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. Tony Cardella, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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 9:30 -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.

Funerals  
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.

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From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”  
Matthew 17:5

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

In today’s second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus). NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., MARCH 22.

**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**

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**Help! Help! Help!**

Your help is needed on Friday, April 7, immediately following the 8:30 AM Daily Mass. The palms to be blessed at the Palm Sunday Masses need to be prepared. Help is needed by both men and women. Please meet by the relief of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and Jesus. Be sure to bring scissors! For more information, please call Mariel at 281-358-6637 or e-mail marielp@stmartha.com
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent is taken from Matthew 17: 1-9 and it describes a very special event in the public life of Jesus: the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up to a high place on the mountain and is transfigured before them. “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” Commentators on the Scriptures tell us that this event provides a glimpse into the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus and is done for the sake of the disciples. It serves as kind of a “booster shot” for their weak faith and enables them to continue to hope and trust in Jesus. It is also a moment when God reveals the true identity of Jesus Christ to the disciples and is similar to what happened at the baptism of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” The Church chooses this Gospel reading to signal to us that we need to look honestly at the quality of our own faith and to deepen our commitment to following in the footsteps of the Lord. The season of Lent is an excellent opportunity to do some soul searching and to listen more intently to Jesus as he speaks to our hearts. Usually the Lord surprises us with these special moments in the ordinary circumstances of daily life.

Thus, in everyone’s life there are events or experiences that provide us with a glimpse into the depths of our faith and they challenge us to live our faith much more intentionally. Sometimes we are led to deepen our prayer life through frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the adoration chapel. Some choose to attend daily Mass during Lent as a way of walking more closely with the Lord. Others may discover a “mountain top” experience by attending an ACTS retreat, Marriage Encounter, parish mission, or day of prayer. For some the opportunity to participate in parish outreach programs to assist the needy provides the experience by which they are transformed in their outlook about God’s compassion for His people. For others there is the distinct call to return to the practice of their Catholic faith through the invitation of a friend or family member or through the serious illness or death of a loved one. Whatever the experience or event, God continues to invite us to “taste and see” for ourselves the wonder of His love which “shines like the sun.” Each time we respond to God’s invitation to come closer to Him through prayer, charitable works, and genuine fasting, we get a glimpse of the abundant mercy and love of the Lord.

For some it may be the special call to return to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For others it is a moment to heal past hurts with a friend or family member. Whatever the experience, let us pray for one another that we might be touched by God’s grace and that we will choose to follow Christ more faithfully during this Lenten season.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**2017 Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus

**Friday Nights**
March 17, 24, 31 & April 7
Serving from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM

**LOCATION**
Family Life Center

**ADULT DINNER $10**
**CHILDS DINNER $3**
Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies. Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies. Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Coffee Side dish of Shrimp Gumbo and or Étouffée available at $7.00/bowl

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**EASTER CROSS YARD SIGNS**

$5 each
Available in the Parish office
Monday—Friday, 9 AM—4 PM.

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**Communal Penance Service:**

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 PM
(St. Mary Magdalene in Humble)

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**Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 PM in the church every Friday during Lent.**
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK FOR SPRING BREAK

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 from 10:40—11:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus. For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com.

Little Rock: Join us for “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players” a seven part video series. Bishop Robert Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church’s most influential people. Catholicism: The Pivotal Players is a multipart film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. These presentations are free and everyone is welcome. There is no need to register. Each class is independent, so please join us as your schedule allows. Meeting dates are March 22, 29, April 5, 12.

Breakfast & Bible Study—Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. March 21, 28.

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaaff.com

Blessing of the Bikes
You are invited to attend the Blessing of the Bikes at 10 AM Saturday, March 25, in front of St. Martha Catholic Church on Woodridge Parkway. All motorcycles, regardless of make or type, two-wheels or three-wheels (front or back), are welcome at this event. Join in fellowship to begin your 2017 riding season with the Blessing of the Bikes. This is a free and rain or shine event (God’s blessings aren’t limited to fair weather). The Blessing will be presided over by Fr. Richard and members from the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) will also be present. Family, friends, or interested spectators, adults and children who don’t ride are all welcome to visit with the riders and co-riders, look at the bikes, and join in celebrating God’s abundant blessings. For more information, call 832-656-3485 or e-mail rabalaisgaryj@gmail.com.

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Bible Studies-Mondays 7 PM in the Main Church: Join us as we continue with Arise! Continue your New Year's goal of diving deeper into the faith. We will meet at 7 PM in the parlor of the main church (first door in the left side hallway).
Fish Fry: Come join us March 31 at 6 PM for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Afterwards, we will do Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.
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For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt Cooke, 718-887-6837

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Rodeo Round-Up
Young at Heart-ers - Yeehaw - it's Rodeo time! Grab your Stetson, dust off your boots, lasso up a good time and come celebrate the Rodeo with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, March 22. 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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**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**Men’s ACTS Retreat—March 23-26**

Men's English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three-day/three-night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable $50 deposit. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat. If you have questions you can contact the retreat director, Phil Applegate, at 281-389-7190.

**Project Rachel**

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

**One of the Best Kept Secrets at St. Martha**

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed. Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha contact Martha Busch at 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

**Martha’s Kitchen**

During this season of Lent, Martha’s Kitchen pauses to pray for all parishioners and the volunteers who have entered our doors to feed those in need. We also remember those volunteers that have gone before us and are now in God’s arms. We pray for the sick and for the families that struggle each day to feed and protect their children from violence. We are praying for the clergy of St. Martha’s Church and the teachers and administration of St. Martha Catholic School. We pray for the Sisters of Martha’s Kitchen in their tireless effort in this outreach ministry. God Bless You. NOTE: Martha’s Kitchen is in need of volunteers on Monday & Friday. Please call Sister Maria Elena Lopez at 713-224-2522 if interested.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, March 15, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 E. FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

**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.
**Parenting/Youth**

**CALLING MOMS OF ALL AGES!**

St. Martha’s Moms Group is beginning!

Park Play date at Greentree Park on the first Monday of each month from 9:30-11:00 AM.

**Motherhood Fellowship Night**

Get to know other moms in the parish and listen to a brief talk.

March 21 from 7-8:30 PM will be the next one.

Be sure to join our Facebook group- St. Martha’s Mom’s (Kingwood, Tx)

For more information, please e-mail Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

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**Collegian Moms Prayer Group:**

The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 13, from 7- 8PM in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gàmez at morglor@yahoo.com

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**Vocations Corner**

“A Vocation is the adventure that God has planned for you!” - Fr. Richard McNeillie

The Houston Vocations Office hosts monthly gatherings to assist you in learning about priestly and religious vocations.

- March 16, April 6: **Discover the Road Less Traveled**- 6:30 PM. For men ages 18-35.
- March 16, April 6: **Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled**- 6:30 PM. For women ages 18-35.
- March 16, April 20: **Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido**- 7 PM. For hombres y mujeres de edades 18-35.
- March 25: **Lenten Day of Prayer for Religious**
- April 2: **InSight Retreat**, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. For girls in High School. Retreat with Sisters of all Congregations
- April 2: **Priest vs. Seminarians**, 6-8 PM Strake Jesuit Basketball Game. Live Broadcast by Joe McClane & Matthew Suniga on KSHJ 1430 AM.

Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.

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**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations**

**Exposition & Benediction**

- 2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

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**Chalice for Vocations:**

Please join the **FASTNAUGHT 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.
EASTER FLOWERS: Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Sunday, April 2. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin.)
A Divine Conspiracy

Forgiveness?  Compassion?  Mercy?

March 25 & 26: Preaching at all English Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:30 p.m.

March 27, Mass, 8:30 am, Mission Talk 7 p.m.
March 28, Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Mission Talk
March 29: Mass, 8:30 a.m., Mission Talk 7 p.m.

Paulist Father John Hurley was ordained a priest in 1977. He is a leader in evangelization for over 35 years when he founded the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in Portland, OR in 1979. In 1997, his leadership went national serving as Executive Director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Evangelization where he was responsible for implementing Go and Make Disciples, A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States. He later served as Executive Director for the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City and the Department of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He has spoken in over 100 dioceses across the United States and continues to do so before parish, diocesan and national Church leadership. Since 2014, he serves as a consultant for NewEvangelizationStrategies.org and resides at Old Saint Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco where he once served as pastor. Pope Francis appointed Fr. Hurley a Missionary of Mercy for the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy.
“Could you 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 / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- **Tuesday:** 2-3 AM / 9-10 AM
- **Wednesday:** 1-2 AM
- **Thursday:** 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
- **Friday:** 11 AM-Noon / 6-7 PM / 7-8 PM
- **Saturday AM:** 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 11 AM-Noon
- **Saturday PM:** 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
- **Sunday:** 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 carmenogando@yahoo.com.

If you need a substitute, please call our division leaders:
- Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6 AM (281-360-7897)
- Karen Ehlig for 6 AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
- Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6 PM (281-360-1258)
- Beth Beckham for 6 PM to Midnight (281-435-1439).

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**HOSANNA 2017**

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference
Saturday, April 8, 2017

Begins at 8:30 AM with Mass, ends at 9:30 PM. Free admission. Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77023.

Celebrating the 50th year of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal! Speakers are:
- Michelle Moran, President of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal
- Rev. Robert Kajoh from the Missionaries of St. Paul Society
- Rev. Mark Goring from the Companions of the Cross and Director of the Catholic Charismatic Center.

For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Center at 713-236-9977.

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**FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA’S**

4301 Woodridge Parkway
March 22, 11 AM—1 PM

Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

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**ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA**

“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”

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. Síntete 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 / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- **Martes:** 2-3 AM / 9-10 AM
- **Miércoles:** 1-2 AM
- **Jueves:** 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
- **Viernes:** 11 AM - Noon / 6-7 PM / 7-8 PM
- **Sábado AM:** 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 11 AM - Noon
- **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.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas del Evangelio para el segundo domingo de Cuaresma se toman de Mateo 17: 1-9 y describe un acontecimiento muy especial en la vida pública de Jesús: la Transfiguración. Jesús lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un lugar alto en la montaña y se transfigura delante de ellos. "Su rostro resplandeció como el sol y sus ropas se hicieron blancas como la luz". Los comentaristas de las Escrituras nos dicen que este evento brinda un vislumbre del significado de la resurrección de Jesús y se hace por el bien de los discípulos. Sirve como una especie de "disparo de refuerzo" para su débil fe y les permite seguir esperando y confiando en Jesús. Es también un momento en que Dios revela la verdadera identidad de Jesucristo a los discípulos y es similar a lo que sucedió en el bautismo de Jesús. "Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien me complazo; Escucharlo". La Iglesia elige esta lectura del Evangelio para señalarnos que debemos mirar con honestidad la calidad de nuestra propia fe y profundizar nuestro compromiso de seguir los pasos del Señor. La temporada de Cuaresma es una excelente oportunidad para hacer algo de búsqueda en el alma y escuchar más atentamente a Jesús mientras habla a nuestros corazones. Por lo general, el Señor nos sorprende con estos momentos especiales en circunstancias ordinarias de la vida cotidiana. Por lo tanto, en la vida de cada uno hay acontecimientos o experiencias que nos proporcionan un vislumbre en las profundidades de nuestra fe y nos desafían a vivir nuestra fe de una manera mucho más intencional. A veces somos llevados a profundizar nuestra vida de oración a través de frecuentes visitas al Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla de la adoración. Algunos eligen asistir a la Misa diaria durante la Cuaresma como una manera de caminar más de cerca con el Señor. Otros pueden descubrir una experiencia de "cumbre de la montaña" asistiendo a un retiro de ACTS, un Encuentro matrimonial, una misión parroquial o un día de oración. Para algunos, la oportunidad de participar en los programas de alcance parroquial para ayudar a los necesitados proporciona la experiencia por la cual se transforman en visión de la compasión de Dios por Su pueblo. Para otros la llamada es distinta, para volver a la práctica de su fe católica a través de la invitación de un amigo o miembro de la familia o a través de la enfermedad grave o la muerte de un ser querido. Sea cual sea la experiencia o el evento, Dios continúa invitándonos a "ver y saborear" la maravilla de su amor que "brilla como el sol". Cada vez que respondemos a la invitación de Dios a acercarnos a Él a través de la oración, el ayuno genuino, tenemos una visión de la abundante misericordia y amor del Señor. Para algunos puede ser el llamado especial a regresar a Dios a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Para otros es un momento para sanar las heridas del pasado con un amigo o miembro de la familia. Sea cual sea la experiencia, oremos unos por otros para que podamos ser tocados por la gracia de Dios y que escojamos seguir a Cristo con más fidelidad durante este tiempo de Cuaresma.

Fr. Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

**HAAM**
El banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 22 de Marzo 2017 de 11 AM-1PM.
En el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada
Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutiérrez al 832-860-4860

**Legión de María**
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los 6 últimos Papas y endorsada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se revisan los trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestro trabajo consiste en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, toques de puertas, llevando la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.
Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los Viernes a las 7:00 pm, en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha 3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood.

**MGN**
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.

**40 Días por vida**
Los Cristianos alrededor de Houston y sus alrededores están invitados a participar en la campaña de 40 días por la vida comenzando el lero de Marzo al 9 de Abril, un esfuerzo conjunto de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Además de los 40 días de oración y ayuno para terminar con el aborto en América, por favor considere ser voluntario para orar afuera de la clínica de aborto Planned Parenthood ubicada en el 4600 Gulf Freeway por una o más horas, o puede anotarse para una hora semanal de acuerdo a su preferencia, y también a pasar la voz a otros de este esfuerzo por salvar la vida. Cuando las personas están presentes en oración en un sitio donde se realizan abortos, por la gracia de Dios, hay cambios de corazón y se salvan vidas.
Para obtener más información para ser voluntario o bien si usted desea hacer carpool, por favor contactar a Terice Richards al 281-798-4477 o por email terice.richards@gmail.com o también a Mary Anne 281-615-9027 maryannhoward@cebridge.net. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

**Día Arquidiocesano de Jóvenes**
Adultos “A Quién Estamos Llamados a Servir?”
Ven y acompañe a cientos de jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años de edad a un día de aprendizaje, música, oración,
Eucaristía y convivencia. Sábado 8 de Abril, 2017 de 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Insípárate con presentadores internacionales y locales. Presentado en Inglés y Español. Iglesia de San Jerónimo 8825 Kempwood Dr Houston TX 77080. $25 antes del 8 de Marzo o $35 después del 9 de Marzo incluye lunch y camiseta. Descuentos para grupos. Inscripciones en línea www.archgh.org/yaem Información 713-741-8778.

**Curso de Formación en Pastoral Juvenil**
Este es un curso básico para jóvenes adultos de habla hispana que son líderes o aquellos que piensan ser líderes en el futuro en los grupos de jóvenes de su parroquia.
Los prepara para su rol como líderes. Este curso se llevara a cabo por ocho Domingos consecutivos, comenzando el 12 de marzo en Prince of Peace Catholic Community 19222 Tomball Pkwy. Houston, TX 77070 a partir de 9:00 am – 6:30 pm.
El costo de este curso es de $100.00 (inscripción de $20.00 dls. y 4 pagos de $20.00 dls. que se harán durante los primeros cuatro domingos del curso).
Para más información ver la hoja de inscripción - Curso de Formación en Pastoral Juvenil
También, puede llamar a nuestra oficina al 713-741-8778 o por email a mochoa@archgh.org
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DSF Payments to Date $ 97,371
Black & Indian Collection $ 2,300
Diocesan Social Ministries $ 13,226
Martha’s Kitchen $ 4,022
Capital Campaign $ 39,034
Weekly Budget $ 2,557,224
Over/(Under) $ (14,117)
Sunday Collection $ 56,917
For the Weekend of March 4 & 5 Your Gifts of Treasure Resulted In:
Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 56,917
Over/(Under) $ (14,117)
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 2,557,224
Sunday Collection $ 2,660,935
Over/(Under) $ 103,711
Special Collections:
Capital Campaign $ 39,034
Martha’s Kitchen $ 4,022
Diocesan Social Ministries $ 13,226
Black & Indian Collection $ 2,300
2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 97,371