

### St. Joseph's Altar Society

Marcy Pavlock 936-661-6662

### Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713-344-6001

### Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email [smsjce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjce@gmail.com)

### CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

### Extraordinary Ministers —

### Holy Communion & Sacristans

Greg Houston 713-898-4172

### Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

### GriefShare

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

### Guardian Angels Senior Group

Nancy Schlottman 936-525-0007

### Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936-228-9742

### Lectors

Richard Prokop 936-597-8688

### Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936-777-9720

### Church Greeters

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

### St. Joseph's Cemetery

Justin Mock 979-777-4993

### St. Mary's Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713-557-5817

### St. Mary's Corner Shoppe

Ethel Barbossa 936-588-4053

### St. Mary's Men's Club

Greg Houston 713-898-4172

### Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936-206-0677

### St. Vincent de Paul (for help. 936-894-2362)

Suzanne Hill 713-724-2589

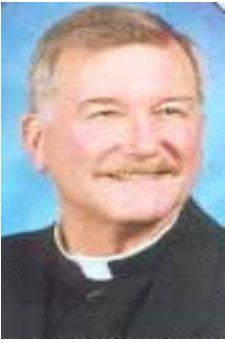
### Write for Life

Bob Dean 936-582-6314

### Youth Ministry

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...

### **BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

*Prayer begins with family gathered around the tree.*

Lord of the Forest, Maker of Trees,

We honor You as we dedicate this tree, \*

That it be a sign of Christmas on our home.

Green as life are its needled leaves;

open and inviting are its outstretched branches;

strong as love is its trunk.

May the blessing of this tree

call forth from within us

the memory of our ancient parents

who worshipped trees as godly.

May we show reverence and care

toward all the brother and sister trees

of this our Christmas trees.

May we speak to them and sing them songs,

enjoy their shade and eat their fruit.

May we learn wisdom from their stories

and faithfulness from their ever-greenness.

May all trees be for us Christmas trees

and trees of Life

as they become incarnations of God

in our own Garden of Eden.

As Christ died upon the tree of the Cross

that we might be gifted with Life,

may we then remember

that the gifts soon to be placed about this tree

are but reflections of the gifts that came

at the foot of the tree of the Cross.

As sons and daughters of Adam and Eve,

let us rejoice in this tree of Life;

may the spirits of kindness and love

rest upon it.

May the spirit of Christmas

ride in its branches,

this season and for all seasons

Amen +

*\*Use "symbol of a tree" if tree is artificial.*



## **St. Mary Mass Intentions for December, 2021**

| <u><b>Date</b></u> | <u><b>Time</b></u> | <u><b>Intention</b></u>                                          | <u><b>Requested By</b></u>             |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Wed., 12/1         | 9:00am             | Neil Rosenberg/ William & Mary Smith Family                      | Sonny & Stella Yorek/ Carolyn Katkoski |
| Thurs., 12/2       | 9:00am             | Grady Drawdy III                                                 | Elizabeth Nowak                        |
| Fri., 12/3         | 9:00am             | Katherine Diehl                                                  | Veronica Allen & Roby Whittaker        |
| Sat., 12/4         | 5:00pm             | Jose Ulises Ocampo                                               | Stella Yorek                           |
| Sun., 12/5         | 7:30am             | Stanley, David, Martha & Paul Lewandoski                         | Lewandoski Family                      |
| Sun., 12/5         | 8:45am             | Ruth Peoples                                                     | Frank & Carol Groves                   |
| Sun., 12/5         | 10:00am            | Toby Seale                                                       | Paula Nelson                           |
| Sun., 12/5         | 11:30am            | Katie Smith/ [Marilyn Petro]                                     | Diana Floyd/ Ellie Weiser              |
| Mon., 12/6         | 9:00am             | Jack Demny/ Mike Castleberry                                     | Denise Durel/ Carole Piperi            |
| Tues., 12/7        | 9:00am             | Robert Kadlubar                                                  | Margie & Ed Traywick                   |
| Wed., 12/8         | 9:00am             | Philip Grochett                                                  | Charlie Burzynski Family               |
| Wed., 12/8         | 5:00pm             | Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )                             | ~~~~~                                  |
| Thurs., 12/9       | 9:00am             | Jacob Diehl                                                      | Atkinson Family                        |
| Sat., 12/11        | 5:00pm             | Thomas, Sr., & Sport Diehl, Marcy Diehl Ellis & Ronnie Canatella | Betty Lott                             |
| Sun., 12/12        | 7:30am             | Beth Ransberg                                                    | Mike & Melinda Donnellan               |
| Sun., 12/12        | 8:45am             | Raymond Pasket                                                   | Pasket Family                          |
| Sun., 12/12        | 10:00am            | Sammy Blair                                                      | Blair/ Mock Family                     |
| Sun., 12/12        | 11:30am            | Rufus Uilkie                                                     | Russell & Patsy Bartkowiak             |
| Mon., 12/13        | 9:00am             | Yolanda Vargas                                                   | Yolanda Petro                          |
| Tues., 12/14       | 9:00am             | Bill Malek                                                       | Dan & Dianne Malek                     |
| Wed., 12/15        | 9:00am             | Patty Jones                                                      | Bill Jones                             |
| Thurs., 12/16      | 9:00am             | Loris Abshire & Ellen Abshire Cherry                             | Walter & Wilma Lege                    |
| Sat., 12/18        | 5:00pm             | Lawrence Malek                                                   | Selma Malek & Family                   |
| Sun., 12/19        | 7:30am             | Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )                             | ~~~~~                                  |
| Sun., 12/19        | 8:45am             | Joe & Leverne Leners                                             | Kathy Johnson & Family                 |
| Sun., 12/19        | 10:00am            | Cecilia de las Mercedes de Bejarano                              | Donna & Raymond Koeppen                |
| Sun., 12/19        | 11:30am            | Edward Tedo                                                      | Thomas Smith                           |
| Mon., 12/20        | 9:00am             | Robert & Annie Pfertner & Lorraine Wagner                        | Patrick & Ann Pfertner                 |
| Tues., 12/21       | 9:00am             | Mary Ellen Lundquist                                             | St. Mary's Altar Society               |
| Wed., 12/22        | 9:00am             | Averi Lucas                                                      | Ron & Mary Ann Kloster                 |
| Thurs., 12/23      | 9:00am             | Lorraine Allphin                                                 | Donna Allphin                          |
| Fri., 12/24        | 3:00pm             | William Mock                                                     | Mock Family                            |
| Fr., 12/24         | 3:15pm             | Frank Mock                                                       | Linette (Tootsie) Mock                 |
| Fri., 12/24        | 5:00pm             | Kimberly Delgado                                                 | Eddie & Dianne Delgado                 |
| Fri., 12/24        | 5:15pm             | Carol Groves                                                     | Bill Jones                             |
| Sat., 12/25        | 10:30am            | Tom Schwartz                                                     | Ann Schwartz                           |
| Sun., 12/26        | 7:30am             | Charles Mock                                                     | Linette (Tootsie) Mock                 |
| Sun., 12/26        | 8:45am             | Noelle Levantino                                                 | Fred & Freddie Seale                   |
| Sun., 12/26        | 10:00am            | Bill Garland                                                     | Dave & Claire Harris                   |
| Sun., 12/26        | 11:30am            | Pro Populo ( <i>For the People</i> )                             | ~~~~~                                  |
| Mon., 12/27        | 9:00am             | John Lebeck Family/ Teresa Schwertner                            | Jerry & Martha Vickery/                |
| Tues., 12/28       | 9:00am             | Dolores Hoffart                                                  | Frank Giglio Families                  |
| Wed., 12/29        | 9:00am             | Pat Holt                                                         | Betty Lott & Family                    |
| Thurs., 12/30      | 9:00am             | Amber Hoffart                                                    | Pamela Herzog                          |
| Fri., 12/31        | 4:00pm             | Ernesto Lucas                                                    | Laveta Malek                           |
|                    |                    |                                                                  | Martha Lucas & Family                  |

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sun., 12/5         | 7:30am             | Linda Banks/ Frank Tepera                       | Tom & Kaky Wetuski/        |
| Sun., 12/12        | 7:30am             | Sylvester & Lillie Pavlock/ [Marilyn Franzel]   | Mary Ann Novakosky         |
| Sun., 12/19        | 7:30am             | Tommy Lebeck / Lester Tomkivits                 | Randall & Rose Unnasch     |
| Sun., 12/26        | 7:30am             | Mark Wetuski/ Living & Deceased Members of SJAS | St. Joseph Altar Society   |
|                    |                    |                                                 | Jerry & Martha Vickery/    |
|                    |                    |                                                 | Charlie & Helen Burzynski  |
|                    |                    |                                                 | Wetuski Family/            |
|                    |                    |                                                 | SJ Altar Society           |

## **THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

To better know 'the concrete problems that trouble the Universal Church, especially those of the missions,' the Holy Father asks that his monthly intentions be "the object of knowledgeable and responsible prayer on the part of the people of God."



**Pope's Intention:** Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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



**Mary Ellen Lundquist - SM Parishioner, died Wednesday, October 27th.**

**Phillip Grochett, Sr. - SM Parishioner and husband of Elaine Grochett, died Tuesday, November 2nd.**

**Carol Groves - SM Parishioner and wife of Frank Groves, died Saturday, November 13th.**

**Please keep our sick in your prayers:**

Bernie & JoAnn Borski, David Burland,  
Barbara Hyde, Florence Lara, Josephine  
Rockett, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Richard (Ted)  
Stephen, Clara Walkoviak &  
Wayne Williams



**We are in the process of reformatting  
our prayers for the sick. Please know that when you  
call in your sick requests, they are at that moment, in  
prayer by the entire parish.**

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



**Anointing Mass for the  
Sick and Elderly  
Wed., Dec. 1st at 9am**

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**First Friday Mass is scheduled for
Fri., Dec. 3rd @ 9am.**



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard
Dec. 1st & Dec. 15th -
10:00am-12:00 noon & 5:00pm-6:00pm

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

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

**Sorry**  
WE'RE CLOSED

**The Parish Office will be  
closed on Thurs., Dec.  
23rd at Noon, Fri., Dec.  
24th and Mon, Dec. 27th.**



## St. Mary's Preliminary Bazaar Report September 2021

| Booth             | Revenue      | Donations   | Expenses    | Net                 |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Auction           | \$147,040.80 | \$17,690.00 | \$13,033.04 | \$151,697.76        |
| Beer Booth        | \$2,331.75   | \$0.00      | \$1,641.68  | \$690.07            |
| Bohemian Bakery   | \$1,951.20   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,951.20          |
| Cake Booth        | \$1,493.75   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,493.75          |
| Collectibles      | \$1,151.00   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$1,151.00          |
| Country Store     | \$4,388.34   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$4,388.34          |
| Dinner            | \$16,000.80  | \$0.00      | \$16,368.09 | <b>-\$367.29</b>    |
| Fruit Booth       | \$1,047.45   | \$250.00    | \$1,788.53  | <b>-\$491.08</b>    |
| Hunting & Fishing | \$1,595.75   | \$500.00    | \$551.53    | \$1,544.22          |
| Kid Zone          | \$4,977.70   | \$1,000.00  | \$1,003.46  | \$4,974.24          |
| Meat To Go        | \$3,719.00   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      | \$3,719.00          |
| Plant Booth       | \$2,494.55   | \$600.00    | \$614.57    | \$2,479.98          |
| Raffle            | \$85,866.97  | \$13,700.00 | \$18,120.60 | \$81,446.37         |
| Restaurant Booth  | \$2,684.40   | \$250.00    | \$240.00    | \$2,694.40          |
| Strong Arm        | \$420.75     | \$0.00      | \$227.36    | \$193.39            |
| Supermarket Spin  | \$1,454.30   | \$750.00    | \$153.62    | \$2,050.68          |
| Wine Toss         | \$1,338.00   | \$250.00    | \$412.05    | \$1,175.95          |
| KC Concessions    | \$1,690.99   | \$650.00    | \$1,289.38  | \$1,051.61          |
| Kolache Booth     | \$1,920.70   | \$0.00      | \$156.40    | \$1,764.30          |
| Saloon            | \$840.00     | \$0.00      | \$619.00    | \$221.00            |
| Bazaar Overall    | \$18,399.84  | \$3,470.00  | \$40,052.02 | <b>-\$18,182.18</b> |
| Total             | \$302,808.04 | \$39,110.00 | \$96,271.33 | \$245,646.71        |

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| Net | <b>\$245,646.71</b> |
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| 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | 2019         | 2020         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$172,043.12 | \$165,001.32 | \$173,774.45 | \$228,090.58 | \$218,469.73 | \$213,301.28 |

As you can see St. Mary's 127<sup>th</sup> annual bazaar netted approximately \$245,000.00 this year. If I'm not mistaken that is the most it has ever netted. We have to send out a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers that worked countless hours to make this bazaar happen. We also give a BIG thank you to our parishioners that participated to make this bazaar as successful as it was, and another Huge thank you to all of the donors that donated items for the auction and the raffle ticket. Without the donors our net number would be substantially less.

Our bazaar has a reputation of being the place you want to be on Sunday of labor Day weekend. We attract people from all areas and walks of life; they come not only for the fantastic food and drinks; they come to be part of "The Event". They enjoy the fellowship and witnessing how our community comes together, works so hard to serve one another and God.

You all make St. Mary a very special place to be. Thank you for all you do.

St. Mary's Staff

## A NOTE FROM PARISH ADMINISTRATOR BILL JONES:

### Rummage Sale 2021

We want to thank all of the volunteers that worked so hard this past year on the Rummage Sale. Their dedication and hard work resulted in our sale netting over \$47,000.00!!!! But the MOST important thing they did was to provide a wonderful service to our community. Our sale provides an opportunity for many people to purchase much need items for their families at a most reasonable price. We had folks lining up for the Early Bird special at 5:40 AM; the Early Bird special didn't start until 7:00 AM. Our volunteers also displayed what a loving community can accomplish when their hearts are in the right place and they do it for our Precious Lord.

We also want to thank the many parishioners that donated their "Slightly Used items"; without you our sale would not have been possible.

Again thank you!

*Bill Jones*



"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*



## CALLING ALL KIDS !

*Fr. Ed will hand out Candy  
Canes on Dec. 4 & 5 to  
celebrate the Feast of  
St. Nicholas.  
Come on down for your  
candy cane!*



## St. Mary's Holiday Parish Dinner is set for the weekend of DECEMBER 4 & 5.

**Come to the Hall after ALL the  
Masses for a delicious meal and  
good hospitality!**

**Plan on coming hungry, a fantastic  
traditional Christmas meal will be  
catered by Vernons.**



## **CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS**

**AT ST. MARY / ST. JOSEPH**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE ~ FRIDAY, DEC. 24**

**3:00PM....ST. MARY/CHURCH**

**3:15PM....ST. MARY/SM HALL**

**5:00PM....ST. MARY/CHURCH**

**5:15PM....ST. MARY/SM HALL**

**7:00PM....ST. JOSEPH/CHURCH**

***\*\*DUE TO THE INCREASED DANGER IN TRAVELING THE HIGHWAYS SO LATE AT NIGHT FOR THOSE ATTENDING AND FOR OUR LITURGICAL MINISTERS, WE WILL NOT HAVE A MIDNIGHT MASS.***

### **CHRISTMAS DAY ~ SATURDAY, DEC. 25**

**10:30AM....ST. MARY/CHURCH**

**\*\*\*No 5:00PM MASS ON DECEMBER 25TH.**



#### **2022 St. Mary's Men's Club scholarship**

Applications are now available in the parish office (see Fran Miller).

Applicants must be active members of the parish of St. Mary's, Plantersville/St. Joseph's, Stoneham Catholic Church for a minimum of one year.

This scholarship is for each of the first two years of enrollment at a state-accredited trade school, college or university and is to be used for tuition, school fees, required class books and living expenses directly related to school. Grades are not the major criteria in the award of this scholarship. Rather, emphasis is placed on work ethic, attitude and need.

Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Fran Miller by  
***Thursday, April 14, 2022, by 4:00pm.***

**Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications!**



#### **News Years Eve and New Years Day Masses**

**12/31 - 4pm @ SM**

**01/01 - 10:30am @ SM**



## *Come Jingle and Mingle*



Join us for a Singles  
Christmas Party  
At St. Mary's Parish Hall

**Saturday, December 18th - 3:00pm-5:00pm**  
Join us for Refreshments & Fellowship

Hosted by the S.A.L.T. Ministry



For more information,  
contact Mary Marshall  
at 281-356-2497



**Wed., Dec. 8, 2021**  
*Mass will be celebrated:*  
**9am & 5pm @ St. Mary's**  
*(This is a Holy Day of Obligation)*

**OFFICE CLOSED TODAY.**



**The St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive is scheduled for**  
**Sunday, December 12th**  
**8am-1pm - SM Hall**

## **St. Mary Cemetery News**

If you are interested in getting involved with the Cemetery Committee and their work to make improvements, please make plans to come to the biannual meetings. They are announced in the bulletin.

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In the new cemetery area, there is now a section for infants.

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And last but not least.....please consider pre-planning your funeral and take the burden off of your family!

Contact the cemetery committee at:  
Rita Swonke at 713-557-5817.

The SM Cemetery Committee is trying to find out all those buried in the cemetery who has served in the military so that on holidays their graves can be marked with flags.

***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 \$85 and  
Brushed Brass Vase \$125.**





## Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



### CCE Calendar

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| December 1  | CCE Classes           |
| December 8  | <u>No</u> CCE Classes |
| December 15 | CCE Classes           |
| December 22 | <u>No</u> CCE Classes |
| December 29 | <u>No</u> CCE Classes |

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)



## Baptism Infants to Age 6

Our baptism program is currently utilizing an online format culminating with an in-person follow-up session.

These will be scheduled as groups of parents complete the online course.

Please go to our webpage where you will find the necessary information and a link to the registration form to get started.

Webpage link: <http://smsj.org/baptism/>

## Confirmation

### Confirmation Preparation Classes Students Only

Sunday, December 5th - 2:00pm-3:30pm-Family Life Center, Room 201

Sunday, December 12th - 2:00pm-3:30pm-Family Life Center, Room 201



## ADULT CONFIRMATION

ADULT Confirmation preparation sessions have begun; celebration of this sacrament by our Cardinal is scheduled for January 2022.

If you are a practicing Catholic and have been baptized and received Holy Eucharist, contact **Sharon Skeans** [skeans@consolidated.net](mailto:skeans@consolidated.net) to be fully initiated in our Roman Catholic faith.



## RCIA: Rite Of Christian Initiation for Adults

***Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to become a Baptized Catholic? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?***

***Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith?***

***Or you have been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?***

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.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Adult Confirmation:** Contact Sharon Skeans @ 936-448-2740 or email her @ [skeans@consolidated.net](mailto:skeans@consolidated.net).

**Baptism:** Infant baptism through age 6. Baptisms and preparation classes occur quarterly. To register go online to: [smsj.org/baptism/](http://smsj.org/baptism/). Baptism for ages 7 and older register through the CCE Program: <http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>. For more information, contact: Cheryl Schratwieser - [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com)

**NEXT BAPTISMS: TBD**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE**

**C.C.E.:** The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@gmail.com).

All CCE First Communion and Confirmation information can be found at:  
<http://www.smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>



## **St. Joseph's Christmas Party**

***Friday, December 10 @ 6pm***

**Meat, Tea, Beer, Wine and Setups Provided.**

**Bring anything else you would like to drink.**

**Bring a \$20 Men's or Women's Gift.**

**Adults Only**

## **CALLING ALL KIDS ~ YOUNG & OLD!**

**Join Santa for Breakfast after the 7:30am  
Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 in the  
parish hall at St. Joseph's.**

***Take a picture with  
Santa too!***

***Hosted by the St. Joseph's  
Altar Society.***

***Breakfast cooked by the  
Knights of Columbus.***



## **Israel Trip with Fr. Ed**

**Fr. Ed's trip to Israel has been scheduled  
for Feb.4-14, 2023 with Fr. Peter Vasko as  
our tour guide.**

**We have spots available for the trip.**

**We will fill up places and make a  
waiting list if necessary.**

**Please email Cecilia Maddox to be put on  
the list or with any questions at  
Maddoxrc5@gmail.com. You may also call  
or text at (210)383-8079.**



**Holy Name retreat for the men of SMSJ parish**  
**MARCH 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ the Holy Name Retreat Center,  
Houston**

The dates are set for the men of St. Mary's / St. Josephs to enjoy the community the "Holy Name" retreat. Consider taking a few days to renew your relationship with Jesus, and enjoy the fellowship a "The Holy Name Retreat" this spring.

Contact information through the church office or Paul Magliolo at 936-597-5330

## *Rummage News*

The Rummage Sale of St. Mary's has a motto: "Christ has no body but yours..." -St. Teresa of Avila. When parishioners donate, items support dozens of ministries, both in and out of this parish. When contributions begin arriving in January, volunteers sort, clean and distribute, looking for the best place each item can be put to use.

You might be surprised to learn where your donations go. At least 3 ministries within the parish rely on the Rummage Barn. Baby clothing, blankets, car seats, carriers, furniture for infants go to the Gabriel project. Friends of St. Vincent de Paul are sometimes brought over to shop during the year, when they need appliances, furniture, or clothing. Notebooks and books are taken by the Altar Society and given to retired priests for their visits. Extra special items, worthy of our bazaar auctions, are sent to the bazaar committees, as well as baskets that are then filled and displayed. New or gently used toys supply the kid zone and other booths at the bazaar.

At least a dozen ministries outside of our parish benefitted this year. Men's suits and dress shoes went to a sober living house to be used for job interviews. Stuffed animals were sent to a battered woman shelter, blankets and jewelry went to a local nursing home, yarn was made into blankets and donated to a children's hospital, rosaries, religious medals and items went to a Pro-Life Outreach for ladies in crisis. A local St. Vincent de Paul ministry was able to furnish their offices. Used blankets and towels were delivered to a local dog shelter. Boxes of items were sent to Louisiana after the hurricanes devastated their area.

What happens with everything that still remains? We sell it at a reduced price so that anyone in our community that has a need can make purchases on the day of our wonderful rummage sale. The Rummage Sale made a nice profit for St. Mary's with the items we were unable to give to other charities. And, that is amazing. It's been said before, but we heard it countless times from visitors from other parishes, "You have so many volunteers from your parish! We don't have that." We count ourselves fortunate to have the support, dedication, and volunteers willing to work countless hours for our Rummage Sale. The volunteers make it a truly amazing event.

If you feel called to work in the rummage sale ministry, call Lauren Twining. Or, just show up on Wednesdays to the rummage barn in Jan. We are always in need of volunteers. There is no time commitment, work when you can. And, start saving your items, we will begin accepting donations soon!

Thank You.



***St. Mary's Corner Shoppe***

**Shop with us for your Christmas Gifts.  
We have a great selection of items to  
choose from.**

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**The Corner Shoppe is open after each
weekend Mass.**



"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. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

In lieu of our December meeting, The Altar Society will be having a Christmas Party with the Men's Club "A Texas Country Christmas" on **December 14th.**
Cocktails begin at **5:30pm.**

DECEMBER ALTAR CARE:
Mary Hollar, Jackie Haese and
Patti Kling

ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club and Women's Altar Society

will be holding a joint
Christmas Party on **December 14th**
in the Church Hall.

A Meal, Beer & wine, and Music will
be provided.

Cocktails will start at 5:30, please
block out your calendar with more
information to follow.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting -

Tues., Dec. 7th at 6:30pm

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

DECEMBER ALTAR CARE:

Theresa Rausheck and Dianne Phillips

COFFEE SERVERS:

Dec. 5-Kaky Wetuski

Dec. 12-Breakfast with Santa
(Knights providing breakfast)

Dec. 19-Angie Imhoff

Dec. 26-Donna Burzynski and Kathy Burzynski

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



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.

If you or someone you know is pregnant or have babies, newborns through toddlers, please contact us if you need any baby supplies. We have cribs, high chairs, strollers, car seats, diapers, infant clothing, maternity clothing, plus more. We are here to help. Call Wanda at 936-597-6328 if you would like to come and shop.

Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful!

Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.

ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

St. Mary's Guardian Angels Senior Group

The next **Guardian Angels meeting** will be **Tuesday December 7th**
at 10 a.m., upstairs in the Family Life Center.

BINGO will be Tuesday, December 21st in the Hall from 10am - 2pm.

Ham will be provided for lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

Dominos is every Tuesday from 10am - 3pm in the Family Life Center. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

If you like to play 42, this is the place to be on Tuesdays!

We always have a good time.

Contact Nancy Schlottman for any questions at 936-525-0007

St. Mary/St. Joseph ACTS Update

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A LASTING GIFT FOR HER THIS CHRISTMAS?

With the Christmas holiday just around the corner, why not consider a gift for her that will last a lifetime? The women's ACTS Retreat being held in February will give her time to grow in her faith, remind her of what is truly important in her life, and enrich or renew her relationship with Jesus. She will spend three nights and two full days immersed in God's love. On the third day she'll return to you with renewed **JOY** in her heart.

This is the perfect gift for mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, or any women over the age of 18.

For more information, or to reserve a place at the retreat, please contact Cecie Kobza at: ceciekobza@gmail.com

St. Mary/St. Joseph Women's ACTS Retreat – February 17th – 20th 2022
St. Agnes Retreat Center, Waller TX

CORE NEWS

ATTENTION: Ladies who have attended an ACTS Retreat, your help is needed. Please consider serving on the team for the upcoming retreat in February. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please contact Cecie at the email above. We truly need your help!



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace."

— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



There will be no regular business meeting for SVDP in December.

We will have a Christmas gathering on Sunday, Dec. 12, starting with Mass at 4pm followed by a dinner in the hall.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference welcomes new members. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President: Suzanne Hill at 713-724-2589.

For assistance, call:
(936) 894-2362



Bring Joy to a St. Vincent de Paul Society Neighbor / Family for Christmas

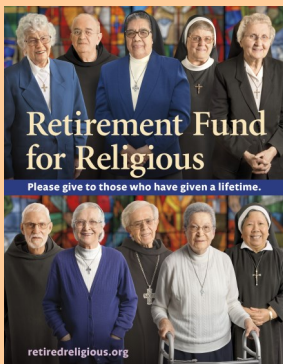
"Christmas for our St. Vincent de Paul Neighbors" is an effort to bring Christmas joy to those who most likely would not experience joy due to economic and/or social poverty. (A SVDP Neighbor is the terminology used when we discuss the people who have called asking for help.) Members of our Conference visit them in their homes and hopefully assist with their need. Our Home Visit Teams have several families that we would like to provide a joyful Christmas. A Christmas food basket including a ham will also be given to our SVDP Neighbors.

We are asking for your help.

Any questions, please call our President Suzanne Hill at 713-724-2589.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Dec. 11 & 12 - Retirement Fund for Religious Collection (Sisters' Collection)



Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others. Across the US, generations of Catholics gratefully recall their ministry in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and works of mercy. Most older religious served for little pay. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare Ministry

We meet on Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00, at The Kelly House (Former Fr. Kelly's House)

The Holiday Season can be Stressful

Here are a few tips to help you through them:

- ♦ Acknowledge & Recognize things may be different this year
 - ♦ Don't stress over the little things
 - ♦ Make a Plan;

* Decorate or not that is Your choice

* Decide which gatherings You want to attend

* Stay as long as You want

* Give yourself permission to say No

- ♦ Start a new Holiday tradition by finding a way to honor Your loved one
 - ♦ Journaling, express Your feelings
 - ♦ Give Yourself time to rest

Happy moments, Praise God

Difficult moments, Seek God

Quiet moments, Worship God

Painful moments, Trust God

Every moment, Thank God

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit

Psalms 34:18

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We are looking for Volunteers to help us with this ministry that are passionate about assisting in organizing this ministry and helping with activities that will meet the needs of our community.

If interested, please give **Mary Marshall** a call at **281-356-2497**.

We still need Your assistance by Spreading the Word about this New Ministry & Attending the Events.

## **AA MEETINGS:**

Every Monday evening @ 8 p.m.  
in St. Mary's Family Life Center.



**Social  
distancing is  
observed.**



## **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 hospital beds, electric scooters  
& many other items available.**

# **Christmas Day Table Prayer**

**Lord God of Life,  
together with the beautiful traditions  
of decorating the Christmas tree,  
of singing carols and giving gifts,  
this Christmas dinner is an important part  
of our celebration of the birth  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**



**Come, Lord our God,  
and surround our feast day table  
as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.  
Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness  
as we savor this coming together  
of family and friends.  
As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced  
at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,  
so may we take great joy  
in this our Christmas dinner celebration.**

**May You, our God, bless it and us  
in Your holy name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
as we now pray:**

**Bless us O, Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to  
receive from Thy bounty through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Taken from Prayers For The Domestic Church,  
A Handbook For Worship In The Home,  
Edward Hayes, Forest of Peace, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1979, pg. 123.*







# *Liturgical Readings for December*



Dec 1: Is 25:6-10a ▪ Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 ▪ Mt 15:29-37  
Dec 2: Is 26:1-6 ▪ Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 ▪ Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier: Is 29:17-24 ▪ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 ▪ Mt 9:27-31  
Dec 4 [St. John Damascene]: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 ▪ Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ▪ Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
**Dec 5 Second Sunday of Advent:** Bar 5:1-9 ▪ Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 ▪ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 ▪ Lk 3:1-6  
Dec 6 [St. Nicholas]: Is 35:1-10 ▪ Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 ▪ Lk 5:17-26  
Dec 7 St. Ambrose: Is 40:1-11 ▪ Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13 ▪ Mt 18:12-14  
Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception: Gn 3:9-15, 20 ▪ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 ▪ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 ▪ Lk 1:26-38  
Dec 9 [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin]: Is 41:13-20 ▪ Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13 ▪ Mt 11:11-15  
Dec 10 [Our Lady of Loreto]: Is 48:17-19 ▪ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 ▪ Mt 11:16-19  
Dec 11 [St. Damasus I]: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 ▪ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 ▪ Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Dec 12 Third Sunday of Advent:** Zep 3:14-18a ▪ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 ▪ Phil 4:4-7 ▪ Lk 3:10-18  
Dec 13 St. Lucy: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a ▪ Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ▪ Mt 21:23-27  
Dec 14 St. John of the Cross: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 ▪ Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23 ▪ Mt 21:28-32  
Dec 15: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 ▪ Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 ▪ Lk 7:18b-23  
Dec 16: Is 54:1-10 ▪ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 ▪ Lk 7:24-30  
Dec 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17 ▪ Mt 1:1-17  
Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8 ▪ Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 ▪ Mt 1:18-25  
**Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Mi 5:1-4a ▪ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 ▪ Heb 10:5-10 ▪ Lk 1:39-45  
Dec 20: Is 7:10-14 ▪ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ▪ Lk 1:26-38  
Dec 21 [St. Peter Canisius]: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a ▪ Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 ▪ Lk 1:39-45  
Dec 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 ▪ 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 ▪ Lk 1:46-56  
Dec 23 [St. John of Kanty]: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 ▪ Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 ▪ Lk 1:57-66  
Dec 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 ▪ Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 ▪ Lk 1:67-79  
+ CHRISTMAS +  
**Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):** Is 9:1-6 ▪ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 ▪ Ti 2:11-14 ▪ Lk 2:1-14  
**Dec 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 ▪ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ▪ Col 3:12-21 ▪ Lk 2:41-52  
Dec 27 St. John: 1 Jn 1:1-4 ▪ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 ▪ Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Dec 28 The Holy Innocents: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 ▪ Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8 ▪ Mt 2:13-18  
Dec 29 [St. Thomas Becket]: 1 Jn 2:3-11 ▪ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 ▪ Lk 2:22-35  
Dec 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17 ▪ Ps 96:7-8, 8-9, 10 ▪ Lk 2:36-40  
Dec 31 [St. Sylvester I]: 1 Jn 2:18-21 ▪ Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 ▪ Jn 1:1-18

## CANTOR & CHOIR PRACTICE (Wednesdays in Church)



Cantor Practice @6-6:30 and Choir Practice @6:30-7:30 in the Choir Loft on Wednesdays.

Ensemble Practice @11:30-12:30 in the Music Room on Sundays the first 2 Sundays of each month.

Still looking for Handbell Players for Christmas and Easter!

### NEW OPPORTUNITY for anyone interested!


If you've ever wanted to be able to read music or just improve your skills,  
I will be having a Free Music Theory Class on Wednesday @ 5:30-6:00 in the Hall. All are Welcome!  
You do need to sign up so I have the right amount of materials available.

**For more info, contact: Sue Langston @ 979-268-6886 or 936-894-2223**



# December, 2021



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| <p><u>Regular Weekend Mass Schedule</u><br/>           Saturdays:<br/>           5:00pm (SM)<br/>           Sundays:<br/>           7:30am (SJ)<br/>           7:30, 8:45, 10:00 &amp; 11:30am (SM)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>SMAS: St. Mary's Altar Society—2nd Tues., 6p<br/>           SJAS: St. Joseph's Altar Society—1st Tues., 6:30p<br/>           SVDP: St Vincent de Paul 4th Tues., 3:30p, SM Hall<br/>           GA: Guardian Angels Senior Group—1st Tues., 10a, FLC<br/>           SMMC: SM Men's Club— 3rd Tuesday, 6:30p, SM Hall<br/>           Stitch N Sisters: Every Wednesday, SJ Hall, 9:30a-2p<br/>           Domino Club: Every Tuesday @ SM FLC, 11a-3p</p> | <p>7<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-Guardian Angels Meeting-FLC Upstairs<br/>           -10am-12pm-Griefshare-The Kelly House<br/>           -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC<br/>           -6:30pm-St. Joseph Altar Society Meeting-SJ Hall</p>                                      | <p>1<br/>           -9am-Anointing of the sick and Elderly<br/>           -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br/>           -10am-12pm - Confessions<br/>           -5pm-6pm - Confessions<br/>           -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice<br/>           -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice<br/>           -7pm-8pm-CCE</p> | <p>2<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-12pm - Adult Bible Study<br/>           -7pm-9pm - Adult Bible Study</p> | <p>3<br/>           -9am-First Friday Mass</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>4<br/>           -5pm-Mass<br/>           -St. Mary's Parish Christmas Dinner after ALL Masses<br/>           -Hand out Candy Canes at ALL Masses</p>      |
| <p>5<br/>           -Regular Mass schedule at SM &amp; SJ<br/>           -St. Mary's Parish Christmas Dinner after ALL Masses<br/>           -Hand out Candy Canes at ALL Masses<br/>           -8am-1pm - SMMC Blood Drive<br/>           -2pm-3:30pm-Confirmation<br/>           Preparation Class-Students Only</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>6<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>7<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-Guardian Angels Meeting-FLC Upstairs<br/>           -10am-12pm-Griefshare-The Kelly House<br/>           -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC<br/>           -6:30pm-St. Joseph Altar Society Meeting-SJ Hall</p>                                      | <p>8<br/>           -9am Mass-SM<br/>           -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br/>           -5pm Mass-SM<br/>           -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice<br/>           -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice<br/>           -No CCE</p>                                                                                  | <p>9<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-12pm - Adult Bible Study<br/>           -7pm-9pm - Adult Bible Study</p> | <p>10<br/>           -No Mass<br/>           -6pm-St. Joseph's Christmas Party<br/>           Study</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p>11<br/>           -5pm-Mass<br/>           -Second Collection-Retirement Fund for Religious</p>                                                            |
| <p>12<br/>           -Regular Mass schedule at SM &amp; SJ<br/>           -St. Joseph-Breakfast with Santa<br/>           -8am-1pm-St. Mary's Men's Club Blood Drive<br/>           -2pm-3:30pm-Confirmation<br/>           Preparation Class-FLC, Rm. 201<br/>           -2pm-3:30pm-Confirmation<br/>           Preparation Class-Students Only<br/>           -4pm-SVDP Christmas Gathering-SM Hall<br/>           -Second Collection-Retirement Fund for Religious</p> | <p>13<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>14<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC<br/>           -10am-12pm-Griefshare-The Kelly House<br/>           -11am-Griefshare Christmas Party-Kelly House<br/>           -5:30pm-St. Mary's Men's Club and St. Mary's Altar Society-Christmas Party-SM Hall</p> | <p>15<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br/>           -10am-12pm - Confessions<br/>           -5pm-6pm - Confessions<br/>           -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice<br/>           -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice<br/>           -7pm-8pm-CCE</p>                             | <p>16<br/>           -9am-Mass</p>                                                                                          | <p>17<br/>           -No Mass</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>18<br/>           -5pm-Mass<br/>           -3pm-5pm-Jingle &amp; Mingle-SM Hall</p>                                                                        |
| <p>19<br/>           -Regular Mass schedule at SM &amp; SJ</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>20<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>21<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-12pm-Griefshare-The Kelly House<br/>           -10am-2pm-Bingo-SM Hall</p>                                                                                                                                                             | <p>22<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br/>           -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice<br/>           -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice<br/>           -No CCE</p>                                                                                                                | <p>23<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -Parish Office Closed at Noon</p>                                             | <p>24<br/>           -3pm Mass SM (Pavilion)<br/>           -3:15pm Mass SM (Hall)<br/>           -5pm Mass SM (Pavilion)<br/>           -5:15pm Mass SM (Hall)<br/>           -7pm Mass SJ (Church)<br/>           -Parish Office Closed</p> | <p>25<br/>           -10:30am-Mass @ SM<br/>           -No 5:00pm Mass</p>  |
| <p>26<br/>           -Regular Mass schedule at SM &amp; SJ</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>27<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC<br/>           -Parish Office Closed</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>28<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -10am-12pm-Griefshare-The Kelly House<br/>           -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC</p>                                                                                                                                                               | <p>29<br/>           -9am-Mass<br/>           -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br/>           -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice<br/>           -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice<br/>           -No CCE</p>                                                                                                                | <p>30<br/>           -9am-Mass</p>                                                                                          | <p>31<br/>           -4pm-Mass at SM</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                               |

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## Support Your Local Parishioners.

### *Plumbing Services*

Willburn Plumbing  
Robert Willburn  
Master Plumber  
Phone: (832)294-3399

### *Misc. Services*

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

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

Medicare Specialist  
Broker  
Russell Ross  
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### *Dental Services*

Montgomery & Conroe  
Comprehensive Dental Centers  
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner  
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or  
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

### *General Contractor*

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Eric Gensheimer—Owner  
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Sonia Drabek  
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Mark Strong  
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Terri Furce  
(936)718-5002

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Veterinary and Boarding Services  
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*As many of you know, Fran Miller's last day as our Church Secretary is December 10th. This is "Her" last bulletin.*

*Please join us in thanking her for all she has done and wish her well in the future.*

*Staff*

