

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~~~~ March, 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

### Altar Society-St. Mary

Kim Kleimann 936-788-3520

### Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936-661-6662

### Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713-344-6001

### Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

### Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email [baptisms@smsj.org](mailto:baptisms@smsj.org)

### CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

### Extraordinary Ministers —

#### Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713-824-8599

#### Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

#### GriefShare/S.A.L.T. Ministry

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

#### Music/Wedding Director

Sue Langston 979-268-6886

### 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

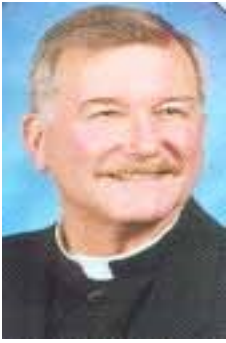
### Write for Life

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...

Seems we're slowly but surely moving back to normal. But what is normal these days? It seems our lives are confronted by one crisis after another. As I'm writing this article, the world is in turmoil over events unfolding between Ukraine and Russia. Though this may seem like a dispute on the other side of the world, we here do have a bit of a dog in that fight. Historically, the initial immigrants founding our church of St. Mary, though referred to as 'the Germans', were actually Ukrainians. They were Germans invited into the Ukraine by Catherine the Great (a German princess who married the Czar), when she assumed the title Czarina, ruler of Russia, in 1762. Over the centuries, those Germans became Russianized, but retained their German language, culture, names and, in our case their Roman Catholic faith in a Russian Orthodox country. They made the Ukraine the breadbasket of Russia. The migration to our area began in the late 1800's lasting till the early 1920's when Stalin and Communist Russia closed the Ukraine's borders and initiated the elimination of this element of Ukrainian society which refused the collectivization of farms. It's probably doubtful that many of the ancestors of our Ukrainian/German community survived Stalin's genocide, but we can claim that the deep root of our parish lies in the area of the Ukraine.

It's very uncertain how the situation there in the Ukraine will be resolved or be played out. We can only hope and pray that the people of the Ukraine will be permitted to live in peace and harmony with their neighbors. Hopefully the big neighbor, Russia, will respect the Ukrainian people's desire to be a united people, a nation among nations.

I've been reflecting that, as the world situation has been spiraling into who-knows-what outcome, we will be entering the holy season of Lent, preparing our hearts and disciplining our bodies for the central feast of our Faith: Easter. This feast is 'the Mystery of Faith' we proclaim at each Eucharist: the suffering, dying and rising of Christ, our Savior, as we await His return. We will hear a lot about how during Lent special days of fasting (very little food), abstinence (giving up certain foods or pleasures) and prayer are important and vital to celebrating Easter, having ourselves experience a renewal of soul and body. Perhaps this Lent we can reflect how blessed we have been as a Nation, Community and Parish. We have been spared the anguish and destruction of war on our soil. Yes, we have our issues and problems, quarrels and conflicts. If the world situation deteriorates as some predict, we will all have to tighten our belts and make adjustments to our accustomed way of 'carry on our lives'. Maybe we can remember those who are on the front line of the conflicts around the world who have lost everything, have had to abandon all they have known and loved and have nothing to return to. Our Lenten observance can become, not only uniting our sacrifices with those of Christ, but also uniting our sacrifices with those enduring much greater sacrifices in the Ukraine and other countries. Viewed in this way, our Lent becomes a solidarity with all the suffering who make the news and those who suffer nameless. My Dad would often say, "What do you have to complain about?". If we find ourselves complaining during these 40 days, a swift kick could bring us back to reality and make our 'offering up' little sacrifices seem like nothing compared to the hardships so many are bearing silently and unnoticed.

These days of Lent will speed by like a lighting flash. Unfortunately, many in the present crisis will be living lives shattered more-than-likely for generations. Our prayers, sacrifices and hardships this Lent can make us ever more grateful for the example of our Lord who endured everything to bring us to share in the glory of His Resurrection.

**Each day a bird would shelter in the withered branches of a tree that stood in the middle of a vast deserted plain. One day a whirlwind uprooted the tree, forcing the poor bird to fly a hundred miles in search of shelter-till it finally came to a forest of fruit-laden trees. If the withered tree had survived, nothing would have induced the bird to give up its security and fly. [renewal in tribulation]**



**A quick note to remind you to submit your DSF gift if you haven't already done so. Please drop off during mass or in the church office.**

**Our St. Mary's goal is \$94,500 and our St. Joseph's goal is \$10,500.**

***With everyone pulling together we can make it!***

## St. Mary Mass Intentions for March, 2022

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u>                                          | <u>Requested By</u>                |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tues., 3/1  | 9:00am      | Anita Hill                                                | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Wed., 3/2   | 9:00am      | Ted, Dan & Matt Kelly                                     | MJ Thompson                        |
| Wed., 3/2   | 12:15pm     | Edna Marie Casey<br>Colleen Casey Syzdek                  | Barney Syzdek                      |
| Wed., 3/2   | 6:00pm      | Josephine Swonke                                          | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Thur., 3/3  | 9:00am      | Edward Mock                                               | Johnny Mock                        |
| Fri., 3/4   | 9:00am      | Archbishop Harry J. Flynn                                 | Yen Khang Van                      |
| Sat., 3/5   | 5:00pm      | Dolores Hoffart                                           | Diane Stephens                     |
| Sun., 3/6   | 7:30am      | Louis Goodmuth                                            | Stella & Sonny Yorek               |
| Sun., 3/6   | 7:30am      | Janie Legge                                               | Johnny Mock                        |
| Sun., 3/6   | 8:45am      | Jack Demny                                                | Denise Durel                       |
| Sun., 3/6   | 10:00am     | Thomas/Sport Diehl<br>Marcy Diehl Ellis, Ronald Canatella | Brenda Diehl                       |
| Sun., 3/6   | 11:30am     | Jack Siersma                                              | Kathy Wallace                      |
| Sun., 3/6   | 11:30am     | Robert & Annie Pfertner &<br>Lorraine Wagner              | Patrick & Ann Pfertner             |
| Mon., 3/7   | 9:00am      | Lorraine Allphin                                          | Donna Allphin                      |
| Tues., 3/8  | 9:00am      | Toby Seale                                                | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Wed., 3/9   | 9:00am      | (Adyta Szladewski)                                        | Lillian Clark                      |
| Thur., 3/10 | 9:00am      | For the People                                            |                                    |
| Sat., 3/12  | 5:00pm      | Joe Swonke & Barbara Swonke                               | Charles & Rita Swonke              |
| Sun., 3/13  | 7:30am      | Mary Dettling                                             | Johnny Mock                        |
| Sun., 3/13  | 8:45am      | Jacob Diehl                                               | Leonard Busa                       |
| Sun., 3/13  | 8:45am      | Pat Holt                                                  | Pamela Herzog                      |
| Sun., 3/13  | 10:00am     | Edward Tedo & Katie Smith                                 | Thomas Smith                       |
| Sun., 3/13  | 11:30am     | Neil Rosenberg                                            | Late Anna Mae Smith                |
| Mon., 3/14  | 9:00am      | Sammy Blair                                               | Alan Lamascus Family               |
| Tues., 3/15 | 9:00am      | Tom Schwartz                                              | SM Altar Society                   |
| Wed., 3/16  | 9:00am      | William "Bill" Hock<br>Denise Hock Laird                  | Sharon Hock                        |
| Thur., 3/17 | 9:00am      | Kimberly Delgado                                          | Eddie & Dianne Delgado             |
| Sat., 3/19  | 5:00pm      | Anna Smith                                                | Late Phillip & Martha Diehl Family |
| Sat., 3/19  | 5:00pm      | (Charles & Lucy Mascarella Family)                        | Jackie & Niels Nielsen             |
| Sun., 3/20  | 7:30am      | Patty Jones                                               | William Jones                      |
| Sun., 3/20  | 8:45am      | Amber Hoffart                                             | Laveta Malek                       |
| Sun., 3/20  | 10:00am     | Eddie Upton                                               | Upton Family                       |
| Sun., 3/20  | 10:00am     | Frank Yorek                                               | Stella & Sonny Yorek               |
| Sun., 3/20  | 11:30am     | Mary Ellen Lundquist                                      | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Mon., 3/21  | 9:00am      | Carol Groves                                              | William Jones                      |
| Tues., 3/22 | 9:00am      | Anna Mae Smith                                            | Ann Smith                          |
| Wed., 3/23  | 9:00am      | Bill Malek                                                | Ethel Barbossa                     |
| Thur., 3/24 | 9:00am      | Philip Grochett                                           | Charlie Burzynski, Jr. Family      |
| Sat., 3/26  | 5:00pm      | Bob Card                                                  | William Jones                      |
| Sun., 3/27  | 7:30am      | Charles I. Mock                                           | Johnny Mock                        |
| Sun., 3/27  | 8:45am      | Jacob Diehl                                               | Atkinson Family                    |
| Sun., 3/27  | 10:00am     | Tracy Winkleman & Benjamin Prokop                         | Richard Prokop                     |
| Sun., 3/27  | 11:30am     | (The Molina Family)                                       | Karen & Manny                      |
| Mon., 3/28  | 9:00am      | For the People                                            |                                    |
| Tues., 3/29 | 9:00am      | Edward C. Kucera, Sr.                                     | Kucera Family                      |
| Wed., 3/30  | 9:00am      | Noelle Levantino                                          | Fred & Freddie Seale               |
| Thur., 3/31 | 9:00am      | (The Bradley Family)                                      | Karen                              |

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions for March, 2022

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u>             | <u>Requested By</u>         |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun., 3/6   | 7:30am      | J.B. Langley & Amelia Imhoff | Joette Jochen/Jacade Isbell |
| Sun., 3/13  | 7:30am      | Jeff Wetuski                 | Tom & Kaky Wetuski          |
| Sun., 3/13  | 7:30am      | Harold Pavlock               | Sandy Wade Thompson         |
| Sun., 3/20  | 7:30am      | Sylvia Corolla & Pat Holt    | Charles & Helen Burzynski   |
| Sun., 3/27  | 7:30am      | Joe M. Phillips Family       | Tom & Kaky Wetuski          |

### Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Steve Bell, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, David Burland, Pat Davis, Margaret Fann, Holly Gilstrap, Barbara Hyde, Angeline Kotch, Elizabeth Kowis, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Florence Lara, Grant Larson, Kim Leshick, Leah Leshick, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Aleen Herzog Mock, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Josephine Rockett, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Michelle Mock Tish, Richard (Ted) Stephen, Craig Strickler, David Sydlik, Daniela Syzdek,



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

### Israel Trip with Fr. Ed

Fr. Ed's trip to Israel: Come see the SCRIPTURES  
COME TO LIFE !!!

The trip is set for Feb.4-14, 2023.

There is room for a few more.

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.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS, LENT 2022



As a Community, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent **each Friday at 7:00 pm and each Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass**. Stations on Wednesdays will be guided by our Parish Members, and on Fridays by the groups indicated below. All Stations of the Cross will be at St. Mary Church with one exception, April 15th, Good Friday. These Stations will be at St. Joseph, at 7:00 pm.

**Station Guides will be provided for use in Church on Friday evenings and Wednesday mornings.** Do use your own Station Guides when you, your families and groups pray together in Church and at home. Our Corner Shoppe and shops in other parishes can show you a choice of Station Guides.

Every life has suffering, temptation, burial and resurrection. We pray and meditate at each Station, that Jesus may guide us to live our lives in His Service as He Wills.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Leader</u>                                                    |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 4     | 7pm         | Scriptural Stations of the Cross ~ Fr. Edward C. Kucera          |
| March 11    | 7pm         | Contemplative Stations of the Cross ~ Confirmation Class         |
| March 18    | 7pm         | Scriptural Stations of the Cross ~ St. Mary Men's Club           |
| March 25    | 7pm         | Stations of the Cross for a Wounded World ~ St. Vincent de Paul  |
| April 1     | 7pm         | Stations of the Cross/Mary's Way ~ St. Mary's Altar Society      |
| April 8     | 7pm         | Scriptural Stations of the Cross ~ ACTS                          |
| April 15    | 7pm         | Good Friday Stations of the Cross ~ St. Joseph's Catholic Church |



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



**Pope's Intention:** For a Christian response to bioethical challenges: We pray for Christians Facing new bioethical challenges, may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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



**Josephine Swonke:** parishioner, died Tuesday, February 8th at the age of 100  
**Anita Theresa Hill:** parishioner, died Sunday, February 6th at the age of 102  
**J. William Soderman:** parishioner, husband of Dee Soderman, died Tuesday, February 22 at the age of 86

**Anointing Mass for the  
Sick and Elderly**

**Wed., March 9th at 9am**

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**First Friday Mass is scheduled for
Fri., March 4th @ 9am.**



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard

March 2nd

10:00am-11:30 & 4:30pm-5:30pm

March 16th

10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

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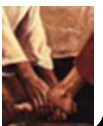
**Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would be  
happy to hear confessions after daily  
Mass.**



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.

*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*



ADOPT A HIGHWAY  
LITTER CONTROL  
NEXT 2 MILES

### **The Men's Club is Looking for Volunteers**

8am Saturday, March 5th is the next scheduled FM 1774 cleanup as part of the TXDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program. Any parishioners interested in volunteering please contact Andrew Wood at andywood0741@gmail.com. Snacks, drinks, and supplies will be provided.

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

The St. Mary Men's Club will be  
holding their regular meeting in the hall at St. Mary's on  
**March 15th 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  
participate in our monthly fellowship.

### **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!**

## **Knights of Columbus ~ Fr. William Kelly Memorial Scholarship -**

Council 4054 will award the Fr. William Kelly Memorial Scholarship to qualified students for the fall or spring semester of academic year 2022-23.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

1. Applicants must meet at least one of the following requirements:
  - a) A son/grandson or daughter/granddaughter of or have a legal guardian who is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #4054
  - b) A son/grandson or daughter/granddaughter of or have a legal guardian who is a member of one of the parishes affiliated with Council #4054 (St. Stanislaus, St. Mary, or St. Joseph).
  - c) A member of the KC Council #4054.
2. Applicant must be accepted by or be currently enrolled in an accredited 2 year or 4-year university or college, or an accredited vocational or nursing school prior to payment of the scholarship.
3. Applicant must fill out the application entirely and submit it along with all other required information asked for in the application.
4. Applicant, if selected as a finalist, must be willing to be interviewed by the scholarship committee if requested to do so.
5. Scholarship funds shall be designated for the recipient's tuition and may be paid by Council #4054 directly to the university, college, accredited vocational or nursing school.
6. Application deadline is April 15, 2022. No late submissions will be accepted. See below for delivery instructions.

The application forms are available upon request by sending an email to ~  
ScholarshipKC4054@gmail.com. Completed applications can be delivered to the Parish Offices at St. Mary's or St. Stanislaus by closing time on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can also be sent to the email above. Mailed applications must be post marked by April 15, 2022. Mail completed applications to: **Knights of Columbus, Attn: Scholarship Committee, Council #4054, P. O. Box 553, Anderson, Texas 77830**

**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.

"We are low on sizes 18-24 month girl clothes and 18-24 month boy clothes. If you have any used clothing that you would like to donate, you may bring it to the church or phone

Wanda O'Brien to arrange pick-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



## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

### Altar Society Meeting -

**Tues., March 1st @ 6:30pm**

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

### MARCH ALTAR CARE:

**Willie Mae Bohack and Lorraine Seigle**

### COFFEE SERVERS:

**March 6: Tina Kimich**

**March 13: Sharon Kroll**

**March 20: Altar Society Donut Day**

**March 27: Theresa Rauscheck**

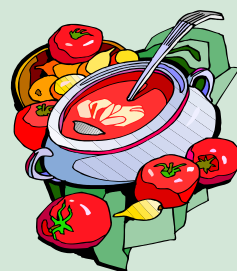
## Celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stoneham, TX  
followed immediately by the STEW SUPPER**

**Fantastic Beef Stew, wonderful bread & homemade pies  
Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after Mass.**

**ADULTS—\$10.00 & CHILDREN (12 & under) - \$5.00**



## **ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

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

**Tuesday, March 8th**

Lunch at 12pm—Deep Roots Vineyard  
19318 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

*Meeting hostesses: Olive Cannistra, Karen Ruffner and Mary Hollar*

**MARCH ALTAR CARE:**

**Ethel Barbossa, Elaine Carroll, Mary Ann Richards**

*THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER is a parish supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women/families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence. To support the urgent needs of Montgomery County Women's Center, the Altar society has placed a basket in the hall and in the church. At this time, the most needed items are women's flipflops sizes 9, 10, 11; baby monitors and women's underwear. They are always in need of cleaning supplies and disposable masks.*

*Thank you for your donations. The Women's Center and families they care for are greatly appreciative of your support.*



**LENT IS HERE!**

***Are You Ready?***

**Get your books, gifts and  
other spiritual aids for the season!**

**Buy while supplies last!**

**Check out our new products for all the spring  
celebrations:**

**Lent, Easter, First Communion, Weddings,  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Much More!**

**St. Mary's Corner Shop**

***Open After All Masses***



## Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



### CCE Calendar

|          |                                                |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| March 2  | Ash Wednesday<br>No CCE Classes                |
| March 9  | CCE Classes                                    |
| March 11 | Stations of the Cross<br>Confirmation Students |
| March 16 | Spring Break<br>No CCE Classes                 |
| March 23 | CCE Classes                                    |
| March 30 | 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

## 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



**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)

**BAPTISMS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS:**

**MAY 21  
AUGUST 20  
NOVEMBER 19**

**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/>

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

ADULT Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in March; celebration of this sacrament by our Cardinal is scheduled for Pentacost (June 5) 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.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### NEXT MEETINGS:

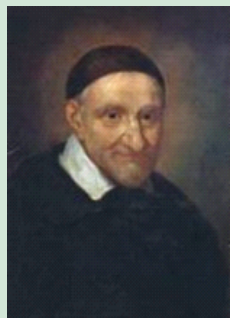
March 4th after Mass—SM Hall

March 22nd @ 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**



"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you."

~~St. Thomas of Villanova

## "Black Bag" Sunday March 6—Quilt Raffle

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has been gifted a beautiful new quilt made by the 2015-2019 St. Mary's Quilt Show Organizers - Lorraine Nilson and Paula Allison.

This quilt will be raffled on SVdP "Black Bag" Sunday, March 6th in the church hall immediately following the 11:30am mass. All proceeds will benefit our SVdP Conference.

Tickets can be purchased after St. Mary and St. Joseph Sunday masses

March 5-6. Each raffle ticket is \$10 or 3 for \$20.



## **ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS**

Meeting Tuesday, March 1st at 10:00am, upstairs in the Family Life Center.

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- ♦ Game Day will be Tuesday, March 15th in the Family Life Center from 10am-2pm.

*A casserole will be provided for lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone.*

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- ♦ Dominoes 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!



*Come join us we always have a good time.
Contact Nancy Schlottman with any questions 936.525.0007*

~St. Mary/St. Joseph Men's ACTS Retreat~

During the January ACTS Core meeting, the team discerned for a Director of the men's retreat that is coming up in July this year. We are very pleased and blessed to announce that Michael Fortunato was guided by the Holy Spirit and said "YES!". Please pray for Michael and the team that will come together to serve the men who will attend the retreat.

The ACTS Retreat is open to all men aged 18 and above and you do not need to be Catholic. The retreat begins on Thursday night, **July 21st and ends on Sunday July 24th** after the 11:30am mass. The retreat will help bring you spiritually closer to God and remind you of what is important in your life. For more information, or to register, please contact Michael at mfortunato@bobcatofhouston.com.



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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.

S.A.L.T. Ministry

(Single Adults Living Truth)

**Thank you to everyone who joined us at our February meeting.
Your input, suggestions & creative output will help us to put
Your future activities in place.**

**Upcoming events will be listed in the bulletin & the Flocknotes
We still need Your assistance by Spreading the Word, about
this New Ministry & Attending the Events!**

If you have any questions please contact Mary Marshall (281) 356-2497.



Life is a journey of sweetness and sorrow,
Of yesterday's memories and hope of tomorrow
Of pathways we choose and detours we face
With patience and humor, courage and grace
Of joy that we shared with our Loved ones
And of people that we have met
Who have touched us in ways we will never forget.

GriefShare teachings are biblical based on grief and recovery topics.

We will not be having a Spring session

Our next session will be in Fall

Hopefully you can join us:

September 7 - December 7, 2022

Wednesday 10:00 -12:00 am

At the Kelly House

For more information or to register for St Mary's Fall session,

Call 936-894-2223 or stop by the Church office

If you want/need to talk to someone please call Mary Marshall 281.356.2497

To locate a Spring GriefShare session and resource please go to www.griefshare.org

Rummage News

Rummage Sale is open and accepting new or gently used items.
Drop offs are accepted every Wednesday from 9-12 at the Rummage Barn or
on Sundays in the carts located under the small pavillion (see signs).



The Rummage committee is still in need of a few more
volunteers. Please prayerfully consider joining this team of
dedicated servants. No time commitment required, hours are
flexible.

Contact Lauren Twining if you have any questions: 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.

St. Mary's Family Life Center.

Social distancing is observed.



St. Mary Cemetery News

Cemetery Association Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

10am in SM Hall

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**If you have any questions please call Rita Swonke**

**713-5575817**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### **COUNCIL #4054 NEWS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE**

#### **Upcoming Activities**

|                       |                        |                                                                                |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  | Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | <i>Lent begins with a day of fasting and prayer</i>                            |
| <b>Blood Drive</b>    | Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>    | St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, Anderson, Texas                                    |
| Pancake Breakfast     | Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>    | St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, Anderson, Texas                                    |
| Council Meeting       | Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Columbus Hall, 1962 Hwy 90 South, Anderson, Texas                              |
| Lenten Fish Fry       | Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>   | St. Mary Parish Hall, Plantersville, Texas                                     |
| Daylight Savings Time | Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>Set your clocks <u>forward</u> one hour!</i>                                |
| Lenten Fish Fry       | Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Knights of Columbus Hall, Anderson, Texas                                      |
| Social Meeting        | Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Columbus Hall, 1962 Hwy 90 South, Anderson, Texas                              |
| Lenten Fish Fry       | Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>   | St. Joseph Parish Hall, Stoneham, Texas                                        |
| Pancake Breakfast     | Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>   | St. Joseph Parish Hall, Stoneham, Texas                                        |
| Council Meeting       | Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Columbus Hall, 1962 Hwy 90 South, Anderson, Texas                              |
| Scholarship Apps Due  | Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Last day to submit applications for the KofC<br>Fr. Kelly Memorial Scholarship |
| Easter Sunday         | Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>   | <i>He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!</i>                                        |
| Social Meeting        | Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Columbus Hall, 1962 Hwy 90 South, Anderson, Texas                              |
| KofC State Convention | April 29 <sup>th</sup> | Corpus Christi, Texas                                                          |





## Liturgical Readings for March



• Mar 1: 1 Pt 1:10-16 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 ▪ Mk 10:28-31

**+LENT+**

*Jesus shows us a more perfect way: self-giving love, even to death.*

*In any way we can, we take up our cross through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*

*Many receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, opening a path to healing and reunion with the body of Christ.*

• Mar 2 Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 ▪ Ps 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17 ▪ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 ▪ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

• Mar 3 [St. Katherine Drexel]: Dt 30:15-20 ▪ Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6 ▪ Lk 9:22-25

• Mar 4 [St. Casimir]: Is 58:1-9a ▪ Ps 51:3-4,5-6,18-19 ▪ Mt 9:14-15

• Mar 5 Saturday after Ash Wednesday: Is 58:9b-14 ▪ Ps 86:1-2,3-4,5-6 ▪ Lk 5:27-32

+ **Mar 6 First Sunday of Lent:** Dt 26:4-10 ▪ Ps 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15 ▪ Rom 10:8-13 ▪ Lk 4:1-13

• Mar 7 [Sts. Perpetua and Felicity]: Lv 19:1-2,11-18 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,15 ▪ Mt 25:31-46

• Mar 8 [St. John of God]: Is 55:10-11 ▪ Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19 ▪ Mt 6:7-15

• Mar 9 [St. Frances of Rome]: Jon 3:1-10 ▪ Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 ▪ Lk 11:29-32

• Mar 10: Est C:12,14-16,23-25 ▪ Ps 138:1-2,2-3,7-8 ▪ Mt 7:7-12

• Mar 11: Ez 18:21-28 ▪ Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7,7-8 ▪ Mt 5:20-26

• Mar 12: Dt 26:16-19 ▪ Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 ▪ Mt 5:43-48

+ **Mar 13 Second Sunday of Lent:** Gn 15:5-12,17-18 ▪ Ps 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14 ▪ Phil 3:17-4:1 ▪ Lk 9:28b-36

• Mar 14: Dn 9:4b-10 ▪ Ps 79:8,9,11,13 ▪ Lk 6:36-38

• Mar 15: Is 1:10,16-20 ▪ Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 ▪ Mt 23:1-12

• Mar 16: Jer 18:18-20 ▪ Ps 31:5-6,14,15-16 ▪ Mt 20:17-28

• Mar 17 [St. Patrick]: Jer 17:5-10 ▪ Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6 ▪ Lk 16:19-31

• Mar 18 [St. Cyril of Jerusalem]: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a ▪ Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21 ▪ Mt 21:33-43,45-46

• Mar 19 St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 ▪ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 ▪ Rom 4:13,16-18,22 ▪ Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a

+ **Mar 20 Third Sunday of Lent:** Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 ▪ Ps 103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,11 ▪ 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12 ▪ Lk 13:1-9

• Mar 21: 2 Kgs 5:1-5ab ▪ Ps(s) 42:2,3: 43:3,4 ▪ Lk 4:24-30

• Mar 22: Dn 3:25,34-43 ▪ Ps 25:4-5,6,7,8-9 ▪ Mt 18:21-35

• Mar 23 [St. Turibius of Mogrovejo]: Dt 4:1,5-9 ▪ Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 ▪ Mt 5:17-19

• Mar 24: Jer 7:23-28 ▪ Ps 95:1-2,6-7,7-9 ▪ Lk 11:14-23

• Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 ▪ Ps 40:7-8,8-9,10,11 ▪ Heb 10:4-10 ▪ Lk 1:26-38

• Mar 26: Hos 6:1-6 ▪ Ps 51:3-4,18-19,20-21 ▪ Lk 18:9-14

+ **Mar 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent:** Jos 5:9a,10-12 ▪ Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ 2 Cor 5:17-21 ▪ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

• Mar 28: Is 65:17-21 ▪ Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 ▪ Jn 4:43-54

• Mar 29: Ez 47:1-9,12 ▪ Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 ▪ Jn 5:1-16

• Mar 30: Is 49:8-15 ▪ Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18 ▪ Jn 5:17-30

• Mar 31: Ex 32:7-14 ▪ Ps 106:19-20,21-22,23 ▪ Jn 5:31-47



***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.**



# March 2022

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)  
Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)  
7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am (SM)

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                           | Friday                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>SJAS: St. Joseph's Altar Society—1st Tues., 6:30p</b><br><b>GA: Guardian Angels Senior Group—1st Tues, 10am ,SM FLC</b><br><b>Domino Club: Every Tuesday</b><br><b>SM FLC, 10a-3p</b> | <b>SMAS: St. Mary's Altar Society—2nd Tues., 6p</b><br><b>SMMC: SM Men's Club—3rd Tuesday, 6:30p, SM Hall</b><br><b>Game Day: 3rd Tuesday, 10am – 2pm in the FLC</b> | <b>1</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am – Guardian Angels Mtg. @ FLC<br>-6:30pm-St. Joseph Altar Society                   | <b>2</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>-9am-Mass @ SM<br>-Stations of the Cross after Mass @ SM<br>-Confessions 10-11:30a & 4:30-5:30p<br>-12:15pm-Mass @ SJ<br>-6pm- Mass @ SM<br><b>-No CCE</b><br>-Ash Wednesday Collection<br>-9:30am-2pm Stitchin' Sisters@SJ Hall | <b>3</b><br>-9am -Mass<br>-10am- noon – Bible Study – SM Hall<br>-7-9pm-Bible Study – SM Hall                                      | <b>4</b><br>-9am - Mass<br>-SVdP Meeting – SM Hall<br>-7pm – Stations of the Cross-SM        | <b>5</b><br>-8am –SMMC - FM 1774 Road Clean Up<br>-5pm Mass<br>-2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection<br>St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| <b>6</b><br>Regular Mass Schedule<br>-2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection<br>St. Vincent de Paul Society                                                                                          | <b>7</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-8pm – AA Meeting-SM FLC                                                                                                                  | <b>8</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am-3pm-Dominoes @ FLC<br>-12pm – St. Mary Altar Society Meeting @ Deep Roots Vineyard | <b>9</b><br>-9am – Anointing of the Sick & Elderly Mass<br>-Stations of the Cross after Mass @ SM<br>-9:30am-2pm Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall                                                                                                                           | <b>10</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am- noon & 7-9pm– Bible Study – SM Hall<br>-Right Way Imaging FLC                                   | <b>11</b><br>No Mass<br>-5pm-Knights of Columbus Fish Fry<br>-7pm – Stations of the Cross-SM | <b>12</b><br>5pm Mass                                                                                                     |
| <b>13</b><br>Regular Mass Schedule<br>                                                               | <b>14</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-8pm – AA Meeting-SM FLC                                                                                                                 | <b>15</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am-2pm –Game Day @ FLC<br>-6:30pm - St. Mary Men's Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall   | <b>16</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-Stations of the Cross after Mass @ SM<br>-10am – noon & -6pm Confessions<br>-9:30am-2pm Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall<br>-No CCE                                                                                                            | <b>17</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am- noon – Bible Study – SM Hall<br>-5:30pm Mass & Stew Supper @ SJ<br>-7-9pm-Bible Study – SM Hall | <b>18</b><br>No Mass<br>-7pm – Stations of the Cross-SM                                      | <b>19</b><br>5pm Mass                                                                                                     |
| <b>20</b><br>Regular Mass Schedule                                                                                                                                                       | <b>21</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-8pm – AA Meeting-SM FLC                                                                                                                 | <b>22</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am-Cemetery Committee-SM Hall<br>-3:30pm – SVdP Meeting – SM Hall                    | <b>23</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-Stations of the Cross after Mass @ SM<br>-9:30am-2pm Stitchin' Sisters-SJ Hall                                                                                                                                                          | <b>24</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am- noon – Bible Study – SM Hall<br>-7-9pm-Bible Study – SM Hall                                    | <b>25</b><br>No Mass<br>-7pm – Stations of the Cross-SM                                      | <b>26</b><br>5pm Mass                                                                                                     |
| <b>27</b><br>Regular Mass Schedule                                                                                                                                                       | <b>28</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-8pm – AA Meeting-SM FLC                                                                                                                 | <b>29</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-Right Way Imaging                                                                      | <b>30</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-Stations of the Cross after Mass @ SM                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>31</b><br>-9am – Mass<br>-10am- noon – Bible Study – SM Hall<br>-7-9pm-Bible Study – SM Hall                                    |                                                                                              | <b>Stitchin' Sisters: Every Wednesday, SJ Hall, 9:30a-2p</b><br><b>SVDP: St Vincent de Paul 4th Tues., 3:30p, SM Hall</b> |

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