



**JANUARY 29TH, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 4TH – February 5TH

5:30 PM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: B. Theisen
Lay Ministers: P. Thrift, R. & L. Luna
Greeters: B. Goonan & C. Ramm
Altar Servers: A. Atkins, J. Martinez, M. Cruz,
A. Cantu

7:30 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: N. Maldonado
Lay Ministers: T. Hamff, P. & K. Cameron
Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman
Altar Servers: JN, M, & MV Maldonado,
A. Federle

9:15AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: B. Dolgener
Lay Ministers: L. Grygar, D. Gibson, D. Garza
Greeters: A. Pechal, W. & E. Wilde
Altar Servers: J. & R. Dolgener, M. Knight,
A. Tavernier

11:00 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: JA Mason
Lay Ministers: J. Dudley, A. Payne, A. Mikeska
Greeters: D. & K. Frei & N. Moreno
Altar Servers: MB Garcia, J. Garcia, A. Lambert,
T. Kotalik

COMMUNION CALLS February 5TH, 2017

J. Albers, C. & S. Guenat, T. Hamff, L. Grygar,
P. & K. Cameron, C. Hussey, R. & L. Luna,
& C. Oakes

January 30TH – February 5TH

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	12:10PM †Ernest Goertz
Wednesday	7:00AM †Loney Montgomery
Thursday	7:00AM †John M. Keska
Friday	8:15AM †Boydie & Azalee Cook
	10:00AM Charles Janek Family
	12:10PM †Geraldine Frei
Saturday	7:30AM Sara Bayer & Paul Webber
	5:30PM Deceased of Danowski & Santacroce Families
Sunday	7:30AM †Luis Montero
	9:15AM †Herbert Brook
	11:00AM For the People

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

January 22, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	6,076.51
School Fund	\$	12.00
Building Fund	\$	140.00
Total	\$	6,396.51



Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend's readings make it clear that God's ways are not the status quo. Each reading demonstrates God's glory in the most unlikely of people, the weak, the humble, and the lowly. These readings challenge us to reflect on our own biases as to who is worthy and who is to be admired. Whose ideals are we striving to live by? The first reading explains that those who live by God's ways will be protected. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that God used their lowliness to demonstrate Christ's glory. The Gospel shares the beatitudes given by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount.

On Thursday we will be celebrating the *Presentation of the Lord*. This message continues to help us grow in our faith and love for God. Simeon and Anna reveal prophetic messages regarding Jesus to Mary and Joseph, who knew their son Jesus the best. God's works are truly a mystery to us. We can never know all there is to know. However, one thing we can be sure of is that the Church continues to be a messenger – revealing God's love for us through the saving actions of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless you all this coming year.

God bless,

Fr. Steve

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom will be rewarded!

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.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS

Watch your mailbox for our statement of 2016 contributions you made through weekly envelope or check donations. If you have any questions after looking it over, please contact Donna Hahn at the Parish Office for assistance.

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.

Feb. 05	M. Ortega	11:00am
Feb. 12	R. & B. Dolgener	9:15am
Feb. 18	N. & V. Centeno	5:30pm

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. 30 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
Tuesday Jan. 31 st	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 Feb. 1 st	Adoration	Church	7:30am
	Altar Society	Ave Maria Room	12:00pm
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday Feb. 2 nd	Middle School Choir Practice	School Auditorium	12:15pm
	Elementary School Choir Practice	Church	3:30pm
	Building Committee	Parish Office	6:30pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	RCIA <i>Commandents Part I</i>	Regina Caeli Room	7:00pm
Friday Feb. 3 rd	Blessing of Throats – St. Blaise	Church	All Masses
	First Friday Adoration	Church	7:00pm



FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

IMPORTANT DATE: Parent and Child Mtg. for 1st Holy Communion Wed. Feb. 8th, (during RE Class) 6:30 - 7:45 pm in Ave Maria Bldg.

A blessing is a statement of good will and happiness that is said about another, as well as the condition that fulfills those good words. God's original design in creation was for His creatures, including mankind, to experience prosperity, peace, and fulfillment, but that design was ruined when sin entered the world. Statements of blessing are a wish for God to restore His favor on others or a declaration of His inherent goodness. The ultimate blessing that God has given is the new life and forgiveness that comes through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. The material blessings we enjoy from day to day are temporary, but the spiritual blessings available to us in Christ encompass time and eternity, as well as material and immaterial things. "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God" (Psalm 146:5). May we all be blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

ST. MARY SUPERBOWL SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

Students are invited to bring family and friends to take a journey through St. Mary Catholic School. Students will be presented with an autograph book upon entering the school. This special document is their guide to visit all the classrooms and obtain autographs from representatives of well-known sports figures in history.

Once all autographs have been gathered, students may come to the office for a special prize. Half-time snacks and tailgating fun will take place in the cafeteria. Come enjoy a great time and great snacks!

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.



Please be sure to say hello to these new families that have joined our parish community:

- Zavala
- Braniff
- Sparks
- Zacarias/Pina
- Diab
- K. Schrecengost
- Alessi

Amanda Arney and David Alexander



St. Mary Fund Run

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.

Project Andrew

Single men, ages 16 – 45, who are interested in learning about the priesthood, discernment and seminary life are invited to join Bishop Vasquez, priests and seminarians for Mass, testimonials, prayer and lunch. Saturday, February 11, 10am-2pm at St. Mary Cathedral – Austin. austinvocations.com.