



**JANUARY 22ND, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

COMMUNION CALLS January 29TH, 2017

P. Engbrock, P. & MA Everett, P. Proctor,
F. Trevino, K. & J. Bartz, HM Kreitz

JANUARY 28TH – JANUARY 29TH

5:30 PM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: St. Mary Students
Lay Ministers: HM Kreitz, P. & MA Everett
Greeters: B. Goonan & C. Ramm
Altar Servers: A. & V. Lucksinger, T. Lockhart,
S. Berumen

7:30 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: St. Mary Students
Lay Ministers: P. Proctor, I. Recio, M. Hoelscher
Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman
Altar Servers: JN, M. & MV Maldonado,
D. Nguyen

9:15AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: St. Mary Students
Lay Ministers: K. & J. Bartz, L. Matthews
Greeters: A. Pechal, W. & E. Wilde
Altar Servers: A. Tavernier, M. Ramm,
R. Dolgener, M. Garcia

11:00 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: St. Mary Students
Lay Ministers: F. Trevino, P. Engbrock, J. Oakes
Greeters: D. & K. Frei & N. Moreno
Altar Servers: H. & B. Payne, S. & L. Mikeska

January 23RD – January 29TH

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	12:10PM †Travis Mireles
Wednesday	7:00AM †Deral Head
Thursday	7:00AM Sara Bayer & Paul Webber
Friday	8:15AM †Harry & Marie Ware 12:10PM †Jerry Talasek
Saturday	7:30AM †Deceased of Danowski & Santacroce Families 5:30PM Ronald Grygar
Sunday	7:30AM For the People 9:15AM †Donald Viator 11:00AM Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Br#31

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

January 15, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	8,159.54
Generations to Come	\$	100.00
School Fund	\$	20.00
Building Fund	\$	1,763.00
Total	\$	10,042.54

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:20*



Brothers and Sisters,

In putting one's hand to the plow, there can be no turning back. Discipleship is a call to growth, it is a lifelong process. That is why "being in Christ" has such a dynamic sense in the New Testament. Our life in Christ needs regular assessment, periods of reflection and prayer, retreats, and days of recollection – not in the interests of measuring growth, but simply to be certain that we have not settled on a plateau. If others, whether they are in leadership or just close friends, are not helping us to grow in our discipleship and love of Christ then we may want to evaluate who is leading us and to where.

The call of the disciples in Matthew's Gospel this week indicates the decisiveness connected with conversion and the totality of the disciples' adherence to Christ in leaving all behind, even to the point of severing family ties. Conversion is not a single act or moment in life when we move from non-belief to acceptance of faith; it is lifelong. May we continue to fall in Love with Christ every day of our lives.

God bless,

Fr. Steve

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to the following families who are taking the chalice to their homes for a week to pray for answers to calls from the Lord to vocations.

Jan. 29	A. Atkins	9:15am
Feb. 05	M. Ortega	11:00am
Feb. 12	R. & B. Dolgener	9:15am

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 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, RTIC 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Do your New Year Resolutions include increasing your prayer time? Or improving your relationship with Christ? Take an hour a week to spend with Jesus on Wednesdays between 7:30am & 6:30pm; or on First Fridays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. He invites you to be closer. Will you answer him?

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday Jan. 23 rd	Garden Ministry	St Mary Gardens	7:30am
	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
Tuesday Jan. 24 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. 25 th	Adoration	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
	Liturgy Team	Parish Office	6:35pm
Thursday Jan. 26 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>Walk through the Mass</i>	Regina Caeli Room	7:00pm
Saturday Jan. 28 th	Altar Server Training	Church	10:00am

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION



On Saturday, January 21st, we had our 2nd Graders and RCIC children from the Parish and School RE programs celebrate their First Reconciliation. After having confessed their sins to the priest, each child had a glow and shine on their face. One child said, "I feel lighter now." Another child said, "I'm so happy!" What beautiful reactions to a wonderful sacrament given to us by God!! When was the last time you celebrated Reconciliation? How "heavy" or "sad" have you become because of the effect of sin in your life? In the reading today it says, "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." Isaiah 8:23-9:3. We all want and need to walk and live in the light of Christ. When we sin, we are in the land of darkness. Jesus was sent to us by God to show us the way to live and to love our brothers and sisters. When we sin against each other, we are also sinning against God and Jesus whom we should love above all things. We were given the Sacrament of Reconciliation to keep us in good standing with God, Jesus and those around us. When your life on earth is done, what will your relationship with God and Jesus be like? Now is the time to take advantage of this wonderful sacrament of healing. Don't let excuses prevent you from coming to church Saturday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:00 or from calling Fr. Steve to schedule an appointment. You will feel "lighter" and "happy" after talking with Fr. Steve or any priest in celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Peace & Blessings,

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We invite parish family and friends to join our Bible Study on Tuesdays to explore First Corinthians – Church and the Christian Community at 1:30pm-3:30pm or 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Regina Caeli Room at the Ave Maria Building. Includes 10 sessions and you may register at class – workbook is \$25.



FALCON'S CORNER

****SEE BULLETIN INSERT****

Amanda Arney and David Alexander



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Rescheduled for Saturday, January 28th at the Church

from 10:00am to 12:00noon. New altar servers and those wanting a “refresher” are invited to attend.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY UPDATE

Please write down all your volunteer hours for 2016 through the end of January this year. Turn these in at the luncheon in February. The Deanery council needs our total hours by February 15..

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. Complete list of activities and times are on austindiocese.org (click on Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day under “Looking Ahead.”)

Liturgy Team Planning Meeting

Immediately following benediction on Wednesday, January 25th, the liturgy team will meet in the Parish Office conference room. The evening topic is the liturgical needs of the parish during the Lent and Easter seasons.



St. Mary Fund Run

Join Bishop Vásquez' in prayer:

For the Church, that together the clergy and faithful may hear and follow God's Word in order to accompany others on the way to Christ.

Sign up your family for a 5K or 1K run (or walk) at Confederate Park in Belton on Saturday, April 8th.

Funds raised will be dedicated to tuition assistance for families who wish to have their children attend St. Mary Catholic School, but may not have the financial ability. For registration: <https://runsignup.com/stmarys5kfundrun> or for more information visit: stmarys-temple.org. The cost of 5K is \$25 per runner and 1K is \$15 each.