March 26, 2017

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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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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.

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent
MARCH 26, 2017

I was blind and now I see.
John 9:25

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Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ shines in our hearts. Is the light of Christ shining out from us to others?

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Friday: Abstinence
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The miraculous healing described in the Gospel reading for the 4th Sunday of Lent is one of very few events in the public ministry of Jesus that is recorded by all four of the evangelists. However, while the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke merely report the event, this passage from the evangelist John actually “translates” the message for us and reveals the deeper meaning of the healing of the blind man. The powerful images of darkness and light invite us to see that this is a story about our own faith journey and conversion. The darkness of the man born blind signifies the darkness that can surround us in our lives when we allow sin to cloud our vision. The light of the new vision given to the man is a symbol of the light of faith. This light comes to us as a gift from Jesus Christ who is the Light of the world. This light of faith transforms us and makes us new. Once we embrace the way of faith, we can also expect opposition from those who choose to remain in darkness. The story that is told in the Gospel of John recounts how the man born blind is challenged to prove that this transformation did in fact take place. The opponents of the Light, those who had an investment in the darkness, present various kinds of obstacles to the man’s new way of life and question whether anything took place at all: “What actually happened? Who did this? Where is he? What gives him the right to upset our lives?”

The exchange between the Pharisees and the man born blind is masterfully told by the evangelist and we are led to understand how the man not only comes to believe but how he gradually deepens his faith commitment to Jesus. When first questioned by those who doubted that something good had taken place, the man simply responds with the facts: the man called Jesus smeared his eyes with clay and sent him to wash at Siloam; now he can see. Then when the religious leaders challenged his account and the ability of Jesus to work such a miracle, the man states: “He is a prophet.” The leaders then reject his testimony and ridicule him even more. However, the man continues to trust his experiences and demonstrates his courage and perseverance in accepting the gift of sight. He testifies even more forcefully, “If this man were not God, he would not be able to do anything.” Finally when the opponents of Jesus could not shake the man’s conviction, they threw him out of their community. It is at this moment that he encounters the very person who gave him the gift of sight and his new vision of faith. And Jesus then asks him if he believes in the Son of Man. When the man realizes who Jesus is, he makes a profound profession of faith, “I do believe, Lord!” and worships him as the Son of God. When we reflect on this Gospel account, we discover that the man born blind simply focused on his experience of moving from darkness to light and of knowing that this was a gift from God. For him the person who worked the miracle did not need to be explained or defended. He only needed to be trusted!

Fr. Chester Borski
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

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).

Saint Martha Parish + 2017 Lenten Mission
4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter

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.

Palm Sunday - April 9
Please note:
Mass begins inside the CHURCH at 5:30 PM Vigil and 7 AM Sunday.
Mass begins in the PLAZA at 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM (Spanish Mass) and 5:30 PM (Lifeteen Mass)

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

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Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offering envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Martha Catholic Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX497

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

The March 29, 8:30 a.m. Mass will take place on the Woodland Hills Campus (School Mass)

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.
MUSIC NOTES – LENT 2017

Amidst our busy lives, it can be difficult to truly enter into the special season of Lent. Many of us live our lives with constant noise and the season of Lent invites us into the quiet desert with Jesus. While solemn, Lent is still a time for joy, even amidst repentance and sacrifice, because joy ultimately comes from God who loves us abundantly (John 16:24). Although the Church asks us to solemnly limit any instrumental music in the Mass during Lent to strictly accompanying the singing (GIRM, 313), this season leads us into greater joy as it helps us turn away from our sin and sadness in order to turn back to God!

In the 11AM Mass in particular, we are sharing a number of special musical offerings to embody the joy and beauty of accompanying Jesus in these forty days. As many elements remain familiar (the singing of Mass parts, the inclusion of hymns, the song “Sanctuary”, RCIA dismissal, etc.) we have been including two new gifts.

First, we have begun to chant English translations of the Roman Missal’s communion antiphons. Antiphons are biblical texts assigned by the Church for various moments in the liturgy. The communion antiphons are especially rich in the present Liturgical Year (Cycle A) because they draw from the day’s gospel. This is one profound way of linking the Liturgy of the Word with the Liturgy of the Eucharist, echoing the mystery of how the Word became flesh (John 1:14) and how He still becomes flesh in the celebration of the Eucharist.

In addition to chant, the choir has begun to sing some of the Church’s sacred polyphony—a great treasure not only for the Church but for the entire world of music. The texts of these polyphonic choral pieces are important, often drawn from sacred scripture or from the saints. Chant and polyphony will often wash over us, lifting our hearts above the frenzy and noise of our daily lives. The unique power of these musical treasures is that they are able to transcend themselves and point to things that are above. But these musical treasures also deepen our recognition of our identity as the Body of Christ which spans all eras and is not limited to only those who are still alive on earth. We are part of the communion of saints, both living and deceased, and by including both music from today and from the Church’s great patrimony, we joyfully worship God as one—one even with those who have gone before us.

Your brother in the Body of Christ,
Daniel Knaggs, Director of Music

JOIN THE 2017 EASTERN CROSS WITNESS
$5 each.
Available in the Parish office, Monday—Friday, 9 AM—4 PM and on Fridays during the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry in the FLC

Vocations Corner

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the CANALES 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.

The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God’s call."
- Pope Benedict XVI

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You Attend the Mission at St. Martha’s Catholic Church and Hear the Words of Fr. Hurley
Monday, March 27, at 7 PM

There will NOT be a meeting at Italiano’s, All are invited to meet and sit as a group at St. Martha’s Catholic Church.

Paulist Fr. John Hurley has been a leader in evangelization for over 35 years. A Divine Conspiracy - Forgiveness? Compassion? Mercy? will be his topic during the Mission
**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**  
**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up**, will gather on Wednesday, March 29, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Jason's Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, April 1, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Longhorn Steakhouse, 20127 Hwy. 59 N. Deerbrook Mall (in Humble). Meet in the narthex at 5:15 PM. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.**  
**Teams of Our Lady USA - A movement of conjugal spirituality**

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newly-wed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement. A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful. If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, April 2, at 3:30 PM in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

**Tickets are now on sale for the St. Martha Catholic School Backyard BBQ Casino Night**

**Dinner, Casino, D.J. dancing & Auction**

Cash bar available at event.

**APRIL 1**  
**SATURDAY**  
**Questions? Please contact Courtney Waguespack cwaguespack@smarthaacs.org**

**Kingwood Country Club**

6-11 p.m.

**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, **April 3**, 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.
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 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 27, April 3, 10, 24 and May 1, 9:15-10:45 AM.

For more information contact Edith Boschian at edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.

OREMUS—Join Fr. Richard on Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:45 PM, in the Activity Center. Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections each day. March 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. Remaining March date: 28. April dates: 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Adult Confirmation—Adult Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday, April 20. If you are an adult Catholic, over 18, who has been Baptized and received your First Communion, but did not receive your Confirmation, you are invited to complete your initiation by attending these classes to prepare for your Confirmation. For more information and to complete your phone interview, please contact Mandy Carr at 281-713-8973 or mandyc@stmartha.com.

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

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.

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.

March 28: Executive Speaker Series- Margo Geddie at 7 PM at St Anne's.

For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt Cooke, 718-887-6837.

OUT OF WORK? LOOKING FOR A CHANGE?
We can help!

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM to noon in Rm. 2 on St. Martha’s Faith Formation campus 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweenn jobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.
Calling moms of all ages!
St. Martha’s Moms Group
Our next monthly park play date will be April 3. We will meet at Greentree Park from 9:30-11 AM.
Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Mom’s (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information, e-mail Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

St. Martha School
Scoops
Registering for the 2017-2018 school year!
St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We are committed and blessed to offer:
♦ A curriculum that builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment.
♦ Weekly Mass and periodic reconciliation throughout the school year.
♦ The involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities.
♦ Monthly service opportunities to help instill a heart for service in our students.
♦ Extracurricular activities including School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, National Jr. BETA Club, Yearbook Club, and Student Ambassadors. Our athletic program includes the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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.
**PRIESTHOOD VOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

With great joy, I wish to inform you that Deacon Michael Applegate has petitioned for the Order of the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in Texas through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by his Bishop on Saturday, June 3, 2017. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank you the people of his home parish for your generous support of Deacon Michael. It is through your prayers, encouragements, and support that we have many vocations. Please keep Deacon Michael and all our seminarians in your daily prayers. If you have any grave concerns affecting his ordination to the priesthood, please contact me in writing enclosed in a “confidential” envelope and addressed to: The Very Reverend Father Trung Nguyen, Rector of St. Mary’s Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77024.

**UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE BULLETIN:**
- Deadline for the April 9 Bulletin (Palm Sunday) is 9:00 AM, Tuesday, March 28.
- Deadline for the April 16 Bulletin (Easter Sunday) is 9:00 AM, Thursday, March 30.
- Deadline for the April 23 Bulletin (Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday) is 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 12

Regular Bulletin Deadline:
- Friday, 9 AM, one week prior to publication.

*(Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)*

Submit announcements by e-mail: jodis@stmartha.com

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**Open Hours**

Monday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Tuesday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Wednesday: 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Friday: 3-4 AM / 6-7 PM
Saturday AM: 3-4 AM / 11 AM-Noon
Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 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 of 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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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*“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.

**OPEN HOURS**

Monday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Wednesday: 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
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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 nece- sitadas 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.

**HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS**

Lunes: 2-3 AM / Viernes: 11 AM a Mediodía / Viernes: 7-8 PM
Sábado: 1-2 AM / Lunes: 1-2 PM

**HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE CO-ADORADORES**

Lunes: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 5-6 PM
Martes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Miércoles: 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Jueves: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Viernes: 6-7 PM
Sábado AM: 3-4 AM / 11-12 NOON
Sábado PM: 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
Domingo: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 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,

La curación milagrosa descrita en la lectura del Evangelio para el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma es uno de los pocos eventos en el ministerio público de Jesús que es registrado por los cuatro evangelistas. Sin embargo, mientras que los Evangelios sinópticos de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas simplemente reportan el evento, este pasaje del evangelista Juan realmente "traduce" el mensaje para nosotros y revela el significado más profundo de la curación del ciego. Las poderosas imágenes de la oscuridad y la luz nos invitan a ver que esta es una historia sobre nuestro propio camino de fe y conversión. La oscuridad del hombre que nace ciego significa la oscuridad que puede rodearnos en nuestras vidas, cuando permitimos que el pecado nuble nuestra visión. La luz de la nueva visión dada al hombre es un símbolo de la luz de la fe. Esta luz viene a nosotros como un regalo de Jesucristo que es la Luz del mundo. Esta luz de fe nos transforma y nos hace nuevos. Una vez que abrazamos el camino de la fe, también podemos esperar oposición de aquellos que optan por permanecer en la oscuridad. La historia que se cuenta en el Evangelio de Juan relata cómo el hombre nacido ciego es desafiado a demostrar que esta transformación de hecho tuvo lugar. Los adversarios de la Luz, los que tenían una inversión en la oscuridad, presentan diversos tipos de obstáculos al nuevo modo de vida del hombre y cuestionan si algo ocurrió en absoluto: "¿Qué sucedió realmente? ¿Quién hizo esto? ¿Dónde está el? ¿Qué le da el derecho de perturbar nuestras vidas?

El intercambio entre los fariseos y el hombre nacido ciego es magistralmente contado por el evangelista y nos llevan a entender cómo el hombre no sólo llega a creer sino cómo gradualmente profundiza su compromiso de fe con Jesús. Cuando primero fue interrogado por aquellos que dudaban de que algo bueno había ocurrido, el hombre simplemente responde con los hechos: *el hombre llamado Jesús* manchó sus ojos con barro y lo envió a lavárselos en Siloam; Ahora él puede ver. Entonces, cuando los líderes religiosos desafiaron su relato y la habilidad de Jesús para realizar tal milagro, el hombre declara: "*Es un profeta*". Los líderes luego rechazan su testimonio y lo ridiculizan aún más. Sin embargo, el hombre sigue confiando en sus experiencias y demuestra su coraje y perseverancia en aceptar el don de la vista. Él testifica con más fuerza: "*Si este hombre no fuera Dios, no sería capaz de hacer nada*". Finalmente, cuando los oponentes de Jesús no pudieron sacudir la convicción del hombre, lo arrojaron fuera de su comunidad. Es en este momento que encuentra a la persona misma que le dio el don de la vida y su nueva visión de la fe. Y Jesús le pregunta si cree en el Hijo del Hombre. Cuando el hombre se da cuenta de quién es Jesús, hace una profunda profesión de fe: "*Creo, Señor*", y lo adora como el Hijo de Dios. Cuando reflexionamos sobre este relato evangélico, descubrimos que el hombre nacido ciego simplemente se centró en su experiencia de pasar de las tinieblas a la luz y de saber que esto era un regalo de Dios. Para él la persona que trabajó el milagro no necesita ser explicada o defendida. ¡Sólo necesitaba confiar en él!

Fr. Chester Borski

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Retiro en Silencio basado en
LAS REGLAS DE DISECRIMENIO DE SAN IGNACIO

SÁBADO, PRIMERO DE ABRIL
(8:30 AM – 5:00 PM)
at Lake Houston Wilderness Park
25840 FM 1485, New Caney, TX 77357

QUIERES DESCUBRIR LA VOZ DE DIOS EN TU VIDA?

Aprende más sobre las reglas de discernimiento de San Ignacio, siguiendo los consejos del padre Gallagher, mientras pasas tiempo en silencio con Dios. El retiro incluye charlas que serán dictadas por P. Richard y también habrá oportunidades para dirección espiritual.

$50 para la entrada (Almuerzo y libro incluidos)

Para registrarse, por favor llame o visite a la Sra. Ana Luisa Rodríguez
en la oficina de catequesis 281.713.8914

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Legión de María
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los 6 últimos Papas y endosada 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, cárcel, 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.

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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FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 18 & 19 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 45,339
Over/Under $(25,636)
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 2,699,290
Sunday Collection $ 2,811,690
Over/Under $ 112,398
Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 12,822
Martha’s Kitchen $ 2,767
Diocesan Social Ministries $ 60
Catholic Relief Services $ 310
2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 114,025

Current Loan Debt: $ 10,323,054