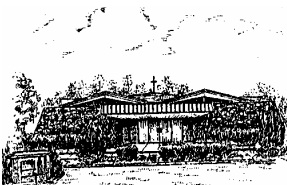


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St. Martin de Porres, Mission (www.stmaryandstmartin.com)

ST. MARY MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Tues. , 6:00 p.m.; Wed. - Fri. , 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

ST. MARTIN DEPORRES MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION MASS:

1st Sunday of the month – St. Mary- 11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of the month – St. Martin dePorres- 9:00 a.m.

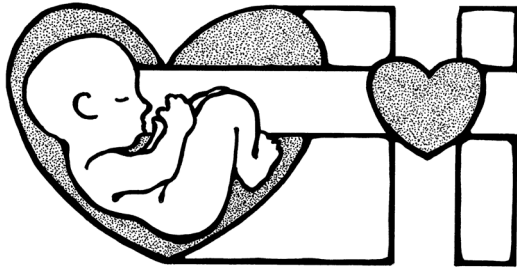
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment only.

BAPTISM: Early registration and instructions required.

MARRIAGE: Registration and initial interview with Pastor must be made six (6) months prior to the projected date.

DEVOTION AND ACTIVITIES:

First Friday Adoration - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's
Sunday Rosary: 8:15 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres
Sunday Rosary: 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant, be without
tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should
she forget, I will never forget you.

Isaiah 49:15

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday - February 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Harry Stuart †

Sunday - February 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Jerry LeBlanc †

9:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners (St. Mary/St. Martin)

11:00 a.m. - John and Geneva Gidlow †

Monday - February 27, 2017

7:15 a.m. - Communion Service @ *St. Martin*

Tuesday - February 28, 2017

6:00 p.m. - NO MASS †

Wednesday - March 1, 2017 *Ash Wednesday*

7:00 a.m. - Special Intention JLB †

5:00 p.m. - Harry Stuart †

7:00 p.m. - Rena Toloudis †

Thursday - March 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. - George and Tina Aubey †

Friday - March 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Special Intention VTL †

Saturday - March 4, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Haschok Family †

Sunday - March 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners (St. Mary/St. Martin)

9:00 a.m. - Ruby Pollard †

11:00 a.m. - Patrick Gillard †

From
the
Pastor



What Does Love Look Like?

St. Paul had both a deep understanding and appreciation for stewardship — what it meant to be a good steward. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, our Second Reading on this last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins, Paul states eloquently, “Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.”

As is the case with all Holy Scripture, Paul is writing to more than the Corinthians; he is writing to each of us as well. Paul’s understanding of what a steward was is that he manages the household of God. Managing included preserving and protecting. We are also to be servants (disciples) of Christ, and Paul goes on to say that a servant steward must be trustworthy. To Paul that meant we are to be faithful in order to be good disciples.

There are several difficulties for us in all of those terms and requirements: being stewards, being servants, and being faithful. They mean that we have to place ourselves second to others and second most of all to Christ our Savior. We tend to question this and tend to have strong feelings of independence. That is what we learn from our society. Yet, to be a steward like Paul requires us to be humble and accepting. That may be our greatest test.

St. Augustine wrote, “What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.” That, too, is stewardship.

Father Jim

LENT

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Building. Parents are required to attend one instruction class prior to the sacrament. Call the parish office to register. An initial interview with the Pastor is required.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday - March 1st

- * **NO Rel. Ed.** Classes for K-5th, 5:30-6:30 pm
- * **NO JR/HS Rel. Ed.**, 6th thru 8th, 6:45-8:00 pm
- * **Ash Wednesday** masses at St. Mary, 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - March 2nd

- * **Altar Society** meeting 9:00 a.m.
- * **Catholic Daughter's** meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- * **R.C.I.A.**, Rel. Ed. Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Friday - March 3rd

- * **First Friday** Adoration, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Mary's church.
- * **Stations**, St. Mary - 6 pm; St. Martin - 6 pm
- * **KC Fish Fry**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., St. Mary Hall.

Sunday - March 5th

- * **Sunday Rosary**, 8:15 a.m., St. Martin dePorres.
- * **Sunday Rosary**, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary.
- * **Confirmation I & II**, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Religious Education Building.



DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

St. Mary Parish Income Needed (Est.): \$ 6,691.00

Weekly Sacrificial Offerings:	\$ 6,721.00 *
Contingency and Development Fund	\$ 220.00 *
Income For Parish:	\$ 6,941.00 *
Envelopes Distributed	349
Envelopes Used	104

St. Martin Parish Income Needed (Est.): \$ 936.00

Weekly Sacrificial Offerings:	\$ 1,152.00 *
Black Bag Coll.	\$ 5.00 *
Income For Parish:	\$ 1,157.00 *
Envelopes Distributed	74
Envelopes Used	30

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP FOR MARCH

Chairman: Toni Dallison (794-3796) Simona Blanchard, Mark and Kendra Hess, Jane Ballard, Patrise Heiman, Samantha Richard, Angie Adams and Danielle Faraci.

THANK YOU

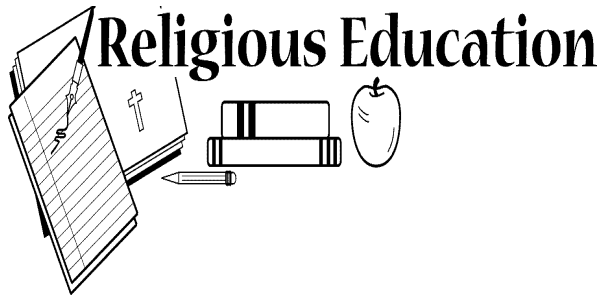
St. Louis Maria Catholic Daughters would like to thank all who came out for gumbo last Sunday in support of our fund-raiser and helping to make it a success. **Thank you** to our favorite guys, St. Mary KC's, for their generous donation of the gumbo and the work and help they always extend to us; Teri Lomonte for decorations; and all the Catholic Daughters that baked goodies, made potato salad, served and/or worked in any way at the fund-raiser. We apologize to all that did not get any potato salad, we promise to make more next year.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helen Alford
MaeElla Alfred
Raymond Alfred
Willie Mae Alfred
J.R. Bardin
Donna Bertrand
Janice Bivins
Lena Bordes
Myrtle Breaux
Ruth Burns
Earl Callahan

Melvin Campbell
Leo Craigen
Herbert Daigle
John Delafosse
Ella Mae Dicks
Gaspard Family
Noelle Fredieu
Dema Hubert
John Hubert
Jessie Judice
Kathleen Kent
Anita Kiker
Gary Kotz
Morgan Lavergne
Dene LeBlanc

Leger Family
John Matthews
Jan Picou
Ray Picou
Joseph Pollard
Helen Royer
Gus Toloudis
Kevin Smith
Alzada Stansbury
Zachary Thibodeaux
Ruth Ella Thomas
Cathy Tompkins
Mack Tully
Eugene Victoria
Melissa Willis

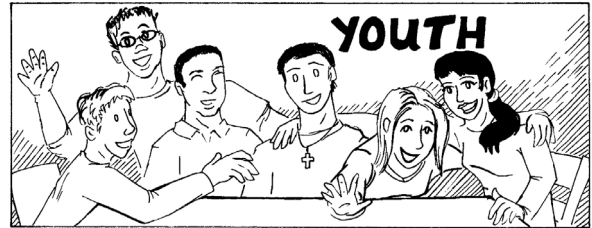


Religious Education



Religious Education Classes

Wed. Grades K-5 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Grades 6-8 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
 Sun. Confirmation I & II 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be **NO Religious Education classes** held on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Retreat will be held March 3rd, 4th and 5th at St. Anne Parish Hall in Beaumont. What is Youth 2000? It's a weekend retreat for youth ages 13-30; it's inspiring talks by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters from New York, live praise and worship music, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration; it's youth hanging out with other Catholic youth sharing faith and growing closer to Jesus Christ; it's an experience you will never forget!! The fee for Youth 2000 is \$55.00 which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Please call the Youth Ministry office, 409-794-1509 if you have any questions and to register.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION - 2nd and 3rd (RCIC) grades

Wed. - Mar. 22nd: 5:30 p.m., Parent meeting
 Sat. - Apr. 8th: 9 am - 12 noon, Jesus Day Workshop for Parent and Students
 Thu. - Apr. 20th: 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal for First Communion
 Sun. - Apr. 23rd: 2:00 p.m., First Holy Communion

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Johnny Pousson

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ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, March 1st begins the Holy Season of Lent. Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with the distributions of ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All Fridays during Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at both churches beginning at 6:00 p.m.

FISH FRY: The Knights of Columbus will have a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent at St. Mary's Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. beginning Friday, March 3rd. Plate includes fried/baked catfish, french fries, coleslaw and hush puppies. Drinks are sold separately. Plates are \$8.00 each. Dine in/take out. Come and enjoy the food!!!

GOOD TIMING

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will be held on Friday, March 3rd. We must make ourselves free from anxiety and worry through prayer and adoration; giving a day to God and allowing Him to work within us. Let us spend this day in prayer with our Lord. **Adoration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendar and make it a point to participate.

THE BOOK OF JOB

JOB is a story of conversion; a journey of deepening encounter with God. JOB shows us that there is a way through suffering and a God who saves. Like in our modern world, JOB lives the struggle; moving him through the process of trying to fix, to eventually embracing faith. This course will not resolve the question of human suffering, but may help give fresh perspective to the question, "Why me God?" (8 hours - 4 sessions)

Paul Thomas, Associate Director
Evangelization and Catechesis
Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
St. Mary Church Christopher Hall-KC Hall

LENTEN MISSION

The Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Sichko will be held Sunday, April 2nd thru Tuesday, April 4th at St. Mary's Church. A Penance Service will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, March 2nd followed by a business meeting in the Religious Education Building at 9:00 a.m. All women are welcome. The Catholic Daughters will also meet at 1:00 p.m. on the same day.

2017 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL

If you have not made your gift to the Bishop's Faith Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our hospitality ministers are again passing out the Pew-Pledge Envelopes and the Spiritual Pledge/Intention Cards. They are also passing out our Pew Art Cards, so our little ones can draw a prayer pledge for our ministries. The Appeal continues to be necessary because many needs in our diocese cannot be effectively met by the individual Christian or by our local parish alone. Currently, our diocesan ministries are facing increased requests for their work. They need your help to respond to these requests. We thank everyone who has pledged to the 2017 Appeal. If you haven't made a pledge, we ask you to pray to the Holy Spirit as you consider your blessings. Then we ask you to make a **proportional** and **intentional** gift of your treasure and your prayer time to the appeal based on your current circumstances. Think about this: if you have not suffered from hunger you are better off than many U.S. citizens who live in deep poverty. Some of them are your neighbors here in Southeast Texas. We ask that you make a pledge to the appeal, as an expression of your gratitude for your many blessings.