

## 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: [www.stmarystarofthesea.org](http://www.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 December 31:  
\$6,384.43

Under budget for the week of  
December 31: \$1,908.08

Collection for Mary Mother of God:  
\$504.00

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**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, January 8**

9:00a.m. Trinity Publications Please Call the Office

**Tuesday, January 9**

9:00a.m. Trinity Publications Please Call the Office  
11:00a.m. Altar Society Meeting Heaven's Way  
6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Conference Room  
6:30p.m. English Mass Church  
7:00p.m. RCIA Session Heaven's Way  
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:30a.m. English Mass Church  
9:00a.m. Trinity Publications Please Call the Office  
5:30p.m. CCE PK-5th grades Heaven's Way

**Thursday, January 11**

9a.m.-6p.m. Adoration Church  
9:00a.m. Trinity Publications Please Call the Office  
6:15p.m. Spanish Mass Church  
8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Friday, January 12**

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

**Saturday, January 13**

4:00p.m. Confessions Church  
5:30p.m. English Mass Church  
After Mass Hospitality Parish Hall  
7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00a.m. English Mass Church  
After Mass Hospitality Parish Hall  
11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church  
After Mass Hospitality Parish Hall  
5:00p.m. English-Youth Church  
6:30p.m. Youth Ministry Parish Hall



## From Our Pastor

## Pastoral Staff



This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. 'Epiphany' means "manifestation" whereby God deliberately "shows" his presence. This feast celebrates the manifestation of the God-Man to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were all the people who were not Jewish, the "outsiders". The Jews considered themselves the Chosen People of God. Gentiles were also allowed to pray in Solomon's court next to the Temple where animals were sold to be offered to God in sacrifice. The city of Jerusalem was the House of the Lord where all nations went to pray and offer sacrifice.

There is that famous story in which Jesus "drives" the sellers from the Court of Solomon, because they had made his Father's house, a house of prayer, into a den of thieves. But Jesus wasn't only referring to the "sellers." He was mostly referring to the thieves, the Jews themselves who had "appropriated" their status as members of the Chosen People for themselves, excluding the Gentiles from sharing communion with the Father in his house of prayer.

The Epiphany is a manifestation of Jesus's divine and human nature to the Gentiles, the "outsiders." The Magi were among the first people Jesus invited into communion. The Gospel of Matthew says that the Magi were from the "East," from far, far away from the Promised Land. They were Magi (magicians). The gifts they offered showed that they appreciated Jesus's divine and human nature: incense in recognition of his divine nature as the Son of God; gold in recognition of his human and kingly nature as king of a universal kingdom that would extend beyond geographical and religious borders. They offered him myrrh in recognition of the healing and suffering he would endure out of love for all the people of the world. Jesus would still like to stretch out his hand in friendship to those who appear to be "far away" from the one true God. How does he do it now? One way is through Christian communities that live Jesus's new commandment and have him in their midst. He invites us to do as he did on that first Epiphany; to reach out in friendship to our brothers and sisters who seem far from the one true God; and also to reach out to those who seem like outsiders to us and our religion. Jesus invites us to do what he did and is described by St Paul: "So though I was not a slave to any human being, I put myself in slavery to all people, to win as many as I could. To the Jews I made myself as a Jew, to the Gentiles I made myself as a Gentile, but under the law of Christ. To the weak, I made myself weak, to win the weak. I made myself all things to all people in order to win them over" (1 Cor 9: 19-23).

Let's love all the apparent "outsiders" in the same way as Jesus and Paul did. Let's make ourselves one with every neighbor in everything except sin. This will mean respecting the other person's personal beliefs and creating relationships with today's "Gentiles," that are based on the values we have in common and which the Second Vatican Councils calls "seeds of the Word." Jesus in our midst still continues to be the Light for every man, woman and child that comes into the world (Jn 1:9).

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco

## Personal Parroquial



Este fin de semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor. La palabra 'Epifanía' significa "manifestación" en la cual Dios "muestra" deliberadamente su presencia. Esta fiesta celebra la manifestación del Hombre-Dios a los gentiles. Los gentiles eran esas personas que no eran judías, eran "ajenos". Los judíos sabían ser el pueblo elegido de Dios. A los gentiles se les permitía rezar en la corte de Salomón, cerca al Templo, donde se vendían animales para ser ofrecidos a Dios en sacrificio. La ciudad de Jerusalén era la Casa del Señor donde todas las naciones iban a orar y ofrecer sacrificios.

Recordemos ese episodio en el cual Jesús "hecha" a los vendedores de la corte de Salomón, porque habían convertido la casa de su Padre, una casa de oración, en una cueva de ladrones. Pero Jesús no solo se estaba refiriendo a los "vendedores". Se refería principalmente a los ladrones, a los mismos judíos que se habían "apropiado" de su estatus como el Pueblo Elegido, excluyendo a los gentiles de la comunión con el Padre en su casa de oración.

La Epifanía es una manifestación de la naturaleza divina y humana de Jesús a los gentiles, los "de afuera". Los Reyes Magos fueron las primeras personas que Jesús invitó a la comunión. El Evangelio de Mateo dice que los Reyes Magos eran del "oriente", es decir, de muy lejos de la Tierra Prometida. Los regalos que ofrecieron mostraron que apreciaban la naturaleza divina y humana de Jesús: el incienso en reconocimiento de su naturaleza divina como el Hijo de Dios; oro en reconocimiento de su naturaleza humana y real como rey de un reino universal que se extendería más allá de las fronteras geográficas y religiosas. Le ofrecieron mirra en reconocimiento de la sanación y el sufrimiento que sufriría por amor a todas las personas del mundo.

Jesús continúa extendiendo su mano en amistad hacia aquellos que parecen estar "muy lejos" del único Dios verdadero. ¿De qué modo lo hace hoy? Un modo es a través de las comunidades cristianas que viven el nuevo mandamiento de Jesús, y a través de vivir el mandamiento, teniendo a Jesús en medio de ellos. Nos invita a hacer lo que hizo en esa primera Epifanía, es decir, extender una mano de amistad a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que parecen estar lejos del único Dios verdadero. También de extender una mano a aquellos que 'no son de los nuestros' porque son de otra religión. Jesús nos invita a hacer lo que hizo como lo describe San Pablo: "Así que aunque no fui esclavo de ningún ser humano, me sometí a la esclavitud de todas las personas para ganar a todos los que pudiese. A los judíos me hice judío, a los gentiles me hice gentil, pero bajo la ley de Cristo. Para los débiles, me hice débil, para ganar a los débiles. Me hice todo a todas las personas para ganarlas" (1 Cor 9: 19-23).

Amemos a todos los que nos parecen "extranjeros" de la misma manera que lo hicieron Jesús y Pablo. Hagámonos uno con cada prójimo que encontramos excepto en el pecado. Esto significará respetar las creencias personales de la otra persona y crear amistades con los "gentiles" de hoy, basadas en valores que tenemos en común y que el Concilio Vaticano II llama "semillas de la Palabra". Jesús entre nosotros sigue siendo la Luz para cada hombre, mujer y niño que viene al mundo (Jn 1: 9).

*Padre Jesse Garcia*

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**Emergency Email Address and phone number**

St. Mary's 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

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**Baptism Classes in Spanish and English**

**Spanish Baptism** classes given the first Saturday of each month 1 to 5p.m.

**English Baptism** classes given on the first Sunday of the month 1- 4:30p.m.

**Quinceañeras**

Requires preparation with Sister San Juanita ESEH at least 1 year in advance, must attend CCE/Lifeteen/Edge

classes, and mass regularly, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact Sister at 979-233-5271.

**Altar Duty**

January 1-15: Janice and Mary

**Sponsor of January Altar Wine**

In loving memory of  
Katherine Skalski  
by her husband Mike and Family

## We Are looking for a Part-Time Music Director

Join the Saint Mary's team, for more information email us at [pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org](mailto:pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org) or call 979-233-5271.



## A Special Welcome to our Catechumens and Candidates:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Vivianna So-to, Leigh Ann Gieseke, Jesse Jasso and Cesar Alcantor. Please remember them in your prayers

...they will celebrate the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass, March 31, 2018.

## Could you not Keep Watch for one Hour?

We need some volunteers to keep watch with Jesus in prayer for 30 minutes or longer on Thursdays from 9 am to 6 pm please call the office at 979-233-5271 to agree on a time. If you already come to church and spend some time with Jesus please call the office and let us know.



## Evening of Prayer for the Unity of Christians



Our Parrish is hosting an Ecumenical Evening of Prayer for the unity of Christians.

Date: January 26, 2018. Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Join us with Christians from other local churches for prayer, fellowship and food.

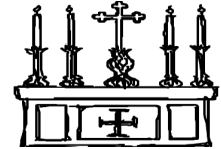
## Trinity Publications, Inc.

Will be in the office on January 8th to 11th if you are interested in getting an ad on the back of the bulletin or renewing your ad please call the office at 979-233-5271 to set up an appoint with Joe.



## The Altar Society

Will meet on January 9th at 11:00a.m.



## CCE Resumes

January 10, 2018 at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for Pre-K to 5th grade.

YMA on January 14, 2018 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



## Texas Rally for Life

2018 in Austin, Texas on January 27, 2018, for youth 8th through 12th grade. The event starts in Houston with mass at 8:15 a.m. with Cardinal DiNardo, departure from Houston to Austin immediately after mass. Youth must contact and confirm attendance with Sister San Juanita before January 18, 2018. Please contact Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 if you are interested in attending and for more information.



## Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 9, 2018 from 7-10 p.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall, for adults 21 and over. Tickets are \$30 presale or \$40 at the door per couple. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 for more information.



## Estamos buscando un Director de Música de Tiempo Parcial

Únase al equipo de Santa Maria, para mayor información mande un correo electrónico al [pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org](mailto:pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org) o llámeme al 979-233-5271.



## Trinity Publications, Inc.

Estarán en la oficina del 8 al 11 de enero si usted está interesado en comprar un espacio para su anuncio en el boletín o renovarlo favor de llamar a la oficina al 979-233-5271 para darle una cita con Joe.



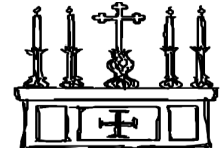
## Una bienvenida especial a nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos:

Fernando Díaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., Vivianna Soto, Leigh Ann Gieseke, Jesse Jasso y Cesar Alcantor. Por favor, recuérdelos en sus oraciones, celebrarán los sacramentos de Pascua en la Misa de Vigilia Pascual, 31 de marzo de 2018.



## La Sociedad del Altar

Se reunirá el 9 de enero a las 11:00 a.m.



## CCE

Comienza el 10 de enero, 2018 a las 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. para los niños de Pre-K a 5th grade. YMA comienza el 14 de enero, 2018 a las 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



## ¿No Pueden Vigilar conmigo una Hora?

Necesitamos algunos voluntarios para mantener vigilia con Jesús en oración por 30 minutos o más si desea, los jueves de 9 am a 6 pm favor de contactar la oficina al teléfono 979-233-5271 si desea ayudar. Si usted ya viene y pasa un tiempo con Jesús por favor llámenos a la oficina y déjenos saber la hora en que viene.



## Rally de Texas por la vida 2018

en Austin, Texas el 27 de enero de 2018, para jóvenes de los grados 8 al 12. El evento comienza en Houston con la misa a las 8:15 a.m. con el cardenal DiNardo, inmediatamente después sale a Austin. Los jóvenes deben contactar y confirmar su asistencia con la hermana San Juanita antes del 18 de enero de 2018. Si está interesado en asistir o para mayor información comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271.



## Noche de Oración Por la Unidad de los Cristianos



Nuestra parroquia está organizando una noche ecuménica de oración por la unidad de los Cristianos. Fecha 26 de enero de 2018. Hora: 5:30 a 7:00 p.m. Únase a nosotros con los Cristianos de otras iglesias locales para orar, convivir y comida.

## Baile de los Enamorados



Viernes 9 de febrero, 2018 de 7-10 p.m. en la sala parroquial de St. Mary Star of the Sea, para adultos de 21 años y más. Los boletos son \$30 preventa o \$40 en la puerta por pareja. La cena será proporcionada. Por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271 para más información.

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### Saturday, January 6 / Sabado 6 de Enero

*Christmas Weekday*

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

5:30p.m. †Jose Luis Olguin by Santana Olguin

### Sunday, January 7 / Domingo 7 de Enero

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 ; Mt 2:1-12

9:00a.m. †Sara Silvas by Darcy and Kids

11:00a.m. †Manuel Gonzales Alvares de Michael Gonzales

5:00p.m.

### Monday, January 8 / Lunes 8 de Enero

*The Baptism of the Lord*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday, January 9 / Martes 9 de Enero

*Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

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

### Wednesday, January 10 / Miércoles 10 de Enero

*Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

8:30a.m. †Jose de Jesus Jáuregui by Maria Jáuregui

### Thursday, January 11 / Jueves 11 de Enero

*Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

6:15p.m. † Concepción Algarín by Maria Jáuregui

### Friday, January 12 / Viernes 12 de Enero

*Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

8:30a.m. † Martha Elvira Jáuregui by Maria Jáuregui

### 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.

Esther Melaragno, Bree Brege Kenneth Purdy, Peggy Brumley, Johanna Blanchard, Melody Hernandez, Mary Taylor and family, Jessica Gutierrez, Jill L.Armstrong, Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family, Leticia Villareal

At all Masses, please pray for holy marriages and families and most especially for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.

## Ministries/ Ministerios

### Altar & Rosary Society

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### Knights of Columbus / Caballeros de Colón

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### Neo-catechumen Way / Camino Neocatecumenal

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### Sponsor of the Week

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