

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 1

5:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Para los parroquianos

Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. College Students

Weekly Parish Activities

April 2 to April 8

*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after Mass

SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent;

Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. ENGLISH Bible Study

9:30 a.m. SPANISH Bible Study

11:00 a.m. **Mass - Sacred Heart**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 a.m. CCD class

11:00 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Brendan:

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. RCIA in CCD Building

6:00 p.m. Mass- St. Brendan

St. Mary:

9:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary

CCD 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at FLC

Monday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)

6:30 p.m. Ladies Guild meeting St.

Brendan

Tuesday: St. Isidore

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

8:00 p.m. CCM Women’s Group meeting

At St. Brendan

Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

6:00 p.m. CCD St. Brendan

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

7:00 p.m. Youth Group OLG

8:00 p.m. CCM meeting at St. Brendan

Thursday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St.

Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

7:00 p.m. CCM Men’s Group meeting at

St. Brendan

Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle;

Abstinence

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Holy Mass:

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (English)

7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en St. Mary

(español)

JESUS’ MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

April 2, 2107

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus’ ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary’s sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God’s Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John’s Gospel (which began with the most “human” miracle of making new wine at Cana’s wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a “preview,” if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God’s glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

2ND COLLECTION

Holy Land (Good Friday) April 14, 2017

ST. MARY

Altar Server Training

We will have an *Altar Server training* at St. Mary on Sunday, April 2, beginning at 3 p.m. If you have questions or plan on joining us, please call (512)652-8006, thank you.

Entrenamiento de los Monaguillos: Tendremos formacion de monaguillos en St. Mary el domingo, 2 de abril, comenzando a las 3 de la tarde. Si tienen preguntas por favor llame al (512) 652-8006, gracias.

The St Faustina Chaplet on Jesus’ Passion will be prayed on Good Friday at 6:15 p.m. Please join us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor two special prayer services this week to begin the month of April.

First Thursday Rosary will be recited April 6 at St. Brendan’s at 6:00 p.m. The Lay Apostles Group will hold an open discussion following the rosary.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held Friday, April 7 at St. Brendan’s Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. (after Stations of the Cross) with Benediction followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

Sign-ups for one-hour devotions are being conducted after the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary’s on Sunday. Sign up at St. Brendan’s West entrance, as well. For more information contact Mike Coggins at cogmik@yahoo.com or call (254)968-8737.

PRAYER CORNER: Prayers this week for: Rudy Guerrero, Filegonio Cardenas, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Maria Inez Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, Angel Coronado, David Gonzales, Jeanna DeVinney, Lisa Lagarde, Bill Luther, Kate B., Pete Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez, Frank Derrick, Anne Blount, Robert Gifford, Walter Serratt, Bonnie Kennedy, Claire Davis, Fr. Philip McNamara, Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fish Fry at Newman Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on April 7. Prices are \$8.00 for both seniors and children under 12. All others AND take out plates are \$10. **Take-out service is available by calling after 4 p.m.** (254)965-5693. Orders may be picked up at the back of Newman Hall on Centennial Street.

Please bring a can of food for “40 Cans for Lent Campaign” to the fish fry. Donations also accepted either at St. Brendan, St. Mary Church, or at KSTV. Food collections will be immediately donated to local pantries. **April 7:** Part of the proceeds go to Sacred Heart Building Fund.

**Knights of Columbus Registration Drive:
THIS WEEKEND**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a recruitment drive during the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. There will be Knights available after the Holy Mass to assist in registration and answer any questions. For more information, go to www.KofC.org

St. Brendan Ladies Guild will have their monthly meeting on Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the CCD building. Thank you.

Penance Services: All begin at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary	Graham	April 3
St. Francis Xavier	Eastland/Ranger	April 5
St. Stephen	Weatherford	April 6

Lent is a time of repentance, reflection and renewal. Please take the time this Lenten Season to attend one of the Penance services offered throughout the area.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HORARIO PARA LA SEMANA SANTA

<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
St. Brendan	5:00p.m.	Father Matthew
St. Mary	7:00 p.m.	Father Matthew
Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:00 pm.	Deacon Bill Bolf

GOOD FRIDAY Way of the Cross at St. Brendan 4:00 p.m.

St. Brendan	5:00 p.m.	Father Matthew
St. Mary	7:00 p.m.	Father Matthew
Sacred Heart	7:00 p.m.	Dcn. Tommy Diaz
Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Bill Bolf

HOLY SATURDAY

St. Brendan	5:00 p.m.	Father Matthew
Sacred Heart Parish	7:00 p.m.	Father Matthew
St. Mary	9:00 p.m.	Father Matthew

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Mary	9:30 a.m.	Father Matthew
Our Lady of Guadalupe	11:00 a.m.	Father Matthew
St. Brendan	6:00 p.m.	Father Matthew

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please visit us at: www.stbrendanscc.org

Favor de visitarnos en el web:

Bulletin: Send to: stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com Please call or text (512) 652-8006. Give name, announcement and parish, or prayer intention. Deadline: Wednesday

NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

THANK YOU to those who came to the celebration of the Holy Mass with Bishop Olson. It was a beautiful Mass with wonderful music from the college student choir.

Thank you to those who came to the Penance Service on Thursday, March 30. If you were unable to attend, please try to make it to the penance services offered this coming week.

PLEASE RETURN THE BABY BOTTLES and THANKS!

Now that our Choices Baby Bottle Drive is over, please return bottles to your parish. We've collected 75 of the 150 bottles. Thank you! Also, a HUGE thank you to those who generously donated to the Almsgiving Baby Shower. We collected a good number of diaper packages, wipes, as well as clothes and miscellaneous baby items.

Divine Mercy Program

Divine Mercy Sunday this year occurs on April 23, 2017. To prepare for this great Feast, a DVD entitled "DIVINE MERCY 101" will be shown on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the St. Mary FLC from 3:00-4:00 pm, also later that same day from 7:00-8:00 at Newman Hall. Suggested ages are 12 through adult. The DVD explains the various devotions connected with Divine Mercy, especially the extraordinary promise made by Jesus through St. Faustina for those who observe Divine Mercy Sunday (with conditions). Parishioners from all 4 parishes are invited.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you have a friend or loved one who is unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Mike Coggins at (254)592-5545. The ministry serves all four parishes Frs. Matthew and James oversee.

Why are images veiled beginning on the fifth Sunday (Passion Sunday) in Lent?

Traditionally, the two weeks of “Passiontide” begin on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The first week is Passion Week, and the second week is Holy Week.

The traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday focuses on the increasing hatred against Christ from the Jewish authorities. They accuse Him of being a Samaritan, committing sorcery, blasphemy, and as being possessed by Satan. They don't think that Christ is “a good teacher.” They think He is a demonic agent.

The old Gospel reading for Passion Sunday (fifth Sunday of Lent) from the eighth chapter of Saint John's Gospel ends with these words:

“They took up stones therefore to cast at him. But Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” (John 8:59, D-R)

According to Saint Augustine, at this moment when “Jesus hid himself,” Christ in fact became invisible by virtue of His divine nature. Saint Augustine writes:

“He hides not Himself in a corner of the temple, as if afraid, or running into a cottage, or turning aside behind a wall or column: but by His Divine Power making Himself invisible, He passed through their midst.”

To help signify this mystery, Catholic statues and images are veiled with purple cloth beginning at the Vespers on the evening before Passion Sunday. Jesus “hides Himself.”

The statues remain covered until the Gloria of Holy Saturday. This is the moment at which the fast of Lent ends and the glory of Easter begins. This unveiling reveals that Christ has **revealed** himself as risen and victorious. **It's also a pious custom for lay Catholics to cover blessed images and statues at home during Passiontide with purple veils.** Our Catholic Faith is so rich! Be sure to teach your children and grandchildren these beautiful and ancient traditions! <http://taylormarshall.com/2013/03/why-do-we-veil-crucifixes-and-images-on.html>