

## 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](http://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 November 25:  
\$4,305.70

For the week of November 25 short  
by: \$3,063.30

Thanksgiving Collection: \$304.00  
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, December 3**

6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall  
6:30p.m. Patricians Heaven's Way

**Tuesday, December 4**

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. St. Vincent de Paul Heaven's Way #5  
6:30 p.m. English Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall  
7 p.m. Adult RCIA Session Conference Rm.  
8 p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Wednesday, December 5**

8:30 a.m. English Mass Church  
5:30 p.m. No CCE PreK-5th Heaven's Way  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall  
7 p.m. Penance Service Church

**Thursday, December 6**

9-6 p.m. Adoration Church  
5:30-6 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church  
6:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall  
8 p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Friday, December 7**

8:30 a.m. English Mass Church  
3 p.m. Divine Mercy Church  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall

**Saturday, December 8**

9 a.m. Mass- Immaculate Conception Church  
4-5 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church  
5:30 p.m. English Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall  
7 p.m. Neo-Cat Mass Heaven's Way

**Sunday, December 9**

9 a.m. English Mass Church  
10 a.m. Children's RCIA session Conference Rm.  
11 a.m. Spanish Mass Church  
1-5p.m. YMA Class and attend Mass Parish Hall  
5 p.m. Youth Mass Church  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall

## From Our Pastor



Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. Advent is a time of patient waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus. The word “advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” Advent invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Jesus’s First Coming when Mary brought him forth in Bethlehem. We can also live this mystery and be like Mary when we are united in living Jesus’s new commandment and experience his presence in our midst as he promised: “Wherever two or more are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them” (Mt 18:20).

Advent also invites us to prepare for Jesus’s Second Coming at the end of the world for the Final Judgement when he will judge us on one thing: how we loved our neighbors, especially the ones most in need of our love. This will be a universal judgement for everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic. In the end, our eternal happiness will also depend on how we loved the people we met every day of our lives who were our brothers and sisters. Jesus, our Brother and Teacher in his goodness has already revealed to us the questions he’ll ask us on the final exam: “I was hungry and you gave me food; thirsty and you gave me to drink; homeless and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35) and “Insofar as you did it one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). In this weekend’s second reading, the apostle Paul not only admonishes but prays that the Lord may make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all people in preparation for the Second Coming, so that Jesus will find us ready (Thess 3:12).

We could spend this season of Advent in many ways. We could set up an Advent wreath, sing Advent songs with their melancholy melodies that produce a vague longing for a Jesus from the distant past, far removed from the reality of everyday life in the city. Jesus’s words about his Second Coming reveal to us what is most in his heart this and every Advent. He doesn’t want to be a mere memory or warm and fuzzy feeling for us. No, Jesus wants to encounter us right here and now in that person next to us – that’s our Jesus. With his promise to be among two or more who are gathered in his name, that is, in an intentional effort of living mutual love, Jesus wants to continually be born and reborn among us and in each one of us wherever we are in today’s world. Let’s spend this Advent season waiting and preparing for these constant “comings” of Jesus into our everyday life.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



El Adviento marca el inicio del nuevo año litúrgico. El Adviento es un tiempo de paciente espera y preparación para la venida de Jesús. La palabra “adviento” significa “venida” o “llegada”. El Adviento nos invita a entrar más profundamente en el misterio de la Primera Venida de Jesús cuando María lo trajo a luz en Belén. También podemos vivir este misterio y ser como María cuando estamos unidos en vivir el nuevo mandamiento de Jesús y experimentar su presencia en medio nuestro como prometió: “Donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi Nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos” (Mt 18:20).

El Adviento también nos invita a prepararnos para la Segunda Venida de Jesús al fin del mundo para el Juicio Final cuando nos juzgará sobre una cosa: cómo amamos a nuestros prójimos especialmente a los más necesitan de nuestro amor. Este será un juicio universal para todos, católicos y no católicos. Al final, nuestra felicidad eterna también dependerá de cómo amamos a las personas que encontramos todos los días de nuestras vidas que fueron nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Jesús, nuestro Hermano y Maestro en su bondad ya nos reveló las preguntas que nos hará en el examen final: “Porque tuve hambre y ustedes me dieron de comer; tuve sed y ustedes me dieron de beber. Fui forastero y ustedes me recibieron en su casa” (Mt 25,35) y “cuando lo hicieron con alguno de los más pequeños de estos mis hermanos, me lo hicieron a mí” (Mt 25,40). En la segunda lectura de este fin de semana, el apóstol Pablo no solo reprende sino que ora para que el Señor nos haga crecer y abundar en amor los unos por los otros y por todas las personas en preparación para la Segunda Venida, para que Jesús nos encuentre listos (Tes 3: 12).

Podríamos pasar esta temporada de Adviento de muchas maneras. Podríamos preparar una corona de Adviento, cantar canciones de Adviento con sus melodías melancólicas que producen un vago anhelo de un Jesús del pasado lejano, muy alejado de la realidad de la vida cotidiana en la ciudad. Las palabras de Jesús acerca de su Segunda Venida nos revelan lo que más hay en su corazón este y cada Adviento. Él no quiere ser un simple recuerdo o un sentimiento cálido para nosotros. No, Jesús quiere encontrarnos aquí y ahora en esa persona que está junto a nosotros, ese es nuestro Jesús. Con su promesa de estar entre dos o más que están reunidos en su nombre, es decir, en un esfuerzo intencional de vivir el amor mutuo, Jesús quiere nacer y renacer continuamente entre nosotros y en cada uno de nosotros, donde sea que estemos en el mundo de hoy. Pasemos entonces esta temporada de Adviento esperando y preparándonos para estas constantes “venidas” de Jesús a nuestra vida cotidiana.

*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 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

Email: osita8256@gmail.com

**Sponsor of November Altar Wine**

In Loving Memory of  
†Ignacio & Lucy Cabrera  
by Valentine Moreno

Altar Society will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 4th at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Please join us!



“Thank you to everyone for your birthday wishes and gifts! May God’s blessings be multiplied in each One and may you experience the hundredfold Jesus promises!”



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Mass & Celebration

The Guadalupanos will have a Novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe beginning at 6:30p.m. on December 3, 2018 in the Parish Hall. Please join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 9, 2018 at 11:00a.m. Mariachi Mass. December 12, 2018 we will have Las Mañanitas 6-7:30a.m. in the Church followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. There will also be Mass at 6:30pm.



**Patricians**, an Adult Discussion Group, meets Monday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in Heaven’s Way Hall. **Topic is ‘Suffering and God’s Plan’**. Lay Speaker -James Saccomanno & Spiritual Director - Fr. Daniel Baguio. All are invited.



**RCIA**—Please welcome and pray for our new catechumens, Evelyn and Kimberly Paredes, Evelinda Adame, and Azenet Muiraira and our candidates, Oscar Perez Jr., Jose Gonzales, Tamara Silva, and Glendy Cabrera as they prepare for their celebration of the Easter Sacraments.

## Penance Services - All begin at 7:00 p.m.



- Danbury, St. Anthony de Padua - December 2
- Freeport, St. Mary Star of the Sea-December 5
- Manvel, Sacred Heart of Jesus - December 9
- Alvin, St. John the Baptist - December 10
- Lake Jackson, St. Michael the Archangel -Dec.17
- Angleton, Most Holy Trinity - December 19
- West Columbia, St. John the Apostle –Dec.20

## CCE Calendar of Events

Pre-K through 5th grades

December 5 & 12 - Class

December 19 - Christmas Party

YMA 6th through 12th grades

December 2 - Class 4:30 then 5p.m. Mass

December 9 - Class 1:00-4p.m. then 5p.m. Mass

December 16 - Class 4:30 then 5p.m. Mass

High School Confirmation

January 20, 2019



Please make your Advent prayerful by participating in the ‘**La Posada Novena**’. It will begin on December 16th at 6p.m. in the Parish Hall hosted by YMA. Entire Schedule is on the vestibule bulletin board.

## Altar Server Schedule December 8-9

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- Francisco Castro

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



## Lectors and EMHC Schedule December 8-9 - Please volunteer where necessary

Saturday, Dec. 8 - 9:00a.m. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lector 1 Cynthia Garza Lector 2 Arthur Moreno Cup 1 Valentine Moreno Cup 2 Tina Robledo Cup 3

5:30p.m. Saturday

Lector 1 Jimmy Mikes Lector 2 Cup Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 Cup 3

9:00a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Lector 2 Cup 1 Cup 2 Cup 3

11a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Isaura Conejo Lector 2 Cup 1 Isaura Conejo Cup 2 Elizabeth Heredia Cup 3 Miguel Heredia

5:00 p.m. Sunday

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



La sociedad del altar se reunirá este martes, 4 de diciembre a las 11:00 en el salón parroquial.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Novena, Mass & Celebration**

Los Guadalupanos tendrá una novena en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe comenzando a las 6:30p.m. el 3 de diciembre de 2018 en el salón parroquial. Por favor únase a nosotros mientras celebramos a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 9 de diciembre a las 11:00a.m. con Misa y mariachi. 12 de diciembre vamos a tener las mañanitas 6-7:30a.m. en la iglesia seguida de un aperitivo en el salón parroquial. También habrá misa a las 6:30p.m.

**Servicios penitenciaros-todos  
empiezan a las 7:00 p.m.**



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Por favor, haga su oración de Adviento participando en la novena ' la Posada '. Comenzará el 16 de diciembre en 6 p.m. en el salón parroquial hospedado por YMA.

"¡ Gracias a todos por sus deseos y regalos de cumpleaños! ¡ Que las bendiciones de Dios se multipliquen en cada uno de ustedes y que experimenten el cien por ciento de lo que Jesús promete! "



**Patricians**, un grupo de discusión para adultos, se reúne el lunes, 3 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. en el Heaven's Way Hall. El tema es ' el sufrimiento y el plan de Dios '. Ponente laico- James Saccomanno & Spiritual director- padre Daniel Baguio. Todos están invitados!!!



**Rica**- Bienvenido y orar por nuestro nuevo catecúmenos, Evelyn y Kimberly paredes, Evelinda Adame, y Azenet MURAIRA y nuestros candidatos, Oscar Pérez Jr., José Gonzales, Tamara Silva, y Glendy Cabrera mientras se preparan para su celebración de los sacramentos de Pascua.

**CCE Calendar of Events**

Pre-K through 5th grades

- December 5 & 12 - Class
- December 19 - Christmas Party
- YMA 6th through 12th grades



- December 2 - Class 4:30 then 5p.m. Mass
- December 9 - Class 1:00-4p.m. then 5p.m. Mass
- December 16 - Class 4:30 then 5p.m. Mass
- High School Confirmation - January 20, 2019

**Programación de monaguillos el 8-9 de diciembre**

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- 9:00a.m. Sunday-Richard Moreno (Acolyte), Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo
- 11a.m. Sunday- Francisco Castro
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday-Chris Thompson (Acolyte)



**Programa de lectores y EMHC el 8-9 de diciembre-**

**Por favor ofrézcase voluntario cuando sea necesario**

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5:30p.m. Sábado

Lector 1 Jimmy Mikes Lector 2 Cup Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 Cup 3

9:00a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Lector 2 Cup 1 Cup 2 Cup 3

11a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Isaura Conejo Lector 2 Cup 1 Isaura Conejo Cup 2 Elizabeth Heredia Cup 3 Miguel Heredia

5:00 p.m. Domingo

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

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### Saturday, December 1 / Sabado 1 de Diciembre

*The First Sunday of Advent*

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

5:30 p.m. †John and Mary Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

### Sunday, December 2 / Domingo 2 de Diciembre

*The First Sunday of Advent*

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

9 a.m. For St. Mary Star of the Sea Parishioners

11 a.m. † Guadalupe "Tito" Tamayo de su familia

5 p.m. † Joseph Losack by Family

### Monday, December 3 / Lunes 3 de Diciembre

*Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 4 / Martes 4 de Diciembre

*Tuesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 5 / Miércoles 5 de Diciembre

*Wednesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

8:30a.m. † Sylvestre G. Hernandez by Fred E. Rodriguez family

### Thursday, December 6 / Jueves 6 de Diciembre

*Thursday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

6:15p.m. Blessings for Nieves & Carmen Olguin.

### Friday, December 7 / Viernes 7 de Diciembre

*Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

8:30a.m. All Souls in Purgatory by Santana Olguin

### 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.

Layden Billbrey, Jimmy Mikes, Margie Hernandez,  
Francisca Solis, Mary Ann Silbas, Ernie Damian, Pete Kruppa,  
Yolanda Solis and Gina Vela

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

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#### Sociedad Guadalupeana

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#### Movement) Obra de Maria

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Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

### Neo-catechumen Way

#### Camino Neo-catecumenal

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2173

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