

## 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 December 2: \$6275.20  
For the week of December 2 short  
by: \$1,093.80  
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 10

6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Hall

## Tuesday, December 11

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary (English) 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 12

5:30 a.m. Mañanitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
5:30 p.m. CCE PreK-5th Heaven's Way  
6:30p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Church

## Thursday, December 13

9-6 p.m. Adoration Church  
5:30-6 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church  
6:15 p.m. Spanish Mass Church  
8 p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

## Friday, December 14

8:30 a.m. English Mass Church  
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary (Spanish) Heaven's Way #3  
3 p.m. Divine Mercy Church

## Saturday, December 15

9-11a.m. Pancakes with Santa Parish Hall  
4-5 p.m. Sacrament of Penance Church  
5:30 p.m. English Mass Church  
7 p.m. Neo-Cat Mass Heaven's Way

## Sunday, December 16

9 a.m. English Mass Church  
10 a.m. Children's RCIA session Conference Rm.  
11 a.m. Spanish Mass Church  
4:30p.m. YMA Class and attend Mass Parish Hall  
5 p.m. Youth Mass Church  
6p.m. La Posada-Youth Parish Hall



## From Our Pastor



This week we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her apparitions to Juan Diego a humble North American Native. The Queen of Heaven first appeared to him on December 9th, which became his feast day after he was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2002. Juan Diego suffered the injustices of racism, poverty and marginalization at the hands of the Spaniards and of his own tribe. In 1532 when the Queen of Heaven visited him on his way to the Saturday Mass in honor of the Mother of God, she spoke to him as an equal saying: "Know that I am the Mother of God." Juan Diego was among the poorest in his tribe who were suspicious of the Spaniards and their missionaries. But Juan Diego and his wife identified with a poor and crucified Jesus.

Mary had come to this "smallest of her children" to restore his human dignity as well as that of all people. But she also wished to admonish both the Native North American Tribes and the Roman Catholic colonizers. She wanted to remind them of their common brotherhood in one God. Like any good Mother, she taught her children by example how to live in a Divine unity with each other. She showed them how to "make themselves one" with the other person as St Paul writes of Jesus: "He became like us in all things except sin" (Heb 4:15). This is how God expressed his love for us: he became what we are. Paul goes on to say of himself: "To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all..." (1 Cor 9:22) so to the Greek he became Greek, to the Jew he made himself a Jew. This is how God loves, and the human family was created in his image.

Our Lady of Guadalupe teaches us to *make ourselves one* in the small things. She made herself one with Juan Diego, speaking to him in his own Nahuatl language, repeating words and phrases as Nahua mothers did speaking to their children in the most diminutive forms: "smallest of my children, tiniest of my sons." She made herself one with the Nahua culture, dressed in its royal colors of the god Quetzal who was said to bring knowledge and wisdom to the earth; whereas, the Spaniards and their missionaries weren't able to honor the sophisticated Nahua culture. She wore the black sash of a pregnant woman, as she made a Nahua curtsy when offering a gift, Her Son, Jesus, who sacrificed himself out of love for his neighbors. Mary's transparent outer garment was decorated with flowers from the region. Her mantle was a map of the constellations as they were positioned that year on December 12th. Mary made herself one with the Bishop, presenting him a gift of roses of Castille, which he was fond of but never able to grow in Mexican soil. Finally, she left her own image whose colors mysteriously appear on the agave fabric of Juan's tilma.

Just as she did in 1532, Our Lady of Guadalupe continues today to teach us how to make ourselves one with every neighbor in all things but sin. If we heed our Mother's example, the walls between us will fall, and we will build bridges for Jesus to come among us and make us all brothers and sisters in Him.

Fr. Jesse Garcia

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## De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y sus apariciones a Juan Diego, un humilde indígena de México.

La Reina del Cielo se le apareció por primera vez el 9 de diciembre, que ahora es su fiesta después de ser canonizado por el Papa San Juan Pablo II en 2002. Juan Diego sufrió las injusticias del racismo, la pobreza y la marginación a manos de los españoles y de su propia tribu. En 1532, cuando la Reina del Cielo lo visitó mientras iba en su camino a la misa del sábado en honor a la Madre de Dios, ella le habló como un dicho igual: “*Quiero que sepas que soy la Madre de Dios*”. Juan Diego estaba entre los más pobres de su tribu que desconfiaban de los españoles y sus misioneros. Pero Juan Diego y su esposa se identificaron con un Jesús pobre y crucificado.

María había venido a este “*más pequeño de sus hijos*” para restaurar su dignidad humana y la de todas las personas. Pero también deseaba reprender a las tribus nativas de América del Norte como a los colonizadores católicos. Quería recordarles de su hermandad común en un solo Dios. Como cualquier buena madre, enseñó a sus hijos con el ejemplo cómo vivir en una unidad divina entre sí. Ella les mostró cómo “*hacerse uno*” con la otra persona, como San Pablo escribe de Jesús: “*Él se hizo como nosotros en todas las cosas, excepto en el pecado*” (Heb 4:15). Así es como Dios expresó su amor por nosotros: se hizo lo que somos. Pablo continúa diciendo de sí mismo: “*Y me hice débil con los débiles, para ganar a los débiles. Me hice todo para todos...*” (1 Cor 9:22) así que para el griego se hizo griego, para el judío se hizo judío. Así es como Dios ama, y la familia humana fue creada a su imagen.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos enseña a *hacernos uno* en las cosas pequeñas. Se hizo uno con Juan Diego, hablándole en su propio idioma náhuatl, repitiendo palabras y frases como las madres cariñosamente le hablaban a sus hijos más pequeños: “*el más pequeño de mis niños.*” Se hizo uno con la cultura nahua, vestida con sus colores de realeza del dios Quetzal, el cual se decía que traía conocimiento y sabiduría a la tierra; mientras que los españoles y sus misioneros no pudieron apreciar la cultura sofisticada de los nahua. Llevaba el cinturón negro de una mujer embarazada, mientras hacía una reverencia nahua al ofrecer un regalo, Su Hijo, Jesús, quien se sacrificó por amor a sus prójimos. La prenda exterior transparente de María estaba decorada con flores de la región. Su manto era un mapa de las constelaciones, así como se posicionaron ese año el 12 de diciembre. María se alió con el obispo y le regaló un rosas de Castilla, que le gustaban al obispo pero que nunca pudo cultivar en suelo mexicano. Finalmente, dejó su propia imagen, cuyos colores aparecen misteriosamente en el tejido de agave de la tilma de Juan Diego.

Tal como lo hizo en 1532, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe continúa hoy enseñándonos cómo hacernos uno con todo prójimo en todo, excepto en el pecado. Si prestamos atención al ejemplo de nuestra Madre, los muros entre nosotros caerán y construiremos puentes para que Jesús venga entre nosotros y experimentemos lazos de hermanos y hermanas en Él.

Padre Jesse Garcia

## Personal Parroquial

**Secretary/Secretaria**

Mónica P. Carballo  
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 December Altar Wine**

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



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, Mass & Celebration

Novena continues until December 11.  
December 12, 2018 the Guadalupanos 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.



The Women's ACTS would like to Thank everyone who supported the Olive Wood Nativity Scene Fundraiser. The winner was Miguel Heredia.

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



- 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

## “Stars of the Sea” (50 years and older)

SENIOR DAY Gathering will be on December 20th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10:30 to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for La Posada, fellowship, Christmas Bingo, and some good food (Pot Luck Luncheon). Come and join us. Always room for one more!



## Pancakes With Santa

December 15, 9-11a.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets \$5 per person. See Brother Bill for tickets.

## CCE Calendar of Events

### Pre-K through 5th grades

- December 12 - Class
- December 19 - Christmas Party
- December 26 & January 3, 2019 - No Class



### YMA 6th through 12th grades

- December 9 - Class 1:00-4p.m. then 5p.m. Mass
- December 16 - Class 4:30 then 5p.m. Mass
- December 23 & 30 - No YMA Class

### 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. The schedule is on the vestibule bulletin board.

## Altar Server Schedule December 15-16

- 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 December 15-16 - Please volunteer where necessary

### 5:30p.m. Saturday

Lector 1 James Saccomanno Lector 2 Cynthia Garza Cup Mary Rodriguez Cup 2 J. Saccomanno Cup 3 Marilyn Saccomanno

### 9:00a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Steve Melaragno Lector 2 Rosemary Bravo Cup 1 Steve Melaragno Cup 2 Connie Melaragno Cup 3

### 11a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Candelaria Castro Lector 2 Maria Lupita Oliva Cup 1 Abel Oliva Cup 2 Maria Lupita Oliva Cup 3 Noe Castro

### 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Youth Group Lector 2 Youth Group Cup 1 Samantha Schroll Cup 2 Yolanda Garcia Cup 3 Bill Hartnet





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

La Novena continúa hasta el 11 de diciembre. El 12 de diciembre los Guadalupeños tendrán las mañanitas 6-7:30a.m. en la iglesia, seguida de refrigerios en el salón parroquial. También habrá misa a las 6:30p.m.



**The Women's ACTS** agradecen a todos los que apoyaron la recaudación de fondos para la Nacimiento de madera de olivo de Belén. El ganador fue Miguel Heredia.

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



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"**Estrellas del mar**" la reunión será el 20 de diciembre, de 10:30a.m. hasta 1:00 p.m. en el salón parroquial para la Posada, compañerismo, bingo navideño, y comida deliciosa. Ven y Únete a nosotros. ¡ Siempre hay sitio para uno más!



**Panqueques con Santa**

15 de diciembre, 9-11a.m. en el salón parroquial. Boletos \$5 por persona. Ve al hermano Bill por boletos.

**Calendario de eventos de CCE**  
**Pre-K through 5th grades**



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**High School Confirmation**

January 20, 2019



Por favor, haga su oración de Adviento participando en la novena ' la Posada '.

Comenzará el 16 de diciembre, 6p.m. en la sala de la parroquia organizada por YMA. El horario está en el tablón de anuncios del vestíbulo.

**Programación de monaguillos el 15-16 de diciembre**

- 5:30p.m. **Saturday**-Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo, Anabelle Loggins
- 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 15-16 de diciembre-**

**Por favor ofrézcase voluntario cuando sea necesario**

- 5:30p.m. **Sábado**
- Lector 1** James Saccomanno **Lector 2** Cynthia Garza **Cup** Mary Rodriguez **Cup 2** J. Saccomanno **Cup 3** Marilyn Saccomanno
- 9:00a.m. **Domingo**
- Lector 1** Steve Melaragno **Lector 2** Rosemary Bravo **Cup 1** Steve Melaragno **Cup 2** Connie Melaragno **Cup 3**
- 11a.m. **Domingo**
- Lector 1** Candelaria Castro **Lector 2** Maria Lupita Oliva **Cup 1** Abel Oliva **Cup 2** Maria Lupita Oliva **Cup 3** Noe Castro
- 5:00 p.m. **Domingo**
- Lector 1** Youth Group **Lector 2** Youth Group **Cup 1** Samantha Schroll **Cup 2** Yolanda Garcia **Cup 3** Bill Hartnet

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### Saturday, December 8 / Sabado 8 de Diciembre

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9 a.m. †Jim and Tillie Mikes by Jimmy Mikes

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

5:30 p.m. †Roy Hawley by Family

### Sunday, December 9 / Domingo 9 de Diciembre

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

9 a.m. †Mark Barclay by his Wife

11 a.m. †Manuel Gonzales by Michael Gonzales  
Por la Sociedad Guadalupana

5 p.m. For St. Mary's Parishioners

### Monday, December 10 / Lunes 10 de Diciembre

*Monday of the Second Week of Advent*

Is 35:1-10; ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 11 / Martes 11 de Diciembre

*Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent*

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

6:30 p.m. †Juanita Olguin by Santana Olguin

### Wednesday, December 12/ Miércoles 12 de Diciembre

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

6:30a.m. †Celia Gonzales by Michael Gonzales

### Thursday, December 13 / Jueves 13 de Diciembre

*Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

12 p.m. †Mark Barclay by his Wile.

### Friday, December 14 / Viernes 14 de Diciembre

*Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

8:30a.m. †Erva Vae Bigner by Linda Barclay

### 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 Ann Silbas, Ernie Damian, Pete Kruppa, Yolanda Solis, Gina Vela,  
Amelia Alejandra Villareal 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

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### Knights of Columbus

#### Caballeros de Colón

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#### Acomodadores

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#### Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 709-1174

### Guadalupana Society

#### Sociedad Guadalupana

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### Almas Misioneras

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#### Movement) Obra de Maria

#### (Movimiento de los Focolares)

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### Neo-catechumen Way

#### Camino Neo-catecumenal

Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2175

### Sponsor of the Week

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