

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 April 8: \$5,052.20
Short by for the week of
April 8: \$3,240.31
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, April 16****Tuesday, April 17**

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.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:30p.m.	English Mass	Church
7:00p.m.	Marriage Prep	Conf. Room
8:00p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, April 18

8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
5:30p.m.	CCE PK-5th grades	Heaven's Way

Thursday, April 19

10:30a.m.	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, April 20

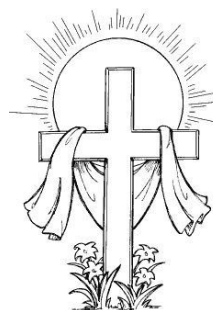
8:30a.m.	English Mass	Church
3:00p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 22

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



The month of April is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Spirit. He's that "hidden" God who operates in secret and accomplishes so much. He was there at the first moment of Creation, hovering over the abyss. He breathed his inspirations into the hearts of the prophets, not only among the Jewish People, but among the peoples of every land. From the very beginning of the world, the Holy Spirit was already forming the conscience of humankind, planting it with Seeds of the Word in every culture. He taught humankind the so-called Silver Rule: Do not do to others what you would not have done to you, which is the little brother of Jesus's own Golden Rule: *Do to others as you would have them do to you* [because Jesus asks for positive action]. The Holy Spirit is still at work today among people of all cultures and religions, drawing us all closer to one another as we learn to uncover the Seeds of the Word, those human values that the Holy Spirit has planted in every culture, and which we can live together in order to make the world a better place, the way our Creator would like it to be.

The Holy Spirit creates relationships among us because He is the personification of the relationship of the Love between the Father and the Son. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is said to "seal" the Trinity, the God who is Love. The Holy Spirit was poured into our hearts when we were baptized. Now we're invited to live the love that's in our hearts. The Holy Spirit is said to have come to us with gifts and fruits. We "experience" those gifts and fruits whenever we love a neighbor, because they're gifts of the Sanctifier who is Love. When we love our neighbor, we experience "knowledge": we just know what good thing God is asking us to do for that neighbor. We experience "piety" which means "loyal friendship": we make a new friend and our friendship with Jesus grows, because it's also Jesus whom we love in that neighbor. We experience "understanding": we are able to make ourselves one with our neighbor, to understand them and their needs. Our understanding of God and the things of God deepens and suddenly comes easier. When we love our neighbor, we experience the gift of "intellect". We have a correct knowledge of God. Not only are we able to understand God and the things of God, but we are able to explain them correctly to ourselves and to others, when we are sharing our experiences of living God's Word, for example. Even small children who live the Cube of Love show a genuine knowledge of God and are able to say true things about Him. We experience the gift of "fortitude": we are able to make the effort to love our neighbor, because love often requires an effort, patience, long suffering, and lots of muscle. When we love our neighbor we have the gift of "wisdom" and are able to see people and things as God sees them. When we love our neighbor, we experience these and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily life and interaction with others.

How can we honor the Holy Spirit in this month dedicated to Him? We can certainly begin by thanking Him for being such a good Friend. Then, we might try to imitate Him. Since He is the personification of the love between the Father and the Son, we could spend this month trying to improve the mutual love among us. We could work a little harder at strengthening those fading relationships, saying sorry to that friend, making up for an offence against someone, reaching out and spending time with someone we've neglected, being more helpful. We could spend more time with one another, enjoying each other's company, showing our gratitude and appreciation for our friends and relatives. The Holy Spirit will certainly inspire us and, since He's also the Sanctifier who makes us holy, He'll help us to become holy together, through mutual love.

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Tradicionalmente el mes de abril es dedicado al Espíritu Santo. Él es el Dios “escondido” que obra en secreto y logra tanto. Él estaba presente en el primer momento de la Creación, flotando sobre el abismo. Respiró sus inspiraciones en los corazones de los profetas, y no solo entre el pueblo judío, sino también entre los pueblos de toda la tierra. Desde el principio del mundo, el Espíritu Santo ya estaba formando la conciencia de la humanidad, plantándola con Semillas de la Palabra en cada cultura. Le enseñó a la humanidad lo que llamamos la Regla de Plata: No hagas a los demás lo que no quieras se te haga a ti, que es el hermanito de la Regla de Oro de Jesús: *Haz* a los demás lo que quieras se te hagan a ti [porque Jesús pide acción positiva]. El Espíritu Santo todavía trabaja entre personas de todas las culturas y religiones, acercándonos unos a otros a medida que aprendemos a descubrir las Semillas de la Palabra, esos valores humanos que el Espíritu Santo ha plantado en cada cultura, y que podemos vivir juntos para construir un mundo mejor, como nuestro Creador quisiera que fuera.

El Espíritu Santo crea relaciones entre nosotros porque Él es la personificación de la relación del Amor entre el Padre y el Hijo. Por lo tanto, se dice que el Espíritu Santo “sella” la Trinidad, Dios que es Amor. El Espíritu Santo fue derramado en nuestros corazones cuando fuimos bautizados. Ahora se nos invita a vivir ese amor en nuestros corazones. El Espíritu Santo vino a nosotros con dones y frutos.

“Experimentamos” esos dones y frutos cada vez que amamos a un prójimo, porque son dones del Santificador que es Amor. Cuando amamos a nuestro prójimo, experimentamos “el conocimiento”: es decir, venimos a conocer cuál es el bien que Dios nos pide de hacer por ese prójimo. Experimentamos “la piedad”, que significa “amistad leal”: surge una nueva amistad con alguien y nuestra amistad con Jesús crece, porque también es Jesús a quien amamos en ese nuevo amigo. Experimentamos “la comprensión”: somos capaces de hacernos uno con nuestro prójimo, entenderlo, y saber cuáles son sus necesidades. Nuestra comprensión de Dios y de las cosas de Dios se profundizan y de repente se vuelve más fácil. Cuando amamos a nuestro prójimo, experimentamos el don del “intelecto”. Tenemos un conocimiento correcto sobre Dios. No solo nos volvemos capaces de entender a Dios y las cosas de Dios, sino que también de explicarlas correctamente también a los demás sobretodo cuando compartimos nuestras experiencias de Palabra de Dios vivida.

Por ejemplo, incluso los niños pequeños que viven en el Cubo del Amor muestran un conocimiento genuino de Dios y son capaces de decir cosas verdaderas sobre Él. Experimentamos el don de la “fortaleza” que nos impulsa a hacer el esfuerzo de amar a nuestro prójimo, porque el amor a menudo requiere esfuerzo, paciencia, tiempo sufrido, y bastantes músculos. Cuando amamos a nuestro prójimo, tenemos el don de la “sabiduría” y somos capaces de ver a las personas y las cosas tal como Dios las ve. Cuando amamos a nuestro prójimo, experimentamos estos y todos los dones del Espíritu Santo en nuestra vida cotidiana y en la interacción con los demás.

¿Cómo podemos honrar al Espíritu Santo en este mes dedicado a Él? Ciertamente podemos comenzar agradeciéndole por ser tan buen amigo. Después, podemos tratar de imitarlo. Como Él es la personificación del amor entre el Padre y el Hijo, podríamos pasar este mes tratando de mejorar el amor mutuo entre nosotros. Podríamos trabajar un poco más para fortalecer esas relaciones que se desvanecen, pedirle perdón a ese amigo, compensar una ofensa contra alguien, buscar y pasar tiempo con alguien a quien hemos descuidado, siendo más útil. Podríamos pasar más tiempo con los demás, disfrutando de su compañía, mostrando nuestra gratitud y aprecio por nuestros amigos y parientes. El Espíritu Santo ciertamente nos inspirará y, dado que Él es también el Santificador que nos hace santos, nos ayudará a ser santos juntos, a través del amor mutuo.

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

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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 March: Dolly & Richard

Sponsor of April Altar Wine

In loving memory of Felipe Garcia and Fernando Salinas Requested by Margaret Garcia and Family



Donations Needed

It is that time again! We need donations for the festival. Auction items for silent and live Auction. Items needed for LIVE Auction: Tools, Outdoor Lawn Set, Fishing Sets, Picnic Tables, Dallas Cowboys items, Houston Texans items, UT items, A&M items, Houston Rockets items, Houston Astros Items, Unique Coolers, Beach items, Gift Card to restaurants, Children Items, Houston Astros Tickets, Houston Texan Tickets, Texas Flag, Fire Pit, etc. **We also need 80 briskets.** Please bring items to church office, any and all donations are welcome. Thank you!

Religious Life for Women



Live from six months to a year with the Disciples of Jesus helping in parish ministry. Organize catechism. Teach children religious education. Experience religious life by serving in a parish. Call Mother Rosita 832-297-1315

St. Joseph on the Brazos Church Bazaar

Sunday, April 29. BBQ dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11a.m. to 2p.m. Silent and live Auctions, Raffle, Country Store, Purse Booth, Kid's Games and much more. Bring the whole family and have a fun day . All are welcome!



Graduates

Parents of Graduates from PreK, 12th grade and college, please contact Sister San Juanita at 979-233-5271 to plan a Graduation Mass and Reception to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment in their lives!!!



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members to help deliver food to the poor. If interested, please call the church office at 979-233-5271.

Stars of the Sea, our Over 50 group, will meet on Thursday, April 19th at 10:30 in Heaven's Way Hall.



**Mariapolis 2018
Mary, A Model for
Humanity**

June 27-July 1, Kerrville, TX

For more information, please contact Brother Bill or visit the Focolare link on the parish website under Ministeries link.

VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children

Classes being offered here at St. Mary Star of the Sea on June 1 at 9:00a.m. in Spanish in Heaven's Way Hall.



Keeping the Promise Alive Refresher here at St. Mary Star of the Sea on May 5 at 9:00a.m. in English in Heaven's Way Hall.



Necesitamos donaciones para el Festival.

Artículos de subasta para la subasta silenciosa y en vivo. Artículos necesarios para la subasta en vivo: Tools, Outdoor Lawn Set, Fishing Sets, Picnic Tables, Swing/Rocker, Dallas Cowboys items, Houston Texans items, UT items, A&M items, Houston Rockets items, Houston Astros Items, Unique Coolers, Beach items, Gift Card to restaurants, Children Items, Houston Astros Tickets, Houston Texan Tickets, Texas Flag, Fire Pit, etc. También necesitamos 80 faldas (briskets). Por favor traiga artículos a la oficina de la iglesia, cualquiera y todas las donaciones son bienvenidas.

Vida Religiosa para mujeres



Vive de seis meses a un año con los Discípulos de Jesús ayudando en el ministerio parroquial. Organizar Catecismo. Enseñar a los niños educación religiosa. Experimente la vida religiosa sirviendo en una parroquia. Llamada Madre Rosita 832-297-1315

St. Joseph on the Brazos, Brazoria Bazar



Domingo, 29 de abril. Cena de barbacoa se sirve de 11a.m. a 2p.m. subastas silenciosas y en vivo, rifa, tienda de campo, juegos de niños y mucho más. Traer a toda la familia. ¡ todos son bienvenidos!

La sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl



necesita nuevos miembros para ayudar a entregar alimentos a los pobres. Si está interesado, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia al 979-233-5271.

Estrellas del mar, nuestro grupo de más de 50, se reunirá el jueves, 19 de abril a las 10:30 en el Heaven's Way Hall.

VIRTUS - Protegiendo a los niños de



Dios las clases se ofrecen aquí en Santa María estrella del mar el 1 de junio a las 9:00a.m. en español en el Heaven's Way Hall.

Manteniendo viva la promesa de actualización aquí en Santa María estrella del mar el 5 de mayo a las 9:00a.m. en inglés en Heaven's Way Hall.

Graduados



Padres de los graduados de PreK, 12° grado y la Universidad, por favor comuníquese con la hermana San Juanita al 979-233-5271 para planear una Misa de graduación y la recepción para celebrar este maravilloso logro en sus vidas!!!



**Mariapolis 2018
María, un modelo para la
humanidad**

Junio 27-Julio 1, Kerrville, Texas

Para más información, comuníquese con BR Bill o visite el enlace de los Focolares en la Página Web de la parroquia, bajo ministerios.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Ministries/ Ministerios

Saturday, April 14 / Sabado 14 de Abril

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

5:30p.m. †Jose Macias by Esperanza and Family

Sunday, April 15 / Domingo 15 de Abril

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

9:00a.m. †Judy Konieczny by Clara Buegeler

11:00a.m. †Pablo Olguin de Santana Olguin

5:00p.m. †Juanita Olguin by Santana Olguin

Monday, April 16 / Lunes 16 de Abril

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 17 / Martes 17 de Abril

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

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

Wednesday, April 18 / Miércoles 18 de Abril

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

8:30a.m. †Judy Konieczny by Clara Buegeler

Thursday, April 19 / Jueves 19 de Abril

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

6:15p.m. †Amando Gutierrez Sr. by Augustin & Rose Mendoza

Friday, April 20 / Viernes 20 de Abril

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

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.

Glenda Finisher, Pete Kruppa, Kathy Shaw, Ann Cooper, John Saldivar, Mary Rodriguez, Pete and Margie Trevino, Roger Calvillo, Arcelia Garcia, Yesenia Ordoñez, Marina Guerrero, Michael Castelline, Junior Damian, Alberto Garcia and Graciela 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 Sociedad del Altar y Rosario

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Legion of Mary

Legion de Maria

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