



SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

- 1) Numbers 6:22-27
- 2) Galatians 4:4-7
- 3) Luke 2:16-21

FOCUS: The Blessed Virgin Mary is the holy Mother of God, and our spiritual mother.

Today, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (CCC 495). So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our spiritual mother.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the reading from Numbers, God gives Moses the blessing that Aaron and his sons are to use in blessing the Israelites. The reading from Galatians reveals how God sent his Son to be born of a woman so that we might all be children of God. In the Gospel, shepherds arrive in Bethlehem after being told by an angel that a Savior has been born.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF DECEMBER 17-18

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,235.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 529.00
On-line giving.....	\$ 445.00
Total.....	\$9,209.00

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Emily Janak	573-1874
Altar Society	Stella Silva	550-0387
Baptism Prep.	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Bereavement Group	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
Vacation Bible School	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
Disciples on the Journey	Pam Fanelli	578-1145
Festival Committee Chairs	Kevin & Joan Pfister	576-9638
Funeral Meals	Adele Donalson	573-4455
Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Marriage Prep Foccus	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Natural Family Planning	Annie & David Coffey	579-8464
Adoration Chapel	Germaine Wearden	235-1812
Quilters	Jo Ann Bone	578-7629
RCIA	Sr. Frances Cabrini	573-5304
Religious Education	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Rentals	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
St. Vincent De Paul Society	Faye Culak	649-0614
Wedding Coordinator	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Weekly Rosary & Divine Mercy Cenacle	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #369 will meet on Monday, January 2, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prayer will precede the meeting at 6:10. Special business to be conducted includes the election of delegates to the State Convention, and the annual shower for the Gabriel Project. Start the new year by becoming a new member in one of the leading organizations for Catholic women!

2017 Festival Update-MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDARS

2-12-17 ST. MARY'S FESTIVAL

Our church welcomes and invites all Parish members and all Family and Friends to our 2017 Festival. **Be sure to ask your family and friends during this Christmas season to mark their calendars as well.** We would like the festival to be a special occasion for you, your family and friends to enjoy food, fun, relaxation, visiting and maybe even find that special item to purchase as a gift or for you. We welcome all donations to the Festival.



The Quarterly Bunco Party hosted by the Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017, from 9:30am to Noon. It will be held at St. Peter's Parish Hall. A free lunch will be served, and game prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

Please invite a friend, and enjoy visiting with the ladies from our five local Catholic Churches.

For information and reservations contact Olivia Blanchard at 570-7107; Ginger Wagner at 550-6444, or Betty Frederick at 573-5850

The Rectory will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. If you need a priest please call the rectory.

St Mary's Altar Society will be attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Jan. 8 a.m. for all members, living and deceased. Following the Mass the Altar Society would like to provide a meal for the Parish. There is no charge and everyone is invited. At this time the Altar Society will be collecting donations of baby items for the Gabriel Project. The menu will be Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Salad and many luscious home baked desserts provided by Altar Society Members. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship.

Benefit Dinner for Missionary Catechist of the Scared Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Sunday, January 15, 2017

CWV Hall -1007 S. Main Street

Victoria, Texas 77901

Carne Guisada Dinner -\$9.00 per plate

Time: 10am to 2pm -Live Auction starting at 11:45am

Please join in supporting the work of our Sisters



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

LECTORS

Saturday, Jan. 7
5:00 p.m. Denise Bednroz
Sunday, Jan. 8
8:00 a.m. Shane Morris
10:30 a.m. Clem Cantu

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, Jan. 7
5:00 p.m. Henry Schramek, Carmen Galvan, Emily Migl
Sunday, Jan. 8
8:00 a.m. Geraldine Jurica, David & Beatriz Johnson
10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brewer, Kevin & Joan Pfister

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, Jan. 7
5:00 p.m. Anthony & Gabby Galvan
Sunday, Jan. 8
8:00 a.m. Mariah, Alexa & Ginna Morris
10:30 a.m. Jason Hernandez, Andrew & Matthew Barton, Eduardo Rodriguez

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, Jan. 7
5:00 p.m. Steve & Lorraine Hebert, Larry & Linda Luna
Sunday, Jan. 8
8:00 a.m. Roy Jurica, Loyd & Georgia West, Leslie Smolik,
10:30 a.m. Beverly Fox, Greg Brewer, Linda Cantu, Carolyn McConnell

PARISH CHOIR: regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church.

QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER will not meet this week.

Altar Care for January will be - Geraldine Jurica

Grief Group: An on-going Grief Group meets at Holy Family Catholic Church, in the Conference Room, at 7:00 pm, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Before attending please call Sharon at 578-7572.

Class Time: 6:00 - 7:15 pm January 11, 18, 25

2017 CALENDARS

Calendars compliments of, Brown's Air Conditioning Co., Ideal Aluminum Siding and Roofing Co., Texas Drive Inn, Margie Neumann, and Arlon & Patricia Zamzow and Anchor Lumber Yard, Inc. and will be available at all Masses this weekend. We would like to say a Big Thank You to these very generous people! Please pick up only one per Family

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Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve

7:00 †James Zimmerhanzel Family
5:00 †Josephine Sala

Sunday, January 1, 2017, New Year's Day

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Raymond Leita (ANNIV)

Monday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 †Evelyn Heibel
12:05 †Thomas M. O'Connor

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 †Delois Kilgore
12:05 †Irene Heibel

Wednesday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 †Bohumil Smolka
9:30 †Helen McCumber - La Villa Nursing Home
12:05 Rae Culak

Thursday, January 5, Saint John Neumann

6:30 †George Smajstrla
12:05 †William P. Murphy

Friday, January 6

6:30 †Thomas M. O'Connor
12:05 †Kay Mahurin

Saturday, January 7

7:00 †Mary Ann Janacek
5:00 †Otto Kalischko (ANNIV)

Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Society

RCIA (the Rite CCD NEWS: of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The sessions are held in the AV Room of St. Mary's Activity Center from 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
December 21, 2016-Jan. 3, 2017--Christmas and New Year Holidays.

