SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH VICTORIA, TEXAS



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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NEW TO ST. MARY'S

Welcome! Please call or come by the parish office to let us know you are here. You can register online at www.stmvictoria.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For Children not yet in school: Contact the parish office to inquire about baptizing your child. Parents and godparents will meet with Fr. Kristopher to prepare for the celebration. **Godparents** from another parish can participate in a baptism class at their own **Baptisms** parish. are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

For those in school (age 5-18): **Contact Diana Starnes to** enroll in our CCD program.

For Adults:

Contact Fr. Kristopher to enquire about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. We are happy to resume bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound after the **COVID disruptions.**

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MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am

Monday - Friday 12:05 pm

CONFESSIONS

After all Masses: **Monday - Saturday** and upon request

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Fax: 361-573-4308

Congratulations on your engagement! We are happy to assist you in preparing for Matrimony. Holv Please schedule an appointment to meet with Fr. Kristopher at least 6 months before the desired wedding date to begin preparing.

THE SACRAMENT OF

CONFIRMATION

For high schoolers:

Preparation is completed through our CCD program, Catholic School or through the home. CCD meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Activity Center.

For adults: **Contact Fr. Kristopher**

THE ANOINTING

OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office and ask for a priest. If it is an emergency at a hospital and a priest from St. Mary's is unavailable, ask the nurse to call the Catholic chaplain.

BULLETIN NEWS

Please have any information for the parish bulletin in by noon on Monday. Contact Cathy at sec@stmvictoria.org or call 361-573-4328.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S Saturday, October 31 Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints **Regular Offertory Gifts** 1:00 pm Baptism from October 20-26 4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Bob Nelson † Sunday Collection......\$4,089.00 5:00 pm Confessions Paul Gwosdz † On-line giving......\$ 725.00 5:00 pm All Hallows' Eve Family Fun Night Total.....\$4,814.00 Amount needed weekly Sunday, November 1 The Solemnity of All Saints to meet budget: \$8.085.00 Mass Intention: Gloria Anne Rosse † 8:00 am Sunday Mass MASS ATTENDANCE Monroe Schlabach † Sat. Oct. 24th at 4:00 pm......104 10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish Sun., Oct. 25th at 8:00 am..... 81 7:00 - 8:30 pm Basketball Night at the Annex Pavilion Sun., Oct. 25th at 10:30 am 121 Monday, November 2 **All Souls Day** 7:00 am All Souls Day Mass at Catholic Cemetery #3 THANK YOU FOR 12:05 pm All Souls Day Mass Intention: All the Faithful Departed SUPPORTING THE MISSION 12:30 pm Confessions **OF THE CHURCH** 5:30 pm Vespers - Office of the Dead Contributions can be made through 6:00 pm All Souls Day Mass Intention: The Holy Father's Intentions our website: stmvictoria.org 6:30 pm Catholic Daughters of the Americas Meeting - Activity Center or by mail to: P.O. Box 2448 Tuesday, November 3 Tues. of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time Victoria, TX 77902 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the *Church* or dropped off in the secure 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Dav Novena mailbox at the parish office. 12:30 pm Confessions 3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel 7:15 pm KC Council #1329 Meeting at the KC Hall THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY Wednesday, November 4 Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo this weekend are given 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Day Novena for the personal intentions of 12:30 pm Confessions Jeremy & Anne Martin 6:00 pm CCD Adoration in the church for all Students and Parents bv **Jeremy & Anne Martin** Thursday, November 5Thurs. of the 31st Week in Ordinary9:00 am - 2:00 pmQuilt and Craft Corner in the AnnexTime 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Day Novena 12:30 pm Confessions THE SANCTUARY CANDLE 1:30 pm Altar Society Board Meeting in the church burns this week 7:00 - 8:00 pm Hour of Prayer and Reflection for Women in memory of 8:00 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschoolers Mom's Evening **George Boedeker** by Margaret Boedeker Friday, November 6 Fri. of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel THE ADORATION CANDLES 11:00 am Hour of Preparation in the Church in the chapel burn this week 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Day Novena in memory of 12:30 pm Confessions **Gayle & Gary Engelmohr &** 12:30 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschoolers First Friday Events Gary Jr. by Margaret Boedeker Saturday, November 7 Sat. of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time 11:00 pm Baptism THE CANDLE 4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Day Novena IN COMMEMORATION OF 5:00 pm Confessions THE DECEASED in the chapel burns this week 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 8 in memory of 8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: All Souls Day Novena The Frank & Annie (Janca) Mass Intention: People of the Parish 10:30 am Sundav Mass Matocha Family by 7:00 - 8:30 pm Basketball Night at the Annex Pavilion Margaret Boedeker

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ST. MARY'S BASKETBALL NIGHTS

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST AT 7:00 PM

Hosted by Seminarian Ryan Kapavik

When: Sundays from 7:00-8:30 pm from October 18 - November 22 Who: Ages 18 and over and/or those under 18 with their parents/guardians present Where: St. Mary's Annex Pavilion

Come and spend your Sunday nights playing basketball with Seminarian Ryan Kapavik at St. Mary's Annex building. Any adult age 18 and up are invited to play pick-up basketball games. All those who are under 18 must be accompanied by their parents. We hope to see you there!

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY #3 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 7:00 AM

On Monday, November 2nd, Holy Mass will be celebrated at the old Catholic Cemetery #3 (on the corner of Sabine St. and Moody St.) After Mass, we will place flowers at the graves. If there is inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church. Mass will also be celebrated at 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm on All Souls Day at St. Mary's.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. ANN #369 - MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Ann #369 on November 2, for a Memorial Mass for our Deceased Members at 6:00 pm at St. Mary's Church. There will be a cake and punch reception for guests after Mass with a regular business meeting to follow. We welcome all ladies who would like to give themselves the Gift of CDA. For more information contact Regent Anne Martin (361) 648-2008

ELECTION DAY - ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Church instead of the Chapel from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 3rd, to allow more people to come and pray for our nation and for a peaceful election.

HOUR OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR WOMEN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

On the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, we will have an hour of prayer and reflection for women in the church. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a spiritual talk, time for reflection, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Women of all ages are welcome.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY HOMESCHOOLERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 8:00 PM & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 12:30 PM

Do you homeschool your children? Are you considering homeschooling your children? If so, consider coming to one of the events put on by the Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschoolers. On Thursday, November 5th, there will be a gathering of homeschool moms at 8:00 pm in the Activity Center after the Hour of Prayer and Reflection. On Friday, November 6th, after the 12:30 pm Mass, there is play time and fun musical learning for elementary aged students. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy! For more information, contact Valerie Barton at 361-580-0626 or Marie Immenhauser at 361-572-3863

A BASIC COURSE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH RESUMES ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

Fr. Kristopher Fuchs is leading a basic course in the Catholic Faith this year at St. Mary's in the Parish Hall. This course is for adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their Sacraments of Initiation (First Holy Communion, Confirmation) as well as for Catholics who would just like to study the basics of the Catholic Faith. We are currently in a two week break, but classes resume on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm. The next three classes will cover the 10 Commandments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR INDULGENCES

ALL SOULS DAY

Visit to a Cemetery

An *indulgence*, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is *plenary* each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is *partial*.

Office of the Dead

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who devoutly recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead.

Eternal Rest Prayer

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. - Partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory.

Visit to a Church on All Souls Day

A *plenary indulgence*, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that one *Our Father* and the *Creed* be recited.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 1ST - 6TH

This year, Vocation Awareness Week begins on All Saints Day, reminding us that we need saints in every vocation!

HOW YOU CAN HELP - ENCOURAGEMENT IS KEY

What can you do to inspire vocations? Of course, parents should create a faith-filled home environment. Parents, teachers and catechists should teach kids about marriage, holy orders, and consecrated life.

For all of us, after prayer, the number one thing, by far, is to *invite*. In CARA's study of the 2020 ordination class, 89% of brand-new priests said they were encouraged to consider seminary by their parish priest, a friend, or another parishioner.

Another parishioner. That's you. When you think, "There's something special about that young man," say something! Look for an appropriate moment to draw him aside and let him know what you see. Say, "If God has called you to be a priest, I think you'd make a great one."

NOW AS THEN, SELFLESS SISTERS SAVE LIVES

During the 1918 fu pandemic, thousands of religious sisters, many with no formal medical training, tended to the sick and dying, often in terrible conditions. "I have never seen a greater demonstration of real charity or self-sacrifice than has been given by the sisters in their nursing of the sick," said the mayor of Philadelphia a century ago.

Likewise, in New York City in the 1980s, during the height of the AIDS epidemic, Mother Teresa set up a house for men dying of the disease. They were tended round the clock by her quiet sisters, who in their blue-striped habits truly lived by their founder's guiding scripture: "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do unto Me." Today sisters have once again risen to the challenge, especially in third-world countries where the Covid-stricken poor cannot afford medical care. As one sister said, "We're women who anticipate the dawn while facing the darkness...we can draw on our own spiritual resources to be nourishers of hope."

May many young Catholic women open their heats to this heroic vocation!

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL SHADOW DAYS...BE A FLYER FOR THE DAY! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

The St. Joseph High School Shadow Day Program offers prospective students an opportunity to spend the day on the STJ campus, attending classes and following the schedule of an STJ Student.

In addition to meeting teachers, students and administrators, shadowing students will participate in classroom discussions and learn more about Flyer clubs, sports organizations, and areas of interest to them.

To reserve your Shadow Day Experience, please contact:

Jen Korinek at 573-2446 x.217 or email at jkorinek@stjflyers.com

*This STJ Shadow Day is scheduled on a VISD student holiday so you won't have to miss a day at your school to participate. The Shadow Program is open to students who are considering enrollment and in good standing in their current school. Shadow Students must adhere to STJ policies and dress code while on campus. Additionally, masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

Believe it or not, it is already time to start preparing for the Parish Festival. Due to other community events and the availability of the Victoria Community Center, we have an earlier date this year. Your help is needed as we prepare for the festival before the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There won't be much time afterwards!

As everyone is aware, due to the current COVID pandemic, we will have to make some changes to the festival. Certain decisions on the format of the festival will need to be made once we are closer to the date of the festival. At this point, we are looking at the possibility of having a ticketed event that would only last about 2 hours, so we can limit the size and interaction of the crowd. Regardless of what we end up doing, here are some things we can start working on:

1. **Donations for the Raffle** - Consider making a monetary donation to the raffle. Typically, we have Visa gift cards as our prizes along with other special gift cards. Donations of all sizes are welcome and may be combined with other donations to make bigger prizes. Unless you have a specific request or arrangement, allow us to buy the gift cards. You can drop off your raffle donation at the parish office or in the collection plate with a note on it.

We currently have received \$2,300.00 from 5 people for the raffle. Our goal is \$8,000.00

2. <u>Meal Expenses</u> - Remember that delicious BBQ brisket meal from last year? I know, I do! We have Mike Pozzi booked for this upcoming festival for the same wonderful meal. Even if we cannot have a large indoor meal, we can still sale plates to go. With your donation towards the meal expenses, the sale of these plates will give us a greater profit! Consider making a donation to help cover these expenses. You can drop off your meal donation at the parish office or in the collection plate with a note on it.

We currently have received \$700.000 from 2 people for the Meal Expenses. Our goal is \$12,500.00

3. <u>Live Auction</u> - With the possibility of a briefer, smaller, in-person event, we will greatly limit our live auction items to include those that have greater appeal. If you would like to donate an item, make a monetary donation for an item, or have any ideas for a live auction item, contact Maggie Schaar at 361-212-2452 If we cannot have the festival in person, we will still use these items for an online auction.

We currently have received o items/proposals/donations for the Live Auction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our festival chairmen: Lisa and Zach Kainer at (361)676-3264 / (361)571-8774 or Joan and Kevin Pfister at (361)676-0439 / (361)676-0425.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM SEMINARIAN RYAN KAPAVIK

Dear All,

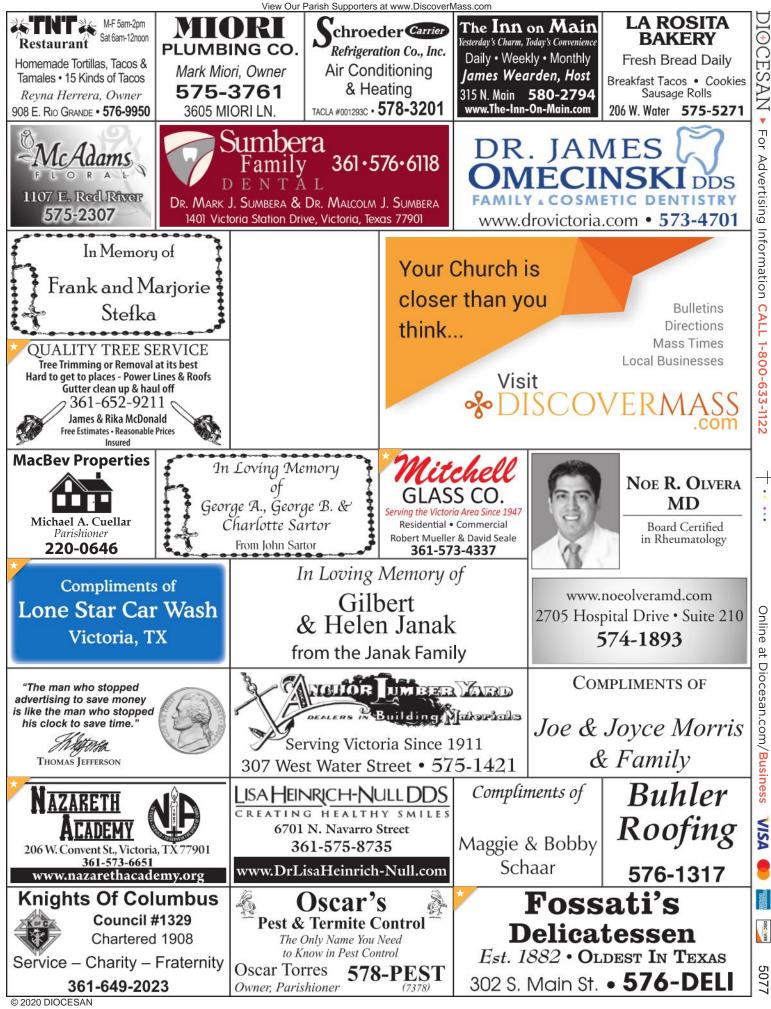
I want to thank all of those who came and supported me at my Meet and Greet. It was so wonderful to meet and get to know all of you. Thank you especially to the Altar Society for making the Meet and Greet possible. I feel very privileged and blessed to be here at St. Mary's. I hope to continue getting to know you all and interacting with you as my year here goes on. Please know my prayers for all of you and please keep me in your prayers as well.

-Ryan Kapavik





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