

## 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](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 July 30: \$4,583.75  
Under budget for the week of  
July 30: \$2,512.40  
Second Collection for Maintenance:  
\$1,059.21

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, August 5, / Sabado 5 de Agosto**

*Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time*

LV 25:1, 8-17; PS 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; MT 14:1-12

5:30 p.m. †Teresa Aguilar by Lilie Damian  
† Tony Aguilar by Lilie Damian  
†Charlotte Aguilar by Lilie Damian  
Nieves y Carmen Olguin de Santana Olguin

**Sunday, August 6 / Domingo 6 de Agosto**

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

9:00a.m. †Sr. Heriberto Garcia Jaramillo de familia Garcia  
†Father Gonzales by Valentina Moreno  
†Father Mooney by Valentina Moreno  
11:00a.m. †Guadalupe Tito Tamayo de su familia  
† Jorge Luis Olguin de Santana Olguin  
† Familia Ruiz de Naty Garcia y familia  
5:00p.m. †Juan Garcia de Naty Garcia y familia

**Monday, August 7 / Lunes 7 de Agosto**

*Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday, August 8 / Martes 8 de Agosto**

*Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest*

NM 12:1-13; PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 6CD-7, 12-13; MT 14:22-36

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

**Wednesday, August 9 / Miércoles 9 de Agosto**

*Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15: 21-28

**Thursday, August 10 / Jueves 10 de Agosto**

*Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr*

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

6:15 Por las almas del pulgatororio de Santana Olguin

**Friday, August 11 / Viernes 11 de Agosto**

*Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin*

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21

**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.**

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

**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 month of August is traditionally dedicated to Mary. On August 15th we celebrate her assumption into Heaven where she continues to love us with a motherly heart of flesh. On August 22nd we celebrate her Queenship. On August 5th the Church observes a less known feast day of Mary that celebrates the first church dedicated to Mary in the city of Rome, St Mary's Major. This basilica was built to honor her under the title of Mother of God, the Theotokos, the one who "is bringing forth" God. A year earlier, the Council of Ephesus had concluded that since Mary was the one who brought forth Jesus who is God, she is also the Mother of God. It is tempting to think that Jesus might be the spitting image of his Mother, since he had no human father.

As the Mother of Jesus, the New Adam, Mary also becomes the Mother of every human being both individually, but also collectively as a human family. Jesus made her our Mother as he hung dying on the tree of the Cross. So, it would be equally tempting to say that human-kind should resemble its Mother, both individually and collectively.

The Ten Commandments invite us to honor our father and our mother, and it is said that the best way to honor someone is to imitate him or her. Perhaps this is why Jesus invites us to be like our Father in Heaven who is compassionate toward all and lets the sun rise on the good and the bad alike. How would he want us to imitate our Mother?

I can think of two ways. Jesus explicitly states that those who hear the word of God and put it into practice are his mother (Lk 8:21) (and every Word of God can be summed up in the word "love"). Mary did everything out of love – "for us," her neighbors. She stood at her Son's cross out of love "for us". She gave up her Son and her God "for us" who had become her sons and daughters. We can do the same. We can love Jesus, her Son, in every neighbor we meet.

Another way we could honor Mary this month and every month would be to imitate her in bringing forth Jesus, at least spiritual-ly, as she did physically on Christmas day.

And we can do it because Jesus promises: "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). Every day can be Christmas for us – in our families, groups and parish community – wherever we two or more try to live out Jesus's new commandment that we love one another as He has loved us (Jn 15:17). In this way Mary will share with us a bit of the joy she felt when she first laid eyes on the newborn Jesus, her Jesus, the one she brought forth. And we'll give "our" Jesus to the people around us. So, let's continue to honor our Mother and make her smile as she watches us living out the Word of God and loving one another so that Jesus can be born and reborn among us.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El mes de agosto es tradicionalmente dedicado a María. El 15 de agosto celebramos su ascunción al Cielo donde ella continúa amándonos con un corazón de madre, que es un corazón de carne. El 22 de agosto celebramos su reinado.

El 5 de agosto la Iglesia celebra una fiesta Mariana menos conocida donde Roma dedicó la primera iglesia a María llamada Santa María Mayor. Esta basílica fue construida para honrarla bajo el título de Madre de Dios, la Theotokos, es decir, la que “trae” a Dios. Unos años antes, el Concilio de Éfeso había concluido que María habiendo dado a luz a Jesús, quien también es Dios, es la Madre de Dios. Es fácil pensar que Jesús se parecía completamente a María visto que no tenía padre humano.

Como Madre de Jesús, el Nuevo Adán, María también se convierte en la Madre de cada ser humano, y también colectivamente como madre de la familia humana. Jesús nos la dio como Madre mientras él colgaba sobre la Cruz. Por lo tanto, también es fácil pensar que la humanidad debe parecerse a su Madre, tanto individual como colectivamente.

Los Diez Mandamientos nos invitan a honrar a nuestro padre ya nuestra madre, y se dice que la mejor manera de honrar a alguien es imitarlo. Tal vez por eso Jesús nos invita a ser como nuestro Padre Celestial que es compasivo hacia todos y permite que el sol salga sobre los buenos y los malos por igual. ¿Cómo quiere que imitemos a nuestra Madre?

Puedo pensar en dos maneras. Jesús afirma explícitamente que aquellos que oyen la palabra de Dios y la ponen en práctica son su madre (Lc 8, 21) (y toda Palabra de Dios puede resumirse en la palabra “amor”). María hizo todo por amor – por amor a nosotros sus ‘prójimos.’ Estuvo al pie de la cruz de su Hijo por amor “a nosotros”. Ella entregó a su Hijo, su Dios “por nosotros” sus hijos e hijas. Podemos hacer lo mismo. Podemos amar a Jesús, su Hijo, en cada prójimo que nos encontremos.

Otra manera de honrar a María este mes y cada mes sería imitarla dar vida a Jesús en medio nuestro espiritualmente, así como ella nos lo dio físicamente en la Navidad. Y podemos hacerlo porque Jesús promete: “Porque donde están dos o tres reunidos en Mi nombre, allí estoy Yo en medio de ellos” (Mt 18, 20). Cada día puede ser Navidad para nosotros - en nuestras familias, grupos y comunidad parroquial – dondequiera que hay dos o más que viven el nuevo mandamiento de Jesús de amarnos como Él nos ha amado (Jn 15:17). De este modo María compartirá con nosotros un poco de su alegría al ver por primera vez a Jesús recién nacido, su Jesús, al que ella dio a luz. Y así daremos a “nuestro” Jesús a la gente que nos rodea. Así que sigamos honrando a nuestra Madre y haciéndola sonreír mientras nos observa viviendo la Palabra de Dios y amándonos unos a otros para que Jesús pueda nacer y renacer entre nosotros. *Padre Jesse Garcia*

## Personal Parroquial

**Secretaries/Secretarias**

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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 from 1p.m. to 5p.m.

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

**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  
and Family



**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. Classes 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.

## 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.

## Catechist Needed

We currently need a catechist in 3rd grade;  
Two catechists needed in 6th through 8th grades;  
Two catechists needed in 9th through 12th grade.  
**CONFIRMATION:** All youth who need to make up Confirmation lessons due to absences have until August 16th to make them up. These lessons need to be done if you are planning to make your Confirmation next year. Times available for make ups are 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Call Sister San Juanita for more information 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, at 6:15pm 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.



## Feast of the Assumption

August 15th Living Rosary beginning at 6 pm in the court yard, Mass at 6:30, and a Covered Dish Dinner to follow in the Parish Hall.

## Senior Group, "Stars of the Sea" will

meet on Thursday, August 17th. Any one 50+ can join in the Fun.... We will be praying, exercising and playing Bingo. Please join us in Heaven's Way at 10:30. Bring a snack if you like.



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## Fundraiser Breakfast/ Lunch

Beginning this Sunday after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. We would like for every ministry group to please consider taking a month. Call the office at 979-233-5271 and schedule the month your ministry would like to help.



## 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 needs information.



**La Despensa de San Vicente de Paul** necesitan los siguientes alimentos: mantequilla de cacahuete, jalea, túna y spam para sus paquetes de comida de emergencia. Por favor de dejar estos artículos en la caja de San Vicente de Paul, localizado en el nártex de la iglesia .

## Clases de Preparación para el Matrimonio

Preparing for Marriage



Para las parejas que están planeando recibir el sagrado sacramento del matrimonio, y para parejas que desean convalidar su unión comenzaran jueves 17 de Agosto a las 7:00p.m. Contacte al Deacono Felipe Garza 979-233-5271.



## Regístrese para CCE

Para PreK al 12 grado y para los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y Confirmación, regístrese en la oficina de con la hermana San Juanita en Julio y Agosto.

## Necesitamos catequistas

Actualmente necesitamos a un catequista en 3 grado; Dos catequistas en 6 a 8 grados; Dos catequistas en 9 hasta el grado 12.

**CONFIRMACIÓN:** Todos los jóvenes que necesitan clases de confirmación debido a ausencias tienen hasta el 16 de agosto a tomarlas. Estas lecciones deben hacerse si usted está planeando hacer su confirmación el año próximo. Tiempos disponibles son 2-4 p.m. los martes, el miércoles y el jueves. Para mas información, llame a la Hermana San Juanita a 979-233-5271.



## Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

y adaptado para niños de 7 años o más, está disponible para cualquier persona no bautizada que quiera celebrar el bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía. Por favor llame a Marilyn Saccomanno a 979-233-5271 si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría información.



## 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, (Las personas también 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 aplicación durante su vida cotidiana, para construir el propósito en su vida de oración, 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.



## Fiesta de la asunción

15 de agosto tendremos un Rosario vive a las 6:00 en el patio, misa a las 6:30 y una beca de cena en el salón parroquial.

**“Estrellas del Mar”** Nuestro grupo de la edad de 50 y mayores, se reunirán el Jueves 17 de Agosto a las 10:30a.m. en el salón de Heaven's Way. Estaremos orando, haciendo ejercicio y jugando Bingo. Por favor únase a nosotros. Traiga un refrigerio si quieres.



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## Recaudación de Fondos con Desayuno y Almuerzo

Comenzando este domingo después de las Misas de 9:00 y 11:00. Nos gustaría que cada grupo de Ministerio considere tomar un mes por favor . Favor de llamar a la oficina al 979-233-5271 para programar el mes que su ministerio le gustaria ayudar.

**Monday, August 7**

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

**Tuesday, August 8**

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. St. Vincent de Paul Conference Room

6:30p.m. English Mass Church

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Wednesday, August 9**

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Devotion After Mass Church

10:00-11:30a.m. Bereavement Mtg. Heaven's Way Rm. 8

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

**Thursday, August 10**

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

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Friday, August 11**

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

3:00 Divine Mercy

**Saturday, August 12**

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

5:30p.m. English Mass Church

After 5:30p.m.Mass Hospitality Parish Hall

7:00p.m. Spanish Mass Parish Hall

**Sunday, August 13**

9:00a.m. English Mass Church

After 9:00a.m.Mass Hospitality Parish Hall

After 9:00a.m.Mass Breakfast Fundraiser Parish Hall

11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church

After 11:00a.m.Mass Lunch Fundraiser Parish Hall

5:00p.m. English Mass Parish Hall

**Altar & Rosary Society**

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