ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH SHERMAN, TEXAS

JANUARY 26, 2020



January 27 - February 2, 2020

Monday, January 27—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Mary Lockhart by Shirley Mitchell Noon Intentions of Greg & Barb Plubell by Judy Baur 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest8:00 a.m.†John Szczerbiak by Ed SzafranskiNoon†Julie Lassiter Gipson by Janet Lassiter2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29—Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. Intentions of Albert & Janet Miller by Women's Guild 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Dolores Bernhardt 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 31—Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:00 a.m. †Tim McGraw by Steve & Amy Whaley 2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Dee Beaver by Rita Fair 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
Anticipatory Mass
4:30 p.m. †Don Martin by Beverly Adamson

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m.	†Rodolfo, †Irene, and †Eric by Concepcion
	and Greg
10:30 a.m.	†Sebastian by Friends
12:30 p.m.	Intentions of Ricky Perez by Family
4:30 p.m.	†Earl & †Flo Gallion by Frank Alvarez
	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated in Honor of Our Lady.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Creator God, Life is your gift to me. Through Baptism you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to Your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. Loving God, you have made me in Your image and likeness,

and for this I shall praise You forever. Through baptism You invite me to serve as Your son Jesus served.

I offer You this day all that I have and all that I am in union with His saving cross.

Father, in the power of the Spirit, You send us forth to build up Your kingdom. I pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.

The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Please provide for us men and women who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls. I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY 19, 2020

\$19,230.00
\$14,552.00
-\$ 4,678.00
\$32,015.00

Thank you for sharing your blessings with others.

"Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!" Our Sunday Visitor

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Twice today we hear the words "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Even though we just heard these words a month ago at Christmas, it is appropriate to hear them again. Jesus began his mission by fulfilling the words of the great prophet Isaiah. Today we contemplate the mission we are called to and pray that we can fulfill the plan God has for us.

Blessings to Alex Castro and Gloria Hernandez who were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at St. Mary's Church. May they enjoy great love for each other all the days of their lives.



Please remember in your prayers all the sick and suffering, especially Carmen Martin and Edward and Leonard Miller (brothers of Deacon Albert Miller). May they feel the power of Jesus' healing embrace.

Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially Vera Nuttall (grandmother of Bobbi Wieck), who died recently and was buried in Texline, Texas; and Joan Sandmann, who died recently and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery. May they share in the fullness of glory and heavenly peace.

We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Ramon & Maria Velayo. May their bond of unity be a sign of the Church.



St. Mary's Catholic School invites everyone to our home basketball games this Saturday, February 1st. Sixth grade girls will start at 9 a.m.

followed by seventh grade boys at 10 a.m. Both games will be in the McCullough Center.



Next weekend, February 1-2, is Commitment Weekend which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Dallas raise necessary funds through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Each year, we commit ourselves to reflect on God's great generosity and respond with a gift of our own that helps bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals throughout the diocese and North Texas. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the Appeal, or visit https://dallasbishopsappeal.com_for more information and to make a donation.

St. Mary's Rosary Makers will have rosaries for sale in the Parish Center next Sunday, February 2nd, following the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.





High School Youth Ministry will be starting up in February! Look for more information next week.

It is almost that time of year when end-of-year contribution letters will be ready. In an effort to save time and money, we are asking you to contact the church office if you are in need of that letter for 2019 income tax purposes. The preferred method would be to email your request to Nancy at ndobbs@stmarych.org so your contribution letter can be sent to you via email. If you need the letter printed and mailed to you, please let us know.

Do you know online giving is now available at St. Mary's Parish? You may contribute on our website, by text, or through our app. To donate online, visit www.stmarych.org and click on the GIVING link (or type in https://stmarych.org/ giving). Choose whether you want to GIVE to either the General Offertory or the Second Collections. Key in Amount and mark whether it is a one-time offering or a recurring offering. If recurring, choose a frequency. Indicate a starting date and fill in the remainder of your information. If you would like to text-to-give, text give2stmarys to 77977. Click on the link in the reply text you receive and follow the prompts. **NEW** Contributions can now be made through St. Mary's App. At the App Store, search for MyChurch and choose My Church by Pushpay. Once you have downloaded the app you will be asked to enter church keyword. Enter - stmarys app (space between stmarys and app). Then connect. Once you are connected look for the "Give" button and follow the prompts. Of course, putting your envelope in the collection is certainly okay if that is your preferred method. These are just other options for those who have asked. Any questions, please call 903-893-5148 or email ndobbs@stmarvch.org. We are here to help.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN

THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.