

Weekly Highlights

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 January 14: \$4,718.44
Under budget for the week of
January 14: \$3574.07
Second collection for Youth
NET Mission \$974.65

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our needs.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Monday, January 22

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

Tuesday, January 23

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

4:30p.m. Legion of Mary (Spanish) Heaven's Way #3

6:00p.m. Peace Rosary Church

6:30p.m. English Mass Church

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

7:00p.m. RCIA Session Heaven's Way Classroom

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Wednesday, January 24

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

5:30p.m. CCE PK-5th grades Heaven's Way

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

Thursday, January 25

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

5:30-6 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church

6:15p.m. Spanish Mass Church

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Friday, January 26

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

5:30-7 p.m. Day of Prayer for Unity Church

Saturday, January 27

4:00p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church

5:30p.m. English Mass Church

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Mass Heaven's Way

Sunday, January 28

9:00a.m. English Mass Church

11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church

5:00p.m. English-Youth Mass Church

6:30p.m. Youth Ministry Parish Hall



From Our Pastor

Pastoral Staff



On Monday we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It actually lasts eight days, so it's also referred to as the Octave of Christian Unity. If there is one thing God likes, it is unity. Unity isn't a very common word in everyday speech. It takes some getting used to. The word itself means "oneness". God created us for oneness in Him. It seems He placed this natural longing for oneness, along with Love, in our very DNA. If there's one thing God doesn't like, it's division. We see this in the story of Cain and Abel. Cain becomes jealous of his brother Abel, because Abel's humble sacrifice is pleasing to God's eyes. Cain gives into his jealousy and murders his own brother, dividing himself from Abel forever. When God looks upon Cain, He is outraged and asks him an interesting question: "Where is your brother?" This is the first question God asks us every time He looks upon us. Where is your brother, your sister?

The fact is that God is a Father and the only relationship God sees between us is a relationship of brothers and sisters. Like any father, when God looks at Cain, he sees him in his relationship not only with his God, but in his relationship to his brothers and sisters. But this time, that unity with Cain's brother has been fatally broken, also in the heart of the Father. Yet, the Father still loves Cain. The Father still salvages Cain's wounded relationship with God. He leaves a "mark" on Cain's body that will protect him from any who would do him harm. God sends Cain, who is now guilty of fratricide, to another land where he will be safe, where he can farm with his wife and children.

God is a Father. He wants us to live as brothers and sisters. Martin Luther King Jr., whose memory we honor this month, was a prophet of universal brotherhood. He suffered and gave his life for that dream. He's one of those "signs of the times," as the Church calls them that show us what God would like us to do, so that we can start doing it. Another sign of the times is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The divisions between churches in the Christian world are certainly not pleasing in God's eyes and are absurd to the eyes of the world. The faithful of other religions wonder why there are so many different Christian churches.

But now, even people from the Christian world have come to the same realization. All over the world, Christians of different Churches have begun to reach out to one another as brothers and sisters who love the same Jesus, share the same Baptism and live the same Word (thanks also to the example of people like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.). No one can prevent members of different Churches from loving one another, living God's Word together so that the world around us will believe, as Jesus prayed on the night before he died: "Father, may they be one, so that the world will believe that you have sent me" (Jn. 17:21). We saw it for ourselves when our brothers and sisters from local churches, joined us for food and recreation in our parish hall in the aftermath of the Hurricane Harvey. God, who is able to draw good from evil, salvaged the situation on that day. He gave us a gentle, but powerful poke to remind us that we are brothers and sisters and He made us to be one in Him. May Mary, the Mother of Unity, help us to actually fulfill God's dream at least among us Christians, so that the world may believe.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco

Personal Parroquial



El lunes comenzamos la Semana de la Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos. En realidad, dura ocho días, por lo que también se conoce como la Octava de la Unidad de los Cristianos. Si hay una cosa que a Dios le agrada, es la unidad. La unidad no es una palabra muy común en nuestro hablar cotidiano. Se toma un poco de tiempo para acostumbrarse. La palabra en sí misma significa “ser uno”. Dios nos creó para ser uno en Él. Parece que colocó este anhelo natural por la unidad, junto con el Amor, en nuestro propio ADN. Si hay algo que a Dios no le gusta, es la división. Esto lo vemos en la historia de Caín y Abel. Caín se pone celoso de su hermano Abel, porque el sacrificio humilde de Abel es agradable a los ojos de Dios. Caín cede a sus celos y asesina a su propio hermano, separándose de Abel para siempre. Cuando Dios ve a Caín, se indigna y le hace una pregunta interesante: “¿Dónde está tu hermano?” Esta es la primera pregunta que Dios nos hace cada vez que nos mira. ¿Dónde está tu hermano, tu hermana?

Dios es un Padre y la única relación que ve entre nosotros es una relación de hermanos y hermanas. Como cualquier padre, cuando Dios mira a Caín, lo ve en su relación no solo con su Dios, sino en su relación con sus hermanos y hermanas. Pero esta vez, esa unidad con el hermano de Caín se ha roto fatalmente, también en el corazón del Padre. Sin embargo, el Padre sigue amando a Caín. El Padre todavía rescata la herida relación de Caín con Dios. Deja una “marca” en el cuerpo de Caín que lo protegerá de cualquier persona que le haga daño. Dios envía a Caín, que ahora es culpable de fratricidio, a otra tierra donde estará a salvo, donde puede cultivar con su esposa e hijos.

Dios es un padre. Él quiere que vivamos como hermanos y hermanas. Martin Luther King Jr., cuyo recuerdo honramos este mes, fue un profeta de la hermandad universal. Él sufrió y dio su vida por ese sueño. Es uno de esos “*signos de los tiempos*”, como la Iglesia los llama, que nos muestran lo que Dios desea de nosotros para que podamos empezar a hacerlo. Otro signo de los tiempos es la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos. Las divisiones entre iglesias cristianas del mundo ciertamente no son agradables a los ojos de Dios y son absurdas a los ojos del mundo. Los fieles de otras religiones se preguntan por qué hay tantas diferentes iglesias cristianas.

Pero ahora, incluso las personas del mundo cristiano han llegado a la misma conclusión. En todo el mundo, los cristianos de diferentes iglesias han empezado a acercarse unos a otros como hermanos y hermanas que aman al mismo Jesús, comparten el mismo Bautismo y viven la misma Palabra (gracias también al ejemplo de personas como el Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.). Nadie prohíbe a que los miembros de diferentes iglesias se amen unos a otros, viviendo juntos la Palabra de Dios para que el mundo que nos rodea crea, como Jesús oró la noche antes de morir: “Padre, que todos sean uno, para que el mundo crea que me has enviado” (Juan 17:21). Nosotros lo vivimos cuando nuestros hermanos y hermanas de las iglesias locales se unieron a nosotros en el salón parroquial para dar de comer a los necesitados y vivir la recreación después del huracán Harvey. Dios, que es capaz de sacar lo bueno del mal, rescató la situación en ese día. Él nos dio un empujoncito fuertecito para recordarnos que somos hermanos y nos hizo uno en Él. Que María, la Madre de la Unidad, nos ayude a cumplir realmente el sueño de Dios, al menos entre nosotros los cristianos, para que el mundo crea.

Padre Jesse Garcia

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Emergency Email Address and phone number

St. Mary's 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

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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- 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 January 16-31: Rebeca and Carolina

Sponsor of January Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
Katherine Skalski

by Her Husband Mike and Family



We Are looking for a Part-Time Music Director Join the St. Mary's team, for more information email us at pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org or call 979-233-5271.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School Mardi Gras Festival



will be selling raffle tickets after all masses on the weekend of January 27-28, 2018. Please support our Catholic school.

Donation, Tithes & Offerings Letter

If anyone is needing a letter, please call the office 979-233-5271, and leave your name and number; Tina will get back with you. Please allow her at least a day to get back with you.



RCIA Team Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21 after the 5p.m. Mass in the Conference room.

Anyone interested in helping with the RCIA retreat is most welcomed to attend. Thank You!

Could you not Keep Watch for one Hour?

We need some volunteers to keep watch with Jesus in prayer for 30 minutes or longer on Thursdays from 9 am to 6 pm please call the office at 979-233-5271 to agree on a time. If you already come to church and spend some time with Jesus please call the office and let us know.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you have at least 2 hours of free time Monday thru Thursday, please help Sister San Juanita to clean and move resources to create a new classroom in Heaven's Way and a new Resource Room in the old CCE building. Also, assistance is needed to load and take items to Recycle Center. Your help is greatly appreciated !! Please contact Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 if you can help.



Please Keep Praying for Our Catechumens and Candidates:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Vivianna Soto, Leigh Ann Gieseke, Jesse Jasso, Cesar Alcantor and Melanie Alvarez.

Austin Texas Rally for Life 2018

Saturday January 27, 2018, for youth 8th through 12th grade. The event starts in Houston with mass at 8:15 a.m. with Cardinal DiNardo, then depart immediately after Mass to Austin. Youth must contact and confirm attendance with Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 before January 26, 2018.



Evening of Prayer for the Unity of Christians

Our Parish is hosting an Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for the unity of Christians. Date: January 26, 2018. Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Join us with Christians from other local churches for prayer, fellowship and food.



Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 9, 2018 from 7-10 pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall, for adults 21 and over. Tickets are \$30 presale or \$40 at the door per couple. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 for more information.



Estamos buscando un Director de Música de Tiempo Parcial

Únase al equipo de Santa Maria, para mayor información mande un correo electrónico al pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org o llámeme al 979-233-5271.

Donación, diezmos, ofrenda carta

Si alguien necesita una carta, por favor llame a la oficina 979-233-5271, y deje su nombre y número de teléfono; Tina volverá contigo. Por favor, déjela por lo menos un día para devolver su llamada.



La reunión del **RCIA** se llevará a cabo el domingo 21 de enero después de Misa de 5 p.m. en la sala de conferencias. Cualquier persona interesada en ayudar con el retiro de RCIA es bienvenida para asistir. ¡Gracias!

Por favor, siga orando por nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Vivianna Soto, Leigh Ann Gieseke, Jesse Jasso, Cesar Alcantor y Melanie Alvares.

¿No Pueden Vigilar conmigo una Hora?

Necesitamos algunos voluntarios para mantener vigilia con Jesús en oración por 30 minutos o más si desea, los jueves de 9am a 6pm favor de contactar la oficina al teléfono 979-233-5271 si desea ayudar. Si usted ya viene y pasa un tiempo con Jesús por favor llámenos a la oficina y déjenos saber la hora en que viene.



Noche de Oración Por la Unidad de los Cristianos

Nuestra parroquia esta organizando una noche ecuménica de oración por la unidad de los Cristianos. Fecha 26 de enero de 2018. Hora: 5:30 a 7:00 p.m. Únase a nosotros con los Cristianos de otras iglesias locales para orar, convivir y comer.

Festival Mardi Gras de la Escuela Católica Nuestra Señora de la Paz

Los niños de la escuela OLQP estarán vendiendo boletos para la rifa en el festival después de todas las misas en el fin de semana del 27-28 de enero, 2018.



Favor de apoyar a nuestra escuela ca-

Se necesitan voluntarios: Si usted tiene por lo menos 2 horas de tiempo libre de lunes a jueves, por favor ayude a la hermana San Juanita, ella necesita limpiar y mover los recursos para crear una nueva clase en el Heaven's Way y una nueva sala de recursos en el antiguo edificio de CCE. Además, se necesita asistencia para cargar y llevar artículos para reciclar el centro. ¡su ayuda se agradece grandemente!! Por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271 si puede ayudar.



Rally de Austin Texas por la Vida 2018



El sábado 27 de enero de 2018, para jóvenes de 8 a 12 grados. El evento comienza en Houston con la misa a las 8:15 a.m. la celebrara el cardenal DiNardo inmediatamente después de la Misa salida de Houston a Austin . Los jóvenes deben contactar y confirmar la asistencia con la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271 antes del 26 de enero de 2018.



Baile de los Enamorados Viernes 9 de febrero, 2018 de 7-10pm en la sala parroquial de St. Mary Star of the Sea, para adultos de 21 años y más. Los boletos son \$30 pre-venta o \$40 en la puerta por pareja. La cena será proporcionada. Por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271 para más información.

Saturday, January 20 / Sabado 20 de Enero

Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; PS 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

5:30p.m. †Cora Anne Casarez by Marilyn and James Saccomanno
 †Tillie Mikes by Jimmy Mikes
 Blessing for Nieves & Carmen Olguin by Santana Olguin

Sunday, January 21 / Domingo 21 de Enero

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

9:00a.m. †Maria Genoveba Vera by Maria Jáuregui
 11:00a.m. †Maria Concepción Carmona by Diaz Family
 5:00p.m. †Armando Baldomero Izaguirre by Wife and Children

Monday, January 22 / Lunes 22 de Enero

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23 / Martes 23 de Enero

Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

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

Wednesday, January 24 / Miércoles 24 de Enero

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

8:30a.m.

Thursday, January 25 / Jueves 25 de Enero

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16; PS 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

6:15p.m. † Maria Ruiz de parte de la Familia

Friday, January 26 / Viernes 26 de Enero

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; mk 4:26-34

8:30a.m.

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.

Johanna Blanchard, Melody Hernandez, Mary Taylor and family, Jessica Gutierrez, Jill L. Armstrong, Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family, Leticia Villareal, Ernie Damian, Robert Caraway, Jay Garcia

At all Masses, please pray for holy marriages and families and most especially for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.

Altar & Rosary Society

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Knights of Columbus / Caballeros de Colón

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Legion of Mary / Legion de Maria

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Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

Neo-catechumen Way / Camino Neocatecumenal

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

Sponsor of the Week

**Ramona Samora
 In Living Memory of
 Ralph Samora Sr.**