

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

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~~~~ January, 2022 ~~~~



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 [smsjcce@gmail.com](mailto:smsjcce@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

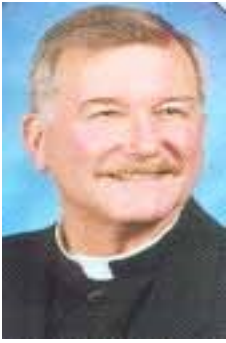
### Write for Life

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...

I apologize for being rather lazy the past few months and not submitting this “WORD” in the bulletin. Like everything else in life you just have to make time and not come up with excuses. Getting my article in each month is one of my New Year’s resolutions...lol.

It seems that 2022 will be the year that we begin to return to some sense of normalcy; though we thought that about 2021 as it dawned. We have been very fortunate in our communities of Montgomery and Grimes Counties and in our communities of St. Mary and St. Joseph. We’ve been weathering the storm with faith and courage. As we enter 2022, let’s keep the ‘stiff upper lip’ and ‘we can do this’ attitude and the confidence that we are all in God’s hands.

It might not have felt like Christmas with record breaking high temperatures. You have to wonder at God’s sense of humor. We froze last year outside under the pavilion celebrating Christmas. This year would have been the year to be outside in shorts/sandals/short sleeves. However, the experience of again being in church for Christmas regardless of the weather outside made us all appreciate what was lost these last two Christmases. The attendance in church and in the hall were pretty much back to what they have been for many past Christmases. I happily noticed an energized joy in the assembly in singing out the carols and responses of each Liturgy.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so meaningful and special. It’s difficult to try to explain and to really appreciate how much planning and real work goes into making our coming together for these Seasons happen and be enjoyed. What I sincerely respect and admire in all of those who volunteer their time and talents is their sacrificing valuable time with their own families for the benefit of all those who come to worship and will be inspired by what they encounter when driving onto the property, walking to the church, entering the church and be overwhelmed with the spirit of God’s presence and feel the love of those who gather in our sacred spaces. What’s even more admirable in all who volunteer for all that happens around here is that the work is done ‘for the honor and glory of God’ and done with such a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation. We all enjoy the fruits of their labor. I don’t dare try to be specific and name all the individuals and groups. It would take more space than I have here and, without doubt, get me into trouble for making public what was done not seeking notice. God knows and that’s what matters.

Just to let you all know: I’ve been fully vaccinated (Moderna) and boosted. I am doing what I guess everyone is doing: taking my vitamin C with zinc, D3, CoQ10, an eye vitamin (ain’t working), and an assortment of other stuff. Trying my best to keep safe and be safe for you all. I’m determined to be back into my gym routine. My gift to myself in 2022 is stunning pecs and six-pack abs. However, I’ve been told to keep resolutions practical and realistic...lol.

We’ve had a very blessed 2021 financially for both of our communities. Your generosity through the years has been awesome and has given me the freedom to concentrate my ministry where it should be centered: our spiritually growing together into the image of Christ. Some pastors have to worry about money matters and make paying bills and the debt what keeps them awake at night. I sleep like a babe! We have a wonderful office staff that take each of their responsibilities seriously and see themselves as representatives of Christ and each of us. I’ve had priest who’ve visited remark that they didn’t expect such a small country parish to have such a busy office...and that was usually a slow day! The phone can be ringing off the wall, the copier won’t work, the internet is down, The Chancery wants it NOW, Fr. Ed is having a bad day, Bridget is not feeling well...you get the idea. Yet, our staff handles it with finesse and a cheerful Christian attitude. Not being negative, but that can’t be said of some parishes when you have to punch a series of numbers just to get a recorded voice demanding you leave a message...just saying.

I want to express my gratitude to all of you for your support and thoughtfulness throughout this past year of 2021. I’m looking forward to 2022 and all that lies ahead of us.

This prayer was sent to me and I want to share it with you...Fr. Ed.

### **A PARENT'S PRAYER**

**HOLY ANGELS,**

**YOU KNOW I NO LONGER GUIDE, GUARD AND DIRECT MY CHILDREN AS  
WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER.**

**SO, I ENTRUST THEM TO YOUR CARE.**

**I BEG YOU, WITH A HEART OF A PARENT, TO PROTECT MY CHILDREN THIS DAY  
IN BODY AND SOUL. STRENGTHEN THEIR WILL THAT THEY MAY AVOID EVIL.**

**YOU SEE THE FACE OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER. ASK HIM TO LEAD MY CHILDREN  
ALONG LIFE'S WAY TO GOODNESS SO THAT SOMEDAY, TOGETHER WITH YOU,  
OUR WHOLE FAMILY MAY SING HIS PRAISES IN HEAVEN.  
AMEN**

I also found this prayer...

### **A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph,**

**In you we contemplate the splendor of true love.**

**To you we turn with trust.**

**Holy family of Nazareth,**

**Bless my family.**

**May families never experience violence, rejection and division.**

**May all who have been hurt find healing and comfort.**

**May your example of selflessness, care and love be our model.**

**I place my family under your protection and care.**

**Amen**

And this blessing...

***God has called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.***

***May you experience His kindness and blessing and be strong in faith, hope and love.***

***Because you are followers of Christ, Who appeared as a light shining in darkness,***

***May He make you a light for all your sisters and brothers.***

***The Wise Men followed the star and found Christ Who is light from light.***

***May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage here on earth is ended.***

## *The true meaning of the "12 Days of Christmas"*

All right, I put it to ya. What guy would ever give his girl hens, geese, and maids-a-milking? Maybe one that knows the secret meaning behind these age-old words.

### **THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS:**

12 days that the Church celebrates the feast of Christ's birth...December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

**My True Love:** Christ Himself-born on Christmas Day to "give gifts" (Ephesians 4-8) to mankind.

**A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** The partridge symbolized Christ. The pear tree reminds us of the fruit tree in Paradise that brought death to mankind...as well as the Tree of the Cross that gives eternal life. This is the most important gift Christ gave us...which is why this line is repeated.

**Two Turtledoves:** The Old and New Testaments, both inspired by the Holy Spirit (the Dove...kinda neat huh?).

**Three French Hens:** The three great virtues: Faith, Hope and Love, that St. Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 13:13.

**Four Calling Birds:** The Four Gospels. Like birds crying out they proclaim the coming of Christ and His saving work.

**Five Golden Rings:** The first five books of the Old Testament (Pentateuch) which set forth the laws of God. The Bible says the Laws of God are more precious than gold (Psalm 19:10-11) and shall not pass away. The round ring represents eternity.

**Six Geese A-Laying:** The six days of Creation (Genesis 1) it's fall and rebirth. Eggs symbolize the rebirth.

**Seven Swans A-Swimming:** The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that make the follower of Christ noble...swans symbolize nobility.

**Eight Maids A-Milking:** The eight Beatitudes which illustrate the Christian way of life. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-10) Christ especially praises those who are lowly and humble...like serving girls who milk cows.

**Nine Ladies Dancing:** The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22..love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These gifts make the Christian life a joyful experience...like dancing.

**Ten Lords-A-Leaping:** The Ten Commandments...noble dictates and given by God that help keep us on the straight path that we might leap with joy at life's end.

**Eleven Pipers Piping:** The eleven faithful Apostles who spread the Good News like pipers playing songs wherever they went.

**Twelve Drummers Drumming:** The twelve points of the Apostle's Creed which we should drum into our hearts and minds...

By Regina Doman from an article "Live it!" given to me by Sara

Now you know....

## **St. Mary Mass Intentions for January, 2022**

| <u><b>Date</b></u> | <u><b>Time</b></u> | <u><b>Intention</b></u>                            | <u><b>Requested By</b></u>         |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sat. 1/1           | 10:30am            | <b>Bill Malek</b>                                  | Dan & Diane Malek                  |
| Sun. 1/2           | 7:30am             | <b>Teresa Schwertner</b>                           | Frank Giglio Family                |
| Sun. 1/2           | 8:45am             | <b>Cecelia de la Mercedes de Bejarano</b>          | Donna & Raymond Koeppen            |
| Sun. 1/2           | 10:00am            | <b>Hugh &amp; Theresa Burnstad</b>                 | Mara Burnstad                      |
| Sun. 1/2           | 11:30am            | <b>Robert &amp; Annie Pfertner/Lorriane Wagner</b> | Patrick & Ann Pfertner             |
| Mon. 1/3           | 9:00am             | <b>Geraldine Marie Doyle</b>                       | Peggy Schippers                    |
| Tues. 1/4          | 9:00am             | <b>Catherine Schromofsky</b>                       | Janet & Tom Martin                 |
|                    |                    | <b>Beth Ramsberg</b>                               | Mike & Melinda Donnellan           |
| Wed. 1/5           | 9:00am             | <b>Bill Garland</b>                                | Claire Harris                      |
| Thurs 1/6          | 9:00am             | <b>Evan McDaniels</b>                              | Katherine Grostabussiat            |
| Fri 1/7            | 9:00am             | <b>Katherine Diehl</b>                             | Veronica Allen & Roby Whitaker     |
| Sat. 1/8           | 5:00pm             | <b>Tom Schwartz</b>                                | SM Alter Society                   |
| Sun. 1/9           | 7:30am             | <b>Patty Jones</b>                                 | Thomas & Frances Kowis             |
| Sun. 1/9           | 8:45am             | <b>Preston Smith</b>                               | PJ & Marlene Smith                 |
| Sun. 1/9           | 10:00am            | <b>Joe &amp; Leverne Leners</b>                    | Kathy Johnson & Family             |
| Sun. 1/9           | 11:30am            | <b>Pat Holt</b>                                    | Pamela Herzog                      |
| Mon. 1/10          | 9:00am             | <b>Lorraine Allphin</b>                            | Donna Allphin                      |
| Tues. 1/11         | 9:00am             | <b>Priest Fr. John Paul Moran</b>                  | Yen Khang Van                      |
| Wed. 1/12          | 9:00am             | <b>Averi Lucas</b>                                 | Ron & Mary Ann Kloster             |
| Thurs. 1/13        | 9:00am             | <b>Verna Kaminski</b>                              | Gary & Rhonda Kubiak               |
|                    |                    | <b>Ric Myers</b>                                   | Dean & Morgan Manning              |
| Sat. 1/15          | 5:00pm             | <b>Dolores Hoffart</b>                             | Elvin & Joann Kutac                |
| Sun. 1/16          | 7:30am             | <b>Janet Marie Mitchell</b>                        | Ritchie, Bass & Watson Family      |
| Sun. 1/16          | 8:45am             | <b>George Bachmeyer</b>                            | PJ & Marlene Smith                 |
| Sun. 1/16          | 10:00am            | <b>John Magee</b>                                  | Nick & Olive Cannistra             |
| Sun. 1/16          | 11:30am            | <b>Joe Barbossa &amp; Ann Barbossa</b>             | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Sat. 1/22          | 5:00pm             | <b>Anna Smith</b>                                  | Late Phillip & Martha Diehl Family |
| Sun. 1/23          | 7:30am             | <b>Sammy Blair</b>                                 | Bill Jones                         |
| Sun. 1/23          | 8:45am             | <b>Charles/Lucy Mascarella Family</b>              | Jackie & Niels Nielson             |
| Sun. 1/23          | 10:00am            | <b>John &amp; JoAnn Sowell</b>                     | Kathy & Paul Magliolo              |
| Sun. 1/23          | 11:30am            | <b>Eddie Upton</b>                                 | Upton Family                       |
| Mon. 1/24          | 9:00am             | <b>For the People</b>                              |                                    |
| Tues. 1/25         | 9:00am             | <b>Thomas Hammond</b>                              | MJ Thompson                        |
| Wed. 1/26          | 9:00am             | <b>Amber Hoffart</b>                               | Laveta Malek                       |
| Thurs. 1/27        | 9:00am             | <b>Rod McMahon</b>                                 | Jamice McMahon                     |
| Sat. 1/29          | 5:00pm             | <b>Frank Mock</b>                                  | Linette (Tootsie) Mock             |
|                    |                    | <b>Thomas, Sr., &amp; Sport Diehl,</b>             | Sonny Diehl                        |
|                    |                    | <b>Marcy Diehl Ellis &amp; Ronnie Canatella</b>    |                                    |
| Sun. 1/30          | 7:30am             | <b>Pat Holt</b>                                    | Kayla McCormick & Family           |
| Sun. 1/30          | 8:45am             | <b>Phillip Grochett</b>                            | Charlie Burzynski, Jr. Family      |
| Sun. 1/30          | 10:00am            | <b>Neil Rosenberg</b>                              | Cliff & Cindy Wischnewsky          |
| Sun. 1/30          | 11:30am            | <b>Loris Abshire/</b>                              | Ruth Phillips                      |
|                    |                    | <b>Ellen Abshire Cherry</b>                        |                                    |
| Mon. 1/31          | 9:00am             | <b>For the People</b>                              |                                    |

## **St. Joseph Mass Intentions for January, 2022**

| <u><b>Date</b></u> | <u><b>Time</b></u> | <u><b>Intention</b></u>     | <u><b>Requested By</b></u>  |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun. 1/2           | 7:30am             | <b>Colleen Syzdek</b>       | Tom & Kaky Watuski          |
| Sun. 1/9           | 7:30am             | <b>Laura Imhoff</b>         | Joette Jochen/Jacade Isbell |
| Sun. 1/16          | 7:30am             | <b>Frances Tomkivits</b>    | Susan Davidson              |
| Sun. 1/23          | 7:30am             | <b>Amelia Imhoff/</b>       | Joette Jochen/Jacade Isbell |
|                    |                    | <b>Valeria Imhoff/</b>      |                             |
|                    |                    | <b>Frances Langley King</b> |                             |
| Sun. 1/30          | 7:30am             | <b>Billy Hyman</b>          | Wayne Blair                 |



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

*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.*



**Pope's Intention:** For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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



**Edward A. Pavelka - Fr. Kucera's Cousin, died December 11, 2021**  
**Billy Hyman - SJ Parishioner, died Friday December 17, 2021**

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

Jeffery Anderson, Bernie & JoAnn Borski,  
David Burland, Barbara Hyde, Angeline Kotch,  
Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Florence Lara,  
Grant Larson, Lance Miller, Josephine Rockett,  
Fred & Marilyn Smith, Richard (Ted) Stephen,  
Daniela Syzdek, Clara Walkowiak & 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., Jan. 5th at 9am**

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**First Friday Mass is scheduled for  
Fri., Jan. 7 @ 9am.**



## **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard  
Jan. 5th  
10:00am-12:00 noon & 5:00pm-6:00pm

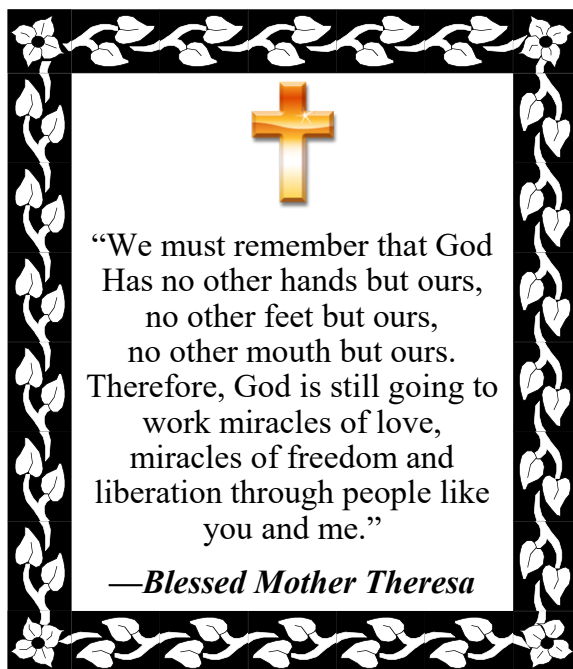
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Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would be  
happy to hear confessions after daily  
Mass.

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



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's Corner Shoppe**

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

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**Shop our after inventory sale all January.  
Annual Sunday Missals are now available.**



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

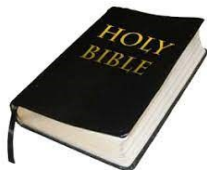
Applications are now available in the parish office  
(see Karen Molina).

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 Karen Molina by  
***Thursday, April 14, 2022, by 4:00pm.***

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



## **Adult Bible Study**

### **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant**

Embark on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology in **Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant**, an eight-part Bible study presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins!

In this study, Catholics will be able to see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father's heart in a deeper way than ever before.

The Hebrews study will start **Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>** and end on **Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Morning class will be from 9am to Noon in St. Mary's Hall. We will not have an evening class. Cost of book will be **\$30** which includes the workbook, an online workbook and 1 year on-line video access.

Register for the course by e-mail: [james.barnette49@outlook.com](mailto:james.barnette49@outlook.com) or call 936-851-0155.

Include the name of the people registering and number of books needed.

Money for the books will be collected on the first day of class.

If you have any questions please call Jim or Mary at 936-851-0155.



**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.



The Gabriel Project

"Cleaning out your infant or toddler's clothes that he/she has outgrown? We can use it! Donate it to The Gabriel Project and we will pass it along to families who have a need. We will take from newborn to 2T. You can drop it off on the covered porch of The Gabriel Storage in the portable building near the Equipment Barn. Or phone Wanda and she'll come and pick it up."

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

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

## Rowan's Prayer

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

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

Contact Bonnie Haytcher:  
by calling 941-302-6310,  
or emailing  
[haytcherb@gmail.com](mailto:haytcherb@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto: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 / 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 at "The Holy Name Retreat" this spring.

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



## Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



### CCE Calendar

January 12	CCE Classes Resume
January 19	CCE Classes
January 26	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/>



### **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.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**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/>



## **Confirmation Preparation Classes**

Jan. 16 Sponsor & Candidate Retreat  
2:00 - 3:30 St Mary's Hall

Jan. 23 Confirmation class (Students only)  
2:00 - 3:30 Family Life Building Rm#201

## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society for  
Our **January meeting** on:

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
Lunch at 12pm—SM Hall

All the ladies of the parish are welcome!

**JANUARY ALTAR CARE:**  
Mary Ann Kloster, Joan Kura and  
Margee Manning

## **ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Altar Society Meeting -**

**Tues., Jan. 4th @ 6:30pm**

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

**JANUARY ALTAR CARE:**

Helen Ann Burzynski, Alice Mock, Julie Mock

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

Jan. 2—Dianne Phillips

Jan. 9—Cathy Busa

Jan. 16—Debra Meekins & Julie Coombs

Jan. 23—Rhonda Secheldki & Marcy Pavlock

Jan. 30—Anne Mannina & Jane Urbanosky

## **ST. MARY'S MEN'S CLUB**

The St. Mary's Men's Club will be  
holding their regular meeting in the  
hall at St. Mary's on  
**January 18th at 7:00 pm.**

Social period is ahead of the  
meeting with **dinner served at**  
**6:30pm.**

All parish men are members of the  
Men's Club and are encouraged to  
join and participate in the our  
monthly fellowship.



The St. Mary's Men's Club  
Blood Drive is scheduled for  
**Sunday, February 13th,**  
**8am-1pm - SM Hall**



## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness  
of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of  
compassion which is truly the spirit of God."

— St. Vincent de Paul



**NEXT MEETINGS: Jan. 25th**  
**@ 3:30pm - SM 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**



# ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

## St. Mary's Guardian Angels Senior Group

The next **Guardian Angels meeting will be Tuesday January 4th at 10:00am**, upstairs in the Family Life Center.

**GAME DAY will be Tuesday, January 18th in the Hall from 10 am—2pm.** A casserole will be provided for lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.

**Dominos is every Tuesday from 10am to 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

### St. Mary/St. Joseph Women's ACTS Retreat – February 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

This AMAZING retreat still has room available! A team of incredibly special women has been assembled under the directorship of Cecie Kobza, and they are prayerfully preparing for YOU!! Your AMAZING weekend will begin on Thursday evening, February 17<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Transportation to and from the retreat will be provided. All you will need to bring with you is your heart OPEN to receive the abundance of LOVE and JOY that the weekend will provide.

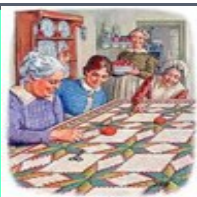
*This is the perfect gift for mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, or any women over the age of 18.*

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

**St. Mary/St. Joseph Women's ACTS Retreat – February 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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

This group includes Singles, Divorced, Widows, and Widowers  
We want to thank everyone that came out and attended Our Holiday Jingle Mingle event.

**It was a great success.**

The ministry's activities will be focused around 4 areas: Spiritual, Educational, Social & Outreach.

Our next Activity will be in the Spring.

Please plan to attend!

*We are looking for volunteers to help us with this ministry that are Passionate about assisting in organizing & helping with activities that will meet the needs of our community. If interested please contact, Mary Marshall (281) 356-2497.*

*You're  
Invited!!*



### GriefShare Ministry

In our times of deepest need,  
The tenderness and grace of Christ  
Is a refuge like no other  
He alone understands our sorrows  
And draws near in Love to wipe away  
Our tears. What a wonderful God we have  
Who so wonderfully  
Comforts and strengthens us in Our  
Hardships and trials  
I Corinthians 1:3,4

If you need/want to talk to someone please call  
Mary Marshall a call at 281-356-2497.  
You can check with [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for daily emails  
called "Season of Grief".  
Additional resources are also  
available on this website.

### **Rummage Barn**

The Rummage Barn will begin accepting items on  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Drop offs are each  
Wednesday 9am—12pm or Sundays under the small pavil-  
ion (look for the signs).

Rummage sale accepts NEW OR GENTLY USED, CLEAN  
ITEMS, UNIQUE ITEMS, FURNITURE, ALONG WITH  
ITEMS IN GOOD WORKING  
CONDITION.

*A good criterion to use when donating is to ask the question,  
"Is this something I would consider buying?" St. Mary's strives  
to provide a reputable and quality-driven rummage sale for our  
surrounding communities.  
Any questions, call Lauren Twining 281-813-5355.*



### **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.**

### **AA MEETINGS:**

**Every Monday evening  
@ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's  
Family Life Center.**  
*Social distancing is observed.*



## **VALENTINE DANCE—MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The *Guardian Angels* are hosting a Valentine Dance for Seniors (age 50+)

Friday—February 11th from 7 p.m.—11:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall.

Music Provided by Bill Mock & Highway 105 featuring western swing and pop hits from the 50's and 60's.

Cost is only \$10 per person

Beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks will be available.

COME AND ENJOY THIS NIGHT OF FUN AND REMINISCING



## **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 Easter and Christmas!

### **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*



## **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?***

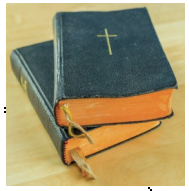
***Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith?***

***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.





## ***Liturgical Readings for January***

Jan 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God: Nm 6:22-27 ▪ Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 ▪ Gal 4:4-7 ▪ Lk 2:16-21  
Jan 2 The Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 ▪ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6, ▪ Mt 2:1-12  
Jan 3 [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 ▪ Ps 2:7-8,10-12 ▪ Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 4:7-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8 ▪ Mk 6:34-44  
Jan 5 St. John Neumann: 1 Jn 4:11-18 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 ▪ Mk 6:45-52  
Jan 6 [St. André Bessette]: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 ▪ Lk 4:14-22a  
Jan 7 [St. Raymond of Penyafort]: 1 Jn 5:5-13 ▪ Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20 ▪ Lk 5:12-16  
Jan 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21 ▪ Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9 ▪ Jn 3:22-30  
Jan 9 The Baptism of the Lord: Is 42:1-4,6-7 ▪ Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10 ▪ Acts 10:34-38 ▪ Lk 3:15-16,21-22  
Jan 10 (First Week in Ordinary Time): 1 Sm 1:1-8 ▪ Ps 116:12-13,14-17,18-19 ▪ Mk 1:14-20  
Jan 11: 1 Sm 1:9-20 ▪ 1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7,8 ▪ Mk 1:21-28  
Jan 12: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 ▪ Ps 40:2,5,7-8,8-9,10 ▪ Mk 1:29-39  
Jan 13 [St. Hilary]: 1 Sm 4:1-11 ▪ Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 ▪ Mk 1:40-45  
Jan 14: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a ▪ Ps 89:16-17,18-19 ▪ Mk 2:1-12  
Jan 15 [BVM]: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1a ▪ Ps 21:2-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Mk 2:13-17  
Jan 16 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 62:1-5 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10 ▪ 1 Cor 12:4-11 ▪ Jn 2:1-11  
Jan 17 St. Anthony: 1 Sm 15:16-23 ▪ Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 ▪ Mk 2:18-22  
Jan 18: 1 Sm 16:1-13 ▪ Ps 89:20,21-22,27-28 ▪ Mk 2:23-28  
Jan 19: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 ▪ Ps 144:1,2,9-10 ▪ Mk 3:1-6  
Jan 20 [St. Fabian; St. Sebastian]: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 ▪ Ps 56:2-3,9-10,10-11,12-13 ▪ Mk 3:7-12  
Jan 21 St. Agnes: 1 Sm 24:3-21 ▪ Ps 57:2,3-4,6,11 ▪ Mk 3:13-19  
Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 ▪ Ps 80:2-3,5-7 ▪ Mk 3:20-21  
Jan 23 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,15 ▪ 1 Cor 12:12-30 ▪ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 ▪ Ps 89:20,21-22,25-26 ▪ Mk 3:22-30  
Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 ▪ Ps 117:1,2 ▪ Mk 16:15-18  
Jan 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,10 ▪ Mk 4:1-20  
Jan 27 [St. Angela Merici]: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29 ▪ Ps 132:1-2,3-5,11,12,13-14 ▪ Mk 4:21-25  
Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17 ▪ Ps 51:3-4,5-6,6-7,10-11 ▪ Mk 4:26-34  
Jan 29 [BVM]: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 ▪ Ps 51:12-13,14-15,16-17 ▪ Mk 4:35-41  
Jan 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 ▪ Ps 71:1-2,3-4,5-6,15-17 ▪ 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 ▪ Lk 4:21-30  
Jan 31 St. John Bosco: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13 ▪ Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Mk 5:1-20



***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.**

# January, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regular Weekend Mass Schedule</b> <b>Saturdays:</b> 5:00pm (SM) <b>Sundays:</b> 7:30am (SJ) 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)	<b>SMAS:</b> St. Mary's Altar Society—2nd Tues., 6p <b>SJAS:</b> St. Joseph's Altar Society—1st Tues., 6:30p <b>SVDP:</b> St Vincent de Paul 4th Tues., 3:30p, SM Hall <b>GA:</b> Guardian Angels Senior Group—1st Tues., 10a, FLC <b>SMMC:</b> SM Men's Club— 3rd Tuesday, 6:30p, SM Hall <b>Stitch N Sisters:</b> Every Wednesday, SJ Hall, 9:30a-2p <b>Domino Club:</b> Every Tuesday @ SM FLC, 10a-3p					<b>1</b> -10:30am-Mass  Happy New Year
<b>2</b> -Regular Mass schedule at SM & SJ	<b>3</b> -9am-Mass -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC	<b>4</b> -9am-Mass -10am-Guardian Angels Meeting-FLC Upstairs -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC -6:30pm-St. Joseph Altar Society Meeting-SJ Hall	<b>5</b> -9am-Anointing of the sick and Elderly -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall -10am-12pm - Confessions -5pm-6pm - Confessions -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice	<b>6</b> -9am-Mass	<b>7</b> -9am Mass	<b>8</b> -5pm-Mass
<b>9</b> -Regular Mass schedule at SM & SJ	<b>10</b> -9am-Mass -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC	<b>11</b> -9am-Mass -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC -12pm St. Mary Altar Society Lunch	<b>12</b> -9am-Mass -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice -7pm-8pm-CCE	<b>13</b> -9am-Mass	<b>14</b> -No Mass	<b>15</b> -5pm-Mass
<b>16</b> -Regular Mass schedule at SM & SJ -Sponsor & Candidate Retreat 2:00—3:30pm-SM Hall	<b>17</b> -9am-Mass -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC -Parish Office Closed	<b>18</b> -9am-Mass -10am-2pm-Game Day SM Hall -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC -7pm-St. Mary's Men's Club. Dinner @ 6:30pm.	<b>19</b> -9am-Mass -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice -7pm-8pm-CCE	<b>20</b> -9am-Mass	<b>21</b> -No Mass	<b>22</b> -5pm Mass -2nd Collection-Bishops Fund for Latin America
<b>23</b> -Regular Mass schedule at SM & SJ -2nd Collection-Bishops Fund for Latin America -2pm-3pm-Confirmation Class (Student Only) FLC Rm 201	<b>24</b> -9am-Mass -8pm-AA Meeting-FLC	<b>25</b> -9am-Mass -10am-3pm-Dominos-FLC -3:30pm-SVdP- Meeting-SM Hall	<b>26</b> -9am-Mass -9:30am-2pm-Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall -6pm-6:30pm-Cantor Practice -6:30pm-7:30pm-Choir Practice -7pm-8pm CCE	<b>27</b> -9am-Mass	<b>28</b> -No Mass	<b>29</b> -5pm Mass
<b>30</b> -Regular Mass schedule at SM & SJ	<b>31</b> -9am Mass					



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