

St. Mary Catholic Church

Mission Parish

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



MASSES

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Deacon Lee Cochran †

Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Henry & Marie Hrachovy †

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Reverend Ben Holub †

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For the People

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.

No Mass

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sylvester & Alma Schmitt †

Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Lorena Canik †

Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Anton & Rosie Petter Family †

Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Francisco Alfau †

Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.

F.C. Knippel †

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

World Youth Day Pilgrims

Sacrament of Reconciliation

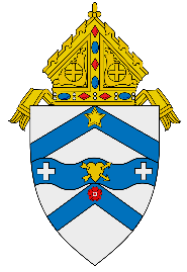
Saturday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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, January 16, 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, AD 2019

ST. MARY'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$1,834.00
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$ 419.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 700.00

ST MARY'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastoral Council meeting will be on Thursday, **January 17**, at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. The meeting is open to all parishioners. St. Mary's Finance Council will meet on **January 24**.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

Sunday Offering:	\$6,245.00
Feast of the Holy Family:	\$1,752.50
Solemnity of Mary:	\$2,608.00

WELCOME: St. John's parish family would like to congratulate the family of *Adalyn Rose Hitchcock* who was born into Our Lord's life through baptism last weekend. May the Lord be with her and her family with all His blessings.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for *Meghan Wied & Bradley Tew*, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. John Catholic Church, on Saturday, **January 12, 2019**.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY: Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 8**, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE: *Please remove ornaments and breakable items. We ask all to consistently maintain 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.

ST. JOHN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: It is time, once again, to select new members to our Pastoral Council. The three-year terms for members Rodney Beseda, Debora Canik, and Kathy Kneblak will be expiring after the first calendar quarter of 2019. The other current members are: Paul Estrada, Emil Sodolak, John Spiess, Pat Geistmann, Lee Matocha, and Robert Kasmiersky. Please submit your nominations for the council by today, **January 6**, in order to have your nomination entered into the selection that will take place at the council meeting on Thursday, **January 10**. Nomination forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

ST JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS: The Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Thursday, **January 10**, at 7:00 p.m. We will be selecting three new members at this time. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday, **January 22** at 6:45 p.m.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Ruby Ann Beard, Randy Dvorak, Regina Gerik, Hannah Glenn, Ed Halcom, Annie V. Janish, Deacon Robert Jasek, J.D. Kovar, Lillian Kramr, Kendall Kurtz, Jordan Lee, Doris Matocha, Olivia McAfee, Cindy McCowen, John Meehan, Dinah Meischen, Veronica Miller, Jonathon Moss, Vickie Neutzler, Loretta Peschel, Garland Polasek, Donna Shula, Dr. Jimmy Sladek, Larry Sodek, Barbara Tieken, Mary Till, Mae Till, Bennie Volcik, Gail Warschak, and 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, January 9

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS at St. John will be removed after Mass on Sunday, **January 13**. All high school students and anyone wishing to help should be at the church by 11:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

- **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **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 may enter. Entry forms are available at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. The deadline for entries is **January 23**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **OFFICERS MEETING** will be held on Monday, **January 7**, at 6:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Hall.
- **BAR-B-Q** chicken, sausage and ribs to go will be served Sunday, **January 13**, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. John Hall pits. You may call to place orders at (979) 249-6003. K.C. members to work starting at 5:00 a.m. are the Kenneth Noska crew. **The CDA will have side dishes available.**
- **REGULAR MEETING** will be on Tuesday, **January 15**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's parish hall.
- **RED ROOSTER** will be held on Tuesday, **January 29**, at the La Grange KC Hall, with the social starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meal.

FAITH FORMATION CATECHETICAL RETREAT will be Saturday, **January 12**, at St. Mary in Ellinger from 9-12 noon. All Catechists, Aides, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend. Please join us as we focus on the practical ways to evangelize in the classroom. Father Matthew Kinney, of Sacred Heart Parish in La Grange, will lead us in this prayerful morning.

GIVE BLOOD, THE GIFT OF LIFE! A blood drive will take place from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, **January 19**, on the Fayetteville square, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3168. Call Jonathan Noska at (979) 966-9569 for more information or to sign up. There will also be a sign up sheet at the Church entrance next week.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

"Church"- This 16-hour course will be offered in La Grange, over four Saturdays—*February 9, March 9, April 6, and May 11*—from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. To register, call the Sacred Heart Church Office at (979) 968-5740.

YEAR OF REPARATION: Ideas for Acts of Reparation

Try these ideas this week:

1. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, or through any act of violence, asking that they find healing and peace.
2. Read the Daily Reflections this week in your copy of *The Word Among Us*.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for **February 21-24** at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center in Weimar. Applications are available at the entrance of the church or online at www.holyrosaryacts.com. Questions? Call Becca: (979) 732-1710.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019-PANAMA

Each World Youth Day has its own special prayer that is shared by pilgrims around the world before, during, and after the event itself.

WYD Panamá Pilgrim Prayer

Merciful Father, You call us to live our lives as a way of salvation. Help us to recall the past with gratitude, to embrace the present with courage and to build the future with hope.

Lord Jesus, our friend and brother, thank you for looking upon us with love. Let us listen to your voice as it resonates in the hearts of each one with the strength and light of the Holy Spirit. Grant us the grace of being a Church that goes forth with vibrant faith and a youthful face to communicate the joy of the Gospel. May we help to build up the kind of society we long for, one where there is fairness and fellowship.

We pray for the Pope and bishops; for priests and deacons; for those in consecrated life and for volunteers; for young people and all who will participate in the upcoming World Youth Day in Panamá, and for those who are preparing to receive them.

Our Lady of Antigua, Patroness of Panama, help us to pray and live with generosity like yours: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Amen.

Our Pilgrims leave in two weeks. Please KEEP them in your prayers – that their journey will be safe, and that it will ignite a deeper love for Our Lord and a passion to evangelize!

'GOD WORKS WITH OUR HANDS' RETREAT

Knitters, Crafters, and Quilters take note! Reflectively working with your hands helps you discover the stillness within. On **January 19**, bring your handwork so you can listen to God at work in your hands while you explore the spirituality of your craft. Your love offering for the day is appreciated. A box lunch is available to purchase for \$5.00. We invite those attending to join the Sisters for their 8:30 am Mass in the Convent Chapel at Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N. E. Water Street Victoria, TX 361-575-7111. Call (361) 575-7111 for more information or to register.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

On March 25, 1984 – 35 years ago – Saint John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. Each day of prayer represents one year in the life of Christ. To receive your **FREE** mailed copy of St. Louis de Montfort's prayer book, please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by **January 18**. The prayers begin on **February 20** and may be done privately using the preparation book. All are invited to make or renew our consecration on **March 25**, the Feast of the Annunciation.

TEXAS CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE DAY is Saturday, **January 26**. Bishop Mulvey of Corpus Christi will celebrate a Mass at 10 a.m. at San José Parish in Austin and Bishop Zurek of Amarillo will celebrate a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Parish for the Gift of Human Life. Participants will march to the south steps of the State Capitol for the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Luisa De Poo at (512) 949-2487.

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, **January 11**.

THE "SAYING YES" RETREAT is on **January 26** from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Saying yes to God as Mary did can bring us joy and transformation. Come hear Sally Robb share how to say a deeper yes to our Lord. To register visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

MASSES INTENTIONS: There are Mass openings for 2019. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a deceased relative or friend.

"Share the Journey"



EXPAND THE HORIZONS OF YOUR HEART

If you look at Christ's birth and death with today's eyes, you could think he was a loser; born in a stable and thirty-three years later, while still living with his mother, crucified by his own people like a common criminal. Despite his lowly birth and his humiliating and agonizing death, through the events in his life, this man of very humble origins revolutionized how we see the poor and marginalized, how we think of power and who we deem to be "winners" and "losers" in our world.

We are all called on journeys: Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Magi, we are called on journeys which require strength, perseverance, humanity, wisdom and courage. On these journeys, we meet people who we may be tempted to prematurely label or judge as a "winner" or a "loser" in life, without knowing their full story nor understanding their significance to our lives. The one person who does not appear to go on a journey in the Nativity is King Herod. He stays in the security of his palace and gives orders to kill all boy children in Bethlehem. He tries to keep hold of his kingdom by using his power to spread fear and mistrust.

When Jesus as an adult tells us "the kingdom of God is within you", he is asking us to open our eyes to a new way of seeing a world where there are no people who are considered "losers." It is in the small and filthy places where our kings are born, not in palaces. The poorest and most marginalized people in our societies deliver true messages of hope to us.

This Christmas season, let us remember that hope, like the migrants and refugees of our world, is always on a journey forward. By opening our eyes and reaching out to others, we will find our hearts carried forward by a great wave of love and our destination will be peace. That will be when no person nor country will say "there's no room for you here."

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

January 5-6 Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

In Christ there is no east or west, north or south. There is no distinction of Jew or Greek, slave or freedom, male or female. We are all one in the Lord. The commitment to life, charity and justice by the church is rooted in Christ who came for each of us. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord helps us to focus on the reality that we are all called to sit around the table without regard to distinction.

Enero 5-6 Solemnidad de la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor

En Cristo no hay este, oeste, norte o sur. No hay distinción entre Judío o Griego, esclavitud o libertad, hombre o mujer. Todos somos uno en el Señor. El compromiso con la vida, la caridad y la justicia de la Iglesia está enraizado en Cristo quien vino por cada uno de nosotros. La Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la realidad de que todos estamos llamados a sentarnos en la Mesa sin distinción.

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ST. JOHN'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTORS

Wednesday – Grade 11/12
Saturday – Herman Schramm
Sunday – John Spiess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Wednesday – Annette Little, Paulette Keilers, Amy Babin
Saturday – Yvonne Smith(H), Leslie Little*(H),
 Addie Dybala(H), Lexxus Mayorga(C), Lois Kaspar(C),
 Tiffany Nigh(C), Carrol Hollimon(C)
Sunday – Amy Babin(H), John Spiess(H),
 Nikki Beseda(H), Lori Spiess(C), Michelle Bertsch(C),
 Kathy Knebluk(C), Joe Babin*(C)

ALTAR SERVERS

Wednesday – Grade 4 (3) , Grade 5 (1)
Saturday – Evan Blazek, Amanda Little, Skylar Kasmiersky
Sunday – Braden Kubala, Ricky Schilling, Cole Brackman

GIFT BEARERS

Wednesday – Grade 3
Saturday – Debbie Canik and Waldine Fruge
Sunday – Paul Estrada Family

ALTAR DUTY FOR JANUARY: Theresa Keilers,
 Mary Goerig, Lexxus Mayorga, Kathleen Kramr

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday – Eddie Gaertner, Wesley Gaertner, Kory Kaspar,
 Vincent Orsak
Sunday – Arlis Keilers, Allan Minarcik, Emil Sodolak,
 Joe Babin

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

Pray with the Saints - Upcoming Feast Days

January 7	St. Raymond of Pennafort	<i>Patron Saint of Canonists</i>
January 8	St. Thorfinn	<i>Kind and compassionate Bishop of Hamar</i>
January 9	St. Adrian	<i>Abbot of the monastery at Nerida</i>
January 10	St. William of Bourges	<i>Priest, drawn to religious life from an early age</i>
January 11	St. Theodosius	<i>Monk, abbot, and saint who was a founder of the cenobitic way of monastic life</i>
January 12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	<i>Survived many threats in her 26 years in wilderness of Canada</i>

ST. MARY'S LITURGICAL DUTIES

LECTOR

Sunday – Lilly Alvarado

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday – Aimee Korenek, Lee Roy Schula, Ruth Beseda,
 Luke Orsak

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday – Klayten Schmitt, Kole Schmitt

GIFT BEARERS

Sunday – Mark Schmitt Family

USHERS FOR JANUARY

James Wunderlich, James Korenek, Anton Becka, Luke 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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- January 6

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs”, and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”) [CCC 528].



Come Gather in Prayer with Us!

- ***Saturday** night – pray the Rosary before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John** for the intention of religious vocations
- ***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary**
- ***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m. at **St. John**

