

## Weekly Highlights

## MASS INTENTIONS &amp; READINGS

**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 July 16: \$5,618.07

Under budget for the week of

July 16: \$1,478.08

Second Collection for Maintenance:

\$1,685.59

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**

**Saturday, July 22, / Sabado 22 de Julio**

*Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*

SGS 3:1-4B; PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; JN 20:1-2, 11-18

5:30 p.m. Bernabe Olguin by Santana Olguin

**Sunday, July 23 / Domingo 23 de Julio**

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

11:00a.m. †Hilda Santana by Naty Garcia

† Maria Concepcion Carmona de familia Diaz

† Sr. Heriberto Garcia Jaramillo De familia Garcia

Por el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano y todos miembros

**Monday, July 24 / Lunes 24 de Julio**

*Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday, July 25 / Martes 25 de Julio**

*Feast of Saint James, Apostle*

2 COR 4:7-15; PS 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6; MT 20:20-28

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

† Raul Corona De Liboria Corona Perez

**Wednesday, July 26 / Miércoles 26 de Julio**

*Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

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**Thursday, July 27 / Jueves 27 de Julio**

*Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

† Raul Corona De Liboria Corona Perez

**Friday, July 28 / Viernes 28 de Julio**

*Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

8:30a.m. † Joe Rubio by Esperanza Rubio & Family

† Maria Luz Madrid by Lucy Garcia

Blessings Luna Garcia

Blessings Anna Marie Bejaran

**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, Ivan Mendoza, Ededina Loya, Patricia Embil, Lupe Mendoza, Tammie Guidry Hawkins, Ignacio Damian Sr., Margie & Pete Trevino, Graciela Garcia, Albert Garcia, Andy Olguin

**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

## Pastoral Staff



In this weekend's second reading, St. Paul offers some encouraging words for anyone who might feel physically and even spiritually weak. And in the Gospel Jesus presents life as the journey of a plant from sowing to fruition reminding us that the seed of the Word that falls on good soil appears to die as it germinates in the darkness of the earth. But suddenly it sprouts, grows and bears fruits that will last. These fruits are the deeds of love that we have performed for the people around us. Jesus also talks about the wheat that the farmer "keeps" (Heaven is our final goal); whereas, the chaff is thrown into the fire where it is lost forever.

Yes, it can take quite an effort to keep our hearts fixed on God's love, but Paul offers us some encouraging words: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness" (Rom 8:26-27). The "effort" to stay focused on God's love is "prayer." It's that constant, sometimes subconscious "longing" for God that we all feel in our souls. Paul says that beneath that longing, that constant groaning, there is the Holy Spirit who is closer to us than we are to ourselves. The Holy Spirit prays whenever we pray, beyond what we say or feel, and that unpronounceable plea of the Holy Spirit that constantly rises from the depths of our soul is the Current of Love, as the Holy Spirit is sometimes called, the communion among the Persons of the Most Holy Trinity that is shared with us.

In practical terms, this means that whenever we are aware of our weaknesses, fragility and helplessness as we face situations that seem too much for us when even prayer might seem to be meaningless and ineffective, the "Spirit helps us in our weakness." He does so by generating in us new faith in God's immense love whose power, says Paul, "is perfected in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

And there is one prayer in which the Spirit almost becomes tangible, although in a mysterious but profound way. It's the prayer that Jesus told us about when he said: "*If two or more of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them*" (Mt 18:19-20). The effectiveness of this prayer lies completely in the words "in my name" which means in Jesus, in the dynamic of living his new commandment that we love one another.

Then Jesus becomes present with his Spirit, who is also the soul of the community. Our prayer to the Father is also Jesus's prayer, and the Holy Spirit intercedes for us to obtain what we do not have the strength or courage to ask. The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



En la segunda lectura de este domingo, San Pablo ofrece algunas palabras consoladoras para quien se sienta físicamente e incluso espiritualmente débil. Y en el Evangelio Jesús presenta la vida como el crecimiento de una planta desde la siembra hasta la madurez recordándonos que la semilla de la Palabra que cae sobre un buena tierra parece morir mientras germina en las oscuridad de la tierra. Pero de repente brota, crece y da frutos que durarán. Estos frutos son los actos de amor que realizamos hace las personas que nos rodean. Jesús también habla del trigo que el granjero “*guarda*” (el Cielo es nuestro objetivo final); Mientras que la paja se lanza en el fuego donde se pierde para siempre.

Ciertamente nos toma un gran esfuerzo para mantener nuestros corazones fijos en el amor de Dios, pero Pablo nos ofrece algunas palabras alentadoras: “*El Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad*” (Rom 8: 26-27). El “*esfuerzo*” de permanecer enfocados en el amor de Dios es “*oración*”. Es esa constante, a veces subconsciente “*anhelo*” de Dios que todos sentimos en nuestras almas. Pablo dice que bajo ese anhelo, ese constante gemido, está el Espíritu Santo que está más cerca de nosotros que nosotros mismos. El Espíritu Santo ora cada vez que oramos, más allá de lo que decimos o sentimos, y esa impronunciable súplica del Espíritu Santo que constantemente se eleva desde las profundidades de nuestra alma es la Corriente del Amor, como el Espíritu Santo a veces es llamado, la comunión entre las Personas de la Santísima Trinidad que es compartida con nosotros.

En términos prácticos, esto significa que cada vez que nos damos cuenta de nuestras debilidades, fragilidad e impotencia cuando nos enfrentamos a situaciones que parecen demasiado duras para nosotros y cuando incluso la oración puede parecer carente de sentido e ineficacia, el “*Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad.*” Lo hace generando en nosotros una nueva fe en el inmenso amor de Dios cuyo poder, dice Pablo, “*se perfecciona en la debilidad*” (2 Cor 12, 9).

Y hay una oración en la que el Espíritu casi se vuelve tangible, aunque de una manera misteriosa pero profunda. Es la oración que Jesús nos pidió cuando dijo: “*Si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo sobre cualquier cosa que pidan aquí en la tierra, les será hecho por Mi Padre que está en los cielos. Porque donde están dos o tres reunidos en Mi nombre, allí estoy Yo en medio de ellos*” (Mt 18, 19-20). La eficacia de esta oración radica completamente en las palabras “*en mi nombre*” que significa en Jesús, o sea, en la dinámica de vivir su nuevo mandamiento que nos amemos unos a otros.

Entonces Jesús se hace presente con su Espíritu, que es también el alma de la comunidad. Nuestra oración al Padre es también la oración de Jesús, y el Espíritu Santo intercede por nosotros para obtener lo que no tenemos la fuerza o la valentía de pedir. El Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad. Padre Jesse Garcia

## Personal Parroquial

**Secretaries/Secretarias**

Yolanda Garcia  
Marisol Serrano  
Barbara Klimpt  
secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org  
979-233-5271 Ext 302

**Emergency Email Address and phone number**

St. Mary's now has an email address and telephone number for emergency situations:  
Call: 832-429-4877  
marystaremergency@gmail.com

**Correo Electrónico o numero de teléfono para Emergencias**

Llame al: 832-429-4877  
marystaremergency@gmail.com

**Baptism Classes in Spanish and English**

**Spanish Baptism** classes given the first Saturday of each month from 1p.m. to 5p.m., but you must register first with Sister SanJuanita.

**English Baptism** classes given on the first Sunday of the month from 1p.m. to 4:30p.m., but you must register first with Sister San Juanita.

**Quinceañeras**

Requires preparation with Sister 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**

Month of July- Elizabeth and Patricia

**Sponsor of July Altar Wine**

In loving memory of Mrs. Georgia Jacob requested by Jaqueline and Charles Stetzel.

## Volunteers are Needed to form



committees for Education Board (CCE), Vocations, Pro-Life, and Stewardship. Please call the office for information 979-233-5271

## Marriage Preparation Classes



For all couples who are planning to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and for couples wishing to convalidate their current unions will begin Thursday, August 17, at 7:00pm and will continue for 10 weeks. Contact Deacon Felipe Garza at 979-233-5271 to sign up or for more information.



**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Adapted for Children 7 years and older**-is available for any unbaptized person who would like to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call Marilyn Saccomanno at 979-233-5271 if you or someone you know would like some information.

## Final Meeting for Festival 2017

Will meet in the Conference Room on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00p.m.



## CCE Registration

For Pre-K through 12th grade and for Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, register in the office with Sister San Juanita in July and August. For more information call Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions:

Middle School Physical Education Coach  
Coaches for Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer  
Bus Driver

Middle School Spanish Teacher  
Lower Elementary Spanish Teacher  
Substitute Teachers  
PreK 3 and PreK 4

1600 Highway 2004  
Richwood, TX 77531  
979-265-3909

[www.olqpschool.org](http://www.olqpschool.org)



## Concert for Life

Supporting Houston Pregnancy Help Centers with David Michael Moses on Thursday, August 10th at 7:30p.m. in Houston.

For more information; call Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271.



## Fundraiser Breakfast/ Lunch

Starting August and would like for every ministry group to take a month to raise funds for their ministries. Please call the office at 979-233-5271 and schedule the month your ministry would like to help.



On Thursday, August 3, 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Friday, August 9, 8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Clean out your closets and bring your goodies to Religious Education Building rooms 1 and 2. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Festival 2018.



## Necesitamos Voluntarios

para formar comités de Educación (CCE), Vocaciones, Pro Vida, y custodios que daran su tiempo y talentos para ser tesoros en la parroquia. Por favor llame a la oficina para información 979-233-5271.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School está aceptando aplicaciones para los siguientes puestos:

Entrenador de educación física secundaria

Entrenadores de basquetbol, voleibol y fútbol

Profesor de Español de secundaria

Maestra de Español primaria

Conductor del autobús y maestros sustitutos para PreK 3 y PreK 4

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## Clases de Preparación para el Matrimonio

Preparing for Marriage



Para las parejas que están planeando recibir el sagrado sacramento del matrimonio, y para parejas que desean convalidar su unión comenzaran el jueves 17 de agosto a las 7:00p.m., y continuaran por 10 semanas. Contacte al Diacono Felipe Garza al 979-233-5271 para mas informacion.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos y adaptado para niños de 7 años o más, está disponible



para cualquier persona no bautizada que quiera celebrar el bautismo, la confirmación y la Eucaristía. Por favor llame a Marilyn Saccomanno al

979-233-5271 si usted o alguien que usted conoce le gustaría información.

**"Un mensaje hecho canción"**  
De Lunes a Viernes  
Fecha 24 al 28 de Julio, 2017  
Lugar Santa Maria Estrella del Mar, Freeport, TX  
Hora 7 pm a 9 pm  
GRATUITO!  
APTO PARA TODA EDAD  
Tema-canto-reflexión!  
Para llenar tu vida de renovada esperanza, profunda Fe y ardiente amor!  
Con la Familia Mejía misionera itinerante

**Misión en Nuestra Parroquia** del 24 al 28 de julio de 7 a 9p.m. venga a compartir con su comunidad.

## Reunión final del Festival 2017

Se reunirá en la Sala de Conferencias el miércoles 26 de julio a las 6:00 p.m.



## Regístrese para CCE

Para PreK al 12 grado y para los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión y Confirmación, regístrese en la oficina de la parroquia con la Hermana San Juanita en julio y agosto. Para mas información, llame a la Hermana San Juanita a 979-233-5271



## Recaudación de Fondos con Desayuno

Empezara en agosto y nos gustaría que cada ministerio tomara un mes para cocinar y ayudar su propio ministerio recaudar fondos. Favor de llamar a la oficina al 979-233-5271 para programar el mes que su ministerio le gustaria ayudar.



## Venta de Garaje

El 3 de agosto de 8:00a.m a 4:00p.m. y el 4 de agosto de 8:00a.m. a 11:00a.m. En los salones 1 y 2 del edificio Educación Religiosa. La venta beneficiara al festival de Santa Maria de 2018.

**Monday, July 24**

**Tuesday, July 25**

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

**Wednesday, July 26**

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
10:00-11:30a.m.	Bereavement	Heaven's Way Rm. 8
7:30 p.m.	Neo Cat Meeting	Heaven's Way

**Thursday, July 27**

9a.m.- 6p.m.	Adoration	Church
5:30 - 6:00p.m.	Confessions	Church
6:00p.m.	Benediction	Church
6:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

**Friday, July 28**

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
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**Saturday, July 29**

4p.m.-5p.m.	Confessions	Church
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church

**Sunday, July 30**

9:00a.m.	English Mass	Church
11:00a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
5:00p.m.	English Mass	Church

**Altar & Rosary Society**

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Caballeros de Colón**

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

**Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia**

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Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

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**Neo-catechumen Way / Camino  
Neocatecumenal**

Benjamin Merino 281-687-6007

**Sponsor of the Week**