

**Weekly Highlights**

**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](http://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 March 5th: \$6,713.99  
Under budget for the week of March 5th:  
\$382.16

Second Collection for Black and Indian  
Mission: \$1,443.09

Collection for March 1st: \$2,077.79  
Second Collection for Diocesan Social  
Ministries: \$840.64

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 gener-  
osity everyone is  
capable of.” ~ Pope Francis**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Saturday, March 11 / Sábado 11 de marzo**

Second Sunday of Lent / Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

*Gn 12:1-4A; Ps 33:4-5,18-19,20,22; 2 Tm 1:8B-10; Mt 17:1-9*

5:30 p.m. †Javier González by his Wife  
Blessing Nieves and by Santana Olguín

**Sunday, March 12 / Domingo 12 de Marzo**

Second Sunday of Lent / Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

*Gn 12:1-4A; Ps 33:4-5,18-19,20,22; 2 Tm 1:8B-10; Mt 17:1-9*

9 a.m. †Mark Barclay by his Wife  
†Francisco and Frank Moreno by Family

11 a.m. †Cipriano Guevara de parte de la Familia Serrano  
†The Ruiz Family de parte de Naty García y Familia  
†Juan García de parte de Naty García y Familia  
Bendiciones para la Familia Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín  
Virgen de Guadalupe de parte de las Guadalupanas

**Monday, March 13 / Lunes 13 de marzo**

*Dn 9:4B-10; Ps 79:8,9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38*

**Tuesday, March 14 / Martes 14 de marzo**

*Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16BC-17,21,23; Mt 23:1-12*

6:30 p.m. †Diane Flynn by Husband and Kids  
†For Souls in Purgatory by By Santana Olguín  
For the Parishioners of St. Mary

**Wednesday, March 15 / Miércoles 15 de Marzo**

*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14,15-16; Mt 20:17-28*

**Thursday, March 16 / Jueves 16 de Marzo**

*Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6; Lk 16:19-31*

6:15 p.m. For Priest Vocations by Santana Olguín

**Friday, March 17 / Viernes 17 de Marzo**

*Gn 37:3-4,12-13A,17B-28A; Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21; Mt 21:33-43,45-46*

**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.**

Louis Stohr, Guadalupe Ybarra, Abigail Arias, Graciela Garcia, Alberto Garcia, Rogelio Calvillo, Ignacio Damian Sr, Lillie Damian, Gabriel Gallegos, Will Windham, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Gary W. Callaway, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Luz Santos, Chano Lopez, Linda Melnar, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Roy Martinez, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Josephina Chavez, Leong Mendoza, Janice Gartman, Gloria Irwin, Maria Gonzales, David Jauregui, Marizol Esquivel, Rosa Segovia, Susan Phillips, Albert Gonzalez.

**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



### The Transfiguration

In today's Gospel Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the mountaintop where he is transfigured before their eyes. His face shines like the sun and his clothes become as dazzling as light. Peter says to Jesus: "Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here; if you want me to, I will set up three tents." The memory of the transfiguration obviously stayed with the Apostles; otherwise it would not have been recorded as such a pivotal moment in their life with Jesus. The transfiguration experience was another affirmation of the Father's great love for them. Perhaps it was meant to prepare them for the things to come when they would have to see Jesus manifest his glory in another way on Mount Calvary.

We've all had mountain-top experiences at one time or other in our lives, close encounters with the Lord when we felt his gentle presence that seemed to transfigure everything around us even the painful things. It could have been while carrying out some act of mercy, visiting a sick friend or relative. It could have been while praying alone in a church or with others at holy mass. As we walk with Jesus this Lent, it is good for us to remember those moments of grace when God drew near to us and made his glory felt.

Now, Jesus can always be among us. He promises to be wherever there are two or three gathered in his name; that is, in his holy will which is that we love one another as he loved us. We don't have to be on a holy mountaintop to experience the divine glory of the transfiguration. The Risen Jesus can be among us anywhere, even in the most ordinary settings, wherever there are two or more people who are willing to live out his new commandment. It can happen in a family where there is mutual love. It can happen in an office where Christians live in mutual charity. It can happen on a playground among friends, in a neighborhood. The more he is among us, the more our closeness to God will grow. The light of his presence among two or more will make us never want to leave him. Like St Peter we will tell him: "Lord, it is marvelous for us to be here. Let us set up three tents."

Fr. Jesse Garcia

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### La transfiguración

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús se lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a la cumbre de la montaña donde es trasfigurado ante sus ojos. Su cara brilla como el sol y sus ropas se vuelven deslumbrantes como la luz. Pedro le dice a Jesús: “Señor, es maravilloso para nosotros estar aquí: si tu quieres, yo puedo preparar tres tiendas de campaña.” La memoria de la transfiguración obviamente permaneció en la memoria de los Apóstoles: de otra manera no hubiera sido grabada como momento esencial en sus vidas con Jesús. La experiencia de la Transfiguración fue otra afirmación del gran amor del Padre por ellos. Tal vez fue para prepararlos para las cosas por venir cuando ellos tendrían que ver a Jesús manifestar su gloria en otra forma en el Monte del Calvario.

Todos nosotros hemos tenido experiencias en la cima de la montaña en algún tiempo u otro de nuestra vidas, encuentros cercanos con nuestro Señor cuando nosotros sentimos su presencia gentil que parece que transfigura todo alrededor de nosotros incluyendo los eventos de dolor. Pudo haber sido mientras llevábamos acabo un acto de misericordia, visitando un amigo enfermo o un pariente. Pudo haber sido mientras orábamos solos en la iglesia o con otros durante la Santa Misa. Mientras caminamos con Jesús esta Cuaresma, es bueno para nosotros recordar esos momentos de gracia cuando Dios estuvo junto a nosotros e hizo sentir su gloria.

Ahora, Jesús puede estar entre nosotros. El promete estar donde hay dos o tres reunidos en su nombre: esto es, su santa voluntad la cual es de que nos amemos uno al otro como el nos amo. Nosotros no tenemos que estar en una cima de una montaña santa para experimentar la divina gloria de la transfiguración. El Jesús Resucitado puede estar entre nosotros en cualquier lugar, inclusive en los lugares mas ordinarios, dondequiera que dos o mas personas que están dispuestos a vivir su nuevo mandamiento. Puede pasar en la familia donde existe amor mutuo. Puede pasar en la oficina donde los Cristianos viven en caridad mutua. Puede pasan en el patio de recreo entre amigos, en el vecindario. Entre mas El esta entre nosotros, mas crece nuestra cercanía con Dios. La luz de su presencia entre dos o mas nos hace no querer dejarlo. Como Pedro le diría: “Señor, es maravilloso para nosotros estar aquí. “Vamos a preparar tres tiendas de campaña.”

### Secretaries/Secretarias

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### News and Events

### Noticias y Eventos

### Baptism Classes in Spanish and English

Effective in May: Spanish Baptism classes will be given the first Saturday of each month from 1 pm to 5 pm. English Baptism classes will be given on the first Mondays and first Thursdays of the month from 7-8:30 pm.

### Quinceañera

Requires preparation with Sr. San Juanita ESEH, and must be attending CCE/Lifeteen/Edge classes regularly, attending mass, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact Sister at 979 233 5271.

### Altar Duty

March 16-31: Mary Rodriguez.

### Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of  
Jesús Guevara Sr.

Requested by  
His Children

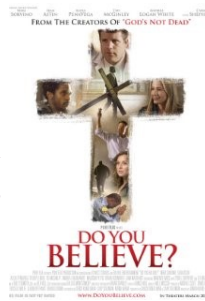


You are invited to take home a Rice Bowl from the Catholic Relief Services that can be filled with dollars and coins.

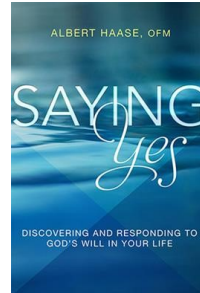
Rice Bowls are a way of supporting our brothers who are in need, and converting our hearts to giving rather than receiving.

**Family Movie Night**

Featuring “Do You Believe?” on March 18th at 7 p.m. in St. Mary’s Parish Hall.



The Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Lenten Fish Fry starting March 3, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Plates are \$10.00.



**Adult Faith Formation-** “What is God’s Will for Me?” 6 DVD sessions “**SAYING Yes**” with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will be offered during Lent. Sign up now by calling the Parish office 979 233 5271 for Thursday morning sessions beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Conference Rm or Wednesday evening sessions beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Conference Rm.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Diocesan Services Fund

**DSF Summary Report - 2017**

Parish 7125	Activity Thru: 03/02/2017
<b>St. Mary Star of the Sea Freeport-DSF17</b>	
Parish Goal:	\$25,000.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$3,055.00
Total Amount Pledged:	\$5,960.00
Total Number of Participant:	31
* Total Number of Households:	480
Average Participant Pledge:	192.26
Paid Over (Under) Goal:	(\$21,945.00)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal:	(\$19,040.00)
Percent Paid:	12.22%

**Stations of the Cross**

During Lent begin Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Church.



**Stars of the Sea**

Senior Day, will be held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in Heaven’s Way Hall. Wear something green and come play Irish Bingo.



**Festival Meeting**



On March 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. All booth leaders to attend and anyone that would like to help with the Festival.



Esta usted invitado a llevarse a casa un plato de arroz de parte de Catholic Relief

Services que usted puede llenar de billetes y monedas. Los platos de arroz son una forma de ayudar a nuestros hermanos necesitados, y a nuestros corazones convirtiéndose para dar en lugar de recibir.

**Estrellas del Mar**

Reunión jueves 16 de marzo a las 10:30 a.m. en HW. Vístase de Verde y venga a jugar Bingo Irlandés.



**Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston**

Fondo de Servicio Diocesano (DSF)

**DSF Sumario - 2017**

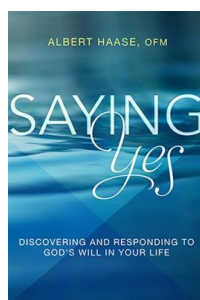
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**Predi - Concierto**

Félix Enríquez, cantante estará en la parroquia el jueves 16 de marzo a la 7 p.m. llevando palabras de Amor, Fe y Esperanza. Todos están invitados.

**Formación de la Fe para Adultos-“Cual es la voluntad de Dios para mi?” 6 sesiones de DVD “Diciendo Si” con el Padre Albert Haase,**



OFM, se ofrecerá durante la cuaresma. Inscribese ahora llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al 979 233 5271 sesiones del jueves por la mañana comenzaran el 2 de marzo a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón de conferencias las sesiones del miércoles comenzaran el 8 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m. en el salón de conferencias.

**Las Estaciones de la Cruz**

Cada viernes durante la cuaresma empiezan el Viernes 3 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia.



**Noche de Película para la Familia**

Presentando “Usted Cree?” el 18 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial de St. Mary’s.



Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán su venta de pescado frito durante la cuaresma empezando el 3 de marzo 2017 de 5 a 7 p.m. en el Salón de la Parroquia - \$10 por plato.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, March 13

7 pm Marriage Preparation Class PH

### Tuesday, March 14

11 am Altar Society Meeting HW  
 9:30 am LOM (Eng) RM #3  
 5 pm LOM (Sp) RM #3  
 6 pm Peace Rosary Church  
 6 pm RCIA Candidates and Catechumens Church  
 6 pm St. Vincent of Paul Conf. Rm  
 6:30 pm Mass (Eng) Church  
 8 pm AA Mtg RE Building

### Wednesday, March 15

8:30 am English Mass Church

### Thursday, March 16

9 am-6 pm Adoration Church  
 5:30-6 pm Confessions Church  
 6 pm Benediction Church  
 6:15 pm Spanish Mass Church  
 8 pm AA Meeting RE Building 9 & 10

### Friday, March 17

8:30 am English Mass Church  
 3-4 pm Divine Mercy Church  
 7 pm Stations of the Cross Church

### Saturday, March 18

9 am First Communion Class HW  
 4-5 pm Confessions Church  
 5:30 pm English Mass Church

### Sunday, March 19

9 am English Mass Church  
 11 am Spanish Mass Church  
 5 pm Lifeteen Mass Church

### Ministries/ Ministerios

#### Altar & Rosary Society

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#### Knights of Columbus/Caballeros de Colón

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#### Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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#### Guadalupe Society

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

#### Almas Misioneras

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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-catechuman Way/Camino Neocatecumenal

Benjamin Merino 281-687-6007

#### Sponsor of the Week

Lynn McBee In Loving Memory  
 Of Marvin Horak  
 3912 Miramar Ave.  
 Dallas, TX 75205  
 214/707-7065

### Congratulations to Our Newly "Elect"

Please pray for them as they prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist: Yumalay López, Lillian López, Juan Jr. and Kimberly Garza, Marvin Fuentes, José and Michelle Ostorga, Deborah Rodríguez, Pete Gamboa, Billy Toomer, David Páez, Verónica Medina, and Eli de la Garza.