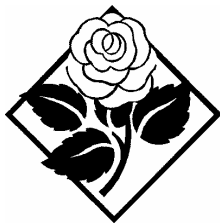


The Rose



Our Mission Statement

A place of open doors inviting all to experience the joy of belonging to Christ's family, becoming whole as we grow in the knowledge of God and His will for our lives.

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SENIOR WARDEN'S THOUGHTS

Spring has sprung, the grass is rising and the flowers are shining forth in their glory. With spring comes new birth, new growth and new (and ancient) activities. Easter Week brought Praise the Lord news that Loni, Paula, Ro and Dianne (Karen's sister) were given good news about their health. The Sunday after Easter a member of the afternoon congregation (Noris) who had a tumor removed from her head a few weeks ago and was told she would probably be an invalid for the rest of her life, walked into the 1:30 service! God is good and He is working in and through his people here at St. Mary's.



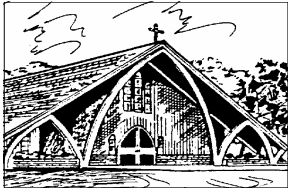
I am reminded by a song "You (God) are the potter, I am the clay". It takes time and practice for a potter to make a pot. Even the experts don't get it right every time. Each time a potter starts over the clay gets stronger. Imagine, as in the song – and the Bible – that we are the clay. God is working with us, shaping us into the person He wants us to be. Our hard times can be looked at as His working with us as He would clay, making us stronger day by day. We may not know what our future holds, but we know who holds our futures.



Special activities to be sure to add to your calendar:

- May 2, 10a Planning meeting for VBS
- May 8, 7p Set up for Garage Sale
- May 9, 8a-1p Garage Sale
- May 23, Open House at All Saints Camp
- May 29, Newcomers welcome
- May 30, 11:00am Installation of Fr. JJ as Rector of St. Mary's (with confirmations)
- May 31, The birthday of the Church (Pentecost)
- July 4th Parade
- August 3-7 6-9p Vacation Bible School
- August 16, Celebration of our Patron Saint with a festival





St. Mary's Parish Life



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Evangelism	Available
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	Nora Ronquillo
	Antonina Agundiz
	Josefina Diaz
Daughters of the King.....	Paula Meeks

May Birthdays

- 7 Ashton Lowman
Judith Chapa
- 15 M. Damien Dollahite
- 25 Regina Ike



May Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Jim & Louise Childs

St. Mary's Parish Life Continued.

Church School Schedule:

Youth: Don Gardner

Adults: Larry Orges

Children's Chapel: Barbara Gardner

May 3

LEM: Jim Childs
 2nd Chalice: Priscilla Clark
 Reader: Marv Kontak
 Prayer T.: Judith C. & Paula M.
 Ushers: Olu Whitehead
 Coffee: Kitty Kontak

May Servant Schedule

May 10

LEM: Priscilla Clark
 2nd Chalice: Kitty Kontak
 Reader: Judith Chapa
 Prayer T.: Paula M. & Dolly D.
 Ushers: Larry & Daniel Orges
 Coffee: Louise Childs

May 17

LEM: Kitty Kontak
 2nd Chalice: Jim Childs
 Reader: Louise Childs
 Prayer T.: Dolly M. & Barbara G.
 Ushers: Sandra B. and Marv K.
 Coffee: Cathy McClure

May 24

LEM: Jim Childs
 2nd Chalice: Priscilla Clark
 Reader: Linda Neal
 Prayer T.: Judith C. & Paula M.
 Ushers: Larry & Daniel Orges
 Coffee: Lorraine M.

May 31

LEM: Priscilla Clark
 2nd Chalice: Kitty Kontak
 Reader: Don Gardner
 Prayer T.: Paula M. & Dolly D.
 Ushers: Sandra B. & Marv K.
 Coffee: Judith Chapa

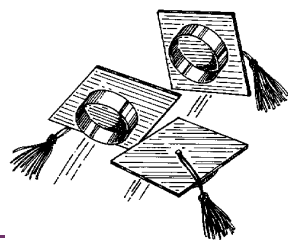


Will Cade High School Graduation

Will Cade, son of Dale and Bobbi Cade, will graduate from the Bedford Christian School with honors. His graduation ceremony will be Friday, May 17th at 7pm at the Bedford Baptist Temple, 2403 Bedford Rd. in Bedford, TX. Will shall be continuing his education at the University of Texas at Arlington this fall majoring in criminal justice. Everyone is invited to his high school graduation.

Shelli Littleton, daughter of Judith and Ramon Chapa will graduate with her Masters Degree in Social Work from University of Texas at Arlington.

Shelli Littleton College Graduation



Did you know we have Celebrities at St. Mary's?

Louise Childs and Daniel Orges performed brilliantly in plays last month at the Artisan Theater in Hurst. It would be a wise decision for you to see them on stage before they decide to make their debut on Broadway. As a former stage actress myself (advance drama classes in high school circa 1994-1996), I highly recommend each and every play this theater produces. The plays are family-friendly and the scent of the popcorn will make your mouth water as soon as you open the door. A fun way to attend the plays is to sign up as a volunteer for ushering, concessions, or box office. Volunteering at the theater earns you a free ticket and the joy of giving back to the community in an easy way. Plus studies show that cultural enrichment is part of a happy life. Please contact Louise Childs if you would like to sign up to volunteer.

Here is the website for further information:
<http://www.artisanct.com/>



May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm Small Group	2 VBS Planning Meeting 10AM
3 The fourth Sunday of Easter EYC after 10:30am service	4	5 10am Bible Study 7pm Choir (pm)	6 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch 7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	7 7pm Choir (am) 7:30pm Small Group	8 7pm Small Group 7pm Set-up for Church Garage Sale	9 Church Garage Sale 8AM-1PM
10 The fifth Sunday of Easter EYC after 10:30am service Mother's Day 	11	12 10am Bible Study 7pm Choir (pm)	13 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch 7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	14 7pm Choir (am) 7:30pm Small Group	15 7pm Small Group	16 Sewing Group 9AM
17 The sixth Sunday of Easter EYC after 10:30am service Vestry Meeting	18	19 10am Bible Study 7pm Choir (pm)	20 12 noon HC w/unction (English) followed by lunch 7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	21 7pm Choir (am) 7:30pm Small Group	22 7pm Small Group	23 All Saints Camp Open House 10AM-2PM
24 The seventh Sunday of Easter EYC after 10:30am service	25 Memorial Day	26 10am Bible Study 7pm Choir (pm)	27 12 noon HC w/ unction (English) followed by lunch 7pm HC w/unction (Spanish)	28 7pm Choir (am) 7:30pm Small Group	29 7pm Small Group Newcomers Welcome Gathering	30 Installation of Fr. JJ 11AM
31 The Day of the Pentecost EYC after 10:30am service Church Birthday						

COME VISIT ALL SAINTS CAMP!



Campers, Counselors, and Family

Summer Camp Open House

DATE: May 23rd, 2009

TIME: 10am - 2pm

PLACE: All Saints Camp

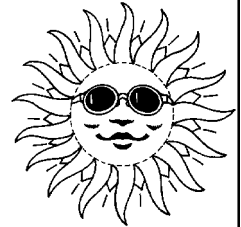
Future Campers, Counselors and Family!

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE at All Saints Camp! Learn more about summer camp, meet the staff, check out our cabins, a day to explore! We can't wait to showcase all of our exciting new summer camp programs, [high ropes](#), horses, new swimming areas, and much, much more! No need to RSVP, but contact Chris with any questions! ctokarz@allsaintstexoma.org

Sincerely., Christine Tokarz

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All Saints Camp and Conference Center



Celebrate *your birthday at All Saints Camp*



Leap of Faith High Ropes Course New Birthday Program

Bring your entire birthday crew to camp! Have your next BIRTHDAY PARTY on the Leap of Faith High Ropes Course at ALL SAINTS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER!

Sincerely,

Christine Tokarz and Toni Walton

Birthday Parties at Camp!

choose one of these three great choices:

BASH - Four Hour High Ropes Course (\$20 per kid)

BLAST - BASH plus Birthday Dinner at Camp (\$28 per kid)

BROUHAHA - BLAST plus Campfire, Overnight, Breakfast (\$40 per kid) www.allsaintstexoma.org





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Order of St. Luke the Physician

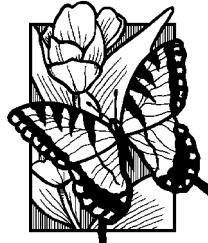
The Order of St. Luke meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10—11:30 AM in the education building. We are studying "Going Deeper", a study of Prayer. We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting on the 9th .Come and Learn!

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II said)
- 9:00 AM Christian Education
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II sung)
- 11:45 AM Catecismo
- 1:00 PM La Santa Misa (cantada)
- 6:00 PM La Santa Misa (Rezada)

WEEKLY SERVICES

- 12: 00 Noon H.E. W/Unction
- 7:00 PM—Santa Misa C/ Unción

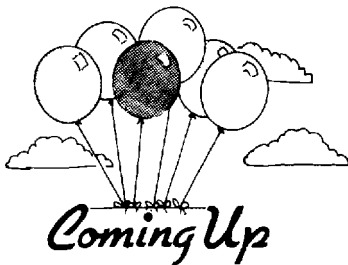


M A Y

JOKE OF THE MONTH

At Saint Mary's Church, they have a weekly husband's marriage seminar. At the session last week, the Priest asked Luigi, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Luigi replied to the assembled husbands, "Well, I've a-ried to treat-a her nice, spend the money on her, but best is that I took-a her to Italy for the 20th anniversary!" The Priest responded, "Luigi, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary ." Luigi proudly replied, "I'm a-gonna go and get her."

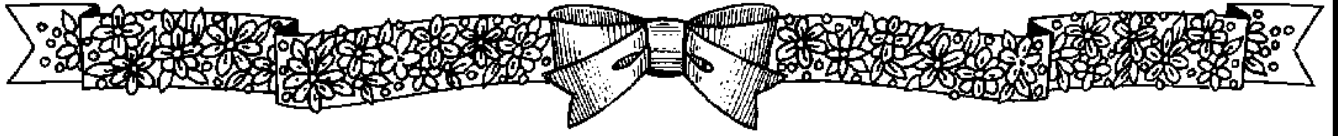
The Sewing Group met on Saturday, April 18th. We began working on the patterns and projects picked out last month during our trip to the fabric store. Please join us as we also continue to work on charitable sewing projects to "sew" God's seeds into the community. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 16th at 9AM in the Parish Hall. No machine or experience is required and we'll supply the coffee.



The Garage sale is scheduled for May 9th with set up on Friday night the 8th from 6 to 9 pm and tables will be rented at \$15.00 each. These tables will be given out on a first come first serve basis and anyone wishing to rent one should contact **Elvia Orozco**. The profits from the sale will be divided as follows: 20% to EYC sponsorship of child in Columbia, 40% to Capital Improvements, and the final 40% to go into the general funds.



Notes from April Vestry Meeting:



A proposal to receive funds for Youth minister has been submitted to the Episcopal Foundation for consideration. The Board of Directors is studying our submission. This would provide funds for a part-time position. Responsibilities would include, but not limited to, Sunday School, VBS, and Youth Group(s).

An application for grant for funds for capital improvements will be submitted to the Trinity Wall Street Fund for roof repairs, window repairs etc. We need to concentrate on raising funds to cover the cost of the parking lot and painting we have done.

Thanks to Rosario Melara and Neftali Fuentes for their work on the church, specifically the narthex floor and roof repairs..

Vacation Bible school, Aug 3-7 from 6-9pm, is in the planning stage. There will be a meeting May 2nd at 10 am to start the planning. Please come to volunteer and/or share your ideas. We promise not to twist your arm (at least not too hard. We do need your input).

A Newcomers welcoming party is planned for May 29th for the new English speaking congregation, with all Vestry members invited. Packets of information and goodies will be provided for the new members. The purpose is to help them become familiar with the opportunities to serve God through St. Mary's

Participation in the Irving 4th of July Parade is under consideration, We all had a good time last year and would like to be a little more organized this year. Ideas welcome. See a vestry member.

Patronal Feast is set for August 16th and co-coordinators are needed.

Storage of goods is a major problem and further construction is being studied. Sandra volunteered to be in charge of the storage hall off the nursery.

Pay pal will be used on the website for financial transactions.

Registration for All Saints Summer camp for teenagers is in progress and it was suggested that a \$50.00 grant be given to our teens who wish to attend. The grant for the Latino teens would be restricted to the children of the parish leaders.

**GOD
NEEDS
YOU!**



"A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts".

--Washington Irving

The Founder of Mothers Day



Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mothers Day, was born in Webster, Taylor County, West Virginia, on May 1, 1864, the ninth of eleven children born to Ann Marie and Granville Jarvis.

From childhood, Anna Jarvis often heard her mother say that she hoped that someone would one day establish a memorial for all mothers, living and dead. One incident in particular was a driving force in keeping this wish alive. The incident occurred during a class prayer given by Mrs. Jarvis in the presence of her daughter, Anna, then age twelve, at the conclusion of Mrs. Jarvis' lesson on "Mothers of the Bible." She closed the lesson with the prayer "I hope that someone, sometime will found a memorial mothers day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life. She is entitled to it." Anna never forgot that prayer, and at her mother's graveside service, Anna's brother Claude

heard her recall that prayer and say "...by the grace of God, you shall have that Mothers Day."

In Anna's words the purpose of Mother's Day is..."To revive the dormant filial love and gratitude we owe to those who gave us birth. To be a home tie for the absent. To obliterate family estrangement. To create a bond of brotherhood through the wearing of a floral badge. To make us better children by getting us closer to the hearts of our good mothers. To brighten the lives of good mothers. To have them know we appreciate them, though we do not show it as often as we ought..."

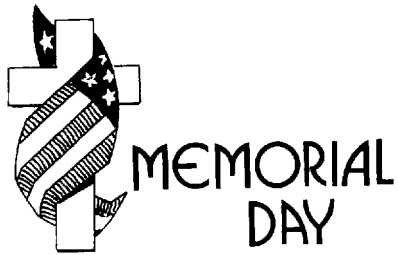
Mothers Day is to remind us of our duty before it is too late.

This day is intended that we may make new resolutions for a more active thought to our dear mothers. By words, gifts, acts of affection, and in every way possible, give her pleasure, and make her heart glad every day, and constantly keep in memory Mothers Day; when you made this resolution, lest you forget and neglect your dear mother, if absent from home write her often, tell her of a few of her noble good qualities and how you love her.

*"A mother's love is new every day."
God bless our faithful good mothers."*

Source: <http://www.wvgenweb.org/taylor/mothersday/founder.htm>





May we pray and remember all those in serving in the Military, especially:

Michael	Esther	James M.
David	Jesse	John
Jerry	Jonathan	Ben F.
Lisa	Ryan	Jason
Frederick	Shannon	Yuri
Manuel	Javier	Shawn
Robert	Eric	Richard
Mark G.	Jad	Joe
Nathan K	David	Keoki
Steve	Paul	Mark B.
Mark C.	Brandon A	Josh & the K-9 Units

This Memorial Day weekend we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and we pray for the men and women who currently stand in the gap for our protection,

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Source: <http://christianity.about.com/od/prayersverses/qt/memorialdaypray.htm>





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