

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 February 11, 2018:
\$4,376.27

Under budget for the week of
February 11, 2018: \$3,916.24
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, February 19

7 p.m.	Mission English	Church
	“The Roots of our Faith” - Fr. Italo Dell’Oro	
7 p.m.	Neo-Cat	Heaven’s Way

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary (English)	Heaven’s Way #3
4:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary (Spanish)	Heaven’s Way #3
6:30 p.m.	English Mass	Church
7 p.m.	Neo-Cat	Parish Hall
7 p.m.	RCIA Session	Heaven’s Way #3
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, February 21

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30 p.m.	CCE	Heaven’s Way

Thursday, February 22

9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
10:30 a.m.	Senior Day	Heaven’s Way
5:30-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
6:15p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

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 25

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

Pastoral Staff



During Lent, we are called to *refine the figure of Christ* in each one of us. Notwithstanding our best efforts to love our neighbors, we still carry within us little defects that blur the beauty of Christ within. As a result, we become dissatisfied with ourselves. And even though we try hard, our lingering personal and collective imperfections often embarrass us.

Everyone has their own defects. Sometimes we perform carelessly because we're in a rush; we can't overcome our anger; we fail to love in the present moment; we get distracted during prayer; we become too caught up in the superficial things of the world; we overeat or overdrink; we feed our curiosity with the internet; we let pride live in us; we're intolerant of others; we speak mindlessly and needlessly also on social media; we become attached to little things like our cell phones, and fill our days with TV, Hulu and/or Netflix; we allow ourselves to be served by others without serving in return; we don't follow through on our promises or commitments... Each one of us could add to the list.

When it comes to things that don't nourish our holiness, which means being perfect in charity, in love of neighbor, Jesus uses exaggerated language to convince us that a life of love brings more joy than doing things that only give the illusion of happiness. In his strong desire for us to enjoy the eternal vision of heaven, he says: "...if your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away" (Mt 5:29).

To continue loving God and neighbor we should seek to overcome our vices, one after another. In his book, *The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas à Kempis tells us that while uprooting our vices is not easy, if we free ourselves from just one vice every year, we will reach holiness in a short time.

While I am convinced that if we focus on loving one neighbor one at a time, we'll be living perfect self-denial and burn away our defects, it's still true that if we find that we have one particular persistent vice in us that prevents us from loving God and neighbor, to overcome it, we can focus on living its opposite virtue. For example, if a neighbor makes me jealous, I can try to be more benevolent toward him, sharing his or her happiness. That way, the virtue of benevolence will gradually become a habit in me and will bring me closer to holiness which can only be found in charity, love for neighbor. If I tend to be lazy, let me be industrious in doing good for the other. If I tend to overeat, let me fast a little longer and share my food with others. If I am being selfish, let me actively look for a neighbor to love and be generous towards him or her. Each one of us should pick a vice we have, and live its opposite virtue with the same decisiveness implied in Jesus' words: *tear it out!*

On this 1st week of Lent, let's intensify our efforts and get to work!

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Durante la Cuaresma, somos llamados a *refinar la figura de Cristo* en cada uno de nosotros. A pesar de nuestros mejores esfuerzos para amar a nuestros prójimos, todavía llevamos dentro pequeños defectos que borran la belleza de Cristo en nosotros. Como resultado, nos sentimos insatisfechos con nosotros mismos. Y a pesar de nuestros esfuerzos, nuestras imperfecciones personales persisten y nos avergüenzan.

Todos tienen sus propios defectos. A veces actuamos descuidadamente porque estamos apresurados; no logramos superar la ira; no amamos a algún prójimo en el momento presente; nos distraemos durante la oración; nos vemos demasiado atrapados en las cosas superficiales del mundo; comemos o bebemos en exceso; satisfacemos nuestra curiosidad con el internet; dejamos que el orgullo viva en nosotros; somos intolerantes con los demás; hablamos sin pensar y decimos tonterías también en las redes sociales; nos apegamos a pequeñas cosas como nuestros celulares, y llenamos nuestros días con la televisión, Hulu y/o Netflix; permitimos que nos sirvan sin también servir; no cumplimos nuestras promesas o compromisos... Cada uno de nosotros podría agregarse a la lista.

Cuando se trata de cosas que no aumentan nuestra santidad, lo que significa ser perfectos en la caridad, en el amor al prójimo, Jesús usa un lenguaje exagerado para convencernos de que una vida de amor trae más alegría que hacer cosas que nos dan un gozo ilusorio. En su fuerte deseo de que disfrutemos de la visión eterna del cielo, nos dice: "...si tu ojo derecho te está haciendo caer, sácatelo y tíralo lejos" (Mt 5, 29).

Por amor a Dios y al prójimo, debemos buscar desarraigar nuestros vicios, uno tras otro. En su libro, *La imitación de Cristo*, Tomás à Kempis nos dice que aun si el desarraigar nuestros vicios no es fácil, si nos liberamos de un solo vicio cada año, alcanzaremos la santidad en poco tiempo.

Si bien estoy convencido de que si nos enfocamos en amar al prójimo uno a la vez, viviremos la perfecta *negación del sí* y quemaremos nuestros defectos, es cierto que si vemos que tenemos un vicio particular que persiste y que nos impide amar a Dios y al prójimo, podemos enfocarnos en vivir la virtud opuesta. Por ejemplo, si estoy celoso de algún prójimo por algún logro, puedo aumentar la benevolencia hacia él, compartiendo su felicidad. De esta manera, la benevolencia gradualmente se convertirá en costumbre y nos acercaremos a la santidad que solo puede encontrarse en la caridad, el amor al prójimo. Si tiendo a ser perezoso, entonces ser juicioso en hacer el bien a algún prójimo particular. Si tiendo a comer en exceso, entonces ayunar un poco más y compartir mi comida con alguien. Si estoy siendo egoísta, que busque un prójimo para amar y ser generoso con él o ella. Cada uno de nosotros debería elegir un vicio que tiene, y vivir su virtud opuesta con la misma decisión implícita en las palabras de Jesús: *¡sácatelo!*

¡En esta primera semana de Cuaresma, intensifiquemos nuestros esfuerzos y pongámonos a trabajar!

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

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

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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 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

Penance Services

All Services are at 7 p.m.

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

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FISH FRY FRIDAY

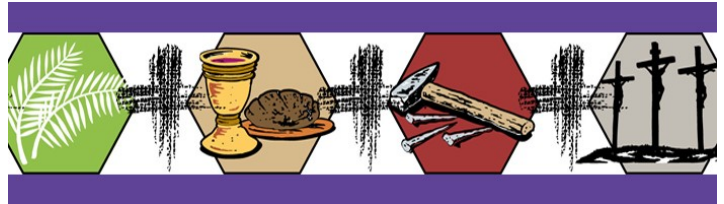


Parish Hall from 5-7 p. m. come and join us for fellowship and good food.

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

Parish Lenten Mission

On Monday February 19, 26 and March 5 in English with Fr. Italo Dell'Oro, CRS. Director of Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services. "The Roots of Our Faith" at 7 p.m. at Church.



Starting on Monday March 26-28 Mission in Spanish, with Fr. Antonio Curto, C.P. Associate Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center. Starting with Sacrament of Penance from 4:30-6:30 p.m. following with "Una Vida Nueva con Jesus" from 7-9 p.m. at Church.

"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.



Sponsor Today

Through sponsorship you can discover a life-changing friendship with prayer, letters and photos. Partner with a family on their journey to break free from poverty.

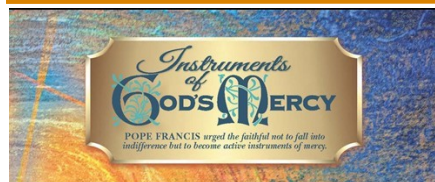


Remember Mike?

The youth that our Parish helped to send away to be a missionary in Melbourne, Australia. Mike is going to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams, helping other young people get closer to God and the Catholic Church.



Please remember him in your prayers.



Our 2018 Diocesan Services Fund has begun in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire archdiocese through more than 60 important programs.

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Todos los Servicios son a las 7p.m.

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FISH FRY FRIDAY

En el Salón Parroquial de 5-7p.m. Venga a compartir y a comer.

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.

"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.



Se Acuerda de Mike?

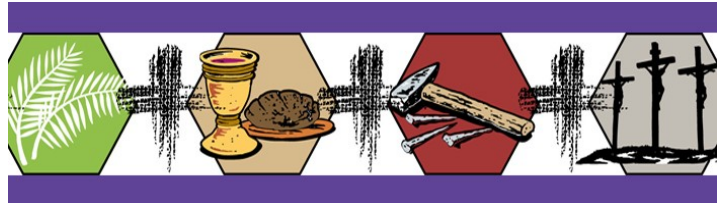
El joven que nuestra Parroquia ayudo a mandarlo como misionario a Melbourne, Australia. Mike va a dedicar nueve meses de su vida a trabajar con National Evangelization Teams, ayudando a los jovenes acercarse a Dios y a la Iglesia Católica.



Recuérdelo en sus oraciones.

Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

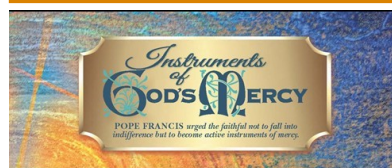
El lunes 19, 26 y 5 de marzo con el Padre Italo Dell'Oro, CRS. Director of Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services. "The Roots of Our Faith" a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia esta misión será en Ingles.



Comenzando el lunes 26, 27 y 28 de marzo con el Padre Antonio Curto, C.P. Associate Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center. "Una Vida Nueva con Jesús". De las 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sacramento de la Reconciliación y de 7-9 p.m. La misión en Español todo esto tomara lugar en la Iglesia.

Patrocine Hoy

Atreves del patrocinio usted puede descubrir una Amistad que le cambie la vida atreves de la oración, cartas y fotografías. Asóciese con una familia en su viaje para liberarse de la pobreza.



Nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesano 2018 a comenzado en cada parroquia atreves de la Arqui-

diócesis de Galveston-Houston. Cristo nos llama a llegar a aquellos que están enfermos o necesitados, a bendecirlos, y a mostrarles misericordia. Las miles de personas atendidas por los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston necesitan de su compasión y generosidad. Su amable regalo a DSF nos permite llegar a las personas en esta parroquia y a través de toda la Arquidiócesis a través de mas de 60 programas importantes.



Saturday, February 17 / Sabado 17 de Febrero

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

IS 58:9B-14; PS 86:1-2,3-4,5-6; LK 5:27-32

5:30 p.m. †Rudy Fernández by Anita Damian
Mass Intention for Nieves and Carmen Olguin.

Sunday, February 18 / Domingo 18 de Febrero

First Sunday of Lent

GN 9:8-15; PS 25:4-5,6-7,8-9; 1 PT 3:18-22; MK 1:12-15

9:00 a.m. †Alicyn Mitcham by Family
Mass Intention for Bulletin Sponsors

11:00 a.m. Intención de la misa por los patrocinadores del boletín.

5:00 p.m. †Richard Martinez by the Cuellar Family

Monday, February 19 / Lunes 19 de Febrero

Monday of the First Week of Lent

LV 19:1-2,11-18; PS 19:8,9,10,15; MT 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20 / Martes 20 de Febrero

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

Is 55:10-11; PS 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; MT 6:7-15

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

Wednesday, February 21 / Miércoles 21 de Febrero

Wednesday of the First Week in Lent

JON 3:1-10; PS 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; LK 11:29-32

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 22 / Jueves 22 de Febrero

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 PT 5:1-4; PS 23:1-3A4,5,6; MT 16:13-19

6:15p.m.

Friday, February 23 / Viernes 23 de Febrero

Friday OF THE First Week of Lent

EZ 18:21-28; PS 130:1-2,3-4,5-7A,7BC-8; MT 5:20-26

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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Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

**Neo-catechumen Way / Camino
Neocatecumenal**

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

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