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STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Weekly Contribution

Collection for January 24th – \$6,151.86
Bishop Fund for Latin America Collection- \$1,257.76
Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our Fiscal 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

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone.

Please help us reach our goal of \$25,000.00 with your participation.

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Norma Moreno Garcia, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Gabriel Gonzales, Will Windham, Alan Neff, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W. Callaway, Mary Valdez, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Leon Quintanilla, Sheila Hinojosa, Javier Cruz, Regina Martinez, Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Roy Martinez, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Emma Martinez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Jenny Villegas, Joe Tyner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Lupe Mendoza, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Brenda Damian, Nadia Mendoza.

And for all those whose names that have not been made known to us.

Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at 979-233-5271.

January –In Loving memory of Katherine A. Skalski from your husband Mike and Family

Sponsor of the Week

[TJ's Lube Stop/TJ's Automotive Repair]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

February 1 – February 7

Monday/Lunes

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5---13 Mark 5:1-20

NO MASS

Tuesday/Martes

Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

8:30 am - +Daniel & Candelaria Martinez requested by Oralía Guevara

Wednesday/Miercoles

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6

6:30 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Thursday/Jueves

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13

6:15 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Friday/Viernes

Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29

8:30 am - +For Deceased Legion of Mary Members requested by Legion of Mary

Saturday/Sabado

1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34

5:30 pm – +Michael William Bissonnett requested by Mary Jean Bissonnett and Health Blessings for Joshua Louis Zurovec requested by Liz Kamrath & Mary Jean Bissonnett

Sunday/Domingo

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

9:00 a.m. – Health Blessings for Joshua Louis Zurovec requested by Liz Kamrath & Mary Jean Bissonnett

11:00 a.m. – +Gizelle Maria Garcia requested by Parents & Family, +Guadalupe “Tito” Tamayo requested by Family, +Damian Vega Perez requested by Josefina Vega & Family

5:00 p.m. – **NO MASS INTENTION**



Baptism Preparation

Through Infant Baptism, parents “transmit to their children their faith and the grace of the Sacraments which allow them to enter the people of God, the Church” (Pope Francis).

Parents wanting to have their children baptized must come by the parish office to register their child, attend preparatory classes and follow our policy for celebrating the Sacrament. The next sets of classes will be February, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fé y la gracia del Sacramento que les permite entrar, formar parte del pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia” (Papa Francisco).

Los Padres que quieran que sus niños sean bautizados, deberán venir a la oficina a registrar a su niño y asistir a las clases de preparación y seguir el reglamento para la celebración del sacramento. Las próximas clases serán el 6 de febrero de 2016.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.

**Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments
Preparativos para celebrar los Sacramentos**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Anyone interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th grade and above) please call the Faith Formation office, 233-5271.

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración del sacramento de la Confirmación (novenno grado en adelante) por favor llame a la oficina de Formación de Fe, 233-5271.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

Anyone interested in celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist for the first time, please contact the Faith Formation office at 233-5271.

Primera Reconciliación y la primera Eucaristía

Cualquier persona interesados en la celebración de la Reconciliación o la Eucaristía por primera vez, favor de contactar la oficina de Formación de la Fe al 233-5271.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office. Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 233-5271.

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana

Cualquiera que esté interesado en saber más acerca de la Iglesia Católica o interesado en convertirse en un católica, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Cualquier persona interesada en patrocinar a alguien, por favor llame a la oficina al 233-5271.

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Saint Cyril of Alexandria (380-444), Bishop, Doctor of the Church
On the Prophet Isaiah, 5, 5; PG 70, 1352 (trans. ©Friends of Henry Ashworth)

"But he slipped through the midst of them and walked away"

Christ desired to win over the whole world and bring its inhabitants to God the Father... They are those among the Gentiles who, enriched by faith in Christ, have gained the divine, the heavenly treasure, which is the saving proclamation of the gospel. Through this they have become sharers in the kingdom of heaven and companions of the saints (Eph 2:19; 3:6)... To the brokenhearted Christ promises healing and release, and to the blind he gives sight. For those who worship created things, thus failing to recognize him who is really and truly God, are they not blind? Are not their hearts devoid of the spiritual and divine light? To these the Father sends the light of true knowledge of God. Having been called by faith, they know God, or rather, they are known by him. They were children of night and of darkness, but they have become children of light (Eph 5:8). The Day has shone upon them the Sun of Righteousness has risen (Mal 3:20), the Morning Star has appeared in all its brilliance (Rv 22:16).

All that has been said, however, could also be applied to the Israelites, for they too were poor, brokenhearted, captives in a certain sense, and in darkness. But Christ came, and it was to the Israelites first that he made known the purpose of his coming: he came to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Lk 4:19), and the day of retribution.

That was the acceptable year, when Christ was crucified for us, for then we became acceptable to God the Father. Through Christ we bear fruit as he himself taught us when he said: "I tell you truly that unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains as it is, a single grain; but if it dies, it bears a rich harvest" (Jn 12:24); and again: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw the whole world to myself" (Jn 12:32). Moreover, on the third day he came to life again, after trampling death's power underfoot. He then addressed these words to his holy disciples: "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:18-19).

Faith Formation is in need of a temporary fourth grade teacher on Wednesday, from 5:30 – 7 pm. If interested please call the Parish office.

Formación en la Fe está en la necesidad de una maestra temporalmente para cuarto grado el día miércoles de 5:30-7:00 pm. Si está interesado por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Registrations for Steubenville on the Bayou are now open. A \$50 deposit goes towards the total cost of \$150. This will take place on June 24th – 26th, 2016.

**Youth Confirmation Session
February 21, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

San Cirilo de Alejandría (380-444), obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Sobre el profeta Isaías, 5,5; PG 70, 1352

"Pero Jesús se abrió paso entre ellos y se alejaba"

Cristo ha querido que el mundo le siguiera y así conducir a Dios Padre todos los habitantes de la tierra... Los venidos del paganismo, enriquecidos por la fe de Cristo, se han beneficiado del tesoro divino de la proclamación que trae la salvación. Por ella han llegado a ser partícipes del Reino de los cielos y compañeros de los santos, herederos de las realidades inexpressables (Ef 2,19.3.6)... Cristo promete la curación y el perdón de los pecados a los que tiene roto el corazón, y devuelve la vista a los ciegos. ¿Cómo no van a ser ciegos los que no reconocen a aquél que es el Dios verdadero? ¿No está su corazón privado de la luz divina y espiritual?. Es a ellos a quienes el Padre envía la luz del verdadero conocimiento de Dios. Llamados por la fe, lo han conocido; más aún, han sido conocidos por él. Habiendo sido hijos de la noche y de las tinieblas, han llegado a ser hijos de la luz (Ef 5,8) porque el día les ha iluminado, el Sol de justicia ha amanecido para ellos (Mt 3,20), y la estrella de la mañana se les ha aparecido en todo su esplendor (Ap 22,16).

Sin embargo, nada se opone a que apliquemos todo lo que acabamos de decir a los descendientes de Israel. En efecto, también ellos tenían el corazón destrozado, eran pobres y estaban como encarcelados y llenos de tinieblas... Pero Cristo ha venido a anunciar la gracia de su venida, precisamente a los hijos de Israel antes que a los otros, y proclamar juntamente el año de gracia del Señor (Lc 4,19) y el día de la recompensa.

El año de gracia es aquel en que Cristo ha sido crucificado por nosotros. Porque es entonces cuando hemos llegado a ser agradables a Dios Padre. Y es por él que damos fruto tal como él mismo nos lo enseñó: "Os aseguro, que si el grano de trigo no cae en tierra y muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere da mucho fruto" (Jn 12,24). Y dice más todavía: "Cuando yo sea elevado sobre la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí" (Jn 12,32). Realmente, él volvió a la vida al tercer día después de haber triturado con sus pies el poder de la muerte. Después dijo a sus santos discípulos: "Se me ha dado pleno poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Id y haced discípulos de todos los pueblos" (Mt 28,18-19).

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The Adult Confirmation Preparation will begin with a Retreat at St. Michael's, Lake Jackson on February 13th at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Classes begin the following Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Dates are: Feb. 18th, March 3rd, 17th, April 7th, 14th 28th and May 5th.

Confirmation Mass will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

For more information please call 233-5271.

**Theology of the Sacrament of Eucharist:
Parents only
Feb. 3, 2016 – 5:30 pm – Heaven's Way**

**Teología del Sacramento de la Eucaristía:
Los padres solamente
03 de febrero 2016 - 5:30 pm – Heaven's Way hall**

This Week in the Our Parish

February 1:
NO MASS
 7:00 pm - Almas Misioneras Choir Practice – (S)

February 2:
8:30 a.m. – English Mass
 9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5
 12 pm - Altar Society - HW
 6:30 pm – Core Meeting – HW
 7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)
 8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

February 3:
5:45 – 6:15 pm – Confessions – (C) – (C)
 6:00 pm – Peace Rosary– (C)
6:30 pm – English Mass
 5:30 - 7 pm - Faith Formation/PK3-5th Grade Classes
 5:30 p.m.-Theology of the Eucharist – Parents ONLY - HW
 7:15 pm - RCIA – H – (C)

February 4:
 9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 pm - Benediction
6:15 pm – Spanish Mass
 7 pm – Parish Council - HW
 7 pm – Almas Misioneras – (C)
 8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

February 5:
8:30 am – English Mass
 3:00 pm – Divine Mercy

February 6:
 9 am – 12 pm – Spanish Baptism Classes - HW
4-5 pm – Confession – C
 4:30 pm – English Choir Practice – Somerville
5:30 pm – English Mass/DSF Sunday

February 7:
9:00 am – English Mass/DSF Sunday
11:00 am – Spanish Mass/DSF Sunday
9:00 am – 12 pm – RCIA Retreat
5:00 pm – Teen Mass/DSF Sunday
NO Life Teen/ Edge Classes

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 6, 5:30 P.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Paige Damian
Lectors: Jimmy Mikes, Johanna Blanchard
EM's: Nieves Olguin, Carmen Olguin

February 7, 9:00 A.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Matthew Castillo, Sergio Garcia
Lectors: Steve Melaragno, Marilyn Saccomanno
EM's: Connie Melaragno, James Saccomanno

February 7, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Abel, Joseph and Martha Oliva
Lectors: Candelaria Castro, Maria Oliva
EM's: Noe Castro, Able Oliva

February 7, 5:00 P.M – English Mass
Altar Servers: Pedro & Rito Carrizales
Lectors: Cynthia Lopez, Mariel Delgado
EM's: David Delgado, Margaret Garcia



ALTAR DUTY

January 16-31 – Ramona Ayala, Junior Damian

**The following positions are open at
St. Mary Star of the Sea**

Music Director



Faith Formation Coordinator

Please apply in the Parish Office

**Spring Fling Handcrafted Bazaar
Sponsored by St. Mary: Star of the
Sea Catholic Church**

**February 27, 2016
Lake Jackson Civic Center**

Rentals are on a first come/first served basis
We need parishioners to make items for our booth.

Rebecca.shawver@comcast.net

(317)409-0910

You can still sign-up for **ARISE - Season 4, New Heart, New Spirit**, by calling the office.

Llame a la oficina para registrarse **LEVANTATE** para la Temporada 4, nuevo corazón, nuevo espíritu.



JEWELRY SALE



A uniquely Catholic Jewelry & Rosary Fundraiser Sale will be at St. Mary's on the weekends of February 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th. We have a wonderful variety of quality jewelry. Everything is priced reasonably for you while supporting our youth Group!

Tendremos una venta de Joyería y Rosarios singularmente Católicos aquí en Santa Maria para recaudar fondos para nuestros Jóvenes. Serán los próximos fines de semana empezando en el mes de Febrero 6, 7, 13 y 14. Tenemos una maravillosa variedad de joyas de calidad y los precios son razonables.