



*Behold, I am  
the handmaid  
of the Lord.  
May it be  
done to me  
according to  
your word.*

**MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR**

**DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM MASS**

Henry Almaguer  
Lector: H. M. Kreitz  
Lay Ministers: P. Thrift & J. Albers  
Greeters: C. Ramm, B. Goonan,  
& J. Sladeczek  
Altar Servers: T. Lockhart, R. McNeill, H. Musquiz  
& R. Davenport

**7:30 AM MASS**

Deacon Barney  
Lector: R. Schigut  
Lay Ministers: P. Everett & M.A. Everett  
Greeters: S. Motl & R. Castillo  
Altar Servers: A. Federle, B. Mosmeyer,  
S. Mosmeyer & D. Nguyen

**9:15 AM MASS**

Deacon Barney  
Lector: J. Bartz  
Lay Ministers: R. Morales & T. Leos  
Greeters: N. Centeno & K. Bartz  
Servers: L. Mikeska, M. Mikeska, H. Payne  
& B. Payne

**11:00 AM MAS**

Henry Almaguer  
Lector: L. Edwards  
Lay Ministers: J. Solis & J. Dudley  
Greeters: A. Pechal, R. Krumnow  
& B. Stewart  
Altar Servers: A. Lambert, A. Basile, V. Basile  
& J. Martinez

**CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM MASS**

Lector: H.M. Kreitz  
Lay Ministers: P. Proctor, J. Bartz, A. Mikeska  
& F. Trevino  
Altar Servers: Leslie J. Grygar

**DECEMBER 20, 2015  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Continued**

**7:30 PM MASS**

Lector: N. Pekar  
Lay Ministers: P. Everett, M.A. Everett,  
L. Matthews & D. Shepard  
Altar Servers: Leslie J. Grygar

**12:00 AM MASS**

Deacon Barney  
Lector: L. Edwards  
Lay Ministers: C. Young, J. Dudley & D. Garza  
Altar Servers: D. Nguyen

**8:00 AM MASS**

Lector: J. Hattemer  
Lay Ministers: P. Cameron, K. Cameron  
& M. A. Everett  
Altar Servers: Leslie J. Grygar

**10:00 AM MASS**

Lector: D. Rendeiro  
Lay Minister: M. Hoelscher & P. Engbrock  
Altar Servers: TBD

**MASS INTENTIONS - December 21<sup>ST</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	Benefactor of St. Mary Catholic School Trust Fund
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Living & Deceased Members of the Engbrock family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	†Arturo Robles
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	†Dan & Shirley Staebler
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	†Anthony Chudej
	<b>12:00 AM</b>	Living & Deceased members of the Engbrock family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	For the People
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	†Marie Hrachovy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	†Maria Bohac
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	†Ronald Guygar
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	†Viola Bartek
	<b>9:15 AM</b>	†For the People
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	†Anna Jo Mikeska



### NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

December 8<sup>th</sup>, formally opened the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy throughout the world. In keeping with similar actions in Rome by Pope Francis, a proclamation was read explaining the terms of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The faithful are to seek reconciliation, confession for their own sins, and to offer mercy and reconciliation to relatives and friends. We are reminded by the Holy Father Pope Francis that the motto of the jubilee year of mercy is "be merciful like the Father."

"There are two parts to the jubilee year"; "You must receive God's mercy, and be agents of mercy."

To facilitate reconciliation throughout the diocese before Christmas on Wednesday nights, Catholic churches are offering reconciliation, or confession, as it is familiarly known.

There are five parishes throughout our Diocese that Bishop Joe has named as Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches for the Austin Diocese:

- St. Mary Cathedral in Austin
- St. Joseph Parish in Mason
- Sacred Heart Parish in Waco
- Holy Trinity Parish in Corn Hill
- St. Mary parish in College Station.

May your Advent Season be a very blessed and joyful encounter with Christ.

Fr. Steve

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH



*Flowers at the Altar for Sunday  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Donated by*

St. Mary Catholic Church Altar Society.

*Flowers at the Altar for  
Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

In Memory of  
Louis and Mary Stojanick & Lee Tschoerner  
Donated by Franklin & Agnes Tschoerner

### COMMUNION CALLS

DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

J. Albers, T. Leos, C. Oakes, P. Proctor, C. Young,  
P. Thrift & H.M. Kreitz

### YOUR GIFT TO GOD

(DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,565.15
Parish School	\$ 68.00
Christmas	\$ 15.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 418.10
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 2,091.00

### WEEKLY ADORATION

Due to the Parish Advent and Christmas scheduled activities, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until Wednesday January 6, 2016.

### ST. MARY'S WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Place	Time
Monday December 21	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria	9:00am
	Baptism Classes	Ave Maria Building	6:30pm
Tuesday December 22	Knitting & Crochet	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm

### PARISH OFFICE NOTICE



*Oh Come Let Us Adore Him!*

The St. Mary Catholic Parish Staff would like to wish everyone a wonderful and Blessed Christmas. May your Christmas be filled with God's loving Joy and Grace!

Please note the Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Christmas Holiday.





## FALCON'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and families of St. Mary's Catholic School I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We are so grateful to our parish for your continued support and love for our school. You are our Christmas gift!

With the beginning of 2016 comes the opening of enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are interested in quality Catholic education, please give us a call and we can set up a tour. School reopens on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Allow us to share the good news of Catholic education with you. You'll be glad you did.

God bless you.

Sincerely, Theresa Wyles,

### **Calling all St. Mary's Catholic School Alumni!**

You are invited as our guest to our first Alumni Dinner. Save the Date: January 23, 2016.

Come and visit old friends and relive the wonderful memories of St. Mary's Catholic School.

Visit [www.stmarys-temple.org](http://www.stmarys-temple.org) to complete the information on our Alumni Page. We would love to send you a personal invitation!

### **Important Date to Remember**

Mon. Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

\*School reopens: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter begins

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



"I come to do your will." This was Jesus' mission statement. By Mary's obedience to God's will, the Divine Word becomes man. When we do God's will, God's presence is made manifest in us.

Do we take time to listen to and cooperate with God's will or are we too focused on our own will? What is God asking of you today and this week?

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FORMATION



Thank you to the many who joined us in walking the road with the Holy Couple in the Posada and helped us celebrate with the good Bishop Nicholas concluding the festivities and to our Confirmation students, who led the walk as Mary & Joseph.

Thank you to the entire St. Mary Catholic Church Community for your participation and support with the Parish Posada 2015.

Without the support of you and our parishioners and parents who entrust their children to us, little could be accomplished. May Almighty God reward you for your many sacrifices, as He alone can do!

The Posada on December 16<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the semester for Religious Education students. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

May God bless each and every one of you and let His face shine upon you and give you a Christmas of light and wonder, filled with His peace that is beyond understanding, in the circle of your family and friends.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference**

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) will take place at the Waco Convention Center on January 29<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

At DCYC, participants will experience keynote speakers Father Joseph Espallat, Sister Miriam James Heidland, Michael "Goomer" Gormley, sacraments, music, prayer, workshops, entertainment and more, all woven together under this year's theme "Restless."

Participants may register or find out more information by contacting Linda Noe at 512-949-2464 or email at [Linda-noe@austindiocese.org](mailto:Linda-noe@austindiocese.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VASQUEZ



### Pastoral Plan Update

The year-long Jubilee of Mercy began this week. The Diocese of Austin's implementation of the new Pastoral Plan coincides beautifully with the Jubilee of Mercy. This coming year is a blessed opportunity to encounter God's loving mercy and to be transformed by that encounter. Parishioners across the diocese received a complete copy of the Pastoral Plan in their December issue of the *Catholic Spirit*. Take these weeks and months to study the plan, access the [Study Guide](#) on the diocesan website and renew your personal encounter with Jesus Christ and receive his mercy.

Encountering Christ is a retreat co-sponsored by Cedarbrake and led by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist on Jan. 30 at St. John Vianney Parish in Round Rock. The day retreat will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be based on the diocesan Pastoral Plan entitled "Encounter that Leads to Transformation." The cost is \$25 with lunch included. Register through Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436.

### 2015 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)



THANK YOU! "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Please make plans for Christmas Caroling at St. Mary Catholic Church. All children are invited to sing carols before the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Come early, singing starts at 5:15pm.

Also, all singers are invited to join together at the Midnight Vigil Mass, Choir begins signing at 11:30pm.

Join us as we welcome Christ into our hearts and homes. Please contact Bill Keller at 254-624-74085 or Jim Mason at 254-913-1259.

## ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



**December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**  
*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*  
Vigil Masses at 5:30pm and 7:30pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**  
Masses at 12:00am (*Carols begin at 11:30pm*),  
8:00am and 10:00am

**December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Feast of the Holy Family*  
Vigil Mass at 5:30pm  
Masses at 7:30am, 9:15am and 11:00am

**December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*  
Vigil Mass at 6:00pm  
Masses at 8:00am, 12:10pm and 6:00pm  
(*Adoration will follow Mass, from 7:00pm – 8:00pm*)

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> & January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*  
Vigil Mass at 5:30pm  
Masses at 7:30am, 9:15am and 11:00am

**January 9<sup>th</sup> & January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*  
Vigil Mass at 5:30pm  
Masses at 7:30am, 9:15am and 11:00am