

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

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 7

Tuesday, January 8

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| 6 p.m. | Peace Rosary | Church |
| 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service | Church |
| 8 p.m. | AA Meeting | RE Building |

Wednesday, January 9

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

Thursday, January 10

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

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 13

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| 9 a.m. | English Mass | Church |
| 11 a.m. | Spanish Mass | Church |
| 1-6 p.m. | YMA Class | Parish Hall |
| 5 p.m. | Youth Mass | Church |



From Our Pastor

Pastoral Staff



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. *Epiphany* means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. In practice we can ask ourselves: How can we continue to be a manifestation (an Epiphany) of God to the world?

Unity is a great way to manifest God. In this last pastoral letter I write to you, I want to encourage you to focus our unity in three areas that are sure to put us in the right disposition to be a manifestation of God today: unity with God, unity with our Bishops, and unity among us.

First of all, unity with God. What guarantees our unity with God is loving our neighbors one at a time during the day, trying to be one with them, loving Jesus in each one, and after doing this consciously, intentionally and consistently, we experience unity with God. The more we love our neighbor, the more we deepen union with God. And the more we love God, the more our love of neighbor grows. It's like a plant: the more its roots go down into the ground, the better the shoot grows upwards. The higher upward the shoot grows, the deeper the roots are. And in this unity with God, we experience emotions, divine impulses in our will, renewed conversions, consolations or illuminations. Our union with God becomes the background to everything in our lives.

Second, unity with our Bishops and Pope. You will agree that in the eyes of many, because of the abuse that has been revealed and how poorly it was dealt with by some, our Bishops and Pope (and we priests) have lost credibility. People may still be interested in Christianity, Jesus and even the Gospel, but not priests, bishops or the Pope; not the church in its structure. And while there is certainly good reason to be upset, God the Holy Spirit is still working us through all of this. That is why it is important to remember how a Father of the Church described someone who has the Holy Spirit: *'A person who has the Holy Spirit is someone who knows how to recognize the divine in others.'* As imperfect, or limited or full of defects as we all are, there is grace that puts us right with God, and we can all catch a glimpse of this divine grace in each other. We can't pick and choose what we want to take from the Gospel. So the same lips that said: *"love one another"* (Jn 13:34) are the same lips that said *"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it"* (Mt 16:18). Jesus himself gave life to the church's structure (its clergy and hierarchy), and even though we clergy *must* improve at how we live out this calling (such as seeking to be more Marian and let love abound in all the church does), Jesus' own words gave rise to the hierarchy. Let us seek to recognize the divine in each other.

Finally, unity amongst us as a community. If we are united Jesus is in our midst. He said this: *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"* (Mt 28:20). We know Jesus is in the Eucharist, his Word, the Church in its representatives, each neighbor, but he is also in our midst when we love one another. And when Jesus is in our midst, we have a fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue to give prayer its rightful place in our lives. Let's take Mary the prayerful mother as our model. We can't imagine Mary being distracted, agitated, hasty, always rushing, focusing only on what is happening outside herself. Instead, she is a person who is fully love for everyone, suffused with mystical beauty, who reveals through her very presence the immense treasure hidden in her heart: God.

With profound love for each one of you, thankful to God who made our paths cross, let us continue to walk the holy journey together. In God, there is neither distance nor time. And we will always find each other in the Eucharist, until we find each other again, if not in this life, then in heaven. Onward!

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De Parte de Nuestro Párroco



Queridos Feligreses,

Este domingo celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. 'Epifanía' significa manifestación. La Iglesia celebra hoy la manifestación de nuestro Señor a todo el mundo; después de ser dado a conocer a los pastores de Belén, Él es revelado a los Magos que han venido del Este para adorarlo. Hoy nos preguntamos: ¿Cómo podemos seguir siendo una manifestación (Epifanía) de Dios al mundo?

Lo que más manifiesta a Dios es la unidad. En esta última carta pastoral que les escribo, quiero animarlos a enfocar nuestra unidad en tres áreas que seguramente nos pondrán en la mejor disposición para ser una manifestación de Dios hoy: unidad con Dios, unidad con nuestros obispos, y unidad entre nosotros.

En primer lugar, la unidad con Dios. Lo que garantiza nuestra unidad personal con Dios es amar a nuestro prójimo uno a la vez durante el día, tratando de ser uno con ellos, amando a Jesús en cada uno, y después de hacer esto conscientemente, intencionadamente y consistentemente, experimentamos una profunda unidad con Dios. Cuanto más amamos a nuestro prójimo, más profundizamos la unión con Dios. Pero también, cuanto más amamos a Dios, más profundizamos nuestro amor a nuestro prójimo. Es como un árbol: cuanto más sus raíces penetran la tierra, más alto crece el brote. Cuanto más crece el brote, más profundas son las raíces. Y en esta unidad con Dios experimentamos emociones, impulsos divinos en nuestra voluntad, conversiones renovadas, consolaciones o iluminaciones. Nuestra Unión con Dios se convierte en el trasfondo de todo en nuestras vidas.

Segundo, unidad con nuestros obispos y papa. Estarán de acuerdo en que a los ojos de muchos, debido al abuso que se ha revelado y cuán mal fue tratado por algunos, nuestros obispos y Papa (y nosotros sacerdotes) hemos perdido credibilidad. Muchas personas podrían seguir interesándose del cristianismo, de Jesús e incluso del Evangelio, pero no en los sacerdotes, obispos o el Papa; no en la iglesia en su estructura. Y aunque hay ciertamente buenas razones para estar molestos, el Espíritu Santo nos sigue llevando adelante a través de todo esto. Por eso es importante recordar cómo un padre de la iglesia describió a la persona que tiene el Espíritu Santo: 'Una persona que tiene el Espíritu Santo es alguien que sabe reconocer lo divino en el otro.' Por más imperfectos, limitados o llenos de defectos que todos seamos, la gracia nos pone bien con Dios, y todos podemos ver esta gracia divina el uno en el otro. No podemos aceptar unas partes del evangelio y otras no. Los mismos labios que dijeron: "ámense los unos a los otros" (Jn 13:34) son los mismos labios que dijeron "Tú eres Pedro (o sea Piedra), y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia; los poderes de la muerte jamás la podrán vencer." Jesús mismo dio vida a la estructura de la iglesia (su clero y jerarquía), y aunque el clero debe mejorar en cómo vivimos esta llamada (como por ejemplo buscar ser más Marianos y dejar que el amor abunde en todo lo que se hace en nombre de la iglesia), las propias palabras de Jesús establecieron a la jerarquía. Busquemos entonces reconocer lo divino el uno en el otro.

Por último, la unidad entre nosotros como comunidad. Si estamos unidos, Jesús está en entre nosotros. Él dijo esto: "Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin de la historia" (Mt 28:20). Sabemos que Jesús está en la Eucaristía, en su palabra, en sus representantes (Papa y obispos), en cada persona, pero también está en medio de nosotros cuando nos amamos entre sí. Y si Jesús está en medio de nosotros, tenemos una plenitud del Espíritu Santo.

Entonces, continuemos dándole a la oración su justo puesto en nuestras vidas. Tengamos a María, la madre que ora siempre, como modelo. No se imagina a María distraída, agitada, precipitada, siempre apurada, centrándose sólo en lo que sucede fuera de sí misma. Al contrario, ella es una persona que es plenamente amor por cada persona que encuentra, impregnada de belleza mística, que revela a través de su misma presencia el inmenso tesoro escondido en su corazón: Dios.

Con un profundo amor por cada uno de ustedes, con inmensa gratitud a Dios que hizo que nuestros caminos se cruzaran, sigamos caminando juntos en el santo viaje. En Dios, no hay ni distancia ni tiempo. Y siempre nos encontraremos en la Eucaristía, hasta que nos encontremos de nuevo, si no en esta vida, entonces en el cielo. ¡Adelante!

Padre Jesse Garcia

Personal Parroquial

Secretary/Secretaria

Mónica P. Caraballo
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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

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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

Altar Duty for December 16-31:
Dolly Hernandez & Helen Lawrence

Sponsor of January Altar Wine

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



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**PreK/Kindergarten Round-Up
Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

**Beginning at 8:30am let your child
shadow a PreK 3, PreK 4, or Kindergarten
class while you tour the school.
Please RSVP to kwilson@olqpschool.org.**

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

Pre-K through 5th grades

January 9, 2019 - Classes Resume

January 16, 2019- Class

YMA 6th through 12th grades

January 6, 2019 - No Class

January 13, 2019 - Classes Resume

High School Confirmation

January 20, 2019



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



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 Mys-

teries Our Monthly Sessions start January 31 (last Thurs-

day 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.

Altar Server Schedule January 12 – 13

Please volunteer where necessary

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

9:00a.m. Sunday- Robert McSwain, George Ayala, Richard Moreno

11a.m. Sunday– Michael Gonzales, Francisco Castro, Dulce Serrano, Isaiah Salazar, Diana Torres, Isabela Bravo

5:00 p.m. Sunday- Robert McSwain, Audrey Gomez, Chris Thompson, Cristian Chavez, Maria Chavez

Altar Server Schedule January 19 – 20

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 January 12 – 13

Please volunteer where necessary

5:30p.m. Saturday

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

9:00a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Arthur Moreno Lector 2 Steve Melaragno Cup 1 Valentine Moreno Cup 2 Tina Robledo Cup 3 Connie Melargano

11a.m. Sunday

Lector 1 America Nunez Lector 2 Isaura Conejo Cup 1 AnaLuisa Ochoa Cup 2 Patricia Ramirez Cup 3 Leobardo Ramirez

5:00 p.m. Sunday

Lector 1 Youth Lector 2 Youth Cup 1 Erica Ayala Cup 2 Samantha Schroll Cup 3 Bill Hartnet

Lectors and EMHC Schedule January 19 – 20

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

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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

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Acompáñenos a una sesión introductoria y aprenda sobre *Bienaventurada es Ella* el 17 de Enero, a las 6:15 a las 8pm, En el Bistrot 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 Bistrot. 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 12-13 de Enero

Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

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

9:00a.m. Sunday- Robert McSwain, George Ayala, Richard Moreno

11a.m. Sunday- Michael Gonzales, Francisco Castro, Dulce Serrano, Isaiah Salazar, Diana Torres, Isabela Bravo

5:00 p.m. Sunday- Robert McSwain, Audrey Gomez, Chris Thompson, Cristian Chavez, Maria Chavez

Programación de Monaguillos el 19-20 de Enero

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 12-13 de Enero

Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario

5:30p.m. Sábado

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

9:00a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Arthur Moreno Lector 2 Steve Melaragno Cup 1 Valentine Moreno Cup 2 Tina Robledo Cup 3 Connie Melargano

11a.m. Domingo

Lector 1 America Nunez Lector 2 Isaura Conejo Cup 1 AnaLuisa Ochoa Cup 2 Patricia Ramirez Cup 3 Leobardo Ramirez

5:00 p.m. Domingo

Lector 1 Youth Lector 2 Youth Cup 1 Erica Ayala Cup 2 Samantha Schroll Cup 3 Bill Hartnet

Programa de Lectores y EMHC el 19-20 de Enero

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 5 / Sabado 5 de Enero

The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

5:30 p.m. †Roy Hawley by Family

Sunday, January 6 / Domingo 6 de Enero

The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12

9 a.m. † Duke Moinin by Miriam, LJ and Mariana

11 a.m. † Guadalupe Tito Tamayo de la Familia

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

Monday, January 7 / Lunes 7 de Enero

Monday after Epiphany

1JN 3:22 - 4:6; PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A; MT 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8 / Martes 8 de Enero

Tuesday after Epiphany

1JN 4:7-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; MK 6:34-44

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9 / Miércoles 9 de Enero

Wednesday after Epiphany

1JN 4:11-18; PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; MK 6:45-52

8:30a.m.

Thursday, January 10 / Jueves 10 de Enero

Thursday after Epiphany

1JN 4:19-5:4; PS 72:1-2, 14 and 15BC, 17; LK 4:14-22

6:15p.m.

Friday, January 11 / Viernes 11 de Enero

Friday after Epiphany

1JN 5:5-13; PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; LK 5:12-16

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.

Mary Ann Silbas, 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

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726

Knights of Columbus

Caballeros de Colón

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

Legion of Mary

Legion de Maria

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726

Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

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Acomodadores

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

Christian Family Movement

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 709-1174

Guadalupe Society

Sociedad Guadalupeana

Michael Gonzales (979) 265-6630

Almas Misioneras

Missionary Souls

Jose Coronado (979) 201-1164

Maria Oliva (979) 201-6253

Lectors / Lectores

Susana Perez (737) 932-3682

St. Vincent de Paul

San Vicente de Paul

(979) 730-9935

Work of Mary (Focolare

Movement) Obra de Maria

(Movimiento de los Focolares)

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Lorenzo Gomez 979-709-2175

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