

# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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## SAINT MARY CHURCH

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### CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.



**ST. MARY PARISH**

**FAMILY**

**FUN DAY**

**Save the Date**

**Sunday September 28, 2025**

Sunday,  
September 28

11:00 am-3:00 pm

At the Parish Hall  
& Grounds

Games, Food,  
Music, Prizes &  
Lots of fun!

We Can't Wait  
To See You  
There

### Altar Server Training

Altar Server training for new people will be held on Sunday, September 21st after the 10 a.m. Mass. Requirements are that you must have completed the Third Grade and received First Communion. Training forms can be found in the entrance of the Church by the sign in book for more detail information.

**St. Mary Youth Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Youth Director, Patricia Daleo 409-656-9259**



### *Please Pray for Service Men & Women*

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomasse, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes. Brenden Fenter, Braelyn Fenter, Blaycie Fenten

## GOOD NEWS

**More than anything, we want to be wanted.** As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

—James Field

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, September 20 4:30 p.m.**  
 +Florence & Ben Thompson  
 Clarisse & Phillip Thomspson

**Sunday, September 21, 10:00 a.m.**  
 St. Mary Parish Family

**Tuesday, September 23, 5:00 p.m.**  
 Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service  
 +W.J. "Jack" Couvillion

**Wednesday, September 24, 8:30 a.m.**  
 +Peggy McKenna

**Thursday, September 25, 8:30 a.m.**  
 +"Red" Bellair

**Friday, September 26, 8:30 a.m.**  
 (Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)

+James & +Yvonne Guidry

**Saturday, September 27, 4:30 p.m.**  
 +Genevieve LeBlanc  
 +Harvey DuBois

**Sunday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.**  
 St. Mary Parish Family



**PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....**

**It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.**

Beth Ann Clark, Shirley Goss, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrooke, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burleson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolfford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**

**September 21—27**

**Wednesday**

Religious Education Classes begins 5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.  
 PreK —8th grade . High School 6:30— 7:30 p.m.  
 Soup Kitchen serves at 11:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Mark your Calendars for October 5th  
 Knights of Columbus BBQ**

**ST. MARY**

**September 13—14**

ENVELOPES.....	\$	6,133.00
LOOSE.....	\$	1,042.00
TOTAL.....	\$	7,175.00

**Thank you for your continued support**

**September 20—21**

**Flowers  
 Blessed Sacrament**  
 Blessing for all of our Parish

**Blessed Mother Altar**  
 For our Mothers  
 from Mel & Shirley Swoboda

**September 21—27**

**Chapel Sanctuary**  
 Manuel Lopez

Scripture Readings  
 For the Week of September 21, 2025

- Sunday**            **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
- Monday**            Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday**           **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday**      Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday**          Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday**              Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday**          **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,13; Lk 9:43b-45

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