



**JANUARY 8TH, 2017
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 14TH – JANUARY 15TH

COMMUNION CALLS January 15th, 2017

P. & MA Everett, R. Schigut, R. Morales,
L. Grygar, L. Lockhart, HM Kreitz,
M. & L. Matthews, J. Solis

5:30 PM MASS

Deacon Barney Rodriguez
Lector: L. Chaffin
Lay Ministers: L. & M. Lockhart
Greeters: P. Everett, K., J. & P. Petter
Altar Servers: A. Cantu, T. Lockhart, A. Atkins
& D. Nguyen

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon Barney Rodriguez
Lector: M. Maldonado
Lay Ministers: P. & MA Everett
Greeters: F. Dach, B. & M. Hoelscher
Altar Servers: A. & L. Federle, MV Maldonado
& R. McNeill

9:15AM MASS

Deacon Barney Rodriguez
Lector: S. McAtee
Lay Ministers: L. Grygar & M. Matthews
Greeters: M. Guenat, K. & J. Bartz
Altar Servers: T. & N. Bennett, A. Tavernier
& M. Knight

11:00 AM MASS

Deacon Barney Rodriguez
Lector: N. Pekar
Lay Ministers: R. Morales & JA Mason
Greeters: B. Stewart, M. Cyr, L. Castillo,
R. & J. Dudley
Altar Servers: M. & D. Mikeska, MB Garcia
& S. Berumen

January 9th – January 15th

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 12:10PM Communion Service
Wednesday 7:00AM Communion Service
Thursday 7:00AM Communion Service
Friday 8:15AM School Mass
12:10PM Communion Service
Saturday 7:30AM Communion Service
5:30PM For the People
Sunday 7:30AM †Loleta Guenat
9:15AM †Souls in Purgatory
11:00AM †Ronald Grygar

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

December 25, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$	8,443.95
Retired Clergy	\$	35.00
School Fund	\$	1971.00
Building Fund	\$	70.00
Total	\$	10,519.95

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Mary Catholic Church is a vibrant Catholic community; from the beginning of its conception our mission has been supporting Catholic Education. We are very blessed to have a Catholic School to care and foster young people for the faith. Stewardship is a Way of Life and is rooted in Scripture. It is the response of each individual's call to discipleship whereby one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church in sharing the Gospel. Stewardship recognizes that we, as individuals, are not the owners of our lives, our time, our talent, nor our treasure, but stewards or managers of these God-given gifts. Stewardship is our Time, Talent and Treasure given to God in thanksgiving for all that He has given us. As registered parishioners/families are expected to be in good standing with respect to Stewardship: A Way of Life by,

- Practicing the Catholic faith and living Catholic values.
- Sharing in the prayer life of the parish.
- Regularly volunteering at the parish to support its mission to serve in the spirit of Christ.
- Practicing financial stewardship through sacrificial and biblical levels of tithing.

As we look to this New Year and the New Year's resolutions we will be making may we always be mindful of resolutions that will benefit our spiritual growth.

God bless,

Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve will be attending a diocesan priests' retreat from Tuesday, Jan. 10 to the morning of Saturday, Jan. 14. Daily mass will be replaced by Communion Services.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in his sight.

WATCH THE BULLETIN.....

*For a rescheduled baptism class that did not take place in December.

*For a rescheduled altar server training later in January.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

On January 8th, Lector Ministry will be sponsoring coffee and donuts after the 7:30am & 9:15am masses. Join us to

meet new parishioners and feel free to ask lectors about their ministry. Volunteers are always welcome!



RAMP IT UP BINGO!!!!

Plan now to attend our fundraising event on Sunday, January 29th at 2:00pm at the

Knights of Columbus Hall. St. Mary's Building Committee is sponsoring the games, with Ministries of St. Mary Parish donating prizes. The cost of a ticket is \$50 and includes packet of game tickets, hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Prizes include 50" flat screen TV, BBQ Pit, Artic Cooler, Dewalt Cordless Drill and Driver Set, Amazon Echo, Ninja Coffee Bar, iPad and gift certificates. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to pay for the ADA ramp and improvements to the Ave Maria Building.

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday Jan. 9 th	Garden Ministry	St Mary's Gardens	7:30am
	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
Tuesday Jan. 10 th	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Room	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm
Wednesday Jan. 11 th	Adoration	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday Jan. 12 th	Middle School Choir Practice	School Auditorium	12:15pm
	Elementary School Choir Practice	Church	3:30pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	RCIA <i>Baptism & Confirmation</i>	Regina Caeli Room	7:00pm

Thank You

Thanks to all the wonderful parishioners along with the children who helped on December 23 to decorate the church in time for Christmas.

Many were the positive comments from family and visitors on Christmas.

In order to prepare for Ordinary Time, we will need help after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 8, taking all decorations down and changing the altar linens and banners. We welcome all help. May God bless you for your generous offer of time.

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION



Classes resume Wednesday Jan. 11th at 6:30 pm. This is a change in the original calendar.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is not only about three wise men who visited the manger 2000 years ago. Instead, this Biblical event speaks to us about the plan of God for the entire human race. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." The quest of the Magi reminds us that God is truly with us. He is Emmanuel, "God with us". Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity. Sometimes during our journey, clarity disappears and we begin to doubt, but let us remember that Jesus is always with us. Like the shining star above the manger, Jesus is always present to us in the tabernacle, just as he was present in the manger of Bethlehem. This demands that we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty by spending time with Him in adoration. When was the last time you came to church for adoration, to sit with Jesus? Adoration is a time for us to sit before our Lord Jesus Christ and open ourselves to His Graces to become what God wants us to be. Just as the Magi brought gifts to Jesus, we need to bring the gift of ourselves to Him. Like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey. The light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in whatever unexpected way He presents himself. Resolve in this new year to make time in your day to pray or enhance your current prayer life by attending Adoration. By sitting in the presence of Jesus you will develop a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him. Adoration Times: 1st Fridays at 7-8 pm and every Wednesday 7am mass – 6:30 pm Benediction. Many Blessings for You in the New Year,

Patricia St. Amour, Director of Faith Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us for the study of First Corinthians – The Church & the Christian Community – beginning Tuesday, January 10 at either 1:30pm or 6:00pm in the Regina Caeli Room at the Ave Maria Building. Register at class time.



FALCON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year from the community of St. Mary's Catholic School. We are looking forward to a prosperous new year filled with exciting events and blessings. Please note important upcoming dates:

January 12th: 2:00 p.m. in the Church: Second Quarter Awards Ceremony

January 13th: 8:15 a.m. All School Mass

January 16th: No School: Inclement Weather Day

January 21st: First Reconciliation and Retreat for Grade 2

January 28th: Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner for honoree Mrs. Angie Stolp

January 29th: Catholic School's Week begins (Details of this week TBA)

February 1st: Registration for 2017-2018 school year opens

February 5th: Open House for St. Mary's Catholic School 11:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins on February 1st. If you would like to stop by for a tour or have questions, please call the school 254-778-8141.

God bless you for all your support.

Theresa Wyles, Principal 254.778.8141

GRAB YOUR CALENDAR SAVE THESE DATES

Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter

15th Annual Fundraising Banquet is Jan. 27 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church, Parish Hall. See <http://ladyoftheangels.org/> for updates and additional information.

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. The day will include a prayer vigil, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church at 10am, March and Rally. For more information, contact Luisa De Poo at (512) 949-2487 or luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

Amanda Arney and David Alexander



CEDARBRAKE RETREAT CENTER HIRING FOR CARETAKER

Full time position is responsible for setting up rooms, greeting guests, facility maintenance and security of buildings. Living quarters for caretaker are provided. To apply or for more information, see austindiocese.applicantpro.com/jobs/

Transformed by Faith at Cedarbrake

On January 16th, spend the day reflecting on the gifts of five women whose courageous actions impacted the world. Their fearlessness and faithfulness changed lives because they embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Learn about Sojourner Truth, Thea Bowman, Maya Angelou, Rosa Parks and Harriet Tubman. Contact Cedarbrake Retreat Center at 254.780.2436 for more information or to register.

English as a Second Language

Class registration at Temple College Student Service Center, Room 3600, 2600 S. 1st St. is on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 6:00pm. Bring picture ID. No childcare will be provided, so no children please. Call 254.298.8620 or email at ael@templejc.edu for more information.