

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

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## St Patrick & St. Mary Cemeteries

### Cemetery Seasonal Decorations

All seasonal decorations placed on graves during holidays throughout the year should be removed within 2 weeks of the holiday. If the holiday falls at the end of the month decorations should be removed by the 15th day of the following month. Please be advised that any items not removed by the specified time period will be removed by the cemetery maintenance crew.

### Notice:

The cemetery maintenance crew continues the removal of items that obstruct maintenance of the cemetery. Please remove all glass items you wish to keep. This includes vases, shadow boxes, statues, etc.

Bricks have been placed to identify sold plots for future use. They are property of St. Mary's Church. Please do not remove or disturb placement of bricks.

### Mass Intentions

Whether it is a wedding anniversary, birthday remembrance, recent death of a loved one, or celebrating a loved one's life years after he or she passed, every day presents a reason to celebrate or mourn. Please remember your loved ones with a Mass Intention. Mass Request Envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

### Pastoral Visitation / Holy Communion for the Homebound and Hospitalized

Do you know a fellow parishioner who is unable to get to church anymore, but would still like to receive Holy Communion? If so, please call the church office to make arrangements for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist to their home.

### OVASE - Office of Victim Assistance for Safe Environment

Parents please do not let your children go to the restroom without being accompanied by an adult.

### Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin items **including Mass Intentions** by noon on Friday **one week prior** or sooner to date needed. **Please use Mass Intention envelopes at the back table to request a Mass.**



*Founded 1933*

July 12, 2020

## St. Mary's Church

*"...my soul is glad because of God  
My Savior..."*

*Luke 1:47*

19711 N. Dixon Rd.  
PO Box 295  
Somerset, TX 78069

### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:00 a.m.

**Holy Hour**  
Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m

**Fr. James Kotara, Pastor**

**Sylvia Cruz, DRE**  
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**OVASE Coordinator**  
830 701-3123

Victim's Assistance/Safe Environment  
Pastoral Center: 1-877-700-1888

**Cemetery Committee**  
Maria Lopez 210-624-3839

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass on Saturday, 3:15 to 3:50 PM,  
and anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the church office for information and for making arrangements. Certain requirements must be met. A class for the parents and godparents is required.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Make arrangements with Fr. Jim no later than six months before the planned date. Preparation classes are required by the Texas bishops. Special paperwork and additional procedures may be required.

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please inform Fr. Jim when someone is sick and needs anointing.

### Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Church Office: 830-701-3123

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[www.archsa.org](http://www.archsa.org)  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
[www.vatican.com](http://www.vatican.com)

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to anyone new to our parish family & all visitors who celebrate with us throughout the year. If you would like to join this parish, please stop by the office and complete the registration form.

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2020

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.  
— Psalm 65:12

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	07/11	4:00 PM	+Eloy Reyes by Laura Saucedo
SUN	07/12	11:00 AM	+Tony Cruz +Antonio Garza by Robert & Becky Martinez +Juanita Quinionez by Family
MON	07/13	8:00 AM	+For the Sick and their Caregivers Mary Martinez by Friends
WED	07/15	8:00 AM	For the Intentions of the Holy Father
FRI	07/17	8:00 AM	For Priests & Religious Vocations
SAT	07/18	4:00 PM	+Frances Rodriguez & Mary Jane Saucedo by Family
SUN	07/19	11:00 AM	+Dante Rodriguez by Roman & Anna Rodriguez



**Sanctuary Light Intention**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**Antonio Garza**  
**& Juanita Quinonez**

#### LIVE TODAY

*Live today the way you will wish  
you had lived when you stand in judgment  
before God.*

—Anonymous

#### GOD WITHIN

*In everything, be it a thing sensed  
or a thing known, God is hidden within.*

—St. Bonaventure



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## GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



## SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

### July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs’ Shrine, traffic’s roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri’s parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of “Christian” traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri’s faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young “Lily of the Mohawks” drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does “the aroma of Christ” (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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