

St. Mary's Mission

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February 23, 2014

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIVE BETTER THAN YOU RECEIVE

Jesus' words in today's Gospel continue to contrast the Jewish law and practice with the practice of the followers of Jesus. Today's Gospel continues with slight variations the formulation: "You have heard . . ." and "What I say to you is . . ." The old laws of retaliation were once created to soften the severe and vengeful retaliations common among the peoples that surrounded the struggling people of God. The would-be followers of Jesus again feel surrounded by people bent on retaliation. So Matthew presents Jesus, who asks his followers not only not to retaliate at all but to "turn the other cheek."

He asks that his listeners give the one who asks more than he or she seeks. Jesus asks us to love and pray for those of our home country and the alien, the ones who love us and the ones who hate us.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras
PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan
Fr. Patrick Higgins
Fr. Joseph Olikkara
DEACONS: Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Richard Lewinski

Living God's Word

***We can pray for the Holy Spirit
to open our minds to
Understand what is at the heart
Of Jesus' teachings, and that we
both discern what God asks
Of us and respond wholeheartedly.
Thus we witness to others what
It means to walk in the
law of the Lord.***

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 24-Mar. 2, 2014



Monday
8:00 am Manuela Guevara - Chano Rodriguez

Tuesday
8:00 pm †M/M Inocencio Rodriguez - Chano Rodriguez

Wednesday
6:30 pm †Sean Riley - Beth Bode Becker

Thursday
8:00 am †David Najvar - Keith & Wilma Emshoff

Friday
8:00 am †Ryan Lekosky - Family

Saturday
8:00 am †Ralph Brignoni - Dan & Claudia Menn
6:00 pm †Juan G. & Guadalupe M. Aleman - Janie Smith

COLLECTIVE MASSES

Sunday
8:00 am †Thad & Orien Tindol - Harold & James
9:30 am †Lisa Hellmann Skees - Henrietta Vrana
10:00 am †PFC Joseph Cruz - Rosie Aguirre
12:00 pm †Janie Gil - Family
†Aurelia Vasquez
†Tomasita Garcia - Garcia Family
†Gary Duge - M/M Louis Rathe
†Bernard Nexlony - Ed & Lupe Ruiz
†Mary Kowalik - Doug Blumberg
6:00 pm †People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wed: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

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ST. MARY'S MISSION

Envelopes \$384.00
Loose \$141.00
Total \$525.00



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grape seed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don't just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can't be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God's bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!

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.

**POPE BENEDICT'S
 MONTHLY
 INTENTIONS FOR
 FEBRUARY**



- **Elders.** That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.
- **Collaboration in Evangelization.** That priests, religious, and lay people may work together with generosity.



NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Understanding God's Vision for Marriage

The underlying reason why young adults, engaged couples, and married couples should know Natural Family Planning is that this method teaches them that the body, as God made it is the expression of the person.

- The Benefits of NFP:** Reliable - over 99% effective
- In Unity with Church Teaching:** Fosters love and respect for the couple. Works with God, instead of against. Promotes chastity within marriage
- Natural:** No harmful side effects. Not an abortifacient. Communicates true language of the body to either achieve or postpone pregnancy.
- Inexpensive:** Fraction of the cost of contraception. Can be applied for a lifetime.
- Cooperative:** Spouses become unified with same goal. Divorce rate of practicing couples is < 2%
- Communication:** Fertility is a continual discussion. Goals can change instantaneously.
- Renews Marital Intimacy:** Brief periods of abstinence can enhance excitement and anticipation.

There will be a Class starting on Saturday, March 8, 9 am to 4 pm at St. Peter's Parish in St. William Hall.

Registration Fee is \$125, which includes a six hour introductory Class, materials and unlimited follow-up as needed. Payable by check or money order made out to Family Life. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received in full. Mail registration form and payment to Family Life Office, P.O. Box 2620, Corpus Christi, TX 78403-2620.

Event Name: St. Anthony's 35th Annual Fiesta Mexicana festival
Location: [Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds](#)
Date(s): Mar 1-2, 2014
Time: Starts: 1:00 PM
 On March 1-2. The event will kick-off with a parade at 1 p.m. held downtown Robstown. The Fiesta Mexicana will be at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds in Robstown. Live entertainment will start at 2 p.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, March 1. On Sunday, March 2, the event begins with celebration of Mass at 9 a.m. and the entertainments starts at 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The coronation of Fiesta's King and Queen winner will be at 7

K.C. 7290 BBQ, TODAY, FEBRUARY 23
1/2 Chicken with Rice & Beans
\$8.00 a plate - Carry Out Only
At the BBQ Pit Building
Time 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves.
 In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that - to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

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 Address _____
 City & State _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Religion _____ Age _____

His Name _____
 Address _____
 City & State _____
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 Previous Marriage _____ Y _____ N _____