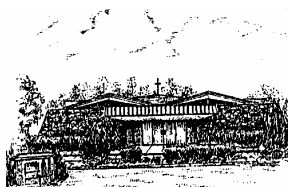


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ST. MARY MASS SCHEDULE:

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.

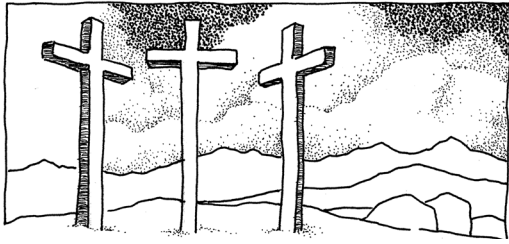
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment only.

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



Third Sunday of Lent March 19, 2017

While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Mass Intentions For The Week



Saturday - March 18, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Elray Sensat †

Sunday - March 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Lilian Elizabeth Whitman †

9:00 a.m. - Nelson Lavergne †

11:00 a.m. - For All Parishioners (St. Mary/St. Martin)

Monday - March 20, 2017

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

Tuesday - March 21, 2017

6:00 p.m. - Ethel Bergdorf †

Wednesday - March 22, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Sabrey and Anna Lachausse †

Thursday - March 23, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Vanderheiden Fmly †

Friday - March 24, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Elodie Picou †

Saturday - March 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Wells and Mary Gallard †

Sunday - March 26, 2017

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

9:00 a.m. - Ruby Pollard and Suzette Butler †

11:00 a.m. - Patrick Gillard †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;

Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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.



The Well Known Encounter

In today's Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus' followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob's Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.

However, Jesus told her that He could give her "living water." At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed "alive" as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called "living water." Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans "He told me everything I ever did." That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.

Father Jim

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday - March 22nd

- * **Rel. Ed.** Classes for K-5th, 5:30-6:30 pm
- * **JR/HS Rel. Ed.**, 6th thru 8th, 6:45-8:00 pm
- * **First Communion** Parent's meeting, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall.
- * **Baptismal** Preparation Class, 7:00 p.m., Religious Education Building.

Thursday - March 23rd

- * **R.C.I.A.**, Rel. Ed. Bldg., 6:30 p.m.

Friday - March 24th

- * **Stations**, St. Mary - 6 pm; St. Martin - 6 pm
- * **KC Fish Fry**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., St. Mary Hall.

Sunday - March 26th

- * **Sunday Rosary**, 8:15 a.m., St. Martin dePorres.
- * **St. Martin Children's** Mass, 9:00 a.m., covered dish following in Parish Hall.
- * **Sunday Rosary**, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary.
- * **RCIC** (student's 5th-10th grades) Parent meeting, 6:00 p.m., Religious Education Building.



THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side.

These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.

LENTEN MISSION - "60 Minutes for Jesus"

St. Mary and St. Martin dePorres Parishes

Presenter: Rev. Jim Sichko

Fr. Jim Sichko is a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, KY. In February of 2016, Pope Francis commissioned Fr. Jim as one of his Papal Missionaries of Mercy of which there are only 1000 in the world, 100 in the United States. Fr. Jim uses real lives experiences and ties those experiences into the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Known for his presentations entitle "60 minutes for Jesus", each talk is geared for all in a family household with no exceptions.

Sunday, April 2nd through Tuesday, April 4th

To be held at St. Mary's Church in Fannett

Lenten Mission 2017 begins each evening at 6:30 p.m.

Penance Service will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Reach out to someone and bring a friend!

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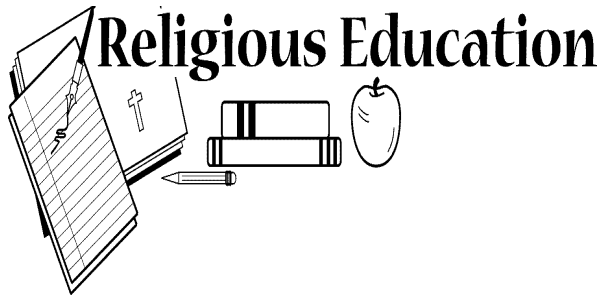
The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

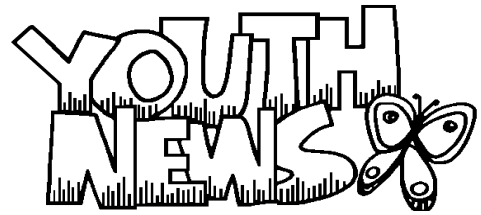
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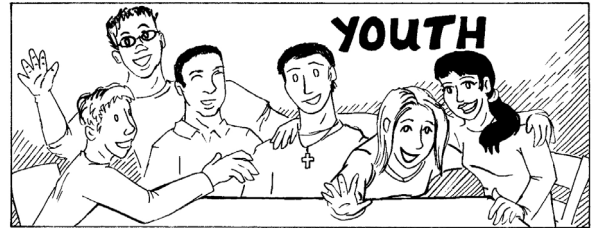


Religious Education



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.



FIRST COMMUNION

There is a First Communion Parents meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd at St. Mary's Parish Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for Pre-School 4 year olds and Grades K-5th will be held Sunday, July 9th through Thursday, July 13th. Adults, you love VBS?? You love watching kids faces light up as they play and pray together? WE NEED YOU. It takes teamwork to reach the top!! Adult Volunteer Meeting: Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Conference classroom. Please make plans to attend. Station workbooks will be handed out.



ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

ST. MARTIN CHILDREN'S MASS

St. Martin dePorres Children's Mass will be held Sunday, March 26th during the 9:00 a.m. mass. A covered dish lunch will follow in the St. Martin's Parish Hall.

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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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!!!

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

An evening of quiet prayer and song will be held Sunday, March 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 North Major Drive in Beaumont. We invite you to a prayer service of scripture, reflection and meditative music in the style of the ecumenical monastic community in Taize, France founded in 1940. The liturgy is a simple worship service, serving to quiet our inmost being. There is repetition in the words of the music and chants. There are periods of silence and all the readings are read slowly, so all may experience a deep, quiet growth in their hearts. There we learn to be still in the presence of God and listen to God's voice. Open to all free of charge. To register, please call 409-899-5617.

ALTAR SOCIETY GARAGE SALE

St. Mary's Altar Society will be having their Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. As you begin your spring cleaning, please remember our organization will be accepting donations of household goods, shoes, hats and scarves. No clothing please. The Altar Society depends upon this garage sale as their only fund-raiser and depend upon you and your family, friends and neighbors to make it a success. We will begin accepting donations of items to sell on Monday, April 3rd. Please contact Annetta Craigen at 409-794-2934 or 409-673-4050 or Sonja McInnis at 409-794-9017 to arrange for pick up of light items. If no answer, please leave a message. Please hold heavier items until Friday, April 28th when they can be delivered to the Parish Hall. Thank you in advance for all you can do to make our Garage Sale a huge success.

2017 BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL

St. Mary

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| Pledges Received | \$49,695.00 |
| Payments Received: | \$ 8,145.00 |
| # of Pledges | 99 |
| # of Households | 682 |

St. Martin dePorres

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| Pledges Received: | \$ 9,265.00 |
| Payments Received: | \$ 1,750.00 |
| # of Pledges: | 25 |
| # of Households | 104 |

MOBIL APP

Have you heard about our Smart Phone App for both parishes???? Download our new St. Mary and St. Martin dePorres Mobile App. With this App you can receive Parish News, Follow Daily Readings and Read the Bulletin. To download for iPhone Users Text: stsmarymartin1 to 555888 or Android Users Text: stsmarymartin2 to 555888. To learn more, please visit our parish Web Site at www.stmaryandstmartin.com

THANK YOU

St. Martin's Mardi Gras fund-raiser profited \$1,386.00. Thank you to all the cooks, servers and for the people who worked with the Mardi Gras. Great job!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | Third Sunday of Lent |
| Monday: | St. Joseph; Spring begins |
| Thursday: | St. Toribio de Mogrovejo |
| Friday: | Abstinence |
| Saturday: | The Annunciation of the Lord |

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We will have Parish Council elections April 29-30. If you would like to nominate a qualified parishioner or even nominate yourself for the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Mary or St. Martin dePorres, please fill out the form located on the entrance table and return to the Parish Office no later than 12 noon on Thursday, April 20th.