

## 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](mailto:smsosphotos@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office at  
979-233-5271

**Stewardship Report**

Collection for March 4: \$7,352.80  
Under budget for the week of  
March 4: \$939.71  
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, March 12****Tuesday, March 13**

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	Conference Room
6:00p.m.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	RCIA	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo Cat	Parish Hall
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

**Wednesday, March 14**

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	No CCE	

**Thursday, March 15**

8-4:00p.m.	Garage Sale	Parish Hall
9a.m.-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
10:30-noon	Senior Day	Heaven's Way
5:30-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
6:15p.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

**Friday, March 16**

8-noon	Garage Sale	Parish Hall
8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
3:00p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church
5-7 p.m.	Fish Fry	Parish Hall
7:00p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

**Saturday, March 17**

4:00p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
5:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Neo-Cat Mass	Heaven's Way

**Sunday, March 18**

9:00a.m.	English Mass	Church
11:00a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
5:00p.m.	English-Youth Mass	Church
6:30p.m.	No Youth Ministry	

## From Our Pastor



In this weekend's Gospel we are privy to Jesus's very private conversation with Nicodemus in the middle of the night. Nicodemus, who is a doctor of the Law, recognizes Jesus as a great teacher. He has a long conversation with Jesus, during which he asks Him many questions. Their conversation comes to a climax when Jesus tells Nicodemus that He is far more than a teacher. He is the only Son of God, His dearly beloved Son, who is completely one with the Father, the object of his satisfaction and pleasure: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

These words of Jesus convey the central message of the Christian faith: God loves the world and wishes to convey his entire self to us. He gave us his Son so that, in Him, we might have the true Life, the life of Heaven, already now.

God wasn't content with just creating us and making us know his word through the prophets. At a precise moment in history he wished to give us the one he loved, his own Son, Jesus, the Eternal Word. The Greek expression used for "gave" in this sentence of the Gospel has the sense of a "present", something special that you would prepare for someone whom you loved, something very special that you know they're going to like. You wrap it up in the finest wrapping paper with ribbons and bows. Then you "give" it to them and it creates an unbreakable bond between you and the receiver.

But this great gift from the Father to us has to be accepted. We have to take possession of it. Jesus waits for us to "believe" in this gift of love and to accept it as our own. We accept Jesus by putting His words into practice, because Jesus identifies himself with his words: "Whoever loves me will keep my word" (Jn 14:23). Jesus will remain in anyone who hears his word and puts it into practice (see Jn 15:4-7).

If we live Jesus's words they will unite us more and more with Him, and we will be filled more and more with His Life. Even better, if we live his words together and share with each other how we try to live them, his words will make us into a community where the Life among us is Jesus himself. We know that his words can be summed up in the word "love". In that way we will be accepting Jesus for what he really is: the Word and Love of the Father.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



En el Evangelio de este fin de semana estamos al tanto de la conversación muy privada de Jesús con Nicodemo en medio de la noche, Nicodemo, que es un doctor de la ley, reconoce a Jesús como un gran maestro. Él tiene una larga conversación con Jesús, durante el cual le hace muchas preguntas, Su conversación llega a un clímax cuando Jesús le dice a Nicodemo que él es mucho más que un maestro. Él es el único hijo de Dios, su amado hijo, que es completamente uno con el padre, el objeto de su satisfacción y placer: “Dios amo tan al mundo que el dio a su único hijo, de modo que cada uno que cree en él no pueda perecer pero puede tener vida eterna” (Juan 3:16).

Estas palabras de Jesús transmiten el mensaje central de la fe cristiana: Dios ama al mundo y desea transmitir todo su ser a nosotros, Nos dio a su hijo para que, en el, pudiéramos tener la vida verdadera, la vida del cielo, ya ahora.

Dios no estaba contento con solo crearnos y hacernos conocer su palabra a través de los profetas, En un momento preciso de la historia deseaba darnos al que él amaba, su propio hijo, Jesús, la palabra eterna, La expresión griega utilizada para “dar” en esta frase del Evangelio tiene el sentido de un “presente”, algo especial que te prepararías para alguien a quien amabas, algo muy especial que sabes que te va a gustar. Lo envuelves en el mejor papel de envolver con lazos y listones. Luego se “da” a ellos y crea un vínculo inquebrantable entre usted y el receptor.

Pero este gran regalo del padre para nosotros tiene que ser aceptado. Tenemos que tomar posesión de él, Jesús nos espera para “creer” en este regalo de amor y aceptarlo como propio. Aceptamos a Jesús poniendo sus palabras en práctica, porque Jesús se identifica con sus palabras: “quien me ame mantendrá mi palabra” (Jn 14:23). Jesús permanecerá en cualquiera que oiga su palabra y la ponga en práctica (véase Jn 15:4-7).

Si vivimos las palabras de Jesús ellos nos unirán más y más con él, y seremos llenos más y más con su vida. Aun mejor, si vivimos sus palabras juntos y compartimos el uno con el otro como tratamos de vivirlos, sus palabras nos convertirán en una comunidad donde la vida entre nosotros es Jesús mismo. Sabemos que sus palabras pueden resumirse en la palabra “amor”. De esta manera, aceptaremos a Jesús por lo que realmente es: la palabra y el amor del padre.

*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 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 March:

### Sponsor of March Altar Wine

In loving memory of  
Jesus Guevara Sr. requested by  
Yolanda Garcia

**Penance Services**

**All Services are at 7 p.m.**

Mar 19 - St. Michael, Lake Jackson

Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton

Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin



**Parish Lenten Mission**

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.



**Please keep praying for our Elect:**

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredes, Jr., Cesar Alcantor and Melanie Alvarez as they journey toward the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Also pray for our Candidates: Viviana Soto and Leigh Ann Barr who will come into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.



Thursday, March 15 from 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. and Friday, March 16 from 8:00a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall, please stop by and support St. Mary Star of the Sea. Someone’s scraps can be someone else's treasure!



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.

**“Stars of the Sea”**

Our senior group will meet on the third Thursday this month, March 15th at 10:30a.m. to noon in Heaven’s Way Hall. Come and play some “Irish” Bingo.



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### Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Todos los Servicios son a las 7p.m.

Mar 19 - St. Michael, Lake Jackson

Mar 20 - Most Holy Trinity, Angleton

Mar 22 - St. John The Baptist, Alvin



### Por favor, siga orando por nuestros elegidos:

Fernando Diaz, Carlos Paredez, Jr., César Alcantor y Melanie Alvarez mientras viajan hacia los sacramentos de Pascua de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. También oren por nuestros candidatos: Viviana Soto y Leigh Ann Barr que entrarán en plena comunión con la iglesia católica en la Vigilia Pascual.



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-



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### Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma

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.



Jueves, 15 de marzo de 8:00a.m. -4:00p.m. y viernes, 16 de marzo de 8:00a.m. al mediodía en el salón parroquial, por favor pase y apoye a la estrella de Santa María del mar. ¡ los desechos de alguien pueden ser el tesoro de alguien más!

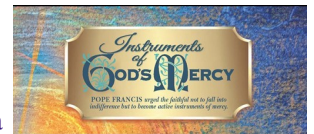
### "estrellas del mar"

se reunirá el tercer jueves de este mes, 15 de marzo a las 10:30a. m. al mediodía en el pasillo del cielo.  
Ven a jugar al bingo "Irlandés".



Nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesano 2018 a comenzado en cada parroquia a través 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.





## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

## Ministries/ Ministerios

### Saturday, March 10 / Sabado 10 de Marzo

*Saturday of the Third Week of Lent*

Hos 6:1-6; PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

5:30p.m. †Olegario Naranjo by Naranjo Family  
†Clevens Theriot by Family

### Sunday, March 11 / Domingo 11 de Marzo

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

9:00a.m. †Francisco Moreno by Moreno Family  
Nieves and Carmen Olguin by Santana Olguin

11:00a.m. †America Ramirez de su familia  
Intención Especial por las Guadalupeñas

5:00p.m.

### Monday, March 12 / Lunes 12 de Marzo

*Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Is 65:17-21; PS 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 13 / Martes 13 de Marzo

*Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

6:30 p.m. †Frank Calderon by Ramona and Family

### Wednesday, March 14 / Miércoles 14 de Marzo

*Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent*

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

8:30a.m. †Mark Barclay by his wife

### Thursday, March 15 / Jueves 15 de Marzo

*Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

6:15p.m.

### Friday, March 16 / Viernes 16 de Marzo

*Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8:30a.m. †Rita Gilles by Janice Hawley

### 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.

Annette Masi, Christina Rivas and Family, Leticia Villareal, Ernie Damian, Robert Caraway, Jay Garcia, Don Holtzclaw, Chris King, Glenda Fansher, Pete Kruppa, Kathy Shaw, Ann Cooper, John Saldivar, Mary Rodriguez, Pete and Margie Trevino, Roger Calvillo and Arcelia Garcia

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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Dollie Hernandez (979) 665-9635

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**San Vicente de Paul**

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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**

**Saint Mary's Altar & Rosary**  
**Society**  
**In Honor of our Deceased**  
**Members**