

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:
smsphotos@gmail.com

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office at
979-233-5271

Stewardship Report

Collection for March 18: \$4,762.00
Under budget for the week of
March 18: \$3,530.51
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 26

4:30-6:30p.m. Reconciliation (Sp.or Eng) Church
7-9:00p.m. Spanish Retreat Church
Fr. Antonio Curto "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus"

Tuesday, March 27

8:30a.m. English Mass Church
4:30-6:30p.m. Reconciliation (Sp.or Eng) Church
7:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Heaven's Way #5
7-9:00p.m. Spanish Retreat Church
Fr. Antonio Curto "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus"
6:00p.m. Peace Rosary Church
7:00p.m. RCIA Church
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Wednesday, March 28

8:30a.m. English Mass Church
4:30-6:30p.m. Reconciliation (Sp.or Eng) Church
5:30p.m. NO CCE PK-5th grades Heaven's Way
7-9:00p.m. Spanish Retreat Church
Fr. Antonio Curto "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus"

Thursday, March 29

Office Closed Thursday Afternoon

7:00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Church
8:00p.m. Adoration Parish Hall
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Friday, March 30

12:00-3:00p.m. Liturgy of the Word Church
Veneration of the Cross Church

Saturday, March 31

4:00p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church
7:00p.m. Easter Vigil Church

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

9:00a.m. English Mass Church
11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church

From Our Pastor



Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because the readings center on Jesus's passion. Palm Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the most precious time of the liturgical year for us as Church. During this time, we re-live the paschal mystery, the love of God expressed in His passion, death and resurrection. Even as the multitudes waved the palm branches and shouted for joy, they missed the true reason for Jesus' presence. The crowds looked for a Messiah who would rescue them politically and free them nationally, but Jesus had come to save them spiritually. Mankind's primary need is spiritual, not political, cultural, or national salvation. It is a tragic thing to see the Savior but not recognize Him for who He is. The crowds who were crying out "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday were crying out "Crucify Him!" later that week (Mt 27:22-23). They could neither see nor understand the cross. But we do!

On **Holy Thursday** Jesus gives us his own, new commandment that we love one another as he has loved us (Jn 15:12). He had kept it hidden in his heart all his life, only to reveal it on the night before he died for us. He said that everybody would recognize us as his disciples, by our love for one another. He gave his very self to us in the Eucharist which is meant to make us one in Him. Washing his disciples' feet, he showed us how we should serve each other concretely. He explained his new commandment just to make sure we got it: "There is no greater love than to lay down your life for your friends" (Jn 15:13). And he die for us.

On **Good Friday** Jesus gave us his most heroic lesson on love. He had given everything, thirty silent years alongside Mary, living joys, sorrows and in loving obedience. Three years of public life, revealing that God is Love, promising the Holy Spirit and performing every kind of miracle for both his neighbors and his enemies. On the Cross, He gave his Mother to us, and, finally, his Body and Blood. All he had left was his Divinity, his union with the Father. But now he experienced separation from the Father, the consequence of sin which he took upon himself out of love for us, "becoming" sin as Saint Paul says. That separation from the Father expressed in his cry: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46) united us to God and to one another. Now, we can see his face in every suffering and in everything that separates us from God – even separateness is filled by the love of Jesus forsaken on the cross. Anchored in him, nothing can separate us from His love, and from each other.

On **Easter Sunday**, Jesus returns to us. He promises to be with us until the end of time. We can now find Jesus present in the Eucharist, in each neighbor, in the Word, and in our Bishops. But Jesus is also experienced present in our midst when we intentionally live the new commandment toward each other. This too is the presence of the Risen Christ in today's world: "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). We can experience his presence as the disciples of Emmaus experienced it when they reported how their hearts were burning as he spoke to them. This is what he meant when he said that he would return and our hearts would rejoice. The best way to live the various aspects of Jesus' life recalled during Holy Week is by proposing to allow the risen Lord to live in us in each present moment.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El Domingo de Ramos también se llama Domingo de la Pasión porque las lecturas se centran en la pasión de Jesús. El Domingo de Ramos también marca el comienzo de la Semana Santa, que es el tiempo más precioso del año litúrgico para nosotros como Iglesia. Durante este tiempo, revivimos el misterio pascual, el amor de Dios expresado en Su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Mientras las multitudes zarandeaban sus ramas y gritaban de alegría, se perdían la verdadera razón de Jesús. Las multitudes buscaban un Mesías que los rescataría políticamente y los liberaría nacionalmente, pero Jesús había venido a salvarnos espiritualmente. La necesidad primaria de la humanidad es la salvación espiritual, no la política, cultural o nacional. Es trágico ver al Salvador pero no reconocerlo por lo que es. Las multitudes que gritaban “¡Hosanna!” El Domingo de Ramos gritaban “¡Crucifícalo!” Más tarde en la semana (Mt 27: 22-23). No podían ver ni entender la cruz. ¡Pero nosotros sí!

El Jueves Santo Jesús nos da su nuevo mandamiento de que nos amemos unos a otros como él nos amó (Jn 15:12). Lo había vivido en silencio durante toda su vida, solo para revelarlo la noche antes de morir por nosotros. Dijo que todos nos reconocerían como sus discípulos por nuestro amor mutuo. Él se entregó a sí mismo a nosotros en la Eucaristía que está destinada a hacernos uno en Él. Lavando los pies de sus discípulos, nos mostró cómo debemos servirnos mutuamente de manera concreta. Explicó su nuevo mandamiento para asegurar de que lo hemos entendido: “No hay mayor amor que dar tu vida por tus amigos” (Jn 15:13). Y él murió por nosotros.

El Viernes Santo Jesús nos dio su lección más heroica sobre el amor. Había dado todo: treinta años de silencio junto a María, viviendo gozos, penas y en amorosa obediencia. Tres años de vida pública, revelando que Dios es Amor, prometiendo al Espíritu Santo y realizando todo tipo de milagros tanto para sus prójimos como para sus enemigos. En la Cruz, nos dio su Madre y, finalmente, su Cuerpo y Sangre. Lo único que le quedaba era su Divinidad, su unión con el Padre. Pero ahora experimentó la separación del Padre, la consecuencia del pecado que tomó sobre sí mismo por amor a nosotros, “convirtiéndose” en pecado como dice San Pablo. Esa separación del Padre que se expresó en su grito: “Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has desamparado?” (Mc 15:34; Mt 27:46) nos unió a Dios y los unos a los otros. Ahora podemos ver su rostro en cada sufrimiento y en todo lo que nos separa de Dios. Incluso la separación misma se llena con el amor de Jesús abandonado en la cruz. Anclados en él, nada puede separarnos de su amor, y el uno del otro.

El Domingo de Pascua, Jesús vuelve a nosotros. Él promete estar con nosotros hasta el final de los tiempos. Ahora podemos encontrar a Jesús presente en la Eucaristía, en cada prójimo, en la Palabra y en nuestros Obispos. Pero Jesús también es una presencia que experimentamos en medio de nosotros cuando vivimos intencionalmente el nuevo mandamiento el uno hacia el otro. Esta es también la presencia de Cristo Resucitado en el mundo de hoy: “Donde dos o más estén reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos” (Mt 18:20). Podemos experimentar su presencia como lo experimentaron los discípulos de Emaús cuando relataron cómo ardían sus corazones mientras les hablaba. Esto es lo que quiso decir cuando dijo que regresaría y nuestros corazones se regocijarían. Entonces, la mejor manera de vivir los diversos aspectos de la vida de Jesús que meditamos durante la Semana Santa es permitir que Jesús resucitado viva en nosotros en cada momento presente, que significa, amar como Él.

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretary/Secretaria

Mónica P. Caraballo

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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: Altar Society Members

Sponsor of March Altar Wine

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



Donations Needed, it that time again!

We need donations for the festival.

Name brand Soda, auction items for silent and live Auction. We also need 80 briskets. Please bring items to church office, any and all donations are welcome. Thank you

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, March 29, Holy Thursday 7:00p.m.
Friday, March 30, Good Friday 12-3:00p.m.
Saturday, March 31, Easter Vigil 7:00p.m.
Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday 9:00 & 11:00a.m.



Please pray for our Elect:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Cesar Alcantor and Melanie Alvarez and our candidates, Viviana Soto and Leigh Ann Barr as they attend a retreat today to prepare for their journey toward the Easter Sacraments.



Blood Drive at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall
Sunday, April 8
8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.
Contact Connie Melaragno
979- 297-4899.

HELP will be needed for preparing the Church for Holy week. Work Days: Wednesday, March 28th at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 29th after the Liturgy, Saturday, March 31st 9 a.m.



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members to help deliver food to the poor. If interested, please call the church office at 979-233-5271.



Parish Lenten Mission

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. in the Church, following with "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus" from 7-9 p.m. at Church.

Garage Sale was a huge success they made \$1217.72. The funds will go towards the Festival. We would like to thank the Garage Sale Team for their hard work.



Easter Flower Donation envelopes are in the back of the Church. Please consider donating in memory of a loved one. Thank You.



Women's Retreat

All women that have attended an ACTS retreat are invited to come and join us on April 4th at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room.

VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children

Classes are being offered at:

*St. Anthony of Padua Church in Danbury on Saturday, April 7 at 9:00a.m. You must pre-register to attend. Contact Suzanne Powell 979-848-9293.

*St. Jerome Church in Clute on Saturday, April 14 at 8:30a.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Dina Tonche 979-236-3927.



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA



Necesitamos donaciones para el Festival. Nombre de la marca soda, artículos de subasta para la subasta silenciosa y en vivo. También necesitamos 80 faldas. Por favor traiga artículos a la oficina de la iglesia, cualquiera y todas las donaciones son bienvenidas. Gracias

Horario de la Semana Santa

Jueves 29 de marzo, Jueves Santo 7:00p
Viernes, 30 de marzo, Viernes Santo 3:00p
Sábado, 31 de marzo, Vigilia Pascual 7:00p
Domingo, 1 de abril, Domingo de Pascua 9 & 11:00



Please pray for our Elect:

Fernando Díaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Cesar Alcantor y Melanie Alvarez y nuestros candidatos, Viviana Soto y Leigh Ann Barr mientras asisten a un retiro hoy para prepararse para su viaje hacia los sacramentos de Pascua.



Impulsión de la sangre

St. Mary Star of the Sea
Domingo, 8 de abril
8:00a-2:00p

Contacte a Connie Melaragno 1979-297-4899.

Se necesitará ayuda para preparar la iglesia para la semana Santa. Días de trabajo: miércoles, 28 de marzo a las 9 a.m., jueves 29 de marzo después de la liturgia, sábado, 31 de marzo 9 a.m.



La sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl necesita nuevos miembros

para ayudar a entregar alimentos a los pobres. Si está interesado, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia al 979-233-5271.



Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

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.

La venta de garage fue un gran éxito que hicieron \$1217,72. Los fondos se dirigirán hacia el Festival. Nos gustaría agradecer al equipo de ventas de garage por su arduo trabajo.



Los sobres de la donación para las flores de Pascua están en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Por favor considere donar en memoria de un ser querido. Gracias.



Retiro de Mujeres

Estan invitadas todas las mujeres que han participado en un retiro de ACTS que venga y nos acompañen a la reunión que tendremos el 4 de abril a las 7 p.m. en el salón de conferencias.

VIRTUS - Protegiendo a los hijos de Dios

Las clases se ofrecen en la iglesia de San *Antonio de Padua en Danbury el sábado, 7 de abril a las 9:00a.m. Comuníquese con Suzanne Powell 979-848-9293.



*San Jerónimo en Clute el sábado, 14 de abril a las 8:30A. m. Dina Tonche 979-236-3927.

Saturday, March 24 / Sabado 24 de Marzo

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

5:30p.m. For all Souls in Purgatory by Santana Olguin

Sunday, March 25 / Domingo 25 de Marzo

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

9:00a.m. †Connie Salazar Paiz by Augustin & Rose Mendoza

11:00a.m. †Luis Lauro Ramirez de Elsa Ramirez y familia
Intención Especial por los MFCC

5:00p.m. †Wesley Huggins by Juanita Cardozo

Monday, March 26 / Lunes 26 de Marzo

Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 27 / Martes 27 de Marzo

Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea
†Jose B. Mendoza

Wednesday, March 28 / Miércoles 28 de Marzo

Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

8:30a.m. †Jose Rubio by Wife and Daughters

Thursday, March 29 / Jueves 29 de Marzo

Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:00p.m.

Friday, March 30 / Viernes 30 de Marzo

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-6; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

3:00p.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.

Leticia Villareal, Ernie Damian, Chris King, Glenda Fansher,
Pete Kruppa, Kathy Shaw, Ann Cooper, John Saldivar, Mary Rodriguez,
Pete and Margie Trevino, Roger Calvillo, Arcelia Garcia, Beatrice Garcia and
Yesenia Ordanez

**At all Masses, please pray for holy marriages and families
and most especially for vocations to the priesthood,**

**Altar & Rosary Society
Sociedad del Altar y Rosario**

Dollie Hernandez (979) 665-9635

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Sponsor of the Week

Brazosport Tire

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