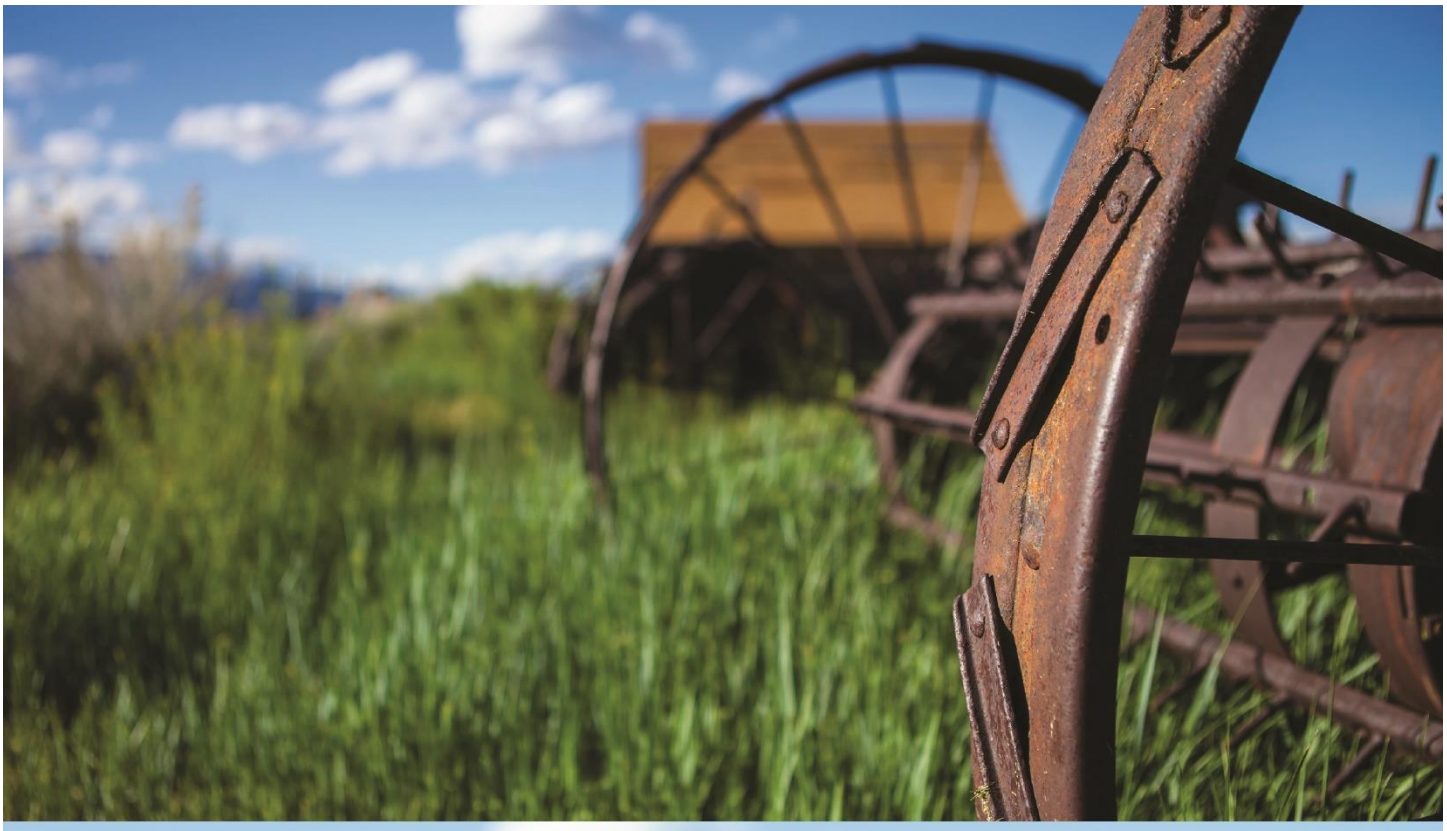

No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.

LUKE 9:62

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2022

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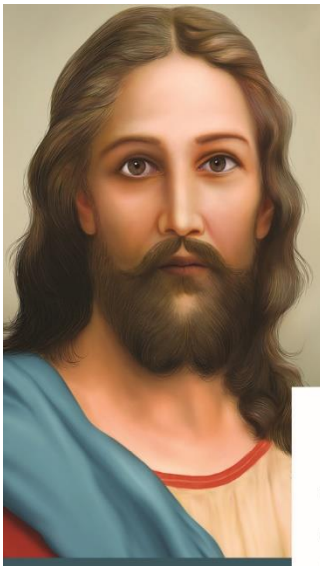

JESUS ANSWERED HIM,

"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man
has nowhere to rest his head."

Luke 9:58

June 26, 2022

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALLED BY GOD

We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God's call in Elijah's greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

FOLLOW

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person's heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before him. Each of us experiences Christ's call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

BE READY

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to him and to God's way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what he most deeply desires is that we be close to him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready to follow him, what would he see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would he perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to him say, "Follow me." Prayerfully place your life in the Lord's hands and be ready to follow.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:16b, 19–21
Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11
Galatians 5:1, 13–18
Luke 9:51–62

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Weekly Mass Intentions
Saturday, June 25
7:30 pm…Estela Carranza, Jesus Gomez, Evaristo & Maria Morales, and Ismael Morales (RIP)

Weekly Parish Activities
Sunday, June 26
St. Mary
9:00 am……..……...……...Holy Mass
Our Lady of Guadalupe
10:30 am……....…….……...Holy Mass
Sacred Heart
11:30 am…….…….Holy Mass
St. Brendan
5:00 pm…….……...……...Holy Mass
Monday, June 27
8:00 am…...…..……Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
Tuesday, June 28
8:00 am……...Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
Wednesday, June 29
6:30 pm…….…....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
Thursday, June 30
8:00 am…….…...Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
6:00 pm……...Rosary (St. Brendan)
Friday, July 1
8:00 am…….…...Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
5-7:00 pm……...Adoration (St. Brendan)
Saturday, July 2
5:00 pm...…….....Holy Mass (St. Brendan)
7:30 pm…..…..….....Santa Misa (St. Mary)

Confessions are 30 minutes before every Mass daily and weekend Mass

- **Upcoming Second Collections:**
  - **June 25-26 Peter's Pence**

- All parishes have reached their ADA goal, thank you to all who have contributed!
- On **Friday June 24 at 7pm**, there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a meal provided afterwards, all are invited to come!
- 1st Thursday Rosary will be on **June 30th** at 6pm.
- 1st Friday Adoration will be on **July 1st** from 5-7pm.
- Liturgical Ministry Formation: All St. Mary 9:00am Mass Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers (new and returning) will gather at St. Mary's Monday, **August 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm**.
- SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, August 21st** will be our 20th Anniversary Celebration of the "NEW" St. Mary Church!
- GUARDAR LA FECHA: **¡Domingo 21 de agosto** será nuestra celebración del aniversario del 20 años de la "NUEVA" iglesia de Sta María
- St. Mary Religious Education: Registration for classes will begin the first week of August, and Family Interviews (First Communion, Confirmation, and RICA) will begin the second week of August. Our Catechist In-Service will be Sunday, August 28th and classes will begin on Sunday, September 11th. Anyone wishing to help teach a class, please let Karen Harper, 254.485.0567, know soon…and make sure you are current in your Safe Environment Certification! Thank you!
- Educación religiosa de St. Mary: La inscripción para las clases comenzará la primera semana de agosto y las entrevistas familiares (primera comunión, confirmación y RICA) comenzarán la segunda semana de agosto. Nuestro servicio de catequistas será el domingo 28 de agosto y las clases comenzarán el domingo 11 de septiembre. Cualquiera que desee ayudar a enseñar una clase, por favor comuníqueselo pronto a Karen Harper, 254.485.0567... ¡y asegúrese de estar al día con su Certificación de Ambiente Seguro! ¡Gracias!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Giving: During this challenging time, we depend on donations to keep our parish family going. Please take advantage of online giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbrendanscc.org and click Donate Now-Online Giving. **Prefer Mail?** Make check payable to your parish and mail to 1444 W. Washington St. Stephenville, TX 76401

THE 2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL ENDS THIS THURSDAY JUNE 30th. If you made pledges to this year's appeal, **please send your last payment in before Thursday**. Due to your generosity, the Advancement Foundation of the Diocese of Fort Worth has awarded over $500,000 in grants to our four parishes in the last six years. Grant applications for 2022-23 totaling over $150,000 have been made by our four parishes. Through this annual campaign, the Diocese funds programs and ministries for the nearly one million Catholics it serves in 90 parishes and missions throughout the 28 counties it serves.

As 06-23-22

St. Mary's…44 donors…Goal $16,700 Committed $20,145 (121%) Paid…$20,065 **(120%)**

Sacred Heart…25 donors…Goal $6300 Committed…$9297 (148%) Paid…$9297 **(148%)**

Our Lady of Guadalupe…22 donors…Goal $6000 Committed…$7241 (121%) Paid…$7081 **(118%)**

St. Brendan's…39 donors…Goal $18,000 Committed…$19,285 (107%) Paid…$18,725 **(104%)**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT/*AMBIENTE SEGURO*: Want to serve in a ministry? This is where to start! ALL volunteers in ALL ministries in ALL FOUR parishes MUST be current in their Safe Environment Certification. The following sessions will be held at St. Mary's/***¿Quieres servir en un ministerio? ¡Aquí es donde empezar!*** *TODOS los voluntarios en TODOS los ministerios en TODAS LAS CUATRO parroquias DEBEN estar al día en su Certificación de Ambiente Seguro. Las siguientes sesiones se llevarán a cabo en Sta María:*

--Sesión inicial para nuevos voluntarios (PGC-3.0 horas), 2pm-5pm, domingo el 31 de julio

--Sesión de renovación (Renewal KPA-1.5 horas), 6:30pm-8:00pm, miércoles el 3 de agosto

--Initial session for new volunteers (PGC-3.0 hours), 9:00am-Noon, Saturday, August 6th

--Renewal session (renewal KPA-1.5 hours), 1:30pm-3:00pm, Saturday, August 6th

You must pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org New volunteers must set up their profile on Virtus in order to register for and get credit for attending a class. While scrolling through the session options, you will find ZOOM sessions ("z_other" for location). Attendance at a ZOOM session or a LIVE session at another parish is also acceptable to meet the requirement. *Debe registrarse previamente en línea en www.virtusonline.org Los nuevos voluntarios deben configurar su perfil en Virtus para registrarse y obtener crédito por asistir a una clase. Mientras se desplaza por las opciones de sesión, encontrará sesiones de ZOOM ("z_other" para ubicación). La asistencia a una sesión de ZOOM o una sesión EN VIVO en otra parroquia también es aceptable para cumplir con el requisito.*

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Chuck & Kathryn Schneider, Jeanne, Anni Albano, Edie Jeanes, Bertha Flores, Paul & Jami Dominguez, Patrick, Jessica, Cornelia and Eleanor DeJong, Andy, Heronema Family, Mike Hill, Charles Soileau, Duncan Riley, Virginia Orthel, Bill Luther, Tommy Jones, Trent Gay, James E Lewis, Rebekah, Bob Haschke & family, Brandon Barker, Afelia Cadena, Jason Landry, Teresa Esquivel Garnicia, Sadie, Kendall Osman, Vicky Flores, Carol Caibaiosai, Julietta Landeros-Caibaiosai, Arturo Steve Rodriguez, Albert & Sandra Olivan, Freddy Pulido, Shiloh Family, JoAnn, Bill Svadlenka, Acuña family, Madeline, Mark, Wendi, Kristina, Maria Cruz, Pelletier Family, Richard Petronis, Lou Hinzman, Bill O'Neal, Bole Family, Jody Cornell, Neide Gonsalves, Jackie Demetruk, Natal Mello, Poplin family, Carl Volleman, John McCarthy, Irma Lopez, Mack McCormick, Ann Blair, Paulette Jones, Amanda Nicholson, Rudy Guerrero, Nursing Home Patients, all the homebound, elderly and ill, and for all the souls in purgatory.

To add to or update the prayer list, please notify the office or Mike Coggins.

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