

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 April 2th: \$7,876.50

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, April 8 / Sábado 8 de abril

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion / Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"

MT 21:1-11 (at the Procession with Palms); IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66

5:30 p.m. †Jose Macias by Esperanza and Family
†Mark Barclay by his Wife
Blessings for Nieves and Carmen Olguín by Santana Olguín

Sunday, April 9 / Domingo 9 de abril

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion / Domingo de Ramos "de la Pasión del Señor"

MT 21:1-11 (at the Procession with Palms); IS 50:4-7; PS 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24; PHIL 2:6-11; MT 26:14-27:66

11 a.m. †Jorge Luis Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín
†Bernabé Olguín de parte de Santana Olguín
†María Concepción Carmona de parte de la Familia Díaz

Monday, April 10 / Lunes 10 de abril

IS 42:1-7; PS 27:1,2,3,13-14; JN 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 11 / Martes 11 de abril

IS 49:1-6; PS 71:1-2,3-4A,5AB-6AB,15 and 17; JN 13:21-33,36-38

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

Wednesday, April 12 / Miércoles 12 de abril

IS 50:4-9A; PS 69:8-10,21-22,31 and 33-34; MT 26:14-25

8:30 a.m. Vocations for the Priesthood by Santana Olguín

Holy Thursday, April 13 / Jueves Santo 13 de abril

EX 12:1-8,11-14; PS 116:12-13,15-16BC,17-18; 1 COR 11:23-26; JN 13:1-15

Good Friday of the Lord's Pasion, April 14 / Viernes Santo de la Pasión del Señor 14 de abril

IS 52:13-53:12; PS 31:2,6,12-13,15-16,17,25; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 JN 18:1-19:42

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.

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

Suffering is one of the greatest mysteries in our lives. We try to avoid it, but sooner or later it catches up to us. It can be something as small as a headache, or something as awful as a son or a daughter who has chosen the wrong path. It can be a mistake at work, failing on a test, losing a loved-one or the horror of war, terrorism and natural disaster. Suffering often makes us feel powerless and, sometimes even the people closest to us aren't able to fix things for us; while other times it's enough that someone silently shares our pain.

This is what Jesus did. He drew so close to us when he took on our human nature that he experienced all the pains and sufferings that we feel. He did even more: He took upon himself the cause of our suffering – sin. St Paul says that: “God made him who did not know sin, to be sin” (see 2 Cor 5:21). In that moment of his greatest love for us, on the cross, he experienced in his human spirit the infinite distance that sin places between us and God. So, he cried out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mt 17:46). He became completely one with us, even with our sin (although he never sinned).

He transformed all of it into, himself, into love. And he overcame that moment of such great suffering with love. He believed in the Father's love and entrusted himself completely to him: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Lk 23:46). All of us were with him in that act of entrustment, with all of our sins and failings that cause us to suffer.

Jesus re-established the unity between Heaven and earth and opened for us the gates of God's kingdom. He made us completely one with him, his brothers and sisters, with one another, children of God. So, now, we need not fear all the negative things we see. They're all manifestations of Jesus's greatest moment of love for us, echoes of his cry of forsakenness on the cross. They're all Jesus Forsaken.

This is the mystery of death and of life that we celebrate at Easter, the feast of the Resurrection. It's the same mystery that Our Lady experienced at the foot of the cross when she was also called to lose what she held most dear, her Son and her God. But it was precisely in that moment that she became the Mother of many new children whom her forsaken Son had generated for her – other Jesuses. Once again, Mary said yes to God's plan and became the Mother of everyone.

Now that Jesus has taken on all the sufferings, divisions and traumas of our human condition, wherever we see suffering, we can see Jesus Forsaken. Every physical, moral, or spiritual suffering can remind us of him: all our tiredness, our disillusionments, our lack of direction and our failures – every sin and all the consequences of sin. We cannot but see his face in all of them and, when we do, we can embrace him and be filled with his gifts of joy, light and peace because the Risen Lord will shine in us. So, the mystery of suffering in our lives turns out to be like playing hide-and-seek with God.

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De Parte de Nuestro Pastor



El sufrimiento es uno de los misterios mas grandes de nuestra vida. Tratamos de evitarlo, pero tarde o temprano nos llega a alcanzar. Puede ser algo tan pequeño como un dolor de cabeza, o algo tan horrible como un hijo o hija que ha tomado el camino equivocado. Puede ser un error en el trabajo, fallar en un examen o perder a un ser amado o el horror de la guerra, terrorismo o desastre natural. El sufrimiento usualmente nos hace sentir impotentes y, algunas veces las personas mas cercanas a nosotros no pueden arreglar las cosas para nosotros; mientras tanto otras veces es suficiente que alguien comparta nuestro dolor en silencio.

Esto era lo que Jesús hacia. El se acercó tanto a nosotros cuando tomo nuestra naturaleza humana que el experimento todos los dolores y sufrimientos que nosotros sentimos. El hizo mucho mas: El tomo por si mismo la causa de nuestro sufrimiento—pecado. San Pablo dice que: “El no cometió pecado, pero Dios quiso que cargara con nuestro pecado” (vea 2 Cor 5:21). En ese momento de su gran amor por nosotros, en la cruz, El experimento en su espíritu humano la distancia infinita que el pecado pone entre nosotros y Dios. Así, es que el grito: “Dios mío, Dios mío por que me has abandonado? (Mt 27:46). El se convirtió completamente en uno con nosotros, incluyendo nuestro pecado (aun cuando El nunca pecó).

El trasformo todo en, El mismo, en amor. Y el supero ese momento de gran sufrimiento con amor. El creyó en el amor del Padre y se entrego completamente a El: “Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu” (Lk 23:46). Todos nosotros estábamos con el en ese acto de encomienda, con todos nuestro pecados y fallas que nos causan sufrimiento. Jesús restableció la unidad entre el Paraíso y la tierra y abrió para nosotros las puertas del reino de Dios. El nos hizo completamente uno con el, sus hermanos y hermanas, hijos de Dios. Y ahora, no necesitamos tener miedo de las cosas negativas que vemos. Son todas manifestaciones del gran momento de amor de Jesús por nosotros, ecos de sus gritos de abandono en la cruz. Todos son Jesús abandonado.

Este es el misterio de la muerte y la vida que celebramos en la Pascua de Resurrección. Es el mismo misterio que Nuestra Señora experimento al pie de la cruz cuando ella también fue llamada que también perdiera lo que ella mas amaba, su Hijo y Pero era precisamente en ese momento que ella se convirtió en la Madre de muchos nuevos hijos por los que su hijo abandonado genero para ella—otros Jesusees. Una vez mas María dijo si al plan de Dios y se convirtió en la Madre de todos.

Ahora que Jesús a tomado todos los sufrimientos, divisiones y traumas de nuestra condición humana, dondequiera vemos sufrimiento, podemos ver a Jesús abandonado. Cada sufrimiento físico, moral o espiritual nos lo recuerdan: todo nuestro cansancio, nuestras desilusiones, nuestra falta de dirección nuestras fallas—cada pecado y todas las consecuencias del pecado. No podemos mas que ver su cara en todo ello y, cuando lo hacemos, lo podemos abrazar y llenarnos de sus regalo de alegría, luz y paz porque el Señor Resucitado brillara en nosotros. Así, el misterio del sufrimiento en nuestras vidas se vuelve en el juego de las escondidillas con Dios.

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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

April 1-15: James and Marilyn Saccomanno.

Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of

Felipe García and

Fernando Salinas

Requested by Margaret Garcia and
Family

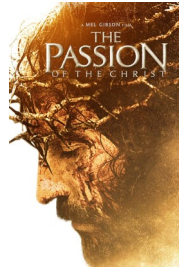


Holy Week

- Holy Thursday, April 13th 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 14th Prayer-12 noon to 3 p.m.
- Veneration of the Cross in English 3 p.m.
- Veneration of the Cross in Spanish 6 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, April 15th 7 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.



Please notice that the parish office will be closed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday April 13th and on Monday April 19th will be closed all day.



Movie Night

“Passion of the Christ” on Good Friday April 14th at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

RCIA—All the Elect **Yumalay Lopez, Lilian Lopez, Juan Jr and Kimberly Garza, Marvin Fuentes, Jose and Michelle Ostorga, Deborah Rodriguez** with their Godparents and the Candidates **Pete Gamboa, Billy Toomer, David Paez, Veronica Medina, and Eli De la Garza** with their sponsors will attend a retreat at the Velasco Community house on Sunday, April 9th at noon. Please keep them in your prayers.



Easter Flower Memorials need to be handed in today April 9th or bring them by the office by Wednesday, April 12th. Thank You.



Festival meeting

Wednesday April 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room, this meeting is for everyone involved in the organization and for all that will have a booth in the festival.



Festival T-shirts

For sale come by the office to purchase your Shirts before they are all gone.
Adults \$15.00
Youth \$10.00

‘Stars of the Sea’

our 55 and older senior group will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in Heaven’s Way Hall for fun, bingo and refreshments.



Work Days for Holy Week: April 12th 9 a.m.; April 13th 8:30 p.m.; April 15th 9 a.m.



Adult Faith Session, **Saying Yes by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**, will meet on Thursday morning, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference room.

Not too late to join in the discussion.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA



Semana Santa

- Jueves Santo, 13 de abril a las 7 p.m.
- Viernes Santo, 14 de Abril Oración—de las 12 del medio día a las 3 p.m.
- Veneración de la Cruz en inglés a las 3 p.m.
- Veneración de la Cruz en español a las 6 p.m.
- Vigilia Pascual, 15 de abril a las 7 p.m.
- Misas para el Domingo de Pascua a las 9 y 11 a.m.

RCIA—Todos los elegidos **Yumalay Lopez, Lilian Lopez, Juan Jr and Kimberly Garza, Marvin Fuentes, Jose and Michelle Ostorga, Deborah Rodriguez** con sus Padrinos y los Candidatos **Pete Gamboa, Billy Toomer, David Paez, Veronica Medina, and Eli De la Garza** con sus Padrinos asistirán a un retiro en la Casa de la Comunidad Velasco el domingo 9 de abril al mediodía. Favor de mantenerlos en sus oraciones.



Camisetas Del Festival

A la venta pase por la oficina para comprar su camiseta antes de que se agoten.

Adultos \$15.00

Jóvenes \$10.00

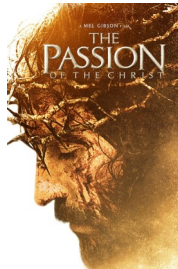
Días de Trabajo para la Semana Santa: 7 de abril a las 9 a.m.; 12 de abril a las 9 a.m.; abril 13th 8:30 p.m.; 15 de abril a las 9 a.m.



9 de ABRIL, 2017 FREEPORT, TX



Favor de tomar nota la oficina de la parroquia estará cerrada a las 2:00 p.m. el jueves 13 de abril y el lunes 19 de abril estará cerrada todo el día.



Noche de película

“La Pación de Cristo” el viernes Santo 14 de abril a las 8 p.m. en el salón de la Parroquia.

Flores de Pascua en Memorial

Se necesitan hoy 9 de abril o favor de traerlas a la oficina no mas tardar que el miércoles 12 de abril. Gracias.



Reunión para el Festival

El miércoles 12 de abril a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón de conferencias, esta reunión es para todas las personas envueltas en la organización y para todos los en cargados de un puesto (cabina) en el festival.



‘Estrellas del Mar’

Nuestro grupo de la tercera edad 55 y mayores se reunirán el jueves 20 de abril a las 10:30 a.m. en Heaven’s Way Hall para divertirse, bingo y refrigerio.



Sesión Fe para los Adultos, **Di-ciendo Si por Fr. Albert Haase, OFM**, se reunirán el jueves por la mañana el 6 de abril 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, April 10

7 pm Marriage Preparation Class PH

Tuesday, April 11

9:30 am LOM (Eng) RM #3
 11 am Altar Society Meeting HW
 5 pm LOM (Sp) RM #3
 6 pm St. Vincent of Paul Conf. RM
 6 pm Peace Rosary Church
 6:30 pm Mass (Eng) Church
 8 pm AA Mtg RE Building

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 am English Mass Church
 10 pm Bereavement RM # 8
 5:30 pm CCE HW
 7 pm Festival Meeting Conf. RM
 7pm Neo-Catechumenal Way HW

Thursday, April 13

7:30 pm Holy Thursday Liturgy Church
 8 pm AA Meeting RE Building 9 & 10

Friday, April 14

3 pm Good Friday Services PH
 6 pm Servicio de Viernes Santo PH

Saturday, April 15

7 pm Easter Vigil Church

Sunday, April 16

9 am English Easter Mass Church
 11 am Misa de Pascua de Resurrección Church

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Work of Mary (Focolare Movement)/Obra de Maria (Movimiento de los Focolares)

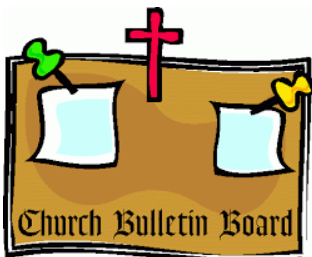
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Neo-catechumenal Way/Camino Neocatecumenal

Benjamin Merino 281-687-6007

Sponsor of the Week

Mary Landry
 In Loving Memory of
 Earl Landry



Submissions for the bulletin are welcome! Please have them in no later than Tuesday nights. Submissions can be sent to: secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org

Son bienvenidas presentaciones para el boletín! Favor de mandarlas no mas tardar del martes por la noche. Puede mandarlas a : secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org