



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

ESTABLISHED 1869 - NEW WAVERLY, TEXAS

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**FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST - MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** after the 8:00 am Mass we will have a pancake breakfast. Come and join us. Bring your favorite breakfast dish.

### REFLECTION FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

After another happy reunion, Jesus takes Peter aside and reminds him what he originally signed up for. Peter used to fish for food; Jesus invites him to fish for people. Peter isn't in this anymore to fill his own belly. He's supposed to be casting his net for the lost, the least, and the last.

We are always tempted to push away the child, friend, or coworker who's asking for our time. We want to favor the task, whether it's making supper, or making a deadline. Jesus asks us to put people first. Because that big wide world out there could use a rescue. One precious person at a time.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- May 6 Fri. 8:00 am **Living and Deceased Members of the Oliver Family** by Judy Oliver  
+ Pat Griffin by Louise Slott  
+ David Rust by Ellisor Family
- May 7 Sat. 7:00 pm **Living and Deceased Mothers of the parish**  
Open
- May 8 Sun. 9:00 am **Living and Deceased Mothers of the parish**  
Open
- Sun. 11:00 am **Open**
- May 13 Thurs. 7:00 pm + Fred Muzyka by Marjorie Muzyka

**ST. JOSEPH CHOIR THANKS YOU** - The new choir robes arrived in time for Easter! Thank you, Parishioners. Your continued support for this ministry is appreciated. The choir is always open for new members. The only requirement is to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**SUNDAY COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** – This Weekend coffee will be provided by the Hospitality Group. Next weekend will be provided by Kathy Parkans. Join us for fellowship and coffee. If a group or an individual would like to sponsor a Sunday, please call Bryan or Dolly Rasco at 936-520-9435 or Barbara Hasara at 936-524-0577

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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| Josey Billnoske | Randy Lemon           | Martin Sandoval    |
| Ann Buxton      | Jaiden Travis May     | Mary Cruz Sandoval |
| Albert Carranza | Violeta Mendoza       | Ramon Sandoval     |
| David Coffee    | Ronnie McSwain        | Rosalinda Sandoval |
| Benjamin Daly   | Jimmy Novark          | Les Schatz         |
| Leo Javier Daly | Deacon Klaus Petereit | Kevin Schrader     |
| Kathy Demny     | Dan Profitt           | Louise Slott       |
| Barbara Follis  | Franicisco Rocha      | Martin Slott       |
| Michael Haas    | Maria Rosales         | Lois Ubanoski      |
| Chuck Harris    | Anna Ross             | Phillip Wagner     |
| Anna Hyman      | Stevie Russell        |                    |
| John Lahey      | Evangelina Samano     |                    |



**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** – Applications for the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary College Scholarships can be obtained from the church office or from the Ladies Auxiliary. Contact Elizabeth Fougere, President of the Auxiliary, at 936-827-8760 with any questions.

### MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY -

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ.



The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church.

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother.