

**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 January 27: \$4,831.31  
 For the week of January 27 short by:\$2,537.69  
 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 28**

**Tuesday, January 29**

- 9:30a.m. Legion of Mary-English Heaven's Way #3
- 4:30p.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. Marriage Prep Heaven's Way
- 7 p.m. Adult RCIA Session Conference Rm.
- 8 p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Wednesday, January 30**

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

**Thursday, January 31**

- 9-6 p.m. Adoration Church
- 6:15 p.m. Communion Service Church
- 7 p.m. Welcoming Celebration Parish Hall  
 For Father Sebastine Okoye
- 8 p.m. AA Meeting RE Building

**Friday, February 1**

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

**Saturday, February 2**

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

**Sunday, February 3**

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



## From Our Deacon's Desk

## Pastoral Staff

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

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## De Parte de Nuestro Diacono

## Personal Parroquial

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy combina dos pasajes separados tomados del Evangelio de Lucas. Primero escuchamos los versículos de apertura donde Lucas establece el propósito de su evangelio. Su estilo es típico de la literatura griega y romana pulida. En este pasaje, aprendemos que Lucas pudo haber escrito a una persona específica, Teófilo; pero la palabra Teófilo también puede ser una referencia general, que funciona como la frase "querido lector" en la escritura contemporánea. En griego, la palabra Teófilo se traduce como "amante de Dios".

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy salta varios capítulos en los cuales uno encontraría las narrativas de la infancia, el bautismo de Jesús por Juan, las tentaciones que Jesús enfrentó en el desierto, y el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús. En el capítulo cuatro del Evangelio de Lucas, escuchamos que Jesús está en su ciudad natal de Nazaret, asistiendo a la sinagoga en el día de reposo, que se dice que es su costumbre. En este relato, encontramos otra pista importante de que Jesús vivió como un judío fiel y observador. Seguiremos leyendo del Evangelio de Lucas en secuencia para los próximos dos domingos.

Mientras Jesús se levanta en la sinagoga, Lee; de las palabras del profeta Isaías. En este momento temprano en su Ministerio, Jesús anuncia su misión en continuidad con la tradición profética de Israel. Esta lectura de Isaías define el Ministerio de Jesús. Encontraremos más evidencias de esto mientras seguimos leyendo el Evangelio de Lucas durante todo el año. El Ministerio de Jesús incluirá traer buenas nuevas a los pobres, libertad a los cautivos, sanar a los enfermos, libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar un año aceptable para el Señor.

A través de este texto de Isaías, Jesús anuncia la salvación de Dios. El "año aceptable para el Señor" es una referencia a la tradición judía de los años de reposo y el Jubileo. El año sabático se observó cada séptimo año. Fue un año de descanso cuando la tierra se quedó en barbecho y las tiendas de alimentos iban a ser compartidas por igual con todos. Un año de Jubileo se celebró cada quincuagésimo año, la conclusión de siete ciclos de los años sabáticos. Fue un año de renovación en el que las deudas fueron perdonadas y los esclavos fueron liberados.

Esta tradición del Jubileo es el marco de la promesa de salvación de Dios. Y sin embargo, en Jesús, comienza algo nuevo. Jesús no sólo anuncia la salvación de Dios, sino que trae consigo esta salvación en su persona. Jesús es el ungido de Yahveh, lleno del espíritu de Dios. El Reino de Dios está ahora a la mano. Se hace presente en Jesús, en su vida, muerte y resurrección. Jesús enviará el Espíritu Santo para que el Reino de Dios pueda cumplirse.

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### Secretary/Secretaria

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### 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

### Altar Duty for

January 16-31 James and Robert

### Sponsor of January Altar Wine

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



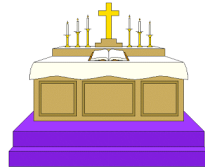
## RCIA

Please welcome and pray for our new catechumens, Evelyn and Kimberly Paredes, and Azenet Muraira and our candidates, Oscar Perez Jr., Jose Gonzales, Tamara Silva, Monica Ortiz and Glendy Cabrera as they prepare for their celebration of the Easter Sacraments.



We will have a pot luck dinner to welcome Fr. Sebastine Okoye on Thursday, January 31, at 7p.m. in the parish hall. Please contact Ramona Ayala at 979-233-7532 for more information.

The **Altar and Rosary Society** will meet on Tuesday, February 5th at 11:00 a.m. in Heaven's Way Hall. All are welcomed to attend.



**Tax Time** - if you would like a contribution letter please call or email Tina 979-233-5271 and she will get you the letter.



Join us to build a supportive community of women! Our first **Blessed is She** meeting **Thursday, January 31**

**Social time:** 6:15 to 7pm at the Bistro restaurant  
**Meeting:** 7 to 8pm, Bluebonnet "E" room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor at The Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Lake Jackson  
**Our Study:** Behold, the Story of the Joyful Mysteries  
**NO Homework!** Monthly meetings on the last Thursday of the month, January thru May. To purchase a digital download of the study for \$8 <https://blessedishe.net/product/mystery-behold-blessed-conversations/>  
Contact Jeanne 297-5860 or Vicki 297-4010 for more information.

**Church Work Day** will be on Monday, February 4th at 10:30a.m. We will meet in the church sacristy. (area behind the tabernacle altar)



## CCE, YMA & Confirmation Calendar of Events

### Pre-K through 5th grades

January 30 - CCE Class 5:30-7 p.m.

February 6 - CCE Class 5:30-7 p.m.

### YMA 6th through 12th grades

January 27 - 4:30p.m. Prepare & attend Mass at 5p.m.

February 3 - 4:30p.m. Prepare & attend Mass at 5p.m.

### High School Confirmation

February 3 - 3 p.m.

## Altar Server Schedule February 2-3

*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 February 2-3 *Please volunteer where necessary*

**5:30p.m. Saturday**

**Lector 1** Lori Thompson **Lector 2** James Saccomanno **Cup 1** Bill Hartnet **Cup 2** M.Sacomanno **Cup 3** J.Sacomanno

**9:00a.m. Sunday**

**Lector 1** Steve Melaragno **Lector 2** Cynthia Garza **Cup 1** Connie Melaragno **Cup 2** Mary Rodriguez **Cup 3** Steve Melaragno

**11a.m. Sunday**

**Lector 1** America Nuñez **Lector 2** Elizabeth Heredia **Cup 1** Maria Lupita Olivia **Cup 2** Abel Olivia **Cup 3** Maria Cardenas

**5:00 p.m. Sunday**

**Lector 1** Youth **Lector 2** Youth **Cup 1** Yolanda Garcia **Cup 2** Erica Ayala **Cup 3** Samantha Schroll

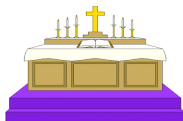


**RICA-** Bienvenidos y oren por nuestros nuevos catecúmenos, Evelyn y Kimberly Paredes, y Azenet Muraira y nuestros candidatos, Oscar Pérez Jr., José González, Tamarila Silva, Monica Ortiz y Glendy Cabrera mientras se preparan para su celebración de los sacramentos de Pascua.



Tendremos una cena para dar la bienvenida al padre Sebastine Okoye, el jueves 31 de enero a las 7pm en el salón parroquial. Traiga su plato favorito. Para más información, contacte Ramona Ayala al 979-233-7532.

**La sociedad del altar y del Rosario** se reunirá el martes 5 de febrero a las 11:00 a.m. en el salón Heaven's Way. Todos son Bienvenidos.



**Tiempo de impuestos**-si usted desea una carta de contribución por favor llame a Tina 979-233-5271 y ella le conseguirá la carta.



Acompañenos a una sesión introductoria y aprenda sobre **Bienaventurada es Ella**

el Jueves, 31 de enero

tiempo social: 6:15 a 7pm en el restaurante Bistro. Reunión: de 7 a 8 p.m., habitación Bluebonnet "E", 4ª planta en el Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Lake Jackson. Nuestro estudio: he aquí, la historia de los misterios gozosos NO hay tarea! Reuniones mensuales del último jueves del mes, enero a mayo. Para comprar una descarga digital del estudio para \$8 <https://blessedishe.net/product/mystery-behold-blessed-conversations/>

Comunícate con Jeanne 297-5860 o Vicki 297-4010

**El día de trabajo de la iglesia** será el lunes, 4 de febrero a las 10:30A. m. Nos encontraremos en la sacristía de la iglesia. (área detrás del altar)



**Calendario de eventos para CCE, YMA y Confirmación**

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**Programación de Monaguillos el 2-3 de Febrero** *Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario*

**5:30p.m. Saturday**-Robert McSwain, Matthew Castillo, AnabelleLoggins

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

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**Programa de Lectores y EMHC el 2-3 de Febrero** *Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario*

**5:30p.m. Sábado**

**Lector 1** Lori Thompson **Lector 2** James Saccomanno **Cup 1** Bill Hartnet **Cup 2** M.Saccomanno **Cup 3** J.Saccomanno

**9:00a.m. Domingo**

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**5:00 p.m. Domingo**

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## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### Saturday, January 26 / Sabado 26 de Enero

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

5:30 p.m. †Maria Ruiz by Ruiz Family  
Martha Curran for her Birthday by Benitez Family

### Sunday, January 27 / Domingo 27 de Enero

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

9 a.m.

11 a.m. †Manuel Gonzales by Michael y Elsa Gonzales

5 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea

### Monday, January 28 / Lunes 28 de Enero

*Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Heb 9:15, 24-28 ; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday, January 29 / Martes 29 de Enero

*Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

6:30 p.m. For Father Jesse Garcia and Seminarian Cristian Bustos Garduño  
by LOM

### Wednesday, January 30 / Miércoles 30 de Enero

*Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

8:30a.m.

### Thursday, January 31 / Jueves 31 de Enero

*Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest*

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

6:15p.m. †Aldegundo Benitez de la Familia

### Friday, February 1 / Viernes 1 de Febrero

*Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time*

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

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.

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

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

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

### Legion of Mary

#### Legion de Maria

Marilyn Saccomanno (979) 233-1726

Carolina Luna (979) 233-7185

### Ushers / Greeters

#### Acomodadores

Pete Gutierrez (979) 248-7824

### Christian Family Movement

#### Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Jesus y Lucy Salazar (979) 709-1174

### Guadalupana Society

#### Sociedad Guadalupana

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)

Bill Hartnett (979) 233-5271

### Sponsor of the Week

### In Loving Memory of

**Cora Anne Casarez**