

# The Magnificat



Welcome 2024! May this be a year of joy as our church family goes forward following in Jesus' footsteps by serving each other, our Milton community, and our world.

It was exciting to have 7 new members join St. Mary's on December 17! They are: Heather Milliron, Vicki Coogle, Don Taylor, Andy and Evonne Wycitzky, and Barbara and Fred Armand. All these new members are stepping up to serve at St. Mary's in many ways – that is so very encouraging! This demonstrates the vitality of our church and the truly welcoming nature of our church family.

We are so much more than Sunday morning worship – there are good things happening here every day of the week. Yes, we are very social (just look at how enthusiastically we pass the peace on Sunday mornings!) but we are so much more than a social club. We serve the community through the food pantry, prison ministry, helping homeless high school students, building homes in Guatemala, and helping those struggling in Malawi. Even the small things count. For example, we started a very small community garden with the help of the Santa Rosa Health Department; in this garden two young ladies with very limited previous gardening knowledge are greatly enjoying how to grow some of their favorite vegetables. That makes such a positive difference in their lives.

Please feel free to reach out to me or another vestry member with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Peace,

Mary Salinas

Senior Warden



Parish Breakfast, Sunday, Jan 7th, between services, hosted by the Men's group. Volunteers are always welcome, especially when it comes to setting up and cleaning up. Donations are always appreciated. We hope to see you!

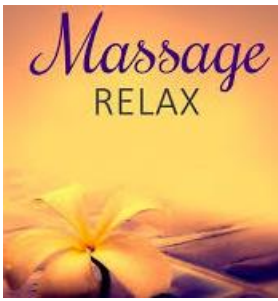
## Winterfest Update

A quick report on the final numbers for Winterfest: \$673.00 in ECW Bake Sales, \$485.00 in Quilt Drawing Sales. Looking at last year's bake sale number, we did not make as much (\$1,051 last year), but the event last year didn't get rained on.

We sold numerous bottles of Guat. Sauce (\$50.00), that money will be given directly to Project Guatemala.

The Men's group had \$335. in sales from grilling lunch for the event.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make this event successful.



**Relax after the holiday hustle with a Massage for Guatemala** Massages will start up again in January. The available dates will be the 9th & 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Call Evonne, a licensed Massage Therapist, to schedule your appointment. All massages are done in a private area of the Parish Hall and have a suggested donation of \$35 to \$55.00. A portion of the donation is given to Project Guatemala for building houses during the mission trip.  
Evonne Woycitzky—831-601-0251

**Priest Search UPDATE**--After meeting with Bishop Russell, the search committee is pleased to announce we are progressing in the search for our new Rector/Priest. Bishop Russell has placed us as a priority and is working with Rev. Ashley Freeman (Canon of the Ordinary) to make this happen. Keep praying and know that God has a plan for us. A huge thank you to Mary Salinas for getting us the wonderful supply priests while the search is in progress.

Don Thompson

### January, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed 1	2 10am Choir Reh.	3 9am Food Pantry 9:45am Centering Prayer 10:30am Bible Study Noon Morning Prayer	4 9am—Food Pantry 4:30pm ZOOM Bible discussion	Office Closed 5	6 10am Cole Memorial service.
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Noisy Offering 28 9am worship Coffee hr 11am Worship	29	30 10:30am Choir Reh.	31 9:45am Centering Prayer 10:30am Bible Study Noon Morning Prayer			

Church Office will be closed Jan 17—for Martin Luther King, JR Day.  
THE SHOPPE is open every Monday through Friday, 9am to 1pm.

## January Birthdays

1/03 Blake Steede  
1/05 Pat Brasch  
1/06 Jennifer Reeves  
1/07 Chuck Sturtevant  
1/08 Shirley Henning  
1/08 Mimi Hamilton  
1/09 Joel Hamilton  
1/17 Deacon John Kendall  
Dorothy Davenport  
1/18 Julie Capps  
1/28 Heather Lindsay

## January Anniversaries

1/07 Joel & Mimi Hamilton  
1/16 Dave & Nikki Presley

## The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

*The Rt. Rev. James Russell Kendrick,  
Bishop*

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## Prayer Requests

### Family

Chatzie Massey  
Donna Siskind  
Dennis Bible  
Jim Dunn  
Jim Culton  
Carol Culton  
Jennifer Reeves  
Jesse Reeves  
Jim Longshore  
Linda Baillie  
Omar Iung  
Ann Cole  
Sam Harris  
Wanda Wadsworth

### Our Friends

Bobby Polk  
Dave Tofson  
Jeff Hathaway  
Karen Weekley  
Pat Cochran  
Richard Strawbridge  
Sharon Brooks

### Military

Anthony Cunningham  
Edward Estrada  
Taylor Emerson  
Karl Piessens  
Joshua Krause  
Mary Dunn  
Nick Rinaire  
Shelby Childers  
Tyler Richmond  
Zachary Sapp



St. Mary's will be having a Noisy Offering Sunday, Jan. 28, at both services. Save your coins and bring them in for a special offering. Throw your coins into the bucket to make a 'joyful noise unto the Lord!'

Welcome new vestry members  
Wayne Hamilton and Andy Woycitzky.



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Sunday Services at 9am & 11am

