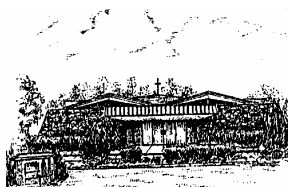


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ST. MARY MASS SCHEDULE:

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.

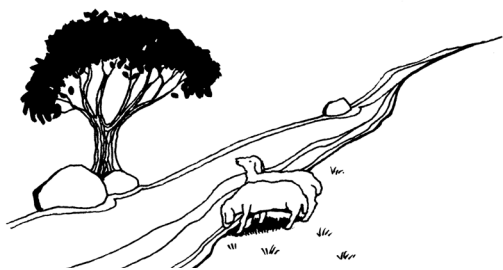
RECONCILIATION: Saturdays, 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment only.

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want..

Psalm 23:1

Mass Intentions For The Week



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 and Rosario Seale †

Monday - March 27, 2017

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

Tuesday - March 28, 2017

6:00 p.m. - NO MASS †

Wednesday - March 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. - George and Tina Aubey †

Thursday - March 30, 2017

8:30 a.m. - L.T. and Betty LeBlanc †

Friday - March 31, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Tina Aubey †

Saturday - April 1, 2017

5:00 p.m. - Harry Stuart †

Sunday - April 2, 2017

7:00 a.m. - Tincie Grammier †

9:00 a.m. - Mary Lemelle †

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

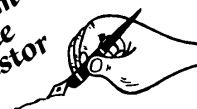
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 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.

From
the
Pastor



Seeking the Light

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle.

Isaiah the prophet had predicted “The eyes of blind will be opened” (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the “eyes of the blind will be opened” has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus’ saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, “Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord’s place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, “Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God.”

Father Jim

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday - March 29th

- * **Rel. Ed.** Classes for K-5th, 5:30-6:30 pm
- * **JR/HS Rel. Ed.**, 6th thru 8th, 6:45-8:00 pm

Thursday - March 30th

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

Friday - March 31st

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

Sunday - April 2nd

- * **Sunday Rosary**, 8:15 a.m., St. Martin dePorres.
- * **Sunday Rosary**, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary.
- * **Lenten Mission**, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church.



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.

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

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!

LIGHT AND SHADOW

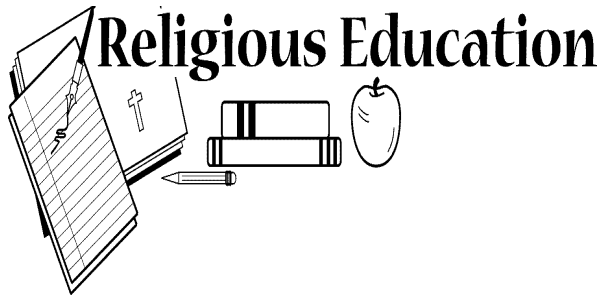
In faith there is enough light for those
who want to believe and enough shadows to
blind those who don't.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

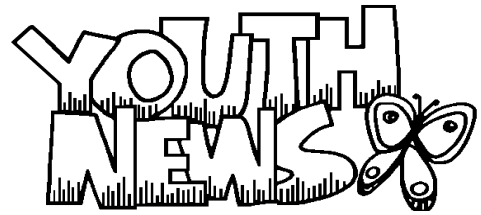
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John Delafosse
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Noelle Fredieu
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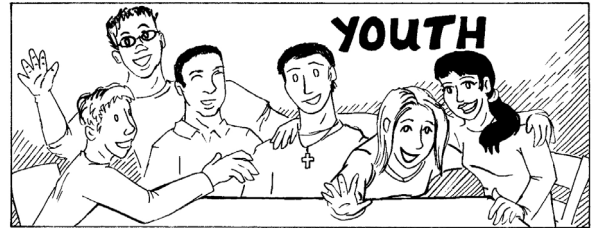


Religious Education



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.



YOUTH CONVENTION

This weekend kicks off our Wall of Support Fundraiser for the Youth of our parishes to attend the 51st Diocesan Youth Convention in Houston! The "wall" will be located in the Church foyer. It displays 200 envelopes decorated by the youth labeled \$1 to \$200. Inside each envelope is prayer for our youth attending the Convention in June. Supporters will pick an envelope based on how much they would like to donate and return the envelope with their donation in the regular collection baskets, return to the youth office or mail back to the church. Supporters will hold on to your prayer card and use it to pray for the youth leading up to the convention and during the convention. All donations, no matter how humble or grand, can make a difference! Our goal is to help send 50 youth to convention. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

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.



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

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!!!



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

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

St. Martin dePorres

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

**H-F 2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Hamshire-Fannett Elementary will be registering students entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year on Wednesday, April 5th - Friday, April 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Elementary Office. Students must be five on or before Sept. 1, 2017.

BISHOP GUILLORY PASTORAL LETTER

Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D., Bishop of Beaumont, has written a Pastoral Letter to the faithful, the religious and the clergy of the Diocese of Beaumont. The Pastoral Letter "Looking Back in Thanksgiving-Looking forward in Hope" offers a context of our diocese's development since it was established 50 years ago, in September 1966. Within that context the bishop focuses our attention on the current and long-term shortage of priests for sacramental and pastoral care in our parishes and missions. In the Pastoral Letter facts and data are made available for your consideration. The bishop presents a challenge for your understanding, patience, and indispensable collaboration as we, the Catholic Christian community, adjust to the reality of declining numbers of priests and the immediate impact this fact is having on the pastoral ministry of the church. The Pastoral Letter is available in the current issue of the East Texas Catholic, and is available on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofbmt.org, through the convenience of an icon. I strongly urge you to read the Pastoral Letter and discuss the contents with your family.