

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## January 1, 2012

### Mass Intentions

<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Sam & Dorothy Sykora
	10 A.M.	Joe & Darryl Vinklerek
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Victor Moreno
	8:05 A.M.	Alfred Mucala
<i>Thu.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Thanksgiving
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe Jakubik
	10 A.M.	Lester & Adeline Hagan
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Thomas Vrazel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	M/M Louis Kutac & Val
	9 A.M.	Eliza Fernandez
	11 A.M.	Lucille Molina

### Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or  
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

### This Sunday's Holy Scripture

Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

### Your Gift to God: December 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$5684
Online Giving	\$570
Building Fund	\$30
St. Ann Parish Support	\$730.53
Building Fund	\$45

*May God reward your generosity!*

### 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3). Think about starting the new year by spending time in the presence of the Lord.

### Adoracion del Santissimo

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

*The Lord bless you and keep you!*

*The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!*

*The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

### Liturgical Assignments

#### Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Diana Darilek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Jose Martinez

#### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Josephine Vrazel Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Eliza Fernandez Family

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Joyce Brewer, Annie Rodriguez, Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Gloria Lerma
	11 A.M.	Nina Arriaga

#### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	John P. Barrera, Rocki Grubert, Robert Fikac, Ronnie Koenning
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Bruce Chilek, Joe Machalec
	9 A.M.	Reggie Guettner, Robert Hermes, Johnny Salinas, Fred Lerma, III
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Raquel Gomez, Rachel Rodriguez, Dan Vera

#### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	McKenzie & Chase Heller, Michael Chomout
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Cole & Paige Brown
	9 A.M.	Brice Lauer, Haley Lorke, Brittany Moreno
	11 A.M.	Juliebeth Gutierrez, Cecilia Rivas, Jorge Trujillo

### First Friday Devotions

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### CRU: God and Breakfast

CRU invites all junior high and high school students to attend God and breakfast every Friday during the school year. It begins with students attending the Friday 6:30 A.M. Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship in the CRU house (garage apartment). If you have any questions, please contact Jana Guajardo at 361-648-3863.

## Altar Society Meeting

Members are encouraged to bring guests to the meeting which begins at 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Family Center. The program will be given by the new Executive Director of the Yoakum Heritage Museum, Jamie Kelley. Hostesses are: Mag Jahn, Josephine Janak, Gladys Jiral, Rita Kenna and Patsy Nunez.

## CCD Classes

CCD classes will resume this Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Preparation Class

The next Baptismal preparation class in English will be held Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

## Life In The Spirit Seminar

Incarnate Word Prayer Group invites you to a one-day Life in the Spirit Seminar at Incarnate Word Convent from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by a healing Mass at 6:00 P.M. Father Joseph Lam Nguyen of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (C.S. Sp) will be the presenter at the seminar. Father Joseph is a noted international celebrant and speaker on God's compassion and healing. He has presided at Healing Masses and preached at many seminars and workshops about the gift of God's healing through the Sacraments. To register, please call Sister Louise Marie Jones, 361-575-7111 or Paula Gauna, 361-575-7120. Deadline for registration is Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Online Giving

Just a reminder to those who have been considering the option of "Online Giving" as their way of financially supporting the parish...registration for the site is open at all times and may be done through visiting [www.stj catholicchurch.com](http://www.stj catholicchurch.com) and clicking on the "Online Giving" icon.

## Support Catholic Education

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring Catholic School Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prize Choice of:

- 2012 Ford F150 Truck or
- 2012 Ford Fusion Sedan or
- \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

### Other Prizes:

- (4) \$2,500 Prepaid Visa Credit Cards
- (10) \$1,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Cards

Tickets are \$5.00. Drawing to be held Saturday, January 28, 2012. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the school office at 293-9000.

## Christmas and the Cross

"Behold, my child, the Manger and the Cross are one, only transformed. In the Manger I received the Cross as a talent. At the Cross I gave the talent back as a victor. In the Manger MARY placed ME from eternal life into temporal life, from the arms of the FATHER into the arms of the world. At the Cross MARY placed Me from temporal life into eternal life, from the arms of the world (the beams of the Cross) back into the arms of My FATHER. There under the Cross MARY received Me for all of you. For all of you I was born in the Manger as a man. For you I shed my Blood on the Cross, for you MARY had her heart be pierced."

The ultimate consequence of the Incarnation of Christ is his passion and death on the Cross. The ultimate consequence of Bethlehem is Golgotha. The ultimate consequence of the love of God is our redemption!

## Mark Your Calendar

The Victoria Diocese is excited to bring Abby Johnson to our area to share her message of conversion, love, and the power of prayer. Abby Johnson joined Planned Parenthood in 2001 as a college student because she wanted to help women in crisis – a goal she believed the organization shared. As she rose through the ranks to become a clinic director, she became increasingly unsettled about what she was being asked to do. But it wasn't until she helped perform an ultrasound-guided abortion procedure that Abby full realized what she had been a part of all those years. In 2009, she left Planned Parenthood and joined the pro-life movement as a volunteer where she continues to work full time. Abby's story has been featured on Fox News, the O'Reilly Factor, Huckabee, ABC News, and many other national new outlets. The true life account of her experiences with Planned Parenthood are detailed in her bestselling book, "unPLANNED." You can hear Abby's story at Holy Cross Church, Bay City, on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. or at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville, on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to hear this dynamic speaker.



