

# The Magnificat



## St Mary's Youth Group: Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

I am delighted to share with you the wonderful formation and fellowship taking place each week in our St. Mary's Youth Group. Our youth gather every Wednesday evening at the Rectory, where we begin with dinner together at 5:30 p.m. From 6:00–7:00 p.m., we enter into a time of spiritual formation, learning, and joy-filled community.

Our evenings are rich and varied. The youth memorize scripture (with prizes for their hard work!), learn about the liturgy and worship of the Church, explore the Bible and our Christian history, play games, engage in meaningful discussions about topics that matter to them, and serve others through assisting with our Food Pantry. We also take time for Youth Prayer, lift up individual prayer requests, and close each evening gathered in a circle, united in prayer. With as many as 15 young people attending each week, our time together is lively, faithful, and full of grace.

Currently, we are studying the season of Lent—its purpose, history, and spiritual practices. Last Wednesday, we reflected on traditional Lenten disciplines and each youth left with a small "homework" commitment to help them observe the season more intentionally. We also began planning a special Youth Lenten Project.

With great enthusiasm, the youth have decided to plant flowers to beautify the church and campus in preparation for Easter. Their excitement is contagious! Together, we walked the grounds, imagined possibilities, and shared ideas. What a gift their loving care and hard work will be to our parish family as we celebrate the Resurrection.

We are especially grateful for two gifted parishioners, Paula Presnell and Jane Martin, who will guide the youth in bringing this Lenten Project to life. They will help the group develop a thoughtful plan, and soon we will announce a Saturday workday when the youth will prepare flower beds and plant blooms for Easter. I warmly invite you to come out and support our young people on that day—your presence will mean so much to them.

There are many ways you can support the Youth of St. Mary's:

1. Pray for them and their growing faith.
2. Provide a Wednesday evening meal.
3. Offer to teach a class or share a special skill or testimony.
4. Sponsor a field trip or summer camp experience.
5. Contribute to the Youth Fund.
6. Support the Lenten Project through donations or hands-on help.

I am so very proud of our youth. I thank God for their dedication, their questions, their laughter, and their desire to grow in Christ. May God bless them, keep them, and continually reveal to them that they are His beloved children.

God bless St. Mary's,  
Mother Leanne +



*Watch saying the "A" word during Lent, or you might get caught owing \$1.00!*



## Alleluias Jar!

Our beloved Alleluias are resting in peace until Easter Sunday!

We all make mistakes! If you say Alleluia before Easter Sunday please add \$1 per oops to the Alleluia Jar at the back of the church.

Funds collected will be used to fund the St Mary's Children's Ministry programs.

## Feeding the

5,000

Helping hands are always welcome at St. Mary's Food Pantry! This essential ministry relies on volunteers to manage food from Feeding the Gulf Coast and Publix to serve approximately 600 people weekly, within our community.

### **Volunteer Schedule**

You can contribute as little as once a month or every week, by showing up at the Parish Hall during these times:

- **Mondays & Wednesdays (9:00 AM):** Unloading, sorting, and stacking food.
- **Thursdays (6:30 AM – 7:30 AM):** Arranging food in wagons and greeting guests in the drive-through line.

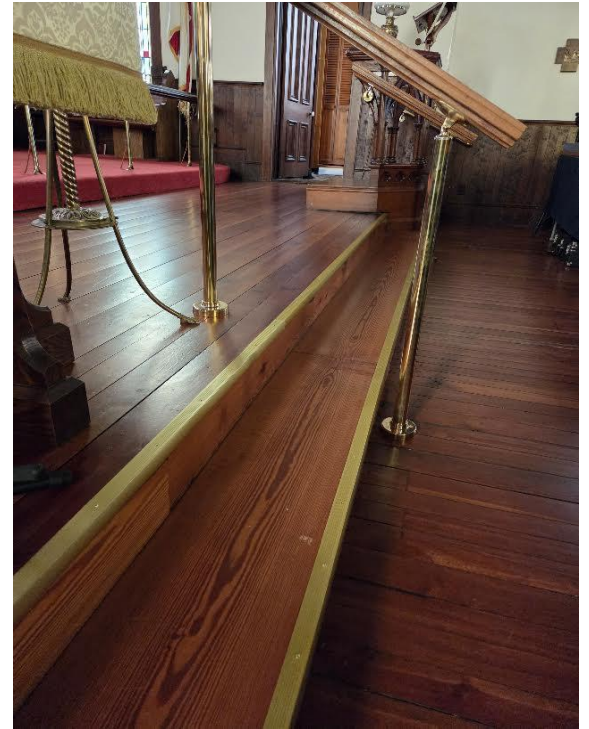
If you cannot lift heavy items, your help is especially needed on Wednesdays for sorting and bagging food. For more information, please contact the church office directly. 850-623-2905.



St. Mary's still needs volunteers to help Charlie in the nursery one Sunday a month at 11am. Please consider helping so our families can come to St. Mary's to worship while their child is safely being cared for. If you're ready to help, please reach out to the church office to get the process started. 850-623-2905

### **Bye Bye Yellow Tape!**

Thank you to Cameron Hatton for making the steps to the altar look beautiful! Cameron donated his talent, time and brass-like edging on the steps as you go up to the altar rail creating a beautiful look.



St. Mary's will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt between services on Easter Sunday (April 5). Donations of wrapped candy, stickers, small trinkets that will fit inside plastic eggs will be much appreciated.

Invite friends, family and neighbors for this fun filled morning as we celebrate with a very special worship, egg hunt, bunnies, lambs and much more!

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during business hours, or brought to church on Sunday and placed in the box marked "Easter Egg Hunt". Thank you!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
AS WE CELEBRATE WITH THE  
PROCESSION OF PALMS LED BY  
WANDA THE DONKEY FOLLOWED  
BY THE PASSION PLAY PRESENTED  
BY THE ST MARY'S YOUTH  
SERVICES AT 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

# Palm Sunday

March 29th

Looking ahead at Holy Week

Maundy Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00pm

Join us for this  
Foot Washing  
Service with  
Taize Music

Good  
Friday

Stations  
of the  
Cross

April 3rd @ Noon

Holy  
Saturday

Service of the Light  
April 4th at 6:00pm

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Sunday, April 5th  
9:00am & 11:00am: Worship Services  
10:00am: Easter Brunch provided by St Mary's  
10:00am: Easter Egg Hunt, and Pictures with  
Lambs, Bunnies, & Chicks

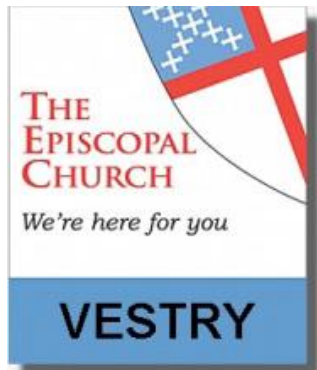
# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday.	Saturday
1 9am H. E. Rt. I 10am Breakfast Men's Group 11am H. E. Rt II	2 9am Food Pantry volunteers	3	4 9am Pantry Vols. 10 am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon H.E. Rt II & Prayer 5:30pm Choir 5:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bell Choir	5 Office Closed	6 Office Closed  School for Ministry	7 Bell Choir Workshop  School for Ministry  Pastoral Care Lay Class
8 9am H. E. Rt. I Daughters of the King meeting 10am Breakfast ECW host 11am H. E. Rt I	9 9am Food Pantry Volunteers	10	11 9am Pantry Vols. 10 am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon H.E. Rt II & Prayer 5:30pm Choir 5:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bell Choir	12 8am Food Pantry Distribution	13 Office Closed	14  2-5pm Evangelism Lay Class
15 9am H. E. Rt. I 10am Breakfast Potluck ECW/ Men's Group meetings 11am H. E. Rt I Noon Creative Ministry Mtg-Hall 1pm Lay School	16 9am Food Pantry Volunteers	17	18 9am Pantry Vols. 10 am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon H.E. Rt II & Prayer 5:30pm Choir 5:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bell Choir	19 8am Food Pantry Distribution	20 Office Closed	21  8:30-Noon S. Rollins
22 9am H. E. Rt. I 10am Breakfast Vestry/DOK 11am H. E. Rt I	23 9am Food Pantry Volunteer	24  5:30pm Vestry Meeting	25 9am Pantry Vols. 10 am Centering Prayer 11am Bible Study Noon H.E. Rt II & Prayer 5:30pm Choir 5:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bell Choir	26 8am Food Pantry Distribution	27 Office Closed	28  10-Noon Preaching Lay Class
29 Palm Sunday 9am H.E. Rt II 10am Breakfast 11am H. E. Rt II						

H. E. =Holy Eucharist

Rt. I=Rite One

Rt. II =Rite Two



**The St. Mary's Vestry will meet  
March 31, 5:30pm in the Rectory.**



**Episcopal  
Church Women**

All women of St. Mary's are invited  
to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month  
for the ECW meeting. Remember to register  
for the upcoming Retreat!



The St. Mary's Men's Group is a valuable ministry to St. Mary's and there are plenty of ways to become involved and to enjoy fellowship together. All men are welcome to join the monthly meeting to help coordinate upcoming projects and events.

**The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**

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**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

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***March Birthdays***

- 3/07 Sharon Deloatche  
Wayne Keen
- 3/10 James McGuyre  
Megan McGuyre
- 3/11 Peter Drao
- 3/13 Mary Starr
- 3/14 Malachi Allred
- 3/25 Charles Meche
- 3/26 Lori O'Gara
- 3/28 Ann Cole  
Mary Beth Williamson  
Belle Gampher

***March Anniversaries***

- 3/28 Chuck & Laraine  
Sturtevant

***Prayer Requests***

Family

- Barbara Johnson
  - Beverly Samuelson
  - Bev Younce
  - BJ James
  - Carol Culton
  - Charles Lertch
  - Chris & Kendall Taylor
  - Glenda Artinger
  - Gina Braswell
  - J. Moss
  - Jim Johnson
  - Jim Longshore
  - Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
  - Janette Grey-Cusack
  - Kimberly Olafson
  - Lynn Kennedy
  - Mick Schele
  - Patsy Johnson
  - Rev. Clyde Harris
  - Robert Lenzo
  - Sam Klauss
  - Scott DeLoatch
  - Teddy Taylor
  - Sylvia Stern
  - Vicki Blackmon
  - Vincent Laharray
  - Wanda Wadsworth
- Our Friends
- Charles Thomas
  - Kay Dutcher
  - Keith Lay & Family
  - Lauren Drake
  - Phil Rollo
  - Rachel Kaiser
  - Rhonda Watson
  - Scott Boulton
  - Thomas Atwell
- Military
- Bradley James
  - Cade Campbell
  - Gabriel Bustillo
  - Caleb Parks
  - Edward Estrada
  - Fischer Morgan Lay
  - Gage
  - Kevin Murphy
  - Lena Ryan
  - Leo
  - Lou Andrade
  - Joshua Krause
  - Nick Rinaire
  - Phillip Holmes
  - Taylor Emerson
  - Tyler Hart
  - Tom Ryan

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*All are welcome!*