



*St. Mary's Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

**St. Mary's / St.
Boniface
Vision Statement**

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through Worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community
Involvement



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

**Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., Parochial Administrator, and
Donald Brown, Deacon**

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm
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General Information

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at 8:45 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **six to nine months prior** to
wedding date

RCIA

contact Florence Anderle @ 423-6310 or 423-6271

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the
office as soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

St. Mary's every Saturday 4:00 – 4:40 pm and
every Wednesday after evening Mass.
(or by appointment at the office.)
St. Boniface – First Saturday from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Mass Schedule for the Week

Monday
8:15 am

July 11 – St. Mary's
Living and Deceased Members of
Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36

Wednesday
7:00 pm †

July 13– St. Mary's
Frances Veitenheimer by the
Christian Mother's Society

Thursday
8:15 am †

July 14 – St. Boniface
Kerry George by Mildred Lindemann

Friday
8:15 am †

July 15 – St. Mary's
Harold Schreiber by Tom Berends

Saturday
5:00 pm

July 16– St. Mary's
Living and Deceased Members of the
A. L. and Caroline Zotz Family
Parishioners (Spanish Mass)

7:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am †

July 17 - St. Boniface
Henry and Katherine Hemmi by Family

Sunday
10:00 am †

July 17 - St. Mary's
Floyd Humpert by M. J. Geis Family

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS
Monday July 11, 2016 – Sunday July 17, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sat. 5:00 pm Roy & Julie Koetter
 Sun. 10:00 am Donald & Laurie Veitenheimer

LECTORS

Wed. 7:00 pm Krista Vieth
 Fri. 8:15 am Florence Anderle
 Sat. 5:00 pm Chad Steinberger, Suzette Schreiber
 Sun. 10:00 am Donald Veitenheimer, Dorothy Johnson

SERVERS

Mon. 8:15 am Koda & Koen Sternadel
 Wed. 7:00 pm Madelyn Anderle, Jaxon West
 Fri. 8:15 am Madelyn & Drew Anderle
 Sat. 5:00 pm MacKenzie & Colby Wolf, Keaira Fillingim
 Sun. 10:00 am Emily, Nathan & Thomas McCann

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sat. 5:00 pm Gail Schroeder/Hosts, Betty Wolf/Hosts, Mitzi Veitenheimer, Deb Schreiber, Michael Schroeder, June Schroeder, Ricky Schreiber/Hosts Choir, Whitney Schreiber/Choir
 Sun. 10:00 am Weston Schlumpf/Hosts, Joyce Wolf/Hosts, Joey Veitenheimer, Angel Veitenheimer, Brian Anderle, Max Anderle, Trissa Berend/Hosts Choir, Jean Berend/Choir

USHERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Gary Wolf, Leo Hoff Jr, Arthur Litteken, Jerry Anderle
 Sun. 10:00 am Terry Schroeder, David McCann, Brad Hoffman, Adam Wolf

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 5:00 pm Leo Hoff Jr. Family
 Sun. 10:00 am Tommy Schlumpf III Family

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE SICK

July 17th Ann Hertel, Tracy Schreiber
 July 24th Maria Carcaño

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

July 17th Gwen Teichman, McKenna George, Hannah Anderle
 July 24th Joann Wolf & Diane Hubbard

MONEY COUNTERS

Mon. July 11th Arthur Litteken, Bill Veith, Darla Schroeder

SUPPORT-Sunday Envelopes \$4950.00, Loose \$285.00, Children \$19.50, Building Fund \$100.00.

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS,
Monday July 11, – Sunday July 17, 2016

HOSPITALITY

Sun. 8:00 am Harold & Patsy Stallcup

LECTOR

Sun. 8:00 am Keith Teichman

SERVERS

Sun. 8:00 am Cassidy & Jenna Veitenheimer

USHERS

Sun. 8:00 am Robert Krahl & Joe Hoff

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Sun. 8:00 am Priscilla Stallcup, Pat Hemmi, Patsy Stallcup, A. J. Schreiber

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 8:00 am Grady Schenk Jr. Family

MONEY COUNTERS

Sun. July 17th Pat Hemmi, Donna Tettleton, Vivian Rice

SUPPORT – Sunday Envelopes \$3665.00, Loose \$114.00, Children \$4.00.

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT will burn this week for Trent Tipton Family as requested by M. J. & Beth Geis.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Alfred & Cordella Berend will receive the Chalice on **July 16th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

7-24 Mark & Kristi Veitenheimer 10:00 a.m. Mass

7-30 Gary Wolf Family 5:00 p.m. Mass

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS.

CHURCH NURSERY- We have opened the church nursery for ages 1 – 3 years of age. Drop off time will start at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday 10:00 a. m. Mass ONLY.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 13th – Adoration, Benediction, Devotion 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confessions after Mass.

WINDTHORST SENIOR CITIZENS meet **Tuesday, July 12th** in the K. C. Hall at 11:30 for lunch and games.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S SOCIETY will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, July 13**, after Mass and novena . Members are urged to attend.

3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Wednesday, July 13th** after Mass and novena services.

NORTHWEST DEANERY OF CATHOLIC WOMEN –The NCCW Deanery meeting will be **Thursday, July 14, 2016**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall. We are expecting ladies from the area to come to visit our Church of Mercy for the indulgences and special blessings that go with the Jubilee Year of Mercy Church. The day will start with registration at 9:30 a.m., with a light brunch, meeting at 10, Mass at noon and salad lunch afterwards with a closing program. All the ladies of our deanery are invited. Please call Gloria at 423-6659 or Clara at 423-6402 for reservations by July 10th. Also, if you are able to donate a salad, please call us by July 10. We would appreciate

BAKE SALE – The Windthorst Caregiver Support Group of the Alzheimer's Association will be having a bake sale in front of Joe's Kwik Stop, **Saturday Morning, July 23rd**, starting at 5:30 A.M. until all goodies are sold. If anyone would like to donate baked goods or a monetary donation, it would be appreciated. All proceeds will be given to the Alzheimer's Association. If you need to, baked goods may be dropped off at Jolene Prescher's house Friday evening or Saturday morning at Joe's Kwik Stop. If questions, call Helen Brown, 423-6446 or Jolene at 423-6375 or 733-6665. Thank you.

ANNUAL ST. MARY'S CEMETERY MEETING will be **Sunday, July 17th** at 7:00 pm. in the Meeting Room.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – ST. MARY'S – Any person who is in charge of a ministry at St. Mary's is automatically a member of St. Mary's Pastoral Council. Next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 11th**.

ST. MARY'S PARISH has several items that someone may be interested in having in their possession. Some of these are the cabinets that were removed from the kitchen in the Parish Hall, hot water heaters, and doors. For more information please call Mark at 423-6277 or Cliff at 423-6201 or the church office at 423-6687.

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are held once a month on a rotating basis. Alternating months the baptisms will be done during the Sunday Mass and the next month the baptisms will be on a Sunday after the Mass. Baptisms will be held on the following dates;

July 10, 2016	Outside Mass
Aug. 14, 2016	Inside Sunday Mass
Sept. 11, 2016	Outside Mass
Oct. 9, 2016	Inside Sunday Mass
Nov. 13, 2016	Outside Mass

No Baptisms during Advent or Lent unless an emergency.

UPCOMING MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ACTS RETREATS – St. Mary's will be having ACTS Retreats for the men and women of our parishes. The men's retreat will be August 18-21, at the Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, with the Women's being September 15-18 at Bridgeport as well. The retreat begins at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. and ends with the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. The purpose of the Retreat is to provide an opportunity to bring parishioners closer to each other and to Christ through Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. Sign-up for this retreat by contacting the Retreat Directors, Craig Anderle (940-507-1985) or Karen McCann (940-632-6006). You will also find Registration forms at the back of Church that may be turned in to any ACTS member. Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to attend an ACTS Retreat. God is good!

ST. BONIFACE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT—will burn this week in memory of Mauro Ramos as requested by Sis Smith.

CHALICE FOR VOCATION: **Wesley & Cindy Idell Family** will receive the Chalice on **July 17th** at the **8:00 a.m. Mass**. They, as well as all of us, are asked to pray for vocations.

7-24 Cathy Hoff

7-31 Lloyd & Rita Schreiber

ST. BONIFACE 7-DAY LIGHTS: Welfare of Royce and his family by Bertha Mae; For the welfare of Marie Teichman by St. Boniface Christian Mothers'; For a safe delivery for Amanda Ritchie by St. Boniface Christian Mothers'; Special Intention by Donor; For Special Intention by Donor; For Peace, Our Members by St. Boniface Christian Mothers' Society; Living & Deceased Members & Relatives of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #36.

ST. BONIFACE THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on **Wednesday, July 13th** at 7:00 p.m.

SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS GATHERING has been rescheduled to July 24th. Make note of this. Thanks.

JOURNEY SONG BOOKS – If anyone would like one or more of the Journey Song books, please pick up as soon as possible. Books are in boxes behind pews on north side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

APPOINTMENTS WITH FATHER MICHAEL – If you have a concern and wish to visit with Fr. Michael, please call the office for an appointment. Or you may e-mail Father at mmoloney@comcell.net.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions on First Saturday afternoon at St. Boniface. – Father Michael will have Confessions every Saturday afternoon from 4:00 – 4:40 at St. Mary's, and on Wednesdays after evening Mass at St. Mary's. Confessions at St. Boniface will be on the first Saturday of the month from 3:15 to 3:45 pm. If you are unable to make those times, please call the office at 423-6687 or e-mail Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net for a time convenient for both you and Fr. Michael

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE - will be in the home of **Joey & Angel Veitenheimer** the week of **July 17th**. They are asked to pray for world peace, military, and vocations.

7-24 Ralph & Clara Veitenheimer

7-31 Bernard & Pat Scheffe

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON TUESDAYS!

V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY The Scotland-Windthorst Post #2676 will meet downstairs in the Windthorst K. C. Hall **Monday, July 11th** at 7:00 p.m.

V. F. W. will meet **Monday July 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in the K. C. Hall.

REBIRTH YOUTH RETREAT – will be July 13 – 17 at Vernon College in Vernon, Texas. This is a 5 day peer led spiritual retreat for youth in 9 – 12th grades. We pray for the Leadership Team and all who will be participating in the Retreat. Contact Shelley Schlumpf at 237-6676 for more information.

THANK YOU – Many thanks to Sis Smith for her donation of the Rice Krispy Treats for the children's bulletins in honor of July 4th. The children were very happy with their special treats. We appreciate you Sis.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND (JULY 9/10) is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your donation will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States. Thanks for your help.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH DIOCESAN 11-DAY TRIP TO ITALY – October 19-29, 2016, \$4,877 pp doubles. Everything paid except daily lunches. There are still a few places left. Venice, Padua, Florence, Rome, Pompeii! Fully escorted. First Class Hotels. Contact pparish@advancementfoundatioin.org. Call 817-945-9442 for more information.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Caroline Anderle, Zack Andrus, Conner Berardi, Andy Berend, Nellie Berend, Don Bilbrey, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Daphne Borgman, Diane Borgman, Paula Bradley, Deacon Don Brown, David Carcaño, Maria Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, Sue Conrady, Freida Day, Brad Dennis, Karen Edge, Royce Gilmore, Marlene Ermis Marshall, Jeanne Fischer, Margie Frazier, Father Nicholas Fuhrmann, Kimberly Fulford, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Artie Hallenbeck, Cathey Heitman, Floyd Hilbers, Mildred Hilbers, Margie Himmels, Billie Hoff, Cathy Hoff, Ernie Hoff, Frosty Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Wilfred A. Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Bill Hoffman, Chris Hogue, Beth Holovak, Libby Ingram, Casey Jeter, Judy Koetter, Braylen Lavy, Annette Lemley, Joe Lindeman, Jim Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, George Martin, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Loretta Meurer, Frank Moer, Kathleen Moer, Anna Moloney, Geraldine Moore, Clyde Morbitzer, Mary Morbitzer, Skylar Mueller, Steve Munchrath, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Lena Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Henry Pennartz, Troy Pennartz, Gina Phillips, Michelle Hubbard Riddles, John Rife, Terry Shefflett, Cassey Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Gerald Schreiber, Mike Schreiber Jr., Nelda Schreiber, **Gail Schroeder**, John (Hans) Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Richard Schroeder, Caroline Stallcup, Kate Talley, Marie Teichman, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, Margie Vieth, Paul Wachsman, Richard Wachsman, Wendy Wilson, Don Windham, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Anton Wolf, Dorothy Dell Wolf, Dorothy V. Wolf, Kellar Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Lorine Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Ronnie Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Chuck Zotz. If you wish your name removed or there are any changes, please call the office.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST – Taylor Anderson (Air Force), Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Sgt. Damian Hoffman, Ethan Hoffman (Air Force), Sgt. Whitney Jeter (Marine), Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Jess Martinez (Army), Blake Newby (Army), Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Hank Schenk (Air National Guard), Rock Schenk (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Sgt. Matt Turner (Air Force), Ben Veitenheimer (Navy), Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

NEW MEMBER OF THE TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE TEAM AT ST. MARY'S/ST. BONIFACE – We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Jay Pope** has completed his training at the Diocese of Ft. Worth to be a new team member of the **Tribunal Advocate position** for our parishes. He, Deacon Don Brown along with Father Michael Moloney are the recognized Advocates for our parishes by the Tribunal in Ft. Worth.

For Those Seeking an “Annulment” of a previous marriage, or information about the process of “annulment” of a previous marriage, please contact either **Deacon Don Brown or Mr. Jay Pope**. If you are wanting your present marriage recognized by the church, please contact **Fr. Michael Moloney**. These are the recognized Advocates for the Tribunal for St. Mary's and St. Boniface. They are available most anytime to try to work out any problems you may have in this area. Please call Deacon Don Brown at 903-850-5215 or Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net and they will be happy to arrange a meeting time and place.

DIVORCED AND RE-MARRIED? If you are divorced and remarried outside of the Catholic Church without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity, or if you are a Catholic and are married outside of the Catholic Church, you may not partake of the Sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion. Until it is shown otherwise through the ministry of the Tribunal, no person is free to enter into another marriage without the appearance or occasion of serious sin. However, a divorce alone does not affect or hinder in any way, your participation in the Sacraments. A divorced Catholic is free to receive the sacraments. However, if you are divorced and have remarried, or if you are divorced and in a new relationship, or if you are living with someone without a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity (and your former spouse is still living) you may not partake of the sacraments, including the reception of Holy Communion). Consider seeking a Decree of Nullity/Invalidity which will enable you to return to a full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. For more information please Contact Father Michael at mmoloney@comcell.net. Thanks.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Jesus calls us to love the lord and to love one another. He especially wants us to treat each other with compassion and kindness. Make the time to allow the love of god to strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 19-21, 2016 and November 4-6, 2016. Dates fill fast. To apply, visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org/apply>. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call 469-444-0904. Para mas informacion de Enuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.seccion15.org/>

SUBIACO ACADEMY IN SUBIACO, ARKANSAS – A Catholic. College preparatory, boarding and day school in the Benedictine tradition for young men in grades 7-12, has a few openings for the 2016-2017 school year. For information or to schedule a visit please call 1-800-364-7824, or email admissions@ssubi.org. Please visit our website www.SubiacoAcademy.us for the latest news about Subiaco Academy.

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: Marlene Marshall by her parents; Mildred by Floyd; Special Intention by Donor (Okla.); For health & well being of Annette Meurer, For health & well being of Judy Koetter by Suzette & Richard Schreiber; A Special Intention for Family by Donor; Recovery & healing for Judy & Annette by Gail & Beaver & Family; For help and my intentions by Donor; David Carcaño by Mom; For improved health for Gail Schroeder by Mom and brothers and sisters; Happy 93rd Birthday Mom, Happy Birthday Aunt Margie, Happy Birthday Sis Smith, Youth Rebirth Team and Retreatants, Safe travel for All, Special Intentions by Frank & Joyce; Judy, Annette & Jess, Gerald, Willie & Pauline Hoff, Cheryl Pope, JoAnn & Bill, Happy Anniversary Charles & Glenda, Our family by Gerald & Deb; In Thanksgiving for 60 years together, In Thanksgiving for our great family, Willie & Pauline, Royce & Bertha Mae, Bill & Mary Ann, All the sick, Special Intentions by the Paul Schenks;

YEARLY LIGHTS: The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For World Peace and the safety of all our military, especially for Staff Sgt. Damian Hoffman (Army), Ethan Hoffman (Air Force) and Maj. David Ogura (Army) by Grandmommy; Our Family by Alfred & Cordella; For our Military Personnel by V. F. W. Auxiliary Post #267; For Students of W. I. S. D. & C. D. A. #296 Members by C. D. A. #296; Ben's Safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse and Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Arnold & Lillian Lindeman by the Family; Thomas & Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; In loving memory of Rusty & Shannon and all dear departed of Lindemann & Green Families, For my Children & Grandchildren to always stay faithful to the Church and its teachings, don't fall away and to keep God in their lives, For peace, our beloved country, and all the brave military, For the sick & elderly of our parishes and for all my dear friends who are so kind and helpful to me, For all the faithful Priests and Religious and for more vocations by Geraldine Lindemann; For the Living & Deceased Members of the Charles & Mary Lindeman Family, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran & Brett Hoff by Benny Lindeman; My Family by Ann Veitenheimer; For my Family and for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; For my Family by Lena Ostermann; For my Family by Margaret Beaman; For my Family by Elmer Schroeder; For our Family by Henry & Mildred Pennartz; For the safety and welfare of Blake Newby (Army) by Grandma Dorothy V. Wolf; Joe Schreiber & Joseph Schreiber, Jr. by Agnes Schreiber; Mom by Johnnie & Alice; Janice, Ed & Catherine and Lois Luig and Geraldine's health by Eddie Luig; For our Family by Marvin & Elsie Hoff; Floyd Humpert by Betty; Sick and hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mothers Society by St. Mary's Christian Mothers;-- Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30.

CATHECHISM IN A YEAR

Who can forgive sins?

God alone can forgive sins. Jesus could say "Your sins are forgiven" (Mk 2:5) only because he is the Son of God. And priests can forgive sins in Jesus' place only because Jesus has given them that authority

Many people say, "I can go directly to God; why do I need a priest?" God, though, wants it otherwise. We rationalize our sins away and like to sweep things under the rug. That is why God wants us to tell our sins and to acknowledge them in a personal encounter. Therefore, the following words from the Gospel are true of priests: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any they are retained."

RACHEL'S CORNER

Abortion is an experience that leaves many women feeling angry. A woman may aim her post-abortion anger at her husband, boyfriend, parents, friends, the abortionist and even herself. You are not alone We can help you find peace. Rachel Ministries at 817-923-4757. Next English Retreat September 9.

El aborto es una experiencia que deja a muchas mujeres con sentimientos de ira. A mujer puede apuntar su coraje post-aborto en contra de su esposo, novio padres, amigos, abortita, e incluso en contra de si misma. Tu no estas sola. Podemos ayudarte a encontrar Paz. Ministerios de Raquel 817-886-4760. El proximo retire en espanaol es el 21 de Octubre.

ONE MORE QUESTION

How were the books of the New Testament chosen?

In the early centuries, a number of books circulated telling the story of Jesus from various viewpoints. Eventually the community had to decide which books contained his authentic message. Church authorities had to decide which books contained his message. Church authorities decided that only books that were connected to the apostles and that conformed to the emerging faith of the Church could be used. By the end of the fourth century, only 27 books had survived the test. These books are now known as the New Testament.

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Union Branch #30 of Windthorst and
Branch #36 of Scotland**

PLENARY INDULGENCE: The remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. A properly disposed member of the Christian faithful can obtain an indulgence under prescribed conditions through the help of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY ARE:

Universal: That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

The four conditions to receive a Plenary Indulgence after going through the Door of Mercy in a designated Church are: Praying the Apostles Creed, Praying for the Intentions of the Holy Father, Going to Confession within a couple of weeks, and receiving Holy Communion weekly.

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees you sees him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal: and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD: A common term for the practice of contraception or, when this fails, of abortion. Also the organized policy of governments and international cartels to coerce people by means of economic or other sanctions to practice contraception or abortion, or submit to sterilization.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

O Lord, I dare to stand before the throne of Your mercy, not because I am worthy but because You are Love. Cover me, dear God, with your wings of compassion, bind my wounds, relieve my sorrow, and fill me with Your peace.

You know my past and You know my pain and these too I commend to Your most merciful heart, confident you will hear and answer me. You who are all knowing forgiving and kind shower me now with Your grace.

Lord, You became human and shared our life that we might one day share Yours. Turn Your eyes of mercy toward us once again and see us whom You created in Your image that all the world may come to know You as the One, True and Most Merciful God. Amen.

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- 1 Give drink to the thirsty.
- 2 Clothe the naked.
- 3 Shelter the homeless.
- 4 Visit the sick.
- 5 Visit the imprisoned.
- 6 Bury the dead.
- 7 Give alms to the poor.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- 1 Counsel the doubtful.
- 2 Instruct the ignorant.
- 3 Admonish sinners.
- 4 Comfort the afflicted
- 5 Forgive offenses.
- 6 Bear wrongs patiently.
- 7 Pray for the living and the dead.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord Jesus, come to our aid and bring an end to the horror of abortion and all the evils that flow from it. May every human being love and honor all human life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death; May we, Your disciples always choose the Gospel of Life. Through the Eucharist, the great sacrament of life, let us be Your instruments in bringing an end to the culture of death. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of Inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.