

MASS INTENTIONS
March 25 - 31, 2019

Monday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Ray Ramirez by Don & Nan Davis
Noon Intentions of Daniel Alanso Soto and Ricky Perez by Family
Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, March 26—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Unborn
Noon †Charles Leroy Trott by Maria Trott
Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 27—Lenten Weekday

9:30 a.m. Intentions of St. Mary's School Staff
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 28—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Nikirk Family by Vic & Tammy
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 29—Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Don Martin by Joe & Donna Hood
Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 30—Lenten Weekday

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Duane & Joanne Heatley by John & Elaine Loy
Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 31—Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Jeremy by Parishioners
10:30 a.m. †Dee Beaver and †Tim McGraw by Gionfriddo Family
12:30 p.m. †Humberto Gandara by Family
Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 17, 2019

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	\$14,500.00
RECEIVED	\$10,013.00
DIFFERENCE	—\$ 4,487.00
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE	—\$ 2,160.24

Thank you for your support.

"Embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important..."
Pope Francis

The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalm 103

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and suffering, especially Rosemarie Parker, Joan Sandmann, Jean Stawecki, and Donnie Wimbley (brother of Gladys Edmonson -Wimbley). May they know the loving presence of God.

Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially Tim Vogel, cousin of Tom Herrmann, who died recently and was buried in Waco. May he celebrate everlasting life in the reign of God.



St. Mary's Middle School and High School Youth are meeting this Sunday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Please bring items to put together Easter baskets for the children at the Grayson County Shelter. We will also begin working on preparations for the Living Stations of the Cross. All middle school and high school youth are invited to help. Email heidischeibmeir@gmail.com with any questions.



The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. We are continually reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus. The feast of the Annunciation began to be celebrated on this day during the fourth and fifth centuries, soon after the date for celebrating Christmas was universalized throughout the Church. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. Some of the Church fathers who wrote on this were St. Athanasius, St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Augustine. (Catholic News Agency)

A Night of Remembrance and Healing is this Wednesday, March 27th, from 6 - 9 p.m. in the McCullough Center. Please join us at this potluck dinner while we reminisce and share memories with our church families. Please visit www.stmarych.org for additional information, to volunteer, and to RSVP, or call the Church office.

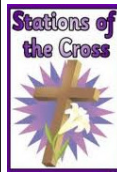


† St. Vincent de Paul



St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet this Thursday, March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Place.

If you are a member of St. Mary's Parish and are interested in serving as an extraordinary minister of communion at weekend Masses, training will be this Thursday, March 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church. Ministers of Communion who are married must have been married in the Catholic Church. Call Jane Crockett at 903-815-6008 if you plan to attend this training.



The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated this Friday, March 29th, at 3 and 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Please join us in this traditional Lenten practice and prayer.

The Covered Dish Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be this Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 p.m. in the KC Hall.

Remember we are collecting non-perishable food items, hygiene items, cleaning and kitchen supplies, household items, and clothing and accessories for our 40 Bags in 40 Days Lenten service project benefiting Grayson County Shelter. Donations can be dropped off in the west parking lot after all Masses this weekend, March 23rd and 24th, or next weekend, March 30th and 31st.



Our Lenten Penance Service will be on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church. Several priests will be hearing confessions.



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