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*Archdiocese of Galveston Houston
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church*

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*Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 am-12:00 Noon
1:00 pm-4:00 pm*

*CCE Office Hours:
Sunday 8:30 am-12:00 pm*

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017*

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month. Classes are held on the 2nd & 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please come by the Parish Office to register or call for more information.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance is offered on Saturdays, from 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office at least (6) six months prior to your desired wedding date to arrange a meeting with Father Tony or one of the Deacons. If you want a Mass, you must call Father Tony.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a non-Catholic who is interested in joining the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never received the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation? If your answer is yes to either of these questions, call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of First Communion

First Communion candidates must be baptized, at least in the second grade, and have been attending CCE classes for two full years previous to their receiving the Sacrament. Adults needing First Communion should refer to the rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation candidates must have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. They must have faithfully attended Life Teen for at least one full year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament (more than three absences without a valid excuse can alter the process). A signed form stating that the parent/guardian and the candidate understand all requirements is also necessary before the preparation begins. Adults needing confirmation should refer to the Rite of Christian initiation of adults.

Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass

Weekday Masses in St. Joseph's Chapel

Monday (No Mass)

Tuesday – 12:00 noon

Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. &

(1st Wednesday Only 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday, & Friday – 8:30 a.m.

Parish Staff

Rev. Tony A. Castro, Pastor

Deacon Hector Cantu

Deacon Julio Matallana

Deacon Stan Avallone

Bookkeeper-Patty Detweiler

Bulletin/Sacramental Records– Cheryl Frobenius

Maintenance-Humberto Villalobos

Parish Secretary-Debbie Heasty

Receptionist-Peggy Holland

C.C.E. Director-Jessica Jaramillo

EDGE Director-Renee Cortez

Life Teen Director-Shari Davis

Vision Statement

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is a Catholic Community of Believers called to serve Christ by gathering together at the Lord's Table in worship and praise, by serving our brothers and sisters in Christ, and by being a welcoming beacon of light to all. We are many parts, yet one body in Christ.



Mass Schedule

Saturday, June 24:

6:00pm

Emil Schaidert†
By: Family

Sunday, June 25:

7:30am

Sinfiorosa Dapitant†
By: Marden Distefano

10:00am

Bob Fleming†
By: Kimberly Fleming

12:30pm

Gilberto Lara†
By: Chavez Family
People of the Parish

4:00pm

Tuesday, June 27:

12:00pm

Kay Gold†
By: Key Family

Wednesday, June 28:

8:30am

Benjamin Gore†
By: Beatriz Gamboa

Thursday, June 29:

8:30am

Ralph Garza†
By: Sazon Family

Friday, June 30:

8:30am

Richard Edwards†

Saturday, July 1:

6:00pm

Amanda Kempf Chollett†
By: A Friend

Sunday, July 2:

7:30am

Juan Benitez†
By: Twomey Family

10:00am

People of the Parish

12:30pm

Ricardo Guajardo Jr.†
By: Family

4:00pm

Baldemar Lozano†
By: Family

Adults Come Learn With Us...

Next Upcoming Bible Study

Starting Sunday July 16 & Wednesday July 19

Revelation: The King Yet to Come

An intriguing study that shows how the Kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end time." It is a Revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate Mass.

Classes will be Sunday evenings @ 5:15pm and Wednesday morning @ 9:15am in the parish hall conference room. Cost for materials are \$25. Scholarships are available. Email Tracy@stmarysrcia@yahoo.com.

Weekly Collections

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

June 17 & 18, 2017

Regular Collection \$ 8,497.00

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Parish Goal 2017 \$52,000.00

Total Amount Pledged \$ 41,755.00

Total Amount Paid \$ 30,308.33(58.29%)

Total # of Participants 127

"Go Make Disciples"

If you have not already offered your pledge in this year's Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), please do so today. DSF 2017 is focused on us, the Church, as we *Go Make Disciples* with your gifts, which will benefit ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ's comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Our Parish goal for 2017 is \$52,000. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the Church community. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

To Give online go to www.archgh.org/dsf.

Parish Pictorial Directory

August 18-21 / Friday thru Monday

Weekdays 2pm thru 8:40pm

Saturday 10:00am thru 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am thru 5:00pm

Please contact Belinda to set up your appt. @ 713-805-4961 or bgparis05@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed...

4th of July Celebration

St. Mary's Parish Grounds

3-7pm

If you are available to help us that day, please contact or Renee Cortez @ 832-283-8758 or Diana Ortiz @ 281-470-2033.

Everyone Welcome!!!

“Helping our Neighbors in need”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's

Archdiocesan wide

Annual Black Bag Collection

July 8 & 9, 2017

“May our presence and care to those most in need reflect the gentleness, esteem, and dignity we see reflected in the life and work of Jesus.”

-St. Vincent de Paul

Together, let's help our neighbors in need!



Rachel's Vineyard

August 25-27, 2017

A Catholic spiritual retreat for those suffering after abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a Catholic, Scripture-based retreat for women, men and their families and friends suffering after abortion. The Rachel's Vineyard retreat combines opportunities for prayer, reflection, counseling and sacramental Reconciliation to effectuate peace and healing for retreatants.

For more information and to register, call or email;

Julie Fritsch Office of Pro-Life Activities at; jkfritsch@archgh.org or call 713-741-8728. Or call or email; Cindy Renaudo RVHouston, Inc cindy@rvhouston.org or call 713-825-0649.

All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential.

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested...So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” Hebrews 4:15-16

Activities of the Week

- Sun. June 25:** Singles Meeting 2pm Rosary Hall
Mon. June 26: ESL Rosary Hall 9:30am
Creceamiento 6:30-9:30pm
Women's AA Rosary Hall 7pm
Tues. June 27: ESL Rosary Hall 9:30am
Citizenship Class Rosary Hall 7pm
Fri. June 30: EDGE Movie Night-All Welcome 7pm
Spanish Prayer Group Chapel 7pm

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 24/25: In Loving Memory of Richard & Claude Douglas
By: Carolyn Douglas & Family

Church Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention for Fr. Tony's Speedy Recovery

Chapel Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Ricky Dobmeier
By: Family

2017 Flower Dates Available

July 1/2, 29/30 August 5/6, 12/13, 26/27
September 2/3, 9/10, 23/24

To place flowers on the altar contact Jan Hughes @ 281-402-5401 or 903-780-5090 to reserve your date as soon as possible.

July Altar Duty Assignments

Altar Duty: Cecilia Lopez, Spanish Prayer Group
Laundry Duty: Cecilia Lopez, Spanish Prayer Group

Join Us for an Afternoon of Fun & Fellowship BINGO Sunday, July 16th

Attention Young Adults (18-30's)
come join 700 fellow young Catholics for dinner
& great talks in 3 new locations!

Café Catholica 2017 "Be Not Afraid" is a dinner-lecture series for young adults, featuring dynamic speakers. The café is held over five Mondays. 5:15pm Confessions, 6:15pm Mass, 7:15pm Dinner, 8:15pm Speaker, table exhibits and socializing. Come for all or part of the evening! **Free Event.** www.CafeCatholica.com Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. Additional information call 713-741-8778.

WEST: June 26th St. Cyril, 10503 Westheimer Rd. Julie Fritsch, Director of Pro-Life Office "New Frontiers in Defense of Human Dignity"

CENTRAL: July 10th Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Rd. Rev. Luke Millette and Kevin Becker (NYC) "A Call To Sainthood: Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Patron of Young Adults"

July 17th Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Rd. Rev. Agustino Torres CFR, (Pure Heart NYC) "Seeking a Real Connection"

July 24th Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Rd. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo "The Church's Response"

NORTH: July 31st St. Simon & Jude, 26777 Glen Loch Dr. Sr. Bethany Madonna SV (Sister of Life MYC) "Be Not Afraid of God's Call"



Samaritan's Corner

Please Prayerfully Consider
God's Calling...

Funeral Coordinator Desperately Needed

Are you retired and looking of some way to be of service to your parish community here at St. Mary's? When someone passes away, there is a need to have an individual willing to meet with the family and go over the details and readings for the funeral service. On the day of the funeral you would also be responsible to setup the church for the funeral mass and attend the mass in order to be of assistance to the funeral director and family members.

If this might be a ministry you may be interested in, please contact the office as soon as possible. This ministry has only been possible by the willingness of the many who have served before. We are in desperate need of help in order to be able to meet the needs of parish families at the time of their loss.

Funeral Telephone Tree

Often when someone passes away during the week it is very difficult to get the word out to fellow parishioners about funeral arrangements. If you would like to be contacted through our Telephone Tree, please contact the office with your contact information.

Reception Volunteers Needed...

Would you be interested in donating food for our funeral receptions? We have three funeral teams that do the receptions on a rotating basis. You do not have to attend the reception, but can drop off your donations anytime before the service. Also, we are in need of volunteers to help with the receptions following funerals. This ministry is a true blessing to our parish. If you would like to donate food or join one of our teams, please contact the office. Every volunteer does make a difference!!!

Te invitamos a una Hora Santa en comunidad

Todos los miércoles

De 7-8 p.m.

En la Capilla de San José.

Para más información

Puedes comunicarte con

Marta y Reino Fernández 832-985-1799

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial Los invita a vivir un Fin de Semana

Conoce como puedes vivir mas intima y profundamente tu relacion. AQuieres recuperar la relacion con tu esposo (a)cunado eran novios. 281-948-8690, 281-948-8640, Marco & Mercedes Arrona, marco-51@sbcglobal.net

Los Testigos del Poder de Dios

Nuestra Asamblea de Oración les invita a reunirse como hermanos en Cristo para ALABAR, BENDECIR, y GLORIFICAR a nuestro Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espiritu Santo. Vengan pequenos y grandes todos los viernes de 7:30-9:00p.m. en la capilla de San Jose.

Please Pray For Our Troops and ...



Chuck Driscoll, Konnie Molina, Maximiliana Rios, Carlos Rios, Alice Gidney, Cheryl Grimes, Kay Lee, Juan Palacios, Christina Palacios, Daniel Vasquez, Juan Villarreal, Diana Villarreal, Mary & David Gonzlaez, Joe Soto, Bradley Helmer, Ralph Flores, Omar DeLeon, Alan Myer, Jerry & Evelyn Vidos, Patrick Strauch, Velma Talkington, Nai Mongiello, Wayne Boatman, Carol Wright, Lara Jaramillo, Marcy Salinas, Mary Himjosa, Linda Patten, Molly Batson, Bernardo Rodriguez, Diana Villarreal, Lori Carden, Mary Pat Wells, Wes & Lowine Sarbacker, Ashley Paulissen, Adam Douglas, Steven Carr, Craig Wade, Jennifer Wade, Seth Permenter, Bob & Barbara Jennings, Lloyd Wells, Dianne Lemons, Paula Lambright, Jennifer Minor, Jarred H., Cindy & Dave Schmitz, Faith A., Tami Sils, H.C. Wade, LeeAnn & Family, Dennis, Peggy & Erica Hargens, Ruth Christian, Marilyn James, Henry Garcia, Donna Henson, Steven Hester, Manuela Zamora, Britton Phillips, Owen Eggers, Aaron Binkley, Jordan Binkley, Adam Douglas, Tara Cava, Fr. Gary Rickles, Maria Rubio, Candelaria Ortiz, Sherry Paschal, David Copous, Mike Rupley, Pedro B. Sanchez, Lauren Sturm, Romeal Nolan, Scott Tompson, Joel Rivera, Sean & Brittany Griffiths, Destiny Perez, Monica Lesenski, Elizabeth Cisneros, Kelli Wilson

Continue to Pray for Aurelia Hinojosa, Cathy Hanzelka, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Ben Gerdes, Gayle Phillips, Carlos Smith, Jane Middleton, Rosa Reyes, Tom Noonan, Deacon Tom Lewis, Gene Contreras, Romeal Nolan, Becky Melchor, Aaron Rodriguez, Irene Templet, Preston Wolf, Lawretta Fouts, Marcos Vasquez, Clarence Clipper, Gavin Binkley, Clarence Lewis, Red Cornejo, Marita Hooper, Linda Jaramillo, Lois Johnston, Minnie Lopez, Deacon Merce Leal, Margarita Klock, Sue Crockett, Joanne Jarrell, Joanie O'Neal, Ben Munoz, Diana Ortiz, Bob Davis, Janet Hoffpauir, Nick Martin, Barry Armstrong and those requesting prayer via our web site.

Remember Our Shut-Ins Norman Hartman, Joe & Josie Funda, Ophelia Pinard, Ann Blair, Soledad Hernandez, Elida Peterson, Carolyn Douglas, those battling terminal illness and the residents of La Porte Care Center and Parson's House.

Repose of the Soul of Amy Jean Thomas

Our Sympathy to Noemi Casarez and Family on death of her daughter, Amy Jean

Please Note: Names on our "Please Pray For" list are left on for four weeks. If someone needs to be put back on the prayer list or added please call the Church Office.

Upcoming Baptismal Dates July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3

Baptism classes are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in English and the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Spanish @ 7pm. Baptisms are the first Sunday of the month after the 10am & 12:30pm Masses.

If you are baptizing here, you need to fill out a registration form for your child's baptism, and we will need to make a copy of their birth certificate from the state before you attend the class.

If you do not live in La Porte, you must be a registered, active member of St Mary's to baptize your child here. You cannot register in our parish only to baptize your child. Please come by or call the office to fill out the paperwork.

**The Missing Piece ~ Soaring to New Heights
Engaging Summer Program June 26-July 6**

St. Mary's 10am-2pm Jr. High & High School Youth
Inspiring Interest in Maritime, Science,
Technology, Engineering & Math
Contact Sharon Martinez @281-451-9593
sharonm@themissingpieceminsty.org



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Low-Low Prices

Clothing, Shoes,

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~ New Merchandise Every Day ~

Hours: 9:00am to 11am

Closed: Thursday & Sunday

All proceeds are used to help the needy in our community with their rent and utility bills.

Thank you for your support!

Our Resale Shop here at St. Mary's is in need of volunteers (Especially able-bodied males). You can pick any day you are able to work. If you are available to help out, please contact Norma @ 281-471-1752.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CCE Schedule Weekly @ 10a.m. Mass

In order to continue to have this program in the fall we are in need of someone to take over being in charge. Contact Randy or Angie Tercero @ 713-826-0633, randytercero@hotmail.com, angie.tercero@hotmail.com.

"Couple for Christ"

If you would like to enhance your marriage and your relationship with the Creator of Marriage, our group is a great place to start!

We will be starting a new book, "The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage", on June 25th.

This is the perfect time to join us! Our group meets at 6:00 pm every Sunday in our home. Dinner, drinks, and dessert are provided. And we are known to do fun outings, as well, even trips! For more information, please call or email us. Greg Bremer - 832-226-1728 / greg.bremer@lubrizol.com or Cindy Bremer-832-605-2945 / cindy_bremer@noltex.com

We'd love to have you!



St. Mary's Single/Single Again

Ministry will meet Sunday afternoon,

June 25, 2 pm in Rosary Hall. Topics:

Wills, TODD's, POA's, QCD's, and

cremation v. traditional burial. No,

this is not a sales pitch! It is informational only. Why? Recently, one of our parish single men died unexpectedly and there was nothing in place for the family to know his wishes about anything. This meeting will help you review and update your own plans, especially in view of recent legislative changes that may greatly simplify matters for you and possibly save probating your will. Please R.S.V.P. to Victoria by email at vjswenson@att.net, or by phone 281.991.4780, no later than Sat. June 24, 2017.

Hope to see you there!

P.S. Bring your ideas for our next 'fun' outing in July.



Choir Notes

Join Us...

St. Mary's Music Ministry

- Sat. 6pm Mass**— Rehearsals before Mass at 5:15
Contact Kathy McBride 713-628-8387
- Sun. 7:30am Mass** - Rehearsals before Mass at 7am
Contact Yvonne Fisher 832-581-5974
- Sun. 10:00am Mass** - Wed. 6:30-9pm Rosary Hall
Contact Annelise Lagasse 281-459-6453
- Sun. 12:30pm Spanish Mass**-
Contact Jose Vazquez 832-868-4081
- Sun. 4pm Life Teen Mass**- Rehearsals-Sunday 2pm
Contact Alex sttheresa.prolife@gmail.com or 281-543-7794

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Black Bag Collection
July 8th & 9th**

Giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul means you are right there with us as we feed the hungry, keep families in their homes, and hold their hands in prayer through stressful times. **Will you walk alongside us again this year?**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
JULY 1 & 2, 2017**

SATURDAY 6:00pm

- Altar Servers** Andrew Nguyen, John Paul Nguyen
Lector Fred Novak
Commentator Pat Stanton
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Isabelle Salas, Dennis Swenson, Vicki Swenson

SUNDAY-7:30am

- Altar Servers** Jorge Arredondo, Jeremiah Arredondo
Lector Susie Burgess
Commentator Sheridan Lewis
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Evarist Coryat Otis Mathews, Sonja Mathews

SUNDAY-10:00am

- Altar Server** Elaine Munoz, Trysten Munoz
Lector Kerry Regan
Commentator Debbie Wade
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Richard Florance, Geraldine Leslie, Carolyn O'Neal

SUNDAY-12:30pm(Spanish)

- Altar Servers**
Lectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

SUNDAY 4:00pm

- Altar Servers** Dylan Rowan
Lector Jason Woods
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Cecilia Lopez, Jose Lopez, Maria Reyes

CCE PreK - 5th

**CCE Registration in August
Pre K-5th Grade**

**We are in need of CCE Teachers/Aides
Contact Jessica in office on Mon. or Wed.**

EDGE

**Jr. High Youth Program
(6, 7 & 8th Grade)**

**Movie Night Friday's
7pm Rosary Hall**

Volunteers needed for next year!

EDGE Info. contact Renee @ 832-220-3802

Life Teen

Life Teen Mass Today 4pm

***A special thank you to all of our volunteers and our Life Teen Core Team who helped make our trip to the Steubenville Conference possible in Houma, Louisiana last weekend.

Youth Bible Study

Every Wed. Rm 3 @ 7pm

Adoration @ Charismatic Center

First Wed. of the Month-Carpool meet @ St. Mary's 6pm

Info. contact Shari @ 281-470-6066



“VBS 2017”
July 10th-14th
Mon. ~ Fri.
9am - 12noon

This summer’s VBS theme will be **“God’ Loving Trail”**. This program is designed for PreK-5th grade students. We will accept students the 1st day of VBS, but would prefer you register early so we will be able to order enough supplies for everyone.

We Need You!!!
Join our VBS team...

~**Adult volunteers** must be Virtus trained. We need volunteers of all ages. Please consider sharing your love of God with our youth. Go to www.virtus.org. to find area churches that will be having the Virtus training if you do not have it.

For additional information or if you would like to sign up to be a volunteer, please email Kristina @ ksommer76@gmail.com or call the Church Office @ 281-471-2000.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ City State

Phone#: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home e-mail: _____

Grade Fall 2017: _____

Emergency Contact: (Not Parent) _____

Parent’s Names: _____

Important information about your child: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home Parish : _____

Complete and return to the Church office.