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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Weekly Contribution**

Collection for January 31st – \$4,543.91

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our Fiscal needs.

“His Mercy Endures Forever - Psalm 136

“We are called upon to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable of.”

Pope Francis

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone.

Please help us reach our goal of \$25,000.00 with your participation.

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Norma Moreno Garcia, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Gabriel Gonzales, Will Windham, Alan Neff, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W. Callaway, Mary Valdez, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Leon Quintanilla, Sheila Hinojosa, Javier Cruz, Regina Martinez, Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Roy Martinez, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Emma Martinez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Jenny Villegas, Joe Tyner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Lupe Mendoza, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Brenda Damian, Nadia Mendoza.

And for all those whose names that have not been made known to us.

Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at 979-233-5271.

**February –Compliments of
Robert and Rosa Lee Saenz**

Sponsor of the Week

[ILM Octavio Gutierrez Sr.]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

February 8 – February 14

Monday/Lunes

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56

NO MASS

Tuesday/Martes

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Mark 7:1-13

8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTION

Wednesday/Miercoles

Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Ash Wednesday: 8:30 am – English Ashes

12:15 pm – English Ashes 5:45 pm – Confessions

6:30 English Mass 7:30 pm – Spanish Ashes

Thursday/Jueves

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25

7:00 pm – Lenten Penance Service

Friday/Viernes

Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sabado

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Luke 5:27-32

5:30 pm – Health Blessings for Joshua Louis Zurovec

requested by Liz Kamrath & Mary Jean Bissonnett

Sunday/Domingo

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

9:00 a.m. – +Michael William Bissonnet requested by Mary

Jean Bissonnett

11:00 a.m. –Virgen Guadalupe requested by Guadalupana

Society and Marriage Blessings for Michael and Elsa Gonzales

on their 40th Anniversary

5:00 p.m. – **NO MASS INTENTION**

**Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments
Preparativos para celebrar los Sacramentos**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Anyone interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th grade and above) please call the Faith Formation office, 233-5271.

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración del sacramento de la Confirmación (novenno grado en adelante) por favor llame a la oficina de Formación de Fe, 233-5271.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

Anyone interested in celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist for the first time, please contact the Faith Formation office at 233-5271.

Primera Reconciliación y la primera Eucaristía

Cualquier persona interesados en la celebración de la Reconciliación o la Eucaristía por primera vez, favor de contactar la oficina de Formación de la Fe al 233-5271.

Baptism Preparation

Through Infant Baptism, parents “transmit to their children their faith and the grace of the Sacraments which allow them to enter the people of God, the Church” (Pope Francis).

Parents wanting to have their children baptized must come by the parish office to register their child, attend preparatory classes and follow our policy for celebrating the Sacrament. The next sets of classes will be February 8th and 11th, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fé y la gracia del Sacramento que les permite entrar, formar parte del pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia” (Papa Francisco).

Los Padres que quieran que sus niños sean bautizados, deberán venir a la oficina a registrar a su niño y asistir a las clases de preparación y seguir el reglamento para la celebración del sacramento. Las próximas clases serán el 5 de febrero de 2016.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office. Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 233-5271.

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana

Cualquiera que esté interesado en saber más acerca de la Iglesia Católica o interesado en convertirse en un católica, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Cualquier persona interesada en patrocinar a alguien, por favor llame a la oficina al 233-5271.

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Saint Augustine (354-430), Bishop of Hippo (North Africa) and Doctor of the Church
Sermon 43, 5-6 ; CCL 41, 510-511 (©Friends of Henry Ashworth)

"Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch"

How great was Christ's courtesy! This Peter who spoke these words was once a fisherman and in our day a public speaker deserves high praise if he is able to converse with a fisherman! Addressing the first Christians the apostle Paul says: "Brothers and sisters remember what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise according to human standards; not many of you were influential or of noble birth. But God chose what the world regards as weak in order to disconcert the strong; God chose what the world regards as foolish in order to abash the wise; God chose what the world regards as common and contemptible, of no account whatever, in order to overthrow the existing order" (1Cor 1:26-28).

If Christ had first chosen a man skilled in public speaking, such a man might well have said: "I have been chosen on account of my eloquence." If he had chosen a senator, the senator might have said: "I have been chosen because of my rank" If his first choice had been an emperor, the emperor surely might have said: "I have been chosen for the sake of the power I have at my disposal." Let these worthies keep quiet and defer to others; let them hold their peace for a while. I am not saying they should be passed over or despised; I am simply asking all those who can find any grounds for pride in what they are to give way to others just a little.

Christ says: Give me this fisherman, this man without education or experience, this man to whom no senator would deign to speak, not even if he were buying fish. Yes, give me him; once I have taken possession of him, it will be obvious that it is I who am at work in him. Although I mean to include senators, orators, and emperors among my recruits... I shall still be surer of the fisherman. The senator can always take pride in what he is; so can the orator and the emperor, but the fisherman can glory in nothing except Christ alone. Any of these other men may come and take lessons from me in the importance of humility for salvation, but let the fisherman come first.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The Adult Confirmation Preparation will begin with a Retreat at St. Michael's, Lake Jackson on Feb. 13th at 9:00am-3pm.

Classes begin the following Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Dates are: Feb. 18th, March 3rd, 17th, April 7th, 14th 28th and May 5th.

Confirmation Mass will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. For more information call Camille Forse 299-3145.

Senior Day: "Stars of the Sea"

50 and up. Thursday, February 18th at 10:30 am in Heaven's Way hall. Come join us for prayer, western line dancing, bingo and making painted clay pots for our Festival's plant booth.

Dress Western if you like!

San Agustín (354-430), obispo de Hipona (África del Norte), doctor de la Iglesia
Sermón 43, 5-5; CCL 41, 510-511

"No temas, desde ahora serás pescador de hombres"

¡Qué grande es la bondad de Cristo! Pedro ha sido pescador, y ahora un orador merece un gran elogio si es capaz de comprender a este pescador. Ved por qué el apóstol Pablo dirigiéndose a los primeros cristianos, dice: "Hermanos, fijaos en vuestra asamblea, no hay en ella muchos sabios en lo humano, ni muchos poderosos, ni muchos aristócratas; todo lo contrario, lo necio del mundo lo ha escogido Dios para humillar a los sabios... Ha escogido la gente baja del mundo, lo despreciable, lo que no cuenta" (1Co 1,26-28).

Porque si Cristo hubiese escogido en primer lugar a un orador, el orador hubiera podido decir: "Me ha escogido por mi elocuencia". Si hubiera escogido a un senador, el senador hubiera podido decir: "Me ha escogido a causa de mi rango". Si, en fin, hubiera escogido a un emperador, el emperador hubiera podido decir: "Me ha escogido a causa de mi poder. Que se calle toda esa gente, que esperen un poco y estén tranquilos. No serán olvidados ni rechazados; que esperen un poco, porque podrían gloriarse de lo que son en sí mismos.

"Dame, dice Cristo, este pescador, dame ese hombre simple y sin instrucción, dame ese hombre con el cual el senador no se digna hablar, ni tan sólo cuando le compra un pescado. Sí, dame ese hombre. Cuando lo habré llenado, se verá claramente que soy únicamente yo quien actúa. Ciertamente, llevaré a cabo mi obra en el senador, en el orador, en el emperador..., pero mi acción será más evidente en el pescador. El senador, el orador y el emperador pueden gloriarse de lo que ellos son: el pescador, únicamente de Cristo. Que el pescador venga a enseñarles la humildad que procura la salvación. Que el pescador pase primero."



JEWELRY SALE

A uniquely Catholic Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser Sale will be at St. Mary's on the weekends of February 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th. We have a wonderful variety of quality jewelry. Everything is priced reasonably for you while supporting our youth Group!

Tendremos una venta de Joyería y Rosarios singularmente Católicos aquí en Santa María para recaudar fondos para nuestros Jóvenes. Serán los próximos fines de semana empezando en el mes de Febrero 6, 7, 13 y 14. Tenemos una maravillosa variedad de joyas de calidad y los precios son razonables.

The Patricians: February 15th at 6:30 pm in Heaven's Way Hall. Topic: Saints – Why are they important.

ARISE/LEVANTATE: Together in Christ

Call the office to Sign up. Not too late.
Llame a la oficina para registrarse. Aun no es demasiado tarde.

This Week in the Our Parish

February 8:

NO MASS

6:30 pm – 90th Anniversary Mtg – (Con)

7:00 – 8:30 pm – English Baptism class - HW

February 9:

8:30 a.m. – English Mass

9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5

10:30 am - Lenten Workday – (C)

6:00 pm: - St. Vincent – (Con)

6:30 pm – Core Meeting – HW

7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

February 10:

8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 7:30 pm: Blessing and

Distribution of Ashes

5:45 – Confessions – (C)

6:30 pm – English Mass

NO Faith Formation Classes

February 11:

9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm - Benediction

7:00 pm – Lenten Penance Service

7:00 – 8:30 pm: English Baptism Classes - HW

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

February 12:

8:30 am – English Mass

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy

Fish Fry: 5 pm – 7 pm – Parish hall

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

February 13:

10 am – 1:30 pm: 1st Eucharist Session/Parents & Child - HW

4-5 pm – Confession – C

4:30 pm – English Choir Practice – Somerville

5:30 pm – English Mass/Hospitality (Lectors & EM's)

Black & Indian Collection Second Collection

Brown Bag Collection

February 14:

9:00 am – English Mass/Hospitality (Lectors & EM's)

11:00 am – Spanish Mass/Hospitality (Lectors & EM's)

5:00 pm – Teen Mass/RCIA – Rite of Sending

Breaking Open Word

Black & Indian Second Collection at all Masses

Brown Bag Collection

6:00 pm -8:30 pm - Life Teen/ Edge Classes – (HW, PH)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 13, 5:30 P.M – English Mass

Acolyte: Richard Moreno

Altar Servers: Cristian & Maria Chavez

Lectors: Rosemary Bravo, Johanna Blanchard

EM's: Yolanda Solis, Delores Rodriguez

February 14, 9:00 A.M – English Mass

Acolyte: Chris Thompson

Altar Servers: Omar & Carlos Ramos, Fred Silbas

Lectors: Marilyn Saccomanno, James Saccomanno

EM's: Tina Robledo, Valentina Moreno

February 14, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass

Acolyte: Chris Thompson

Altar Servers: Tatyana & Sergio Diaz, Manuel & Jose Acuna

Lectors: America Nunez, Sonya Montoya

EM's: Patricia Ramirez, Leobardo Ramirez

February 14, 5:00 P.M – English Mass

Altar Servers: Bryan & Analy Chavez

Lectors: Martha Iracheta, Cynthia Lopez

EM's: Margaret Garcia, Juan Castro

ALTAR DUTY

February 1-15 – Rebeca Moreno, Valentine Moreno

**The following positions are open at
St. Mary Star of the Sea**

Music Director

Faith Formation Coordinator

Please apply in the Parish Office

Deadline to apply is February 26, 2016.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10th begins our Lenten Season. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 8:30 am, 12:15 pm, and 7:30 pm (Spanish). Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm including the Blessing and distribution of ashes. Confessions will be available at 5:45 pm.

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

10 de febrero comienza nuestra Cuaresma. Las cenizas serán bendecidas y distribuidas a las 8:30 am, 12:15 pm y 7:30 pm (español). Misa será celebrada a las 6:30 pm incluyendo la Bendición y distribución de cenizas. Confesiones estarán disponibles a las 5:45 pm.

PENANCE SERVICE

A Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Thursday, February 11th at 7 pm. Individual confessions will also be heard on Saturday evenings from 4pm – 5 pm.

Una parroquia de Cuaresma Servicio de Reconciliación se celebrará el jueves 11 de febrero a 7:00 pm. Confesiones individuales también se escucharán los sábados por las tardes de 4 - 5 pm.

Please consider helping our St. Vincent de Paul pantry by taking a Brown bag, filling it with items listed on the bag and returning it when you come to Mass Feb. 13 & 14. Thank you for your generosity!

Spring Fling Handcrafted Bazaar

Sponsored by St. Mary: Star of the Sea Catholic Church

February 27, 2016

Lake Jackson Civic Center

Rentals are on a first come/first served basis

We need parishioners to make items for our booth.

Rebecca.shawver@comcast.net

(317)409-0910

PICTURE DAY

You can start signing up for times and dates starting on Feb. 13th & 14th in the back of the church. Picture taking will be on March 10th -13th.

Puede comenzar inscribirse en horas y fechas a partir del 13 de febrero y 14 en la parte posterior de la iglesia. La toma de fotografías será del 10 al 13 de Marzo.