

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 18: \$3,818.50
Under budget for the week of
February 18: \$4,474.01
Second collection for Black and Indian
Mission February 18: \$1,348.26

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 26

7:00p.m. English Mission Church

Fr. Italo Dell'Oro

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

Tuesday, February 27

9:30a.m. Legion of Mary (English) Heaven's Way #3

4:30p.m. Legion of Mary (Spanish) Heaven's Way #3

6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Heaven's Way #5

6:30p.m. English Mass Church

7:00p.m. RCIA Heaven's Way #3

7:00p.m. Circle of Grace Parish Hall

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Wednesday, February 28

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

5:30p.m. CCE PK-5th grades Heaven's Way

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Heaven's Way

Thursday, March 1

9a.m.-6 p.m. Adoration Church

5:30-6 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church

6:15p.m. Spanish Mass Church

7:00p.m. Council Meeting Conference Room

8:00p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

Friday, March 2

8:30a.m. English Mass Church

5-7 p.m. Fish Fry Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Church

"Via Matris" (in Spanish)

7:00p.m. Las Guadalupanas Heaven's Way

Saturday, March 3

4-5p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church

5:30p.m. English Mass Church

7:00p.m. Neo-Cat Mass Heaven's Way

Sunday, March 4

9:00a.m. English Mass Church

11:00a.m. Spanish Mass Church

5:00p.m. English-Youth Mass Church

6:30p.m. Youth Ministry Parish Hall



From Our Pastor

Pastoral Staff



In this weekend's second reading, St Paul wishes to give us hope, as he reminds us: "*If God is with us, who can be against us?*" (Rom 8:31). God is always the first to love us, even when we don't live up to the pact we made with him in baptism.

This fact of God's unbreakable love for us was so evident to Paul that he exploded with admiration and gratitude.

Paul pictures a court trial in which we are to be judged. However, the judge in that court, who is none other than God himself, has also become our defense attorney. So, Paul asks if God has sided with us, who could stand up as a prosecutor against us.

During Lent, and every day of our life, we are invited to believe in God's love, to convert to God's love. The word "convert" means to make a complete turn-around, to turn toward God who is Love. Just like those sunflowers that continually turn toward the sun, we are invited during Lent and all the days of our life, to continually keep turning back toward God.

But we sometimes become discouraged and blocked. Our conscience may begin to accuse us because of our weakness or following the misleading voices that come from the world around us. Or we may be discouraged by difficulties because of economic problems or health issues. All of these things can prevent us from "converting" to God and believing in his love. But these are the very moments when we're invited to repeat the words of John: "We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us" (1Jn 4:16).

Jesus met many problems in his own life: the disbelief of the people, mistrust, accusations, rejection by his own followers, the feeling that he was a failure.... Nevertheless, he always met those difficulties with his gaze fixed on the Father, with the certainty that the Father would raise him to life again. Right after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who had run away and hid. He went to comfort them, to forget their failures and to reassure them of his love. He gave them hope.

During this Lenten season, let's be people of hope, people who believe in God's endless love for us and everyone. Being people of hope means not being locked in our past, but reaching out beyond ourselves to others. Being people of hope means believing that the Gospel is possible, that good is stronger than evil and that no act of goodness will be fruitless; it means believing in a tomorrow that will be made by God's love and more beautiful than today. Being people of hope means turning in the direction of God's loving plans. Believing in God's love will fill us already now with the light of Easter Saturday night when we celebrate the Risen Jesus in our midst.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



En la segunda lectura de este fin de semana, San Pablo nos quiere dar esperanzas, así como nos los recuerda: ‘si Dios está con nosotros, ¿Quién puede estar en contra de nosotros?’ (ROM 8:31). Dios es siempre el primero en amarnos, aun cuando no estamos a la altura del Pacto que hicimos con él en el bautismo. Este hecho de amor inquebrantable de Dios para nosotros era tan evidente para Pablo que explotó con admiración y gratitud.

Pablo pinta un juicio en el que debemos ser juzgados. Sin embargo, el juez en ese tribunal, que no es otro que Dios mismo, también se ha convertido en nuestro abogado defensor. Entonces, Pablo pregunta si Dios está de parte de nosotros, quien podrá ponerse en contra de nosotros.

Durante la Cuaresma, y cada día de nuestra vida, estamos invitados a creer en el amor de Dios, a convertirnos al amor de Dios. La palabra “convertir” significa hacer una vuelta completa, para volverse hacia Dios que es amor. Al igual que los girasoles que continuamente se dirigen hacia el sol, estamos invitados durante la Cuaresma y todos los días de nuestra vida, para continuamente seguir dando la vuelta hacia Dios.

Pero a veces nos desanimamos y nos bloqueamos. Nuestra conciencia puede empezar a acusarnos debido a nuestra debilidad o a seguir las voces engañosas que vienen del mundo que nos rodea. O nos podemos desanimar por las dificultades debido a problemas económicos o problemas de salud. Todas estas cosas nos pueden impedir “convertir” a Dios y a creer en su amor. Pero estos son los momentos en los que estamos invitados a repetir las palabras de Juan: “hemos llegado a conocer y a creer en el amor que Dios tiene para nosotros” (1JN 4:16).

Jesús conoció muchos problemas en su propia vida: la incredulidad del pueblo, la desconfianza, las acusaciones, el rechazo de sus propios seguidores, la sensación de que era un fracaso... Sin embargo, él siempre resolvió esas dificultades con su mirada fija en el padre, con la certeza que el padre lo resucitaría a la vida otra vez. Justo después de la resurrección, Jesús se le apareció a sus discípulos que se habían escapado y escondido. Fue a consolarlos, a olvidar sus fracasos y a tranquilizarlos con su amor. Les dio esperanza.

Durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, seamos gente de esperanza, gente que cree en el amor interminable de Dios por nosotros y por todos. Ser personas de esperanza significa no estar encerrados en nuestro pasado, sino llegar más allá de nosotros mismos a los demás. Ser personas de esperanza significa creer que el Evangelio es posible, que el bien es más fuerte que el mal que ningún acto de bondad será infructuoso; significa creer en un mañana que será hecho por el amor de Dios y más hermoso que hoy. Ser personas de esperanza significa dar vuelta en la dirección de los planes amorosos de Dios. Creer que el amor de Dios nos llenará de la luz de la noche del sábado de Pascua cuando celebremos al Jesús resucitado en medio de nosotros.

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

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

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
Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton
Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin

Parish Lenten Mission

On Monday February 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.

Circle of Grace Meeting:

There will be a very important meeting for all parents of children: Grades Pre-K through 12th on Tuesday, February 27th beginning at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. This regards lessons that will be taught to your children before the school year ends regarding abuse. For more information please contact Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271.



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



Gulf Coast Catholic Men's Conference The 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men's Conference will

be held on Saturday, March 10th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion at La Porte, TX. Cost is \$40 through March 5th and \$45 from March 6th until the conference. Religious and Clergy are free. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speaker topics include building a community-lessons from Hurricane Harvey, spiritual warfare, addictions, and the importance of men's ministries. For more details and to purchase tickets to www.gm-cmc.org.



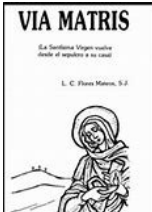
Our 2018 Diocesan Services Fund has begun in every parish

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

West Brazos Knights of Columbus #8548 are having their Annual Bazaar and Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday March 4, beginning at 11:00a.m.



March 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Church The way of the Cross with Mary descending from Calvary. Presented by the Group the Flock from Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring ,Texas



Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Todos los Servicios son a las 7p.m.
Feb 28 - St. Anthony de Padua, Danbury
Mar 5 - Sacred Heart of Jesus, Manvel
Mar 7 - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Freeport
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Reunión del círculo de gracia:

Habrà una reunión muy importante para todos los padres de niños: Grados Prek hasta el 12 el martes, 27 de febrero comenzando a las 7 p.m. en el salón parroquial. Esto se refiere a las lecciones que se enseñarán a sus hijos antes de que el año escolar termine con respecto al abuso. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al 979-233-5271.



Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

El lunes 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.



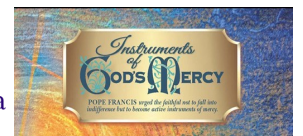
En el Salón Parroquial de 5-7p.m. Venga a compartir y a comer. Los Caballeros de Colon buscan a los diferentes ministerios para que trabajen los viernes de Pescado Frito comenzando el 16 de Febrero al 23 de marzo. Favor de ponerse en comunicación con Pete Gutierrez al 979-248-7824.



"Conferencia de los hombres católicos de la costa del Golfo"

La 3ª Conferencia anual de hombres católicos de la costa del Golfo se llevará a cabo el sábado, 10 de marzo de 8:00A a 4:00p en el pabellón de la playa de Sylvan en la Porte, TX. El costo es de \$40 hasta el 5 de marzo y \$45 del 6 de marzo hasta la Conferencia. Los religiosos y los clérigos son libres. El costo incluye desayuno continental y almuerzo. Los temas del orador incluyen la construcción de una comunidad-lecciones del huracán Harvey, la guerra espiritual, las adicciones, y la importancia de los ministerios de los hombres. Para más detalles y para comprar boletos a www.gm-cmc.org.

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

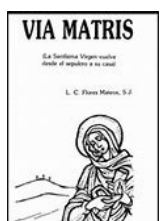


Houston. Cristo nos llama a llegar a aquellos que están enfermos o necesitados, a bendecirlos, y a mostrarles misericordia. Las miles de personas atendidas por los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston necesitan de su compasión y generosidad. Su amable regalo a DSF nos permite llegar a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

West Brazos Knights of Columbus #8548 están teniendo su bazar anual y la cena de pollo frito el domingo 4 de marzo, comenzando a las 11:00am



2 de marzo a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia El camino de la Cruz con María descendiendo del Calvario. Presentado por el grupo el rebaño de Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring ,Texas



Saturday, February 24 / Sabado 24 de Febrero

Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

5:30p.m. For All Souls in Purgatory by Santana Olguin

Sunday, February 25 / Domingo 25 de Febrero

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

9:00a.m. †Carmina Arrollo by Ana Perez
Mass Intentions for Olguin Family by Santana Olguin

11:00a.m. †Maria Concepción Carmina de Familia Diaz
Intención de la Misa por MFCC

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

Monday, February 26 / Lunes 26 de Febrero

Monday of the Second Week of Lent

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27 / Martes 27 de Febrero

Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

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

Wednesday, February 28 / Miércoles 28 de Febrero

Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

8:30a.m. †Jose Rubio by Wife and Daughters

Thursday, March 1 / Jueves 1 de Marzo

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

6:15p.m. †Rafael Montalvo de Familia Heredia

Friday, March 2 / Viernes 2 de Marzo

Friday of the Second Week of Lent

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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.

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, Glenda Finisher, Pete Kruppa, Kathy Shaw and Ann Cooper

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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Sponsor of the Week

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