



St. Mary OF THE Expectation

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:30 PM Live & Streamed
Sunday | 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM
Monday | 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. John Rooney, OP (Gal/Hous)
Pastor
Deacon George Blanford
Deacon Russ Carroll
Deacon Fritz Claydon
Deacon Andy DeYoung

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-K Through 8th Grade
281-332-4014 | stmarylc.org

Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM
Thursday | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Location: In the church

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office or visit our website for forms.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office for a marriage packet and information.

Communion for the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

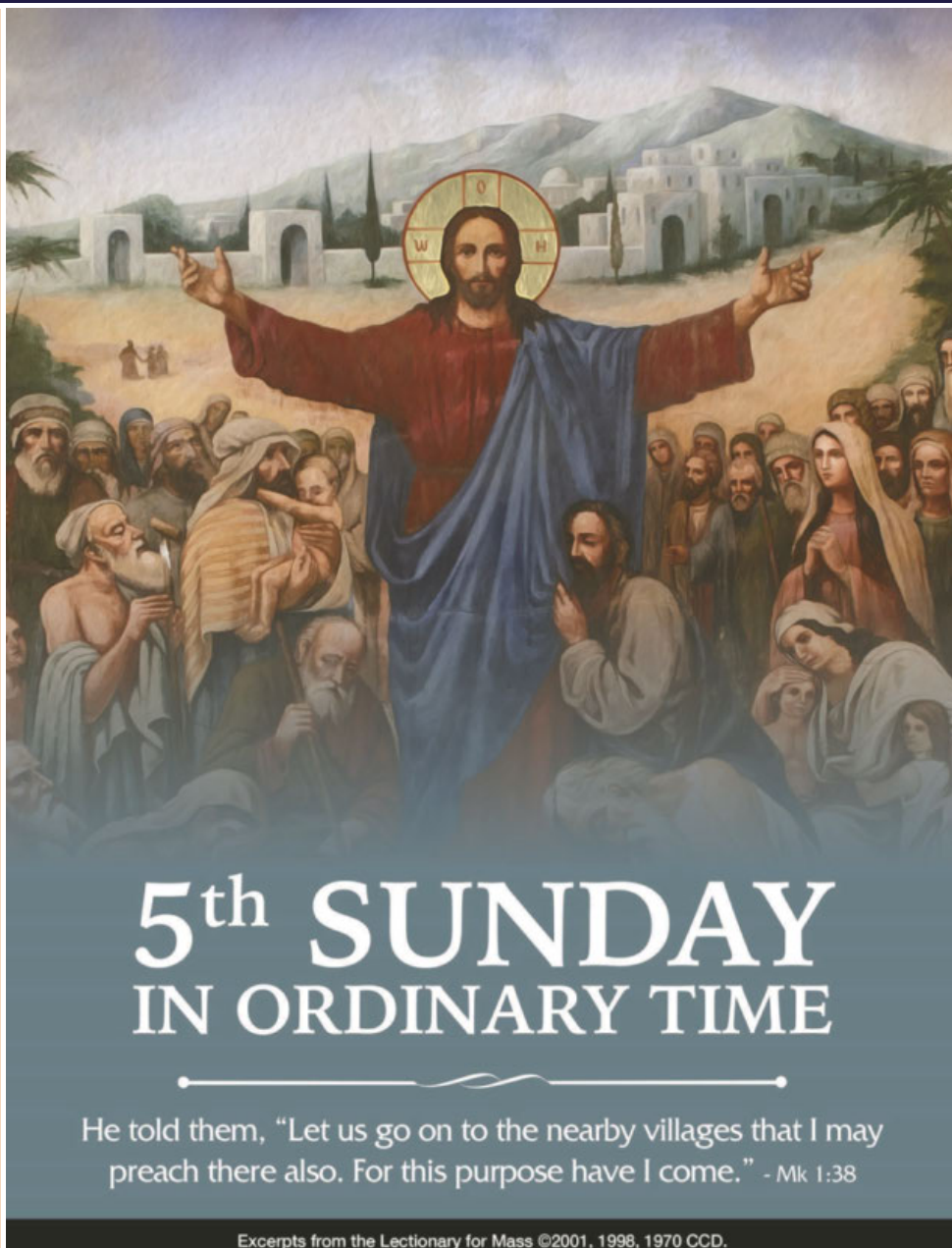
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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fri | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ministry Office Hours

Elementary FF | Youth Ministry |
RCIA Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3, 2024
4:30 PM - Ida Arreola †

Sunday, February 4, 2024
8:30 AM - People of the Parish
10:15 AM - Ricky LeBlanc †
12:00 PM - Michael Thut †

Monday, February 5, 2024
7:00 PM - Fabern Cossey †

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
8:30 AM - Edith Sabatier †

Thursday, February 8, 2024
8:30 AM - Corey Philips †

Friday, February 9, 2024
8:30 AM - James Merta †

Saturday, February 10, 2024
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

Sunday, February 11, 2024
8:30 AM - Ken Olanyk †
10:15 AM - Zeng Fan Qiong †
12:00 PM - Gloria Roberts †
† deceased

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Les a Gaffey, Bernard Roan,
Bessilyn Piazza, Carol Base,
Harold Kingham, August Bishop,
Elroy Bishop, Kaylee Klyng,
Cindy Johnson, Shauna
Billingsley • Charles Brady,
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Salinas, Judy Duran, Sheri
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Bobrowski • London Dialas,
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Wayne Wright, Jimmy Sissom,
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Demus, Joe Arena • Kayla Sabin,
Paul Pratt, Jayden Salinas, Fidela
Salinas, Anita Cegelski, Herb
Phelan, Eric Brug • • •

PARISH CALENDAR

MON 5	Yoga Young Adults	9:00 AM 7:00-8:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Luke/John
TUES 6	Bible Timeline Study Legion of Mary Knights of Columbus RCIA	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30-8:00 PM 7:00-9:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Gabriel Cargill Hall Luke/John
WED 7	Yoga RCIC-Year 1 K-5 Faith Formation	9:00 AM 5:45-7:00 PM 6:00-7:15 PM	Matthew/Mark Cargill Hall School Building
THURS 8	Women’s Study Bible Timeline Study	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30-8:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Matthew/Mark
FRI 9			
SAT 10			
SUN 11			

READINGS FOR THE WEEK ALTAR FLOWERS

Monday
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10-11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

This week’s flowers were
donated in honor of the
marriage of
Stephen Balbuena &
Aspen Truman.



SILENT PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request or
would like to be a Prayer Warrior
for the group, please call Gary at
281-332-1303.

DSF SPOTLIGHT: 2024 KICK-OFF WEEKEND



We are the Lord's

This week, we invite the Faithful to prayerfully consider giving to DSF and bring Christ to those in our parish communities, in our neighborhoods, in our towns, and throughout the Archdiocese. Through your generosity, you will live out our Faith in an authentic and inspiring way.

www.archgh.org/dsf

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT →



This weekend, we kick off our 2024 campaign to support the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). Follow the link below to pray with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for this year's DSF campaign.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=iTxhF6HBTOW

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to register as a parishioner or update your existing information with the parish, call the office or visit our website's 'New to the Parish' section. We are excited you are here!

BULLETIN REQUESTS

To receive the bulletin by email or to submit items for consideration to be printed in the bulletin, send an email to bulletin@saintmcc.org with your request. All information must be submitted 10 days before the Sunday you would like to be included.

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Deacon
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Director of Elementary Faith Formation
Director of Youth Ministry
Director of Adult Faith Formation
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Coordinator of 1st Communion/Reconciliation

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

January 28, 2024	
Regular Collection.....	\$20,593.20
Faith Direct.....	\$14,133.65
Subtotal.....	\$34,726.85
Budgeted Weekly.....	\$31,319.61
Difference.....	\$3,407.24

SPECIAL COLLECTION

January 28, 2024	
The Church in Latin America.....	\$5,165.71

ONLINE GIVING

We are always thankful for your contributions in whatever way you choose to give.

Our online giving options, either one-time or recurring, can be found at www.saintmcc.org/give or by scanning the QR code.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPECT LIFE



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for post-abortion healing on the weekend of February 23-25. This retreat is part of Project Rachel's ministry. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-440-3443 or email at jdumalet@archgh.org.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are looking for good Catholic gentleman age 18 and over to become members of St. Mary Knights of Columbus council 9310.

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For further information contact Rene Garza at (363)215-8958 or rene.garza@hotmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life as you grieve a loved one. We know it hurts and we want to help. Our group here at St. Mary of the Expectation meets weekly to help and encourage each other after the loss of a loved one.



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

February 21 - May 29
(Please see the leader for scheduled days off.)

Registration:

www.saintmcc.org/grief-support

BAY AREA DEANERY - WOMEN'S GATHERING

Women of the Bay Area Deanery are invited to a special gathering hosted by the Bay Area Deanery Catholic Council for Women at our parish. Enrich your Lenten journey with the slaying of the 7 deadly sins! Learn why these sins are deadly and how to defeat them with the seven lively virtues.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Location: Annunciation Hall

Speaker: Diana Pombier

For more information, contact Marilyn at yodalnoz@comcast.net or 713-412-8559.

THIS WEEKEND

FOLLOWING
SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:15 AM MASSES
IN CARGILL HALL



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First Communion Family Festival

March 2, 2024
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Family Special Events

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 DONATION LETTERS

If you would like a tax donation letter for your 2023 contributions to the church, please call the parish office and one will be mailed to you. Thank you for your generosity. You are a blessing!

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 PM
In the church



Fish Fridays hosted by the Knights

5 PM -8 PM
Cargill Hall
Fish Plates and Cheese Pizza



Lenten Day of Prayer hosted by the Belles

Date: March 6
Guest Speakers:
Bishop Brendon Cahill & Rich May

Area Evenings of Reconciliation

See the back page of the bulletin for the schedule.

LENTEN RETREAT



Ash Wednesday Day Retreat

February 14 at the CRC
9:30AM – 1:30PM

*Includes Ash Wednesday Mass
Praying ~ Fasting ~ Almsgiving

LENTEN RETREAT



Lenten Silent Retreat

March 1-3 at the CRC
Encountering the Lord

www.retreatcentercrc.org

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Our Lenten season is just around the corner. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday, February 14, as we begin our 2024 Lenten journey together.

Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024


8:30 AM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

"For you are dust and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19


We are the Lord's



Loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, with grateful hearts we acknowledge that *We are the Lord's*. In sending your beloved Son, you made us your sons and daughters and summon us to respond in thanksgiving as we help those in need. Inspire us to give generously to the *Diocesan Services Fund*, so that the saving mission of Jesus may be continued in the world. Bless this campaign which we undertake in your name, and grant that by serving you in those most in need, we may show forth the power of Christ in all we do.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CONSIDER THIS...

"TRY TO EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF SUFFERING WHICH THE ORDER OF NATURE AND THE EXISTENCE OF FREE-WILLS INVOLVE, AND YOU FIND THAT YOU HAVE EXCLUDED LIFE ITSELF."

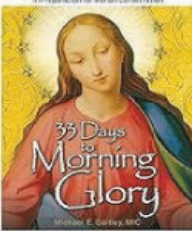
C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

Hearing from Job today in the first reading forces us to think about suffering. If you have lived, then you have encountered what some refer to as "the problem of pain." Pain doesn't distinguish between any demographic or status. It doesn't care how great a Christian you are or are not. Even Jesus suffered some of the worst emotional and physical pain humans can possibly inflict. But often times, people use the problem of pain as their justification to walk away from God, shaking their fist in the air, or at us believers, claiming that if

God was good, He wouldn't allow it. This subject matter is too extensive and important to try and cover in this little blurb. So I'll share my own summation about pain as briefly as possible: Jesus never promised that we would be free from pain or trouble. In fact, He assured us that we would indeed face trouble in the world, but do not despair, for He has overcome the world, and would always be with us (see Jn 16:33, Mt 28:20). I won't pretend that in my experiences of pain that I have never complained to God or deny the fact that I have shaken my fist at Him (more than once), asking what we all ask: *why?* But that wasn't me walking away from Him. Rather, it was a form of prayer, even if it was angry prayer, I learned that God can take it. And so it is in prayer, the Sacraments, and in one another that we find Jesus' presence and life-giving Grace in our times of trouble, walking with us, in us, and sometimes under us, just as He promised.—*Terri*

UPCOMING WOMEN'S STUDY - REGISTER NOW!

Group Retreat & Study Guide



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY - A PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

by Fr. Michael Gaitley

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9:15 - 11:15

February 15 - March 21, 2024

Register on our parish website by February 5.

For more details, contact: charlapratt@comcast.net



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CURRENT STUDIES

Registration and further details for our studies are available in the Ministry Building and on our parish website. www.saintmcc.org



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation
A 24-Part Bible Study featuring Jeff Cavins

FINAL 12 SESSIONS

TUESDAY MORNINGS

9:15 - 11:15 AM

January 16 - April 16

THURSDAY EVENINGS

6:30 - 8:30 PM

January 18 - April 18

The sessions run simultaneously with breaks in the 2nd and 4th weeks of March.

For information, contact: stlindablackwood@aol.com.

WOMEN'S STUDY

Mysteries of the Rosary Series

By *Paradisus Dei* on the Joyful



Mysteries along with meditations from Anne

MYSTERIES
of the ROSARY

Catherine Emmerich - all

which lead to a deeper encounter with our Lord in personal prayer and contemplation.

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9:15 - 11:15 AM

January 11 - February 8, 2024

For information, contact: charlapratt@comcast.net

YOUNG CHURCH MOVEMENT & FAITH FORMATION

HOT TAKE

The other day I was reading a news article about the “secular churches” which is a small movement in the western world. There are several of these “churches” in the United States. Many of these “churches” follow a similar format to that of Christian churches. For example, they sing songs together, share personal experiences (testimonies) about things going on in their life, and many of them even have readings for inspiration. My thoughts on these “churches” is that by their very existence they point to a human desire for God and community. The article itself states that these “church gatherings” are helping to fill a “need”. They fill a void for community and love that some of these participants desire. The sad part is that they are missing out on the real thing. What is love when it is separated from God who is love? What is a community if they don’t have your best interest in mind? If we divorce God from church we might as well attend a sporting event or book club weekly, as those things have the same level of community. The reason these people desire to be a part of a church is because we are made for the Church. Why? Because the Church is the vessel for us to grow closer to God which is what we were created for in the first place. Although my initial response to reading this article was sadness, as the people attending these “churches” are clearly sheep without a shepherd, I remain hopeful because they are searching for something greater. They don’t realize it, but they are searching for God and when we search, time and time again, God reveals Himself. So I pray that all people searching find Him and those who have found God seek to deepen their relationship with Him. Let us help one another in doing so, as that is what the Church is all about. God bless -David

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 4	Chosen LifeTeen	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall Annunciation Hall
FEB 5	Teen Leadership	5:00 PM	Conference Room
FEB 7	EDGE	6:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
FEB 10	Chosen Retreat	9:00 AM	CRC Dickinson
FEB 11	Chosen Retreat Continues NO Chosen NO Life Teen		CRC Dickinson

PAPAL POST

“To believe in Christ means to desire unity; to desire unity means to desire the Church; to desire the Church means to desire the communion of grace that corresponds to the Father’s plan from all eternity.”

-John Paul II



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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

WHILE YOU ARE HERE...

Parents and interested adults: Consider helping in one of the following classrooms for the remaining 5-6 classes of the year.

Sunday, 9:00 AM

Grade 3

Wednesday, 6:00 PM

Grade 1

Grade 4

You may already be here, so why not stay in out of the cold and support our good catechists? Safe Haven is required.

We would also appreciate two occasional Wednesday substitutes. This has been a tough flu and Covid season on our volunteers.

LITURGICAL CLASS SCHEDULE

A week from this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, February 14, the first day of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is obligatory for ages 18-59, meaning one full meal, and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Abstinence from meat on this day is binding on Latin-rite Catholics from age 14 onward. Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence.

**THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
SUNDAY, FEB. 11 OR
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel reading, Mark 1:29-39, as soon as Jesus learned that Simon's mother-in-law was ill, he went to her and healed her. She immediately got up and began to wait on them.

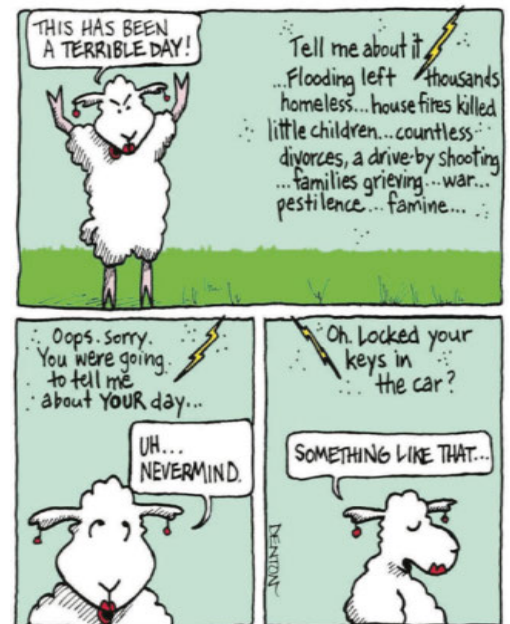
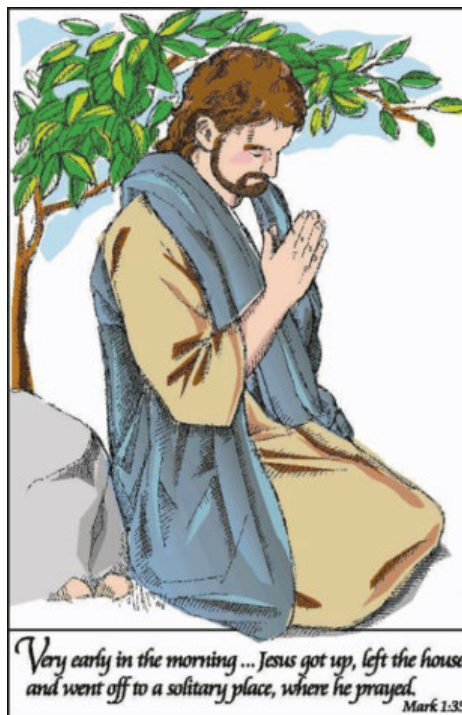
People sometimes snicker that as soon as Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, she gets up and begins to wait on them. There she was, sick in bed, but as soon as Jesus healed her, she had to go right back to work serving others! There's another way to look at this scene. If you or anyone you know has been seriously sick, injured, or disabled, you may recognize the feeling of not being able to do things for yourself. Being dependent on others can feel burdensome or injure one's self-worth. It might also be hard to understand their important role in sanctifying the family by allowing others to serve.

We don't know how long Simon's mother-in-law was sick or what exactly her illness was. After she was healed, perhaps she felt joy in being able to do something for others again and not just because it was a duty of a woman in that culture to serve the men. It could have been her genuine, thankful response for what Jesus did for her. In other words, she may have been happy to return to work.

The following day, after Jesus' work to heal so many, he must have been exhausted. He still got up early to go off by himself to pray. His time alone was short-lived because the apostles found him. They headed off to other villages to continue his preaching and healing work.

What is my favorite way to serve others? What importance do I place on prayer as an act of service for others?

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"The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many ... and drove out many demons."



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PURPOSE

St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church invites you to join us for a fun day of golf and fellowship for the benefit of St. Mary Catholic School.



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

South Shore Harbour Country Club
4300 South Shore Blvd.
League City, TX 77573

DEADLINES

Sponsorship: 3/2/2024
Registration: 3/15/2024

INFORMATION

Time: 7:00 AM Check in and Breakfast
8:30 AM Shot Gun Start
2:00 PM Awards
Fees: \$125 Per Player
\$500 for a Team of 4
Format: Shot Gun Start/4 person teams
Registration includes Tee Time, Breakfast,
Lunch, Snacks, and Gift Bags.

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INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM REGISTRATION



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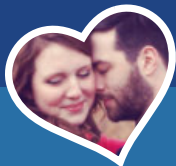


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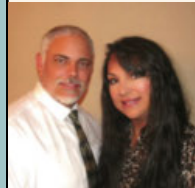
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