

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 March 12th: \$4,135.91
Under budget for the week of March 12th: \$2,960.24
Second Collection: \$2,979.14

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, March 18 / Sábado 18 de marzo

Third Sunday of Lent / Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

5:30 p.m. †Jerry Linares
 †Emma Gutiérrez by Oralia Guevara
 †Johnny, Pat and Jessie Aguilar
 Blessings for Nieves and Carmen Olguín by Santana Olguín

Sunday, March 19 / Domingo 19 de Marzo

Third Sunday of Lent / Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

9 a.m. †Connie and Lorenzo Moreno by Family

11 a.m. †José Mendoza de parte de su Familia
 †Pablo y Juanita Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín
 †Jorge Luis de parte de Santana Olguín

5 p.m. †Pánfilo Paredes by Paredes Lara Family
 †David Herbert by his Grandchild
 Bendiciones para Félix López de parte de Rosie Arroyo y familia.

Monday, March 20 / Lunes 20 de marzo

2 SM 7:4-5A,12-14A,16; Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27 and 29; Rom 4:13,16-18,22
Mt 1:16,18-21,24A

Tuesday, March 21 / Martes 21 de marzo

Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4-5AB,6 and 7BC,8-9; Mt 18:21-35

6:30 p.m. †For Souls in Purgatory by By Santana Olguín
 For the Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, March 22 / Miércoles 22 de Marzo

Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 23 / Jueves 23 de Marzo

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9 Lk 11:14-23

6:15 p.m. †Candelario Serrano
 †María García
 Bendiciones para Domitila Saldívar de parte de Marisol Serrano Y familia
 For Priest Vocations by Santana Olguín

Friday, March 24 / Viernes 24 de Marzo

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6C-8A,8BC-9,10-11AB,14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

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.

Louis Stohr, 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.

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



The Feast Day of the Annunciation

This week we celebrate the feast day of the Annunciation when the second Person of the Holy Trinity became a human being in Mary's womb. Since that moment we have no longer had to search for God somewhere in the far off heavens. From the moment He took on our human nature we can find God in every neighbor we meet. He even said it: "Insofar as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). He is our Brother and His Father is ours.

But there is also a Mother in this picture. Being a Trinity, God likes to bring others into the picture. In fact, Mary is the place where the Incarnation took place. The point of unity between Jesus's human and divine nature is located in her. She's the Mother of Unity, of our unity in Jesus. She sees Jesus in every human being: she sees her own son, her own daughter.

It's not always easy for us to see Jesus in others. We may believe that He's there by faith, but so are their sins and defects. There is a joke about the stoning of the woman caught in adultery. Jesus says to let the one without sin cast the first stone. A stone flies from the crowd. Jesus sighs: "Mom, I thought I asked you to stay home today." Yes, Mary could judge the sins and shortcomings that she sees in us. But she doesn't, she never throws stones.

On the contrary, she's always shown herself to be the advocate, the mother of the most unfortunate. And when they feel the judgement of God is upon them, it is to her that countless numbers of Christians have run for help. Why? Because she's a mother and mothers know only how to love. It's typical of a mother to love her children as herself because there is something of herself in them. We too can find something of ourselves in others, we can find Jesus in them. And they can find something of our Mother in us.

Everyone – man, woman, boy or girl – is a little bit like their father and a little bit like their mother (otherwise we'd all be clones). We can honor our Heavenly Mother by imitating her love. With each neighbor, at home, at work, or on the street, with the people we speak to over the phone or carry out our daily work – with every person we meet we can say: "I'll act as if I were his or her mother," and behave accordingly. Mothers serve, mothers find excuses, mothers are always full of hope. Then, we'll never throw stones and we'll bring Mary's presence into our world.

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La Fiesta de la Anunciación

Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de la Anunciación cuando la segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad se hizo hombre en el vientre de María. Desde ese momento nosotros no tenemos que buscar a Dios en los lejanos cielos. Desde el momento en que Él tomó nuestra naturaleza humana nosotros podemos encontrar a Dios en cada prójimo que conocemos. Él inclusive lo dijo: “En verdad les digo que, cuando lo hicieron con uno de estos más pequeños que son mis hermanos, lo hicieron conmigo” (Mt 25:40). Él es nuestro Hermano y su Padre es el nuestro.

Pero también existe una Madre en esta escena. Siendo una Trinidad, a Dios le gusta traer a otros a la escena. De hecho, María es el sitio en el cual se realizó la Encarnación. El punto de unidad entre Jesús humano y la divina naturaleza está localizado en ella. Ella es la Madre de Unidad, de nuestra unidad en Jesús. Ella ve a Jesús en cada ser humano: ella ve a su propio hijo, su propia hija.

No siempre es fácil para nosotros ver a Jesús en los demás. La fe nos hace creer que Él está en ellos, pero también están sus pecados y defectos. Existe un chiste acerca de la mujer que iba a ser apedreada por haber cometido adulterio. Jesús dice que el que esté libre de pecado tire la primera piedra. Una piedra sale de donde se encuentra la gente y Jesús suspira: “Mamá, qué no te dije que te quedaras hoy en casa.” Sí, María podría juzgar los pecados y deficiencias que ella ve en nosotros. Pero ella no lo hace, ella nunca tira piedras.

Al contrario, ella siempre interfiere como abogada, la madre de los más desafortunados. Y cuando ellos sienten el juicio de Dios cerca, es a ella que un sin número de Cristianos corren por su ayuda. Porque? Porque ella es una madre y las madres solo saben como amar. Es típico de una madre amar a sus hijos como a ella misma porque hay algo de ella misma en ellos. Nosotros también podemos encontrar algo de nosotros en otros, podemos encontrar a Jesús en ellos. Y ellos pueden encontrar algo de nuestra Madre en nosotros.

Todos - hombre, mujer, niño o niña es un poco como su padre y un poco como su madre (de otra manera todos seríamos clones). Podemos honrar a nuestra Madre Celestial imitando su amor. Con cada prójimo, en casa, en el trabajo, o en la calle, con la gente con quien hablamos y por teléfono o cuando trabajamos diariamente - con cada persona que conocemos podemos decir: “Yo voy a actuar como si fuera su madre,” y tratarnos de acuerdo a ello. Las madres sirven, las madres encuentran excusas, las madres siempre están llenas de esperanza. Entonces, nosotros nunca tiraremos piedras más bien traeremos la presencia de María en el mundo.

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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 16-31: Mary Rodriguez and Janice Hawley.

Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of

Jesús Guevara Sr.

Requested by

His Children



'Lenten Series on the Meaning of Suffering in the Christian Life'

Thursday, March 23, March 30 and April 6. The sessions will be held in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments following. Please RSVP with Bill Hartnett at (979) 233-5271, ext. 305.



World Down Syndrome Day is March 21. Did you know that 1 out of every

800 pregnancies results in a baby with Down syndrome (or Trisomy 21), a naturally-occurring chromosomal deviation? If you or someone you know has received a pre-natal diagnosis of Trisomy 21 or Down syndrome, and would like to speak to a mother of a child with that disability, contact Elizabeth: 650-653-1797 or elizabethto-tah@gmail.com.



An Adult Discussion Group, **the Patricians**, will meet on Monday, March 20th in Heaven's

Way Hall, 6:30 -8:30. Topic is Ecclesiology. All parishioners are invited to attend.



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.



All the elect (candidates and Catechumens) will meet this Tuesday, March 21st @ 6:00 p.m. in the church.

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All parishioners who volunteer to work with children are required by the Archdiocese to take Virtus Protecting God's Children course. It will be held in Heaven's Way at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th. Please register online at www.virtusonline.org

Stations of the Cross

During Lent every Friday at 3 and 7 p.m. in Church.



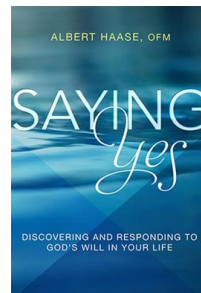
Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)

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.

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.



The Knights of Columbus are having their Annual Lenten Fish Fry continuing March 17, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Plates are \$10.00.



Adult Faith Session, **Saying Yes by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**, will meet on Thursday morning, March 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference room. Not too late to join in the discussion.



‘Series de Cuaresma el Sentido del Sufri- miento en la Vida Cristiana’

Jueves 23 de marzo, 30 de marzo y 6 de abril. Las sesiones serán conducidas en el salón parroquial a las 7 p.m. todos están invitados. Refrigerio des pues de la sesión. Favor de reservar antes de la sesión con Bill Hartnett al [\(979\) 233-5271](tel:9792335271), ext. 305.



El día mundial del síndrome de Down es el 21 de marzo. ¿Sabías que 1 de cada

800 embarazos resulta en un bebé con el síndrome de Down (o Trisomía 21), que es una desviación de las cromosomas que ocurre naturalmente? Si tú o alguien que conoces ha recibido el diagnóstico prenatal de Trisomía-21 o Síndrome de Down y te gustaría hablar con una mamá con un niño con esa discapacidad, comunícate con Aida: [713-824-0129](tel:7138240129) o aida37g@gmail.com.



Un grupo de discusión de adultos, **los Patricios**, se reunirán el lunes 20 de marzo en Heaven’s Way

Hall, a las 6:30 -8:30 p.m. Tema Eclesiología. Todos los feligreses están cordialmente invitados.



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.

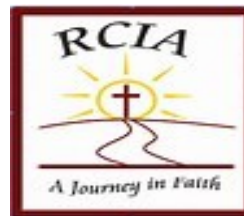
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Todos los feligreses que deseen ser voluntarios y trabajar con niños la Arquidiócesis requiere que tomen el curso de Virtus Protegiendo los Hijos de Dios. Este se llevara a cabo el 28 de marzo en Heaven’s Way a las 6:30 p.m. Favor de registrarse en line en www.virtusonline.org.

Las Estaciones de la Cruz

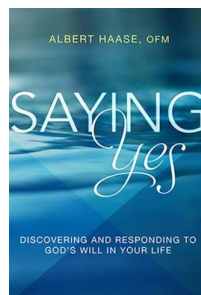
Cada viernes durante la cuaresma a las 3 y 7 p.m. en la iglesia.



Todos los elegidos y llamados a la conversión (candidatos y catecúmenos) se reunirán este Martes 21 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia.



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.



Sesión Fe para los Adultos, **Diciendo Si por Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**, se reunirán el jueves por la mañana el 23 de marzo a las 10:30 a.m. en el salón de conferencias. No es demasiado tarde para unirse a la discusión.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 20

6:30 pm	Patricians	HW
7 pm	Marriage Preparation Class	PH
7 pm	Neo-Catecumenal	HW

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 am	LOM (Eng)	RM #3
5 pm	LOM (Sp)	RM #3
6 pm	Peace Rosary	Church
6 pm	RCIA / Elect	Church
6:30 pm	Mass (Eng)	Church
8 pm	AA Mtg	RE Building

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 am	English Mass	Church
5:30 pm	Adult Faith "Saying Yes"	Conf. RM
5:30 pm	CCE	HW

Thursday, March 23

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
6:30 pm	Virtus Class	HW
8 pm	AA Meeting	RE Building 9 & 10

Friday, March 24

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

Saturday, March 25

4-5 pm	Confessions	Church
5:30 pm	English Mass	Church

Sunday, March 26

9 am	English Mass	Church
11 am	Spanish Mass	Church
5 pm	Lifeteen Mass	Church
6:30 pm	Lifeteen/Edge Classes	Church

Ministries/ Ministerios

Altar & Rosary Society

Ignacio Damian Jr. (979) 480-5149

Knights of Columbus/Caballeros de Colón

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia

Maria Cardenas (979) 233-2863
Sonia Montoya (979) 709-2267

Legion of Mary/Legion de Maria

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726
Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

Ushers/Greeters/ Accommodators

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Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Miguel y Elizabeth Heredia
(979) 665-2318

Guadalupe Society

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

Almas Misioneras

Jose Coronado (979) 201-1164
Maria Oliva (979) 201-6253

Lectors/Lectores

Troy Menendez (979) 233-5271

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

Neo-catechuman Way/Camino Neocatecumenal

Benjamin Merino 281-687-6007

Sponsor of the Week

Kathy Bruce
In Loving Memory Of
Norman and Leola Landry