

# St. Mary's Mission

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## **Mass Schedule**

*Sunday 9:30 AM*

## **Mission Staff**

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

**PASTOR:** Msgr. Michael Heras

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Fr. Joseph Olikkara

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Richard Lewinski

**February 2, 2014**

## **The Presentation of the Lord**

### **A CHRISTMAS REPRISE**

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

### *Living God's Word*

*The pure, hot light that emanates from Christ both reveals and purifies, like the flames that refine ore into pure gold, Christ's light burns away all that is impure or worthless in those who come close to the flame. The process may be painful and frightening. It may require sacrifice, but we are not alone.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Feb. 3-9, 2014**



- Monday**  
8:00 am †Guadalupe DeLeon -  
M/M Joe Alaniz
- Tuesday**  
8:00 pm †Isabella Rony - Jean & Eddie Schwirtlich
- Wednesday**  
6:30 pm Mary & Matt Jackson (Anniv) - Marian &  
Dan Tajchman
- Thursday**  
8:00 am †Christine Maloy - Deanna Lauer
- Friday**  
8:00 am †Joyce Brand - Marian & Dan Tajchman
- Saturday**  
6:00 pm †Javier Tanguma - M/M Raymond Tanguma

**COLLECTIVE MASSES**

- Sunday**  
8:00 am †Benito Ramirez, Jr. - Ramirez Family  
9:30 am †Julia Michaud - Linda Michaud  
10:00 am †Leslie Zannotti - Fred & Rita Nolan  
12:00 pm †Felix Ocanas - Family  
Hilma Saenz (B-day) - Blanca Garcia  
†Gonzalo Serrata - Gonzalo, Jr. & Eva Tagle  
†Elma Gonzales - Aida Emma Lopez  
†Pat Hull - C.E. Hickey  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

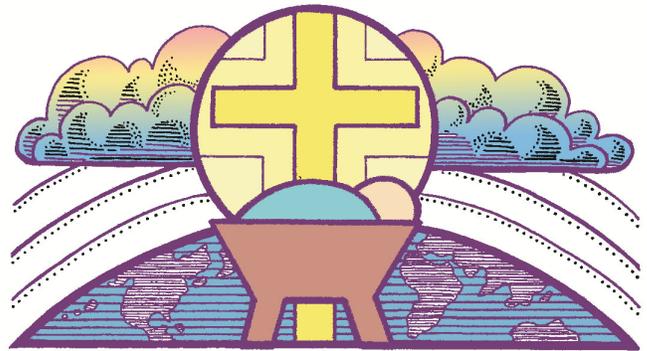
- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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**ST. MARY'S MISSION**

Envelopes ..... \$417.00  
Loose ..... \$65.00  
Total ..... \$482.00

**God Bless You!**



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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

**C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,**  
 5:30 to 6:30 pm.  
**Confirmation Class - Wednesday,**  
 7:00 - 8:00 pm.  
 Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601  
 for more information.

**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES:** Columbian Squires membership is still open to all youth males 10 - 18 years of age. Our first meeting is Thursday, Feb. 6th at 7 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information contact Johnny Rodriguez (361)244-2721.



is for young adults single and married ages 19 - 39 to establish and maintain a relationship with Christ and the Church.

There will be 4 essential elements:

1. Spiritual (Mass, Sacraments, Spiritual Enrichment)
2. Human (socials, dinners, outings, etc.)
3. Intellectual (Bible Study, Relationships, finances, etc.)
4. Pastoral (giving back to the community, feeding the poor, visiting the Ark, etc.)

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9th in the evening. The time will be decided at a later date.



**PRAYER FOR THE 2014 CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL**

Lord, Jesus as stewards of the many gifts you have bestowed on us, we come together in unity in Your name and give back to you in gratitude. We ask you to bless this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal and lead us as members in the services and programs of the larger church that provide, support and grow in Your Name. Bless each steward in your midst today as they discern a gift of gratitude by pledging to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. May our faith community continue to grow as we faithfully do Your calling of our Diocesan Church. Amen

The 2014 Catholic Stewardship Appeal, formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, will be presented in our parish Feb. 15 & 16th.

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

Have you eve noticed how church candles burn? Unlike our candles at home, they leave no wax behind. They slowly get shorter and shorter until they have been completely consumed by the flame. That is because they are made of beeswax, which burns hot and bright with all of the wax becoming fuel for the fire.

Today's candle ritual, like the Service of Light at the Easter Vigil, reminds us of the Light of the World that dawned at Christmas, Simeon rightly recognized that Jesus himself would have to become like pure wax. His sacrificial death would fuel the flame that burns brightly as a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for Israel.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

1. On Feb. 14-16 from 8 p.m. Friday – 5 p.m. Sunday at Our Lady Of Corpus Christi Retreat Center (1200 Lantana) in Corpus Christi. The weekend is for any married couple who'd love to spend Valentine's Day weekend enriching their marriage (catholic-based but open 2 couples of any religious denomination). Cost is \$100 per couple (there will be anonymous free will donation opportunity during the weekend). Accommodations include a private room and bath per couple and 5 healthy, adult oriented meals will be provided.

Note: during the weekend, you will be given time to share your thoughts and feelings with each other in the privacy of your room.

Deadline to register is Sunday, Feb. 9. For more information contact Rolando and Nelda Garza at (361) 851-8306 or [wwwme.cc@sbcglobal.net](http://wwwme.cc@sbcglobal.net)

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