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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Pham
Deacons: Mr. Tony Cardella, 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): ....
Saturday Vigil: .......... 8:30 AM
Saturday: ............ 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 6:15 - 7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 12 PM
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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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

**Second Reading** — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).


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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- Sharon Dunham
- Maria Garcia
- Elsa Kite (*mother-in-law of Anna Kite*)
- Tony Grande (*nephew of Phyllis Holley*)
- Rose Ann Weisenbach (*mother of Rosemary Roach*)
- Irma Gillette
- Francesca Obrero Pasadilla (*mother of Fr. Nick Pasadilla*)
- Joe Ortego (*husband of Betty Ortego*)


**Pro-Life Prayer Opportunities**

Would you like to meet with other St. Martha’s parishioners to pray for an end to abortion and to offer real support to the young women in the Houston area struggling with an unplanned pregnancy? Please join us!

**Daily:** After each 8:30 Mass, meet at the back of the sanctuary for a Pro-Life rosary.

**Weekly:** After the Thursday rosary, carpool for a light breakfast, then for an hour of prayer outside the Planned Parenthood in downtown Houston.

Please call Joseph Winslow: (832) 412-8765 with any questions.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time we celebrate the feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord**.

The Gospel reading (Matthew 17: 1-9) describes this very special event in the public life of Jesus. The Lord takes Peter, James, and John up to a high place on a mountain and is transfigured before them. “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” Many spiritual writers and commentators on Sacred Scripture tell us that this event provides the disciples with a glimpse into the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus. It serves as 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 very similar to what happened at the baptism of Jesus. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” This event so touched the Apostle Peter that he describes what happened and its impact on his ministry: “We ourselves heard this voice come down from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. ... You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in the dark place.” (2 Peter 1: 18-19)

The Church wants us to be attentive to the message conveyed through this singular event. It is a signal to us that we need to look honestly at the quality of our own faith and to listen more intently to the Lord Jesus when he speaks to us through significant events. Usually the Lord surprises us with these special moments in the very ordinary circumstances of our daily lives.

In everyone’s life there are events, happenings, and experiences that provide the individual with a glimpse into the depths of faith and serve as a challenge to live one’s faith with more purpose and intentionality. Sometimes we are led to deepen our prayer life through frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the adoration chapel. In recent months some of our young people have chosen to attend daily Mass (even the 6:30 Mass on Thursday morning!) because of a special experience on a youth retreat, summer work camp, mission trip, or a Steubenville South gathering. Others may discover a “mountain top” experience by attending an ACTS Retreat, Marriage Encounter, or similar event. For some an invitation to participate in parish outreach programs to assist the needy provides the opportunity to be “stretched spiritually” and realize that the Lord wants to use them to build His Kingdom here on earth. All are touched by the Lord and are transformed in their outlook. Like St. Peter, they remember the experience and their lives are different. 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.” Let us pray for one another that we might be touched by God’s grace and also that we might choose to become more actively involved in making the Lord Jesus known by the way we live out our Catholic faith.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15, is the Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation).**

- Vigil, Aug. 14: 7:30 PM
- Feast Day, Aug. 15: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, Noon and 7 PM.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

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**BACKPACK DRIVE**

It’s not too late!!! Donations are still being accepted for the Backpack Drive!!! Please drop your donations off this week in the parish office during normal business hours: Mon. – Fri., 9 AM – 4 PM.

**Supplies needed include:**

- Backpacks for students from pre-K 4 through 5th grade.
- Construction Paper
- Highlighters
- Wide Ruled Paper

Check/Cash donations are also accepted.
“If my people, those whom I have called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, if they will seek my face and turn from their sin, I will hear their prayers from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land,” says the Lord.  
2 Chronicles 7:14-15

**St. Martha Church Couple Prayer Series**

**Couple Prayer** is a weekly series on prayer for married or engaged couples. Experience first-hand how you can share Couple Prayer with your spouse in ways that will dramatically enhance your faith, your marriage, and the faith and well-being of your entire family.

**Where:** St. Martha, Faith Formation Campus, (Woodland Hills Drive) in the FLC

**When:** 7 PM – 9 PM, six Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 19, 2017

**For:** Married or engaged couples

**To register:** Send an e-mail to francp@stmartha.com
Please include both husband/wife names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Babysitting is available upon request. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring child care.

For more information, contact Francine at francp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637

**Divorced. Catholic. Now What? Navigating Your Life After Divorce.**

This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- Healing
- Anger
- Helping Children Cope
- Forgiveness
- Gratitude
- Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and a practicing Catholic.

**Sept. 13 – Nov. 15, Wednesday Evenings – 7 to 8:30 PM**

St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room (Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact: Vicki Rück, 713-927-8815, vickiruck@suddenlink.net
Paula Amsler, 713-806-2641, paula_amsler@msn.com

* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!*

**RCIA BLESSINGS OFFER STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!**

St. Martha’s RCIA has been blessed with 16 new Inquirers who are interested in becoming Catholic! This blessing also serves as an excellent stewardship opportunity for our Parishioners! Each of these Inquirers will need a Sponsor to act as a mentor to them, introduce them into parish life and accompany them as a friend on their journey.

**Sponsors do not teach the material.**
Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha’s Parish.

Please call for more information:
RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197 or send us an email: RCIA@stmartha.com

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat Sept. 14-17, 2017**

Registration for the September Women’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three nights 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 deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com.

Registration forms available on-line at www.smcsactsw22.com

**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, Aug. 7, 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 Organizations and Opportunities**

**Formación Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)**

**SEMESTER II WILL BE HELD THIS FALL AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE**

Do you wish to know more about your faith? Are you intimidated when non-Catholic Christians ask you questions or challenge you about Catholicism? Our Archdiocese offers a comprehensive and systematic introduction to Catholic theology for adults called Formation Toward Christian Ministry. FTCM is a three-semester adult program to enhance your faith and discipleship.

**Semester II classes will be held at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble on Mondays beginning Aug. 21, 7-9 PM in McGivney Hall.** This Semester’s topics are “Catholic Beliefs”, “Christology,” and “Sacrament's.” Semesters I and III are available at other locations. For questions or information, please contact Tina Cao, FTCM Coordinator, TinaCao.ltc@gmail.com or visit http://www.archgh.org/oec/ftcm/

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**St. Martha Catholic School**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES**

**IN A FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT!**

St. Martha Catholic School will be holding open interviews on **Monday, Aug. 14, from 8 to 11 AM** for those interested in employment as a substitute teacher at St. Martha Catholic School.

Please report to the main office to sign in; interviews will be conducted on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis.

A prerequisite for substitute employment is VIRTUS certification. Please bring copies of your resume and VIRTUS certification.

Please contact the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

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**RACHEL’S VINEYARD**

**A Catholic spiritual retreat for those suffering after abortion**

**August, 25 – August, 27, 2017**

Rachel's Vineyard is a Catholic, Scripture-based retreat for women, men and their families and friends suffering after abortion. The Rachel’s Vineyard retreat combines opportunities for prayer, reflection, counseling and sacramental Reconciliation to effectuate peace and healing for retreatants.

**Call today for more information**

(All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential)

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested…So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” –Hebrews 4:15-16

In collaboration with:

**Come Holy Spirit**

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Bring forth your spiritual gifts

**All are welcome!**

Every Sunday - 8:00 pm

**WOODLAND HILLS CHAPEL**

3702 Woodlands Hills Dr.

Kingwood, TX 77339

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**St. Martha will be offering the following Virtus workshop: “Protecting God’s Children (PGC)”**

On Saturday, Aug. 19, in the FLC, 9 AM—Noon.

You must pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org.

No minors accepted, No babysitting and No late admittance.

For more information, please contact SMCC Virtus Coordinators, Ana Luisa Rodriguez or Michelle Campisi at 281-358-1959 ext. 212.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED? If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call Mandy Carr 281-358-1959 ext. 264 or email mandyc@stmartha.com. Classes will be held in the Borski room at SMCS every Thursday evening, 7 – 9 PM, beginning Sept. 28, through Nov. 16, 2017.

**Breakfast and Bible Study:** Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Adult Education Building, Room 2, for a delicious breakfast of coffee, pastries, and fruit. Along with food and fellowship we will be reading, studying, and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures. No registration or fee required. Come and enjoy! All are welcome! August dates are 8/8, 8/22 and 8/29.

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

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed 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 / FRIDAY 11-NOON / FRIDAY 7-8 PM / SATURDAY 1-2 AM / MONDAY 1-2 PM

SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

- Monday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM / 6-7 PM
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM / 4-5 PM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
- Thursday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 9-10 AM
- Friday: 3-4 AM / 7-8 AM / 4-5 PM / 7-9 PM
- Saturday AM: 1-2 AM / 11- NOON
- Saturday PM: 12-1 PM / 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
- Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 12-1 PM / 1-2 PM / 2-3 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 your 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)

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**New Group starting Sept. 14.**

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.

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**St. Martha’s Grief Program welcomes you to a nine week grief support group, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, from 7-9 PM. Please call or e-mail Laurie, 281-360-2714, lauriecardella@outlook.com, to sign up or ask questions.**

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**YASM**

Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com

PRAYER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS SPORTS SPIRITUALITY

We are planning a trip to main event in August for some fun and fellowship. Please check the Facebook page and Flocknote for the scheduled date.

**Bible studies** - Mondays at 7 PM in the Church. As Cafe Catholica has completed we will be switching our bible studies back to Monday evening starting Aug. 14. New members are always welcome. We are a vibrant welcoming group and have an average of eight members every week.

**August Monthly dinner**- tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 12. More details will follow over Facebook and Flocknote.

Plans are in the work for a Fall camping trip. Please let us know if you are interested so we know how big of a group to plan for.

We are always looking for new ideas and people to help us plan events.

Please email us at youngadults@stmartha.com or contact Matt Cooke at 718-887-6837 for more info or to subscribe to our mailing list. We have many pop up events so recommend joining the mailing list.
**Vocations Corner**

**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction**
- **2nd Tuesday** -- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **2nd Friday** -- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**
Please join the FULLERSON 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.

**Concert for Life 2017**
On Thursday, Aug. 10, the fifth annual Concert for Life will be performed at Revention Music Center, at 7:30 PM. The event benefits Crisis Pregnancy Centers all over Houston and features original music our seminarian last year, David Michael Moses. His first four Concerts for Life were able to raise nearly $225,000. Not only is it free, but, thanks to some generous underwriters, money will automatically be donated to support babies and mothers in need, for each person who attends.

**Adult Organizations**

**Painted Churches Tour—Schulenburg, Texas**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 31,** 8 AM - 6 PM
- **Cost:** $35 per person*
- **Must be 50+ years old to attend. Limited number of seats!**
Come join fellow parishioners ages 50+ for a relaxing bus ride to Schulenburg, TX for a Painted Churches Tour. The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM and return at 6 PM.

*Please note that meals are not included in the tour price. You can choose the buffet or order from the menu.

Please register and pay for the tour at the Parish office between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday. Reservation deadline—Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

**St. Martha Rosary Guild**
We are always accepting new members!
Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and making rosaries. We can teach you how to make a rosary and you can make rosaries at our regular meetings or and you make them at home.

Good News! Students can earn Confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry.

_Aug. meetings at the Woodland Hill Campus, Room 2:_
- **Second Sunday,** Aug. 13, 1-3 PM
- **Second & Fourth Wednesday,** Aug. 9 & 23, 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
Online store: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.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.

**Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**
- **Monday, Aug. 28, 2017**
  - 6:30 PM Social,
  - 7-8:30 PM Dinner and Program
  - _Italiano’s Restaurant_
  - 217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, TX
  - The cost for dinner is $15 per person
  - Membership is open to all Catholics.
  - Msgr. Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Our guest speaker for August will be: **Allison Seibert**
who will speak about the Catholic growth in College Station and what promotes vocations in Aggieland.

RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu, eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com

Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@embarqmail.com.
2017 Stewardship Renewal

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the Church’s need to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God and, as a way of thanking Him for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure He has allotted to us.

This month we will have our annual Stewardship Renewal. Every registered family of St. Martha will receive a Stewardship Guidebook in the mail. Enclosed in the Guidebook is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out each day in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Additional copies will be available in the parish office, on the parish website and in the Narthex.

This year’s Renewal also consists of two different weekends designed to learn more about parish ministries. You will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

**Aug. 19-20:** School, Parish Festival, Faith Formation, & Liturgy Ministries

**Aug. 26-27:** Community Life & Outreach Ministries

*(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)*
Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 14, from 7-8 PM 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 mornglor@yahoo.com

Volunteer signup in person at all masses August 19th and 20th.

$1 of each raffle ticket purchased can be designated to go to purchaser's St Martha Ministry of choice. Just note name of ministry on back side of ticket stub. This is an excellent way for Ministries to promote sales and raise funds to do more of the Lord's work that they feel passionate about.

Drawing will be on September 30th at the Festival. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 18 years of age are not eligible to win.

First Prize: Four tickets opening day Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with Garth Brooks

Second Prize: Amazon Gift Card - $1,500.00

Third Prize: Best Buy Git Card $1,000.00

The cost is $5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for prizes and pay down church debt.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

En este 18vo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario celebramos la fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor. La lectura del Evangelio (Mateo 17: 1-9) describe este evento muy especial en la vida pública de Jesús. El Señor lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un lugar alto en un monte y se transfigura delante de ellos. "Su rostro resplandeció como el sol y sus ropas se hicieron blancas como la luz". Muchos escritores espirituales y comentaristas de la Sagrada Escritura nos dicen que este evento proporciona a los discípulos un vistazo al significado de la resurrección de Jesús. Sirve como un "tiro 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 muy similar a lo que sucedió en el bautismo de Jesús. "Este es mi Hijo amado, con quien me complazo; Escuchadlo". Este acontecimiento tocó tanto al Apóstol Pedro que él describe lo sucedido y su impacto en su ministerio: "Nosotros mismos oímos esta voz bajar del cielo mientras estábamos con él en la montaña sagrada…. harás bien en estar atento a ello, como a una lámpara que brilla en el lugar oscuro". (2 Pedro 1: 18-19). La Iglesia quiere que estemos atentos al mensaje transmitido a través de este singular acontecimiento. Es una señal que necesitamos mirar con honestidad la calidad de nuestra propia fe y escuchar más atentamente al Señor Jesús cuando nos habla a través de eventos significativos. Por lo general, el Señor nos sorprende con estos momentos especiales en las circunstancias muy ordinarias de nuestra vida cotidiana.

En la vida de cada uno hay eventos, acontecimientos y experiencias que proporcionan al individuo un vistazo a las profundidades de la fe, y sirven como un reto para vivir la fe con más propósito e intencionalidad. A veces somos llevados a profundizar nuestra vida de oración a través de frecuentes visitas al Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla de la adoración. En los últimos meses, algunos de nuestros jóvenes han elegido asistir a la misa diaria (incluso la misa de las 6:30 de la mañana del jueves!) Debido a una experiencia especial en un retiro juvenil, campamento de verano, viaje misionero o una reunión en “Steubenville South”. Otros pueden descubrir la "cima de la montaña" con la experiencia de asistir a un retiro ACTS, encuentro matrimonial, o un evento similar. Para algunos, una invitación a participar en los programas de ayuda de la parroquia para ayudar a los necesitados proporciona la oportunidad de ser "estirados espiritualmente" y darse cuenta de que el Señor quiere usarlos para construir Su Reino en el mundo. Todos son tocados por el Señor y se transforman en su visión. Como San Pedro, recordamos que "saborear y ver" a nosotros la maravilla de su amor que "brilla como el sol". Oremos unos por otros para que podamos ser tocados por la gracia de Dios y también por nosotros. Podrán optar por involucrarse más activamente en hacer conocer al Señor Jesús por la forma en que vivimos nuestra fe católica.

Fr. Chester Borski

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. 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.

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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
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Las inscripciones para el Catecismo en Español comenzarán a partir del 1 de agosto de lunes a jueves de 9 a 3 PM.
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MARIÁ 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 mariagoretiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

R I C A.
ARIO INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios y herramientas de la gracia que Jesús nos dejó para ayudarnos a llegar al cielo. Teniendo una íntima relación con Él en nuestra vida diaria.
Si no estás bautizado o solo te bautizaron, ven con nosotros a recibir o completar tus Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que los necesita, animalo a participar en el proceso del RICA. En este proceso respondemos a todas las preguntas o dudas de fe que tengas y es para católicos y no católicos. Ven y participa con nosotros comenzaremos a finales de Julio. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6:30-9 p.m. y comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática. Comunícate y participa en RICA.
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Come Holy Spirit
Padre Richard te invita:
A descubrir tus dones espirituales.
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Todos son Bienvenidos!
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Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermosos ministerio que se reúne todos los Viernes a las 7 PM, en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia
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