Jan. 29, 2017

Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinquetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:
9 AM - 4 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
En Español 1 PM
Life Teen: 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 10 AM
Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:30 -7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10:30-11:45 AM
Church 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

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When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and began to teach them.
Matthew 5:1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28; 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: St. John Bosco
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord
Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we strive to put God first in all circumstances.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Jan. 30
8:30 AM Betsy Peña

Tues./Jan. 31
8:30 AM †Rodney Dick Helm, Jr.
7:00 PM Andrew Peña, Jr.

Wed./Feb. 1
8:30 AM †Matthew Benigno
10:00 AM †Pete & Helen Kosick

Thurs./Feb. 2
6:30 AM †Josefina Muriel
8:30 AM †Javier Aguilar

Fri./Feb. 3
8:30 AM †Fernando Cuadra

Sat./Feb. 4
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM †Filomena Iusa

Sun./Feb. 5
7:00 AM †James Wilson Raley
9:00 AM †Janet Hunt
11:00 AM †Frances DiPrisma
1:00 PM Jennifer Trimm
5:30 PM †Josephine Rinaldi

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Joseph Sacca (father of Jan Fish)
Richard Charles Loewe (father of Karen Ruxer)
Tenita Janelle Dorsey (sister of Jacqueline Widman)
Tom Mohr (father of Lynn Lucas)


SAINT Blaise Feast Day
Blessing of Throats

The blessing of throats will take place on Friday, Feb. 3, after the 8:30 AM Mass in the church.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary: Every first Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Saturday, Feb. 4.

Communion to the Sick: If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.

Military: Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or email jodis@stmartha.com

Rosary after Daily Mass: A group of parishioners gathers after the 8:30 AM daily Mass, when able, to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join them in the back of the church in front of the Mary statue to pray the rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel account for this 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time is taken from what is known as the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew’s Gospel. These “beatitudes” lie at the heart of the teaching of Jesus and comprise the essence of living as a disciple of the Lord. Ask anyone who has tried to live out this call to discipleship, even for a short while, and they will usually tell you that it is a call to radical conversion of heart. Such conversion and renewal of our lives are never a simple process. Most of the time it is quite painful, both for us and for the community of faith. Each period of reform and renewal in the history of the Church has been costly in terms of membership. On some occasions the Church has been renewed by a few individuals or movements, like what the prophet Zephaniah calls a “faithful remnant” in our first reading. At other times the efforts have been those of the whole Church, like what we have been experiencing since the 2nd Vatican Council. (The purpose of last year’s Jubilee of Mercy was to rekindle the Council’s call for renewal.) However, each time the spark has always been the same: someone has taken seriously the Gospel reading of today. The Beatitudes are not just pious sayings but are the core values upon which the Kingdom of God is being constructed. To those who can only see reality through the eyes of the secular world, these values are absurd. Anyone who follows them wholeheartedly runs the risk of looking ridiculous in the view of society. There is nothing in this Gospel teaching that guarantees us comfort, success, special status in the world, or respect by our peers.

Yet when we take the time to observe others who have attempted to live the Gospel message — namely the Saints — we quickly realize that the way of the Kingdom is indeed life-changing and fulfilling. We are truly “poor in spirit” when we realize that we need God for life and everything in life. We should be grateful for the lives we have, whether we are well off or not. We are called to be gentle peacemakers, especially within our own families. When we live in this way, God’s presence seems to abound in all those around us. Happy are those who mourn being confident of God’s mercy for they come to see God’s plan gradually revealed in the midst of pain, loss, and disappointments. Happy are the pure of heart who are single-minded in their efforts to do what is right and just. The gift of integrity that results from such a life is a gift beyond measure. Happy are the merciful and the forgiving and those who do not hold grudges against family members and friends. Their world is much richer in meaning and love. These are Christian values and have been taught to us by Jesus through his Church. These values are frequently not the values of the world around us. However, these are the values and life-giving attitudes we are called to live if we hope to bring about the change and renewal we so desperately desire in the world of today.

Fr. Chester Borski
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Sunday morning video series: *The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.*

In this professionally filmed and stunning series, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead you on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God. Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit.

Join us Sunday mornings while the children are in CCE! This series will take place on Sunday morning, beginning Jan. 22 from 10:40—11:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus (3702 Woodland Hills). For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com


**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:** [www.stmarthaaff.com](http://www.stmarthaaff.com)

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Valentine's Celebration**

Young at Heart-ers - Come celebrate Valentine's with all your friends on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, will gather on Wednesday, Feb. 1, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Zachary’s Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, Feb. 4, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at China River, 9606 FM 1960 West in Humble. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 PM. For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or sub-

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**ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM**

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM (through Mar. 7). To sign up or for more information, call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail laurie-cardella@outlook.com.

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**For Survivors of Abuse—Maria Goretti Network (MGN)**

A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.
**Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 6, 7:30 PM, in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

**St. Martha Rosary Guild**

Our Rosary Guild needs help making rosaries. Please join us and we will teach you how to make a twine rosary while you enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. You can attend meetings to help us make rosaries or you can take supplies and make rosaries at home. Students working toward their confirmation, can earn confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry. Contact us for more info. Our Guild will begin regular Wednesday meetings every month, which will be the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and every second Sunday of each month.

**February 2017 Meetings at St. Martha Woodland Hills Campus:**
- **Second Sunday**, Feb. 12, Room 2, 1-3 PM
- **Second & Fourth Wednesday**, Feb. 8 & 22, 11:30 AM-3 PM

Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org

Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

**CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY**

**MARCH 4 & 5**

Fullness of Truth Ministries is sponsoring a conference on family life entitled “Our Family Reunion: Healing the Domestic Church.” This conference will take place in Corpus Christi, TX at the American Bank Center on March 4 – 5, 2017. The focus will be on learning to put Christ first in your marriage, bring peace to families and to strengthen the domestic Church. Group rates are available. For tickets and more details visit www.FullnessOfTruth.org or call toll free: 877-218-7884.

**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE—**

This Sunday, Jan. 29, from 8 AM-1:45 PM at the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus.

As always, the **Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.**

**St. Martha’s Annual Bottle Return This Weekend—Jan. 28 and 29.**

You may turn your bottle in at Mass or in the church office through February. 

**Thank you for your support!**

**Pro-Life Corner**

**Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass**

The Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 5 PM at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo as presider. Reception at the Cathedral Centre (third floor) immediately following Mass. Please RSVP for the reception at respectlife@archgh.org.

Enter Cathedral Centre through San Jacinto entrance. Parking available at the Amegy garage and the Chancery lot.

**Vocations Corner**

**Q & A: Oct. 14th marked the ordination to the diaconate of 18 men in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. What does a deacon do?**

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or “orders,” of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters (also called priests) and deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not to be served.”

As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church’s resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important.

http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/diaconate/faqs.cfm

**Chalice for Vocations: Please join the CHRISTY FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.**
Calling moms of all ages!
St. Martha’s Moms Group is beginning!
Park Play date at Sand Creek Park on the first Monday of each month from 9:30-11 AM. Feb. 6 will be our first one.

Motherhood Fellowship Night
Get to know other moms in the parish and listen to a brief talk. Feb. 28 from 7-8:30 PM in the Borski Room of the school will be our first one.

Be sure to join our Facebook group- St. Martha’s Mom’s (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information, please email Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you!

MOTHER’S DAY OUT
Mother’s Day Out is from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, Feb. 6, in the Faith Formation Office.
Applications will be available on the St. Martha website beginning Feb.1.

St. Martha School Scoops
Start training now if you want to beat Father Richard in the 12th Annual Steps for Students! The event will take place at 8 a.m. on February 18, 2017, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002).

It is a FUN community-building event that also raises funds for the school through team registrations and donations made to team members. Twelve dollars of each registration goes directly to St. Martha Catholic School.

You can register for the St. Martha Catholic School team by going to http://steps4students.racepartner.com/Fundraising16/StMarthaSchool. Registration is $15 per person until February 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Cortney Waguespack at waguespackc@stmarthacs.org.
Catholic Schools…We Transform the World!

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Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE
for prospective students and families
Tuesday, January 31, 2017 * 5 to 7 p.m.

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Fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

- School Opened: Fall 1995
- Accreditation: Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED)
- Grade Levels: PreK 3 through Grade 8
- Current Enrollment: 452
- Faculty & Staff: 50 members
  100% of faculty meet all certification requirements
  22% of faculty and staff have advanced degrees
- Standardized Testing: IOWA, CogAT, and ACRE
- School Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday
  8:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Friday
- School Mass: Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. and Holy Days of Obligation
- Before and After School Program: Monday - Friday
- Volunteer Organization: PLUS (Parents, People and Parishioners Lending Useful Support)
- Extracurricular Activities: Band, Chess, Choir, Drama, National Junior Beta Club, Rosary Guild, Spanish Club, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and Yearbook Club
  Athletics: Cross country, basketball, track, soccer, baseball, volleyball, and softball

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact
Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org

The mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education, sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.
ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays- 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
“You could not watch one hour with Me?”
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration Chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each of us, He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with him. Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.
Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM / 11-Noon / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM
Wednesday: 1-2AM
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
Friday: 11 AM-Noon / 6-7 PM
Saturday AM: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 9-10 AM
Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 11 PM -MIDNIGHT
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Carmen Ogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.
If you need a substitute, please call our division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM - ( 281-360-7897 )
Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon - ( 281-361-7127 )
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM - ( 281-360-1258 )
Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight - ( 281-435-1439 )

Divine Mercy Chaplet—The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 PM for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!

Dear Msgr. Borski, staff and parishioners,
I just wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to you and the parishioners of St. Martha Catholic Church for the generosity you have shown to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul over the last few years. Our clothing donation bins are one of our greatest tools for collecting clothing, shoes, and small housewares on a regular basis. The parishioners and neighbors who fill the bin on your property are providing for the people in our neighborhoods in more ways than they can possibly imagine.
Sincerely,
Cathy Higbee, Manager of Clothing Voucher Ministry SVdP

St. Martha T-shirts
Now available for $6. All sizes including Men, Ladies and Youth.
For more information or to purchase e-mail: pattyschulze63@gmail.com or stop by the parish office during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM)

Bishops’ Fund for Latin America
Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Please be generous in the collection for the Church in Latin America this weekend.

Help Fr. Richard Run
Please help me support Catholic Education and St. Martha Catholic School. You can join me on race day by registering for Steps for Students (steps4students.org) and signing up under our St. Martha team! Or you can donate to our mission by checking out my page (www.bit.ly/2gW8I3P). With every dollar you give, I run faster (or at least try to) and get closer to my goal of being the fastest priest in the Archdiocese!
Steps for Students 5K is an annual Archdiocesan-wide event that raises awareness of Catholic education and provides much needed funds for our Catholic Schools.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend, Jan. 28 & 29, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

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## Stewardship Prayer for February

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A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

El relato evangélico de este cuarto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario proviene de lo que se conoce como el "Sermón de la Montaña" en el Evangelio de Mateo. Estas "bienaventuranzas" están en el corazón de la enseñanza de Jesús, y comprenden la esencia de vivir como discípulos del Señor. Pregúntale a cualquiera que haya tratado de vivir esta llamada al discipulado, aunque sea por un corto tiempo, y generalmente te dirán que es un llamado a la conversión radical del corazón. Tal conversión y renovación de nuestras vidas nunca son un proceso simple. La mayor parte del tiempo es muy doloroso, tanto para nosotros como para la comunidad de fe. Cada periodo de reforma y renovación en la historia de la Iglesia ha sido costoso en términos de membresía. En algunas ocasiones la iglesia ha sido renovada por unos pocos individuos o movimientos, como lo que el profeta Sofónias llama un "fiel remanente" en nuestra primera lectura. En otras ocasiones los esfuerzos han sido los de toda la iglesia, como lo que hemos estado experimentando desde el Concilio Vaticano II. (El propósito del Jubileo de la Misericordia del año pasado era reavivar la llamada del Concilio a la renovación). Sin embargo, cada vez la chispa siempre ha sido la misma: alguien ha tomado en serio la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. Las Bienaventuranzas no son sólo refranes piadosos, sino que son los valores fundamentales sobre los cuales se construye el Reino de Dios. Quien los siga de todo corazón corre el riesgo de parecer ridículo en la visión de la sociedad.

No hay nada en esta enseñanza del Evangelio que nos garantice comodidad, éxito, estatus especial en el mundo, o respeto por nuestros compañeros. Sin embargo, cuando nos tomamos el tiempo para observar a otros que han intentado vivir el mensaje del Evangelio -- a saber, los santos - nos damos cuenta rápidamente de que el camino del Reino es realmente cambiante y satisfactorio. Somos verdaderamente " pobres en espíritu" cuando nos damos cuenta de que necesitamos a Dios para la vida y todo en la vida. Debemos estar agradecidos por la vida que tenemos, si estamos bien o no. Estamos llamados a ser pacíficos pacificadores, especialmente dentro de nuestras propias familias. Cuando vivimos de esta manera, la presencia de Dios parece abundar en todos los que nos rodean. Bienaventurados los que lloran al confiar en la misericordia de Dios para que vengan a ver el plan de Dios revelado gradualmente en medio del dolor, pérdida y decepciones. Felices son los puros de corazón que son de pensamiento simple en sus esfuerzos para hacer lo que es justo y correcto. El don de la integridad que resulta de tal vida es un regalo más allá de la medida. Felices los misericordiosos y los perdonadores y los que no guardan rencor contra los miembros de la familia y los amigos. Su mundo es mucho más rico en significado y amor. Estos son valores cristianos y nos han sido enseñados por Jesús a través de su Iglesia. Estos valores no son frecuentemente los valores del mundo que nos rodean. Sin embargo, esto son los valores y las actitudes vivificantes que estamos llamados a vivir si esperamos lograr el cambio y la renovación que tan desesperadamente deseamos en el mundo de hoy.

Fr. Chester Borski
MINISTERIO HISPANO

MARÍA GORETTI NETWORK ESPAÑOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO

MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros, Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos.

En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitadas de adoradores en este momento.

Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

Se necesitan Adoradores, Co-adoradores y substitutos en las siguientes horas:

- **Lunes:** 1-2 AM / 11AM-NOON / 1-2 PM/ 5-6 PM
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- **Jueves:** 1-2 AM/ 2-3 AM
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- **Sábado PM:** 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
- **Domingo:** 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 11 PM -MIDNIGHT

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora

SYMPOSIUM AGAPE DE EVANGELIZACIÓN Y CATEQUESIS 2017 se llevará a cabo el sábado 11 de febrero del 2017 de 8 am a 8 pm en el GRB Convention Center (3er piso General Assembly) de Houston Texas. Con la participación de: Cardenal Daniel Dinardo (Houston), Fray Nelson Medina (Colombia), Salvador Gómez (El Salvador), Alejandro Bermúdez (EWTN-Aciprensa), Manuel Capetillo (México) y en la alabanza Jésed (Monterrey), Martín Valderde (México) y Mario Alberto Grupo de lo Alto (Los Ángeles).

Niños menores de 2 años no pagan boleto. Demás edades pagan boleto completo. Entrada regular $30 dólares antes del 1 de enero, después $35 dólares y el día del evento en taquilla $40 dólares. Más información llamar al 713-741-8798 o enviar email: gsalazar@archgh.org

MISA ARQUIDIOCESANA POR LA VIDA

Sábado 18 de Febrero, 2017 5:00pm
Cathedral Sacred Heart
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Acompañenos a reconocer la dignidad de toda la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural

Habrá una recepción inmediatamente después de la misa Cathedral Centre
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Por favor RSVP para la recepción (713)-440-7443

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

“Salvando Vidas a través de su Donación”

Proyecto Gabriel estará recolectando sus donaciones durante todo este fin de semana del 28 y 29 de enero.

Estaremos recolectando los biberones que se repartieron el fin de semana pasado después de misa, usted puede regresar el biberón al llegar o al salir de la misa, o bien lo puede dejarlo en las oficinas de la parroquia durante todo el mes de febrero. Los fondos recolectados a través de sus donaciones beneficiarán al Proyecto Gabriel así como a Birthright de Humble. Estos dos ministerios ayudan a las mujeres que puedan experimentar un embarazo en crisis brindándoles apoyo emocional o financiero, asegurándose de que al momento de regresar a casa tanto la madre como el bebé tengan listo lo indispensable después del nacimiento; además brindamos amor y comprensión sin cuestionar las circunstancias a todas aquellas mujeres que lo necesiten.

Usted puede hacer su donación en efectivo o cheque a nombre de Santa Martha, si por algún motivo usted no puede hacer una contribución, solamente le pedimos que regrese los biberones. Agradeciéndole sus donaciones y pidiéndole que sigamos poniendo en nuestras oraciones a los más vulnerables.
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For the weekend of Jan. 21 & 22
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

| Weekly Budget | $71,034 |
| Sunday Collection | $46,616 |
| Over/(Under) | $(24,418) |

Special collections:

| Capital Campaign | $27,102 |
| Martha’s Kitchen | $4,988 |
| Latin America | $70 |

2016 DSF Goal | $305,000 |
DSF Payments to Date | $335,471 |