

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT



### Weekly Contribution

January 22 Collections - \$3,995.29

Second Collection – \$1,339.68

Total Collections - \$5,334.97

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our fiscal needs.



Your loved ones are being remembered in prayer

### **WE PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:**

Virginia Martinez, Sonya Valdez, Ronnie Walters, Christopher Valle, Jacinto Damian, Joaquin Damian, Pat Matula, Fela Damian, Zachery & Edward Keith Garcia, Maria Cerda, Omar Soto, Danielle Callaway, Manuel Silbas, Ricardo Alvara, Charles Lusco, Britni Dunn, Bill Perry, Daniel Alvarez, Earl Landry, Amparo Negrete, Roberta Padilla, Robert Gosper, Angel Luevano, Rene Catarina DeLeon, Manuel Rangel, Linda Melnar, Elmo Cormier, Brad Thomas, Laurine Heather, Charlie Kieler, Michael Fernandez, Robbie Wittie, Shrley Hanes, Mary Perez, Karen Kouches Lugo, Bertha Hernandez, Thomas Buras, Brenda Burrige Kelly, Brother Alfred Ledet, Roland Ledet, Greg Maladeau, Curtis Sloane, Francesca Gosper, Henry Prihoda, Bill Schultz, Shirley Girouard, Amanda Jammer. *And for all those whose names that have not been made known to us.*

***Please note:*** An individual whose name appears on the list will be published for 4 weeks. For an extension, please call the Parish Office.

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.

### Altar Duty

January 16-31 – Janice Hawley and Estella Kirby

February 1-15 - Connie Melaragno

### Scripture Readings for the Week Lectures de la Semana & Mass Intentions



#### January 30 – February 5

##### Monday/Lunes

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20  
No Mass

##### Tuesday/Martes

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30---19:3  
Mark 5:21-43  
8:30 a.m. – +Kenneth Smith requested by Susan Smith

##### Wednesday/Miercoles

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6  
6:30 p.m. – For the People of St. Mary's

##### Thursday/Jueves

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 12:22-40  
6:15 p.m. – +Leon Herrera requested by the Heredia Family

##### Friday/Viernes

Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29  
8:30 a.m. – For the People of St. Mary's

##### Saturday/Sabado

1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34  
5:30 p.m. – Helena Word requested by Clara Buegeler

##### Sunday/Domingo

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28  
9:30 a.m. – +Porfirio Rodriguez requested by Frank and Mary Rodriguez  
12:00 p.m. – +Hilda Santiago requested by Aaron Santiago and Family

Saint Jerome (347-420), priest, translator of the Bible, Doctor of the Church  
*Commentary on Saint Mark's Gospel, 2; PLS 2,125f.*

### "What is this? A new teaching"

"The unclean spirit convulsed him with a loud cry." This was his way of expressing his distress: by convulsing him. Since he could not ruin the man's soul, the devil wrought his anger on his body. Besides, these physical manifestations were the only means he had to show that he was coming out. When the spirit of purity makes his presence known, the spirit of impurity beats a retreat...

"All were amazed and asked one another: What is this?" Let us look at the Acts of the Apostles and the signs given by the first prophets. What did Pharaoh's magicians say when confronted by Moses' marvelous deeds? "This is the finger of God" (Ex 8, 15). It was Moses who carried them out but it was the power of another they recognized. Later on the apostles performed further marvels: "In the name of Jesus Christ, rise and walk!" (Acts 3, 6); "Paul... said to the spirit: 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of this woman'" (Acts 16, 18). Jesus' name is always used. Here, however, what does he himself say? "Come out of this man" without any further precision. It is in his own name that he orders the spirit to come out. "All were amazed and asked one another: 'What is this? A new teaching.'" Now, in itself, the expulsion of the demon had nothing new about it: Hebrew exorcists were doing the same thing at that time. But what does Jesus say? What is this new teaching? And where is the novelty? It is that he gives the command to the unclean spirits by his own authority, referring to no one else. He himself gives the order; he does not speak in another's name but by his own authority.

San Jerónimo (347-420), presbítero, traductor de la Biblia, doctor de la Iglesia  
*Comentario al evangelio de Marcos, 2; PLS 2, 125s*

### "Este enseñar con autoridad es nuevo"

"El espíritu inmundo lo retorció y, dando un grito muy fuerte, salió." Es esta la manera de expresar su dolor: retorcerlo. El demonio, puesto que no había podido alterar el alma del hombre, ejerció su violencia sobre su cuerpo. Estas manifestaciones físicas eran, por otra parte, el único medio que tenía para dar a entender que iba a salir de aquel hombre. Al manifestar su presencia el espíritu puro, el impuro no puede hacer más que retirarse...

"Todos se preguntaron estupefactos: '¿Qué es esto?'". Fijémonos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles y en los signos que dieron los primeros profetas. ¿Qué dicen los magos del Faraón al ver los prodigios que hacía Moisés? "Es el dedo de Dios" (Ex 8,15). A pesar de ser Moisés quien los lleva a cabo, reconocen que hay un poder mayor. Más tarde los apóstoles obraron otros prodigios: "¡En el nombre de Jesús, levántate y camina!" (Hch 3,6); "Y Pablo, en el nombre de Jesucristo, ordenó al espíritu salir de aquella mujer" (Hch 16,18). Siempre se recurre al nombre de Jesús. Pero aquí ¿qué es lo que él mismo dice? "Sal de él" sin precisar más. Es en su propio nombre que ordena al espíritu de salir. "Todos preguntaron estupefactos: '¿Qué es esto? Este enseñar con autoridad es nuevo". La expulsión del demonio no era en sí mismo nada nuevo: los exorcistas de los hebreos lo hacían corrientemente. Pero ¿qué dice Jesús? ¿Cuál es esta enseñanza nueva? ¿Dónde está la novedad? La novedad reside en que Jesús manda a los espíritus impuros con autoridad propia. No cita a nadie: él mismo da la orden; no habla en nombre de otro sino en nombre de su propia autoridad.

### Confirmation News for Adults

For anyone 18 years or older who wants to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please call the RE office by February 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Confirmation News for Youth

**1<sup>st</sup> year candidates:** February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. – HW  
**2<sup>nd</sup> year candidates:** Confirmation on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. by Cardinal DiNardo. Candidates to meet in Heaven's Way Hall on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### Fun, Food and Fellowship

February 1<sup>st</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youths. We will begin with mass at 6:30 p.m. Heavens Way: 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m.

### First Eucharist

Parent and Child Eucharist Session on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### Adult Faith Formation Sessions

#### 1. A Biblical Walk through the Mass:

Facilitator: Felicia Lopez – Sunday Evenings: January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 7:00- 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall or:

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> on Fridays with Marilyn Saccomanno as facilitator in the conference room from noon to 1 p.m. Book Fee: \$20 per person

**2. Libro de Marcos:** Presentadora: Lucy Garza and Mañuela García – Lunes por la mañana: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: 9 de Enero, 2012 – 5 de Marzo, 2012- bibliotecas de la parroquia.

**3. The Patricians:** Heavens Way Hall- a casual faith discussion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. morning of the month.

**10:00 a.m. to noon – Heaven's Way Hall**

**Feb. 18, 2012:** Mary

**March 17, 2012:** Passion of Christ

**April 21, 2012:** The Holy Trinity

**4. Interested in the Catholic Faith or know someone who is or any adult who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation? Call the RE office at 233-2771.**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**January 30:**

No Mass  
AA Group: 7:30 p.m. – Rm #10– (RE Building)  
Spanish Prayer Group Practice – 7-9 p.m. - (S)  
Spanish Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – (L)

**January 31:**

8:30 a.m. – English Mass  
LOM: 9:30 a.m. – (L) – English  
LOM: 5:00 p.m. - Spanish – (HW)  
Jr. LOM: 5:00 p.m. – Library  
St. Vincent: 6 p.m. – (Con)

**February 1:**

6:00 p.m. – Peace Rosary  
6:30 p.m. – English Mass  
Spanish Choir Practice – (C)  
CRHP – Men – 7-9 p.m. - #8 (RE Building)  
CCE Classes: 5:00-6:20 p.m. – (RE Building)  
Youth Fun, Food and Fellowship: 6:30 p.m. (Church) 7 p.m.-(HW)

**February 2:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - Benediction  
6:15 p.m. – Spanish Mass – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord –  
Blessings of Candles and Statues of Baby Jesus  
Spanish Prayer Group “Almas Misioneras” – 7:00 p.m. - (C)  
Pastoral Council: 7 p.m. - HW

**February 3:**

8:30 a.m. – English Mass – St. Blaise – Blessings of Throats  
Bible Study: A Walk through the Mass: 12-1 p.m. – (Con)  
CRHP: 5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - (Women) (Hall)  
Bilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 3-4 p.m. – Church  
AA Group: 7:30 p.m. – Rm. #10 – (RE Building)  
Al-Anon: 7:30-8:30 p.m. - #8-RE Building

**February 4:**

Liturgy Mtg.: 10 a.m. – HW  
Pastoral Council: 12-4 p.m. - HW  
Confessions: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. – English Mass  
KC BBQ after mass  
2012 DSF - Go forth and bear fruit that will last - (DVD)

**February 5:**

9:30 a.m. - English Mass  
12:00 p.m. – Spanish Mass  
KC BBQ after masses  
2012 DSF - Go forth and bear fruit that will last - (DVD)  
BOW: 9:30 a.m. (H)  
Parent/Child 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Session: 2-5 p.m. – Hall & Church  
CCE Classes: 7:00-8:30 p.m. – HW  
Bible Study: A Walk through the Mass: 7:00-8:15 p.m. – Parish hall

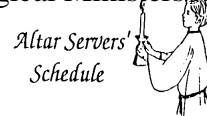
**Parish Festival**

**Our 2012 Parish Festival will be on May 20, 2012.** We will not be mailing raffle tickets out to the parishioners. Please stop by the office and pick up your tickets. We are also taking donations for briskets, canned drinks and bottled water. This can be brought to the office.

**Volunteers Needed**

St. Mary's parishioners will be starting a **Parish Lawn Maintenance Team.** We need volunteers to help keep up the church grounds. If interested please call Blanca Bustos @ (979)-709-3567.

**Liturgical Ministers' Schedule**



**February 4, 5:30 p.m. – English**

**Acolyte:** Chris Thompson  
**Altar Servers:** Brenda, Rito and Pedro Carrizales  
**Lectors:** Jimmy Mikes, Lisa Arnold  
**EM's:** Carmen Olguin, Nieves Olguin, Lori Thompson

**February 5, 9:30 a.m. – English**

**Acolyte:** Richard Moreno  
**Altar Servers:** Maria and George Ayala, Fred Silbas  
**Lectors:** Arturo Moreno, Rosemary Bravo  
**EM's:** Valentine Moreno, Tina Robledo, Mary Rodríguez

**February 5, 12:00 p.m. – Spanish**

**Acolyte:** Richard Moreno  
**Altar Servers:** Richard, Yuvia and Estephany Gallardo  
**Lectors:** Elizabeth Heredia, Mary Oliva  
**EM's:** Abel Oliva, Fortino Montoya, Miguel Heredia

**Remember those in the nursing homes:**

**Village on the Creek:** Armando Gutierrez, Anita Garza  
**Woodlake Nursing Home:** Betty Tichacek  
**Hearthstone:** Elmo Cormier

**Second Collection for Bishops Fund for Latin America**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Collection for the church in Latin America. Your gifts will continue to **keep faith** in the region by supporting evangelization, developing lay leadership programs, and strengthening religious and seminarian formation. The future of the region's Church is brighter today because of your help.

**Segunda Colecta para los fondos de Obispos de Latin America**

Muchas gracias por su generoso donativo a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Sus donativos continuarán **manteniendo la fe** en la región financiando proyectos de evangelización, elaborando programas para el liderazgo laico y fortaleciendo la formación de seminaristas y de religiosos. Hoy, gracias a su apoyo, el futuro de la Iglesia en esa región se ve más prometedor.

**Widowed, Divorced and Separated**

**From Grief to Growth – A Healing Journey** is a support ministry held for 10 weeks beginning **Wed. Feb. 1 - April 4, 2012 from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.** at St. Michael's in the "E" Wing. This program will deal specifically with the process of adjustment following the loss of a spouse through divorce, separation or death. If you need more information see one of our flyers or call St. Michael's at 297-3041.

**Garage Sale**

A parishioner, Ramona Ayala, will have a **Garage Sale** at her house; 1304 North Ave. S on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. - ? Canceled if raining. Proceeds going towards our Parish Festival.

### Quinceañera Preparation

Anyone wishing to celebrate a Quinceañera at St. Mary's must be a parish member and attending CCE. Once the requirements are met and an interview is completed, the Quinceañera will be scheduled. Please call 233-2771, two years before candidate turns fifteen.

### Preparación Para Quinceañera

Si alguien desea celebrar una Quinceañera aquí en la Iglesia Santa María, deberá ser miembro y asistir a las clases de CCE (Catecismo). Una vez que cumpla con los requisitos y se haya completado la entrevista, se fijará la fecha para la Quinceañera. Favor llame al 233-2771, dos años antes de los quince años.

### Baptism Preparation

The next baptism class is February 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in English. Baptisms will have a 4 child limit. Please call ahead to schedule your child's baptism. **The next baptism is Sunday, February 19, 2012.** You must register for the class. No walk-ins. Please call the Parish Office at 233-5271 to register.

### Preparación Para Bautismo

La siguiente clase en español para Bautismos está programada para el sábado, 11 de Febrero 2012 a las 9:00 a.m. Hay límite de 5 niños para Bautismos. Llamar antes para programar el bautismo de su niño. **El siguiente bautismo está programado para el domingo, 19 de Febrero, 2012.** Llamen a la oficina a 233-5271 para registrar su niño.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

### Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.

### HELP IS OUT THERE!

A local AA Group meets on Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Education Building, rooms #9 and #10. For more information contact Larry Moore at 979-201-0099.

### Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.



### Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.



### Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory of or in honor of a family member or members

**January – In loving memory of Jeanne and Virgil Fansher requested by Glenda and Larry Fansher**

If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at 979-233-5271.



### Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office. Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 979-233-2771.

### Sponsor of the Week

[ILM Julia and Pete Martinez]