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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contribution

Collection for March 6th – \$6,939.27

Catholic Relief Services Collection - \$1,181.12

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. **Paid so far is \$3,845.00 with 30 families.**

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

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.

**March – In loving memory of her father
+Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by
his daughter Yolanda Garcia**

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Roy Martinez, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Eddie Virgil, 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, Regina Martinez, Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Emma Gutierrez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Jenny Villegas, Joe Tyner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Nadia Mendoza, Lupe Mendoza.

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

Sponsor of the Week

[Decoraciones Nelly's]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

March 14 – March 20



Monday/Lunes

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 John 8:12-20
NO MASS

Tuesday/Martes

Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30
8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday/Miercoles

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 John 8:31-42
8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTION/No Evening Mass

Thursday/Jueves

Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59
6:15 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Friday/Viernes

Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42
8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday/Sabado

2Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
9:00 am – Feast of St. Joseph
5:30 pm – +Mary Balbas requested by Dr. & Mrs. Arturo Imperial

Sunday/Domingo

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49
9:00 a.m. – NO MASS INTENTION
11:00 a.m. – +Guadalupe “Tito” Tamayo requested by Family
5:00 p.m. – +Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by Oralia Guevara & Family.

**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 April 4th and 7th, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fe 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 2 de abril 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.

Simon the New Theologian (c.949-1022), Greek monk,
saint of the Orthodox churches
Hymn 45; SC 196

"Neither do I condemn you... I am the light of the world" (Jn 8, 11-12)

O my God, my Creator, who love to forgive,
Make the brightness of your inaccessible light grow
greater over me
To fill my heart with joy.
Be not angry; do not forsake me!
But make my soul radiant with your light,
For your light, O my God, is you...
I have gone aside from your straight road, the divine
road,
And have fallen lamentably from the glory that had
been given me.
I have been stripped of the shining robe, the divine
robe,
And fallen into the darkness; now I lie in darkness
And do not realize I am deprived of light...
For if you have shone from on high, if you have
appeared in the shadows,
If you have come into the world, O Merciful One,
If you have desired to live with men
In our human condition, for love of humankind,
If... you are said to be the light of the world (Jn 8:12)
And we do not even see you,
Is this not because we are completely blind
And more unfortunate than the blind, O my Christ?...
As for you, who are all good things, you give them
unceasingly
to your servants, to those who see your light...
Whoever possesses you, truly possesses in you all other
things.
May I not be deprived of you, O Lord! May I not be
deprived of you, Creator!
May I not be deprived of you, O Merciful One, I, the
humble stranger...
I beg you, set me with you,
Even if I have multiplied sins more than everyone else.
Receive my prayer like that of the publican (Lk 18:13)
Or like that of the sinful woman, Lord, even though I
weep not as she did (Lk 7:38)...
Are you not the source of pity, the spring of mercy and
river of goodness?
Therefore, on this account have pity on me!
Ah yes, you who had hands and feet nailed to the cross
And your side pierced with the lance, you the All-
Compassionate,
Have pity on me and snatch me away from the eternal
burning...
That on that day I may stand before you without
condemnation
To be welcomed into your wedding chamber
In which I shall share your happiness, good Master,
In inexpressible joy throughout the ages. Amen.

Simeón el Nuevo Teólogo (c. 949-1022), monje griego
Himno 45

"Yo tampoco no te condeno... Yo soy la luz del mundo" (Jn 8,11-12)

Oh Dios mío, que amas tanto perdonar, mi Creador,
haz crecer sobre mí el esplendor de tu inaccesible luz
para llenar de gozo mi corazón.
¡Ah, no te irrites! ¡Ah, no me abandones!
pero haz que mi alma resplandezca de tu luz,
porque tu luz, oh Dios mío, eres tú...
Me extravié del camino recto, del camino divino,
y, lamentablemente, abandoné la gloria que se me
había dado.
Me despojé del vestido luminoso, el vestido divino,
y, caído en las tinieblas, yazgo ahora en las tinieblas,
y no soy consciente de que estoy privado de luz...
Porque si tú has brillado desde lo alto, si te has
aparecido en la oscuridad,
si has venido al mundo, oh Misericordioso, si has
querido
vivir con los hombres, según nuestra condición, por
amor al hombre,
si... tú has dicho que eres la Luz del mundo (Jn 8,12)
y nosotros no te vemos,
¿no es porque somos totalmente ciegos
y más desdichados que los ciegos, oh Cristo mío?...
Pero tú, que eres todos los bienes, que los das sin cesar
a tus servidores, a los que ven tu luz...
Quien te posee, en ti lo posee realmente todo.
¡que yo no sea privado de ti, Maestro! ¡que no sea
privado de ti, Creador!
¡Que no sea privado de ti, Misericordioso, yo, humilde
extranjero...!
Te lo ruego, ponme junto a ti
aunque sea verdad que he multiplicado los pecados más
que todos los hombres.
Acoge mi oración como la del publicano (Lc 18,13),
como la de la prostituta (Lc 7,38), Maestro, aunque yo
no lloro como ella...
¿No eres tú, manantial de piedad, fuente de
misericordia
y río de bondad? : por estos títulos, ¡iten piedad de mí!
Sí, tú que has tenido las manos, tú que has tenido los
pies clavados en la cruz,
y tu costado traspasado por la lanza, Compasivo Señor,
ten piedad de mí y arráncame del fuego eterno...
Que en este día permanezca ante ti sin condenación
para ser acogido dentro tu sala de bodas
donde compartiré tu felicidad, mi buen Señor,
en el gozo inexpressable, por todos los siglos. Amén.

Knights of Columbus #3365

The Knights of Columbus has \$1,000 in Scholarship
money available for graduating Catholic Seniors
again this year. Applications are available through
the Brazosport High School guidance counseling
office, Nikki Lyster or Karen Munos.

Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2016 during our Faith
Formation Classes. Please help by **donating and
bringing candy** to the office.

Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua el 30 de marzo
durante clases de catecismo. Por favor, **de asistir y
traer donaciones de dulces** a la oficina.

Youth Confirmation Session

March 20, 2016

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This Week in the Our Parish

March 14:
NO MASS
March 15:
8:30 a.m. – English Mass
9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5
6:30 pm – Core Meeting – HW
7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
March 16:
8:30 am - English Mass
6:00 pm – Peace Rosary – (C)
5:30-7:00 pm -Faith Formation/PK3-5th Grade – RE Bldg./HW
6:00 - 8:30 pm – RCIA – (C)
March 17:
8:30 am – Spanish Mass
9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30 – 12 noon – Senior Day - HW
6:00 pm - Benediction
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
March 18:
8:30 am – English Mass
2:00 – 8:40 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy/Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry: 5 pm – 7 pm – Parish hall
7:00 pm- Stations of the Cross
March 19:
9:00 am – Feast of St. Joseph Mass/Breakfast following –(S)
10:00 am-5:00 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library
4-5 pm – Confession – C
4:30 pm – English Choir Practice – Somerville
5:30 pm – English Mass/ Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass
March 20:
9:00 am – English Mass/Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass
10 am – 5 pm – Life Touch Picture Taking – HW/Library
11:00 am –Spanish Mass/Altar Society Bake Sale after Mass
2:00 – 4:30 pm – Confirmation Session
RCIA Retreat – Velasco Community House
5:00 pm – English Mass
6:30 – 8:00 pm - Life Teen/ Edge Classes – Parish hall/HW

Local Lenten Reconciliation Services

Mon, March 14 – St. Michael’s – 7 pm
Wed. March 16 – Most Holy Trinity, Angleton – 7 pm
Thurs. March 17 – St. John’s West Columbia – 7 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sweeny
6:45pm-8:30 pm-St. Jerome, Clute – each Fri. of Lent



St. Mary’s Music Ministry would like to invite one and all to help sing for the Holy Week Liturgies. We need your beautiful voices. Please come to our combined choir practice (Spanish and English) on Monday, March 14th at 6:00 pm. We thank you for your help. If interested please call Joyce at 979-849-5679.

Ministerio de Música de Santa María le gustaría invitar a todos y cada uno para ayudar a cantar para las liturgias de Semana Santa. Necesitamos sus hermosas voces. Por favor venga a nuestra práctica de coro combinado (español e inglés) el lunes, 14 de marzo a las 6:00 pm. Le damos las gracias por su ayuda. Si está interesado por favor llame al 979-849-5679 Joyce.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 19, 5:30 P.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Cristian & Maria Chavez
Lectors: Jimmy Mikes, Steve Melaragno
EM’s: Connie Melaragno, Marilyn Saccomanno
March 20, 9:00 A.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Matthew Castillo, Claire Cundieff
Lectors: David Delgado, Mariel Delgado
EM’s: Tina Robledo, Mary Rodriguez
March 20, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass
Acolyte: Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Antonio & Allision Martinez, Francisco Castro
Lectors: Elizabeth Heredia, Lucy Salazar
EM’s: Miguel Heredia, Maria Lizardo
March 20, 5:00 P.M – English Mass
Altar Servers: Pedro & Rito Carrizales
Lectors: Marianna Caro, Verania de la Fuente
EM’s: Yolanda Garcia, Margaret Garcia, Steve Melaragno

ALTAR DUTY

March 16-31 – Ramona Ayala, Estella Arroyo, Esperanza Rubio

St. Mary: Star of the Sea’s 90th Anniversary on August 13th and 14th, 2016.

Senior Day: “Stars of the Sea” will meet on March 17th from 10:30-12:00 in Heaven’s Way hall. Genie Packard will give a talk on Hospice care and making a will. We will then continue with Scripture, exercise and St. Patty’s Day Bingo.

Patricians: A adult discussion group, will meet on Tuesday, March 21st in Heaven’s Way hall at 6:30 p.m. Topic: ‘Why is Extreme Unction’ now referred to as the Sacrament of the Sick”

Legion of Mary: Our Junior and Spanish Praesidia will start meeting again on Tuesday, March 15th at 5 p.m. in Heaven’s Way classrooms.

**St. Mary’s Annual Parish Festival
Saturday & Sunday, May 21st & 22nd, 2016
Freeport Municipal Park**

Our Bazaar is right around the corner. We can help by giving monetary donations, live and silent auction items; name brand canned drinks, 2 liter drinks and bottled water. We are selling T-shirts for \$15. Need payment before ordering. Please come to the office to order. We are also in need of plants for our plant booth, someone that is interested in making hamburgers for our hamburger booth and someone to organize the children’s game booth.

Anyone interested please call the office.