

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish

815 St. Mary's Church Rd.
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Janice Jozwiak

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Albina Urban †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Anton & Rosie Petter Family †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Steve & Mary Vitek †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.

Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



MASSES

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Bessie Treybig †

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Mabel & F.C. Knippel †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Jo Anna Rudolph †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Ed & Lillian Sklar †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Robert & Bernice Kovar †

Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

For the People

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Pearson †

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

First Friday 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Pope Francis
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez
Diocese of Austin



St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

MONTHLY MASS

Wednesday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.

For the intentions left on the altar

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Marriage preparation: Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine months before the date desired.

Baptism Preparation Classes will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Parents & Godparents must have attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years of the Baptism. Contact the parish office to register.

Parish Registration forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 9, AD 2018

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$1,612.00
Cemetery: \$ 339.00

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the first time for *Madison Becka & Aaron Perez*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **December 29, 2018**.

KJZT #41, THE ANNUNCIATION will meet on Monday, **December 10**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Mildred Walla's house. All members are welcome. For further information, call Mildred at (979) 270-1750.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY Christmas Social will be Wednesday, **December 12**, at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will enjoy a potluck meal, followed by bingo and a \$7.00 gift exchange. Guests are invited.

ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER will be held on Sunday, **December 16**. Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a catered dinner to be served at 12:00 noon. If you plan to attend, sign up at the entrance of the church and bring a dessert.

GIVE YOUR ADVENT PREPARATION A BOOST!
Prepare for the Lord's coming by praying with the St. Mary Rosary Group at **6:00 p.m.** on **Mondays** this month. In 40 minutes, you will have said – along with other prayers and the singing of a hymn – The Angelus, The Rosary, The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **and** have had the opportunity to voice specific intentions for the week. Come give some quality time to God! *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* Matthew 18:20

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering: \$3,829.00
Faith Formation: \$ 605.00

ST. JOHN'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER IS TODAY in the parish hall. Social hour will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal. Please join us in food and fellowship as we prepare for the coming of our Lord. Dessert donations are welcome!

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY ADVENT PARTY is on Tuesday, **December 11**, at 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall, beginning with lunch and followed by bingo. Each member is asked to bring a gift valued at \$7.00. You may bring a guest, but you need to bring a gift exchange for them as well.

ST. JOHN'S ROSARY GROUP prays the rosary every Tuesday evening in the Church at **5:30 p.m.** Come pray with us!

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items, as well as consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bennie Daricek, Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Melissa Hahn, Ed Halcom, Woody Hiebert, Annie Mae Janish, Deacon Robert Jasek, J.D. Kovar, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Cindy McCowen, John Meehan, Veronica Miller, Jonathon Moss, Vickie Neutzler, Saber Pace, Madeline Petrofsky, Doris Polasek, Garland Polasek, Donna Shula, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Louis Smith, Larry Sodek, Barbara Sulak, Dan Supak, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Mae Till, Bennie Volcik, Maggie Williams. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

FAITH FORMATION – Wednesday, December 12

- ✓ Grades K-6 will meet at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Grades 7-12 will meet at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (in the hall)

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

- **SAVE THE DATES FOR DCYC** on **February 2-3** in Waco! This year's theme is, "To the Heights," based on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's quote, "The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ." Registration and consent forms are due Friday, **December 14**.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 23**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents, your help will be appreciated.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Here I am Lord I Come to Do Your Will," and "Doing my best to do good." Students in grades 4-12 and adult CDA members are encouraged to enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 23, 2019** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Contact Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **December 18** at 7:00 p.m.
- **NO KC BARBECUE** will be held this month.
- **CORPORATE COMMUNION** will be observed Sunday, **December 30**, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, preceded by the Rosary.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 30**, with the social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. Each person is asked to bring a canned food item for the AMEN Food Pantry.

ALL ARE INVITED to St. Mary's Altar Society's **Annual Candy/Bake Sale** on Saturday, **December 15**, at the St. Mary's Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member. Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. See you there!

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YOUTH CHOIR: The youth choir will sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at St. John on Monday, December 24. The last two practice dates are **December 16 & 23**. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Schley at 979-249-7501.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES are due tomorrow, **December 10**.

ANGEL TREE: If you picked up an 'angel' from the tree, remember to wrap your gift in a gift bag, put the 'angel' tag on the gift, and return it under the tree by **December 12**. Thank you!



CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS



are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. Both the donor and recipient are remembered in The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them by Bishop Vásquez and the Director of Seminarians. These cards may be for living or deceased friends and loved ones. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877 or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470. What a special Christmas gift!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to this week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES will be distributed at the weekend Masses on **December 29 & 30**.

HELP NEEDED: St. John's Cemetery Association is in need of maintenance personnel for St. John's Catholic Cemetery. The job consists primarily of lawn care, weeding, and grounds maintenance. Please contact Ronnie Kramr at (979) 249-6152 or the parish office if you are interested.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your gifts from last week's commitment drive. The updated totals, as of December 6, are as follows:

- St. Mary has pledges of **\$55,800**, which is 50% of the parish goal of \$110,000.
- St. John has pledges of **\$266,920**, which is 95% of the parish goal of \$280,000.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the campaign. Pledge cards are available at the entrance of Church. Please return them as soon as possible.

HOPE-HEALTHY OPTIONS PROGRAM: On the second Friday of each month, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., clients will receive a bag of groceries. The next distribution is Friday, **December 14**.

SECOND CHANCE VOLUNTEERS are needed the week of **December 18 through December 22**, and **December 31**. Any help would be appreciated!

YEAR OF REPARATION: *Ideas for Acts of Reparation*

As children of God, we each have an opportunity to help satisfy the justice of God by making reparation for our own sins and the sins of others. Try these ideas this week:

1. Pray a decade of the Rosary for someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and ask for the grace to forgive that person.
2. Smile. Ask God for the grace to be extra joyful and to share your love for Christ with those who most need that encouragement.
3. Take time to write a handwritten note to someone who is lonely or needing encouragement.

For resources that further aid in the understanding of the process of reparation, as well as give more options for actual acts of reparation, visit <https://austindiocese.org/year-of-reparation>.

COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Engaged couples are encouraged to inquire at their parish about pre-marriage retreats and classes. Marriage Preparation is an important process that allows couples to discern and explore their vocation of marriage by looking closely at their relationships with one another and with God.

SUPPORT THE PARISH WHEN YOU SHOP AMAZON!

Visit smile.amazon.com, sign in to your Amazon account and select St. John Catholic Church, Fayetteville TX, as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. John at no cost to you.

“Share the Journey” Campaign



FLIGHT IS NOT A CHOICE. IT IS A NECESSITY

Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes. The majority of them live in the poorest countries in the world under extremely difficult conditions. Armed conflict, climate change, development megaprojects, persecution... The causes of forced displacement are multiple, interwoven and complex. What would it take to force you to abandon all you have in search of a better life? If you have not gotten involved in the Share Journey campaign, learn how you can do so today by visiting sharejourney.org.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

December 8-9 Second Sunday of Advent

“O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart” (Is 30:19,30). We are called to hope in the Lord who will indeed make all things new. May we be radiant signs of this hope as we witness our faith and love through helping the least among us.

December 8-9 Segundo Domingo de Adviento

“Pueblo de Sión, que vives en Jerusalén: ya no llorarás más. El Señor tendrá compasión de ti al oír que gritas pidiendo ayuda, y apenas te oiga, te responderá.” (Isaías 30:19,30). Estamos llamados a esperar en el Señor quien renovará todas las cosas. Seamos signos radiantes de su esperanza mientras damos testimonio de nuestra fe y amor a través del ayudar a los más pequeños entre nosotros.

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ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Grade 6
Saturday – Theresa Keilers
Sunday – Janet Hall

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Michelle Bertsch, Carrol Hollimon, Theresa Keilers
Saturday – Andrew Keilers*(H), Yvonne Smith(H), Lexxus Mayorga(H), Theresa Keilers(C), Betty Kovar(C), Karley Kasmiersky(C), Kayla Kaspar(C)
Sunday – Mary Quiros(H), Rick Schilling(H), Cindy Bertsch(H), Joe Babin*(C), Jeanne Schilling(C), Amy Babin(C), Pat Geistmann(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3), Grade 6 (1)
Saturday – Amanda Little, Peyton Jurecka, Chelsie Toddy
Sunday – Wade Halamicek, Marissa Halamicek, Emma Jurecka

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 1
Saturday – Jimmie Schmitt Family
Sunday – Alvin Minarcik Family

CCW ROSARY: Madeline & J.D. Kovar will lead the Rosary for the intention of religious vocations.

ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER: Carrol Hollimon, Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Madeline Kovar

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday – Leonard Malota, Peter Chovanec, Gary Toddy, Ronnie Kramr
Sunday – Christopher Kaspar, Kenneth Noska, Lee Matocha, Vernon Hohensee

ST. JOHN CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	Rodney Beseda	281-802-7482
Finance Council President	Steve Pavlicek	409-739-4410
St. John Altar Society	Madeline Kovar	979-378-2361
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Nikki Beseda	713-875-8009
K.J.Z.T.	Rose Rohde	979-249-3635
K.J.T.	Emil Sodolak	979-249-3952
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. John Catholic Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

ST. MARY'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Robert Balzer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Jan Jurecka, Robert Balzer, Jo Ann Divin, Paulette Urban

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Ryan Becka, Julie Korenek

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Anton Becka Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sunday – Vlasta Korenek

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Donnie Becka, Alfred Ermis, Eduardo Alvarado, Dennis Orsak

ST. MARY CONTACTS

Pastoral Council Chairman	James Wunderlich	281-723-1999
Finance Council President	Bruce Kubena	979-249-6592
St. Mary Altar Society	Lolly Balzer	979-249-3076
Pro-Life Ministries Coordinator	Aimee Korenek	979-966-7051
K.J.Z.T.	Mildred Walla	979-378-4202
K.J.T.	James Korenek	979-966-9170
Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
St. Mary Catholic Cemetery	Lawrence Korenek	979-732-2836

Iglesias que ofrecen Misas en Español

Sab.	7:30 PM	St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes	Caldwell
Dom.	11:00 AM	St. Margaret	Giddings
Dom.	11:30 AM	Sacred Heart	La Grange
Dom.	12:00 PM	Saint Anthony	Columbus
Dom.	12:30 PM	Sts Peter & Paul	Frelsburg

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE

La Grange	Monday	December 10	7:00 p.m.
Rockdale	Tuesday	December 11	6:00 p.m.
Ellinger	Sunday	December 16	5:00 p.m.
Fayetteville	Sunday	December 16	7:30 p.m.
Somerville	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Lexington	Tuesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
Chappell Hill	Wednesday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
Giddings	Thursday	December 20	7:00 p.m.
Brenham	Friday	December 21	7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Holy Day Masses

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS - 6:00 p.m. at St. John
MASS DURING THE NIGHT - 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary
10:00 a.m. - St. John



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Americas
December 12, 2018

"My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth."

-Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

