

Weekly Highlights

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 February 4: \$6,804.00
Under budget for the week of
February 4: \$1,488.50
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

Monday, February 12**Tuesday, February 13**

9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary (English)	Heaven's Way #3
4:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (Spanish)	Heaven's Way #3
6 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Heaven's Way #5
6:30 p.m.	English Mass	Church
7 p.m.	Neo-Cat	Somerville
7 p.m.	RCIA Session	Heaven's Way #3
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Ash Wednesday, February 14

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
12 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word	Church
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church

Thursday, February 15

9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
5:30-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
6:15p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, February 16

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5-7 p.m.	Fish Fry	Parish Hall
7 p.m.	Station of the Cross	Church

Saturday, February 17

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

Sunday, February 18

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



From Our Pastor



On Wednesday we begin the season of Lent, during which the Church reminds us that our life is a journey toward Easter when Jesus, through his Death and Resurrection, will give us a new life in which we will one day be with God and each other forever. Lent is a time of conversion to that new life and to God.

At times, the journey of our life can be hard. It can be like crossing a desert as it was for the Israelites on their journey to their new life in the Promised Land. During that journey, which lasted 40 years, they lost sight of God and began to worship a golden calf. It was also difficult for Jesus. During his 40 days in the desert, Satan tried to make a deal with him, offering a shortcut for bringing God's kingdom into the world: *"Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, 'All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me'"* (Mt 4:8-9). But Jesus also knew about the agreement that God had made with His People and how much God loved His People and wanted to be their only God. *"Therefore,"* he concluded to Satan: *"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve"* (Mt 4:10).

Jesus knew God (obviously). His entire life flowed from the deep knowledge He had of the Father. But that "knowledge" wasn't only something in his mind. He would tell His disciples: "I don't call you servants, but friends, because I have made known to you all that I know from the Father" (Jn 15:15). When he says "all that I know from the Father," Jesus isn't referring to academic information or intellectual knowledge. He's referring to the relationship he has with the Father. What he's really telling us is that he wants us to be a part of that relationship that exists in the Trinity. He said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love" (Jn 15:9). Jesus loves us as himself and he wants us to have what he has and be where he is.

During these 40 days of Lent, let's try to be mindful of how much God loves us, and be converted to that love. Throughout the day, let's try to serve God by building up his kingdom, brick by brick, through all the great and small acts of love that we do for the people around us, as the Cube of Love invites us to. Desiring to love God alone and above all things is easy enough to say, but loving God means doing what *He* wants: "My command is this: love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12).

Fr. Jesse Garcia

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco

Personal Parroquial



El miércoles se empieza la Cuaresma durante la cual nos recuerda la Iglesia que nuestra vida es un viaje hacia la Pascua cuando Jesús, a través de su muerte y resurrección, nos dará una nueva vida en la que un día estaremos con Dios y con los demás para Siempre. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de conversión hacia esa nueva vida y hacia a Dios.

A veces, nuestro viaje puede ser difícil. Puede ser como el cruzar un desierto como lo fue para los israelitas en su viaje hacia su nueva vida en la Tierra Prometida. Durante ese viaje, que duró 40 años, perdieron de vista a Dios y comenzaron a adorar a un becerro de oro. También fue duro para Jesús. Durante los 40 días de Jesús en el desierto, Satanás trató de convencerlo a tomar un camino más corto, un atajo para traer el reino de Dios al mundo: *“A continuación lo llevó el diablo a un monte muy alto y le mostró todas las naciones del mundo con todas sus grandezas y maravillas. Y le dijo: ‘Te daré todo esto si te arrodillas y me adoras’”* (Mt 4:8-9). Pero Jesús también conocía el acuerdo que Dios había hecho con su pueblo y cuánto amaba Dios a su pueblo y quería ser su único Dios. Jesús le dijo: *“Aléjate, Satanás, porque dice la Escritura: Adorarás al Señor tu Dios, y a Él sólo servirás.”* (Mt 4:10)

Jesús conocía a Dios (obviamente). Toda su vida fluyó del profundo conocimiento que tenía del Padre. Pero ese *“conocimiento”* no era algo que existía solo en su mente. Él les decía a sus discípulos: *“Ya no los llamo servidores, porque el servidor ignora lo que hace su señor; yo los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que oí de mi Padre”* (Jn 15:15). Cuando dice *“todo lo que oí del Padre”*, Jesús no se está refiriendo a información académica o conocimiento intelectual. Él se está refiriendo a la relación que tiene con el Padre. Lo que realmente nos está diciendo es que quiere que seamos parte de esa relación que existe en la Trinidad. Él dijo a sus discípulos: *“Como el Padre me amó, también yo los he amado a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor”* (Jn 15: 9). Jesús nos ama como a sí mismo y quiere que tengamos lo que él tiene y que estemos donde él está.

Durante estos 40 días de Cuaresma, tratemos de ser conscientes de cuánto nos ama Dios y de convertirnos a ese amor. Durante todo el día, intentemos servir a Dios mediante la construcción de su reino, ladrillo por ladrillo, a través de todos los grandes y pequeños actos de amor que hacemos por las personas que nos rodean, como nos lo invita el Cubo de Amor. Es fácil decir que queremos amar a Dios solo y sobre todas las cosas, pero amar a Dios significa hacer lo que Él quiere: *“Este es mi mandamiento: Ámense los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado”* (Jn 15:12).

Padre Jesse Garcia

Secretary/Secretaria

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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
marystaremergency@gmail.com

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 Sr. 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

for February 1-15: Estela and Arcelia

Sponsor of February Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
Jáuregui Venegas
and

Jáuregui Algarín
by Maria J. Gutierrez

FISH FRY FRIDAY

The knights of Columbus are looking for ministries who would like to work the Fish Fry on Fridays starting February 16 through March 23. Please contact Pete Gutierrez at 979-248-7824.

Fr. Gallagher will be visiting St. Mary on February 24 and 25 to help us learn about the Unbound program founded by lay Catholics, and the service they provide around the world.



Penance Services

- Feb 28 - St. Anthony de Padua, Danbury
- Mar 5 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manvel
- Mar 7 - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport
- Mar 8 - St. John the Apostle, West Columbia
- Mar 19 - St. Michael, Lake Jackson
- Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton
- Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin

Parish Lenten Mission

On Monday February 19, 26 and March 5 with Fr. Italo Dell'Oro, CRS "The Roots of Our Faith" at 7 p.m. at Church in English. Starting on Monday March 26-28 with Fr. Antonio Curto, C.P. "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus" at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance and from 7-9 p.m. at church Mission in Spanish.



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.



We Are looking for a Part-Time Music Director Join the St. Mary's team, for more information email us at

pastor@stmarysosarchgh.org or call 979-233-5271.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin in February 15, 2018. Please contact Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271 to sign up or for more information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have at least 2 hours of free time Monday thru Thursday, please help Sister San

Juanita to clean and move resources to create a new classroom in Heaven's Way and a new Resource Room in the old CCE building. Also, assistance is needed to load and take items to Recycle Center. Your help is greatly appreciated !! Please contact Sister San Juanita at (979) 233-5271 if you can help.



"Stars of the Sea"

Our senior group will meet on the fourth Thursday this month, February 22nd, George Washington's Birthday, at 10:30 am to noon. Come and play some Bingo and eat Birthday Cake.

**FISH FRY
FRIDAY**

Los Caballeros de Colon buscan a los diferentes ministerios para que trabajen los viernes de Pescado Frito comenzando el 16 de Febrero al 23 de marzo. Favor de ponerse en comunicación con Pete Gutierrez al 979-248-7824.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

- Feb 28 - St. Anthony de Padua, Danbury
- Mar 5 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manvel
- Mar 7 - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport
- Mar 8 - St. John the Apostle, West Columbia
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Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

El lunes 19, 26 y 5 de marzo con el Padre Italo Dell'Oro, CRS "The Roots of Our Faith" a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia esta misión será en Ingles. Comenzando el lunes 26, 27 y 28 de marzo con el Padre Antonio Curto, C.P. "Una Vida Nueva con Jesús" a las 4:30 a las 6:30 p.m. Sacramento de Reconciliación y de 7 a 9 p.m. La misión en Español todo esto tomara lugar en la Iglesia.



Clases de Confirmación para Adultos

Comenzarán en 15 de febrero. Favor de comunicarse con la hermana San Juanita al 979-233-5271 para inscribirse o para mayor información.



El Padre Gallagher estará visitándonos el 25 de Febrero para darnos a conocer lo que el programa Unbound que fue fundado por laicos Católicos y el servicio que proporcionan alrededor del mundo.



¿No Pueden Vigilar conmigo una Hora?

Necesitamos algunos voluntarios para mantener vigilia con Jesús en oración por 30 minutos o mas si desea, los jueves de 9am a 6pm 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.



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 o llámé al 979-233 -5271.



"Estrellas del Mar"

Se reunirá el 22 de Febrero cumpleaños de George Washington a las 10:30 am. Ven a jugar al bingo y a comer pastel.

¿NOS DAS UNA MANO?



Se necesitan voluntarios:

Para crear un nuevo salón de clases en Heaven's Way. Necesitamos mover materiales y artículos de reciclaje. Favor de llamar a la hermana San Juanita al (979) 233-5271 para mayor información.

Saturday, February 10 / Sabado 10 de Febrero

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34; PS 106:6-7AB,19-20,21-22; MK 8:1-10

5:30 p.m. †Bernabé Olguin by Santana Olguin

Sunday, February 11 / Domingo 11 de Febrero

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LV 13:1-2, 44-46; PS 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 COR 10:31- 11:1; MK 1:40-45

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. †Guadalupe Tito Tamayo de parte de su Familia
Intención de la Misa por la Sociedad Guadalupana

5:00 p.m. †Pablo Martinez by Cuellar Family

Monday, February 12 / Lunes 12 de Febrero

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

JAS 1:1-11; PS 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; MK 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13 / Martes 13 de Febrero

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

JAS 1:12-18; PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19; MK 8:14-21

6:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
†Mark Barclay by His Wife

Wednesday, February 14 / Miércoles 14 de Febrero

Ash Wednesday

JL 2:12-18; PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB,12-13, 14 AND 17; 2 COR 5:20-6:2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 / Jueves 15 de Febrero

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

DT 30:15-20; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; LK 9:22-25

6:15p.m.

Friday, February 16 / Viernes 16 de Febrero

Friday after Ash Wednesday

IS 58:1-9A; PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19; MT 9:14-15

8:30a.m.

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.

Johanna Blanchard, Melody Hernandez, Mary Taylor and family, Jessica Gutierrez, Jill L.Armstrong, Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family, Leticia Villareal, Ernie Damian, Robert Caraway, Jay Garcia, Don Holtzclaw, Chris King

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

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Knights of Columbus / Caballeros de Colón

Ramsey Martinez (979) 201-6748

Legion of Mary / Legion de Maria

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726

Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

Ushers / Greeters / Accommodators

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 233-2316

Guadalupana Society

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

Almas Misioneras

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

Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

Neo-catechumen Way / Camino Neocatecumenal

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

Sponsor of the Week

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