

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 December 16:
\$4,295.55

For the week of December 16 short
by: \$3,073.45

Second Collection Maintenance
\$1,664.58

Your faithful stewardship helps us
meet our needs.

**Every man shall give
as he is able, according to
the blessing of the LORD
your God which
He has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17**

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve

Office Closed 1/2 day

5:30 p.m.	La Posada	Church
6 p.m.	Children's Mass (English)	Church
8 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas

Office Closed - Merry Christmas

10 a.m.	English Mass	Church
6 p.m.	Peace Rosary	Church
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

5:30 p.m.	NO CCE PreK-5th	Heaven's Way
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Thursday, December 27

9-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
5:30-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
6:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
7 p.m.	Word of Life	Saccomanno Residence
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, December 28

8:30 a.m.	English Mass	Church
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, December 29

4-5 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
5:30 p.m.	English Mass	Church
7 p.m.	Neo-Cat Mass	Heaven's Way

Sunday, December 30

9 a.m.	English Mass	Church
11 a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
4:30p.m.	NO YMA Class	Parish Hall
5 p.m.	Youth Mass	Church



From Our Pastor

Pastoral Staff



One interpretation of the Advent wreath is that the first candle represents the patriarchs, the second the prophets, the third reminds us of John the Baptist, and the fourth of Mary. This Sunday we light the fourth candle! In the Gospel we hear Mary's famous words: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Those words are certainly God's word that came to Mary in response to the message of the angel, but it was also the Eternal Word of the Father, Jesus, who because of Mary's yes, became flesh in her womb... We too are invited to say yes to the Word of God and allow it to "take flesh" in us. We can do this by living the words of the Gospel that come from the mouth of Jesus and contain the Life that he wants us all to share with him. All the words of Jesus become love in us when we put them into practice. In fact, all the words of Jesus can be summed up in the word "love." This is because God is Love, so every word of God is love.

According to the Maltz Theory, it takes 21 days to form a new habit. That means it takes 21 days of intentionally living one phrase of the gospel for it to become a habit in our lives. Sometimes it takes a lot of faith to believe in God's Word just as it did for Mary when she questioned the angel: "How can this be?" (Lk 1:34). The angel's answer encouraged Mary's faith: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Lk 1:35). Something similar can happen for us when we put our faith in God's Word and live it in our daily life. The Holy Spirit who breathes in Jesus's words overshadows us and Jesus "takes flesh" in us.

The Gospel tells us that Mary immediately got ready and hurried to her cousin Elizabeth and Elizabeth's first words to Mary were "Blessed are you who believed" (Lk 1:45). This is the first beatitude of the Gospel that is not only relevant for Mary, but for anyone who would like to follow and imitate what she did. There is a close bond between motherhood and faith in Mary, which comes from adhering to the Word of God. The Gospel of Luke suggests something here that Jesus will later refer to us: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice" (Lk 8:21). Elizabeth almost seems to anticipate these words by suggesting that any disciple can become a "mother" of the Lord, provided they believe in and *live* the Word of God.

After Jesus, Mary is the one who said yes to God most perfectly. This is the essence of her greatness and holiness. While her role as the Mother of God is remarkable and great, she's not the only human being whom God invited to give life to Christ in her. Every Christian is given the same task of incarnating Christ as St Paul said; "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). Through our communion with the Word, the Eucharist and one another, we will live in Jesus and he will live in us. Then, like Mary, we will truly be able to bring Jesus into our own small world.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Una interpretación de la corona de Adviento es que la primera vela representa a los patriarcas, la segunda a los profetas, la tercera nos recuerda a Juan el Bautista y la cuarta a María. Este domingo encendemos la cuarta vela! En el Evangelio escuchamos las famosas palabras de María: “que se cumpla en mí lo que has dicho” (Lc 1, 38). Esas palabras son ciertamente la palabra de Dios que le viene a María en respuesta al mensaje del ángel, pero también fue la Palabra Eterna del Padre, Jesús, quien por el sí de María se hizo carne en su vientre... Nosotros también estamos invitados a decir sí a la Palabra de Dios y permitir que se “encarne” en nosotros. Podemos hacer esto viviendo las palabras del Evangelio que vienen de la boca de Jesús y contienen la Vida que Él quiere que todos compartamos con él. Todas las palabras de Jesús se convierten en amor cuando las ponemos en práctica. De hecho, todas las palabras de Jesús se pueden resumir en la palabra “amor”. Esto se debe a que Dios es amor, por lo que cada palabra de Dios es amor.

De acuerdo con la Teoría de Maltz, se toma 21 días para formar una nueva costumbre. Eso significa que se lleva 21 días de vivir intencionalmente una frase del evangelio para que se convierta en una costumbre en nuestras vidas. A veces se necesita mucha fe para creer en la Palabra de Dios como lo hizo María cuando le preguntó al ángel: “¿Cómo puede ser esto?” (Lc 1, 34). La respuesta del ángel alentó la fe de María: “El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra. Por eso el niño será Santo y será llamado Hijo de Dios” (Lc 1, 35). Algo similar nos puede pasar cuando ponemos nuestra fe en la Palabra de Dios y la vivimos en nuestra vida diaria. El Espíritu Santo que respira las palabras de Jesús nos eclipsa y Jesús “se encarna” en nosotros.

El Evangelio nos dice que María se preparó de inmediato y corrió hacia su prima Isabel, y las primeras palabras de Isabel a María fueron: “Bienaventurada por haber creído” (Lc 1, 45). Esta es la primera bienaventuranza del Evangelio es relevante no solo para María, sino también para cualquier persona que quiera seguir e imitar lo que ella hizo. Existe un vínculo entre la maternidad y la fe en María, que proviene de adherir a la Palabra de Dios. Lucas sugiere algo aquí que Jesús más adelante nos referirá: “Mi madre y mis hermanos son los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la ponen en práctica” (Lc 8, 21). Isabel casi parece anticipar estas palabras al sugerir que cualquier discípulo puede convertirse en una “madre” del Señor, siempre y cuando crea y viva la Palabra de Dios.

Después de Jesús, María es la que dijo que sí a Dios de la manera más perfecta. Esta es la esencia de su grandeza y santidad. Si bien su papel como Madre de Dios es notable y grande, no es el único ser humano al que Dios invitó a darle vida a Cristo en ella. A cada cristiano se le asigna la misma tarea de encarnar a Cristo como dijo San Pablo: “Ya no soy yo quien vive, sino Cristo que vive en mí” (Gál 2:20). A través de nuestra comunión con la Palabra, la Eucaristía y unos con otros, viviremos en Jesús y él vivirá en nosotros. Entonces, como María, podremos verdaderamente llevar a Jesús a nuestro pequeño mundo.

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretary/Secretaria

Mónica P. Caraballo
secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org
979-233-5271 Ext 302

Emergency Email Address and phone number

St. Mary's has an email address and telephone number in case of imminent death and a Priest is requested:

Call: 832-429-4877

marystaremergency@gmail.com

Correo Electrónico o numero de teléfono para Emergencias

Santa Maria tiene el correo electrónico y el teléfono en caso de que alguien este en peligro de muerte y requiera de un sacerdote:

Llame al: 832-429-4877

marystaremergency@gmail.com

Baptism Classes in Spanish and English

Baptismos en Español favor de pasar a la oficina de la parroquia a registrarse y para mayor información.

English Baptism please stop by the parish office to register and for more information.

Quinceañeras

Requires preparation at least 1 year in advance, must attend CCE/Youth Ministry classes, mass regularly, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact

Cynthia Morales at 979-201-0416

Email: osita8256@gmail.com

Altar Duty for December 16-31:
Dolly Hernandez & Helen Lawrence

Sponsor of December Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
†Ignacio & Lucy Cabrera
by Valentine Moreno

Please make your Advent prayerful by participating in the “**La Posada Novena**”. Tonight, Dec. 22nd at the Reyes’ Home 311 W. 8th at 7:00p.m., Tomorrow, Dec. 23rd at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Hall hosted by Knights of Columbus and on Dec. 24th at 5:30 in the Church before the 6 p.m. Vigil Mass.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve
6:00 p.m. Children’s Mass
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
December 25, Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. English Mass



Women’s A.C.T.S. Retreat



Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes,
Hitchcock - February 14-17, 2019

Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson

For more information contact Monica at St. Mary
979-233-5271

secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org

Altar Society will have a work day on Sunday, Dec. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (after the La Posada) to prepare the church for the Christmas season. Many hands will make the church beautiful.



CCE Calendar of Events

Pre-K through 5th grades

December 26 & January 3, 2019 - No Class

January 9, 2019 - Classes Resume

YMA 6th through 12th grades

December 23 & 30 - No YMA Class

January 6, 2019 - No Class

High School Confirmation

January 20, 2019



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PreK/Kindergarten Round-Up Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Beginning at 8:30am let your child shadow a PreK 3, PreK 4, or Kindergarten class while you tour the school. Please RSVP to kwilson@olqpschool.org.

Altar Server Schedule December 24 – 25

Please volunteer where necessary

6:00 p.m. Monday - Robert McSwain, George Ayala, Richard Moreno

8:00 p.m. Monday - Miachel Gonzales, Francisco Castro, Dulce Serrano, Isaiah Salazar, Diana Torres, Isabela Bravo

10:00 a.m. Tuesday - Robert McSwain, Audrey Gomez, Chris Thompson, Cristian Chavez, Maria Chavez

Altar Server Schedule December 29 - 30

5:30p.m. Saturday-Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo, Anabelle Loggins

9:00a.m. Sunday-Richard Moreno Jr.(Acolyte), Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo

11a.m. Sunday- Michael Gonzales

5:00 p.m. Sunday-Chris Thompson(Acolyte)

Lectors and EMHC December 24 –2 5

Please volunteer where necessary

6:00 p.m. Monday -

8:00 p.m. Monday -

Lector 1 Patricia Ramirez Lector 2 Ma.Lucy Salazar Cup 1 Patricia Ramirez Cup 2 Leobardo Ramirez Cup 3 Jesus Salazar

10:00 a.m. Tuesday

Lectors and EMHC Schedule December 29-30 - Please volunteer where necessary

5:30p.m. Saturday

Lector 1 James Saccomanno Lector 2 Rosemary Bravo Cup 1 Rosemary Bravo Cup 2 J.Saccomanno Cup 3 Marilyn Saccomanno

9:00a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Steve Melaragno Lector 2 Mary Rodriguez Cup 1 Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 Connie Melaragno Cup 3 Steve Melaragno

11a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Elizabeth Heredia Lector 2 Becky Nunez Cup 1 Elizabeth Heredia Cup 2 Miguel Heredia Cup 3 Becky Nunez

5:00 p.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Youth Lector 2 Youth Cup 1 Yolanda Garcia Cup 2 Bill Hartnet Cup 3

Por favor, haga su Adviento en oración participando en "la Posada".



Esta noche, 22 de diciembre en la casa de los Reyes 311 W. 8th a las 7:00p. m., mañana, 23 de diciembre a las 6:00p.m. en la sala parroquial organizada por caballeros de Colón y el 24 de diciembre a las 5:30 en la iglesia antes de Misa de vigilia a las 6 p.m.



Calendario de Misas navideñas

24 de diciembre, Nochebuena
6:00 p.m. Misa de los niños
8:00 p.m. Misa en español
25 de diciembre, día de Navidad
10:00 a.m. Misa en ingles



Retiro A.C.T.S. para Mujeres



Por Our Lady of Lourdes, Hitchcock
14-17 de Febrero del 2019
Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson
Para mayor información llame a Mónica al
979-233-5271
secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org

La sociedad del altar tendrá un día de trabajo el domingo, 23 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. (después de la Posada) para preparar la iglesia para la Navidad. Muchas manos ayudarán a que la iglesia sea hermosa.



Calendario de eventos de CCE

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Programación de monaguillos el 24-25 de diciembre

Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

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8:00 p.m. Monday - Miachel Gonzales, Francisco Castro, Dulce Serrano, Isaiah Salazar, Diana Torres, Isabela Bravo

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Programación de monaguillos el 29-30 de diciembre

5:30p.m. Saturday-Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo

9:00a.m. Sunday-Richard Moreno (Acolyte), Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo

11a.m. Sunday- Michael Gonzales

Programa de lectores y EMHC el 24-25 de diciembre

Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

6:00 p.m. Monday

8:00 p.m. Monday

Lector 1 Patricia Ramirez Lector 2 Ma. Lucy Salazar Cup 1 Patricia Ramirez Cup 2 Leobardo Ramirez Cup 3 Jesus Salazar

10:00 a.m. Tuesday

Programa de lectores y EMHC el 29-30 de diciembre

Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

5:30p.m. Sábado

Lector 1 Jimmy Mikes Lector 2 Johanna Blanchard Cup 2 Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 Yolanda Solis Cup 3 Johanna Blanchard

9:00a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Arthur Moreno Lector 2 Cup 1 Valentine Moreno Cup 2 Tina Robledo Cup 3

11a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Ana Luisa Ochoa Lector 2 Elena Lara Cup 1 Margarita Garcia Cup 2 Ana Luisa Ochoa Cup 3 Maria Cardenas

5:00 p.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Samantha Schroll Lector 2 Erica Ayala Cup 1 Yolanda Garcia Cup 2 Bill Hartnet Cup 3

Saturday, December 22 / Sabado 22 de Diciembre

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

Sunday, December 23 / Domingo 23 de Diciembre

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

9 a.m. For St. Mary's Parishioners

11 a.m. † Lucy Damian by her family

5 p.m. †Diane Flynn by her family

Monday, December 24 / Lunes 24 de Diciembre

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas - At the Vigil Mass

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

6 p.m. †Jody Martinets by Darvin and Natalie Martinets

8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25 / Martes 25 de Diciembre

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

10 a.m. †Nadia Mendoza by Augustin & Rosa Mendoza

Wednesday, December 26 / Miércoles 26 de Diciembre

Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

8:30a.m. †Anita Salazar Mendoza by Augustin & Rosa Mendoza

Thursday, December 27 / Jueves 27 de Diciembre

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; pS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

6:15p.m. †Augustin Mendoza Sr. by Augustin & Rosa Mendoza

Friday, December 28 / Viernes 28 de Diciembre

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; pS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

8:30a.m. †Amando Gutierrez by Augustin & Rosa Mendoza

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.

Mary Ann Silbas, Ernie Damian, Pete Kruppa, Yolanda Solis,
Gina Vela and Lupita Robledo

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

Altar & Rosary Society
Sociedad del Altar y Rosario
Dollie Hernandez (979) 665-9635

Knights of Columbus
Caballeros de Colón
Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

Legion of Mary
Legion de Maria
Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726
Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

Ushers / Greeters
Acomodadores
Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

Christian Family Movement
Movimiento Familiar Cristiano
Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 709-1174

Guadalupana Society
Sociedad Guadalupana
Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

Almas Misioneras
Missionary Souls
Jose Coronado (979) 201-1164
Maria Oliva (979) 201-6253

Lectors / Lectores
Susana Perez (737) 932-3682

St. Vincent de Paul
San Vicente de Paul
(979) 730-9935

Work of Mary (Focolare
Movement) Obra de Maria
(Movimiento de los Focolares)
Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

Neo-catechumen Way
Camino Neo-catecumenal
Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2175

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