

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

~ May, 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

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary—Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday—9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday—7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

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

Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936-894-2223

AA

Leland Fougeron 936-870-5102

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

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936-894-2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email smsjcc@gmail.com

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

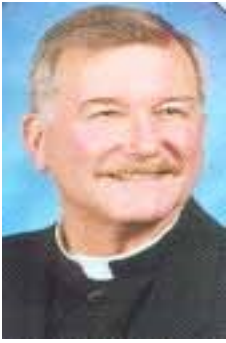
Write for Life

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.**



AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

What a remarkable Holy Week we just celebrated! So many have commented and texted that each celebration beginning with Palm Sunday and climaxing with Easter Sunday was extraordinarily meaningful and beautiful. St. Mary's decision, taken at almost the last moment, to celebrate Palm Sunday and Good Friday under the pavilion proved a wise decision. It would have been impossible for such a number of people to fit into the church. Under the pavilion, everyone is in the assembly and has a comfortable seat. Of course, St. Mary's Easter Sunday Morning celebrations have been under the pavilion for many years. The numbers speak for themselves: 6:30am...c. 300, 9am...c. 800, 11am...c...600. St. Joseph's on Sunday Morning was wall-to-wall, echoing Easter joy. It all goes to show that, after such a period of being told to separate from each other, everyone is more than ready to stand shoulder to shoulder again.

I don't think there is an appreciation of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make each celebration of Holy Week meaningful and beautiful. The environment (it's incorrect to call it 'decorations') is painstakingly thought through, put together and hours spent putting it up and taking it down for the next celebration. The music ministry is meticulous in selecting the appropriate music and hymns suitable for each service. Hours are spent practicing so that we, the assembly, will have our hearts lifted and moved in our worship. I am so proud that our music ministry sees itself as supportive of the song of the assembly and not a performance. The sacristans are almost on edge... compulsive... making sure that all that is needed for each celebration is in place and ready at the appropriate time. They arrive early before the celebration and are there long after to put things away. Our altar servers are troopers in being experts in following the flow of each celebration and help lead the assembly in worship. The banquet after the Easter Vigil (Saturday evening) was, as expected, spectacular. The decoration of the hall took one's breath away. Every corner of the hall screamed 'Happy Easter!'. To the newly baptized and received into the Church that evening, 'We are so proud of you! Welcome!'. The meal rivaled any of the most expensive restaurants. The presentation of each morsel was deliberate and artistic. What made the entire experience of that evening of banqueting so special was that it was all done with our Elect in mind, our love of the Risen Christ and our joy that we are such a blessed family.

I decided while writing this article not to mention names. Knowing me, I would probably have a senior moment and forget someone. There are so many to acknowledge! There is a host of hands who come together and spend hours to make our worship so special and what it should be: our thanksgiving for all good that comes to us in Christ. Our office staff is remarkable in meeting the deadlines of all that is asked of them. All of you who have contributed to making our Holy Week indeed holy know who you are. We who have benefited from all your work and dedication thank you from the bottom of our hearts....and so many of us know who you are. We can only quote our Lord, "Well, done!".

As was promised, the announcement was made after the Easter Masses of the amount you donated to the relief of the people of the Ukraine. We decided to do a collection because of the urgency of the crisis in the Ukraine and we had no indication that the Archdiocese was planning a special collection. Initially we had researched the Catholic Relief Services of Poland as the recipient of our collection for the refugees from the Ukraine. However, we did more research and found there was indeed a Ukrainian Catholic Relief Services active in aiding the refugees and was recommended by our Archdiocese. In case you haven't heard (and for the historical record of our parish community for generations to come) the amount you so generously donated to the aid of the people of the Ukraine who are suffering so much is: **\$45,000.00**

"These things will destroy the human race:

Politics without principle, progress without compassion, wealth without work, learning without silence, religion without fearlessness and worship without awareness."

Anthony de Mello, ONE MINUTE WISDOM

(I am including this in this bulletin knowing how difficult it is to find a priest and have him present for the Last Rites. This may be prayed until he hopefully arrives.)

Commendation of the Dying

[If the dying person is not able to hear lengthy prayers, it is recommended that, according to the particular circumstances, those present pray for him/her reciting the Litany of the Saints, or at least some invocations from it, with the response 'pray for him/her'. Special mention may be made of the patron saint or saints of the dying person or his/her family. Those present may also recite other customary prayer, for example, the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet etc.

When the moment of death seems to be near, the following may be prayed with those present gathered around the person and, with their participation, assist the dying across the threshold of death.]

Leader: +In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In green pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me; He refreshes my soul.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. *[omitted if alone]*

Leader: He guides me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side with Your rod and Your staff that give me courage.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Leader: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Leader: Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

All: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Leader: *[Addressing the dying person]*

**[Name], in the name of God the Almighty Father who created you,
In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who suffered for you,
In the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you,
you may go forth, faithful Christian.**

May you live in peace this day. May your home be with God in Zion, with Mary the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

We entrust you to God Who created you. May you return to the One Who formed you from the dust of this earth. May Mary, the angels and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life.

**May Christ Who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace.
May Christ, the Son of God, Who died for you, take you into His kingdom.
May Christ, the Good Shepherd, give you a place within His flock.
May He forgive you your sins and keep you among His people.
May you soon see your Redeemer face to face and enjoy the sight of God forever.
All: Amen.**

Leader: *[if others are present]* Please respond ‘Amen’ to these petitions.

**Accept your servant, Lord, into the place of salvation for which he/she hopes.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, from every pain and suffering.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Noah from the flood.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Abraham from his enemies.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Job from his sufferings.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Moses from the hand of Pharaoh.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Daniel from the den of lions
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed the three young men from the burning fire.
All: Amen.**

**Free your servant, Lord, as You freed Susanna from false witnesses.
All: Amen.**

Free your servant, Lord, as You freed David from the attacks of Goliath.

All: Amen.

Free your servant, Lord, as you freed Peter and Paul from prison.

All: Amen.

Free your servant, Lord, *through Jesus our Savior, who suffered death for us and gave us eternal life.*

All: Amen.

**Leader: Let us pray as the Lord taught all His disciples.
Our Father.....**

**Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we have commended
Your servant [name] to You and have prayed for him/her.
In mercy You came to earth for his/her sake.
Forgive his/her sins and accept him/her into the joy of Your
Kingdom. You are Lord, living and reigning forever and ever.**

All: Amen.

**Leader: Let us call upon Jesus' mother, our mother, as we pray:
All: Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and
our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this
valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of
mercy toward us and, after this exile, show to us the blessed fruit
of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.**

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

[Immediately after Death, the following is prayed]

**Leader: Saints of God, come to his/her aid. Come to meet him/her angels
Receive his/her soul and present him/her to God the Most High. May Christ, Who called
you, take you to Himself; May angels lead you to Abraham's side.**

**Eternal rest grant to him/her, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she
rest in peace. Amen.**

**Loving Father, we have spent this time keeping watch over [Name], Your servant. Now that
he/she has passed from this life, may he/she continue to live on in Your presence. In Your
mercy and love, forgive whatever sins he/she may have
committed through human weakness.**

**We have prayed all this united to Your Risen Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER TO ACCOMPANY THE TAKING OF MEDICINE

Lord,
My Sickness has made praying difficult.
Its pain makes me self-conscious,
So that I find it a burden
to think of the needs of others.
Divine Healer, I need Your aid.

May this medicine
which I am about to take
cure me and call forth
the hidden healing powers of my body.

The medicine is taken.

I ask that the power of the Cross of Christ,
this medicine, blended with faith and devotion,
may restore me to the fullness of health.

A sign of the cross or other sacred gesture is made.

Lord, with faith and abounding hope in Your love,
I pray in communion with You, my Beloved,
and with all those who desire my healing,
my return to the wholeness of health.
I place trust in this medicine
based on my trust in You,
The eternal healing medicine of life.
I believe in Your holy power to heal me
of all that has combined to create my present illness.
I seek to be healed,
but I seek even more Your holy will
as I embrace Your final choice.
Bowing in loving obedience
as did Your Son, Jesus, on the Mount of Olives,
I seek holiness in Your will
More than just health of body.

Amen+

St. Joseph Mass Intentions for May, 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Sun. 5/1	7:30am	Rufus Uilkie Tony Wetuski Janie Wisnoski	Debbie & Donnie Klawinsky Tom & Kaky Wetuski Harold Wisnoski
Sun. 5/8	7:30am	For All Mothers	-----
Sun. 5/15	7:30am	Ellie Imhoff John & Mary Lebeck	Jacade Isbell & Joette Jochen Dorothy Pasket
Sun. 5/22	7:30am	Gay Imhoff Freddy Pavlock	Jacade Isbell & Joette Jochen Sandy & Wade Thompson
Sun. 5/29	7:30am	Joe & Verna Kaminsky Harold Pavlock	Gary & Rhonda Kubiak Sandy & Wade Thompson
	10:30am	Helen "Alice" Mock	Dave & Mary Ann Waters

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Bernie & JoAnn Borski, David Burland, Pat Davis, Margaret Fann, Holly Gilstrap, Barbara Hyde, Angeline Kotch, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Florence Lara, Grant Larson, Kim Leshick, Patti Lott Stafford, Hailey Mattern, Lance Miller, Aleen Herzog Mock, Chad Mock, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Josephine Rockett, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Michelle Mock Tish, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Kenny Turner, Clara Walkoviak



DSF 2022 update as of April 4, 2022:

In the recent DSF update from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, St. Mary and St. Joseph are both in the top 4 for participation among all parishes in the Diocese.

St. Mary's goal is \$94,500.00, collected to date \$54,024 (57%).

St. Joseph's goal is \$10,500.00, collected to date \$5,565 (53%).

Your donation to DSF supports various important ministries throughout the Archdiocese.

100% of any amount collected over our goal is returned to St. Mary's.

The Archdiocese sends us a bill for any amount short of our goal.

Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Staff

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Sun. 5/1	7:30am	Charles Mock	Robert & Sherry Dorotik
Sun. 5/1	8:45am	Jacob Diehl	Jason & Sheri Diehl
Sun. 5/1	10:00am	Gregory Scott Walsh	Ann Walsh
Sun. 5/1	11:30am	Anita Hill	SM Altar Society
		Joe Gaetz	Linda Gaetz Brown & Carl Brown
Fri. 5/6	9:00am	Christine Demny	Her Family
Sat. 5/7	5:00pm	Anna Smith	Late Phillip & Martha Diehl
		Annie Demny	Denise Durel
Sun. 5/8	7:30am	For All Mothers	-----
Sun. 5/8	8:45am	For All Mothers	-----
Sun. 5/8	10:00am	For All Mothers	-----
Sun. 5/8	11:30am	For All Mothers	-----
Sat. 5/14	5:00pm	Antoinette Cashiola Pinina	Anthony & Carolina Pinina
		Mary Ellen Lundquist	Betty Lott
Sun. 5/15	7:30am	Dolores Hoffart	Veronica, Allen & Robby Whitaker
Sun. 5/15	8:45am	Jacob Diehl	Atkinson Family
Sun. 5/15	10:00am	Jack Siersma	Kathy Wallace
Sun. 5/15	11:30am	Josephine Swonke	SM Altar Society
Wed. 5/18	9:00am	Geri "Honey" Doyle	Peggy Shippers
		Amber Hoffart	Laveta Malek
		Carol Groves	Doug, Ruth, Rachel Hermes
Thur. 5/19	9:00am	Anna Mae Smith	Ann Smith
		Beth Ramsberg	Melinda & Mike Donnellan
Sat. 5/21	5:00pm	Patty Jones	Bill Jones
		(Charles & Lucy Mascarella Family)	Jackie & Niels Nielsen
Sun. 5/22	7:30am	Toby Seale	Ethel Barbossa
Sun. 5/22	8:45am	(Connie & Mike Hayes)	Terice Richards
Sun. 5/22	10:00am	Neil Rosenberg	Cliff & Cindy Wischnowsky
Sun. 5/22	11:30am	Mary, Frank, Anthony Tarsselli	Ethel Barbossa
		Harry Kocian	Chris Kocian
Mon. 5/23	9:00am	Tom Schwartz	Ann Schwartz
		Courtney Nieber	Bill & Sally Chapman
Tues. 5/24	9:00am	Sylvester Demny	Denise Durel
		Teresa Schwertner	Frank Giglio Families
Wed. 5/25	9:00am	Edward Tedo & Katie Smith	Thomas Smith
Thur. 5/26	9:00am	Kimberly Delgado	Eddie & Dianne Delgado
		Joe Kaminski	Gary & Rhonda Kubiak
Sat. 5/28	5:00pm	Gerry Mattern	Patricia Bruce
		Lorraine Allphin	Donna Allphin
Sun. 5/29	7:30am	Charles I. Mock	Johnny Mock
Sun. 5/29	8:45am	M. Bergeron	Marilyn Oldani
Sun. 5/29	10:00am	Robert Kadlubar	Mary Kadlubar
Sun. 5/29	11:30am	Lawrence Malek	Selma Malek
		Jonn D. Herzog	Tootsie Mock
Tues. 5/31	9:00am	Elizabeth Kowis	SM Altar Society



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Pope's Intention: Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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

Gary Nelson: parishioner, husband of Deborah, died on Tuesday, March 29th whose funeral will be Wednesday, April 27th at 10:30am @ St. Mary .

Cameron Jones: son of parishioners Brian & Paula Jones, passed away on Sunday, April 3rd, his funeral date is yet to be determined.

John D. Herzog: brother of Darrell Herzog & Aleen Mock, passed away on Monday, April 4th, whose funeral was Friday, April 8th at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Navasota.

William Saefke: husband of Penny, passed away on Sunday, April 10th, whose funeral will be Tuesday, April 26th @ St. Mary. 11:00am rosary, visitation & 12:30 funeral mass.

Grace D. Walker: mother of Dr. Linda Walker, passed away on Sunday, April 10th, whose funeral will be Friday, June 3rd at 10:30am @ SM.

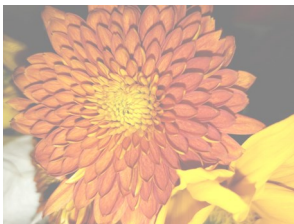


CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday
May 18th
10:00am-noon & 5:00-6:00pm

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

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



Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

NO ANOINTING MASS IN MAY

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**First Friday Mass - May 6th**



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*





BENTWATER FAMILIES: Are you or someone you know doing a bit of Spring Cleaning? Donate your gently used furniture, household goods, kitchen items, clothing, toys, tools, home décor, books, lawn care equipment, etc. to the St. Mary's charity rummage sale benefitting the local community. Drop off location is North Shore Church the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00am to 10:00 am. The next drop off date is May 11th, please text Bob Daves at 832.205.2791 so the team will know how much transportation is needed and if assistance is needed for heavy items.



Liz Torres, we extend a TEXAS sized THANK YOU for the beautiful environment you created for our times of worship during Holy Week.



The Parish office will be **closed Monday, May 30th** in observance of **Memorial Day**

AA MEETINGS:

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

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 electric scooters, walkers, 1
booster recliner, bedside commodes,
& various other items available.**





THE GABRIEL PROJECT is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need.

Our St. Mary's Gabriel Angels are trained to provide some of the following:

- ** Be a resource to answer questions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting
- ** Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- ** Help with items for a new baby
- ** Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs

Pregnant and need maternity clothes? We have a large supply of items.

Please phone to set up a time to come and pick out what you need.

Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful! Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.



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

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6:30pm

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

MAY ALTAR CARE:

Barbara Fougerson & Debbie Williams

COFFEE SERVERS:

May 1: First Holy Communion Celebration
May 8: Nance Shaw
May 15: Shawna Grant and Jessica Alvarez
May 22: Alice Mock and Julie Mock
May 29: Bazaar (no coffee after mass)

Rummage News

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



The Rummage Sale Committee is always looking for amazing 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

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

Tuesday, May 10th

12:00pm lunch under the St. Mary's Pavilion
Join us for an Old Fashioned Church Picnic!
Fun, games, singing, and of course FOOD!

All ladies of the church are welcome!

MAY ALTAR CARE:

Sherry Henderson, Joann Montgomery, Ann Young

***THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY
WOMEN'S CENTER is a parish supported
ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society of-
fering 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.***



The Corner Shoppe

The Corner Shoppe is the perfect place to find gifts and cards to celebrate Mother's Day. We have beautiful items to show your love and appreciation for the mothers and grandmothers in your life. Come by and have a look.

 *Mother's Day*

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Also, graduation is this month. The Corner Shoppe has gifts and cards for the special graduate as well.



And a SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: All rosaries will be on sale the entire month of May – 20% off! How can you not at least stop by to check out what we offer? We appreciate your support.



*Faith Formation
&
Children's Sacraments*



CCE Calendar

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
CCE Classes for 2021-2022
have concluded.

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

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Calling all **ADULT** Catholics (18 years of age or older) who have celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but somehow missed Confirmation!

Don't worry: St. Mary's Adult Confirmation Team is here to help you become a fully initiated Catholic.

If you are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in January 2023, preparation sessions begin in October 2022 and will conclude by Christmas. For more information, email Sharon Skeans at Skeans@consolidated.net.



Faith Formation



Baptism: Infant baptism through age 6. Baptisms and preparation classes occur quarterly. To register go online to: 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

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.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEXT MEETINGS:

May 6th—SM Hall

May 24th @ 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.*

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For assistance, call:  
**(936) 894-2362**



***"Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those  
who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."  
—St. Vincent de Paul***

## ***Thank you from the Plantersville Town Hall***

***" Dear Fr. Ed,***

***On behalf of Plantersville Town Hall Board of Directors we want to thank you for  
the use of St. Mary's Parish Hall. Once again we had a very successful event. Without  
the continued support of yourself and the St. Mary's Community we would not be  
able to accomplish our many goals."***

***Thank  
you***

## UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 29—Catholic Communications

The Catholic Communications campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message.





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

Meeting Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:00am, upstairs in the Family Life Center.

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- ♦ Game Day will be Tuesday, May 17th in the Family Life Center from 10am-2pm.

A casserole will be provided for lunch. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone. \$5 gift cards are given as prizes. If you or someone you know needs a ride please call Nancy Schlottman.

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- ♦ Dominoes is every Tuesday from 10am-3pm in the Family Life Center except for the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



Please bring a dish to share with everyone.  
Forty-two and Chickenfoot players are all welcome to come.

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



*Adoration • Community • Theology • Service*

The Men's ACTS retreat date was incorrect in the March bulletin. The correct dates are below. Director Michael Fortunato will begin assembling the ACTS team, please pray for him and the men who will accept the call to serve others during 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, Feb, 16 2023 and ends on Sunday Feb 19th 2023 after the 11:30 am 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](mailto:mfortunato@bobcatofhouston.com)



### JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS

Are you interested in bringing back a lost art?

Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilt for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put up a quilt on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the **St. Joseph Hall**. Bring your own lunch.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more info, Juli Murphy: at 936-206-0677 or email [julimurphy1988@gmail.com](mailto:julimurphy1988@gmail.com).

# **St. Joseph's Memorial Day Weekend Bazaar**

It's that time of year again and I know we are all looking forward to St. Joseph's annual Bazaar on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

It's a time we can all come together and celebrate the blessings God has sent our way.

I encourage you to come out on May 29<sup>th</sup> and enjoy a fantastic lunch with beef, pork and all the trimmings beginning at 11:00 am. There will also be a live auction beginning at 2:00 pm, a silent auction, live music and entertainment throughout the day along with activities, games and booths for children and adults to round out an enjoyable and interesting event.

In closing, COME ON OUT, enjoy yourself while celebrating our Veterans on this Memorial Day weekend which made our country great. We look forward to seeing everyone.

## **St. Joseph's Bazaar Workdays**

The following dates volunteers are needed to help:

Saturday May 21st and Saturday May 28th @ 8:30am

Monday May 30th @ 8:30am

Just show up and we will put you to work. Lunch will be provided.







**Sometimes  
There just aren't any answers -  
but God sees each tear,  
feels every hurt,  
understands our need to ask "Why"  
because of His Love for us,  
We can Trust that in time  
His Comfort and Peace will come.  
"Trust in Him at all times,  
Pour out your heart before him" Psalms 62:8**

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We will be starting a monthly Grief Support gathering to help you through your grief journey on Sundays beginning in May at the Kelly House.

Please watch FlockNotes for more details

Our Fall GriefShare session will be:

September 7 – December 7, 2022

Wednesday 10:00 -12:00pm

At the Kelly House

Hopefully you can join us.

GriefShare teachings are biblically based on grief and recovery topics.

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

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

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
May 17th 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.

S.A.L.T. Ministry

(Single Adults Living Truth)

Concerts at Bernhardt Winery has been an interest of the group.

Check out the concert schedule at bernardtwinery.com

Some of S.A.L.T. Ministry participants are going to the

May 22 concert - The Fab 5, Beatles tribute 6:30 – 8:30pm

Tickets are \$15.00 if you buy them in advance or \$20.00 at the gate

If you decide to attend, please let us know. We can see if other group members are attending, so you can gather & visit.

Our next event will be an Outreach outing in May.

We are working out the details. The details will be in the FlockNotes and we will send information out on the email distribution list.

Hopefully you can join us.

If you would like to be on our email distribution list, please contact Mary Marshall at 281-356-2497

S.A.L.T. Ministry

Our Vision: Provide opportunities for adults (single, widows, widowers and divorced) in our parish and surrounding communities to come together to share and grow in God's Love. Provide the light to our fellow members.

Our Mission: To Build a community for all single, widowed and divorced individuals that will enable them to build fellowship, new friendships and gain knowledge and wisdom. The ministry will be focusing on, Spirituality, Educational, Outreach & Networking

Our Values: Faith, Integrity, Authenticity & Passion. By creating an atmosphere that is respectful to all the individuals participating in the programs.

We need your assistance in Spreading the Word & Attending events

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





Liturgical Readings for May



- **May 1 Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 ▪ Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13 ▪ Rv 5:11-14
▪ Jn 21:1-19
- May 2 St. Athanasius: Acts 6:8-15 ▪ Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 ▪ Jn 6:22-29
- May 3 Sts. Phillip and James: 1 Cor 15:1-8 ▪ Ps 19:2-3,4-5 ▪ Jn 14:6-14
- May 4: Acts 8:1b-8 ▪ Ps 66:1-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Jn 6:35-40
- May 5: Acts 8:23-40 ▪ Ps 66: 8-9,16-17,20 ▪ Jn 6:44-51
- May 6: Acts 9:1-20 ▪ Ps 117:1,2 ▪ Jn 6:52-59
- May 7: Acts 9:31-42 ▪ Ps 116:12-13,14-15,16-17 ▪ Jn 6:60-69
- **May 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 13:14,43-52 ▪ Ps 100:1-2,3,5 ▪ Rv 7:9,14b-17
▪ Jn 10:27-30
- May 9: Acts 11:1-18 ▪ Ps(s) 42:2-3; 43:3,4 ▪ Jn 10:1-10
- May 10 [St. Damien de Veuster]: Acts 11:19-26 ▪ Ps 87:1-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Jn 10:22-30
- May 11: Acts 12:24-13:5a ▪ Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 ▪ Jn 12:44-50
- May 12: [Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras] Acts 13:13-25 ▪ Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
▪ Jn 13:16-20
- May 13 [Our Lady of Fatima]: Acts 13:26-33 ▪ Ps 2:6-7,8-9,10-11 ▪ Jn 14:1-6
- May 14 St. Matthias: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 ▪ Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8 ▪ Jn 15:9-17
- **May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 14:21-27 ▪ Ps 145:8-9,10-11,12-13 ▪ Rv 21:1-5a
▪ Jn 13:31-33a,34-35
- May 16: Acts 14:5-18 ▪ Ps 115:1-2,3-4,15-16 ▪ Jn 14:21-26
- May 17: Acts 14:19-28 ▪ Ps 145:10-11,12-13,21 ▪ Jn 14:27-31a
- May 18 [St. John 1]: Acts 15:1-6 ▪ Ps 122:1-2,3-4,4-5 ▪ Jn 15:1-8
- May 19: Acts 15:7-21 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,10 ▪ Jn 15:9-11
- May 20 [St. Bernardine of Siena]: Acts 15:22-31 ▪ Ps 57:8-9,10,12 ▪ Jn 15:12-17
- May 21 [St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions]: Acts 16:1-10 ▪ Ps 100:1-2,3,5
▪ Jn 15:18-21
- **May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter:** Acts 15:1-2,2-29 ▪ Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 ▪ Rv 21:10-14,22-23
▪ Jn 14:23-29
- May 23: Acts 16:11-15 ▪ Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9 ▪ Jn 15:23-16:4a
- May 24: Acts 16:22-34 ▪ Ps 138:1-2,2-3,7-8 ▪ Jn 16:5-11
- May 25 [St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory V11; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi]:
Acts 17:15,22-18:1 ▪ Ps 148:1-2,11-12,13,14 ▪ Jn 16:12-15
- **May 26 The Ascension of the Lord:** Acts 1:1-11 ▪ Ps 47:2-3,6-7,8-9 ▪ Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 ▪ Lk 24:46-53
- May 27 [St. Augustine of Canterbury]: Acts 18:9-18 ▪ Ps 47:2-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Jn 16:20-23
- May 28: [Acts](#) 18:23-28 ▪ Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10 ▪ Jn 16:23b-28
- **May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 7:55-60 ▪ Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9 ▪ Rv 22:12-14,16-17,20
▪ Jn 17:20-26 or **Ascension** (see May 26)
- May 30: Acts 19:1-8 ▪ Ps 68:2-3,4-5,6-7 ▪ Jn 16:29-33
- May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16
▪ Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 ▪ Lk 1:39-56



Israel Trip with Fr. Ed

**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.
You may also call or text at (210) 383-8079.**



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 or 936-697-0195.



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DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Sacramentals dispose believers to receive the chief effects of the Sacraments.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENTS

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church. These are the sacred signs that bear resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church (CCC, no. 1667, citing SC, no. 60).

Among the sacramental, blessings hold a major place. There are blessings for persons, meals, objects, places and ceremonial occasions such as graduations, testimonial honors, welcomes, and farewell. All blessings praise God for his gifts. Most blessings invoke the Holy Trinity as expressed in the Sign of the Cross, sometimes accompanied by the sprinkling of holy water.

Expressions of piety extend the liturgical life of the Church, but do not replace it. They should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some way derived from it and lead the people to it, since in face the liturgy by its very nature is far superior to any of them (CCC, no. 1675, citing SC, no. 13).

THE ROSARY

Many of the appearances of Mary, especially at Lourdes and Fatima have been associated with the praying of the Rosary. Numerous popes and saints have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. Opening the Marian Year in 1987, the Rosary was a global prayer for peace offered by large groups at Marian shrines such as those in Washington, D.C. and Lourdes.

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles' Creed, which is itself a summary of the Great mysteries of the Catholic faith, based on Scripture, from creation through redemption and up to the Resurrection of the body and everlasting life. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is taken from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is composed from verses from the Gospel of Luke, the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part to the Hail Mary.

The repetition of the ten Hail Mary's with each Mystery is meant to lead us to restful contemplative prayer related to the Mystery. Many who say the Rosary think of the words as background music that leads them to rest in the divine presence. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter the silence of our hearts, where Christ's Spirit dwells.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What kind of popular devotions have you experienced? If you have made a pilgrimage, what was the impact on your faith life?
2. Have you witnessed the blessings of homes, persons, or special objects used for liturgy? How might praying as a family, such as Grace Before Meals or Grace After Meals, strengthen family life as well as faith in God?
3. What are some benefits of praying the Rosary? Why do some people have sacred art such as crucifixes, statues, and holy images in prominent places in their homes?

MEDITATION

A number of historical circumstances also make a revival of the Rosary quite timely. First of all, the need to implore from God the gift of peace. The Rosary has many times been proposed by predecessors as a prayer for peace. At the start of the millennium which began with the terrifying attacks of September 11, 2001, a millennium which witnesses every day in numerous parts of the world fresh scenes of bloodshed and violence, to rediscover the Rosary means to immerse oneself in contemplation of the mystery of Christ who is our peace, since he made the two of us one, and broke down the diving wall of hostility (Eph 2:14). Consequently, one cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace, especially in the land of Jesus, still so sorely afflicted and so close to the heart of every Christian. —RVM, no. 6

PRAYER

MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYER

O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

The above is from Chapter 22, pages 298, 301-303 of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Website, for US Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org, for daily readings, information on our faith, and news regarding our faith.

Websites Word Among Us, www.wau.org and Dynamic Catholic, www.DynamicCatholic.com

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| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 7:30am (SJ)
(SM) 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30am | | May 2022 | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| -Regular Mass Schedule | -9am - Mass

-8pm AA Meeting - Kelly House | -9am - Mass
-10am – Domino Club (FLC Kitchen)
-Guardian Angels Mtg. (FLC)
-6:30pm – SJ Altar Society Mtg. | -No Anointing Mass
-9:30am-Stitchin’ Sisters – SJ Hall | -9am - Mass | -1 st Friday Mass
-Immediately after mass SVdP Mtg. – SM Hall | -5pm Mass |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| MOTHER'S DAY
-Regular Mass Schedule
 | -9am - Mass
-8pm AA Meeting - Kelly House | -9am - Mass
-10am - Domino Club (FLC Kitchen)
-Noon – SM Altar Society Meeting -Under Pavilion | -9am - Mass
-9:30am-Stitchin’ Sisters SJ Hall | -9am - Mass | | -5pm Mass |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| -Regular Mass Schedule | -9am - Mass
-8pm AA Meeting - Kelly House | -9am - Mass
-10am – Game Day (FLC Kitchen)
-Men’s Club Meeting SM Hall | -9am - Mass
-9:30am-Stitchin’ Sisters SJ Hall | -9am - Mass | | -5pm Mass
-10:30am Baptisms
-8:30am SJ Workday |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| -Regular Mass Schedule | -9am - Mass
-8pm AA Meeting - Kelly House | -9am - Mass
-10am - Domino Club (FLC Kitchen)
-3:30 – SVdP Meeting SM Hall | -9am - Mass
-NO Stitchin’ Sisters | -9am - Mass | | -8:30am SJ Workday
-5pm Mass
-2nd Collection: Catholic Communications |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| -Regular Mass Schedule@ SM
7:30 & 10:30am Mass @ SJ
-2nd Collection—Catholic Communications
SJ Bazaar | -MEMORIAL DAY
-NO MASS
-Parish Office Closed
-8:30am SJ Workday
-8PM AA Meeting – Kelly House | -9am - Mass | | | | |