

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

... 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:

smsphotos@gmail.com

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office at
979-233-5271

Stewardship Report

Collection for Holy Thursday: \$1,119.33

Good Friday: \$943.58, Easter:
\$6,629.40.

Under Budget for the week of April 16:
\$866.75.

Second collection for maintenance:
\$1,840.70

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, April 22/ Sábado 22 de abril

Acts 2:42-47; Ps118:1,2-4,13-15,22-14; 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn20:19-31

5:30 p.m.

†Ludvik Mezulic Sr. By Mezulic Family

Blessings for Nieves and Carmen Olguín by Santana Olguín

Sunday, April 23/ Domingo 23 de abril

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:1, 2-4; 13-15,22-14; 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn20:19-31

9 a.m.

†Bernabe Olguín

11 a.m.

†Pablo Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín

†Juanita Olguín de parte de Santana

Bendiciones Por El Movimiento Cristiano y todos sus miembros

Bendiciones para todos los del Coro de parte de Santana Olguín

Monday, April 24 / Lunes 24 de abril

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:11d; Jn 3:1-8; Jn 20:19

Tuesday, April 25/ Martes 25 de abril

1Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2; Mk 16:15-20; Mt 28:20

6:30 p.m.

†Veronica Martinez by Martinez and Lawrence Family

†All Souls in purgatory by Santana Olguín

For the Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, April 26 / Miércoles 26 de abril

Acts 5:17-20; Ps 34:7a; Jn 3:16-21; Jn 15:16,19

8:30 a.m.

†Ben Alcala from Family

Vocations for the Priesthood by Santana Olguín

Thursday, April 27/ Jueves 27 de abril

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:7a; Jn 3:31-36; Mt 28:20

Friday, April 28 / Viernes 28 de abril

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:4abc; Jn 6: 1-15; Rom 4:25

8:30 a.m.

†Jose Rubio by Esperanza Rubio and Family

†Pete Martinez by Mary Rodriguez

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.

Robert Garcia, Domitila Saldivar, Louis Stohr, Guadalupe Ybarra, Abigail Arias, Graciela Garcia, Alberto Garcia, Rogelio Calvillo, Ignacio Damian Sr, Lillie Damian, Gabriel Gallegos, Will Windham, Jorden Gomez, Maria Rodriguez.

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



Divine Mercy Sunday has become part of the Easter celebration. It's always celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter and was allegedly established by Jesus himself during his apparitions to Saint Faustina. His entire message to Faustina, which is rather lengthy, is entirely on his mercy toward sinners. Mercy is the characteristic of God's love and this perhaps explains why the Gospel of Matthew records Jesus's words when some publicans, public sinners, shared the table and ate with him. The Pharisees were scandalized and said to Jesus's disciples: "Why does your master eat with public sinners?" Hearing what they said, Jesus answered them: "*Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice*" (Mt 9:13). Jesus was confirming the words of the prophet Hosea and declaring the rule by which he lived.

Jesus claimed that God wants us to deal with other people with love, and the words of the prophet Hosea show that this desire of God had already been made known in the Old Testament. Love should always take precedence over other laws. For Christians love is the only legitimate foundation on which all rules should be based.

Mercy is the main quality of God's love toward us, and he wants our love to have this quality. For Jesus, God is first and foremost the Merciful One, the Father who loves the good and the bad, who causes the sun to rise on the just and unjust alike. Why? Because God loves everyone, and so it should not surprise us that Jesus is not afraid to share the company of sinners. By doing so, he shows what God is like.

I desire mercy . . . *and not sacrifice*. If we don't love our brother and sister, our sacrifice, our worship will not be acceptable to Jesus. Our prayers will not interest him, our churchgoing or the offerings we make will not be acceptable to him, unless they come from a heart at peace with everyone, a heart rich with love for others. Remember those telling words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount: So, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.

The worship that is most pleasing to God is love of neighbor. If you wanted to give your dad a present while you were angry with your brother or sister – or they with you – what would your father most likely say to you? "Make peace and then, by all means, come to offer me whatever you wish."

But love is not only the basic law of the Christian life, it's also the most direct way to God's heart. In his heart, God "desires" mercy. We can satisfy that desire by being merciful to others. Our mercy toward others will draw us closer to the heart of God, it will make our devotion grow and we'll become aware of the bond being established between us and the Lord.

Mercy means not discriminating. It means not excluding. It means being like God our Father by offering what we are able to give to everyone: our love. Heaven deplures both large and small disagreements in our lives. So settle them quickly and, as Scripture says, never let the sun go down on your anger. Let's decide to be merciful and every day will be a feast of Divine Mercy.

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De Parte de Nuestro Pastor



El domingo de la Divina Misericordia se ha convertido parte de la celebración de la Pascua. Siempre se celebra el segundo domingo de Pascua y fue establecido por Jesús mismo durante sus apariciones a Santa Faustina. Su mensaje completo a Faustina, que es bastante largo, es totalmente de su misericordia hacia los pecadores. La misericordia es la característica del amor de Dios y esto tal vez explica por qué el Evangelio de Mateo registra palabras de Jesús cuando algunos publicanos, y los pecadores públicos compartieron la mesa y comieron con él. Los fariseos fueron escandalizados y dijeron a los discípulos de Jesús: "¿Por qué come su maestro con pecadores públicos?" Escuchando lo que dijeron, Jesús contestó: "Vaya y aprenda lo que esto significa: deseo la misericordia y no el sacrificio" (mateo 9:13). Jesús confirmaba las palabras del profeta Oseas y declaraba la regla según la cual vivió.

Jesús. Nuestras oraciones no le interesan, nuestro ir a la iglesia o las ofrendas que hacemos no serán aceptable para él, a menos, quiere El Señor que tengamos un corazón en paz con todos, un corazón con amor a los demás. Recordar aquellas palabras de Jesús del sermón de la montaña: así que, si están ofreciendo su regalo en el altar y allí recuerdan que su hermano o hermana tiene algo contra ti, deja allí su regalo ante el altar y vayan; reconcíliate primero con tu hermano o hermana y después ven y presenta tu ofrenda.

La adoración que es más agradable a Dios es amor al prójimo. Si desea dar a su papá un regalo mientras estabas enojado con tu hermano o hermana o ellos con usted, ¿qué diría tu padre probablemente a usted? "Hacer las paces y luego, por todos los medios, ven a ofrecerme lo que queráis".

Pero el amor Jesús afirmó que Dios quiere que nosotros tratemos otra gente con amor, y las palabras del profeta Oseas muestran que este deseo de Dios había sido hecho ya conocido en el Antiguo Testamento. El amor siempre debería tener prioridad sobre otras leyes. Para cristianos el amor es la única fundación legítima en la cual todas las reglas deberían estar basadas.

Misericordia es la principal cualidad del amor de Dios hacia nosotros y El quiere que nuestro amor tenga esta cualidad. Para Jesús, Dios es, en primer lugar, el Misericordioso, el Padre que ama el bien y el mal, que provoca el sol sobre justos e injustos por igual. ¿Por qué? Porque Dios ama a todos y, por lo tanto, no debe sorprendernos que Jesús no tiene miedo de compartir la compañía con los pecadores. Al hacerlo, nos muestra cómo es Dios.

Yo deseo misericordia... y no sacrificio. Si no amamos a nuestro hermano y hermana, nuestro sacrificio, nuestra adoración no será aceptable para or no es solamente la ley fundamental de la vida cristiana, también es la manera más directa corazón de Dios. En su corazón, Dios "desea" la misericordia. Podemos satisfacer ese deseo en hacer misericordioso con otros. Nuestra misericordia hacia los demás nos acerca al corazón de Dios, nuestra devoción crece y somos conscientes del vínculo que se establece entre nosotros y el Señor.

Misericordia significa no discriminar entre las personas. Significa no excluir a nadie. Significa ser como Dios, nuestro Padre, ofreciendo lo que somos capaces de dar a todos: nuestro amor. Cielo deplora tanto los grandes como los pequeños desacuerdos en nuestras vidas. Para resolverlas rápidamente, y, como dice la Escritura, nunca deje caer el sol sobre vuestro enojo hacia nadie. Decidamos ser misericordiosos y cada día será una fiesta de la Divina Misericordia.

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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

April 16-30: Dolly, Yolanda and Irma.

Sponsor of April Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of

Felipe García and

Fernando Salinas

Requested by Margaret Garcia and Family



St. Vincent of Paul Pantry

Is currently running low on the following items; oatmeal, cereal, Hamburger Helper, chili, canned fruit and cookies. Please leave these items in the St. Vincent of Paul box located in the narthex

of the church. Donations are distributed to the needy of our community.



Lost this picture last year when returning it from the festival to the church. If you have seen it please contact office @ 979-233-5271.



Legion of Mary will host an outdoor function on Sun., Apr. 30th 3 p.m. at the home of Marilyn and Don LeCompte in Sante Fe.

Anyone interested in attending, please call Carolina Luna or Marilyn .



Festival T-shirts

For sale come by the office to purchase your Shirts before they are all gone.

Adults \$15.00

Youth \$10.00



There will be a mandatory meeting for PARENTS whose children are making Confirmation on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Heaven's Way.

A Confirmation retreat will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. here at St. Mary's .

“Divine Mercy Sunday”

April 23rd Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Church in Honor of our Lord of Mercy. Refreshments will be served afterward in the Summerville room.



CONGRATULATIONS to our new neophytes, the newly baptized at the Easter Vigil and those brought into full communion with the Church this past week-end, Juan & Kimberly Garza, Lillian Lopez, Yumalay Lopez, Deborah Rodriquez, Pete Gamboa, William Toomer, David Paez, Veronica Medina, and Eli De la Garza.



RCIA Retreat for new neophytes will begin with the 9 a.m. Mass and continue in the parish hall next week-end, April 30th.



Barbecue tickets have gone out, please turn in the money for the Barbecue tickets as soon as possible.

Thank you for all you do for your Parish Community.



Festival Fundraiser

On April 23rd come and enjoy the company of your community with breakfast or lunch we are selling after the 9 and 11a.m. masses every Sunday to help us defray operating expenses for the Festival.



Thank you to all who have donated briskets. We have **collected 30 and we still need 40.** Please help us reach our goal of 70 briskets. For any questions please call the office.



Please return the raffle ticket money as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do for your Parish Community.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

23 de ABRIL, 2017 FREEPORT,



La Despensa de Alimentos de San Vicente de Paul

Esta actualmente baja en los siguientes artículos; avena, cereales, Hamburger Helper, chile, fruta enlatada y galletas. Favor de dejar estos artículos en la caja de San Vicente de Paul localizada en el nártex de la iglesia. Las donaciones son distribuidas entre la gente necesidad de nuestra comunidad.



Imagen perdida el ano pasado al volver del festival a la Iglesia. Si la han visto favor de comunicarse con la oficina @ 979 -233-5271.



La Legion de Maria sera el anfitrión de una function al aire libre el Domingo Abril 30 a las 3 p.m. En casa de Marylin y Don LeComte en Sante Fe. Cualquier persona interesada en asistir, por favor llame a Carolina Luna o Marylin.



Camisetas Del Festival

A la venta pase por la oficina para comprar su camiseta antes de que se agoten.

Adultos \$15.00
Jóvenes \$ 10.00

Felicitaciones a nuestros nuevos neofitos, Los recién bautizados en la vijlia y los Trajeron en plena comunion con la iglesia este pasado fin de semana, Juan And Kimberly Garza, Lillian Lopez, Yumalay Lopez, Deborah Rodriguez, Pete Gamboa, William Toomer, David Paez, Veronica Medina, and Eli DE La Garza.



“Domingo de la divina Misericordia”

El 23 de abril es el domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Habrá una Hora Santa de las 2:30 a las 3:30 p.m. En la Iglesia en Honor a la Misericordia de nuestro Señor. Refrigerio será servido después de la hora santa en el salón Sommerville.



RCIA Retreat para nuevos neofitos comenzara con la misa de las 9 a.m. y continuara en la sala de la parroquia el proximo fin de semana, 30 de Abril.



Habra una junta mandatoria para todos los PADRES quienes sus hijos vayan hacer su Confirmacion el Martes, 25 de abril a las 7:00 p.m.

En el Heaven's way. Se hara un retiro para Confirmacion cual sera en agui el St. Maria Abril 29 de 9:00 a.m. de la mañana - 5:30 p.m.



Los boletos de Barbecue se les han sido enviado por correo. Por favor de entregar el dinero.



Por favor de entregar el dinero de los boletos de la rifa lo mas pronto posible. Gracias por todo lo que hacen por su parroquia



Gracia a todos que donaron briskets colectamos 30 y neccitamos 40 mas. Por favor de llamar a la oficina si tienen preguntas.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 1

Tuesday, April 25

9:30 am	LOM (Eng)	RM #3
5 pm	LOM (Sp)	RM #3
6 pm	Peace Rosary	Church
6 pm	ST. Vincent de Paul	Conf. RM
6:30 pm	English Mass	Church
8 pm	AA Mtg	RE Building

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 am	English Mass	Church
10 am	Bereavement	RM #8
5:30 pm	CCE	HW
7:30pm	Neo-Catechumenal Way	HW

Thursday, April 27

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, April 28

8:30 am	English Mass	Church
3 pm	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, April 29

5:30 pm	English Mass	Church
7 pm	Spanish Mass	PH

Sunday, April 30

9 am	English Mass	Church
11 am	Mass	Church
5 pm	Lifeteen/Mass	Church
6:30 pm	Lifeteen/Edge	HW/PH

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Neo-catechumenal Way/Camino

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Sponsor of the Week

Joan Bennett

In Loving Memory of
Ike and Lydia Matocha