

St. Mary's Mission

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**You are
the light
of the
world**

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 AM

Mission Staff

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

PASTOR: Msgr. Michael Heras
PRIESTS: Msgr. Seamus McGowan
Fr. Patrick Higgins
Fr. Joseph Olikkara
DEACONS: Allen Cicora
Eluterio Farias
Richard Lewinski

February 9, 2014
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD'S SUMMONS

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers' motto, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," attracted many through the Christophers' effective use of the media, advertising, and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we, too, are the light of the world. Through our words and actions we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.

Living God's Word

A dancer named Lillian is always saying, "Give it up," and she doesn't mean, "Throw up your hands in despair." She means, "Whatever you have, share it for the good of all." Isn't that what God has done for us in Christ crucified, and wants to do through us, the Body of Christ?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 10-16, 2014



Monday	8:00 am	†Paul H. Lauer - Deanna Lauer
Tuesday	8:00 pm	†Ralph Torres (B-day) - Parents
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Louis Petru - Carolyn Strauss
Thursday	8:00 am	†Jesus & Rosa Padilla - M/M Joe Alaniz
Friday	8:00 am	†Irineo & Rose Alaniz - M/M Joe Alaniz
Saturday	6:00 pm	†Norma Andrea DeLosSantos - Chano Rodriguez
COLLECTIVE MASSES		
Sunday	8:00 am	†Frances & Charles Mokry - Ann Najvar
	9:30 am	†Father of Jose Conteras - Joe & Maria
	10:00 am	†Maria Morin - Family
	12:00 pm	†Armando Vasquez, Jr. - Vangie & Mauricio Cantu
		Jimmy Rodriguez & Juan Martinez - Janie Rodriguez
		†Onesimo Alavarez, Jr. - Georgia & Jerome
		†Earl Nesloney - Alton Calvez
		People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	†Jesus Garza - Chano Rodriguez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wed:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]
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ST. MARY'S MISSION

Envelopes	\$491.00
Loose	\$137.00
Rummage Sale	\$325.00
Total.....	\$953.00



The pilgrimage of Lourdes is founded on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubiroux. The first apparition occurred 11 February, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place 16 July, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy. The mysterious vision she saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle was that of a young and beautiful lady. "Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child. But the girl was the only one who saw the vision, although sometimes many stood there with her. Now and then the apparition spoke to the seer who also was the only one who heard the voice. Thus, she one day told her to drink of a mysterious fountain, in the grotto itself, the existence of which was unknown, and of which there was no sign, but which immediately gushed forth. On another occasion the apparition bade Bernadette go and tell the priests she wished a chapel to be built on the spot and processions to be made to the grotto. At first the clergy were incredulous. It was only four years later, in 1862, that the bishop of the diocese declared the faithful "justified in believing the reality of the apparition". A basilica was built upon the rock of Massabielle by M. Peyramale, the parish priest. In 1873 the great "national" French pilgrimages were inaugurated. Three years later the basilica was consecrated and the statue solemnly crowned. In 1883 the foundation stone of another church was laid, as the first was no longer large enough. It was built at the foot of the basilica and was consecrated in 1901 and called the Church of the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII authorized a special office and a Mass, in commemoration of the apparition, and in 1907 Pius X extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church; **The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is now observed on 11 February.**

C.C.D Classes on Wednesday,
5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Confirmation Class - Wednesday,
7:00 - 8:00 pm.
Call Sr. Susana at 947-4601
for more information.

GUADALUPANA MEETING

Tuesday, February 11 at St. Mary Mission
 in the Mother Teresa Santoya CCD Hall.
 For more information
 call Susie Gonzalez @ 207-5433.



is for young adults single and married ages 19 - 39 to establish and maintain a relationship with Christ and the Church.

There will be 4 essential elements:

1. Spiritual (Mass, Sacraments, Spiritual Enrichment)
2. Human (socials, dinners, outings, etc.)
3. Intellectual (Bible Study, Relationships, finances, etc.)
4. Pastoral (giving back to the community, feeding the poor, visiting the Ark, etc.)

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9th at 7 pm in St. Matthew Hall.



PRAYER FOR THE 2014 CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL

Lord, Jesus as stewards of the many gifts you have bestowed on us, we come together in unity in Your name and give back to you in gratitude. We ask you to bless this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal and lead us as members in the services and programs of the larger church that provide, support and grow in Your Name. Bless each steward in your midst today as they discern a gift of gratitude by pledging to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. May our faith community continue to grow as we faithfully do Your calling of our Diocesan Church. Amen

The 2014 Catholic Stewardship Appeal, formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, will be presented in our parish Feb. 15 & 16th.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In today's reading from the Letter to the Corinthians, Paul says it is the power of God working through him, not his own wisdom or talents, that allowed the Corinthians to put their faith in the gospel. The Corinthians themselves were so self-satisfied and proud about their gifts that they had forgotten who gave them what they had and what their gifts were for. Paul reminds them, and us, that everything we have—even our faith—is from the Lord and for others. It is the Lord's light that shines through those who, like Paul, put their trust in god. To walk in that light is to allow God's generosity, mercy, and justice to shine through us. And that means sharing all we have, as individuals and as a community, the way God has done and continues to do for us.

Gold & Silver Anniversary

Mass: Couples from across the diocese will gather together on Feb. 16 to celebrate their gold and silver wedding anniversaries during the 9:30 a.m. televised Cathedral Mass. A reception will follow immediately in St. Joseph's Hall. Couples who have been married for more than 50 years are also encouraged to attend, even if they have participated in years past. Call 882-6191 (Amy Palomo) or email familylife@diocesecc.org for a Form.



LAY FORMATION HAS RESUMED.

Next Class is Thursday February 13 in St. Matthew Hall at 7:00 pm. For more information call Julie at 241-3372

THIS AFTERNOON WE HAVE OUR MONTHLY SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO in St. William Hall from

2-4 p.m. All over 55 are invited to attend and enjoy the food fellowship and bingo. Bring a friend or tell some senior citizen about this event.