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STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Weekly Contribution

Collection for March 13th – \$3,837.26

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. **Paid so far \$4,270.00 with 34 families.**

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

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Rogelio Calvillo, Roy Martinez, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Eddie Virgil, Will Windham, Alan Neff, Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Mary Valdez, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Regina Martinez, Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Emma Gutierrez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Joe Tynner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Nadia Mendoza, Lupe 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.

**March – In loving memory of her father
+Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by
his daughter Yolanda Garcia**

Sponsor of the Week

[ILM Katherine A. Skalski]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

March 21 – March 27

Monday/Lunes

Isaiah 42:1-7

John 12:1-11

NO MASS

Tuesday/Martes

Isaiah 49:1-6

John 13:21-33, 36-38

8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTION

Wednesday/Miercoles

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:14-25

6:30 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Thursday/Jueves

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

7:30 pm – HOLY THURSDAY (Bilingual Mass)

Friday/Viernes

Isaiah 52:13--53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1--19:42

12:00 – 3:00 pm – Afternoon of Prayer

3:00 pm – GOOD FRIDAY (Veneration of the Cross)-Eng.

5:00 pm – GOOD FRIDAY (Veneration of the Cross)-Sp.

Saturday/Sabado

Genesis 1:1, 26-31a Exodus 14:15—15:1 Isaiah 55:1-11

Romans 6:3-11 Luke 24:1-12

7:30 pm – EASTER VIGIL MASS (Bilingual)

Sunday/Domingo

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – NO MASS INTENTION

11:00 a.m. – +Jesus Maria Cantu and +Josephina Cantu requested by Margarita Alaniz Cantu and +Praxedis Garcia requested by Garcia Family

**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.

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 April 4th and 7th, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fe 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 2 de abril 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.

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 Andrew of Crete (660-740), monk and Bishop
Homily for Palm Sunday PG 97, 989-993 (trans. breviary)

"See, your king is coming to you" (Zac 9, 9; Mt 21, 5)

Come, come, and let us go up together to the Mount of Olives. Together let us meet Christ, who is returning today from Bethany and going of his own accord to that holy and blessed passion to complete the mystery of our salvation. And so he comes, willingly taking the road to Jerusalem, he who came down from the heights for us, to raise us who lie in the depths to exaltation with him, as the revealing word says: "above all authority and rule and power and above every name that is named" (Eph 1:21). He comes without display, without boast. For, as the prophet says, "He will not contend or shout out, and no one will hear his voice" (Is 42:2). He is gentle and lowly, and his entrance is humble...

Then, let us run with him as he presses on to his passion. Let us imitate those who have gone out to meet him, not scattering olive branches or garments or palms in his path but spreading ourselves before him as best we can with humility of soul and upright purpose. So may we welcome the Word as he comes (Jn 1:9); so may God, who cannot be contained within any bounds, be contained within us.

For he is pleased to have shown us this gentleness, he who is gentle and who "rides upon the setting sun" (Ps 56[57]:12), which refers to our extreme lowliness. He is pleased to come and live with us and to raise us up or bring us back to him through the word that unites to God.

San Andrés de Creta (660-740), monje y obispo
Homilía para el Domingo de Ramos, PG 97, 989-993

"He aquí que viene a ti tu rey." (Za 9,9; Mt 21,5)

Venid, y al mismo tiempo que ascendemos al monte de los Olivos, salgamos al encuentro de Cristo, que vuelve hoy de Betania y, por propia voluntad, se apresura hacia su venerable y dichosa pasión, para llevar a plenitud el misterio de la salvación de los hombres. Porque el que va libremente hacia Jerusalén es el mismo que por nosotros, los hombres, bajó del cielo, para levantar consigo a los que yacíamos en lo más profundo y colocarnos, como dice la Escritura, por encima de todo principado, potestad, fuerza y dominación, y por encima de todo nombre conocido (cf Ef 1,21). Y viene, no como quien busca su gloria por medio de la fastuosidad y de la pompa. No porfiará, dice, no gritará, no voceará por las calles, sino que será manso y humilde, y se presentará sin espectacularidad alguna.

Ea, pues, corramos a una con quien se apresura a su pasión, e imitemos a quienes salieron a su encuentro. Y no para extender por el suelo, a su paso, ramos de olivo, vestiduras o palmas, sino para prosternarnos nosotros mismos, con la disposición más humillada de que seamos capaces y con el más limpio propósito, de manera que acojamos al Verbo que viene, y así logremos captar a aquel Dios que nunca puede ser totalmente captado por nosotros.

Alegrémonos, pues, porque se nos ha presentado mansamente el que es manso y que asciende sobre el ocaso de nuestra ínfima vileza, para venir hasta nosotros y convivir con nosotros, de modo que pueda, por su parte, llevarnos hasta la familiaridad con él.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2016 during our Faith Formation Classes. Please help by **donating and bringing candy** to the office.

Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua el 30 de marzo durante clases de catecismo. Por favor, **de asistir y traer donaciones de dulces** a la oficina.

St. Mary's is in need of someone who will volunteer to help in doing the Schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers each month. Please call the office if interested.

Santa María está en la necesidad de alguien que va a ser voluntario para ayudar en hacer de la programación de los Lectores y Ministros de la Eucaristía cada mes. Por favor llame a la oficina si está interesado.

Faith Formation

XLT – Praise and worship and ADORATION!!!

Guest Speaker: Shaun De Gracia
Music by Shaun De Gracia

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. Mary: Star of the Sea
1019 West 6th Street, Freeport, Texas

Come join us for a night of Praise,
Worship and Adoration!!!

Youth Confirmation Session
March 20, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

This Week in the Our Parish

March 21:
NO MASS
 10 a.m. - Work Day – Church/Parish hall
 6:30 p.m. – Patricians - HW
March 22:
8:30 a.m. – English Mass
 9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5
 5:00 pm – LOM (Spanish) - HW#5
 6:30 pm – Core Meeting – HW
 7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)
 8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
March 23:
 5:45-6:15 p.m. – Confessions – (C)
6:30 pm - English Mass
 6:00 pm – Peace Rosary – (C)
NO Faith Formation/PK3-5th Grade
7:00 p.m. – XLT – (C)
March 24: HOLY THURSDAY
 9:30 a.m. – Work Day
OFFICES CLOSE AT 12 NOON
7:30 pm – Bilingual Mass
12:00 a.m. – Adoration ends
 8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
March 25: GOOD FRIDAY
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. – Afternoon of Prayer
3:00 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross – (English)
5:00 p.m. – Veneration of the Cross – (Spanish)
Holy Land Collection
March 26:
 9 A.M. – Work Day
 10 a.m. – Practice for Catechumens
7:30 pm – Bilingual Easter Vigil
March 27:
9:00 am – English Mass
11:00 am – Spanish Mass
NO 5:00 pm Mass
NO Life Teen/ Edge Classes

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 24, 7:30 P.M – Bilingual Mass (HOLY THURSDAY)
Acolyte: Richard Moreno/Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Jesus Salazar, Pedro & Rito Carrizales
Lectors: Marilyn Saccomanno, Johanna Blanchard
EM's: Lucy Salazar, Jesus Salazar

**March 25, 3:00 P.M – Veneration of the Cross – English
GOOD FRIDAY**
Acolyte: Richard Moreno/Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Cristian & Maria Chavez
Lectors: Jimmy Mikes, Sister Frances Weber
EM's: Margaret Garcia, Mary Rodriguez

**March 25, 5:00 P.M – Veneration of the Cross – Spanish
GOOD FRIDAY**
Acolyte: Chris Thompson/Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Manuel & Jose Acuna, Emmanuel Ramirez
Lectors: Isaura Gallegos, America Nunez
EM's: Maria Cardenas, Maria Lizardo

March 26, 7:30 P.M – Bilingual Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno/Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Tatyana & Sergio Diaz, Antonio & Allison Martinez, Abel & Martha Oliva
Lectors: Rosemary Bravo, Steve Melaragno, Elizabeth Heredia, Maria Oliva
EM's: Miguel Heredia, Able Oliva

March 27, 9:00 A.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Omar & Carlos Ramos, Sergio Garcia
Lectors: Johanna Blanchard, Arturo Moreno
EM's: Nieves Olguin, Nieves Olguin

March 27, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Jasmin Conejo, Stephany Reyes, Jesus Salazar
Lectors: Lucy Salazar, Candelaria Castro
EM's: Patricia Ramirez, Leobardo Ramirez, Jesus Salazar

ALTAR DUTY

March 16-31 – Ramona Ayala, Estella Arroyo, Esperanza Rubio

**St. Mary: Star of the Sea's 90th Anniversary on
August 13th and 14th, 2016.**

**St. Mary's Annual Parish Festival
Saturday & Sunday, May 21st & 22nd, 2016
Freeport Municipal Park**

Our Bazaar is right around the corner. We need all parishioners to help by giving monetary donations, live and silent auction items; name brand canned drinks, 2 liter drinks and bottled water. We are selling T-shirts for \$15. Need payment before ordering. Please come to the office to order. We are also in need of plants for our plant booth, someone that is interested in making hamburgers for our hamburger booth and someone to organize the children's game booth. Our raffle tickets have also arrived. Please come by the office to pick some up and start selling them. We need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser.
 Please call the parish office for more information.

St. Mary's offices will close at 12 noon on Thurs., March 24th and all day on Friday, March 25th and Monday, March 28th for the Easter holidays.
 Las oficinas de St. Mary se cerrarán a las 12 p.m. el jueves, 24 de marzo y durante todo el día el viernes 25 de marzo y lunes, 28 de marzo por las vacaciones de Semana Santa.

Holy Week Schedule

March 24: Holy Thursday (Bilingual) – 7:30 p.m.
 Adoration afterwards in Parish hall until 12 a.m.
March 25: Good Friday-12-3 pm-Afternoon of Prayer
 3 pm - Veneration of the Cross – English
 5 pm – Veneration of the Cross – Spanish
March 26: Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm
 Reception afterwards in Parish hall
March 27: Easter Sunday:
 9:00 am – English Mass
 11:00 am – Spanish Mass
NO 5:00 pm Mass

Patricians: An adult discussion group, will meet on Monday, March 21st in Heaven's Way hall at 6:30 p.m. Topic: 'Why is Extreme Unction' now referred to as the Sacrament of the Sick.