

## Weekly Highlights

## MASS INTENTIONS &amp; 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](mailto:smsosphotos@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office at  
979-233-5271

**Stewardship Report**

Collection for November 26:  
\$4,994.83

Under budget for the week of  
November 26: \$3,297.68

Second Collection for Maintenance:  
\$950.96

Thanksgiving Collection \$212.00

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, December 2 / Sabado 2 de Diciembre**

*Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday, December 3 / Domingo 3 de Diciembre**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

9:00a.m. †Ray Reyna by Norma Garcia

11:00a.m. †Abril Leija de su familia

†Fidel y Francisca Barrera de su familia

†Guadalupe TITO Tamayo de su familia

5:00p.m. †Patricia Embril by Carol Loa Sheridan

**Monday, December 4 / Lunes 4 de Diciembre**

*Monday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5 / Martes 5 de Diciembre**

*Tuesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

6:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

**Wednesday, December 6 / Miércoles 6 de Diciembre**

*Wednesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7 / Jueves 7 de Diciembre**

*Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:15p.m. †Estorgio Cardenas de Cira Cardenas

†Savina Cardenas de Cira Cardenas

**Friday, December 8 / Viernes 8 de Diciembre**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20; PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

8:30a.m. †Mary Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

†John Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

**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.**

Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin, Lupe Mendoza, Kenneth Purdy, Peggy Brumley, Johanna Blanchard

**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



During the season of Advent we are invited to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The very word “advent” is a Latin translation of the Greek word “Parousia” [or coming] that is used to refer to the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of Time. That is when he will judge between the sheep and the goats. The season of Advent comes four Sundays before Christmas, the day when we celebrate Jesus’s first coming among us on Christmas Day.

Advent is also a time of preparation for His real but spiritual coming into our midst again this Christmas. Jesus would like to come among two or more of us wherever we are gathered in His name. This presence of Jesus is a mystical one – real and sensible to the eyes of the soul. His presence in our midst depends on our willingness to live out what He calls his “own” “new” “commandment:” *“This is my command: love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12)*. What should we do, then, to be prepared for His coming into our midst and not only into our hearts and imaginations on Christmas day, but at every moment of our life? He told us: We should be gathered together in living His new commandment and being open to His presence among us. That is what it means to unite in his name. Notice that his new commandment requires reciprocal love.

Let’s begin right away to live in such a manner that Jesus can truly be among us in the way He wants: *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst” (Mt 18:20)*. Advent is also a special time for remembering and celebrating Mary’s role in bringing Jesus into the world for the first time. What better way to celebrate her than to imitate her in bringing Jesus into the world mystically, as she did physically? Living with Jesus in our midst, He will make every day Christmas and fill our small world with his Light. May Mary, Mother of the Light, pray for us.

Fr. Jesse Garcia

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Durante el tiempo de Adviento, se nos invita a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. La misma palabra “adviento” [venida] es una traducción latina de la palabra griega “Parusía” que se usa para referirse a la Segunda Venida de Jesús al final de los tiempos. Es entonces que Jesús separará las ovejas de los cabritos. El Adviento empieza cuatro domingos antes de la Navidad, el día en que celebramos la primera venida de Jesús entre nosotros.

El Adviento también es un tiempo de preparación para Su llegada espiritual pero real entre nosotros esta Navidad. A Jesús le gustaría venir entre dos o más de nosotros dondequiera que estemos reunidos en Su nombre. Esta presencia de Jesús es mística, real, y visible a los ojos del alma. Su presencia entre nosotros depende de nuestra voluntad de vivir lo que Él llama “*su mandamiento nuevo*”: “*Este es mi mandamiento: Amense los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado*” (Jn 15:12). ¿Qué debemos hacer, entonces, para prepararnos a su venida en medio nuestro en cada momento de nuestra vida y no solo a su venida en nuestros corazones e imaginaciones esta Navidad? Él nos dijo: debemos reunirnos para vivir su nuevo mandamiento y estar abiertos a su presencia entre nosotros. Eso es lo que significa unirse en su nombre. Noten que su nuevo mandamiento requiere el amor recíproco.

Comencemos de inmediato a vivir de tal manera que Jesús pueda estar verdaderamente entre nosotros de la manera que Él más lo desea: “*Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi Nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos*” (Mt 18, 20). El Adviento es también un momento especial para recordar y celebrar el papel que María tuvo al traer a Jesús al mundo por primera vez. ¿Qué mejor manera de celebrarla que de imitarla al traer a Jesús al mundo místicamente, como lo hizo ella físicamente? Viviendo con Jesús en medio de nosotros, Él hará que cada día sea Navidad y llene nuestro pequeño mundo con su Luz. ¡Que María, Madre de la Luz, ore por nosotros!

*Padre Jesse Garcia*

## Personal Parroquial

**Secretaries/Secretarias**

Yolanda Garcia  
 Marisol Serrano  
 Barbara Klimpt  
 secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org  
 979-233-5271 Ext 302

**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.  
**English Baptism** classes given on the first Sunday of the month 1- 4:30p.m.

**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 December 1-15: Yolanda and Irma

**Sponsor of December Altar Wine**

In loving memory of  
 Celia y Manuel Gonzalez & America  
 Rangel de Elsa y Michael Gonzalez

**Penance Service in Our Deanery for 2017**



December 4th at Sacred Heart in Manville at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 5th at St. John the Baptist in Alvin at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 6th at St. Mary's Star of the Sea in Freeport at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 14th at St. John's in West Columbia at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 18th at St. Michael's in Lake Jackson at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 20th at Most Holy Trinity in Angleton at 7:00 p.m.

**NATIVITY PLAY ON DECEMBER 15TH**



Searching for an infant boy or girl from 3 to 4 months old to play the part of Baby Jesus, please contact Sister San Juanita at 233-5271 for more information.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30a.m. Manañitas will be sung in the Church in Spanish. Coffee and Pan Dulce afterwards in the Parish Hall. Mass will be at 6:30p.m. half in English and half in Spanish.



**Live Nativity Play**

With St. Mary's and Our Lady Queen of Peace Children Choirs



**When:** Friday, December 15, 2017 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
**Location:** 1019 West 6th, Freeport, Texas 77541  
 There will be Food and Arts & Crafts Booths

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Friday, December 8, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30a.m., Breakfast will follow in Heaven's Way Hall.

**The Altar Society** will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Donations for the Christmas flowers are being accepted now until Dec. 20th. Our next meeting is Dec. 5th at 11:00 a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall.



**"Stars of the Sea" will have their Senior Day**



on Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be doing the 6<sup>th</sup> day of La Posada and playing "Christmas Bingo". You, no matter your age, can join us!!

**"La Posada" Schedule**

**Saturday, Dec. 16** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**Sunday, Dec. 17** at 7:00 pm in Heaven's Way Hall by Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolica, Elizabeth Heredia 979-665-2318

**Monday, Dec. 18** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Office Staff, Tina Robledo 979-233-5271

**Tuesday, Dec. 19** at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall by RCIA, Marilyn Saccomanno 979- 233-1726

**Wednesday, Dec. 20** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Sr. San Juanita and Faith Formation 979-233-5271

**Thursday, Dec. 21** at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall by "Stars of the Sea", Marilyn Saccomanno 233-1726

**Friday, Dec. 22** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Legion of Mary, Rosary and Altar Society Carolina Luna 979-233-7185

**Saturday, Dec. 23** at 7 p.m. at 311 W. 8th St. by Magdalena Reyes 979-239-4262

**Sunday, Dec. 24** at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church before the Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Brother Bill Hartnett



**Servicios penitenciales**



**4 de diciembre** en el sagrado corazón en Manville a las 7:00p.m.

**5 de diciembre** en San Juan Bautista en Alvin a las 7:00 p.m.

**6 de diciembre** en St. Mary's en Freeport a las 7:00 p.m.

**14 de diciembre** en St. John's en West Columbia a las 7:00 p.m.

**18 de diciembre** en San Miguel en Lake Jackson a las 7:00 p.m.

**20 de diciembre** a la Santísima Trinidad en Angleton a las 7:00 p.m.

**Natividad de la obra el 15 de diciembre**



Estamos buscando a un niño o niña de 3 a 4 meses de edad para ser niño Jesús, por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita a 233-5271 para más información.

**Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Martes, 12 de diciembre a las 5:30a.m. Manañitas será cantado en la iglesia en español. Café y pan dulce después en el salón parroquial. La Misa será a las 6:30p. m. y será bilingüe.



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**Donde:** 1019 West 6th, Freeport, Texas 77541  
Habrá puestos de Comida y Artes Manuales



**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** estará decorando la iglesia para Navidad. Estamos aceptando donaciones para las flores navideñas hasta el 20 de diciembre. Nuestra próxima reunión es el 5 de diciembre a las 11:00 a.m. en el Heaven's Way.



**"Estrellas del Mar"** tendrá su reunión el jueves, 21 de diciembre a las 10:30a.m. in el salón parroquial. Haremos el sexto día de la Posada y jugaremos al "Bingo navideño". ¡usted, no importa su edad, puede unirse a nosotros!

**Horario de "las Posadas"**

Sábado, 16 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial

Domingo, 17 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el Heaven's Way Hall de movimiento familiar cristiano Catolica, Elizabeth Heredia #665-2318

Lunes, 18 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial por la oficina, Tina Robledo #233-5271

Martes, 19 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial de RCIA, Marilyn Saccomanno # 233-1726

Miércoles, 20 de diciembre a 6:30 p.m. in el salón parroquial por Hermana San Juanita y la formación de la fe #233-5271

Jueves, 21 de diciembre a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón parroquial por "estrellas del mar", Marilyn Saccomanno 233-1726

Viernes, 22 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial por Legión de María, Rosario y sociedad del altar Carolina Luna #233-7185

Sábado, 23 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. a 311 W. 8th St. by Magdalena Reyes #239-4262

Domingo, 24 de diciembre a las 5 p.m. en la iglesia de Santa María antes de la Misa de los niños de la Nochebuena con el hermano Bill Hartnett



**Monday, December 4**

- 6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH  
7:00p.m. Neo Cats Parish Hall

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 9:30a.m. Legion of Mary (Eng) Heaven's Way Rm.3  
11:00a.m. Altar Society Meeting Heaven's Way  
5:00p.m. Legion of Mary (Sp) Heaven's Way Rm.3  
6:00p.m. Peace Rosary Church  
6:30p.m. English Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH  
7:00p.m. RCIA Session Heaven's Way  
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 8:30a.m. English Mass Church  
5:30p.m. CCE PK-5th Grades Heaven's Way  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH  
7:00p.m. Penance Service Church

**Thursday, December 7**

- 5:30p.m. Confessions Church  
6:15p.m. Spanish Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH  
7:00p.m. Pastoral Council Conference Room  
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Friday, December 8**

- 8:30a.m. Immaculate Conception Church  
*Holy Day of Obligation*  
3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Church  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH

**Saturday, December 9**

- 4:00p.m. Confessions Church  
5:30p.m. English Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - PH  
7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

**Sunday, December 10**

- 9:00a.m. English Mass Church  
11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church  
5:00p.m. English-Youth Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe - Somerville  
6:30p.m. Youth Ministry Parish Hall

**Altar & Rosary Society**

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**Knights of Columbus /  
Caballeros de Colón**

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

**Legion of Mary /  
Legion de Maria**

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726  
Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

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Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 233-2316

**Guadalupeana Society**

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

Juanita Cardozo (979) 233-5271

**Work of Mary (Focolare  
Movement) / Obra de Maria  
(Movimiento de los Focolares)**

Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

**Neo-catechumen Way / Camino  
Neocatecumenal**

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

**Sponsor of the Week**

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