

## 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 September 10:  
\$4,872.35

Under budget for the week of  
September 10: \$2,223.80

Second Collection for University of St. Thomas: \$1,540.84

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, September 16 / sábado 16 de septiembre**

*Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5 AND 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

5:30 p.m. †Julio Damian by Raymond Damian  
†Jacinto Damian by Raymond Damian  
†Cele Damian by Raymond Damian  
Blessing for Ana Tristian

**Sunday, September 17 / domingo 17 de septiembre**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

9:00a.m. †Jesus Olguin by Santana Olguin  
†Eudemio (Shorty) Gutierrez by Pete, Lupe and Johny Gutierrez  
11:00a.m. †Pablo Olguin by Santana Olguin  
†Maria Concepción Carmona de familia Diaz  
5:00p.m. †Juanita Olguin by Santana Olguin

**Monday, September 18 / lunes 18 de septiembre**

*Monday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

1:1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 19 / martes 19 de septiembre**

*Tuesday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1B-2AB, 2CD-3AB, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

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

**Wednesday, September 20 / miércoles 20 de septiembre**

*Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs*

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday, September 21 / jueves 21 de septiembre**

*Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Friday, September 22 / viernes 22 de septiembre**

*Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**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.**

Ededina Loya, Patricia Embil, Tammie Guidry Hawkins, Ignacio Damian Sr., Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin, Lupe Mendoza, Javier DeLaCerde

**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



We're in the Holy Land! As we begin to visit the holy sites, which are sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike, as I look around, I look around and see Muslim women with their typical veils and scarves. I see Orthodox Christian nuns from many Orthodox denominations wearing similar clothing. Jewish men wear phylacteries attached to their heads, close to their brains, which contain a sentence from the Old Covenant: "Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, mind and strength – and your neighbor as yourself. The Holy Land is truly a holy place because of the living presence of these ancient religions that all strive to link us back to the one true God. Each of those religions continues still today to seek that one true God whom Jesus reveals as a Trinity of three divine Persons, the God who is Love .

Presumably, Jesus walked these very streets. Looked at this sky, breathed this air, ate the fruits of this soil. The environment of these crowded buildings and ancient ruins still seem to echo his voice. The same stars fill the skies that were shining on the night of his birth in Bethlehem. Waters still fill the Ancient [Jordan River Bed](#) where he was baptized as if he were a common sinner, where he calmed the storm and provided the miraculous catch of a hundred-fifty fish, which some Scripture experts suggest could mean all the people of the world. Further on in our pilgrimage, we'll perhaps walk down those steps leading from the Mount of Olives where Jesus may have prayed his prayer that *all would* be one as he and the Father are one. That was on Holy Thursday night, the night before he would be crucified and reunite the whole human family with God and each other.

This is the real message of the Holy Land, the elephant in the room, in which the humanity's great longing for unity is expressed so vividly. Each holy site – Christian, Jewish and Muslim – offers inspiration and comfort, but also a powerful admonition. The holy sepulcher where tradition says Jesus rose from the dead, which is equally divided among Catholic Christians, Orthodox Christians and Protestant Christians seems like an ongoing reprimand: "that all may be one!" Jesus gave his very life for our unity, that we might be one as he and the Father are one.

This is the goal of the Christian life, be it Roman Catholic, Orthodox or Protestant. Jesus prayed for our unity, our oneness, on the very night before he gave his life in an agonizing death for us that we can't even imagine. But he *commanded* us – all of us who claim to be his own – to love *one another*. Let's begin from ourselves, then, from where we are in our own little world – among our families, parish, groups and friends – to love *one another*. This is how Jesus will continue to walk among us, right here on the roads of Freeport, right here among the different groups, churches, denominations. If we love one another, the little town of Freeport will be holy land, another little town of Bethlehem where Jesus is continually born and reborn.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco

## Personal Parroquial



Estamos en Tierra Santa! Mientras comenzamos a visitar los lugares santos, los cuales son sagrados tanto para los Judíos, Musulmanes y Cristianos, yo miro alrededor y veo mujeres Musulmanas con sus velos y bufandas típicas. Yo miro monjas Cristianas Ortodoxas de muchas diferentes denominaciones ortodoxas con vestimentas similares. Hombres Judíos usando filacterias en sus cabezas, cerca de sus cerebros, las cuales contienen una oración del Antiguo Pacto: "Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, mente y energía-y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". La Tierra Santa es verdaderamente un lugar santo debido a la presencia viva de estas antiguas religiones las cuales todas se esfuerzan por enlazarnos a el único Dios verdadero. Cada una de estas religiones aun continua hasta el día de hoy para buscar a ese Dios verdadero el cual Jesús revela como una Trinidad de tres divinas Personas, el Dios que es Amor.

Presumiblemente, Jesús camino estas calles. Miro este cielo, respiro este aire, comió las frutas de esta tierra. El ambiente de estos edificios abarrotados y las ruinas antiguas todavía parecen hacer eco de su voz. La mismas estrellas que llenan los cielos las cuales brillaban la noche de su nacimiento en Belén. Las aguas todavía llenan el caudal del antiguo rio Jordán donde El fue bautizado como si El hubiera sido un común pecador, donde El calmo la tormenta y proporciono la pesca milagrosa de los ciento cincuenta pescados, que algunos expertos de las escrituras sugieren podría significar a todas las personas del mundo. Mas adelante en nuestra peregrinación, tal vez caminemos aquellos pasos que llevan del Monte de los Olivos a donde Jesus probablemente haya orado su oración de que *todos sean* uno como El y el Padre son uno. Eso fue el Jueves Santo por la noche, la noche anterior a que fuera crucificado y reuniera a la familia humana con Dios y con cada uno.

Este es el verdadero mensaje de la Tierra Santa, el elefante en el salón, en la que el gran anhelo de unidad de la humanidad se expresa tan vivamente. Cada sitio Santo - Cristiano, Judío y Musulmán - ofrece inspiración y confort, sino también una advertencia poderosa. El sagrado sepulcro donde la tradición dice que Jesús resucito de entre los muertos, la cual esta igualmente dividida entre los Católicos Cristianos, Ortodoxos Cristianos y los Protestantes Cristianos parece ser que es una reprimenda continua: "Que todos sean uno!" Jesús dio su vida propia para nuestra unidad, que nosotros seamos uno tal como El y su Padre son uno.

Esta es la meta de la vida Cristiana, ya sea Catolico Romano, Ortodoxo o Protestante. Jesús rezo por nuestra unidad, nuestra unidad, en la misma noche antes que dio su propia vida en una muerte agonizante que nosotros no podemos imaginar. Pero El nos *ordeno* - a todos nosotros los cuales reclamamos que le pertenecemos - amarnos unos a los otros. Comencemos nosotros mismos, luego, desde donde estamos en nuestro pequeño mundo - entre nuestra familia, parroquia, grupos de amigos - amarnos *unos a los otros*. Esto es como Jesús continuara caminando con nosotros, aquí mismo en las calles de Freeport, aquí mismo entre los diferentes grupos, iglesias, denominaciones. Si nos amamos uno al otro, el pequeño pueblo de Freeport será tierra santa, otro pequeño Belén donde Jesús esta continuamente naciendo y renaciendo.

*Padre Jesse Garcia*

## 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 1 to 5p.m.

**English Baptism** classes given on the first Sunday of the month 1 to 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 September 16th to the 30th  
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## Sponsor of September Altar Wine

In loving memory of  
Ignacio & Lucy Cabrera  
requested by Valentina Moreno



**CCE Orientation** for parents and their children in PreK to 5th grades on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**First Communion Classes** for children and their parents on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 10 a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall.

**Confirmation classes** for youth in their second year of preparation begins on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in Heaven's Way Hall.

**Youth Ministry Orientation** for parents and their youth in 6th to 12th grades on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Spanish Baptism Classes** will resume October 7, 2017 at 1:00p.m. in the Conference Room.

Please call Sister San Juanita 979-233-5271 to register for CCE, First Communion, Confirmation and Quinceneras.

**5th Grade and High School Catechists** are still needed. Please call Sister San Juanita 979-233-5271 if interested. Thanks

**Patricians**, an adult discussion group, will meet on Monday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Heaven's Way Hall. Brother Bill Harnett will begin the evening by introducing our topic: "The Way of Mary".



## Holy Cross Catholic Church

Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Knights of Columbus Hall

63 CR 216 (Nichols Rd) Bay City, TX

Drive through or dine in 11:00-1:00p.m.

\$10.00 per plate

Live Auction - Raffle - Country Store - more

Everyone Welcome, Fun For All



## Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be no confessions in our parish on Thursday, September 21. Confessions will be heard at :

St. Jerome - Thursdays 6:00-6:55p.m. and Sunday 1:45-12:10p.m.

St. Michaels - Tuesdays 5:00-5:30p.m.

**Turkey Dinner** hosted by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society on Sunday, October 22nd. Mark your calendars



now so you will not miss this opportunity to help raise funds for the Altar Society and participate in a scrumptious meal. If you would like to help the members with this event please call the office 979-233-5271. *Thank You!*

We will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd at 11a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall.

## Stewardship Sunday

Will be on September 23 -24.

Each ministry is invited to have a table at all masses and share information about your ministry.



A representative will be at all masses on September 16 & 17 to discuss the ultrasound screening, pre-registration will be held after each mass. Ultrasound screens will take place on September 25, 2017.

## Senior Day-"Stars of the Sea" will be



watching the Movie: 'The Shack'. This is a movie of sincere exploration of faith and forgiveness. Please join us on Thursday Morning, September 21st at 10:30 in Heaven's Way Hall.



**CCE Orientación** para padres y hijos en PreK a 5 grados el miércoles, 27 de septiembre a las 5:30 en el salón parroquial.

**Clases de primera comunión** para niños y sus padres el sábado,

30 de septiembre a las 10:00 a.m. en el salon de Heaven's Way.

**Clases de confirmación** para los jóvenes en su segundo año de preparación, comienza a las 2:30 en domingo, 01 de octubre en el salon de Heaven's Way.

**Ministerio de jóvenes orientación**

para padres y jóvenes en los grados 6 al 12 el domingo, 01 de octubre a las 6:30 en el salón parroquial.

**Clases de bautismo** en Español reanuda el 7 de octubre, a las 1:00 en la sala de conferencias.

Por favor llame a la hermana San Juanita 979-233-5271 para registrarse en CCE, primera comunión, confirmación y Quinceneras.

5 ° grado y secundaria catequistas todavía son necesarios. Si está interesado por favor llame a hermana San Juanita 979-233-5271. Gracias

**Patricians**, un grupo de adultos se reunión el lunes, el 18 de septiembre a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón de Heaven's Way. Hermano Bill Harnett comenzará la noche con nuestra tema: "El Camino de Maria".



**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
Festival de otoño y cena del pavo  
Domingo, 01 de octubre de 2017  
Salón caballeros de Colón  
63 CR 216 (Nichols Rd) Bay City, TX  
Llevar a caso o comer aquí 11:00-13:00  
\$10.00 por plato

Bienvenida a todo el mundo, diversión para todos



**Sacramento de la reconciliación**

no será confesiones en nuestra parroquia el jueves, 21 de septiembre. Se escucharán confesiones en:

St. Jerome - Jueves a las 6:00-6:55p.m. y domingo a las 1:45-12:10p.m.

St. Michael's - martes 5:00-5:30p.m.

**Cena del pavo** organizada por St.

Mary Sociedad de Altar y Rosario el domingo, 22 de octubre. Marque su calendario ahora para que no se pierda esta oportunidad para ayudar a recaudar fondos para la sociedad del Altar y participar en una deliciosa comida. Si le gustaría ayudar a los miembros con este evento por favor llame a la oficina 979-233-5271. ¡Gracias!

Nos reuniremos el martes, 3 de octubre a 11:00 En el salon de Heaven's Way.



**Domingo de Administración**

Será el 23 y 24 de septiembre. Cada ministerio tendrá una mesa en todas las misas para compartir información sobre el ministerio.



Un representante estará en todas las Misas el 16 y 17 de septiembre para discutir la evaluación de ultrasonido, la preinscripción se realizará después de cada Misa. Ecografía realizará el 25 de septiembre de 2017.

**"Estrellas del Mar"** estaremos presentando la película 'The Shack'. Esta es una película de exploración sincera de la fe y perdón. Por favor únase con nosotros el jueves, 21 de septiembre a las 10:30a.m. en el salón de Heaven's Way.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Ministries/ Ministerios

### Monday, September 18

6:30-8:30p.m. Patricians Adult Sessions Heaven's Way

### Tuesday, September 19

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

### Wednesday, September 20

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

### Thursday, September 21

9a.m.- 6p.m. Adoration Church  
10:30-12noon Senior Day Heaven's Way  
6:00p.m. Benediction Church  
**5:30p.m. NO Confessions**  
6:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Church  
7:00p.m. Marriage Prep Heaven's Way  
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

### Friday, September 22

8:30a.m. English Mass Church  
3:00p.m. Divine Mercy Church

### Saturday, September 23

5:30p.m. English Mass Church  
After Mass Stewardship Parish Hall  
7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

### Sunday, September 24

9:00a.m. English Mass Church  
After Mass Breakfast Fundraiser Parish Hall  
Stewardship Parish Hall  
11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church  
After Mass Lunch Fundraiser Parish Hall  
Stewardship Parish Hall  
5:00p.m. English Mass Parish Hall  
After Mass Stewardship Parish Hall

### Altar & Rosary Society

Junior Damian (979) 480-5149

### 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

### Ushers/Greeters/ Acomodadores

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

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### Guadalupana Society

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

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Maria Oliva (979) 201-6253

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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

**Knights of Columbus Council 3365  
In Honor of Our Deceased Members**