

## Weekly Highlights

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### 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](http://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](mailto:smsosphotos@gmail.com)

### Sacrament of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office at  
979-233-5271

### Stewardship Report

Collection for November 12:  
\$6,285.84

Under budget for the week of  
November 12: \$2,006.67

Second Collection for Maintenance:  
\$1,310.63

Your faithful stewardship helps us  
meet our 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

### Saturday, November 18 / sabado 18 de Noviembre

*Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time*

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

5:30 p.m. †Fermin Mendoza by Ramona & Family  
†Isabel Mendoza by Ramona & Family  
†Jose Macias by Esperanza & Family

### Sunday, November 19 / domingo 19 de Noviembre

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

11:00a.m. †Vladi Hernandez de la familia Heredia  
†Estorgio Cardenas de Cira Cardenas  
†Savian Cardenas de Cira Cardenas

### Monday, November 20 / lunes 20 de Noviembre

*Monday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday, November 21 / martes 21 de Noviembre

*Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Mc 6:18-31; PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

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

### Wednesday, November 22 / Miércoles 22 de Noviembre

*Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday, November 23 / Jueves 23 de Noviembre

*Thanksgiving Day*

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

9:30a.m. †Diane Flynn by her family  
†Isaac Chavez by Anna Perez

### Friday, November 24 / Viernes 24 de Noviembre

*Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

### 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.**

Tammie Guidry Hawkins, Ignacio Damian Sr., Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin, Lupe Mendoza, Kenneth Purdy, Peggy Brumley, Johanna Blanchard, Ernest Damain,

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

## From Our Pastor



On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the feast day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple. Tradition says that Mary's parents took her to the Temple when she was a small child to present her to God.

God: This is where the adventure begins for Mary, and this is where the adventure begins for each one of us. On this feast Mary reminds us of something that can easily get overlooked in this precocious world our children grow up in. God calls people of all ages to begin this adventure, to respond to His endless Love with their own small love. Mary shows us how. At the age of a small child she made a conscious decision to choose God, and she never went back on that choice. She chose Him for what he is: Love. She simply loved Him and tried to reflect that love on the people around her. The Church has called Mary, *Beloved Daughter of the Most High*. In her *Magnificat song* she recounts how the "Most High" has looked upon her in her "lowliness," chosen her and "done great things for her."

God sees us as we are too, he also loves us as we are, chooses us as we are and does great things for us. With the help of his grace, each one of us will get to sing our own *Magnificat* someday, to tell about our own remarkable adventure with God. We'll look back and be able to see the constant presence of God's loving providence that accompanied us in every moment of our life.

Let's begin right now. Mary began her divine adventure as a small child – and all of our children can too - but aren't we all small-aged children at the start of every new moment. In all of those moments we can also make a deliberate choice of the God who loves us and calls us, and we can choose to respond to his call by loving the people He puts around us.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El 11 de noviembre, la Iglesia celebra la fiesta de la Presentación de la Santísima Virgen María en el Templo. La tradición dice que los padres de María la llevaron al Templo cuando ella era una niña pequeña para presentarla a Dios.

Dios. Aquí es donde comienza la aventura para María, y aquí es donde comienza la aventura para cada uno de nosotros. En esta fiesta, María nos recuerda algo que puede pasar desapercibido fácilmente en este mundo precoz en que crecen nuestros hijos. Dios llama a personas de todas las edades a comenzar esta aventura, a responder a Su infinito amor con el propio pequeño amor. María nos enseña cómo. A la edad de una niñita, eligió a Dios conscientemente, y nunca renegó esa decisión. Ella Lo eligió por lo que Él es: Amor. Amaba a Dios con su sencillez y trataba de reflejar ese amor en las personas que la rodeaban. La Iglesia ha llamado a María: Hija Amada del Altísimo. En su canto del Magnificat, relata cómo el "Altísimo" la miró en su "humildad", la eligió y "hizo grandes cosas por ella".

Dios también nos ve tal como somos y nos ama tal como somos. Nos elige así como somos y hace grandes cosas por nosotros. Con la ayuda de su gracia, cada uno de nosotros cantará nuestro propio Magnificat algún día, para contar nuestra propia y extraordinaria aventura con Dios. Veremos hacia atrás y podremos ver la presencia constante de la amorosa providencia de Dios que nos acompañó en cada momento de nuestra vida.

Empecemos ahora mismo. María comenzó su aventura divina como una niña pequeña – y todos nuestros hijos también pueden--pero no somos todos niños pequeños al comienzo de cada nuevo momento. En todos esos momentos también podemos hacer una elección deliberada del Dios que nos ama y nos llama, y podemos elegir responder a su llamado en amando a las personas que él pone a nuestro alrededor.

*Padre Jesse Garcia*

## Personal Parroquial

**Secretaries/Secretarias**

Yolanda Garcia

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**Emergency Email Address and phone number**

St. Mary's now 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

marystaremergency@gmail.com

**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 November 16-30: James and Marilyn

**Sponsor of November****Altar Wine**

In loving memory of

Daniel & Delores, Serafin, Robert,

Neil, Jesse Delgado, Emilia

D. Corona requested by Rosie and

Armando Reyes

Anyone who volunteers or is involved in ANY MINISTRY needs to take **VIRTUS Training**.



Classes will be held here at St. Mary Star of the Sea, December 1, 2017 at 6:00-9:00p.m. This session will be in Spanish. Please register on-line or call Tina at 979-233-5271.

## Happy Birthday Father Jesse!

We will be having a breakfast birthday party after the 8:30 am Mass on Friday, November 24. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.



**Thanksgiving Day Mass**  
Thursday, November 23 Mass will be at 9:30a.m. It will be half in English and half in Spanish.

**Catechist** We are needing catechist for PreK thru 12th grades . We also need Substitute Teachers for all grades. Please call Sister San Juanita 979-233-5271 if you are interested .



## Penance Service at St. Mary Star of the Sea

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00p.m. in the church.



## LOVING JESUS IN OUR NEIGHBOR

All PreK through 12th graders are invited to help our poor, hungry brothers and sisters by filling up the St. Vincent de Paul pantry every month. Please bring items and place them in the St. Vincent de Paul bin in the front of the church, or the children and youth can bring up the food items in baskets during the offertory and place them in front of the altar as their offering to God. The food items needed are: Canned meats (Spam, tuna fish, vienna sausage, chicken); peanut butter; jelly; macaroni and cheese; canned fruit; canned chili; ramen noodles; canned vegetables (NO GREEN BEANS)



**Immaculate Conception**  
Friday, December 8, this is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:30a.m.

## Pancakes with Santa

Saturday, December 2 at 9:00-11:00a.m. \$4 presale or \$6 at the door, 3 and under are free. We will have a Sundae and Craft Booths for \$1 each. Remember to bring your cameras!



## NATIVITY PLAY ON DECEMBER 15TH

Searching for an infant boy or girl from 3 to 4 months old to play the part of Baby Jesus, please contact Sister San Juanita at 233-5271 for more information.



All PreK through 12th graders are invited to help the male prisoners at Ramsey prison by providing their needs of: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Also, the prisoners are asking for Christmas cards to mail to their families. Please bring these items to Sister San Juanita, and she will deliver them to the prison.

Todos los voluntarios implicados en cualquier Ministerio necesitan tomar VIRTUS formación. Las clases se realizarán en **St. Mary Star of the Sea** (Freeport) Viernes, 1 de diciembre, a las 6:00p.m. hasta las 9:00p.m. Esta sesión será en Español, en el Heaven's Way Hall. Usted debe ser pre-registrado, no se permite llegar tarde o aparecerse sin registro previo. Por favor, llegue al menos 20 minutos antes y no traigan niños ni a la clase. Por favor llame a la oficina 979-233-5271 para mas informacion.



**Misa para el día de Accion de Gracias** el Jueves, 23 de noviembre. La Misa será a las 9:30a. m. y será Bilingue

**Servicio de Penitencia en Santa María Estrella del Mar**  
Miércoles, 6 de diciembre a las 7:00 a las 9:00 p.m. en la iglesia.



**Inmaculada Concepción**  
Viernes, 8 de diciembre, este es un día sagrado de obligación. La Misa será a las 8:30a.m.

**Panqueques con Santa**  
Sábado, 2 de diciembre a las 9:00-11:00a.m. \$4 preventa o \$6 en la puerta, 3 y bajo son gratis. Vamos a tener una cabina de helado y cabinas de artesanía para \$1 cada uno.  
¡ Recuerde traer sus cámaras!



**Natividad de la obra el 15 de diciembre**



Estoy buscando a un niño o niña de 3 a 4 meses de edad para ser niño Jesús, por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita a 233-5271 para más información.

**¡ feliz cumpleaños, padre Jesse!**

Vamos a tener una fiesta de cumpleaños de desayuno después de la Misa de 8:30 AM el viernes, 24 de noviembre. Por favor, traiga su plato de desayuno favorito para compartir.



**Catequista**

Todavía necesitamos catequistas para los grados PreK al 12. También necesitamos maestros sustitutos para todos los grados. Por favor llame a la Hermana San Juanita 979-233-5271 si está interesado.



**Amando a Jesús en nuestro prójimo**



Todos los PreK a través de los grados 12 están invitados a ayudar a nuestros pobres, hambrientos hermanos y hermanas llenando la despensa de San Vicente de Paul cada mes. Por favor traiga artículos y colóquelos en el bin de San Vicente de Paúl en el frente de la iglesia, o los niños y jóvenes pueden traer los alimentos en canastas durante la ofrenda y colocarlos delante del altar como ofrenda a Dios. Los alimentos necesarios son: carnes enlatadas (spam, atún, salchicha de Viena, pollo); mantequilla de cacahuete; jalea; macarrones con queso; fruta conservada; Chile enlatado; verduras enlatadas (sin frijoles verdes).

Todos los PreK a través de los grados 12 están invitados a ayudar a los prisioneros varones en la prisión de Ramsey, proporcionando sus



necesidades de: jabón, desodorante, pasta de dientes, y cepillos de dientes. Además, los prisioneros están pidiendo tarjetas de Navidad para enviar a sus familias. Por favor traigan estos artículos a la hermana San Juanita, y ella los entregará a la prisión.

**Monday, November 20**

**Tuesday, November 21**

9:30a.m.	Legion of Mary (Eng)	Heaven's Way Rm.3
5:00p.m.	Legion of Mary (Sp)	Heaven's Way Rm.3
6:00p.m.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	No RCIA Session	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	Spanish Choir Practice	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

**Wednesday, November 22**

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	No CCE PK-5th Grades	Heaven's Way

**Thursday, November 23**

	OFFICE CLOSED	
9:30a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

**Friday, November 24**

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
9:00a.m.	Father Jesse's Birthday	Parish Hall
3:00p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

**Saturday, November 25**

4:00p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:15p.m.	Christ the King Procession	Parking Lot
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat	Heaven's Way

**Sunday, November 26**

8:45a.m.	Christ the King Procession	Parking Lot
9:00a.m.	English Mass	Church
10:45a.m.	Christ the King Procession	Parking Lot
11:00a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
4:45p.m.	Christ the King Procession	Parking Lot
5:00p.m.	English-Youth Mass	Church
6:30p.m.	NO Youth Ministry	Parish Hall



**Altar & Rosary Society**

Jr. Damian (979) 248-8070

**Knights of Columbus /  
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**Sponsor of the Week**

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