



ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

“Here to serve, not to be served” Matthew 20:28

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January 2017 NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Hello Ladies:

Happy New Year! The new year is often a time when we make resolutions to improve our physical selves: lose weight, eat better, get more sleep, exercise. But have you thought about how to improve yourself spiritually? Here are some ideas:

1. Live Our Lady's messages at Fatima. This year of 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance to three children in Fatima, Portugal. Learn more about Mary's message and what it means to us today.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/how-to-live-the-message-of-our-lady-of-fatima/>

2. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the Divine Mercy Chapel. Don't feel like you have to go for an hour. Just go for 15 minutes. Pray, read, close your eyes, or just be still and know that He is God. Then come back again.

3. Pick a saint buddy. Prayerfully choose a saint to guide you this year. I love this idea! I've always been drawn to St. Rita so I've chosen her to be my guide this year. Who will you choose?

These and other ideas can be found at

https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/eight-new-years-spiritual-resolutions/?aid=4794&new=yes&engine=email&trk_msg=Q7FNC7TVL6A4N0CAHRM0506M8O&trk_contact=VE9J1MEN4A0AOLDLOOCUTVR1NK&utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=8+Spiritual+Reolutions+For+Your+New+Year!&utm_campaign=01_01_17_New_Year_Content&utm_content=POSTCARD.

Hope to see you all at our first meeting of 2017, which is Thursday, January 19th!

Tina Dougherty
Ladies Guild President 2016-2017
"Behold, I make all things new again."

“TRAILS OF PLEASANT DREAMS – A RESTFUL SPIRIT & A BIT OF PILLOW TALK”

Happy new year and welcome to the next Ladies Guild meeting on Thursday, January 19th! At our next meeting we'll decorate pillow cases for Park Youth Ranch and Fort Bend Family Promise. Let's provide a restful spirit so the youth may peacefully rest & have pleasant dreams! For this service project, we ask you to please bring a new washed pillow case as a donation to decorate. (If you have an extra pillow case, please bring it for someone who forgets.) Fabric markers & decorating supplies will be furnished but if you have some please bring to share. *Come dressed in your p.j.'s and/or slippers (optional) and enjoy fellowship & pillow talk!*

Our social begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with meeting & project to follow. Please bring a 'slumber party' snack, appetizer or dessert to share! Beverages are provided!

Sue Garcia & Sharon Gonzalez

RECEPTIONS

We are off to a fast start this year. Our first reception is Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. for newly ordained Deacon Dennis Henderson. We will be providing servers for this event. If you would like to help serve, you may contact us by email. God's blessings to all of you.

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Prayerfully consider serving as
Ladies Guild vice-president.



SPIRITUAL

Teresa Humphreys

Jesus and January

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. As St. Paul writes in **Philippians 2**, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Very early on, Christians came to understand that the very name of Jesus had great power, and the recitation of His Name was itself a form of prayer. St. Paul urges us to "pray without ceasing," and this prayer is one of the best ways to start doing so.

The Jesus Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

MEMBERSHIP

Jennifer Reyes and Cara Turner

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL LADIES GUILD MEMBERS**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sue Garcia
Leslye Henderson
Judy Schockling
Norma Spaulding

We would like to invite you to our daughters event which they are hosting as part of their Girl Scout Silver Award.

"Understanding Dyslexia", featuring award-winning documentary: Dislexia: The Movie on January 26, in the Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Room at 7 pm.

Panel discussion will follow the movie.

RSVP to annieturner100@yahoo.com

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Carol Giardina, Chrissy Mitchell and
Judy Schockling

Thank you to the following ladies for assisting with food and serving at 1 funeral reception for the month of December. Thanks so much to all who assist families in their time of need!

Essie Burgess	Cindy Cummings	Lynne Daus
Peggy Finch	Marge Gerontakos	Mary Jane Hess
Janet Hill	Joanne Hresko	Jean Jablonski
Margie Koenig	Mariann Licato	John W Loper
Luanne Marconi	Sandra Mendez	Theresa Neal
Rosemary Newlin	Tho Nguyen	Donna Romaine
Lois Sassin	Cherie Schmoie	Amy Stugart
Julie Thomas	Glenda Trevino	Yvonne Watts



The Meals that Heal Ministry provides meals to those who need a little extra help during times of illness, after surgery, or after the birth of a new baby. This ministry is a part of the St. Laurence Ladies Guild, but membership in the Ladies Guild is not a requirement for volunteering to help make meals. We provided 21 meals during the month of December. Thanks go to the following: Candy Bourgeois, Rebecca Escobedo, Kamila Andrezejak, Michelle Porth, Devoni Wardlow, Marjorie Smith, Cheryl Suter, Julie Thomas, Jamie Debaillon, Lois Sassin, Dana Logoutte, Mary Alvarez, Deborah Gonynor, Carol Inamdar, Lisa Barron, Carole Kanusky and Kathy Hensler.

This is a wonderful way to serve others! If you or someone you know is in need of meals, or you are interested in providing a meal to those in need, please contact Joan O'Daniel at 281-980-5851 or ladiesguildmth@gmail.com