

**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](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 February 26th: \$5,517.14  
Under budget for the week of February 26th: \$1,579.01  
Second Collection for vestments:  
\$1,238.04

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 gener-  
osity everyone is  
capable of.” ~ Pope Francis**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Saturday, March 4 / Sábado 4 de marzo**

First Sunday of Lent / Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

*Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11*

5:30 p.m. †Baldomero Armando Izaguirre by Wife and Family  
Blessing for Nieves, Carmen Olguín and Santana Olguín

**Sunday, March 5 / Domingo 5 de Marzo**

First Sunday of Lent / Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

*Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11*

9 a.m. †Evaristo Reyes Sr. by Rosie and Armando R.  
†Amparo R. Mendoza by Rosie and Armando R.  
†Bertha R. Méreles by Rosie and Armando R.

11 a.m. †Sra. América Ramírez de parte de la Familia  
†Guadalupe “Tito” Tamayo de parte de la Familia  
†Aniceto y Nicolasa Mata de parte de Santana Olguín

**Monday, March 6 / Lunes 6 de marzo**

*Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,15; Mt 25:31-46*

**Tuesday, March 7 / Martes 7 de marzo**

*Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,1-19; Mt 6:7-15*

6:30 p.m. For the Parishoners of St. Mary

**Wednesday, March 8 / Miércoles 8 de Marzo**

*Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32*

**Thursday, March 9 / Jueves 9 de Marzo**

*Est C 12:14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-2AB,2CDE-3,7C-8; Mt 7:7-12*

**Friday, March 10 / Viernes 10 de Marzo**

*Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7A,7BC-8; Mt 5:20-26*

**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.**

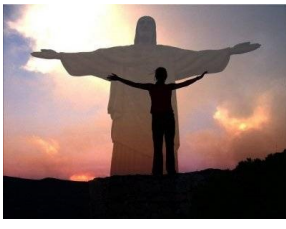
Guadalupe Ybarra, Abigail Arias, Graciela Garcia, Alberto Garcia, Rogelio Calvillo, Ignacio Damian Sr, Lillie Damian, Gabriel Gallegos, Will Windham, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Gary W. Callaway, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Luz Santos, Chano Lopez, Linda Melnar, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar, Roy Martinez, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Josephina Chavez, Leong Mendoza, Janice Gartman, Gloria Irwin, Maria Gonzales, David Jauregui, Marizol Esquivel, Rosa Segovia, Susan Phillips, Albert Gonzalez, Abbie Rodriguez, Amador Garza, Juan Garza, Erica Ayala, Becky Shawver, Kevin Green, June Lowery, Jay Garcia, Doug Staff, Bill Schultz.

**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



### Refine the Figure of Christ Within Us During Lent



As we struggle during Lent to acquire virtues by struggling against their opposing vices, we should recognize what a great opportunity we have in each neighbor whereby in loving him or her out of love for Jesus, we discover self-denial of our selves. To improve ourselves, it is not always necessary to focus on our defects, but instead, to go around these obstacles by “changing room,”

or by “living the others.” In doing so, we place ourselves in the way of charity which is the source of every virtue.

Charity, in fact, carves out the figure of Christ in us; when we love, we are another Christ. However, loving Jesus Crucified in the practice of the virtues gives us the impression of refining that sculpture, of giving it the finishing touches.

Notwithstanding our love for our neighbors, we still carry along our little defects, even the smallest ones, which take something away from the beauty of Christ within us. Because of this, we are often dissatisfied with ourselves; though conscious of our great efforts, we are still humiliated by our own personal imperfections.

Which defects are these? Everyone has their own. At times our actions suffer due to our haste, or to our imperfection in carrying out the will of God; we may get distracted in our prayer, or pay too much attention to the foolish things that the world likes; perhaps we lose control over our appetite. We may be often overcome by curiosity, or fall into pride. We may tend to speak needlessly, or without thinking of what we are saying. We can be attached to little things, somewhat dependent on the use of television. We allow ourselves to seek to be served by the others; we become inconsistent, and so on. What should we do in ‘this case?’

When it is a question of things that are not good, Jesus invites us to act with decision when he affirms: If your eye is a cause for scandal, than take it out. (cf. Mt 5:29)

Therefore, out of love for Jesus, not wavering, but remaining who we are, we must still uproot our vices, one after another, even while continuing along our own path, which is the path of love.

This is not easy. In fact, if we free ourselves from one vice each year, we will become perfect in a short time.

Love in fact is very helpful for this. Love is the denial of self, and burns our defects away.

Just the same, it would not be a bad idea to aim at one of our defects by creating a habit of practicing its opposing virtue.

Let’s take courage then and go to work!

Fr. Jesse Garcia

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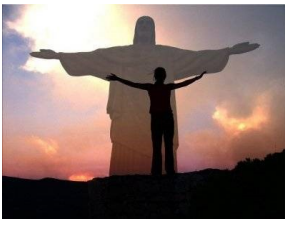
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### Refinar La Figura De Cristo Dentro De Nosotros Durante La Cuaresma



Mientras intentamos durante la Cuaresma a adquirir virtudes por adquirirlas y en la lucha contra los vicios opuestos, debemos reconocer que el hermano es nuestra “fortuna” porque amando a cada uno por amor a Jesús, encontramos la renuncia a nosotros mismos. Para mejorar espiritualmente no consista tanto en combatir defecto tras defecto, sino más bien en evitar los obstáculos, en “cambiar de habitación” o “viviendo los otros” y poniéndonos así en la caridad, fuente de toda virtud.

La caridad, en efecto, plasma en nosotros la figura de Cristo, porque al amar se es otro él. Pero al amar a Jesús Crucificado en la práctica de las virtudes, se tiene la impresión de esculpir esa figura de Cristo en nosotros, de acabarla con perfección.

Ahora bien, se puede observar cómo, no obstante nuestro amor hacia los hermanos, arrastramos desde hace años pequeños o no tan pequeños defectos, a veces superficiales, pero que le quitan algo a la belleza de Cristo en nosotros. Y a menudo nos lamentamos con nosotros mismos, porque nos humilla vernos tan imperfectos a pesar de todos nuestros esfuerzos.

¿Cuáles son esos defectos? Cada uno tiene los propios. A veces echamos a perder lo que hacemos por el apuro, o llevamos a cabo imperfectamente la voluntad de Dios, nos distraemos en la oración, nos detenemos en tonteras propias del mundo, o no sabemos moderar la gula. Frecuentemente nos vence la curiosidad, caemos en la vanagloria, o hablamos inoportunamente y sin necesidad. Estamos apegados a las cosas, somos dependientes de la televisión, queremos que los demás nos sirvan, somos inconstantes, etcétera. ¿Qué hacer, entonces?

Cuando se trata de costumbres malas, Jesús nos invita a actuar con decisión, como cuando afirmó: “Si tu ojo derecho es para ti una ocasión de pecado, arráncalo...” (Mt. 5, 29).

Por lo tanto, también nosotros, si bien continuando en el camino del amor, no tenemos que vacilar y - por amor a Jesús Crucificado - erradicar vicio tras vicio.

Esto no es fácil; es más, si llegáramos a liberarnos de un vicio por año, en poco tiempo seríamos perfectos. El amor ayuda, el amor es renegarse a sí mismo y quemar también estas cosas.

De todos modos, puede hacernos bien tomar en consideración algún defecto y tratar de acostumbrarnos a la virtud opuesta. Con la costumbre opuesta se vence una costumbre mala.

¡Adelante, entonces!

P. Jesse García

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### News and Events

### Noticias y Eventos

### Baptism Classes in Spanish and English

Effective in May: Spanish Baptism classes will be given the first Saturday of each month from 1 pm to 5 pm. English Baptism classes will be given on the first Mondays and first Thursdays of the month from 7-8:30 pm.

### Quinceañera

Requires preparation with Sr. San Juanita ESEH, and must be attending CCE/Lifeteen/Edge classes regularly, attending mass, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact Sister at 979 233 5271.

### Altar Duty

March 1-15: James and Marilyn Saccomanno.

### Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of  
Jesús Guevara Sr.

Requested by  
His Children

**LIVING A SPIRITUALITY OF COMMUNION IN THE FAMILY**  
**THE FOCOLARE EXPERIENCE**

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA  
 AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES AT QUINTANA BEACH

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 11  
 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM  
 ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA  
 1019 W 6TH ST. FREEPORT, TX 77541

MASS AVAILABLE AT 9AM

RSVP BY MARCH 9TH AT  
[HTTPS://FOCOLAREFAMILYMEETING.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://focolarefamilymeeting.eventbrite.com)

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED -  
 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP COVER  
 THE COST ARE WELCOMED!





You are invited to take home a Rice Bowl from the Catholic Relief Services that can be filled with dollars and coins.

Rice Bowls are a way of supporting our brothers who are in need, and converting our hearts to giving rather than receiving.



The Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Lenten Fish Fry starting March 3, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the

Parish Hall. Plates are \$10.00.



**Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)**

for all high school youth will be July 28-30, 2017 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Please contact Sr. San Juanita for registration and more details at 979 233 5271.



**Parish Lenten Penance Service**

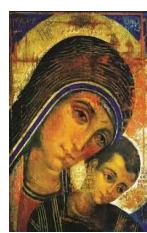
On Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Church.



**Stations of the Cross**

During Lent begin Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Church.

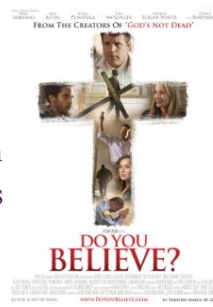
**Neo-Catechumenal Way Catechesis**



Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Heaven's Way in Spanish. This catechesis will continue for the next seven weeks. Come and discover your Catholic Faith. Contact Benjamin Merino 281 687 6007.

**Family Movie Night**

Featuring "Do You Believe?" on March 18th at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Hall.



**Baby shower** For Annunciation Maternity Home on June 4, 2017 at 2 p.m. in Heaven's Way. For more information, please contact Sr. San Juanita at 979 233 5271.



**Adult Faith Formation**-“What is God's Will for Me?” 6 DVD sessions “**SAYING Yes**” with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM, will be offered during Lent. Sign up now by calling the Parish office 979 233 5271 for Thursday morning sessions beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Conference Rm or Wednesday evening sessions beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Conference Rm.

**Festival Fundraiser**

Come and enjoy the company of your community and the breakfast we are selling after the 9 and 11a.m. masses every Sunday to help us defray operating expenses for the Festival.

VIVIR UNA ESPIRITUALIDAD  
DE COMUNION EN LA FAMILIA:  
LA EXPERENCIA DEL MOVIMIENTO  
DE LOS FOCOLARES

PROGRAMA PARA TODA LA FAMILIA  
EN SANTA MARIA ESTRELLA DEL MAR  
Y CONTINUANDO EN LA PLAYA QUINTANA

FECHA: SÁBADO 11 DE MARZO  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
1019 W 6TH ST. FREEPORT TX. 77541

MISA DISPONIBLE A LAS 9 A.M.  
PARA REGISTRARSE LLAME A LA OFICINA  
979-233-5271

SE PROVEERÁ ALMUERZO  
HABRÁ TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL



### AYC (Conferencia Arquidiosesana para Jóvenes)

Esta conferencia es para jóvenes en edad de bachillerato se llevara a cabo de los días 28 al 30 de julio del 2017 en el centro de convenciones George R. Brown en Houston. Para registrarse o obtener mas detalles favor de contactar a la Hermana San Juanita al 979 233 5271.



### Las Estaciones de la Cruz

Cada viernes durante la cuaresma empiezan el Viernes 3 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia.

**Formación de la Fe para Adultos-**“Cual es la voluntad de Dios para mi?” 6 sesiones de DVD **“Diciendo Si”** con el Padre Albert Haase, OFM, se ofrecerá durante la cuaresma. Inscríbase ahora llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al 979 233 5271 sesiones del jueves por la mañana comenzaran el 2 de marzo a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón de conferencias las sesiones del miércoles comenzaran el 8 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m. en el salón de conferencias.



Esta usted invitado a llevarse a casa un plato de arroz de parte de Catholic Relief

Services que usted puede llenar de billetes y monedas. Los platos de arroz son una forma de ayudar a nuestros hermanos necesitados, y a nuestros corazones convirtiéndose para dar en lugar de recibir.



CABALLEROS  
DE COLÓN  
SIRVIENDO A UNO. SIRVIENDO A TODOS.

Los Caballeros de Colón tendrán su venta de pescado frito durante la cuaresma empezando el 3 de marzo 2017 de 5 a 7 p.m. en el Salón de la Parroquia - \$10 por plato.



**Servicio Penitencial** El martes 7 de marzo a las 7 pm en la Iglesia.



### El Camino Neo-Catecúmenal

Los lunes y miércoles a las 7 p.m. en Heaven's Way. Esta catequesis seguirá durante 7 semanas. Venga y descubra su Fe Católica. Llame a Benjamín Merino al 281 687 6007.

### Lluvia de Regalos para el Bebe

A favor de la Casa de Maternidad Anunciación el 4 de Junio del 2017 a las 2 p.m. en Heaven's Way. Para mayor información favor de llamar a la Hermana San Juanita al 979 233 5271.



### Desayuno y Comida!

Venga y goce de la compañía de su comunidad y del desayuno que estamos vendiendo después de las misas de 9 y 11a.m. cada domingo para ayudarnos a sufragar los gastos de operación del Festival.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, March 6

7 pm	Marriage Preparation Class	PH
7 pm	Neo- Catecúmenal	HW

### Tuesday, March 7

11 am	Altar Society Meeting	HW
9:30 am	LOM (Eng)	RM #3
5 pm	LOM (Sp)	RM #3
6 pm	Peace Rosary	Church
6 pm	RCIA and Catechumens Candidates	Church
6:30 pm	Mass (Eng)	Church
7 pm	Penance Service	Church
8 pm	AA Mtg	RE Building

### Wednesday, March 8

8:30 am	English Mass	Church
10 am	Bereavement	RM # 8
5:30 pm	Adult Faith-"Saying Yes"	Conf. RM
7 pm	Neo-Catecúmenal	HW

### Thursday, March 9

9 am-6 pm	Adoration	Church
10:30 am	Adult Faith-"Saying Yes"	Conf. RM
5:30-6 pm	Confessions	Church
6 pm	Benediction	Church
6:15 pm	Spanish Mass	Church
8 pm	AA Meeting	RE Building #9 & #10

### Friday, March 10

8:30 am	English Mass	Church
3-4 pm	Divine Mercy	Church
7 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

### Saturday, March 11

9 am	The Focolare Experience	Church
4-5 pm	Confessions	Church
5:30 pm	English Mass	Church

### Sunday, March 12

9 am	English Mass	Church
11 am	Spanish Mass	Church
5 pm	Lifeteen Mass	Church

### Ministries/ Ministerios

#### Altar & Rosary Society

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#### Knights of Columbus/Caballeros de Colón

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

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Sonia Montoya (979) 709-2267

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#### Guadalupe Society

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#### St. Vincent de Paul

Juanita Cardozo (979) 233-5271

#### Work of Mary (Focolare Movement)/Obra de Maria

(Movimiento de los Focolares)  
Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

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