

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 January 6: \$5,488.49
For the week of January 6 short
by: \$1,880.51
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, January 14

Tuesday, January 15

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.	Peace Rosary	Church
6:30 p.m.	Communion Service	Church
7 p.m.	Adult RCIA Session	Conference Rm.
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Wednesday, January 16

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
5:30 p.m.	CCE PreK-5th	Heaven's Way

Thursday, January 17

9-6 p.m.	Adoration	Church
10:30 a.m.	Senior Day	Parish Hall
5:30-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
6:15 p.m.	Communion Service	Church
7 p.m.	Word of Life	Heaven's Way
8 p.m.	AA Meeting	RE Building

Friday, January 18

8:30 a.m.	Communion Service	Church
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, January 19

4-5 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	Church
5:30 p.m.	English Mass	Church

Sunday, January 20

9 a.m.	English Mass	Church
11 a.m.	Spanish Mass	Church
4:30 p.m.	YMA Class	Parish Hall
5 p.m.	Youth Mass	Church



From Our Deacon's Desk

Pastoral Staff

An excerpt from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI book *Jesus of Nazareth* on the:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. *'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'* (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

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Del Escritorio de Nuestro Diacono

Un Extracto del libro de Jesus de Nazaret del Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI con el tema de:

La fiesta del bautismo del Señor

El misterio del bautismo de Cristo en el Jordán por San Juan, el precursor, propone la contemplación de un Jesús ya adulto. Este misterio está infinitamente ligado a las solemnidades del nacimiento del Señor y a la Epifanía que acabamos de celebrar, como en algún sentido toma y representa su significado para nosotros.

En Navidad hemos contemplado el nacimiento humano del Verbo encarnado por la Virgen María. En el siglo IV, los padres de la iglesia profundizaron el entendimiento de la fe con respecto al misterio navideño a la luz de la humanidad de Jesús. Hablaron de la encarnación de la palabra que ya funcionaba como la "Cristificación" de esa humanidad que él había asumido de su madre. O poner en términos más sencillos: Jesús es el Cristo desde el primer instante de la concepción en el vientre inmaculado de María, porque él mismo, con su poder divino, consagrado, ungido y 'Cristificado' esa naturaleza humana con la que se encarnó. En el misterio de la Epifanía, entonces meditamos en la manifestación de Cristo a todas las Naciones que estuvieron representadas por los magos, los sabios de Oriente, que vinieron a adorar al niño.

Ahora, en el misterio del bautismo de Cristo en el río Jordán, volvemos a encontrarnos y a representar la verdad de la encarnación del Señor y su manifestación como Cristo. El bautismo de Jesús es en realidad su manifestación definitiva como el Mesías o Cristo a Israel, y como el hijo del padre al mundo entero. Aquí encontramos la dimensión de la Epifanía que fue su manifestación a todas las Naciones. La voz del padre del cielo muestra que Jesús de Nazaret es el Hijo Eterno y el descenso del Espíritu Santo en la forma de una paloma muestra la naturaleza trinitaria del Dios cristiano. El verdadero y único Dios, padre, hijo y Espíritu Santo, se muestra en Cristo, por medio de él, con él y en él.

El bautismo en el Jordán regresa al gran tema navideño de la 'Cristificación', la unción espiritual de Jesús de Nazaret, su presentación como el ungido por excelencia, el Mesías o el enviado por el padre para la salvación de la humanidad. El espíritu que descendió sobre Jesús muestra y sella de manera incontrovertible la 'Cristificación' de la humanidad de Jesús que la palabra ya había cumplido desde el primer momento de su milagrosa concepción por María. Jesús, desde el principio, era siempre el Cristo del Señor, él era siempre Dios. Sin embargo, su única, verdadera humanidad, la que es perfecta en todos los sentidos, como los registros del Evangelio, creció constantemente en la perfección natural y sobrenatural. 'Y Jesús aumentó en sabiduría, en estatura y en favor de Dios y de los hombres' (Lk2). En Israel a los 30 años de edad, uno alcanzó la madurez plena y por lo tanto podría convertirse en un maestro. Jesús vino de la edad y el espíritu, descendiendo y permaneciendo sobre él, consagró definitivamente todo su ser como el Cristo.

El mismo espíritu, que descendió sobre el agua del río Jordán, flotó sobre las aguas durante la primera creación (GN 1:2). Por lo tanto, el bautismo en el Jordán presenta otra verdad: que Jesús ha comenzado una nueva creación. Él es el segundo hombre (1 Cor 15:47) o el último Adán (1 Cor 15:45), que viene a reparar la primera culpabilidad de Adán. Él hace esto como el cordero de Dios que quita nuestros pecados. *"Observando los acontecimientos a la luz de la Cruz y de la resurrección, el pueblo cristiano se dio cuenta de lo sucedido: Jesús cargó la carga de la culpa de toda la humanidad sobre sus hombros; lo llevaba a las profundidades del Jordán. Inauguró su actividad pública entrando en el lugar de los pecadores"* (Joseph Ratzinger, Jesús de Nazaret, Bloomsbury 2007, p. 18).

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 in case of imminent death and a Priest is requested:
Call: 832-429-4877
marystaremergency@gmail.com

Correo Electrónico o numero de teléfono para Emergencias

Santa Maria tiene el correo electrónico y el teléfono en caso de que alguien este en peligro de muerte y requiera de un sacerdote:

Llame al: 832-429-4877
marystaremergency@gmail.com

Baptism Classes in Spanish and English

Baptismos en Español favor de pasar a la oficina de la parroquia a registrarse y para mayor información.

English Baptism please stop by the parish office to register and for more information.

Quinceañeras

Requires preparation at least 1 year in advance, must attend CCE/Youth Ministry classes, mass regularly, and preparing for confirmation. Please contact

Cynthia Morales at 979-201-0416
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Altar Duty for December 16-31:
Dolly Hernandez & Helen Lawrence

Sponsor of January Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
Katherine A. Skalski
Requested by Her Husband Mike and Family

Formation Toward Christian Ministry:



Semester I will be starting soon. Centers will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish starting Jan. 25th or All Saints Parish on January 16th. If interested in attending one or the other please contact

Marilyn Saccomanno at

religioused@stmarystarofthesea.org



Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat



Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes, Hitchcock - February 14-17, 2019
Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson
For more information contact Monica at St. Mary
979-233-5271
secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org

"Stars of the Sea" (50 years & older)

SENIOR DAY Gathering will be on January 17th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10:30 till noon in Heaven's Way Hall for prayer, fellowship, Bingo, exercise and some good snacks to munch on. Come and join us. Always room for one more!



Join us for our Introductory Session and Learn about *Blessed Is She* January 17th, 6:15 to 8pm, come and go The Bistro at the Courtyard by Marriott

Hotel Our Study: Behold, the Story of the Joyful Mysteries Our Monthly Sessions start January 31 (last Thursday of the Month) Social time 6:15 to 7pm at the Bistro Meeting 7 to 8pm, Bluebonnet "E" room, 4th floor at The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

NO Homework for the study – Just bring your study guide! Contact Jeanne 979-297-5860 or Vicki 979-297-4010 for more information.

**CCE, YMA & Confirmation
Calendar of Events**

Pre-K through 5th grades

January 16, 2019- Class

January 23 - Class

YMA 6th through 12th grades

January 13, 2019 - Classes Resume 1p.m. to 5p.m.

January 20 - Class 4:30p.m.

High School Confirmation

January 20, 2019 - Class 3 pm at HW

Altar Server Schedule January 19 – 20

Please volunteer where necessary

5:30p.m. Saturday—Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo, Anabelle Loggins

9:00a.m. Sunday—Richard Moreno Jr.(Acolyte), Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo

11a.m. Sunday— Michael Gonzales

5:00 p.m. Sunday—Chris Thompson(Acolyte)

Lectors and EMHC Schedule January 19 – 20 *Please volunteer where necessary*

5:30p.m. Saturday

Lector 1 Jimmy Mikes **Lector 2** Johnana Blanchard **Cup 1** James Saccomanno **Cup 2** Yolanda Solis **Cup 3** Rosemary Bravo

9:00a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Steve Melaragno **Lector 2** Arthur Moreno **Cup 1** Mary Rodriguez **Cup 2** Connie Melaragno **Cup 3** Valentine Moreno

11a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Elena Lara **Lector 2** Ma.Lucy Salazar **Cup 1** Jesus Salazar **Cup 2** Ma.Lupita Olivia **Cup 3** Maria C. Cardenas

5:00 p.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Youth **Lector 2** Youth **Cup 1** Yolanda Garcia **Cup 2** Bill Hartnet **Cup 3** Cynthia Garza

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Formación hacia el Ministerio Cristiano:



semestre comenzaré pronto. Los centros se celebrarán en la Parroquia de St. Vincent de Paul a partir del 25 de enero o la parroquia de todos los Santos el 16. Si está interesado en asistir a uno u

otro, por favor contacte a Marilyn Saccomanno en religioused@stmarystarofthesea.org

"Estrellas del mar" la reunión será el 17 de enero, el 3er jueves del mes, a las 10:30 hasta el mediodía en el Heaven's Way Hall para la oración, el compañerismo, el bingo, el ejercicio y algunos buenos bocados para comer. Ven y Únete a nosotros. ¡ Siempre hay espacio para uno más!



Retiro A.C.T.S. para Mujeres



Por Our Lady of Lourdes, Hitchcock
14-17 de Febrero del 2019
Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson
Para mayor información llame a Mónica al
979-233-5271
secretary@stmarystarofthesea.org



Acompáñenos a una sesión introductoria y aprenda sobre *Bienaventurada es Ella* el 17 de Enero, a las 6:15 a las 8pm, En el Bistro del Courtyard del Hotel Marriott

Nuestro estudio: He aquí, la historia de los misterios gozosos. Nuestras sesiones mensuales comenzaran el 31 de Enero (ultimo jueves del mes) Hora social de 6:15 a 7pm en el Bistro. Reunion de 7 a 8pm, en el salón Bluebonnet "E", 4º piso en el Courtyard del Hotel Marriott
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Programación de Monaguillos el 19-20 de Enero Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

- 5:30p.m. Saturday-Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo
- 9:00a.m. Sunday-Richard Moreno (Acolyte), Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo
- 11a.m. Sunday- Michael Gonzales
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday-Chris Thompson (Acolyte)

Programa de Lectores y EMHC el 19-20 de Enero Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

- 5:30p.m. Sábado
- Lector 1 Jimmy Mikes Lector 2 Johnana Blanchard Cup 1 James Saccomanno Cup 2 Yolanda Solis Cup 3 Rosemary Bravo
- 9:00a.m. Domingo
- Lector 1 Steve Melaragno Lector 2 Arthur Moreno Cup 1 Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 Connie Melaragno Cup 3 Valentine Moreno
- 11a.m. Domingo
- Lector 1 Elena Lara Lector 2 Ma.Lucy Salazar Cup 1 Jesus Salazar Cup 2 Ma.Lupita Olivia Cup 3 Maria C. Cardenas
- 5:00 p.m. Domingo
- Lector 1 Youth Lector 2 Youth Cup 1 Yolanda Garcia Cup 2 Bill Hartnet Cup 3 Cynthia Garza

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, January 12 / Sabado 12 de Enero

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

5:30 p.m. †Eugenia Hernandez by Ramona and family

Sunday, January 13 / Domingo 13 de Enero

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9 a.m. Parishioners of St. Marys

11 a.m. †Gizelle Garcia by Parents
Intenciones para la Sociedad Guadalupana

5 p.m.

Monday, January 14 / Lunes 14 de Enero

Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15 / Martes 15 de Enero

Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16 / Miércoles 16 de Enero

Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 17 / Jueves 17 de Enero

Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

6:15 p.m.

Friday, January 18 / Viernes 18 de Enero

Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

8:30 a.m. †Rosario Hernandez by Ramona and family

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.

Ernie Damian, Pete Kruppa, Yolanda Solis,
Gina Vela, and Lupita Robledo

At all Masses, please pray for holy marriages and families
and most especially for vocations to the priesthood,
religious life, and diaconate.

Ministries/ Ministerios

Altar & Rosary Society

Sociedad del Altar y Rosario

Dollie Hernandez (979) 665-9635

Knights of Columbus

Caballeros de Colón

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Legion de Maria

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Christian Family Movement

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

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Sociedad Guadalupana

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Missionary Souls

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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

Sponsor of the Week

**In Loving Memory of
Katherine A. Skalski
From Your Husband Mike
& Family**