

## **Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions**

Tue: 6/7 9:30 am  
Wed: 6/8 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:30 pm  
Sat: 6/11 6:30 pm  
Sun: 6/12 8:30 am People of the parish

### **CONTRIBUTIONS for May 29, 2016**

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,358.51

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK Building Fund**

**COUNTERS** for this week are: Mary Beverly and Jan Dover.

The flowers this week are in memory of Robbie Franzmathes.

### **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  
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**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are needed. See Fr. Sullivan if interested.

### **Couples Celebrating 50th and 60th Anniversary in 2016**

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1966 and 1956 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday October 1st, 2016 at 12:00 noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event.



### **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 Kernan, 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, Max Biester, Gloria Woodall, Laura Barnett, Dell Thomas, Nan Lunn, Dennis Nolan, Joan Akins, Diane Farmer, Tina Vu and Lore Schnell.

### **St. Vincent dePaul**

The next Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference meeting will be Wednesday evening, June 15th, following Mass (7:15 PM) in the Religious Education room. We invite parishioners to join us. We are becoming more and more active bringing Christ and assistance to the poor and needy in our Community and have several families needing help with rent, utilities and/or food. There will be a Saint Vincent dePaul collection for our St. Mary's Conference at the Saturday and Sunday Masses, June 11th and 12th. Please be generous as we use this money in our community and many of our poor have trouble paying electric bills in the summer. For more information, please contact Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046. St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163**.

### **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.

### **Lost Key**

The church's Tabernacle key is missing, if anybody knows its whereabouts or finds it please turn in to church office. Thanks!

### **Human Trafficking is the most pervasive evil facing the world today.**

Please be a part of a national prayer campaign to address this evil.

While it is critical to improve the laws, the problem has become so vast, law enforcement must have supernatural help. This is a time for people of faith to come to the assistance of the thousands of victims suffering in the United States, and the millions of victims suffering around the world.

The issue is compassion. We should also understand that large-scale crime negatively affects the economy. United prayer is extremely powerful. The daily prayers of ordinary people can most certainly win this battle.

The Bishop of Rome indicated that God visits "first of all with his presence, with his closeness". In the passage from the day's liturgy "it is written that Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him". In essence, "he was close to the people: a close God who is able to understand the heart of the people, the heart of his people". Then, Luke recounts, "he sees that procession and he draws near". Thus "God visits his people", he is "in the midst of his people he draws near". Hence, "closeness is God's way".

Additionally, the Pope observed, "there is an expression repeated many times in the Bible: "The Lord was moved by great compassion". And it is that "same compassion which, the Gospel says, he had when he saw so many people like sheep without a shepherd". So it is a fact that "when God visits his people he is close to them, he draws near and feels compassion: he is moved". He is "deeply moved, as he was in front of Lazarus' tomb". He is moved like the father in the parable, when he sees the prodigal son return home.

Closeness and compassion: this is how the Lord visits his people", Francis remarked. And "when we want to proclaim the Gospel, to spread the Word of Jesus, this is the way". However, "the other way is that of the teachers, the preachers of that time: the doctors of the law, the scribes, the Pharisees". Characters "far removed from the people", who "spoke well, taught the law well". But they were also "distant". And their way "was not a visit from the Lord: it was something else". Such that "the people did not feel this as a grace, because it lacked closeness, it lacked compassion and suffering with the people".

Adding to "closeness" and "compassion", the Pope proposed "another word which is characteristic of the Lord's visit to his people". Luke writes: "And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother". Thus "when God visits his people, he restores hope to the people. Always!". In this regard, Francis pointed out that "one can preach the Word of God brilliantly" and "there have been many great preachers: but if these preachers do not manage to sow hope, their preaching is useless. It is in vain".

**POPE FRANCIS MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE**  
"When God visits" 16 September 2014