

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 February 3: \$6,730.00
For the week of February 3 short
by: \$639.00
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, February 11**Tuesday, February 12**

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.	English Mass	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, February 13

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

Thursday, February 14

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, February 15

8:30 a.m.	English Mass	Church
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy	Church

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

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 Pastor's Desk

Pastoral Staff



Meet Your new Parish Administrator

Rev. Fr. Sebastine Soja Okoye was born in Nigeria, the fifth child in a family of five boys and one girl. (My middle name, Soja was given to me at birth by my mother, which means "Soldier for Christ"). I lost my father in 2001, and life was really challenging for us after my father's death but my mother's resilience, dedication, strong faith and devotion to God saw me and my

siblings through those turbulent times.

My vocation to the priesthood came as an epiphany in my early age like the young Samuel in the bible who didn't know it was God calling him in his sleep (1 Samuel 3:8). That call was later solidified through my encounter with a charismatic Dominican Bishop, Ayo Maria, O.P who gave a Lenten retreat in my parish, in Lagos in 1996.

In 1998, I took the leap of faith and joined the Religious Order called Missionary Society of St. Paul where I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. After a careful and prayerful discernment of my vocation as a religious, I decided to travel to Canada to pursue a Master's program in in theology at the University of Toronto, while discerning my vocation to the diocesan priesthood. In 2007, I applied and got accepted to continue my priestly training as a diocesan in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. I graduated from University of St. Thomas school of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary Houston, Texas and obtained a Master of Divinity degree (MDiv).

I was ordained a transitional deacon in May 14th, 2011. And on June 1st 2013, was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ for the Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston Houston, Texas. My first three pastoral assignments as a parochial vicar, was at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. The second assignment was at Christ the Redeemer Catholic, and the third one was St. Anthony of Padua in the Woodlands, Texas.

My favorite scriptural passage is, *"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."* (Phil. 3:10)

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De Parte de Nuestro Pastor

Personal Parroquial



Conozca a su Nuevo Administrador Parroquial

Reverendo Sebastine Soja Okoye nació en Nigeria, el quinto niño en una familia de cinco niños y una niña. (Mi segundo nombre, Soja me fue dado al nacer por mi madre, que significa "soldado para Cristo"). Perdí a mi padre en 2001, y la vida fue realmente desafiante para nosotros después de la muerte de mi padre, pero la resiliencia de mi madre, la dedicación, la fe fuerte y la

devoción a Dios nos ayudaron a mí y a mis hermanos a en esos tiempos turbulentos.

Mi vocación al sacerdocio vino como una epifanía en edad temprana como el joven Samuel en la Biblia que no sabía que era Dios que lo llamaba en su sueño (1 Samuel 3:8). Esa llamada se solidificó más tarde a través de mi encuentro con un carismático obispo dominicano, Ayo María, O.P quien dio un retiro cuaresmal en mi parroquia, en lagos en 1996.

En 1998, tomé el salto de fe y me uní a la orden religiosa llamada sociedad misionera de San Pablo donde me gradué con una licenciatura en filosofía. Después de un cuidadoso y piadoso discernimiento de mi vocación religiosa, decidí viajar a Canadá para seguir un programa de maestría en teología en la Universidad de Toronto, mientras discerniera mi vocación al Sacerdocio Diocesano. En 2007, me postulé y me aceptaron para continuar mi formación sacerdotal como diocesana en la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Me gradué de la escuela de teología de la Universidad de St. Thomas en el seminario de Santa María en Houston, Texas y obtuve un título de maestría en divinidad (MDiv).

Fui ordenado diácono de transición el 14 de mayo de 2011. Y el 1 de junio de 2013, fue ordenado al sacerdocio de Jesucristo para la Arquidiócesis católica de Galveston, Houston, Texas. Mis tres primeros trabajos pastorales como vicario parroquial, fue en la iglesia católica del Príncipe de la Paz. La segunda asignación fue en Cristo Redentor, y el tercero fue San Antonio de Padua en el Woodlands, Texas.

Mi pasaje bíblico favorito es, "Lo que quiero es conocer a Cristo, sentir en mí el poder de su resurrección, tomar parte en sus sufrimientos y llegar a ser como Él en su muerte." (Phil. 3:10)

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

February 1-15: Ramona & Estela

Sponsor of February Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of
Jáuregui Venegas & Jáuregui Algarín
requested by Maria J. Gutierrez



“Stars of the Sea” (50 years and older) SENIOR DAY Gathering will be on Thursday, March 21 in Heaven’s Way Hall from 10:30-noon for prayer, fellowship, Bingo, exercise & some good snacks. Come and join us. Always room for one more!



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.

Patricians, a Catholic Discussion Group, will meet on Monday, February 21, from 6-8p.m. Theme is “Why we have different orders of Priest”. All are Welcome !



Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions: Part-time Extended Day Aides And Substitute Teachers
Please email mmechura@olqpschool.org or call 979-265-3909 for more information.



To everyone that participated in the Crafts and More sale. They made \$600.

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

Pre-K through 5th grades

- February 13 - CCE Class 5:30-7p.m.
- February 20 - CCE Class 5:30-7p.m.
- February 27 - CCE Class 5:30-7p.m.
- March 6 - No CCE - Ash Wednesday

YMA 6th through 12th grades

- February 10 - 1-5p.m. Class & prepare for Mass 5p.m.
- February 17 - 4:30p.m. Prepare and attend Mass
- February 24 - 4:30p.m. Prepare and attend Mass

High School Confirmation

- March 3 - 3 p.m.

The Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson is excited to announce their **Adult Bible Conference** on the Covenants of Salvation History with Dr. John Bergsma, a Theology Professor at the Franciscan University, an author, featured on EWTN. Discounted rates for Early Registration ends on Feb. 15th. Don’t delay, this 2 night retreat is limited to the first 90 people who register. You may choose shared, or private rooms, or a Commuter rate is also available. Contact the retreat center 281-337-1312 or go online to register.

Altar Server Schedule February 16-17

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, Jesus Salazar
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday**—Chris Thompson (Acolyte), George Ayala

Lectors and EMHC Schedule February 16-17 *Please volunteer where necessary*

- 5:30p.m. Saturday**
- Lector 1** Marilyn Saccomanno **Lector 2** James Saccomanno **Cup 1** Yolanda Solis **Cup 2** M. Saccomanno **Cup 3** J. Saccomanno
- 9:00a.m. Sunday**
- Lector 1** Arthur Moreno **Lector 2** Steve Melaragno **Cup 1** Arthur Moreno **Cup 2** Connie Melaragno **Cup 3** Steve Melaragno
- 11a.m. Sunday**
- Lector 1** Candelaria Castro **Lector 2** Maria Lupita Oliva **Cup 1** Elizabeth Heredia **Cup 2** Miguel Heredia **Cup 3** Jesus Salazar
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday**
- Lector 1** Youth **Lector 2** Youth **Cup 1** Bill Hartnet **Cup 2** Samantha Schroll **Cup 3** Yolanda Garcia



"Estrellas del mar" reunión será el jueves, 21 de marzo en el Heaven's Way de 10:30 a mediodía para la oración, bingo, ejercicio y aperitivos. Ven y Únete a nosotros. ¡ Siempre hay espacio para uno más!

Patricians, un grupo de discusión católico, se reunirá el lunes, 21 de febrero, de 6-8P.m. el tema es "por qué tenemos diferentes órdenes de sacerdote". ¡ Todos son bienvenidos!



A todos los que participaron en la venta de artesanías y más. Hicieron \$600.

The Christian Renewal Center en Dickinson se complace en anunciar su **conferencia bíblica de adultos** sobre los convenios de la historia de la salvación con el Dr. John Bergsma, un profesor de teología en la Universidad franciscana, un autor, destacado en EWTN. Las tarifas con descuento para la inscripción anticipada finalizan el 15 de febrero. No se retrase, este retiro de 2 noches se limita a las primeras 90 personas que se registran. Usted puede elegir habitaciones compartidas o privadas, o una tarifa de viajero también está disponible. Comuníquese con el centro de retiros 281-337-1312 o vaya en línea para registrarse.



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

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

está aceptando solicitudes para las siguientes posiciones: ayudantes de día extendido a tiempo parcial y maestros sustitutos. Por favor, envíe un correo electrónico a mmechura@olqpschool.org o llame 265-3909.



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Programación de Monaguillos el 16-17 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
11a.m. Sunday- Michael Gonzales, Jesus Salazar
5:00 p.m. Sunday-Chris Thompson (Acolyte), George Ayala

Programa de Lectores y EMHC el 16-17 de Febrero *Favor de ofrecerse como voluntario cuando sea necesario*

5:30p.m. Sábado
Lector 1 Johanna Blanchard **Lector 2** Jimmy Mikes **Cup 1** Yolanda Solis **Cup 2** Mary Rodriguez **Cup 3** Bill Hartnet
9:00a.m. Domingo
Lector 1 Arthur Moreno **Lector 2** Steve Melaragno **Cup 1** Arthur Moreno **Cup 2** Connie Melaragno **Cup 3** Steve Melaragno
11a.m. Domingo
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5:00 p.m. Domingo
Lector 1 Youth **Lector 2** Youth **Cup 1** Bill Hartnet **Cup 2** Samantha Schroll **Cup 3** Yolanda Garcia

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday, February 9 / Sabado 9 de Febrero

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

5:30 p.m. †Carmina Arroyo by Ana Perez
Miriam Benitez on her Birthday

Sunday, February 10 / Domingo 10 de Febrero

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

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

11 a.m. †Antonio Avitia de Familia Castro
Por La Sociedad Guadaluana

5 p.m.

Monday, February 11 / Lunes 11 de Febrero

Monday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 12 / Martes 12 de Febrero

Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 13 / Miércoles 13 de Febrero

Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

8:30a.m.

Thursday, February 14 / Jueves 14 de Febrero

Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

6:15p.m.

Friday, February 15 / Viernes 15 de Febrero

Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

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, Ron Poggemoeller, Mary Ann Silbas,
Robert Martinez, Andy Martinez, Gilbert Olguin and Rosie Aguirre

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

Guadaluana Society

Sociedad Guadaluana

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

Veronica Martinez

From Her Family