

## 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 May 7th: \$5,995.81  
Under budget for the week of May 7th:  
\$1,100.34  
Second Collection for maintenance:  
\$1,428.86

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 &amp; READINGS

**Saturday, May 6/ Sábado 6 de mayo**

*Saturday of the Third Week of Easter / Sábado de la III semana de Pascua*

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

ACTS 9:31-42; PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; JN 6:60-69

5:30 p.m. †Marcus Ayala by Ramona Ayala & Family  
†Maria Ayala by Ramona Ayala & Family  
Blessings for Nieves & Carmen Olguin

**Sunday, May 7/ Domingo 7 de mayo**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter / IV Domingo de Pascua*

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41; PS 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6; 1 PT 2:20B-25; JN 10:1-10

11:00 a.m. †Guadalupe Tito Tamayo de parte de su familia  
†Jorge Luis Olguin de parte de Santana Olguin  
†Bernabe Olguin de parte de Santana Olguin

**Monday, May 8/ Lunes 8 de mayo**

*Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter / Lunes de la IV semana de Pascua*

ACTS 11:1-18; PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; JN 10:11-18

**Tuesday, May 9/ Martes 9 de mayo**

*Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter / Martes de la IV semana de Pascua*

*Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

ACTS 11:19-26; PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7; JN 10:22-30

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

**Wednesday, May 10/ Miércoles 10 de mayo**

*Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter / Miércoles de la IV Semana de Pascua*

ACTS 12:24—13:5A; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6 AND 8; JN 12:44-50

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

**Thursday, May 11/ Jueves 11 de mayo**

*Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter / Jueves de la IV semana de Pascua*

ACTS 13:13-25; PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND 27; JN 13:16-20

**Friday, May 12/ Viernes 12 de mayo**

*Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter / Viernes de la IV semana de Pascua*

*Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr*

ACTS 13:26-33; PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB; JN 14:1-6

8:30 a.m. †Edel Quinn by Legion of Mary

**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.

Jordan Gomez, Robert Garcia, Domitilia Saldivar, Louis Stohr, Guadalupe Ybarra, Abigail Arias, Graciela Garcia, Alberto Garcia, Ivan Mendoza, Ededina Loya, Patricia Embil, Lupe Mendoza.

**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



May is the month when Christians around the world celebrate the love of our Mother Mary for us. Why? Because she is a mother and therefore like a powerful magnet: the whole world feels attracted to her. Nowadays she's a popular topic for journalists. She recently appeared on the front covers of National Geographic and Time. Every culture has its own Madonna, and Mary is also venerated by Muslims: she is the greatest among all the women of Creation. From the first century, the Jewish people recognized her as the Mother of Jeshua, the prophet; the Riteous Woman. In the Royal Gardens of Thailand there is a garden to the feminine Buddha. Her ears are long to show that she is listening to us, and her nose is very long, representing her deep compassion. The statue was probably inspired by a picture of Our Lady that the first Christian missionaries showed to Buddhist monks.

It's as if God had planted Mary like secret seed of brotherhood in all the cultures of the world. She is the common denominator who could really unite us. She is our Mother and we are her children, so we should resemble our Heavenly Mother, just as we should resemble our Heaven Father who is compassionate to all. I think there would be an endless number of ways that we could try to resemble her. I'd like to suggest one in particular.

It is alleged that the Virgin Mary appeared to a group of young people. One day, a theologian asked the young visionaries what impressed them most about the Virgin Mary. They all agreed that it was intense beauty and her intense love for each and every person. This word "intense" is very interesting, intense beauty and intense love for each person. One day, one of the youngest visionaries was looking at the Virgin Mary, completely taken by her beauty. Suddenly he asked her: "But how can you be so beautiful?" Then Our Lady reached down and kissed him on the forehead. "I'm beautiful because I love. *You* love, and you'll be beautiful too." The best compliment you can give a person even after they're dead is to say that he or she was a beautiful human being. (It's possible to be very attractive, and an ugly human being.)

In today's world we could imitate Mary in her intense love for every person, be Mary, so that we can shine with her beauty. Then, when others see that beauty in us, they'll be consoled and their spirits elevated to God.

The Church calls Mary the Mother of Fairest Love. If we love, when we look at ourselves in the mirror and ask, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" Our mirror will answer us: "It's you!" And Mary will smile at seeing a little bit of herself in us.

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## De Parte de Nuestro Pastor



Mayo es el mes en que cristianos alrededor del mundo celebran el amor de nuestra Madre María por nosotros. Porque? Ella es una madre. María es también el tema de hoy por escritores. Recientemente ha aparecido en la portada de las revistas *National Geographic*, y en *Time* magazine. Si, ella es el imán más potente: todo el mundo se siente atraído a ella porque ella es la Madre. Cada cultura tiene su propia *Madonna*. También María es venerada por los musulmanes: ella es la más grande entre todas las mujeres de la Creación. Desde el siglo primero, Judíos la reconocen como Madre de Yeshua, el profeta; la Mujer Justa. En los Jardines Reales de Tailandia, hay un jardín a La Buda femenina. Sus orejas son largas, expresando que ella nos está escuchando y su nariz es demasiado larga, representando su profunda compasión. La estatua fue probablemente inspirada por una *Madonna* que fue mostrada o dada a los monjes budistas por los primeros misioneros católicos.

Es como si Dios hubiera plantado a María como una semilla oculta de la fraternidad en todas las culturas. Ella es un denominador común que nos puede reunir. Ella es nuestra Madre y si nosotros somos sus hijos, entonces debemos parecernos a nuestra Madre Celestial, así como nuestro Padre Celestial que es compasivo hacia todos.

Creo que hay un número infinito de formas que podríamos tratar de hacer eso. Me gustaría sugerir una en particular. Se dice que la Virgen María apareció a un grupo de jóvenes. Un día, un teólogo les pregunto a los jóvenes visionarios lo que les impresionó más sobre la Virgen. Todos estuvieron de acuerdo: su intensa belleza y intenso amor por cada persona. Esa palabra "intensa" es muy interesante, intensa belleza e intenso amor para cada persona. Un día, uno de los visionarios más joven estaba mirando a la Virgen, tomado por su belleza. De repente, él le preguntó: "Pero, ¿cómo puedes ser tan hermosa?" Entonces Nuestra Señora se agachó, lo levantó y le dio un beso en la frente. Ella le dijo: "Soy hermosa porque amo. Ama, e tu serás hermoso también." Estas son las maravillosas palabras de Nuestra Señora. Nos gustaría ser recordados como gente hermosa. En los funerales, que es el mejor cumplido que alguien pudiera dar a una persona fallecida: él o ella era un ser humano hermoso. (Es posible ser muy guapo, y ser una persona fea.)

En el mundo de hoy debemos imitar a María en su intenso amor por cada ser humano, ser María, para poder brillar con su belleza. De manera que cuando la gente vea esta belleza en nosotros puedan ser consolados y elevar sus espíritus a Dios.

La Iglesia llama a María la Madre del Amor Hermoso. Si amamos, cuando mirándonos al espejo le preguntemos "Espejo, espejo, en la pared, ¿quién es la más bella de todas?" El espejo nos dira: "Eres tu!" Y María, nuestra Madre, sonreirá al ver un poco de ella en nosotros.

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## 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 5pm. English Baptism classes will be given on the first Sunday of the month from 1 pm to 4:30 pm

## Quinceañera

Requires preparation with Sr. San Juanita ESEH at least 1 year in advance, and must be attending CCE/Lifeteen/Edge classes regularly, attending mass, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact Sister at 979-233-5271.

## Altar Duty

May 1st to 15th Carolina & Mary

## Sponsor of May Altar Wine

In loving memory of of Rosalina Varela, Beatriz Gutierrez and Karla Varela, requested by Family Varela

# ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

**Living Rosary** will take place on Wednesday Evening at 6pm on May 31st. Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A covered dish supper will follow in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed!



There will be a **Parish Family Picnic** on May 13th from 12pm to 3pm at Quintana Park (large pavilion). Please bring a lunch large enough to feed your family, and a little extra to share. Please come and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship with your Parish Family! For further information, contact Brother Bill Hartnett at 979-233-5271



## Catholic Union of Texas (KJT)

Will Meet on Tuesday May 17th at 5:30p.m. at The Texas Road House  
Director Margaret Holik of El Campo

Will be the guest speaker

Members or anyone interested to know what the KJT does is urged to Attend

## Mass Change on Festival Day

Sunday, May 21, 2017, St. Mary Star of the Sea will only have one Sunday Mass, it will be dual-lingual and at the Freeport Park, at 10:00am. There will be no 9am, 11am or 5pm Masses that day. **Please mark your calendars.**



## St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

They are currently running low on the following items: oatmeal, cereal, Hamburger Helper, chili, canned fruit and cookies. Please leave these items in the St. Vincent de Paul box, located in the narthex of the church. All donations are distributed to the needy of our community.



## Festival Fundraiser

Come and enjoy the company of your community and the breakfast we are selling after the 9 and 11am masses this Sunday to help us defray operating expenses for the Festival. No breakfast next weekend, Mother's Day we will be celebrating with our mothers that day. Thank you for your support.



## Barbecue Tickets

Barbecue tickets have gone out, please turn in the money for the Barbecue tickets as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do for your Parish!



## Festival Meeting

There will be a **final** Festival meeting on May 10 at 7pm in the Conference Room. This meeting is for everyone involved in the organization and for all that will have a booth in the festival.

## Flowers to Mary

During the month of May, we invite the children to bring a flower to Sunday Mass. The children will present their flower to the Blessed Mother. Fr. Jesse will ask them to share how they lived the points of the "Cube of Love". Please bring flowers from your own gardens and not pick from the Church yard.



## Prayer and Fellowship



"Stars of the Sea" (50 yrs. or older,) Senior Day-Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am to 12:00 noon .

Come for a PICNIC in Heaven's Way Hall. We will also have Prayer, Fellowship, Bingo, and do some art work.

Thank you to all who have donated briskets for the Festival. We have collected 55 and we still need 15. Please help us reach our goal of 70 briskets. For any questions, please call the office at 979-233-5271.



## Festival T-Shirts for sale, come by the office

to purchase your Shirts before they are all gone! Adults \$15 Youth \$10



## May Crowning

We are currently seeking sponsor (s) for Flowers for the Crowning of Mary on May 13th for the 5:30 pm mass. Please call the church at 979-233-5271 if you are interested in helping out. Thank you



**Thank you** to Steve Shawver for taking over Maintenance and upkeep of the Parish! He recently replaced boards and repaired the latch on the gate to the courtyard. Also Thank you to Mr. Caro for painting of the Virgin Mary.

## Raffle Tickets



Please return the raffle ticket money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for all you do for your Parish Community!

## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA



**Rosario Vivo** miércoles, 31 de mayo a las 6 p.m. en celebracion de la Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María. Todos son invitados de compartir y disfrutar de una comida despues en el salón parroquial.

**Picnic Parroquial** el 13 de mayo de 12pm a 3pm en el parque Quintana (Pabellón grande). Por favor de traer comida suficiente para alimentar a su familia y un poco extra para compartir. Por favor, venga y disfrute la oportunidad de tener comunión con su familia parroquial! Para más información pongase en contacto con Bill Hartnett at 979-233-5271



### Unión Católica de Texas(KJT)

Se reunirá el martes 17 de mayo 5:30 pm en Texas Road House Directora Margarita Holik de El Campo Será la oradora invitada Los miembros o cualquier persona interesada a conocer lo que hace el KJT esta invitado.

### Cambio de Horario de Misa

domingo, 21 de mayo, St. Mary Star of the Sea, sólo tendra una misa bilingue en el Parque de Freeport, a 10a.m. Misas de 9a.m., 11a.m. y 5 p.m. estan canceladas este dia. Por favor marque su calendario.



### La Despensa de San Vicente de Paul

Necesitan los siguientes alimentos: avena, cereales, Hamburger Helper, chili, frutas en latas y galletas.

Por favor de dejar estos artículos en la caja de San Vicente de Paul, localizado en el nártex de la iglesia.

Las donaciones son distribuidas entre la gente necesitada de nuestra comunidad.



### Desayuno y Comida

Ven y disfruta de la compañía de su comunidad y del desayuno y almuerzo que estamos vendiendo después de las misas de 9 y 11 am este domingo para ayudar cubrir los gastos del Festival. No hay desayuno el próximo fin de semana, Día de las Madres, para celebrar con nuestras madres. Gracias por su apoyo.



### Boletos de Barbacoa

Boletos de Barbacoa han sido enviados por correo. Por favor de entregar el dinero a la oficina, lo mas pronto posible. ¡Gracias por ayudar a su parroquia!



### Reunión del Festival

El miércoles, 10 de mayo a las 7pm en el salón de conferencias. Esta reunión es para todos participando en la organización, y para todos encargados de un puesto (cabina) en el festival.

### Flores a María

Durante el mes de mayo, invitamos a los niños a llevar una flor a las misas del domingo. Los niños presentarán sus flores a la Virgen. El padre Jesse les pedirá compartir cómo vivieron los puntos del "Cubo de amor". Favor de traer flores de su propio jardín y no de la iglesia.



### Oracion y Compañerismo

Estrellas del mar"(50 años. o más,) jueves, 18 de mayo, 10:30 am - 12 p.m. Vengan disfrutar de un PICNIC en el Salón de Heaven's Way. Vamos orar, jugar Bingo, y demostraremos nuestros talentos de arte.

Gracias a todos que donaron briskets para el Festival. Colectamos 55 y necesitamos 15. Por favor ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta de 70 briskets. Por favor llame la oficina al 979-233-5271 si tiene preguntas.



**Camisetas Del Festival**, Venga comprar su camiseta del Festival en la oficina.

Camiseta de adultos: \$15 y de Jovenes: \$10

### Coronación de María

Actualmente estamos buscando a un patrocinador (es) de flores para la coronación de María el 13 de mayo a las 5:30 pm. Por favor llame a la iglesia: en 979-233-5271 si usted está interesado en ayudar. Gracias



**Gracias** a Steve Shawver por hacerse cargo de mantenimiento y conservación de la parroquia! El recientemente coloco y reparo el pestillo en la puerta al patio. También gracias al Sr. Caro por pintar de nuevo a la Virgen María.



### Boletos de Rifa

Por favor de entregar el dinero de los boletos de la rifa lo mas pronto posible. ¡Gracias por asistir a tu comunidad parroquial!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday, May 8

### Tuesday, May 9

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

### Wednesday, May 10

8:30 a.m.	English Mass	Church
10:00 a.m.	Bereavement	HW (Rm 8)
7:00 p.m.	Neo-Catechumenal Way	HW

### Thursday, May 11

6:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

### Friday, May 12

8:30 a.m.	English Mass	Church
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### Saturday, May 13

10:00 a.m.	Liturgy Committee Mtg.	Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30 p.m.	Crowning of Virgin Mary	Church
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Parish Hall

### Sunday, May 14

9:00 a.m.	English Mass	Church
11:00 a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church

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#### Sponsor of the Week