

MASS/SERVICE SCHEDULE/LNTENTIONS

Tues: 3/22 9:30 am Mass

Wed: 3/23 5:30 pm Adoration

6:30 pm People of the Parish

Sat: 3/26 6:30 pm Agnes Burk (D) by Denis Burk

sun: 3/27 8:30am Don Cook (D) by Sharon Cook

HOLY WEEK/EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thur 3/24 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri 3/25 3:00 pm Good Friday/Lord's Passion

Sat 3/26 8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sun 3/27 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 3/113

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,690.48
SVdP St. Mary's Conference	\$ 214.00

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

No Second Collection

COUNTERS for this week are Betty Smith and Gary Cortellino

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS: Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. It is \$10 and the names will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

PARISH COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493

Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950

Ladies of Saint Mary: Gerrie Chalk 706-963-0050

Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344

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Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410

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Pray for ...

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Keman, Brenda & Tom McKevlin, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, & Brion Lanier.

MINISTRY OF GODS HOUSEKEEPERS

PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there two church members who can spend 1 hour, 5 times spread out over the year?? Each will work with another church member of God's Housekeepers to keep St. Mary's clean. Is this too much to ask? If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

MINISTRY OF GODS GARDENERS

We are in great need of some folks to help with the upkeep of the gardens and church grounds. If you are able to help even a couple of hours a week or month, please call or email the church office.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

St. Vincent dePaul St. Mary's Conference members will meet Wednesday, March 23rd. after the 6:30 PM Mass (about 7: 15 PM) in the Religious Education room. All parishioners are invited to join us as we help the poor and needy in our community both financially and spiritually.

St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central HELP-LINE number for people and families needing assistance is: 1 (678) 892-6163.

We are in need of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. If you are interested, please see Fr. Sullivan.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sharon Cook will be taking care of mass intentions while Christa is away. Everything will be in the Sacristy.

LIVING FAITH DEVOTIONALS

Please look for your copy for April, May and June. The subscription expires with this issue. Please sign up with your name and telephone number if you wish to receive for another year. The price will be about \$4.65 payable when the first issue arrives. Questions? Call Rita Nash at 706-356-1247.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

- UNIVERSAL: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
- EVANGELIZATION: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

NOTICE: For the next few weeks, during Christa's absence, please submit bulletin notices and announcements no later than noon on Tuesday each week.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

As He rides into the city today and faces the crowds who will welcome Him with hosannas, He knows that at this very moment in some carpenter shop in the military barracks, crossbeams are already being hewn, and nails are already being forged. The crowd will soon shout "Crucify" and another injustice, the great injustice of this world will be done. But come next Sunday, after the events of these days, there will come another shout, a joyful expression of resurrection, a truth of which even the stones will speak, when the stone is rolled away from the tomb.

You, *weary* of war and afraid that peace may never come in this world, careening out of control, the stones are crying out. You who are *bright and energetic*, who have your life ahead of you, challenged by all that is coming

your way, the stones are crying out. You who are *young and unsure* of what life will bring, discouraged that whatever it is you are supposed to have and you don't have enough of it, be still, the stones are crying out. You who are *facing cancer* at too young an age, *struggling with pain*, unsure which is worse, the disease or the treatment, take heart, the stones are crying out!

You who are *getting older* feeling as if life is passing you by and there is not much joy left in life, the stones . . . can you hear them??? You who are walking in the valley of the shadow of *death and feeling alone*, you are not alone, the very stones are crying out. God has been this way, walked our journey, known our life, carried our sorrows, forgiven our failures, faced even the worst that the world can do, and has borne it triumphantly. For our sake, and for our salvation, He rides high today, into the city that will be the death of Him, the death of Him, but the life of us all.

It is the message that even the stones cry out, that God is love, and God is life, and nothing can separate us from that love, in that love, ever. Just you wait and see. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Fr. Vincent Sullivan, Pastor

Today's Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7;
Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
Philippians 2: 6-11; Luke 22: 14-23:56

