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PRELUDE

Introductory Rites

The Mass begins with the Processional Hymn.

The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a kiss.

The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn 89

Entrance Antiphon (10:30 am only)

Pew Missal, page 82

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

N. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Pew Missal, page 4

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy.

Kyrie

Sancta Maria Magdalena Pew Missal, page 30

The Act of Penitence includes the Kyrie Eleison, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy."

GLORIA

Heritage

Pew Missal, back page

The Gloria begins by echoing the song of the angels at the birth of Christ:
"Glory to God in the highest!"
In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs

In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

COLLECT

The Introductory Rites conclude with the Opening Prayer, also called the Collect.

The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence,
proclaims the prayer of the day. The Opening Prayer gives a context for the celebration.

SIT

For the Vigil Mass:

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For the Mass of the Day:

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word.
The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

READINGS Pew Missal, page 82

HOMILY

STAND

NICENE CREED Pew Missal, page 9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL V. Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful.

The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church,
the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pew Missal, back page

Sit

BLESSING OF CHALK

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE OF EASTER AND THE OTHER MOVEABLE FEASTS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar.

As the ministers prepare the altar,

representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Three Kings

Hymn 277
STAND

ORATE FRATRES

Pew Missal, page 11

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

For the Vigil Mass:

Accept we pray, O Lord, our offerings, in honor of the appearing of your Only Begotten Son and the first fruits of the nations, that to you praise may be rendered and eternal salvation be ours. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Mass of the Day:

Look with favor, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface Dialogue

Pew Missal, page 11

After a brief introductory dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface. The Preface tells of the wonderful actions of God, both throughout history and in our lives, giving thanks to God for all these things.

SANCTUS

Sancta Maria Magdalena

Pew Missal, page 35

KNEEL

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Prayer I - page 11; *II* - page 14; *III* - page 15

We have entered the most important part of the Mass. This sequence of prayers contains the **consecration** which is the heart of the Mass. By the power of the Holy Spirit, through the words and actions of these prayers, the priest accomplishes the great work of the Mass: bringing Christ Himself down upon our altar, so that we may offer Him to God. Our gifts of bread and wine, representing ourselves, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Then the priest offers Christ, and ourselves in union with Christ, to God.

MEM. ACCLAMATION ICEL Chant- Save us...

Pew Missal, page 39

STAND

COMMUNION RITE

The Communion Rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples when they asked how to pray. In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom. We ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven.

OUR FATHER Pew Missal, page 17

THE PEACE Pew Missal, page 18

AGNUS DEI Sancta Maria Maadalena Pew Missal, page 36

Kneel

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD Pew Missal, page 18

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion are inside the front cover of the Pew Missal.

Communion Antiphon Pew Missal, page 84

COMMUNION HYMN Of the Father's Love Begotten Hymn 219

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

For the Vigil Mass:

Renewed by sacred nourishment, we implore your mercy, O Lord, that the star of your justice may shine always bright in our minds and that our true treasure may ever consist in our confession of you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Mass of the Day:

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing & Dismissal

Pew Missal, page 19

THE LAST GOSPEL

Pew Missal, page 77

MARIAN ANTIPHON

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Hymn 85

POSTLUDE

The Shape of the Liturgy

Processional Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), the author of this hymn, regularly wrote Christian poetry in his spare time. He wrote "As with Gladness Men of Old" on 6 January 1859 (The feast of the Epiphany) during a months-long recovery from an extended illness, unable to attend that morning's Epiphany service at church. As he read the gospel of Matthew's account of Epiphany in the Sacred scripture, he was inspired and started to reflect on the text. He then started to write about his thoughts and did so for the whole day with the eventual result being "As with Gladness Men of Old".

This hymn is a prayer for God's presence in our lives as we draw closer to Him. The Magi showed faith in God and eagerness, as well as sacrifice, in their journey to see the Christ-child. So may we live in the knowledge that the day will come when we too shall see Him. In the third stanza, the gifts of the Magi are not named. The Magi took the trouble to bring "gifts most rare" on their long journey. So may we "All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King." This pilgrimage is not easy, so we sing, "Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way," remembering that Jesus said, "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:14, ESV).

"As with Gladness Men of Old" uses Matthew 2:1-12 as a theme to compare the journey of the Biblical magi to visit the baby Jesus to each Christian's personal pilgrimage, and as a reminder that it is not the value of the gifts, it is the value of giving and adoration to Jesus that is what Christians should seek. It is the only well-known Epiphany hymn about the Biblical magi that avoids referring to them as either "magi" or "kings" and does not state how many there were. -Fr. James Ramsey

CANDLELIGHT MARCH FOR LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:00 PM

Join in celebrating the reversal of Roe v Wade and supporting the pro-life movement going forward. Guest speaker is Heather Gardner, Director of Central Texas Coalition for Life

ALL FAITH DENOMINATIONS WELCOME

We will gather at DeLeon Plaza January 26 at 6:30 p.m. and proceed to Our Lady of Sorrows at 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight and rosary for the procession. Those who cannot walk can meet at the church.

Hosted by the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry & Our Lady of Sorrows.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

<u>Last Festival Meeting</u> - is this Friday, January 13th at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center

Raffle - Raffle Tickets have been mailed out and tickets are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office. Please help us to sale as many of the raffle tickets as possible.

<u>Auction Items</u> - This year again we will have both a live auction and an online auction. If you would like to donate an item, make a monetary donation for an item, or have any ideas for auction items, contact Maggie Schaar at 361-212-2452.

<u>Jewelry Items</u> -The Jewelry booth is in need of jewelry used and new jewelry and workers for the day of the Festival. Contact Rose Curtis 361-655-5634.

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.

NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 FROM 6:30 - 8:30 PM Nazareth Academy Open House for prospective students in grades PK3 - 8th and their parents is on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Infor-

mation regarding the school's history and curriculum will be shared, tours will be given and staff will be available to answer questions. Registration information for the 2023-2024 school year will be given. Please email *dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org* for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

OUR LADY OF VICTORY OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 1:30 PM

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School will host an Open House for prospective parents and students Pre-K3 through 8th on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Cathedral Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students and parents and learn more about the programs we have to offer. Please RSVP to our Open House link at www.ourladyvictory.org by Monday, January 16. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Cooper at denise_cooper@ourladyvictory.org or call the school office at 575-5391. Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Educating Hearts, Minds & Souls for Eternity.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 2:00 PM

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If you are considering St. Joseph High School for your son or daughter, please join us for Open House. Experience STJ with a campus tour and attend academic department presentations. Get answers to your questions about admissions, curriculum and tuition assistance.

An RSVP is required by January 26 to attend STJ Open House.

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HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY QUARTERLY BUNCO

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 9:30 AM



The Quarterly Bunco Party hosted by the Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church will be Wednesday, January

11th, 2023 from 9:30 am til Noon. It will be held at St. Peter's Parish Hall. A free lunch will be served, and game prizes & door prizes will be awarded. Please invite a friend and enjoy visiting with ladies from our five local Catholic Churches. For information and reservations contact Ginger Wagner at (361) 550-6444.

SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN **JANUARY 26 - 29**



REGISTER BY JANUARY 11

A time of silence where you can surrender vourself in

- Prayer: Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours & More
- Fasting: Light meals will be available
- Giving: Your love & time

Registration Deadline: January 11, 2023 Starts: Jan. 26 @ 7:00 p.m. Ends: Jan. 29, at 10:00 a.m.

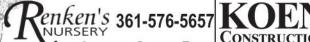
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S Saturday, Jan. 7 Christmas Weekday	Offertory Gifts Dec. 19 - 25
Saturday, Jan. 7 Christmas Weekday 9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass Mass Intention: Raymond Vecera †	Sunday Collection\$13,308.97
1:00 pm Pantism	On-line giving 675.00
4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Fred Garcia †	On-line giving
5.30 pm Comession Theresa wearden	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1
Sunday, Jan. 8 The Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday Collection\$6,937.16
Fr. Tran Dinh's 1st Anniversary of Priestly Ordination	On-line giving880.00
8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Living and Deceased 9:15 - 10:00 am Confession Members of St. Mary's Altar Society 9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel Mary Ann Peter Janacek †	Total\$7,817.16
9:15 - 10:00 am Confession Members of St. Mary's Altar Society	Amount needed weekly to meet
9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel Mary Ann Peter Janacek †	budget: \$8,085.00
10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish	Mass Attendance
Monday, Jan. o Feast of the Bantism of the Lord	Christmas
Monday, Jan. 9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	Sat., Dec. 24th at 4:30 pm307
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Elena Anita Watts	Sat. Dec. 24th at 8:00 pm96
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary	Sun., Dec. 25th at Midnight95
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12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Edwin Orsak †	New Year's
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary	Sat., Dec. 31th at 4:30 pm165
3:00-4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel	Sun., Jan. 1st at 8:00 am76
3:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution	Sun., Jan. 1st at 10:30 am125
6:30 pm Choir Practice in the Church	Total366
7:00 pm RCIA (Classes to become Catholic) in the Activity Center	
Wednesday, Jan. 11 Wed. of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time	THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	in the church burns this week
11:00 am - 3:30 pm St. Mary's Homeschool Co-op	in memory of
11:45 am Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Church	Michael Tipton
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Melvin Trahan †	by
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary	Patrick Tipton
6:00 - 7:15 pm CCD Classes (Religious Education for the Youth)	THE ADORATION CANDLES
Thursday, Jan. 12 Thurs. of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time	burn this week honor of
7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	Teagan Kennedy
8:10 am Nazareth Academy Mass Intention: Pope Emeritus Benedict † 9:00– 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Activity Center	T 6
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Mary Ann Ohrt †	THE CANDLE
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary	IN COMMEMORATION OF
· · · · ·	THE DECEASED
Friday, Jan. 13 Fri. of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time 7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	burns this week in memory of
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: John Stockbauer, Jr. †	Adriene Bonorden by
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary	Paul Bonorden
6:00 pm Festival Meeting in the Activity Center	
Saturday, Jan. 14 Sat. of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time	THE CANDLE
4:30 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Cecilia Vrana †	AT J OSEPH'S A LTAR
5:30 pm Confession Benito & Irene Menchaca [†]	burns this week in memory of
Sunday, Jan. 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Melvin Trahan
8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Agnes Culak † Kasper Lyssy †	by Margie Farris
Coffee & Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass in the Convent Auditorium	The Candle
9:15 - 10:00 am Confession	at <mark>M</mark> ary's <mark>A</mark> ltar
9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel	burns this week in honor of
BBQ Chicken Fundraiser in KC Hall 10100 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish	Fredline Pagel
10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish	by by
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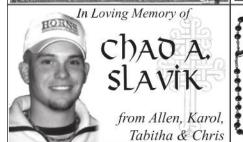


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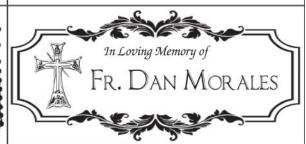
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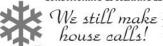
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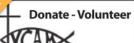


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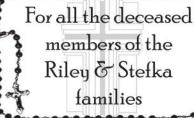


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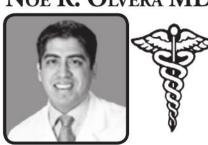
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