

Weekly Highlights

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 December 3rd:
\$6,319.19

Under budget for the week of
December 3rd: \$1,973.32

Second Collection for Maintenance:
\$1,239.50

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, December 9 / Sabado 9 de Diciembre

Saturday of the First Week of Advent

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30p.m. † Pablo Olguin by Santana Olguin
† Juan Olguin by Santana Olguin

Sunday, December 10 / Domingo 10 de Diciembre

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

9:00a.m. † Bernabe Olguin by Santana Olguin
† Santos Valdez Jr. by His Wife and Family

11:00a.m. Intenciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe por los Guadalupanos
† Amparo Negrete de Carol & Richard Rangel
† Celia Gonzales
† Manuel Gonzales

5:00p.m. † Thelma Wong

Monday, December 11 / Lunes 11 de Diciembre

Monday of the Second Week of Advent

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12 / Martes 12 de Diciembre

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:39-47

6:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
† Augustin Mendoza Sr.
† America Ramirez
† For the Deceased Guadalupanos

Wednesday, December 13 / Miércoles 13 de Diciembre

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

8:30a.m. † Mark Barclay by his wife

Thursday, December 14/ Jueves 14 de Diciembre

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15 / Viernes 15 de Diciembre

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

8:30a.m. † Luz Maria Madrid

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.

Andy Olguin, Lupe Mendoza, Kenneth Purdy, Peggy Brumley, Johanna Blanchard, Melody Hernandez, Mary Taylor and family, Jessica Gutierrez, Jill L. Armstrong, Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family

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 December 8th the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which refers to the fact that Mary was “unmarked” by the Original Sin from the first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann. We will also celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

Mary is the only one Jesus chose to be the Mother of all the people He restored to their state of grace as sons and daughters of the Father and, without a mother, there can be no father. But how can we ever hope to resemble our Mother when we are still scarred by the wounds of the Original Sin that we see every time we look into the mirror?

That is the moment when we have to make the distinction between what we are and what the work of God in us is. Theologians tell us that we are nothing and God is everything. In her *Magnificat* song, Mary even sings and boasts about her ‘nothingness’: “*he has looked upon the nothingness of his servant*” (see *Lk 1:48*). The *Magnificat* can only be sung upon a “nothingness”.

We should keep in mind that Mary, who introduced herself at Lourdes as the Immaculate Conception, appeared in a cave that was piled up with rubbish and filth from the surgeries and patient rooms of a nearby hospital. Perhaps she chose precisely that spot to show how she can and wants to appear again in this world also through the “trash” that is in us.

She knows that she can live again through us, precisely because of the grace we all receive at Baptism plus our “nothingness” in which God can do “great things for us”. It’s never a matter of being Immaculate enough, but of opening our hearts to her and allowing her, both as individuals and as a community to live in us. But she’ll not only live in us but, as St Maximilian Kolbe says, she’ll make us her – no longer us living in us, but Mary in us (see Gal 2:20). Then, anyone who visits our community will have a real encounter with Mary in which she can heal them and lead them into friendship with her Son. People in Lourdes were quite puzzled when Mary introduced herself as an “event” – *I am the Immaculate Conception* – but now we see, she truly is an event, because she can and will live in and through us, right here in Freeport, if we as a parish community allow her to.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia celebró la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, que se refiere al hecho de que María era “sin mancha” por el Pecado Original desde el primer momento de su concepción en el vientre de su madre, Santa Ana. Además, celebraremos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe este domingo y también el 12 de diciembre.

María es la única que Jesús eligió para ser la Madre de todas las personas que Él restauró a su estado de gracia como hijos e hijas del Padre y, sin una madre, no puede haber padre. Pero, ¿cómo podemos esperar parecernos a nuestra Madre cuando todavía estamos marcados por las heridas del Pecado Original que vemos cada vez que nos miramos al espejo?

Ese es el momento en que tenemos distinguir entre lo que somos y lo que es la obra de Dios en nosotros. Los teólogos nos dicen que somos nada frente a Dios quien lo es todo. En el ‘Magnificat’ María incluso canta y exalta su ‘nada’: “porque Él miró con bondad la pequeñez de tu servidora” (véase Lc 1, 48). El Magnificat solo se puede cantar sobre un “nada”.

Debemos tener en cuenta que María, quien se presentó en Lourdes como la Inmaculada Concepción, apareció en una cueva que estaba llena de basura y desechos sucios de las cirugías de los pacientes de un hospital cercano. Tal vez eligió precisamente ese lugar para mostrar cómo puede y quiere volver a aparecer en este mundo también a través de la “basura” que hay en nosotros.

Ella sabe que puede vivir nuevamente a través de nosotros, precisamente por la gracia que todos hemos recibimos en el Bautismo pero también por nuestro “nada” sobre el cual Dios puede hacer “grandes cosas por nosotros”. No se trata de buscar ser suficientemente inmaculados, sino de abrirle nuestros corazones y permitirle a ella, como individuos y como comunidad, de vivir en nosotros. Y no solo vivirá en nosotros, sino que, como dice San Maximiliano Kolbe, nos hará suyos - ya no seremos nosotros quienes vivimos ‘en nosotros’, sino será María a vivir en nosotros (véase Gal 2:20). Entonces, cualquiera persona que visite nuestra comunidad tendrá un verdadero encuentro con María en el que ella podrá sanarlos y conducirlos a la amistad con su Hijo. La gente en Lourdes estaba bastante desconcertada cuando María se presentó como un “evento” - *Soy la Inmaculada Concepción* - pero ahora vemos que ella realmente es un evento en la historia de salvación porque puede vivir en nosotros y a través de nosotros aquí en Freeport si nosotros como comunidad parroquial se lo accedemos.

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretaries/Secretarias

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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

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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 December 1-15: Dolly & James

December 16-31: Yolanda & Shirley

Sponsor of December Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
Celia y Manuel Gonzalez & America
Ramirez de Elsa y Michael Gonzalez

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Penance Service in Our Deanery for 2017

December 14th at St. John's in West
Columbia at 7:00 p.m.

December 18th at St. Michael's in Lake
Jackson at 7:00 p.m.

December 20th at Most Holy Trinity in
Angleton at 7:00 p.m.



Looking for Something Meaningful and Rewarding to do?

JOIN THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We serve the Freeport Community by Providing food, clothing, medication, gas and monetary assistance to those in need. So far this year we have helped 153 people with food, and have paid out approximately \$3800 for rent, utility, or medication assistance to 85 individuals.

We need additional members in order to reach more individuals in our community. In addition to the home visits, we need members to visit the sick and elderly in hospitals and nursing homes. We need help shopping for the pantry and keeping it stocked and cleaned.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of St. Vincent de Paul. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.

If you are unable to join, you can still help in the following ways:

- Monetary
- Donations of non-perishable goods
- Register Kroger card in the Community Rewards Program.

The Altar Society will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Donations for the Christmas flowers are being accepted now until Dec. 20th.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 we will have regular scheduled masses at 9 & 11a.m., the 5p.m. mass will be the Christmas Vigil for children in English. There will be a Midnight mass starting at 11:30p.m. with Christmas Carols. This mass will be half English and half Spanish. **Monday, December 25** mass will be at 10:00a.m. and will be half English and half Spanish.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30a.m. Mañanitas will be sung in the Church in Spanish. Coffee and Pan Dulce afterwards in the Parish Hall. Mass will be at 6:30p.m. half in English and half in Spanish.



“Stars of the Sea” will have their Senior Day

on Thursday, Dec. 21st at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be doing the 6th day of La Posada and playing “Christmas Bingo”. You, no matter your age, can join us!!



“La Posada” Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Knights of

Columbus, Ramsey Martinez 233-6590.

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm in Heaven's Way Hall by Movimiento Familiar Catolico Cristiano, Elizabeth Heredia 979-665-2318.

Monday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Office Staff, Tina Robledo 979-233-5271.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall by RCIA, Marilyn Saccomanno 979- 233-1726.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Sr. San Juanita and Faith Formation 979-233-5271.

Thursday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall by “Stars of the Sea”, Marilyn Saccomanno 233-1726.

Friday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall by Legion of Mary, Rosary and Altar Society Carolina Luna 979-233-7185.

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. at 311 W. 8th St. by Magdalena Reyes 979-239-4262.

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Church before the Christmas Eve Children's Mass with Brother Bill Hartnett.



Servicios penitenciales



14 de diciembre en St. John's en West Columbia a las 7:00 p.m.

18 de diciembre en San Miguel en Lake Jackson a las 7:00 p.m.

20 de diciembre a la Santísima Trinidad en Angleton a las 7:00 p.m.

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Martes, 12 de diciembre a las 5:30a.m. Mañanitas será cantado en la iglesia en español. Café y pan dulce después en el salón parroquial. La Misa será a las 6:30p. m. y será bilingüe.



Esta buscando hacer algo significativo en su vida?

UNASE A LA SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Nosotros servimos a la comunidad de Freeport proveyendo comida, ropa, medicina, combustible y ayuda financiera a aquellos que lo necesitan. En lo que va del año hemos ayudado a 153 personas con comida, y hemos pagado aproximadamente \$3800 en renta, utilidades, o ayuda con medicamentos a 85 individuos.

Nosotros necesitamos mas miembros en orden de llegar a mas individuos en nuestra comunidad. En adición a las visitar a hogares, necesitamos miembros para que visiten a los enfermos y ancianos en los hospitales y en casas de ancianos. Necesitamos ayuda con las compras de la alacena y mantenerla bien surtida y limpia.

Considere en oración ser miembro de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul. Nos reunimos cada 2do y 4to martes del mes a las 6p.m. en el salón de conferencias de la Oficina Parroquial.

Existen otras formas de ayudar si no puede ser miembro:

- Monetariamente
- Donaciones de comida of no percedera
- Registrando su tarjeta en Kroger.

"Estrellas del Mar" tendrá su reunión el jueves, 21 de diciembre a las 10:30 en el salón parroquial. Haremos el sexto día de la Posada y jugaremos al "Bingo navideño". ¡ No importa su edad, únase a nosotros!



Horario de "las Posadas"

Sábado, 16 de diciembre a las 7 p.m.

en el salón parroquial de los Caballeros de Colón, Ramsey Martínez 233-6590.

Domingo, 17 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el Heaven's Way Hall por el Movimiento Familiar Católico Cristiano , Elizabeth Heredia #665-2318.

Lunes, 18 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial por la oficina, Tina Robledo #233-5271.

Martes, 19 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial de RCIA, Marilyn Saccomanno # 233-1726.

Miércoles, 20 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón parroquial por Hermana San Juanita y la formación de la fe #233-5271.

Jueves, 21 de diciembre a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón parroquial por "estrellas del mar", Marilyn Saccomanno 233-1726.

Viernes, 22 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial por Legión de María, Rosario y sociedad del altar Carolina Luna #233-7185.

Sábado, 23 de diciembre a las 7 p.m. a 311 W. 8th St.by Magdalena Reyes #239-4262.

Domingo, 24 de diciembre a las 5 p.m. en la iglesia de Santa María antes de la Misa de Nochebuena para niños con el hermano Bill Hartnett.



La sociedad del altar estará decorando la iglesia para Navidad. Vamos a aceptar donaciones para las flores de Navidad hasta el 20 de diciembre.



Calendario de Misas navideñas

Domingo, 24 de diciembre tendremos misas regulares 9:00 y 11:00 a.m.

Misa de vigilia navideña para los niños en inglés a las 5:00 p.m.

Misa bilingüe de medianoche a partir de las 11:30p.m. con canciones navideñas.

Lunes 25 de diciembre Misa bilingüe a las 10 a.m.



Monday, December 11

6:30p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Parish Hall
7:00p.m.	Neo Cats	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	RCIA Session	HW/Conf. Rm

Tuesday, December 12

5:00a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe-Mañanitas	Church
9:30a.m.	Legion of Mary (Eng)	HW Rm.3
5:00p.m.	Legion of Mary (Sp)	HW Rm.3
6:00p.m.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:00p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Conference Rm
6:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, December 13

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	CCE PK-5th Grades	Heaven's Way

Thursday, December 14

6:15p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Penance Service-St. John's	West Columbia
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, December 15

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
3:00p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church
7:00p.m.	Live Nativity Play	Parish Hall

Saturday, December 16

10:00a.m.	First Communion 2nd-5th	Heaven's Way
1:30p.m.	First Communion 6th & up	Heaven's Way
4:00p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat	Heaven's Way
7:00p.m.	Las Posadas	Parish Hall

Sunday, December 17

9:00a.m.	English Mass	Church
11:00a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
2:30p.m.	Confirmation Class	Heaven's Way
5:00p.m.	English-Youth Mass	Church
6:30p.m.	Youth Ministry	Parish Hall
7:00p.m.	Las Posadas	Heaven's Way

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