



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- SOLEMNITY

- 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
- 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
- 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: God lavishes upon

us gifts beyond our merit.

Today's readings demonstrate the gratuitous nature of God's love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts – our faith, hope and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the prophet reminds Israel that God's glory will shine on them. They will be a people to be admired by nations and kings. Saint Paul recounts for the Ephesians that Gentiles are co-heirs and co-partners in the promise of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. The Gospel recounts the Magi's visit to pay homage to the newborn baby Jesus.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF DECEMBER 24-25

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,036.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 1,507.46
On-line giving.....	\$ 750.00
Total.....	\$9,293.46

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
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Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Marriage Prep Foccus	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
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Adoration Chapel	Germaine Wearden	235-1812
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RCIA	Sr. Frances Cabrini	573-5304
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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

Saint Pio Prayer Group will meet the second Saturday of January with Mass at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel followed by prayers in St. Mary's Activity Center AV Room. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited

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

The **Baptismal** class will be held on Sun. Jan. 15 from 2-5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Call the office to pre-register by noon on the Friday. Before the Sunday of the class

2017 Festival Update-MARK YOUR 2017 CALENDARS

2-12-17 ST. MARY'S FESTIVAL

The next meeting will be on Mon. Jan. 23 at 7:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.

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

St Mary's Altar Society will be attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass today, which will be 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. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship. **The St. Mary's Altar** invites you and your family to the Activity Center after 8:00 a.m. on Jan. 15 for coffee, juice, fruit doughnuts and fellowship.

PLEASE JOIN US!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE DIGNITY OF LIFE!!

2017 Candlelight March – Thursday, January 26, 2017 beginning at De Leon Plaza at 7:00 and proceeding to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Main speaker will be State Representative Geanie W. Morrison. Pro-Life groups in attendance and short presentation are: The Victoria Gabriel Project, Knights of Columbus, Crisis Pregnancy of Victoria, and St. Gianna Pro-Life Group. Robert Seale is Master of Ceremonies and others involved in the organization this year are: Bernie Seale, Barbara Williams, and the Knights of Columbus. There are lots of other individuals who have participated to make this year a SUCCESS for LIFE!



Thank you St. Mary's Parishioners, for your kind and generous donations so that we can help other throughout the whole year. The ministry of St. Vincent DePaul strives to reach as many people we can with the generous donations we receive. This year was very busy with an increase of new clients weekly. In the month of

November we helped 90 families, 310 individuals and assisted with 11 utilities. In December we assisted 67 families, 228 individuals with 6 utilities and 1 lodging. Our prayers have been answered. We have been blessed with four new volunteers, Mr. Bobby Baca, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Luna and Mr. Benny Menchaca. We are always looking for volunteers, if you would like to assist us in anyway please call Faye Culak, at 649-0614 Please know that your gift is working each day to help your struggling neighbors overcome hardship, one person at a time

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LECTORS

Saturday, Jan. 14
 5:00 p.m. Emily Janak
 Sunday, Jan. 15
 8:00 a.m. Diana Pagel
 10:30 a.m. David Janca

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, Jan. 14
 5:00 p.m. Becky Coleman, Mary Ann Innocenti, Joan Saski, Judy Jabbour
 Sunday, Jan. 15
 8:00 a.m. Silver & Emily Garza, Loyd & Georgia West
 10:30 a.m. Bertha McDowell, Clem Cantu, Lucinda Cavazos, Dee Garza

MASS SERVERS

Saturday, Jan. 14
 5:00 p.m. Tyler & Tanner Coleman
 Sunday, Jan. 15
 8:00 a.m. Willie & Alec Immenhauser, Luke Hernandez
 10:30 a.m. Johnna, Julie, Everett Rangnow, Ethan Elliott

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Saturday, Jan. 14
 5:00 p.m. Denise Ganier, Frank Smolka, Bobby & Barbara Baca
 Sunday, Jan. 15
 8:00 a.m. Henry Petrash, Paul Janacek, Stella Silva, David Johnson
 10:30 a.m. Dennis & Linda Lala, John Cavazos, Laszlo Nemes



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 meet on Thursday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex.

Altar Care for January will be - Geraldine Jurica

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

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
 use Orestes Romero, MD. PA. Ad



) 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

Monday, January 9, the Baptism of the Lord
 6:30 †Gladys Leita
 12:05 †August Hermes

Tuesday, January 10
 6:30 †Mary Ann Otto
 12:05 †Margaret Frances LeJune

Wednesday, January 11
 6:30 †Noreen Pfister
 12:05 †Luella Mueller

Thursday, January 12
 6:30 †Marjorie Lyssy
 8:10 †Fankie Drozd, Sr. - Nazareth Academy Children's Liturgy
 12:05 †Mary Haas

Friday, January 13
 6:30 †Arlene Goldman McKinney
 12:05 †Fred Buckert

Saturday, January 14
 7:00 †Sharon West Bauer
 5:00 †Jalayne Tupa

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 People of the Parish
 10:30 †Gaylon Duncan

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.
 Tuesday, January 10, 2017, (ch. 4) Mary the Mother of God, DVD presentation.
 Tuesday, January 17, 2017 , Moral decision making.
 Tuesday, January 24, 2017, (ch. 8)The Communion of Saints, (DVD presentation.)
 Tuesday, January 31, 2017--Confirmation, ch., 9-Prayer and the life of the Spirit.

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.

