



Whoever receives one child such as
this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but
the One who sent me.

Mark 9:37

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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

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

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

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

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-
Bulletin/Sacramental Records-
Cheryl Frobenius
Maintenance-
Parish Secretary-Debbie Heasty
Receptionist-Peggy Holland

C.C.E. Director-Jessica Jaramillo
EDGE Director-Randy Tercero
Life Teen Director-Shari Davis

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.

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 Intentions For The Week



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Saturday, Sept. 22:

6:00pm

Marita Hooper†
By: Family

Sunday, Sept. 23:

7:30am

Leobardo Villarreal†
By: Robert & Diana Ortiz

10:00am

Beatrice Arthur†
By: Family

12:30pm

Margarita Davila Klock†
By: Lauren Wichlep

4:00pm

People of the Parish

Tuesday, Sept. 25:

12:00pm

Pat Young†
By: Peggy Holland

Wednesday, Sept. 26:

8:30am

Gerald† & Charlene† Pfeiffer
By:

Thursday, Sept. 27:

8:30am

Jane Shipp†
By: Monica Boudreaux

Friday, Sept. 28:

8:30am

Paul Ryan II †
By: Ryan Family

Saturday, Sept. 29:

6:00pm

Charlotte Boudreaux†
By: Rosemary Meridan

Sunday, Sept. 30:

7:30am

People of the Parish

10:00am

Becky Saucier†
By: Frances Zann

12:30pm

Margarita Davila Klock†
By: Julio & Marta Matallana

4:00pm

Gloria Tapia†
By: Escobar Family

Please remember to turn in your Ministry Signup Sheets or call the office with any questions you may have about any of our ministries here at St. Mary's.

RCIA Classes Have Started (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Thursdays 6:45pm St. Mary's Conference Room

RCIA 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 and are over the age of eighteen? If your answer is yes to either of these questions you may be interested in joining our RCIA program. Classes are Thursday evenings @ 6:45pm. Students are welcome to begin classes at any time during the year.

For additional information about the RCIA program, call the office or email Tracy, stmarysrcia@yahoo.com.

Weekly Collections

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September 15 & 16, 2018

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Regular Collection \$9,010.41

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

"Instruments of God's Mercy"

Parish Goal 2018 \$52,000.00

Total Amount Pledged \$54,870.50

Total Amount Paid \$46,398.83 (89.23%)

Total # of Participants 149

Instruments of God's Mercy

Just as we are one in the body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our archdiocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue god's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the Diocesan Services Fund. Help us attain our goal of \$52,000.00.

To Give Online Go To www.archgh.org/dsf.

For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.



St. Joseph's Chapel Adoration is held weekly from Tuesday at noon until 8:30am on Thursday morning. If you like to spend one hour with Our Lord each week, please call the church office.

FORMED...

Incredible online gateway to the best Catholic Content, all in one place. Go to stmaryslaporte.formed.org to register. If you are having any trouble getting registered, or any other problems, please contact Tracy stmarysrcia@yahoo.com. She will contact you and walk you through the steps to register.

The Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosks...

Lots of New Titles This Week

There are several books and DVD's of informational material designed to help us grow in our faith. Go by and check them out! We have a new Kiosk in the church office. They are also located at the back of the church and in Rosary Hall.

Dear parish family,

25 Sunday B

Each year, our archdiocese participates in the Missionary Cooperative Plan, which invites a missionary to preach at a parish for mission appeals. This plan provides the people of our archdiocese the opportunity to increase their awareness of the vital mission work of the Church; to gather concrete support in solidarity for the poor churches or special missionary needs through a second collection. This is different from "Mission Sunday" which the Universal church celebrates on the last Sunday of October. This Sunday is for a particular Mission or congregation in need.

We welcome in our midst, the **Rev. Fr. Paul B. Kersey** of the diocese of Comayagua, Honduras. He will speak in all Masses this weekend. And if you are writing a separate check for the appeal, as a matter of protocol, don't write the name of the priest or the Congregation. Write instead "St. Mary church" with note on the Memo – Mission Appeal. It is in the name of our parish that we send the total amount of second collection to the particular mission – in this case to the Diocese of Comayuga. Please be generous. Thank you.

In our gospel reading this Sunday the disciples were arguing who is the most important. This surely reflects the mentality of many today. It seems that we are pushed to a rat race in our times and society seems to dictate us to get ahead of the others. Everybody seems to want as to be first, and to be more important than the others.

Who is important and who is the greatest? The Lord answers, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." In the reign of Jesus, those who are great are not those who are strong, not those who have power, nor those who have money, neither are those who have much influence. But those who are considered great in heaven are those who love to serve and are happy serving the needs of others.

I thank the Lord God for sending great people in our parish – you who serve this church in whatever capacity, big and small.

Blessings to all and have a good week.

Fr. Tony

Querida familia parroquial,

25 Domingo B

Cada año, nuestra arquidiócesis participa en el Plan Cooperativo Misionero, que invita a un misionero a predicar en una parroquia para contribuciones a su misión. Este plan brinda a todas las personas de nuestra arquidiócesis la oportunidad de aumentar su conciencia del trabajo misionero vital de la Iglesia; para reunir apoyo concreto en solidaridad con las iglesias pobres o necesidades misioneras especiales a través de una segunda colecta. Esto es diferente al "Domingo misionero" que la iglesia Universal celebra el último domingo de octubre. Este domingo es para una Misión o congregación en particular que lo necesite.

Damos la bienvenida en medio de nosotros, el **Rev. Padre. Paul B. Kersey** de la diócesis de Comayagua, Honduras. Él hablará en todas las Misas este fin de semana. Y se está escribiendo un cheque por separado para la contribución, como una cuestión de protocolo, no escriba el nombre del sacerdote o de la Congregación. Escribe en su lugar "St. Mary's Church" con nota sobre el Memorando – Contribución a la Misión. Es en el nombre de nuestra parroquia que enviamos la cantidad total de la segunda colecta a la misión en particular, en este caso a la Diócesis de Comayuga. Por favor se generoso. Gracias.

En nuestra lectura del evangelio de este domingo, los discípulos discutían quién es el más importante. Esto seguramente refleja la mentalidad de muchos hoy en día. Parece que estamos participando en una carrera de ratas de nuestros tiempos y la sociedad parece dictarnos que nos adelantemos a los demás. Todo el mundo parece querer ser el primero y ser más importante que los demás.

¿Quién es importante y quién es el mejor? El Señor responde: "Si alguno quiere ser el primero, será el último de todos y el servidor de todos." En el reino de Jesús, los que son grandes no son los que son fuertes, ni los que tienen poder, ni aquellos que tienen dinero, tampoco son aquellos que tienen mucha influencia. Pero aquellos que se consideran grandes en el cielo son aquellos que aman servir y son felices sirviendo las necesidades de los demás.

Agradezco al Señor Dios por enviar grandes personas a nuestra parroquia: A usted que esta sirviendo en esta iglesia en cualquier habilidad/capacidad, grande o pequeña.

Bendiciones para todos y que tengan buena semana.

P. Tony

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2018

SATURDAY 6:00pm

Altar Servers Lauren Lara, Payton Lara,
Madeleine McBride
Lector Dennis Swenson
Commentator Victoria Swenson
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Walter Hayes, Carolyn O'Neal

SUNDAY-7:30am

Altar Servers Jeremiah Arredondo, Jorge Arredondo
Lector Demetris Guzman
Commentator Nick Barrera
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Sonja Mathews, Otis Mathews

SUNDAY-10:00am

Altar Server Reece Schoppe, Ryan Schoppe
Lector Cindy Bremer
Commentator Debbie Wade
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Greg Bremer, Eloy Lara

SUNDAY-12:30pm (Spanish)

Altar Servers Sarahi Arrona, Adriana Calvillo
Lectors Nelida Velez, Rocio Calvillo
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Marcos & Mercedes Arrona

SUNDAY-4:00pm

Altar Servers Oliver Tercero, Madalyn Tercero
Lector Randy Tercero
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Angie Tercero



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 -
Rehearsal Wed. 6:30-9pm Rosary Hall
Contact Annelise Lagasse 281-300-7230

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 22/23: In Loving Memory of Jesse T. Garcia
By: Ernestine Garcia

2018 Available Flower Dates

October 13/14, 20/21 & 27/28 November 3/4, 10/11, 24/25
To place flowers on the altar contact Jan Hughes @ 281-402-5401 or 903-780-5090.

***Please do not place flowers or small vases in the Church or Chapel unless you contact the Altar Society and check for availability.

Church Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Jesse T. Garcia
By: Family

Around the Archdiocese

Rachel 's Vineyard Retreat A Catholic post-abortion healing retreat: Sept. 28-30 (Spanish). For additional information or to register please call 713-741-8728 or 713-825-0649. All inquiries confidential.

Maria Goretti Support Group New support Group for those afflicted with any type of abuse (Physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual or mental) will begin to meet at 7pm on the third Monday of every month in downtown Houston at the Cathedral Centre.

Do you know a couple that is having a challenging situation in their relationship and need help? We may be able to coach you as a couple. We offer enrichment sessions, consulting and mentoring for married couples experiencing some crisis or challenges in their relationship. For more detailed information please contact the office of Family Life Ministry @ 713-741-8711.

Visit Our Prayer Garden...

A new concrete sidewalk, which is completely wheelchair accessible, has been poured for the walkway up to the St. Mary's Grotto located next to St. Joseph's Chapel. Please feel free to come by and spend some time in meditative prayer.

Samaritan Corner Monthly Memorial Mass

Our Funeral Teams Need You... Over the last couple of months, we have had numerous funerals and receptions. We have 3 incredible funeral teams that provide receptions for the families who have lost a loved one after the funeral. Perhaps you would be willing to volunteer to make something beforehand or come to setup/serve on the day of the funeral reception. Please call the office if you are interested, and we will get you in contact with one of our funeral team leaders.

Thank you to everyone who is a part of our Ministry!!!

Activities of the Week

Sun. Sept. 23: CCE, EDGE & Life Teen
All Masses ~ Mission Appeal
Mon. Sept. 24: Crecimiento 6:30pm Rosary Hall
Wed. Sept. 26: Bazaar Mtg. Rosary Hall 7pm
Thurs. Sept. 27: RCIA 6:45pm Parish Hall Conf. Rm
Fri. Sept. 28: Spanish Prayer Group 7:30pm Chapel

Please Pray For Our Troops and ...

Mary Elizabeth Sheffield, Briar Holland, Louise Beaulier, Paul Newman, Cheryl Grimes and family, Ducharme Family, Joel Rivera, Mark Bowen, Natalie Klepaez, Virginia Ross, Lydia Rubio, Edward Salinas Jr., Tamara Batten, Brigitta Dobmeier, Craig Wade, Jennifer Wade, Bob & Barbara Jennings, Dianne Lemons, Paula Lambright, Jennifer Minor, Dave & Cindy Schmitz, Faith A., Dennis, Peggy & Erica Hargens, Ruth Christian, Marilyn James, Christina C., Chuck & Susan Thompson, Katherine Reichley & Family, Don & Allie Faye Mathews, Joe & Sue Hand, Brad & Barbara Riley, Debbie McFadden, Marilyn N., Seth Permenter & Family, Parker Dixon & Family, Willetta House, Jeremy & Diana Cassidy & Family, Michael Cowherd, Steve Grigory, Rena Espinoza Carroll, Candelaria Ortiz, Sherry Paschal, Felicia Kahn, Angelina Sullivan, Jerry Verret, Sharon Hebert, Carl Lundquist, Carey Yellig, Jose Gutierrez, Carlos Martinez, Susan Tolley, Juanita Gonzales, Rosie Molina, Kirk Thomas, Daniel Vasquez, Micah Nelson, Aaron Binkley, Jordan Binkley, Hector Castro, Arlene Muetzel, Merlin Hall, Jessica Rodriguez, Molly Batson

Please Continue to Pray for Maurice & Betty Flynn, Orville Burgess, Ron Balsam, Pat Riley, Joe Sturm, Edward Salinas, Marlene Orellana, Humberto Villalobos, Mary Sigala, Julia Dautriell, Ernie Molina, Kathy McBride, Margaret Espinoza, Romela Nolan, Joe Bernal, Fr. Gary Rickles, Renee Cortez, Pedro Sanchez, Aurelia Hinojosa, Cathy Hanzelka, Msgr. Boli Zientek, Gayle Phillips, Jane Middleton, Rosa Reyes, Tom Noonan, Deacon Tom Lewis, Gene Contreras, Irene Templet, Preston Wolf, Lawretta Fouts, Marcos Vasquez, Clarence Clipper, Gavin Binkley, Clarence Lewis, Red Cornejo, Linda Jaramillo, Lois Johnston, Deacon Merce Leal, Sue Crockett, Joanne Jarrell, Ben Munoz, Diana Ortiz, Bob Davis, Janet Hoffpauir, Nick Martin, Barry Armstrong and those requesting prayer via our web site.

Remember Our Shut-Ins Lydia Rubio, Trinidad Arrindon, Josie Funda, 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 Becky Melchor
Our Sympathy to the family of Becky Melchor

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.



Quincenera Meeting

Sat., Oct. 13th 10am Parish Hall

If you have been in our religious education programs for the last two years and are planning to have a Quincenera celebration for your 15th birthday, please come to this mtg.



Sun. Oct. 21st ~ BAZAAR

Next Mtg. Sept. 26th 7pm Rosary Hall

Join Us...

LIVE AUCTION & Casino Night

Saturday Sept. 22nd @ 7pm

Thank You for all the Donations!!!

Thank You Bazaar Sponsors!!!

All donations will be used to contribute to the success of our Bazaar and are greatly appreciated. Pick your level.

SPONSOR LEVELS

Platinum Level - \$750. and Up

Gold Level - \$500. ~ \$749.

Silver Level - \$250. ~ \$499.

Bronze Level - \$100. ~ \$249.

Donor Level - \$1.00 ~ \$99.

Pick UP Raffle Tickets at Church Doors!!!

Bazaar Donations Needed...

Holiday Decorations & Craft Items

Home Décor & Vases

Kitchenware & Table Coverings

Collectibles & Knick-Knacks

Decorative Pillows, Pictures, Wall Hangings

Games, Toys, Stuffed Animals, Dolls

Yard Art & Decorations

Jewelry & Purses

All New Items Greatly Appreciated!

COUNTRY STORE

House Cleaning? Garage Sale?

We'll take your stuff!

Gently used items from the above list can be donated to our Country Store!!! No clothes or shoes, please.

Volunteers needed to sort and price items for C.

Flexible times during the day M-F or on weekends between Sept 26-Oct 19.

Please drop off at church office or contact Debbie Wade 713-417-5132, wadesinlp@sbcglobal.net

If you can help or need items picked up.

Bazaar Chairs Mark & Savanna Cash

Information please call the church office or contact our chairs-savannacashi@yahoo.com.

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.

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

Deepen Your Prayer Life with Lectio Divina

TO JOIN OUR FORMED Community Study on Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) you will need to be registered for FORMED. Register at stmaryslaporte.formed.org. Once you are registered and signed in click on the word 'Community' at the top of the page. Then, on the "Fr. Tony invites you" banner click on 'visit group'. Lastly, you will need to click on 'join group' to access the weekly lessons and discussion. If you have any difficulty getting logged in, please contact Tracy by email stmarysrcia@yahoo.com.



The Gabriel Project is designed to help women and teenagers who are in a crisis pregnancy. If you are in need of assistance or know someone who is, please contact Belinda @ 713-805-4961 or the Church Office.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Ecel 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Ecel 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
St. Mary's Church, 816 Park Dr., La Porte, TX
Low-Low Prices
Clothing, Shoes, Houseware/Glassware, Hardware
~ New Merchandise Every Day ~

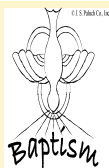
Hours: 9:00am to 11am

Closed: Thursday & Sunday

All proceeds are used to help the needy in our community with their rent and utility bills. If you or someone you know, who lives in La Porte, is in need of assistance, please call or have them call the office to make an appointment to come in for help.

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.



Upcoming Baptismal Dates October 7, November 4

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.



Single/Single Again Group:

Come aboard for a one-of-a-kind, waterborne voyage that provides a unique and educational-introduction to the Houston

Ship Channel, home to one of the busiest and most diverse ports in the world. The Port of Houston's free, public tour provides our group with a fantastic opportunity to experience first-hand, one of the region's greatest economic contributors. **Date: Fri. Oct 12, leave at 9:00 am from St. Mary's Chapel. Must have ID. \$4 donation requested. Dutch treat lunch nearby after the tour at Frank's Grill. You must RSVP to Victoria, 281.991.4780, vjswenson@att.net as names must be submitted in advance. All aboard!**

CCE PreK - 5th

Are you looking for a place to serve?

Volunteer to help with CCE

If you are interested or would like more information please contact

Jessica Jaramillo

Mon. & Wed. @ 281-471-2000

CCE No Registration 1st Day of Class

EDGE

Jr. High Program, 6, 7 & 8th Grade

Classes Tonight @ 5:00pm

"Be Chosen" ~ First Commandment

Randy Tercero EDGE Coordinator:

randytercero@hotmail.com

or Angie 713-826-0633

Life Teen

LIFE TEEN MASS TODAY 4PM

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**Classes @ 5:00pm**

**Register tonight or in the office.**

**Bible Study Wed. @ 7pm**

Parent Mtg. Sept. 30th @ 5pm

**Retreat Cat Springs**

Oct. 12, 13 & 14

Register Now... \$65.00

**Info. contact Shari @ 281 435 5708**