



*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*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 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, 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

Tuesday, July 4:
12:00pm Hildo Ruben Barrios†
By: Silda B. Griffith

Wednesday, July 5:
8:30am Ricky Dobmeier†
By: Family

Thursday, July 6:
8:30am Skip Muegge†
By: Rosie Molina

Friday, July 7:
8:30am Rev. Joseph Bang Doan†

Saturday, July 8:
6:00pm Sarah Jayne† & Art† Brossette
By: John Magliolo

Sunday, July 9:
7:30am Brigida Villarreal†
By: Robert & Diana Ortiz
10:00am In Appreciation of 10am Mass Altar Servers
12:30pm People of the Parish
4:00pm Jesse T. Garcia†
By: Sara Sexton

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 24 & 25, 2017
Regular Collection \$8,365.00
Peter's Pence Collection \$1,580.00

Donations



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"God is at Work Here"

Loan Balance

Principle Balance \$14,209.15
Monthly Payment \$ 8,000.00
Donations (June) \$2,341.00

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Parish Goal 2017 \$52,000.00
Total Amount Pledged \$ 42,148.00
Total Amount Paid \$ 30,761.33(58.29%)
Total # of Participants 130

"Go Make Disciples"

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 appointment @ 713-805-4961 or go to St. Mary's website @ www.stmaryslaporte.com

Volunteers Needed...

July 4th Celebration
Church Grounds
3-7pm



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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.

God Bless You & God Bless America!!!

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's

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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!

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?**



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. July 2:** Baptisms after 10am & 12:30pm Masses
Mon. July 3: ESL Rosary Hall 9:30am
Creceamiento 6:30-9:30pm
Women's AA Rosary Hall 7pm
Tues. July 4: July 4th Celebration Today 3-7pm
OFFICE CLOSED
Thurs. July 6: KC Mtg. 6:30pm
Fri. July 7: EDGE Movie Night-All Welcome 7pm
Spanish Prayer Group Chapel 7pm

ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 1/2:** In Honor of Our Country
July 8/9: Villarreal Wedding Anniversary
By: Hector & Brenda Villarreal
July 15/16: In Loving Memory of Jesse T. Garcia
By: Ernestine Garcia & Lara Family
July 22/23: In Loving Memory of Lee Holland & Nolia Green
By: Family
July 29/30: In Loving memory of Rose M. Gonzalez
By: Carmen and Joe Martinez & Family

Church Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Harold & Mary Pfeiffer
By: Paschal Family

2017 Flower Dates Available

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.

Join Us for an Afternoon of Fun & Fellowship
Bay Area Deanery & Altar Society of St. Mary's
BINGO FOR CASH Sunday, July 16th @ 1:30pm

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 ...



Domingo Gutierrez, 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, Jordon 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 Griffis, 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 Tempel, 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.

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 Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 8

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.

**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.



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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.

"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!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.

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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:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
- Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27;
or, for Independence Day, any readings
from the Mass "For the Country or a City,"
nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice,"
nos.887-891
- Wednesday:**Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt9:9-13
- Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;
- Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; R om 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Special thoughts and prayers to our former pastor, Fr. Gary A. Rickles, who is recovering from his recent hospitalization at St. Dominic Center, Rm#21, Houston. His mailing address is Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 915 Runneburg Rd., Crosby, Tx 77532-5826. If you would like to call or go visit him, please call the office for detailed information.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JULY 8 & 9, 2017

SATURDAY 6:00pm

- Altar Servers** Joseph Schaefer, Benjamin Tercero
Lector Fred Novak
Commentator Isabelle Salas
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Walter Hayes, Jessica Jaramillo

SUNDAY-7:30am

- Altar Servers** Ryan Kappil, Elizabeth Kappil
Lector Neal Broussard
Commentator Lisa Raymundo
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Leslie Davis, Mose Davis, Dianne Gerdes

SUNDAY-10:00am

- Altar Server** John Paul Nguyen, Joseph Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen
Lector Pat Stanton
Commentator Kelli Shipp
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Richard Florance, Cynthia Rodriguez, George Rodriguez

SUNDAY-12:30pm(Spanish)

- Altar Servers** Dania Castaneda, Xitalally Gallegos, Itzel Gallegos, Jasmine Rodriguez
Lectors Enrique Rincon, Marielena Constantivo
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Jose & Yoli Rios

SUNDAY 4:00pm

- Altar Servers** Dylan Rowan, Sergio Reyes
Lector Lyndsey Hernandez
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Felicia Reyes, Maria Reyes, Debbie Wade

CCE PreK - 5th

Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith! This fall, over 300 children and young people, PK-12th grade, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. At this time, we have 4 classes with no catechist to teach them. You can help by becoming a catechist for CCE. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! We will provide you with training, materials and support. Classes begin September 10, 2017. If interested or for more information contact Jessica Jaramillo in the office on Mon. & Wed. @ 281-471-2000.

EDGE

Jr. High Youth Program

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

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.