

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 19th: \$3,884.62
Under budget for the week of March 19th: \$3,211.53
Second Collection: \$1,103.87

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 25 / Sábado 25 de marzo

Fourth Sunday of Lent / Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

1 SM 16:1B,6-7,10-13A; PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

5:30 p.m.

†Connie Salazar País

Blessings for Nieves and Carmen Olguín by Santana Olguín

Sunday, March 26 / Domingo 26 de Marzo

Fourth Sunday of Lent / Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

1 SM 16:1B,6-7,10-13A; PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

9 a.m.

†Jose and Lionila Mendoza by Mendoza Family

11 a.m.

†Señor Estorgio Cárdenas de parte de su Hijos

†Bernabé Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín

†Aniceto y Nicolasa de parte de Santana Olguín

Bendiciones para el Movimiento Familiar

Monday, March 27 / Lunes 27 de marzo

IS 65:17-21; PS 30:2 and 4,-5-6,11-12A and 13B; JN 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 28 / Martes 28 de marzo

EZ 47:1-9,12; PS 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; JN 1:5-16

6:30 p.m.

†Jose Rubio by his wife Esperanza Rubio and Family
For the Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, March 29 / Miércoles 29 de Marzo

IS 49:8-15; PS 145:8-9,13CD-14,17-18; JN 5:17-30

Thursday, March 30 / Jueves 30 de Marzo

EX 32:7-14; PS 106:19-20,21-22,23; JN 5:31-47

6:15 p.m.

†Laura Heil Requested by James and Marilyn Saccamanno

Friday, March 31 / Viernes 31 de Marzo

WIS 2:1A,12-22; PS 34:17-18,19-20,21 and 23; JN 7:1-2,10,25-30

8:30 p.m.

†Jose Rubio by his wife Esperanza Rubio and Family

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.

Robert Garcia, Domitila Saldivar, 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.

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



We only have two weeks left on our Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday when our foreheads were smeared with ashes and Jesus invited us with his Words to “*Repent, and believe in the gospel*” (Mark 1:15). The coming of Jesus into our world marks the beginning of a new era, the era of grace and salvation, the coming of God’s kingdom. His words here invite us to embrace this good news and have the life of God’s kingdom.

And he right away shows us how: repent, that is, change direction and believe in the gospel (the good news!). When we accept and live out Jesus’s words they bring about a change in our thinking – repentance. They instill in us the very sentiments of Jesus toward people and the world. How is it that the gospel can work such a miracle of conversion and give us a new life? The secret lies in the mystery contained in Jesus’s words. They’re not simply commands or even advice. Jesus actually lives in his words, and it’s Jesus himself who speaks to us in them. By receiving his words into our hearts and living them, we’re one with him and he lives in us. This is why we should welcome Jesus’s urgent invitation, especially during these last two weeks of Lent before the celebration of his life-giving death and resurrection.

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

Some of us might consider the words of the Gospel to be too high or difficult, too far removed from real life and our ordinary way of thinking. And so we might feel discouraged from even hearing them. Perhaps this is because we think that we’re the ones that have to move our mountain of doubt and disbelief all by ourselves. But all it really takes is an honest try, living out at least one of his Words. The Word of God is a presence of God. When we live even one of his words, it cleanses us, changes us, strengthens and gladdens us. We could begin with the Word “love” which is the essence of the Gospel.

Repent, and believe the Gospel! Think of how much light this single sentence could give to us today. Every time we come up against our own weaknesses or those of others; every time that following Jesus seems to be an impossible task or even absurd; every time that problems threaten to overwhelm us, this Word could be a breath of fresh air, an encouragement from Jesus to begin again. Then, it would only be a matter of a small act of love, a quick change of direction to get us out of ourselves and place us in God where we would experience a different life, the life of God’s kingdom.

The teachers and children of the CCE here at St Mary’s have been sharing their experiences with one another of putting the Word of God into practice with the help of the Cube of Love. This simple sharing of the Word has formed them into a small community, a small but vibrant portion of God’s kingdom. Such little chunks of God’s kingdom could sprout up anywhere, wherever love, the essence of the Gospel is lived and shared.

Fr. Jesse Garcia

Pastoral Staff/Personal Pastoral

Pastor/Párroco

Fr. Jesse Garcia
979 233 5271 Ext 308
pastor@stmarystarofthesea.org

Deacon/Diacono Felipe Garza

979 233 5271 Ext 305
dcnfgarza@gmail.com

Deacon/Diacono Wally Shaw

979 233 5271
wallace.shaw@outlook.com

Office Manager/Bookkeeper/ Gerente de la Oficina/ Contadora

Tina Robledo
979 233 5271 Ext 307
manager@stmarystarofthesea.org

CCE, Sacramental Prep. & Youth Coordinator/Coordinadora de la formación catequética, jóve- nes y preparación Sacramental

Sr. San Juanita Jeffress, ESEH
979 233 5271 Ext 304
youthmin@stmarystarofthesea.org

Faith Formation/Formación en la Fe

Marilyn Saccomanno
979 233 5271 Ext 301
religioused@stmarystarofthesea.org

Liturgy Coordinator/ Coordinador de la Liturgia

Bill Hartnett
979 233 5271 Ext 308
billhartnett57@gmail.com

De Parte de Nuestro Pastor



Solo tenemos dos semanas más en nuestro viaje de Cuaresma que comenzó el miércoles de ceniza cuando nuestras frentes fueron manchadas con las cenizas y Jesús nos invitó con sus palabras “Arrepiéntete, y cree en el Evangelio” (Marcos 1:15). La venida de Jesús a nuestro mundo marca el principio de una nueva era, la era de gracia y salvación, la venida del reino de Dios. Sus palabras aquí nos invitan a abrazar la buena nueva y tener la vida en el reino de Dios.

Y El enseguida nos mostró como: arrepiéntete, eso es, cambia de dirección y cree en el evangelio (la buena nueva!). Cuando nosotros aceptamos y vivimos las palabras de Jesús ellas traen un cambio en nuestro pensamiento – arrepentimiento. Ellas instilan en nosotros los mismos sentimientos de Jesús hacia las personas y el mundo.

Como es que el evangelio puede trabajar tal milagro de conversión y darnos una nueva vida? El secreto está en el misterio contenido en las palabras de Jesús. Ellas no son simplemente mandatos o inclusive consejos. Jesús actualmente vive en sus palabras, y es Jesús mismo el que nos habla en ellas. Al recibir sus palabras en nuestro corazón y viviéndolas, somos uno con El y Él vive en nosotros. Por esto debemos darle la bienvenida a la invitación urgente de Jesús, especialmente durante estas dos semanas de Cuaresma antes de la celebración de su vida – dando muerte y resurrección. “Arrepiéntete, y cree en el Evangelio.”

Algunos de nosotros consideramos las palabras del Evangelio muy altas o difíciles, muy removidas de la vida real y nuestro modo de pensar ordinario. Y así podríamos sentirnos desalentados inclusive de escucharlas. Tal vez esto es porque nosotros pensamos que somos nosotros los que tenemos que mover nuestra montaña de duda e incredulidad nosotros solos. Pero en realidad solo toma honestamente tratar, Por lo menos vivir una de sus palabras. La Palabra de Dios es la presencia de Dios. Cuando vivimos por lo menos uno de sus palabras, nos limpia, nos cambia, nos fortalece y nos regocija. Podríamos comenzar con la palabra “amor” la cual es la esencia del Evangelio.

Arrepiéntete, y cree en el Evangelio! Piensa cuanta luz esta simple oración nos podría dar hoy. Cada vez que nos enfrentamos a nuestra propia debilidad o la de otros; cada vez que seguir a Jesús parece una tarea imposible o inclusive absurda; cada vez que los problemas nos amenazan con abrumarnos, esta Palabra puede ser un aliento de aire puro, es ánimo de parte de Jesús para empezar de nuevo. Luego, entonces seria cosa de un pequeño acto de amor, un cambio rápido de dirección para sacarnos de nosotros mismos y ponernos en Dios donde nosotros experimentaríamos una vida diferente, la vida del reino de Dios.

Las maestras y los niños de CCE aquí en Santa María han estado compartiendo sus experiencias poniendo la Palabra de Dios en práctica con la ayuda el cubo de amor. Esta sencillo compartir de la Palabra los ha transformado en una pequeña comunidad, una pequeña pero vibrante porción del reino de Dios. Tales pequeños pedazos del reino de Dios pueden aparecer por dondequiera, donde el amor, la esencia del Evangelio es vivida y compartida.

P. Jesse García

Pastoral Staff/Personal Pastoral

Secretaries/Secretarias

Yolanda Garcia

Marisol Serrano

Barbara Klimpt

secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org

979 233 5271 Ext 302

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

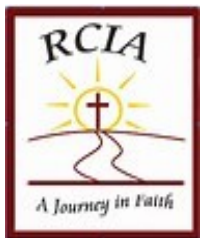


Please pray for our 'ELECT' as they prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist: Yumalay López, Lilian López, Juan Jr. and Kimberly Garza, Marvin Fuentes, José and Michelle Ostorga, Deborah Rodríguez, Pete Gamboa, Billy Toomer, David Páez, Verónica Medina, and Eli De la Garza.



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

Altar Society Meeting will be on April 4th at 11:00 a.m.



All the elect (candidates and Catechumens) will meet this Tuesday, March 28th @ 6:00 p.m. in the church.



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

Thursday, 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.



The regularly scheduled Thursday night Spanish mass is being changed from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. for Thursday March the 30th, 2017.



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.

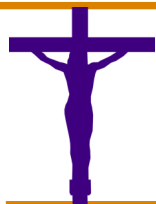


You are invited to take home a Rice Bowl from the Catholic Relief Services that can be filled with dollars and coins.

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



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.



Stations of the Cross

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

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.



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA 26 de MARZO, 2017 FREEPORT, TX

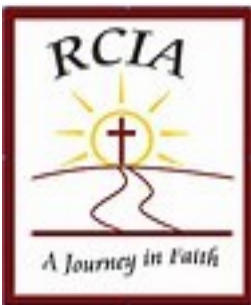


Por favor ore por los “ELECTOS” mientras se preparan para los sacramentos de Pascua de Resurrección Bautismo, Confirmación, y Eucaristía: **Yumalay López, Lilian López, Juan Jr. and Kimberly Garza, Marvin Fuentes, José and Michelle Ostorga, Deborah Rodríguez, Pete Gamboa, Billy Toomer, David Páez, Verónica Medina, and Eli De la Garza.**



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

La Sociedad del Altar se reunirá el 4 de abril a las 11:00 a.m.



Todos los elegidos y llamados a la conversión (candidatos y catecúmenos) se reunirán este Martes 28 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. en la iglesia.



‘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:979-233-5271), ext. 305.



La misa del Jueves regularmente es a las 6:15 p.m. se cambiara el horario para las 8:30 a.m. Jueves 30 de Marzo del 2017.



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.



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.



AYC (Conferencia Arquidiocesana 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 a las 3 y 7 p.m. en la iglesia.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, March 27

7 pm Marriage Preparation Class PH

Tuesday, March 28

9:30 am LOM (Eng) RM #3
 5 pm LOM (Sp) RM #3
 6 pm St. Vincent of Paul Conf. Rm
 6 pm RCIA (Rosary and Mass) Church
 6:30 pm Mass (Eng) Church
 8 pm AA Mtg RE Building

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 am English Mass Church
 10 pm Bereavement Rm #8
 5:30 pm CCE HW

Thursday, March 30

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 31

8:30 am English Mass Church
 3 pm Stations of the Cross Church
 5-7 pm Fish Fry PH
 7 pm Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, April 1

9-10:30 am First Communion Class HW
 4-5 pm Confessions Church
 5:30 pm English Mass Church

Sunday, April 2

8 am-2 pm Blood Drive PH
 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

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

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

COMPLIMENTS OF
WALLACE & KATHY SHAW