

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 February 25: \$5,662.12
Under budget for the week of
February 25: \$2,630.39
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, March 5

7:00p.m.	English Mission Fr. Italo Dell'Oro	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	Penance Service	Sacred Heart, Manvel

Tuesday, March 6 OFFICE CLOSED

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.	RCIA	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, March 7

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	No CCE	
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	Penance Service	Church

Thursday, March 8

8:30a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
9a.m.-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
7:00p.m.	Penance Service	St. John the Apostle, WC
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, March 9

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5-7 p.m.	Fish Fry	Parish Hall
7:00p.m.	St. Mary's Confirmations	Church

Saturday, March 10

4:00p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat Mass	Heaven's Way

Sunday, March 11

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



The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. On March 19th we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We all know stories about St. Joseph that are told to us in the Gospel – how he was known to be an upright man, someone who kept the Commandments and lived strictly by the Law of God.

But even when he learned of his fiancé's unexplainable pregnancy, he didn't have Mary stoned to death as he could have done. People in that town would have talked. He could have saved himself the embarrassment by exposing her to the Law. Instead he followed his heart and chose not to embarrass the one he loved, but send her to somewhere else quietly. Joseph was moved by the spirit of the law, which is love. He used the letter of the Law to love Mary.

God rewarded his faithfulness. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him not to be afraid to take Mary for his wife, because the child in her womb was there by the power of God. When Joseph woke up he did as the angel had commanded him, but he must have continued wondering whether he was still dreaming.

In many Byzantine icons that depict the Nativity scene, Joseph is shown off to the side, sitting on the ground with his legs crossed, his hand under his chin, a puzzled look on his face, staring at the ground, wondering what the heck was happening. But now perhaps it didn't even matter. The baby was there and they named him Jesus. In a way, Jesus had intruded into Joseph's life, into his personal plans for his future with his fiancé. Very likely, what kept Joseph there was his love for Mary and her Son whom he, like many fathers, had to learn to love as his own. For sure that wasn't difficult when it came to someone like Jesus.

Perhaps, like Joseph, we wonder, puzzled at what God asks us to believe, wondering if it could all be true, or whether we're just dreaming. Joseph invites us to respond as he did when he hung on by the skin of his teeth to the law that God has placed in the heart of every person – man and woman alike. We can tell many stories about Joseph, but I wonder if we've ever spoken to him, especially fathers who are often called to believe in things that don't always square with their thinking. Those are the moments to remember that our God is now the Son of Mary and, like Joseph, the time has come to widen our hearts a little bit more as we continue to follow God's plan for us, together with one another in our daily life. May Joseph accompany all of us, especially men and fathers.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El mes de marzo es tradicionalmente dedicado a San José. El 19 de marzo celebramos el día de la fiesta de San José, marido de la Santísima Virgen María. Todos conocemos historias acerca de San José que se nos cuentan en el Evangelios – como él era conocido por ser un hombre derecho, alguien que guardaba los mandamientos y viva estrictamente por la ley de Dios.

Pero incluso cuando se enteró del embarazo inexplicable de su prometida, no mando a apedrear a María hasta la muerte como pudo haberlo hecho. La gente de esa ciudad habría hablado. Él podría haberse salvado a si mismo de la vergüenza al exponerla a la ley. En cambio, siguió su corazón y eligió no avergonzar a la persona que amaba, pero en silencio decidió enviarla a otro lugar. José fue movido por el espíritu de la ley, que es el amor. Uso la letra de la ley para amar a María.

Dios recompensa su fidelidad. Un ángel se le apareció a José en un sueño, diciéndole que no tuviera miedo de tomar a María por su esposa, porque el niño en su vientre estaba allí por el poder de Dios. Cuando José despertó, hizo lo que el ángel le había mandado, pero debe haber continuado preguntándose si aún estaba soñando.

En muchos iconos bizantinos que describen la escena de la Natividad, José se muestra a un lado, sentado en el suelo con las piernas cruzadas, la mano bajo la barbilla, una mirada perpleja en su rostro, mirando al suelo, preguntándose qué diablos estaba sucediendo. Pero ahora tal vez ni siquiera importaba. Él bebe estaba allí y lo nombraron Jesús. En cierto modos, Jesús se había entrometido en la vida de José, en sus planes personales para su futuro con su prometido. Muy probablemente, lo que mantuvo a José allí fue su amor por María y su hijo a quien, como muchos padres, tuvo que aprender a mar como suyo. Seguro que no era difícil cuando se trataba de alguien como Jesús.

Tal vez, como José, nos preguntamos, perplejos de lo que Dios nos pide que creamos, preguntándonos si todo podría ser cierto, o si solo estamos soñando. José nos invita a responder como lo hizo cuando se colgó de la piel de sus dientes a la ley que Dios ha puesto en el corazón de cada persona – el hombre y la mujer por igual. Podemos contar muchas historias sobre José, pero me pregunto si alguna vez hemos hablado con él, especialmente los padres que a menudo son llamados a creer en cosas que no siempre cuadran con su pensamiento, Esos son los momentos para recordar que nuestro Dios es ahora el hijo de María y, como José, ha llegado el momento de ensanchar nuestro corazón un poco más a medida que seguimos siguiendo el plan de Dios para nosotros, junto con los demás en nuestra vida diaria, Que José nos acompañe a todos, especialmente a los hombres y a los padres.

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretary/Secretaria

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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 March 1-15:

Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In loving memory of
Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by
Yolanda Garcia

Penance Services

All Services are at 7 p.m.

Mar 5 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manvel

Mar 7 - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport

Mar 8 - St. John the Apostle, West Columbia

Mar 19 - St. Michael, Lake Jackson

Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton

Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin

Please keep praying for our Elect:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Cesar Alcantor and Melanie Alvarez as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Also pray for our Candidates: Viviana Soto and Leigh Ann Barr who will come into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.



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Gulf Coast Catholic Men's

Conference The 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men's Conference will

be held on Saturday, March 10th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion at La Porte, TX. Cost is \$40 through March 5th and \$45 from March 6th until the conference. Religious and Clergy are free. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speaker topics include building a community-lessons from Hurricane Harvey, spiritual warfare, addictions, and the importance of men's ministries. For more details and to purchase tickets to to www.gm-cmc.org.

“Stars of the Sea”

Our senior group will meet on the third Thursday this month, March 16th at 10:30a.m. to noon in Heaven's Way Hall. Come and play some “Irish” Bingo.



Parish Lenten Mission

On Monday, March 5 in English with Fr. Italo Dell'Oro, CRS. Director of Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services. “The Roots of Our Faith” at 7 p.m. at Church. Starting on Monday



March 26-28 Mission in Spanish, with Fr. Antonio Curto, C.P. Associate Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center. Starting with Sacrament of Penance from 4:30-6:30 p.m. following with “Una Vida Nueva con Jesus” from 7-9 p.m. at Church.



Parish Hall from 5-7 p. m. come and join us for fellowship and good food. The Knights of Columbus are looking for ministries who would like to work the Fish Fry on Fridays starting February 23 through March 23. Please contact Pete Gutierrez at 979-248-7824.



Our 2018 Diocesan Services Fund has begun in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire archdiocese through more than 60 important programs.

Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, March 6 at 11:00a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall. See you there!



Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Todos los Servicios son a las 7p.m.
 Mar 5 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manvel
 Mar 7 - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport
 Mar 8 - St. John the Apostle, West Columbia
 Mar 19 - St. Michael, Lake Jackson
 Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton
 Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin

Por favor, siga orando por nuestros elegidos:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., César Alcantor y Melanie Alvarez mientras viajan hacia los sacramentos de Pascua de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. También oren por nuestros candidatos: Viviana Soto y Leigh Ann Barr que entrarán en plena comunión con la iglesia católica en la Vigilia Pascual.



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"Conferencia de los hombres católicos de la costa del Golfo"

La 3ª Conferencia anual de hombres católicos de la costa del Golfo se llevará a cabo el sábado, 10 de marzo de 8:00A a 4:00p en el pabellón de la playa de Sylvan en la Porte, TX. El costo es de \$40 hasta el 5 de marzo y \$45 del 6 de marzo hasta la Conferencia. Los religiosos y los clérigos son libres. El costo incluye desayuno continental y almuerzo. Los temas del orador incluyen la construcción de una comunidad-lecciones del huracán Harvey, la guerra espiritual, las adicciones, y la importancia de los ministerios de los hombres. Para más detalles y para comprar boletos a www.gm-cmc.org.

"estrellas del mar"

se reunirá el tercer jueves de este mes, 16 de marzo a las 10:30A. m. al mediodía en el pasillo del cielo. Ven a jugar al bingo "irlandés".



Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

El lunes 5 de marzo con el Padre Italo Dell'Oro, CRS. Director of Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services. "The Roots of Our Faith" a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia esta misión será en Ingles.



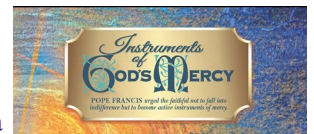
Comenzando el lunes 26, 27 y 28 de marzo con el Padre Antonio Curto, C.P. Associate Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center. "Una Vida Nueva con Jesús". De las 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sacramento de la Reconciliación y de 7-9 p.m. La misión en Español todo esto tomara lugar en la Iglesia.

FISH FRY



En el Salón Parroquial de 5-7p.m. Venga a compartir y a comer. Los Caballeros de Colon buscan a los diferentes ministerios para que trabajen los viernes de Pescado Frito comenzando el 16 de Febrero al 23 de marzo. Favor de ponerse en comunicación con Pete Gutierrez al 979-248-7824.

Nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesano 2018 a comenzado en cada parroquia atreves de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-



Houston. Cristo nos llama a llegar a aquellos que están enfermos o necesitados, a bendecirlos, y a mostrarles misericordia. Las miles de personas atendidas por los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston necesitan de su compasión y generosidad. Su amable regalo a DSF nos permite llegar a las personas en esta parroquia y a través de toda la Arquidiócesis a través de mas de 60 programas importantes.

Reunión de la sociedad del altar

Martes 6 de marzo a las 11:00a.m. en el Heaven's Way. ¡ nos vemos allí!



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Ministries/ Ministerios

Saturday, March 3 / Sabado 3 de Marzo

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:30p.m. †Jose Martinez by Ramona and Family

Sunday, March 4 / Domingo 4 de Marzo

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

9:00a.m. †Fernando Vela by Family of Blanca Buras

11:00a.m. †Joven Guadalupe Tito Tamayo de la familia

5:00p.m. †Rita Gilles by Janice Hawley

Monday, March 5 / Lunes 5 de Marzo

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6 / Martes 6 de Marzo

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

Dn 3:25, 34-43; PS 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

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

Wednesday, March 7 / Miércoles 7 de Marzo

Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent

Dt 4:1, 5-9; PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

8:30a.m.

Thursday, March 8 / Jueves 8 de Marzo

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

Jer 7:23-28; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

6:15p.m.

Friday, March 9 / Viernes 9 de Marzo

Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Hos 14:2-10; PS 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

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.

Jessica Gutierrez, Jill L. Armstrong, Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family, Leticia Villareal, Ernie Damian, Robert Caraway, Jay Garcia, Don Holtzclaw, Chris King, Glenda Fansher, Pete Kruppa, Kathy Shaw, Ann Cooper, John Saldivar and Mary Rodriguez

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

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

Legion of Mary / Legion de Maria

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Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

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Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 233-2316

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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

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