

Weekly Highlights

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Welcome This Week**St. Mary Star of the Sea**

extends a warm welcome to our new parishioners. We hope that they will come to find peace and joy as they become active members of our worship community

Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members to our parish community. Please register in the Parish Office or online at our website:
stmarystarofthesea.org

... Please also let us know if you plan to move from the parish.

New Email**Address for Photos**

If you would like to send us photos of parish events for the parish website, please send them to:
smsosphotos@gmail.com

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office at
979-233-5271

Stewardship Report

Collection for November 5: \$5,188.87
Under budget for the week of
November 5: \$3,103.64
Second Collection for Maintenance:
\$1,307.55

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our 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**

Saturday, November 11 / sabado 1 de Noviembre

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

5:30 p.m.

†Jim Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

†Tillie Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

†Catherine Boothe By Joanne Kalos

Sunday, November 12/ domingo 12 de Noviembre

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

9:00a.m.

†Mark Barclay by His Wife

†Sara Silvas by Darcy and kids

11:00a.m.

†Maria Concepcion Carmona de familia Diaz

†Hilda Santiago de Julian Garcia

†Juan Garcia de Julian Garcia

Virgen de Guadalupe de las Guadalupanas

Monday, November 13/ lunes 13 de Noviembre

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14/ martes 14 de Noviembre

Tuesday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10

6:30 p.m.

For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, November 15/ Miércoles 15 de Noviembre

Wednesday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

8:30a.m.

†Elvira Martinez by Mary Rodriguez

Thursday, November 16/ Jueves 16 de Noviembre

Thursday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

6:15p.m.

†Estorgio Cardenas by Cira Cardenas

†Savina Cardenas by Cira Cardenas

†Max Diaz by Marisol Serrano y familia

Friday, November 17/ Viernes 17 de Noviembre

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

PRAY FOR THEM/RUEGA POR ELLOS:

Please note an individual who's name appears on the list will be published for two weeks. For an extension, please call Parish Office.

Tammie Guidry Hawkins, Ignacio Damian Sr., Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin, Lupe Mendoza, Kenneth Purdy, Peggy Brumley, Johanna Blanchard, Robert McSwain

At all Masses, please pray for holy marriages and families and most especially for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.

From Our Pastor

Pastoral Staff



“Therefore stay awake for you know neither the day nor the hour” (Mt 25:13).

With these words Jesus reminds us first of all that he will return. Our life on earth will end and we will begin a new life that will never end. Nowadays no one wants to speak of death... Sometimes people go to great lengths to distract themselves from it. They immerse themselves so much in daily life that they forget the One who gave us life and who will ask us to return it one day in order to lead us into the fullness of life, into communion with his Father, in heaven.

Will we be ready to meet him? Will our lamp be lit like the wise virgins who were waiting for the bridegroom?

The lamp oil in this Sunday’s parable represents love. The Bridegroom is Jesus who comes to us in every sad and joyful moment of our life with his love. What is more, he comes to us in every person we meet. We’ll only be able to recognize him if we are in a constant disposition of loving. Our lamp goes out when we get caught up in so many things to do, in distractions of all sorts, or by tirelessly working for material possessions that we forgot the one thing necessary, which is to love.

In order to *stay awake*, we should first recall that those who love are the most watchful. It’s obvious to the wife who is waiting for her husband who is working late, or is on his way back from a business trip; it’s obvious to parents worried about a son or daughter on his or her way back from a military assignment. It’s obvious to a young man anxious to see his fiancée who was away on a summer trip. Those who love know how to watch and wait even when the person they are waiting for is delayed. So too, we wait for Jesus if we love him, love him in others, and ardently want to meet him.

Thus, we wait for him by loving in a practical way, by serving him for example in our neighbors, or committing ourselves to building up a more just society. We can love with that smile to be given, that job to be done, that ride to be driven, that meal to be cooked, that table to be set, those tears to be shed with a brother or sister who suffers, that game to be played with a friend, that party to be celebrated, that room to be cleaned. Everything can be a way to show our love to God and to our neighbor. Jesus tells us to be vigilant and that we should be vigilant by being rooted in love, or rather: we should “be love”.

To help us live in this way, here is a prayer I invite all of you to pray with me: “Jesus, make me speak always as if it were the last thing I will ever say. Make me act always as if it were the last act I will ever do. Make me suffer always as if it were the last suffering I have to offer you. Make me pray always as if it were the last chance I have here on earth to talk together with you.”

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco

Personal Parroquial



“Estén pues, preparados, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora” (Mt 25:13).

Con estas palabras, Jesús nos recuerda ante todo que él regresará. Nuestra vida en la tierra terminará y empezaremos una nueva vida que nunca terminará. Hoy en día nadie quiere hablar de la muerte... A veces la gente hace todo lo posible para distraerse de ella. Se sumerge tanto en la vida cotidiana que olvida a Aquel que nos dio vida y que nos pedirá que se la devolvemos algún día para llevarnos a la plenitud de la vida, a la comunión con el Padre, en el cielo.

¿Estaremos listos para conocerlo? ¿Estarán encendidas nuestras lámpara como las vírgenes prudentes que esperaban al novio?

El aceite de la lámpara en la parábola de este domingo representa el amor. El Novio es Jesús quien viene a nosotros en cada momento triste o alegre con su amor. Es más, él viene a nosotros en cada persona que encontramos. Lo podremos reconocer solo si estamos en una disposición constante de amar. Nuestra lámpara se apaga cuando nos dejamos atrapar por tantos quehaceres, por distracciones de todo tipo, o por las demasiadas horas de trabajo para poseer bienes materiales que nos olvidamos de la única cosa necesaria, que es amar.

Para *estar preparados*, primero debemos recordar que los que aman son los más vigilantes. Esto obvio para la esposa que espera al esposo que está trabajando hasta tarde, o que está por llegar de su largo viaje; es obvio para los padres que esperan al hijo o hija a su regreso de una misión militar. Es obvio para un joven ansioso por ver a su prometida que vuelve de un viaje que duró todo el verano. Los que aman saben cómo velar y esperar incluso cuando la persona se retrasa. Así también, esperamos y velamos por Jesús si lo amamos, lo amamos en los demás, y ardientemente queremos encontrarlo.

Así es que lo esperamos amando de una manera práctica, sirviéndole, por ejemplo, en nuestros prójimos, o comprometiéndonos a construir una sociedad más justa. Podemos amar con esa sonrisa para dar, ese trabajo para hacer, esa ayuda con quehaceres, esa comida para cocinar, esa mesa para preparar, esa lágrima para derramar con un hermano o hermana que sufre, ese juego para jugar con un amigo, esa fiesta para celebrar, ese cuarto para limpiar. Todo puede ser una forma de mostrar nuestro amor a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. Jesús nos dice que estemos atentos y que debemos estar atentos al enraizarnos en el amor, o más bien: debemos “ser amor”.

Para ayudarnos a vivir de esta manera, aquí hay una oración e invito a todos a orar conmigo: “Jesús, haz que hable siempre como si fuera lo último que diría. Hazme actuar siempre como si fuera el último acto que haré. Hazme sufrir siempre como si fuera el último sufrimiento que tengo para ofrecerte. Hazme orar siempre como si fuera la última oportunidad que tengo aquí en la tierra para hablar contigo.

Padre Jesse Garcia

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Marisol Serrano

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Emergency Email Address and phone number

St. Mary's now has an email address and telephone number for emergency situations:

Call: 832-429-4877

marystaremergency@gmail.com

Correo Electrónico o numero de teléfono para Emergencias

Llame al: 832-429-4877

marystaremergency@gmail.com

Baptism Classes in Spanish and English

Spanish Baptism classes given the first Saturday of each month 1 to 5p.m., must register with Sister San Juanita.

English Baptism classes given on the first Sunday of the month 1- 4:30p.m., must register with Sister San Juanita.

Quinceañeras

Requires preparation with Sr. San Juanita ESEH at least 1 year in advance, must attend CCE/Lifeteen/Edge classes, and mass regularly, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact Sister at 979-233-5271.

Altar Duty

For November 16-30: James and Marilyn

Sponsor of November Altar Wine

In loving memory of
Daniel & Delores, Serafin, Robert,
Neil, Jesse Delgado, Emilia
D. Corona requested by Rosie and
Armando Reyes

Anyone who volunteers or is involved in ANY MINISTRY needs to take **VIRTUS Training**. Classes will be held here at St. Mary Star of the Sea, December 1, 2017 at 6:00-9:00p.m. This session will be in Spanish. Please register on-line or call Tina at 979-233-5271.



Catechist

We are needing catechist for Pre-K thru 12th grades. We also need substitute teachers for all grades. Please call Sister San Juanita 979-233-5271 if you are interested .



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23
Mass will be at 9:30a.m.
It will be a bilingual mass.



RCIA Inquirers will be attending a retreat on Sunday, November 19th beginning with 9:00 am Mass and continuing in Heaven's Way Hall until noon.

Penance Service at St. Mary Star of the Sea
Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00p.m. in the church.



Senior Day- "Stars of the Sea" will be playing Bingo. Please join us on Thursday morning, November 16th at 10:30a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall.



Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 8, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30a.m.

Altar Society Bake Sale

November 18th & 19th after the Saturday 5:30p.m. mass and Sunday 9:00am & 11:00a.m. mass. Bake Sale will take place in the Sommerville Room.

We are seeking a **volunteer** to take items to the recycling center once a week for St. Mary's Church. If you are interested in offering your time, please call the office at 979-233-5271.



If you know of any parishioners **needing a ride to mass**, please call the office, 979-233-5271 with their name, address and phone number and we will make arrangements to get them here.



Todos los voluntarios implicados en cualquier Ministerio necesitan tomar clase de VIRTUS. Las clases se realizarán en **St. Mary Star of the Sea** (Freeport) viernes, 1 de diciembre, a las 6:00p.m. hasta las 9:00p.m. Esta sesión será en Español, en la sala de Heaven's Way. Usted debe ser pre-registrado para asistir. No se permite llegar tarde o aparecerse sin registro previo. Por favor, llegue al menos 20 minutos antes. No hay servicio de cuidado de niños. No se permiten niños asistir a este taller. No hay ninguna excepción a esto. No traigan niños ni adolescentes a la clase. Por favor llame a la oficina 979-233-5271.



Catequista

Todavía necesitamos catequistas para los grados Pre-K al 12. También necesitamos maestros sustitutos para todos los grados. Por favor llame a la Hermana San Juanita 979-233-5271 si está interesado.



Los consultantes de **RCIA** asistirán a un retiro el domingo 19 de noviembre comenzando con la Misa de 9:00a.m. y continuando en el pasillo del Heaven's Way hasta el medio día.

Misa para el día de Accion de Gracias

Jueves, 23 de noviembre la misa será a las 9:30a. m. La misa sera bilingue.

"**Estrellas del Mar**" jugará bingo. Por favor únase con nosotros el jueves, 16 de noviembre a las 10:30a.m. en el salon Heaven's Way.



Servicio de Penitencia en Santa María Estrella del Mar

Miércoles, 6 de diciembre a las 7:00 a las 9:00 p.m. en la iglesia.

Inmaculada Concepción

Viernes, 8 de diciembre, este es un día sagrado de obligación. La Misa será a las 8:30a.m.



La Sociedad del Altar

Tendra una venta de pasteles el 18 y 19 de noviembre después de las misas de sábado 5:30p.m., domingo 9:00 & 11:00a.m. La venta de pasteles sera en la sala Sommerville.

Estamos buscando un **voluntario** para llevar artículos al centro de reciclaje una vez a la semana para la iglesia. Si usted está interesado en ofrecer su tiempo, por favor llame a la oficina 979-233-5271.



Si usted conoce algunos feligreses que necesitan transporte a misa, por favor llame a la oficina, 979-233-5271 con su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono y nosotros haremos los arreglos para transportar los aquí.



Monday, November 13**Tuesday, November 14**

9:30a.m.	Legion of Mary (Eng)	Heaven's Way Rm.3
5:00p.m.	Legion of Mary (Sp)	Heaven's Way Rm.3
6:00p.m.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:00p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Conference Room
6:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	RCIA Session	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, November 15

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	CCE PK-5th Grades	Heaven's Way

Thursday, November 16

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
9a.m. - 6p.m.	Adoration	Church
6:00p.m.	Benediction	Church
5:30p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, November 17

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
3:00p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, November 18

4:00p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
After Mass	Altar Society Bake Sale	Sommerville
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat	Parish Hall

Sunday, November 19

9:00a.m.	RCIA Retreat	Church & HW
9:00a.m.	English Mass	Church
After Mass	Altar Society Bake Sale	Sommerville
11:00a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
After Mass	Altar Society Bake Sale	Sommerville
5:00p.m.	English-Youth Mass	Church
6:30-8:00p.m.	Youth Ministry	Parish Hall & HW

Altar & Rosary Society

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Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

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Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

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