



St. Mary OF THE *Expectation*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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/Hou)
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Deacon George Blanford
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM

See the Lenten Penance Schedule
on the back page.

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.

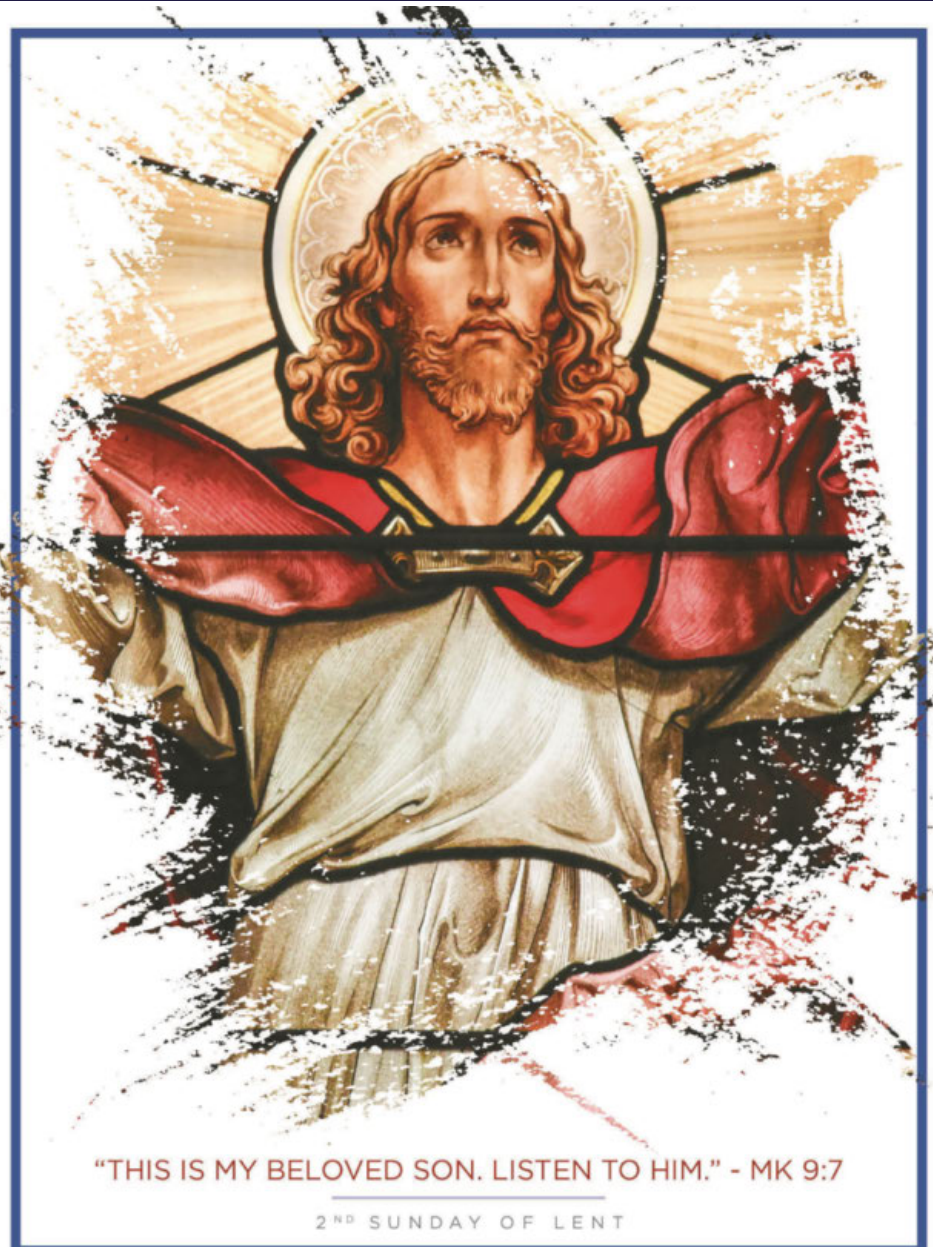
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Parish Office Hours

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 24, 2024
4:30 PM - John Eichas †

Sunday, February 25, 2024
8:30 AM - Ed & Pat Heinz †
10:15 AM - Keith Marks †
12:00 PM - People of the Parish

Monday, February 26, 2024
7:00 PM—George Bilotta †

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
8:30 AM - Evelyn Arolfo †

Thursday, February 29, 2024
8:30 AM - Reynaldo Muniz †

Friday, March 1, 2024
8:30 AM - Elizabeth Standish †

Saturday, March 2, 2024
4:30 PM - Charlene Galetka †

Sunday, March 3, 2024
8:30 AM - People of the Parish
10:15 AM - Charlie Schaeffer †
12:00 PM - John McErlean †
† deceased

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Ruby Jackson • Willie & Margaret Kelly, Jean Dupuis, John Loring, Ann Frank • Pat & Carroll Duffin • Lesa Gaffey, Bernard Roan, Bessilyn Piazza, Carol Base, Harold Kingham, August Bishop, Elroy Bishop, Kaylee Klyng, Cindy Johnson, Shauna Billingsley • • Charles Brady, Sandra McDermott • Larry Johnston, Tyler Bordelon, Vincent Pistone, Eileen McHale • John Salinas, John Michael Salinas, Judy Duran, Sheri Reznicek • Melanie Granberry Bobrowski • London Dialas, Pam Sowa, Betsy Rimmer, Jean Dupuis • Wayne Wright, Jimmy Sissom, Lisa Parmer • Bill and Anna Demus, Joe Arena • Kayla Sabin, Paul Pratt, Jayden Salinas, Fidela Salinas, Anita Cegelski, Herb Phelan, Eric Brug

PARISH CALENDAR

MON 26	Yoga	9:00 AM	Matthew/Mark
TUES 27	Bible Timeline Study Legion of Mary RCIA	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30-8:00 PM 7:00-9:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Gabriel Luke/John
WED 28	Yoga Grief Support Group RCIC-Year 1 K-5 Faith Formation St. Mary, LaPorte Penance Service	9:00 AM 10:00AM-12:00PM 5:45-7:00 PM 6:00-7:15 PM 7:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Luke/John School Library School Building LaPorte
THURS 29	Women’s Study Bible Timeline Study St. Bernadette Penance Service	9:15-11:15 AM 6:30-8:30 PM 7:00 PM	Matthew/Mark Matthew/Mark Houston
FRI 1	First Friday Adoration Fish Fry Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM 5:00-8:00 PM 7:00 PM	Cargill Hall Church Church
SAT 2	1st Communion Family Festival First Saturday Rosary	8:00AM - 4:00PM 3:45 PM	Annunciation Hall Chapel
SUN 3	K-5 Faith Formation	9:00 & 10:45 AM	School Building

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28
Thursday
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;
Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 or
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Mass Intentions are booked quarterly. This Friday, March 1, we will begin scheduling Masses for the second quarter of 2024 (April, May, and June).

You may request two Mass Intentions per household. One of those days can be a weekend Mass and the other a daily Mass. All requests must be made in person at the parish office.

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: WE ARE THE LORD’S



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This week, we invite the Faithful to prayerfully consider giving to DSF and bring Christ to those in our own 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

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Our 2024 campaign to support the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) has begun. Follow the link below to pray with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for this year’s DSF campaign. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTxF6HBTOW

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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WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 18, 2024

Regular Collection.....	\$31,402.75
Faith Direct.....	\$15,851.06
Subtotal.....	\$47,253.81
Budgeted Weekly.....	\$31,319.61
Difference.....	\$15,934.20



DSF 2024 UPDATE

Parish Goal.....	\$175,000
Donations.....	\$20,874.72
Remaining Balance.....	\$154,125.28
DSF Donors.....	101

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

St. Mary of the Expectation is offering altar server training on:

Saturday, March 2
10:00 - 11:30 AM
In the church



Interested servers must be in the 3rd grade and above and have received 1st Communion. We look forward to seeing you in this most rewarding ministry!

ACTS RETREAT TRAINING

All interested ACTS members are invited to attend a retreat training given by ACTS Missions Houston. Details regarding the conduction of an ACTS retreat are the topic of the training.

Date: March 2, 2024
Time: 8 AM - 4 PM
Location: Cargill Hall



Cost (Lunch included):

\$50 per person

\$25 (if you already have the manual)

St. Mary's ACTS members to be covered by ACTS CORE Ministry

Registration on the ACTS Missions Houston website:
actshouston.org/training

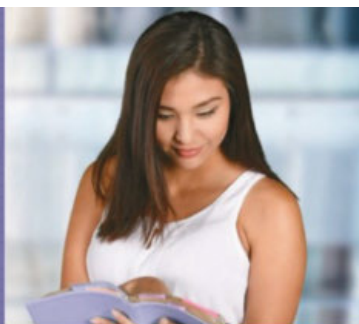
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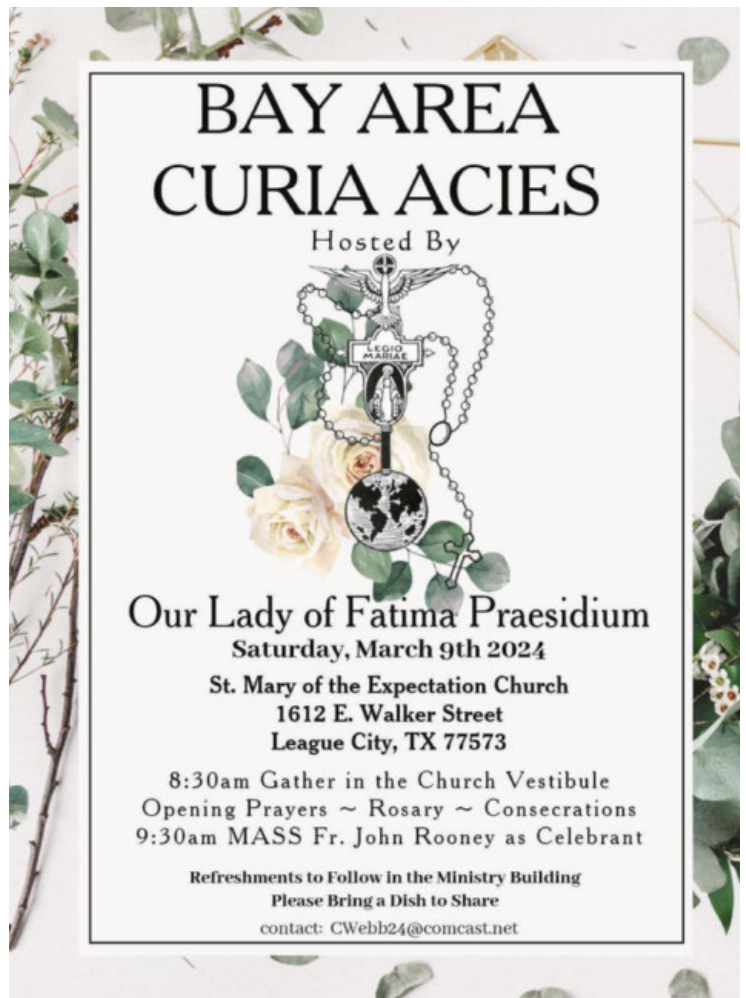
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to our parish community that are home bound.

If you would like to give a small amount of your time this Lenten season to those that can not physically attend Mass, please call the parish office. God Bless!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYING STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR SENIORS

All parishioners are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross for Seniors. The devotion at each of the 14 stations link Christ's passion and death with the trials and challenges our senior brothers and sisters face as they grow older.

A link to this devotion can be found on our parish YouTube channel as well as our website: www.saintmcc.org/lenten-resources

SAVE THE DATE!

The Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus 9310 will host a CASINO NIGHT on Saturday, April 20, 2024, in Annunciation Hall.



Advance admission is \$35 per person which includes \$1000 in "fun" chips and a drink ticket. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

Details, pre-sale ticket purchase and sponsorship information can be found on our parish website: www.saintmcc.org/casino-night.



ADORATION & ROSARY

We are already entering a new month this week! We are blessed to have monthly devotions to spend time in prayer with our Lord! We hope you are able to take advantage of one or both of these great opportunities!

Please note that First Friday Adoration will now end at 7 PM.

First Friday Adoration:

Friday, March 1

9 AM - 7 PM

In the church

First Saturday

Rosary:

Saturday, March 2

3:45 PM

In the chapel



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - NEW SESSION

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life as you grieve a loved one. Our group meets weekly to help and encourage each other after the loss of a loved one.



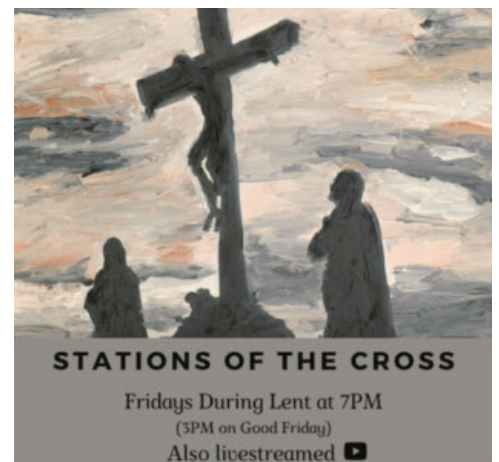
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

February 21 - May 29

(Please see the leader for scheduled days off.)

Registration: www.saintmcc.org/grief-support



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent at 7PM

(5PM on Good Friday)

Also livestreamed

St. Mary of the Expectation Fun Run

9th Annual 5K and Kids' 1K

Saturday,
April 13, 2024

Proceeds of the event go to support our Youth Ministry programs. The St. Mary Youth greatly appreciate your support and contributions!



"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" - Hebrews 12:1

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available online: saintmcc.org/funrun

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary of the
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Sunday, March 10
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cargill Hall

Donors get a Rodeo Shirt!!

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Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

CONSIDER THIS...

I've recently been spending a decent amount of time developing scripture style studies for our adult RCIA class. Coincidentally, this lead me to spend quite a bit of time one day reflecting on our first reading where God puts Abraham to the test. This entire passage is incredibly rich with foreshadowing and typological meaning; but it's also super uncomfortable. First, Christian or not, and no matter how many times we've read it, we cannot even fathom how Abraham was willing to be faithful and obedient to God's call to kill his own beloved son. Our thought process is probably something like, "Are you kidding me? I could never..." But as I continued pondering this passage, one other uncomfortable thought kept haunting me: "What have I been refusing God?" In other words, is there something God has been asking of me that I have refused to do, give, or sacrifice? I believe it was Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta who stated that whenever she sees someone unhappy, she wonders "What are they refusing Jesus?" Going back to Abraham, I do not believe on any level that he was happily making his way up the mountain to sacrifice Isaac; but I do believe that whenever God is asking us for something, even if it hurts, we will be better off for complying, or at least attempting to. With that being said, with understandable discomfort or even fear, consider asking God what you have been refusing him. And remember that our obedience to Him, whether it's difficult or minor, will always result in some form of transfiguration of our souls, inching our way ever closer to being little Christs. - Terri

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CHRIST, AND MAKE EACH DAY OF THEIR
NEW LIFE IN HIM A PUBLIC TESTIMONY
TO HIS HOLY NAME. AMEN.

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

For information, contact: stlindablackwood@aol.com.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP



33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY - A PREPARATION FOR CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY
by Fr. Michael Gaitley

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9:15 - 11:15 AM
February 15 - March 21, 2024

For more details, contact: charlapratt@comcast.net

YOUNG CHURCH MOVEMENT & FAITH FORMATION

HOT TAKE

What do you have planned this coming week, month, or summer? School, work, practice, appointments, trips, or all of the above? If you are like me, you are over scheduled. This is a huge problem with our modern world. Our schedules are PACKED. What I find interesting about this is that statistically our world is more productive than it has ever been. You can get so many more tasks done nowadays with access to modern technologies, like the internet and cell phones, that would have taken much longer to accomplish just 30 years ago. Yet, despite this streamlined, world we are busier now than we have ever been as a society. This leads me to the question, how is your prayer life? Many people, myself included, struggle to make prayer a priority when they are busy. Often we push prayer to the side and we say, “I will get to it later,” but we never actually do. The Venerable Fulton Sheen said, “Everyone should have a holy hour every day, except busy people, they should have two holy hours a day.” The idea of this statement couldn’t be any truer. The busier we get, the more we need God, not the other way around. So let me ask you one more question, when was the last time you went on retreat? A retreat is a time in which we step out of our regular schedule to intentionally spend time with God in prayer and reflection. Jesus models this type of prayer when he spends 40 days in the desert praying and fasting. If we strive to grow in our relationship with God, we must spend intentional time with Him. Let me ask again, what do you have coming up in the next few weeks and months? If a retreat isn’t on the schedule, maybe it is time you add one to it. Be blessed!

-David



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 25	Chosen	5:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
	LifeTeen	7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
FEB 26	Teen Leadership	5:00 PM	Conference Room
FEB 28	EDGE	6:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
MAR 3	Chosen	5:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
	Life Teen	7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
MAR 4	Teen Leadership	5:00 PM	Conference Room

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ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Adolf and Florence are overcoming hunger in Akwangagwel, Uganda, with the help of Catholic Relief Services. The climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately, due to the changing climate, the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops.

Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands by implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit csrcricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Jesus often goes off to pray and sit in silence, and he encourages his disciples to pray in the same way. On one special day, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John as he climbs to the top of a mountain for prayer and quiet. On the mountain, the apostles' prayer is rewarded. They experience the awesomeness of God. Jesus is transformed in glorious light as he talks with Moses and Elijah.

Mountaintop experiences are sometimes an unexpected, overwhelming experience of the divine. They aren't just for the disciples, and they aren't limited to the saints. Regular everyday folks sometimes have their own encounters with God's awesomeness. These don't happen often, but the experiences can be remembered for a lifetime. These can also be a gift received after weeks or years of faithful waiting in silent prayer.

Introduce your children to the prayer of silence by leading them in it. Sit very still. Consciously relax your body. Tell your children to pay attention to their breathing. Say Jesus' name silently with each breath. Thirty seconds is enough for children to begin this type of prayer. When they become comfortable with this amount of time, extend it. The peace and joy of quiet prayer leaves us open to encounter God in the sacred spaces of our heart. The secret is to keep a quiet watch with the Lord on a regular basis.

Am I able to find ten minutes a day for quiet prayer? If so, what time of the day is best?

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FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY FESTIVAL

Free and Open to the General Public

Saturday, March 2

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Annunciation Hall

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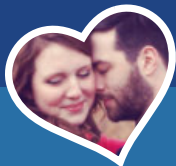


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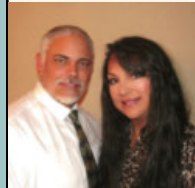
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