

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, April 29**

**5:00 p.m.** Parishioners intentions

**7:30 p.m.** Parishioners intentions

**Sunday, April 30**

**9:30 a.m.** Pete Sanchez, Special Intention

**11:00 a.m.** Parishioners intentions

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**6:00 p.m.** College students

**Weekly Parish Activities**  
**April 29 to April 30**

\*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

\*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after Mass

**SUNDAY:** Third Sunday of Easter

**Sacred Heart**

9:30 a.m. ENGLISH Bible Study

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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:**

**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:** St. Joseph the Worker

**8:00 a.m. NO Holy Mass (St. Brendan)**

**Tuesday:** St. Athanasius

**8:00 a.m. NO Holy Mass**

**8:00 p.m. CCM Women’s Group meeting**

**At St. Brendan**

**Wednesday:** St. Philip and James

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:** National Day of Prayer

**8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

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:** First Friday

**8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

**6:00 -10 p.m. First Friday Adoration**

**Saturday First Saturday**

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

**7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en St. Mary (español)**

**ON THE ROAD**

April 30, 2017

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately, we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT-**The Knights of Columbus will sponsor two special prayer services this week to begin the month of May. First Thursday Rosary will be recited May 4 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, May 5 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](mailto:cogmik@yahoo.com) or call (254)968-8737.

**ST. MARY NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the First Holy Communicants! Many thanks to those who helped with their preparation. You are truly appreciated!

**ANNUAL CARNIVAL**

St. Mary CCD Carnival on May 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All CCD students are invited for food, fun, and prizes.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

St. Mary Vacation Bible School will be June 5-9 from 5:30-8:00pm and will be for children going into 1st-6th grade. Help wanted! Text Cheryl Hudson at 254-592-5652.

**CARNAVAL ANUAL**

St. Mary CCD Carnival el 7 de mayo de 10:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Todos los estudiantes de CCD están invitados para la comida, la diversión, y los premios.

**ESCUELITA BIBLICA**

La Escuela Bíblica para niños será del 5 al 9 de junio de 5:30 a 8:00 pm y será para niños que van al 1er-6to grado. ¡Se busca ayudanteS! Texto Cheryl Hudson al 254-592-5652.

**A SPECIAL PRAYER -** Please pray for the Magin family, whose son was tragically killed last Tuesday evening. Pray that the Lord will bring them peace and comfort.

**SACRED HEART:** First Holy Communion confessions are at **9:00 a.m. on May 13.** Confesiones de primer comunión son a las **9 a.m. el 13 de mayo**  
First Holy Communion Mass/Misa de Primer Comunión **1:00 p.m. on May 14.**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS: next weekend**

**Seminarian Formation Fund (Good Shepherd Sunday)** ----- May 6-7, 2017

**\*Basilica of the Ntl. Shrine of the Immaculate Conception----** May 13-14, 2017

ONE TIME

**Catholic Communication Campaign** ----- May 27-28, 2017

**Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)** ----- June 24-25, 2017

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**St. Brendan :** St Brendan's First Holy Communion PRACTICE is **Saturday, May 6th at 9 a.m.** at St Mary's.

St Brendan's First Holy Communion Mass will be held on **Sunday May 7th at St Mary's at 3 p.m.**

### TARLETON CATHOLICS

Interested in sharing your Catholic faith with Tarleton students? Tarleton Catholics is looking for a co-sponsor who desires to share their faith and offer support/guidance to students. This past year students have established a leadership team and built a foundation for community, faith building and service. For more information, please email Paul Caldwell or Dr. Jennifer Lancaster at: [caldwell@tarleton.edu](mailto:caldwell@tarleton.edu) or [jlancaster@tarleton.edu](mailto:jlancaster@tarleton.edu). Thank you!

### NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

#### LOOSE CHANGE DRIVE (Pallotine Cans)

Please return your cans for the *Loose Change Drive* of the Irish Pallottine effort at your earliest convenience.. Thanks to all of you who have supported this drive.

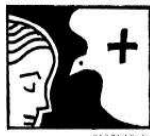


**CRS RICE BOWLS:** Please remember to bring your Rice Bowls during the Easter Triduum or over the next two Sundays thereafter! Thank you!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus along with the Carter Blood Care Center will host a blood drive Sunday June 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Newman Hall. Remember that for each pint of blood donated, three lives can be saved. A full breakfast will be provided for all those participating. Please try to do your share and donate. Contact Mike Hill for more information at (254)485-9007. Thank you.

#### CONFIRMACIÓN



#### CONFIRMATION FOR ALL PARISHES

**Confirmation practice date** is Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary. All parishes must attend.

The **Holy Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated at St. Mary Catholic Church on May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Candidates and Sponsors need to be at Family Life Center by 6:00 p.m. The confirmandi from the four parishes will be confirmed by Bishop Most Reverend Michael Olson, who will celebrate Holy Mass with Fathers Matthew and James. All are encouraged to attend and support the Confirmandi in their continuing journey with Christ.

**Bulletin:** Send to: [stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com) Please call or text (512) 652-8006. Give name, announcement and parish. or prayer intention. Deadline: Wednesdays. Thank you!

### The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker (MAY 1)

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion.



Beginning in the *Book of Genesis*, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creation, humankind both fulfills the command found in *Genesis* to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

**Reflection:** To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

#### MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

Here are five reasons why it makes sense for you to honor Mary this month.

- 1. Mary is Jesus' mother.** She is the instrument of the Incarnation and her yes, or *fiat*, made it possible for our Lord to become the God-Man who was Crucified for our salvation.
- 2. She is the first and most perfect disciple.** Mary was the first to hear the Good News, and the first to follow Christ. Her entire life was devoted to him and assisting him, in whatever way she could, to carry on his mission. Unaffected by Original Sin, she was able to perfectly open herself to God's will.
- 3. She's your mom.** No, really. She is. To put it simply, she's our mother because we are all members of the Body of Christ. Since she gave birth to that Body, then she's our mother, too. At the moment she gave her fiat, she became our mother in the order of grace. She may not have given birth to us physically, but she certainly has given birth to us spiritually. (**Check out CCC #964**)
- 4. She loves you more than you can ever imagine.** If she didn't, would she have endured the horror of seeing her Son tortured, scourged, crowned with thorns, carry the Cross to Calvary, and die a gruesome death on it? She did it for you, for all of us, because she understood that Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion was the only way to your (our) salvation. She loves you like no human mother ever could.
- 5. Not only is she Mother, but she also is Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix (CCC #969).** Her job, so to speak, began at the moment she conceived Jesus in her womb and continues until this day. What's more, it will continue for all eternity. As the first and most perfect disciple, she is devoted to accompanying him and continuing her saving office by interceding for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. She's at work 24/7/365/forever, for whatever we need, whenever we need it.

#### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**First Reconciliation (Confession)** on Sunday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>** after Mass  
**First Holy Communion Practice** Saturday, **May 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**First Holy Communion Day** will be on **May 7 at 11 a.m. Mass.**

**PRAYER CORNER:** Prayers this week for: Ester Pulido, Tino Bernal, Lupita Ojeda, Maria Bernal, Baby Branson Eli Garcia, 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, Anne Blount, Robert Gifford, Walter Serratt, Bonnie Kennedy, Claire Davis, Fr. Philip McNamara, Ed Withers, Jaime Dittrich, Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill