

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

— Isaiah 49:15

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: February 25, 2017 -5:30pm

†**Manuel C. Garza**

De parte de Imelda Garza y familia

†**Ricky Vasquez**

De parte de su familia

†**Juan Rodriguez & Teresa Martinez**

De parte de su hija Virginia y familia

†**Modesta Hinojosa (en memoria de su cumpleaños)**

De parte de Sr & Sra Joe Hinojosa y familia

†**Sira y Vicente Rodriguez**

De parte de Hilda Garza

†**Arnoldo Perez**

De parte de Hilda G. Garza

†**Jose Dominguez**

De parte de su esposa, Margarita Dominguez

†**Irene Trevino**

De parte de Dora Byington

†**Carol Sue Moreno (Aniversario)**

De parte de Vicente Moreno, hijos y familia

†**Alejandro Munoz Sr.**

De parte de Anabelle y Roel Tudon

†**Ercilia Saenz Gonzalez (21 Aniversario)**

De parte de Abel Gonzalez y familia

Sunday: February 26, 2017 – 7:30am

†**Maria Isassi (en memoria de su cumpleaños)**

De parte de la familia Isassi

†**Irene Y. Trevino**

De parte de Frank y Baby Garza

†**Roy Chapa**

De parte de Mary Cortez

†**Arnoldo Perez**

De parte de Joe y Lucille Rodebaugh

†**Irene Trevino**

De parte de Maria Buitron

†**Maria de la Luz Ochoa y Jose Guerra**

De parte de Antonia Rios

†**Luis Ortiz Sr. (37th Ann.)**

De parte de Luis Ortiz Jr. y la familia Belmontes

Sunday: February 26, 2017 – 10:00am

†**Jose Angel Silguero (22nd Anniversary)**

Requested by Al & Edna Lopez

†**Roman Perez**

Requested by Mando Chavera

†**Maria Luisa (LuLu) Montalvo (2nd Ann.)**

Requested by her mom, Elva Montalvo

†**Daniel Cavazos Jr**

Requested by Mere Martinez



Sunday: February 26, 2017 – 12:00 Noon

†**Deacon Arturo Flores**

Requested by Mary Flores & Family

†**Benigna Camarrillo & Dolores Bárcenas**

Requested by their family

†**Soila Lozano**

Requested by Dalia Pena & Family

†**Gene Yaklin (Birthday Remembrance)**

Requested by his Family

†**Ventura Garcia & Pamela Gutierrez**

Requested by Deacon Butcho & Norma Garcia

†**Larry G. Garcia (22nd Ann.)**

Requested by Dr. Gilbert S. Garcia Jr.

†**David Rosales**

Requested by Mr & Mrs Manuel Garcia Jr.

Monday: February 27, 2017 – 6:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday: February 28, 2017 – 6:30am

†**Marina Lozano (Birthday Remembrance)**

Requested by the Family

†**Minerva Frank**

Requested by their family

†**Pamela Gutierrez (3rd Ann)**

Requested by Deacon Butcho & Norma Garcia

Ash Wednesday: March 1, 2017 –

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

6:30am Mass & Distribution of Ashes

†**Andy Alaniz**

Requested by the Morning Mass Friends

12Noon Distribution of Ashes

6:00pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Thursday: March 2, 2017 – 6:30am

†**Victoria Heras (12th Ann.)**

Requested by the Sanchez Family

†**Margarita Ayala**

Requested by Daughters & Family

First Friday: March 3, 2017 – 6:30am

(Day of Abstinence)

†**Felipe V. Lucio**

Requested by Ruperta Luera

†**Arnold Perez**

Requested by Morning Mass Friends

†**Roy Chapa**

Requested by Connie & Carlos Martinez

First Saturday: March 4, 2017

6:30am Intention of Celebrant

*For where your treasure is,
there your heart will
be also-- Matthew 6:2*



Last week offering:

Loose: \$2,628.64
Envelope: \$2,251.00
Total: \$4,879.64

We thank you for your continued support!

We pray for the following who need healing: Roberto Ramos, Tana Torres, Alejandra Torres, Maria Longoria, Matilde Mayorga, David O. Trevino, Lou Ann Reyes, Vangie Longoria, Elva G. Rodriguez, Maria Nury Zapata, Edna Morales, Grace Morales, Robert Morales, Nilda G. Loera, America Crouse, Sarita Mendieta, Tina Munoz, Anita Carrillo, Renee Benavides Dixon, Maria Antonia Garcia, Domonique Damian, Angelita Rodriguez, Lela Guzman, Carmen Rios, Cissy Cortez, Joey M. Rios, Alex Olivarez, Mary Castro, Irma Zamora, Mary Lou Garza, Consuelo Perez, Debbie Curiel, Joe Garza, Refugio Rey, Armando Vargas, Petrolino Esquivel, Clarissa De La Paz, Marcus Alonzo Castilla, Annette Galvan Espinoza, Omelia Tijerina. Yolanda De La Paz. Joel Salazar, Cindy Ureneo, Emilio Mireles, Mary Lou Garza & Consuelo Perez, Jessica Marie Zarate .



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for all the ill on our list and for those whose names are written on the heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donated in memory of Homero Cortez on his 20th

Anniversary by Mary Cortez & Family and

in memory of Antonio Torres on his 2nd Ann. & Ramona Torres on her 12th Ann. by their family



Love. Grow. Serve.

February 25th & 26th

Lectors & Commentators:

5:30pm Mary Ann Colin & Emma Ramos
 7:30am Abraham Flores III
 10:00am CCD Students
 Noon Angie Stanley & Benita Sanchez

Altar Servers

5:30pm Rigoberto, Lily
 7:30am Christian, Diego
 10:00am Danielle, Debra, Bianca, Veronica
 Noon Emily, Aidan

Extra-Ordinary Minsters

5:30pm Victor Montez, Sister
 7:30am 1 Griselda Trevino, 2 Carmela Alvarez
 10:00am Dawn & Joe Mireles
 Noon Ben Merino & Lucy Camarillo

Ushers/Hospitality

5:30pm Adolfo Silva
 7:30am Mon Aguilar, Roque Loera, Frank Najera

March 4th & 5th

Lectors & Commentators:

5:30pm Altar Society
 7:30am Oscar Vela
 10:00am Audrey Lambert
 Noon Felipe & Irma Leal

Altar Servers

5:30pm TBA
 7:30am
 10:00am
 Noon

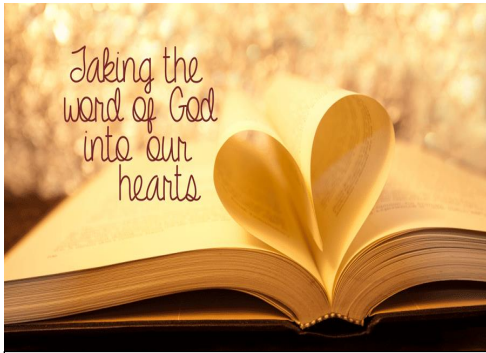
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WE THANK ALL OUR MINISTRIES FOR LOVING GOD, GROWING IN GRACE AND SERVING HIS PEOPLE!



Mon: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tue: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who responded to the 2017 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal this past weekend. Your pledges and gifts will be able to continue the mission of building the faith community throughout the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

If you did not have an opportunity to pick up a pledge envelope last week you may do so at the parish office or give us a call at 592-4602 and we will mail one to you.

Thank you for being a good steward of the gifts God has given to you.

JHS

Praise, Honor and Love to Our Blessed Mother Mary

I was invited to talk about our Blessed Mother Mary, in a reunion, after a Mass, dedicated to honor Her on the 8th of December of 2014, in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico.

Since my infancy I learned that besides my mother on earth, I have another Mother in Heaven, the Mother of God, to whom God the Father gave the mission of being spiritual Mother of the whole human race. I learned this truth by the words and teaching of my mother, who always talked to us, her children, with great respect and love to the Mother of God... Later on, as a pupil of the Religious of our Congregation, I learned more and grew in my love for our Lady, of whom they constantly talked to us, teaching us to try to correspond to Her in prayer and small acts of love, as an answer to her daily companionship and care, which She has for each of her children.

Our teachers talked to us about Mary's virtues: of her great love for God and for our brethren. Of her faith, obedience, simplicity and humility, her self-giving and her great acceptance of the will of God, as well as about all the virtues that make Her so beautiful in her body and her soul. I was especially inspired by her purity, in other words, about the cleanliness of her soul, the care She had in every detail in her life to please her God, for this reason She was so loved and chosen by Almighty God to be the Mother of the Messiah-Redeemer.

In this reflection I am pointing out to some details about Mary in the Tradition of the Church... Well, we learned that Mary's parents belong to the Jewish race. We know that both of them were elderly when Ann conceived this beautiful Girl, chosen by God for a great and sublime mission; The immense honor to be the Mother of the Messiah, promised to our first Parents: Adam and Eve, after their fall...

Tradition points out that Mary was taken, by her parents or relatives, at an early age, to the Temple to be consecrated to the Lord. Mary loved God with an ever growing love, in which She had the purpose of pleasing Him and love Him above anything else.

This Girl conceived without the original sin, in attention to the infinite merits of the future Redeemer, who was chosen to be His Mother, is a new creation of God, a most beautiful person, liberated of all sin or stain of sin or imperfection. A grace to which She corresponded in a unique manner that made her totally pleasing to his Creator, Who gave her the title of Mother of His Son, the Messiah, the Savior of the human race.

A woman, a man and a tree were the ruin and death of our first Parents, and of all of us, human beings, their descendents ... Well, a Woman, a God-Redeemer and the tree of the Cross brought the life, the hope, the happiness to all the human race and gave us the possibility of possessing the eternal happiness in Heaven...What marvelous thing does the power and the mercy of our God!!!

Mary being exulted by God Almighty, to the greatest dignity, who nobody will ever have, she lowers herself and names herself the slave of the Lord... What incredible humility of our Blessed Mother.
 ---Sr. Celia Compy, MDPVM

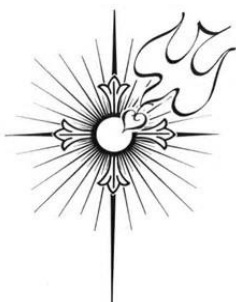
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SPENDING TIME WITH GOD WEEKLY & DAILY DEVOTIONS AT ST. MARTIN

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY THURSDAY

6:00PM IN THE CHAPEL



HOME ROSARY APOSTALATE

Volunteer families are needed to continue the Monday evening Rosary Apostolate. The mission for the apostolate is to simply lead souls to Christ through the intercession of Mary, His Mother. If your family would like to host this powerful devotion in your home please call Gracie Olivarez at 522-4219. The devotions begin at 7pm every Monday.

Feb. 27 Sisters Convent, 919 N. 9th
 March 6 Margarita Aguilar 530 E. St. Gertrudis
 March 13 Vicky Davis, 919 W. Ave G
 March 20 Joe & Connie Flores, 713 E. Ella

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

EVERY DAY

3:00PM IN THE CHURCH



LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:30AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12:00Noon Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes

6:00pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

6:30am Daily Mass

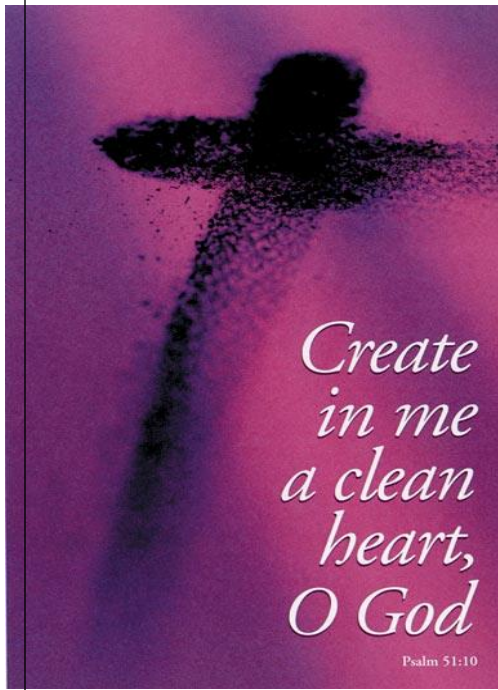
3:00pm Daily Divine Mercy

7:00pm Weekly Monday Home
Rosary Apostolate

6:00pm Weekly Thursday
Adoration

6:00pm Weekly Friday Stations of
the Cross

Please take the opportunity of
attending any or all of these parish
devotions to draw closer to our Lord
during this time of Lent.



FAST & ABSTINENCE

**Days of Fasting & Abstinence:
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
Days of Abstinence:**

All Fridays of Lent

Abstinence of eating meat and
Fasting only applies to those who
are 16 -59 years of age. Fasting
should include 1 meal and 2
smaller meals.

These are two of the Church's
official penitential practices
which are intended to help us on
our road to salvation.

The goal at the end of Lent is for
our hearts to be transformed. If
you feel that fasting and
abstaining from gossiping, lying,
cheating, cursing, too much
social media etc. during Lent
would be a more effective way
for you to fast or abstain perhaps
this is something to consider.

Or perhaps you would like to add
a special Lenten devotion to your
penitential practice such as going
to daily mass, visiting the sick,
attending a rosary, attending and
inviting others to a retreat,
tithing etc.

Whatever you choose make
every effort to truly change your
heart!

Retiro Cuaresmal en Español

25 de Marzo - Sabado

9am-12Noon

St. Martin Parish Hall

Todos son Bienvenidos!

English Lent Retreat

April 8 -Saturday

9am-12Noon

St. Martin Parish Hall

All are welcome!



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

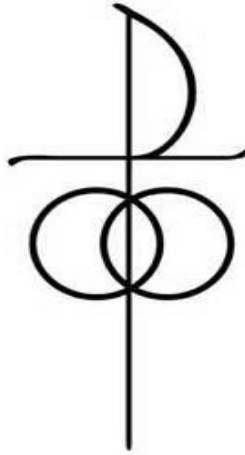
IMPORTANT CCD DATES

**March 22 Parent Meeting at 6pm
in the parish hall for parents who
have children that are preparing
for First Holy Communion**

**April 22 Youth Confirmations
10:00am at Corpus Christi
Cathedral**

**May 5 Penance Service for First
Communion Children at 6pm in the
Church**

**May 6 First Holy Communions for
Children at 2:00pm**



MULTI-MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

St. Martin Parish is planning a multi-marriage celebration. This is an opportunity for couples who want to marry in the church to do so. The parish will help you with paperwork and preparation needed for the marriage. We will also help prepare the celebration. The mass fees will be taken care of as well as the music and flowers for the wedding mass. A reception will be offered for you and your immediate family in the hall. We will provide a wedding cake for each couple, decorations for the hall, the wedding reception meal and DJ music for the wedding dance.

Please call the parish office at 592-4602 if you are interested. The wedding will take place December 23, 2017. We need time to prepare all paperwork so the earlier we can start the preparation the better.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

COASTAL BEND BLOOD CENTER

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY

MARCH 12

AT ST. MARTIN CHURCH

10:30AM – 2:30PM

Photo ID required

All Donors will

Receive a Sonic Coupon and Donor Store Points



DANCE MARATHON

FOR THE KIDS

MARCH 31 FROM 6PM-10PM

Check in 5pm-6pm

Memorial Student Union Building Ballroom A

1050 W. St. Gertrudis, Kingsville

Music * Snacks * Fun

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR MIRACLE NETWORK TO
SUPPORT THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Donate or Register Today at:

<http://events.dancemarathon.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1253>

Proceeds for the benefit of Driscoll Children's Hospital through the Children's
Miracle Network

PARISH FUNDRAISERS



**PARISH CHALUPA
JOIN US FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS!
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
IN THE PARISH HALL, 3PM-5PM**