

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 July 23: \$5,365.09
Under budget for the week of
July 23: \$1,731.06
Second Collection for Maintenance:
\$1,173.01

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, July 29, / Sabado 29 de Julio

Memorial to Saint Martha

EX 24:3-8; PS 50:1B-2, 5-6, 14-15; JN 11:19-27

5:30 p.m. †Pablo Olguin by Santana Olguin

†Juanita Olguin by Santana Olguin

Sunday, July 30 / Domingo 30 de Julio

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

9:00a.m. Aniceto Mata by Santana Olguin

Nicolasa Mata by Santana Olguin

11:00a.m. †Estorgion Cardenas de sus hijos

†Gizelle Marie Garcia de su familia— 2 aniversario

†Sr. Heriberto Garza Jaramillo de familia Garcia

Monday, July 31 / Lunes 31 de Julio

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1 / Martes 1 de Agosto

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

EX 33:7-11; 34:5B-9, 28; PS 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; MT 13:36-43

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

Wednesday, August 2 / Miércoles 2 de Agosto

Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

†Marie McSwain by Robert and family

Thursday, August 3 / Jueves 3 de Agosto

Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4 / Viernes 4 de Agosto

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

8:30a.m. Bernabe Olguin by Santana Olguin

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.

Abigail Arias, Ivan Mendoza, Ededina Loya, Patricia Embil, Lupe Mendoza, Tammie Guidry Hawkins, Ignacio Damian Sr., Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin, Jimmy Tran, Amanda Serrano, Dolly Gallardo

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



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus catches the imagination of his listeners with a very short parable about a merchant: "*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it*" (Mt 10:39). Everyone understood the value of pearls which, together with gold, were the most precious goods known at that time. The Scriptures added wisdom, the knowledge of God, as something that could not be likened "*to any priceless gem*" (Wis. 7:9).

But what stands out in the parable is how strange, surprising and unexpected it must have been for the merchant to spot the pearl. Perhaps he saw it at a market and only his expert eye understood its enormous value, from which he could make an excellent profit. This is why, weighing it up, he decided it was worth selling all he owned to buy the pearl. And who wouldn't have done the same in his place?

The deep meaning and punchline of the parable is the encounter with Jesus who is the kingdom of God among us, among two or more people united in his name, in his new commandment. This is the precious pearl, the unique opportunity that we should seize while we have the chance, dedicating to it all the riches we possess, the wealth of our gifts and energies. Let's not only love our neighbors, but dedicate ourselves in our families and faith groups to keep Jesus's presence alive among us by living his new commandment: "*This is my command: That you love one another as I have loved you. You should also love one another.*" (Jn 15:12). It's Jesus among us who will evangelize the world around us – not so much us, but Jesus in our midst (Mt 18:20).

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús capta la imaginación de sus oyentes con una parábola muy breve acerca de un comerciante: “*El Reino de los cielos se parece también a un comerciante en perlas finas que, al encontrar una perla muy valiosa, va y vende cuanto tiene y la compra*” (Mt 10:39). Todo el mundo entendía el valor de las perlas que, junto con el oro, eran los bienes más preciosos que se conocían en aquel tiempo. Las Escrituras agregaron la sabiduría, el conocimiento de Dios, como algo que no podía compararse “*a ninguna joya inestimable*” (Sab 7: 9).

Pero lo que destaca en la parábola es lo extraño, sorprendente e inesperado que debió haber sido para el comerciante encontrar la perla. Tal vez la vio en un mercado y sólo su ojo experto comprendió su enorme valor, de lo que podía obtener un excelente beneficio. Por eso, al sopesarla, decidió que valía la pena vender todo lo que poseía para comprar la perla. ¿Y quién no habría hecho lo mismo en su lugar?

El significado profundo y la frase clave de la parábola es el encuentro con Jesús, que es el reino de Dios entre nosotros, entre dos o más personas unidas en su nombre, en su nuevo mandamiento. Esta es la perla preciosa, la oportunidad única que debemos aprovechar mientras tenemos la oportunidad, dedicando a ella todas las riquezas que poseemos, la riqueza de nuestros dones y energías. No sólo amemos a nuestros prójimos, sino que dediquémonos a nuestras familias y grupos de fe para mantener viva la presencia de Jesús entre nosotros viviendo su mandamiento nuevo: “*Este es Mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros, así como Yo los he amado*” (Jn 15,12). Es Jesús entre nosotros quien evangelizará el mundo que nos rodea, no tanto nosotros, sino Jesús en medio de nosotros (Mt 18,20).

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretaries/Secretarias

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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 from 1p.m. to 5p.m., but must register first with Sister San Juanita.

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

Quinceañeras

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

Altar Duty

Month of August— James & Marilyn

Sponsor of August Altar Wine

In loving memory of Felipe Garcia
 requested by Margaret Garcia



St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, and spam for their Emergency Need Food Packages. Please leave these items in the St. Vincent de Paul box, located in the narthex of the church.

Marriage Preparation Classes



For all couples who are planning to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and for couples wishing to convalidate their current unions will begin Thursday, August 17, at 7:00pm and will continue for 10 weeks. Contact Deacon Felipe Garza at 979-233-5271 to sign up or for more information.



RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Adapted for Children 7 years and older-is available for any unbaptized person who would like to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation

and Eucharist. Please call Marilyn Saccomanno at 979-233-5271 if you or someone you know would like some information.



CCE Registration

For PreK through 12th grade and for Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, register in the office with Sister San Juanita in July and August. For more information call Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271.



Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat

When: August 24 – 27, 2017

Where: The Christian Renewal Center (CRC), Dickinson, Texas

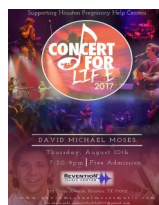
Arrival Time: 6:15 PM registration

Thursday, August 24, 2017 (Persons can also arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hitchcock, TX at 6:15 PM and be driven to the CRC).

The goal of the retreat is to allow an opportunity for men to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community.

To register, go to:

<https://actshouston.org/retreat-registration> and register under 'Our Lady of Lourdes - Hitchcock' or call the St. Mary Star of the Sea parish office at (979) 233-5271.



Concert for Life

Supporting Houston Pregnancy Help Centers with David Michael Moses on Thursday, August 10th at 7:30p.m. in Houston. For more information;

www.davidmichaelmosesmusic.com or call Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271.



Fundraiser Breakfast/ Lunch

We will start cooking again in August and would like for every ministry group to consider taking a month. Please call the office at 979-233-5271 and schedule the month your ministry would like to help.



On Thursday, August 3, 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Friday, August 4, 8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in the Parish Hall.

All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Festival 2018.



La Despensa de San Vicente de Paul

necesitan los siguientes alimentos: mantequilla de cacahuete, jalea, t una y spam para sus paquetes de comida de emergencia. Por favor de dejar estos art culos en la caja de San Vicente de Paul, localizado en el n rtex de la iglesia .

Clases de Preparaci n para el Matrimonio

Preparing for Marriage



Para las parejas que est n planeando recibir el sagrado sacramento del matrimonio, y para parejas que desean convalidar su uni n comenzaran wl jueves 17 de Agosto a las 7:00p.m., y continuaran por 10 semanas. Contacte al Deacono Felipe Garza 979-233-5271 para mas informacion.

Rito de Iniciaci n Cristiana para Adultos



y adaptado para ni os de 7 a os o m s, est  disponible para cualquier persona no bautizada que quiera celebrar el bautismo, la confirmaci n y la Eucarist a.

Por favor llame a Marilyn Saccomanno a 979-233-5271 si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustar a informaci n.



Reg strese para CCE

Para PreK al 12 grado y para los sacramentos de la Primera Comuni n y Confirmaci n, reg strese en la oficina de la parroquia con la hermana San Juanita en Julio y Agosto. Para mas informaci n, llame a la Hermana San Juanita a 979-233-5271



Retiro de A.C.T.S. de hombres

Cuando: 24 – 27 de Agosto, 2017

Donde: El Christian Renewal Center (CRC), Dickinson, Texas

Hora de llega: 6:15 PM registro el jueves, 24 de Agosto, 2017 (Las personas tambi n pueden llegar a Our Lady of Lourdes en Hitchcock, TX 6:15 y ser conducidas a la CRC).

El objetivo del retiro es una oportunidad para que los hombres se centran en su fe y su aplicaci n durante su vida cotidiana, para construir el prop sito en su vida de oraci n, a incrementar su presencia en la liturgia y a cultivar la amistad entre los miembros de la comunidad de la iglesia

Para registrarse, vaya a:

<https://actshouston.org/retreat-registration> y registrar debajo de 'Our Lady of Lourdes - Hitchcock' o llame a la oficina de St. Mary Star of the Sea (979) 233-5271.



Recaudaci n de Fondos con Desayuno y Almuerzo

Empezaremos a cocinar otra vez en Agosto y nos gustar a que cada ministerio piense en tomar un mes para cocinar. Favor de llamar a la oficina al 979-233-5271 para programar el mes que su ministerio le gustaria ayudar.



Venta de Garaje

El 3 de Agosto de 8:00a.m a 4:00p.m. y el 4 de Agosto de 8:00a.m. a 11:00a.m.

En el salone de Santa Maria. La venta beneficiara al festival de Santa Maria de 2018.

Monday, July 31

7:00p.m. Neo-Catechumen Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 1

9:30a.m. Legion of Mary (Eng) Heaven's Way Rm. 3

11:00a.m. Altar Society Mtg 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

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Wednesday, August 2

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

7:30 p.m. Neo Cat Meeting Heaven's Way

Thursday, August 3

8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Garage Sale Parish Hall

9a.m. - 6p.m. Adoration Church

5:30 - 6:00p.m. Confessions Church

6:00p.m. Benediction Church

6:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Church

7:00p.m. Pastoral Council Conference Room

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Friday, August 4

8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Garage Sale Parish Hall

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

Saturday, August 5

4p.m. - 5p.m. Confessions Church

5:30p.m. English Mass Church

7:00p.m. Spanish Mass Parish Hall

Sunday, August 6

9:00a.m. English Mass Church

11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church

5:00p.m. English Mass Church

Altar & Rosary Society

Jr. (979) 480-5149

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Caballeros de Colón**

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Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia

Maria Cardenas (979) 233-2863

Sonia Montoya (979) 709-2267

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Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

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Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

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Jesus Y Lucy Salazar

(979) 709-1174 / (979) 233-2316

Guadalupe Society

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

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St. Vincent de Paul

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Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

Neo-catechumen Way / Camino**Neocatecumenal**

Benjamin Merino 281-687-6007

Sponsor of the Week

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EARL LANDRY &
DENISE LANDRY RUSSELL
FROM THEIR FAMILY**