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

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 6:15 -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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JANUARY 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching (Mark 1:21-28).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

FLU PROTOCOL AT MASS

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- Finally, be aware of the common surfaces that everyone touches, for example - door handles. The CDC recommends everyone to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often.

Once the flu season has diminished, we will make an announcement and will return to all our regular practices.

Blessing of the Candles—Feb. 2

Join us for a special blessing of the candles on Friday, Feb. 2 during the 8:30 AM Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

NOCHE DE ADORACION

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2: 2018

7:15 pm

4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365

ADORATION-PASSION-SPIRIT

Saint Blaise Feast Day—Blessing of Throats

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DSF 2018

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Please complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend and drop it in the regular offertory basket. Your generous gift will allow our Catholic community to continue the many vital programs and services that touch the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Jan. 29
8:30 AM †Lilia Ahat
†Mildred Guillerman
Mark Molinyawe

Tues./Jan. 30
8:30 AM †Petrina Garcia
†Tony Priesol
Aaron & Emily Heckaman
7 PM †Lawrence Leach

Wed./Jan. 31
8:30 AM Special Intentions
Sister Maria Elena
†Judy Mazzarella
10 AM †John Sterwerf
†Jerome Rucka

Thurs./Feb 1
6:30 AM †John Compagno
8:30 AM †Robert Russell
†Lito Vitasa
†William Copenhaver

Fri./Feb. 2
8:30 AM †Pat Mellot
†Javier Aguilar
†Josefina Muriel

Sat./Feb. 3
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM Jan Tammen
†Marie Lucas
†Joe Aloisio

Sun./Feb. 4
7 AM †Edward & Valerie Szymanski
†Jesus Guzman
†Penny Stark
9 AM †Filomena Iusa
11 AM †Francis Fillmore
†Robert Toker
†Margarita Eliazo
†Hilda Bautista
†Catherine Panella

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**From the Pastor**

**To the parish family of St. Martha,**

The Gospel reading from Mark for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time describes the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and highlights his teaching and preaching. The events occur in a synagogue at Capernaum in the northern part of Israel, near the Sea of Galilee. In those days the order of the synagogue service was very similar to our present day “Liturgy of the Word” at the first part of the Mass. It included prayers, Scripture readings, and a sermon or homily on the sacred texts that were proclaimed. It was probably within such a liturgical setting that Jesus taught the people on the Sabbath. What the Gospel of Mark emphasizes is not so much what was taught but rather how Jesus taught. He “taught with authority” and not as the scribes. With an inner authority rooted in his person as the Son of God, Jesus spoke to the very hearts of his listeners. Instead of simply quoting from the ancient texts or repeating well-known principles of the Jewish tradition, Jesus had something new to proclaim. His message touched people so convincingly that they were moved to conversion and many were healed. His listeners probably thought of the great prophets of old who spoke with similar authority. Those who were open to the movements of God in their lives were quick to recognize that the teaching of Jesus was indeed the Word of God.

The Church strives to continue this teaching or **prophetic ministry** of Jesus in our time in a variety of ways. Certainly the privileged moment is during Sunday Eucharist when we gather and listen to the proclamation of the Word of God. Note that we prepare our hearts and minds to listen by hymns, prayers, and petitions seeking God’s grace of forgiveness and mercy. At the culmination of this part of the liturgy we process with the Book of the Gospels, raised high by the deacon or priest, to signal that this is the Word of life for us. The homily is intended to be a reflection on the meaning of the Gospel for us and how we might respond to that teaching in our daily lives. Another way that the Church continues the teaching ministry of Jesus is through faith formation (or catechisis) for adults, teens, and children. During this coming week we will highlight one of those important endeavors in our parish by celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** whose theme this year is Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. It is good to reflect on why we spend so much time, energy, and resources in maintaining an excellent parochial school at St. Martha. Scientific research confirms that our nation’s Catholic Schools continue to form strong leaders of faith who teach primarily by the way they live out their Christian faith at home, at work, and in the public sector. At the parish level many serve the community by being dedicated catechists, volunteers in pastoral outreach to those in need, lectors at Mass, members of parish advisory boards, etc. The Word of God is a living reality and it has the power to transform the lives of people through the ministry of “intentional disciples” who make Jesus known through their dedication and commitment. And we are blessed to have many such disciples of Jesus in our parish!

*Fr. Chester Borski*

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**In Our Prayers**

**Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:**

- Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stroupe, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Terry McDaid, Bette Hale, Dennis Alvary, Brandon Evans, Michael Adkins, Dona Beaston, Bill Barineau, Sally Howard, Dickie Howard, Randall Herr, Claudia Peak, Beverly Rose, Ann Colangelo, Daniel Norton, Miriam Meier, Angelika Mejia, Chris Thibodeaux, Helen Kataeski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buctha, Noreen Stack, Josie Perez, Mary Silvers, Jo White, Maria Coronado, Milllie Smaardyck, Larry Auman, Lynette Smith, Peggy O’Brien, Shannon Bosco, Mary Lou Sepulveda, Lisa Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez, Efren Martinez, Brodie Nikolai, Paula Seams, Victor Hugo Carbajal, Penny Gaido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McTaggart, Richard Kuehler, Martha Busch, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Rick Frantz, Lupe Renteria, Bruce Ward, Mark Phillips, Rod Schoelner, Aida Palmeri, Jason Whitcomb, Natalie Kapnick, Natacha Cooke Ramos, David LeCompte, Ed Vergara, Jayne Haydel, Presley Roberts, Jack Mills, Clyde Francis, Sr. Maria Elena Lopez, Mindy Burns, Jean Craig, Corbin Owens, Jennifer and James Owens, Waldon Landry, Cathy Silk

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

**Military Wreath:** Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved contact Jodi at 281-338-6637 or jodis@stmartha.com.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

St. Martha Men’s ACTS Retreat
Feb. 8-11, 2018 (English)
Registration of the Men’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three day/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 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 questions, you can contact the retreat director, Gustavo Zapata (832-247-9955), co-directors Tom Watkins (713-894-4488), Manuel Walters (832-312-3043) or acts-m21@stmartha.co. Online pre-registration OPEN at: http://goo.gl/zuiXBX

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
March 22-25, 2018
Registration for the March Women’s English ACTS Retreat will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 after each mass in the Narthex. 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’s. 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

UPCOMING TOURS:
♦ MFAH Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens Tour—Thursday, Feb. 8, 8 AM - 4 PM
♦ Galveston Harbor Tour & the Strand Historic District Tour—Tuesday, April 17, 8 AM - 5:30 PM
Cost of each Tour: $35 per person*
Must be 50+ years old to attend.
Limited number of seats!
The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM.
*Please note that meals are not included in the tour price.
Please register and pay for the tours at the Parish office between 9 AM—4 PM, Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5 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 marciagaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Jan. 31, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Taco Cabana, 7351 FM 1960 Road East in Atascocita area (near split to Atascocita Road). On Saturday, Feb. 3, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Olive Garden, 9632 FM 1960 West 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 on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

SECTOR NIGHT
February 3rd
6-10PM
Family Life Center
Hosted by: Teams of Our Lady
RSVP to Brittany Apple
brittanyapple15@gmail.com
Live Music, Food and Beverages Provided

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Super Bowl Party!!!
Young at Heart-ers - The Super Bowl is right around the corner so pick your favorite team and let's have a Young at Heart "Super Bowl Party" with all the fixings'!!!! Wear the team colors of your choice or just come along for the fun on Wednesday, Jan. 31. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha’s Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

1. **Sunday Morning Adult Ed Series**: Join us Sunday mornings when CCE is in session in Rm. 2 (Faith Formation campus) from 10:40 - 11:45 AM. This semester we will be watching the new six week series from Bishop Robert Barron “DAVID THE KING”. From the Word on Fire website: “King David is the paradigmatic king of the Old Testament. He wasn’t perfect, following in the footsteps of Adam in the Garden of Eden, yet, at the same time, his reign pointed towards Jesus Christ. In DAVID THE KING, renowned speaker, Bishop Barron helps us understand this important and courageous man in light of the first king, and the King of Kings.”

2. **Little Rock Scripture Study**: This semester, we will be studying Paul’s Letters from Prison. “In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship.” This study is held in the Family Life Center of the Woodland Hills campus Monday mornings, 9:15 - 10:50 AM. To register, please contact Edith Boschian at edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or for questions contact Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.

3. **Breakfast and Bible Study**: Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM in Rm. 2 (Faith Formation campus) 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 is required. Come and enjoy! All are welcome!

**Parenting and Youth**

**SHINE Catholic Work Camp for High School Students – Save the Date!**

McAllen, TX: June 4-9, 2018

Registration will take place ONLINE starting Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. Cost: $375.

SHINE 2018 is accepting students entering ninth grade in 2018 through graduating seniors. Please note that **this will be the last year we will be taking graduating seniors to SHINE** due to VIRTUS requirements.

Registration will be online this year and will begin on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 10 AM. A link to the registration form will be provided on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website.

A $225 deposit will be required at the time of registration, with the final balance due by April 2. **THE FULL COST OF THE TRIP ($375) IS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS YOUR SPOT IS FILLED BY SOMEONE ON THE WAITING LIST.** Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please prayerfully consider attending this spirit filled week, empowering others to serve. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Laura Gallardo at laurag@stmartha.com or Lisa Phillips at wrphillipsiii@yahoo.com.

**Vocations Corner**

**“The Study of philosophy is not that we may know what men have thought, but what the truth of things is.”** - St. Thomas Aquinas

Did you know that before studying theology, seminarians first study philosophy? Philosophy teaches the truths of life, such as “Is there a God?” Today we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas, a great Catholic priest and philosopher. Thankfully, our seminarians are well prepared to answer “what the truth of things is.”

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the D’WINDT FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.
Calling moms of all ages!
St. Martha's Moms Group

Motherhood Fellowship Night: Please join us Tuesday, Feb. 20. We will meet in Room 3 from 6-9 PM. The playdate schedule will be on the Facebook page. Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha's Moms (Kingwood, Tx).
For more information email Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you.

Pro-Life Corner

Thank you for your support! You may turn your bottle in at Mass or in the church office through February. All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble. Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.

Every little bit helps, and we appreciate all you give

Please make all checks out to “St. Martha Catholic Church”

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary: Every first Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Saturday, Feb. 3.

Pro-Life Prayer Opportunities—Would you like to meet with other St. Martha 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 in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue.

Weekly: After the Thursday rosary, carpool for a light breakfast locally, then for an hour of prayer outside the Planned Parenthood in downtown Houston.
Please call Joseph Winslow: 832-412-8765 with any questions.

Run/Walk a 5K with Father Richard!!!
We look forward to your participation in the 13th Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk benefiting the 59 schools in the Houston-Galveston Archdiocese, including our parish school. Enjoy a fun morning with our school and parish community, as well as a FREE pancake breakfast cooked onsite post-race by the St. Martha Knights of Columbus.
Please register by Jan. 31 for $20 per person ($17 goes back to SMCS) or $70 for 4 people ($58 goes back to SMCS). After Jan. 31, registration fees go up and there’s no more option to register as a virtual participant & ‘Hit the Snooze’. Please donate or join team * St. Martha * at steps4students.org/register.
Thank you for your continued financial support to Martha's Kitchen. Your generosity enables this outreach ministry to provide a hot nutritious lunch each weekday to our guests. The winter months can be a challenge for children, adults and especially the elderly to receive proper nutrition on a daily basis. Thank you for remembering Martha's Kitchen and the service that it provides to those that come to us for a meal and a welcoming smile.

Please continue to pray for Sister Maria Elena Lopez, MCDP. God Bless.

We are selling full racks of smoked pork ribs ... Just in time for the Super Bowl! On sale at the front FLC parking lot on the Woodland Hills Campus.

$18 for 1 rack ... $35 for 2 racks ... $50 for 3 racks

Sale Hours:
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friday, February 2
10:00 AM - Until Sold Out, Saturday, February 3

Please help us to plan! Please Sign Up Online at the following URL link: goo.gl/eqvjRr

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

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 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
FRIDAY 11-NOON / SATURDAY 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 5-6 AM / 6-7 AM / 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / MIDNIGHT - 1 AM
Wednesday: 12-1 AM / 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 8-9 AM / 10-11 AM / 5-6 PM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 12-1 AM / 1-2 AM / 8-9 AM
Friday: 12-1 AM / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 7-8 PM / 11AM - NOON
Saturday AM: 10-11 AM / 11AM – NOON
Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 10-11 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 10-11 AM

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 your division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach: Midnight to 6AM (713-851-8768)
Karen Ehlig: 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
Annunciata Hopkins: Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham: 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend, Jan. 27 & 28, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)


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.

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? Call 713-741-8728.
**Stewardship Prayer for February:**  Merciful Father, our comfort in illness, and help in affliction, look with kindness on all who suffer. Fill our hearts with compassion so that we may see the face of Christ in those most in need of his mercy and love. And give us the wisdom to use our gifts to bring Your healing to a broken world. We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Women’s ACTS Retreat registration begins
  - 10:40 am David the King Adult Ed Series
  - 1 pm KofC Free Throw Championship, AC
  - 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 10:40 am David the King Adult Ed Series
  - 1-3 pm Rosary Guild
  - 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1st Sunday of Lent
- 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

2nd Sunday of Lent
- 10:40 am David the King Adult Ed Series
  - 1-3 pm Rosary Guild
  - 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
  - St. John of the Cross Food Drive

**Stewardship Prayer for February:**  Merciful Father, our comfort in illness, and help in affliction, look with kindness on all who suffer. Fill our hearts with compassion so that we may see the face of Christ in those most in need of his mercy and love. And give us the wisdom to use our gifts to bring Your healing to a broken world. We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
La primera lectura para el 7º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se destacan los primeros versículos del capítulo 19 del libro de Levítico y lanza un desafío que parece más allá de nosotros: "Sed santos, porque yo, el Señor, vuestro Dios, soy santo" Toda esta sección de Levítico se refiere a guardar los mandamientos y ser fieles a la Ley (Torá). En la Biblia la palabra "santidad" cuando se aplica a Dios, tiene una serie de significados y por lo general se refiere a la naturaleza divina de Dios. En este contexto, la connotación es que para ser santo significa ser justo, misericordioso, fiel y perdonador. En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús nos llama a "ser perfectos, como vuestro Padre celestial es perfecto." (En los relatos de Lucas el evangelista tenemos que ser perfectos "en misericordia" porque Dios es misericordioso con nosotros). Cualquiera que sea la referencia, la enseñanza básica en la Sagrada Escritura es la misma: **hemos de ser como Dios** en la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas y sobre todo en la forma en que se relacionan entre sí. Para Jesús, lo que es más distintivo acerca del Padre es el amor universal. Por lo tanto, ser como Dios quiere decir estar dispuesto a poner la otra mejilla y amar no sólo a nuestra familia y amigos, pero incluso aquellos a quienes consideramos nuestros enemigos. Este ideal bíblico resaltado en el sermón de la montaña está más allá de nuestra capacidad humana. Si tratamos de cumplir con esta enseñanza, dependiendo exclusivamente de nuestros propios recursos personales, nos daremos cuenta rápidamente de que su visión y sus demandas son muy superiores a nuestra generosidad y mejores esfuerzos.

En la segunda lectura de hoy de la I Corintios 3 revela cómo este ideal puede convertirse en una realidad práctica en nuestras vidas. Pablo nos dice que somos santos, no porque seamos capaces de llegar a ser moralmente perfectos en nuestro comportamiento, sino porque Dios nos ofrece una parte de su divinidad a través del don del Espíritu Santo. "Ustedes son el templo de Dios, el Espíritu de Dios mora en vosotros". De este texto hemos llegado a comprender que el **desafío de la vida cristiana consiste en darse cuenta de la increíble verdad de nuestro Bautismo**. El ideal de esta enseñanza bíblica no es una abstracción sino una invitación diaria a enfrentar la realidad. En esencia, es una descripción de cómo Jesús vivió su vida e invitó a sus discípulos a hacer lo mismo. Lo que hace posible una vida así es la presencia del Espíritu que nos ha dado en nuestro bautismo y renovada en nosotros a través de la Confirmación. El Espíritu Santo es en verdad un Espíritu de santidad. Si nos entregamos a su poder, el Espíritu nos transformará gradualmente desde lo profundo de nuestras almas. Tal vez sin darnos cuenta nosotros mismos, nuestras vidas comienzan a reflejar la santidad de Dios. A veces tenemos la bendición de darnos cuenta de esto en nuestros feligreses que viven su fe católica en nuestra comunidad. Oremos para que cada uno de nosotros puede llegar a abrazar este maravilloso don del Espíritu y permitir que el Espíritu nos cambie en nuestra visión y en nuestra forma de vida.

Fr. Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

La Misión del Comité de Vocaciones
Nuestra misión es fomentar una cultura de la vocación en la parroquia de Santa Marta que promueve y afirma todas las vocaciones al sacerdocio, religiosa, y a la vida consagrada a través de actividades de oración, educación, concientización y afirmación. Nuestro objetivo es identificar aquellas personas interesadas en la vida religiosa a prestar apoyo, e invitándolos a eventos vocacionales en nuestra parroquia y Arquidiócesis los cuales les ayuda en su proceso de discernimiento. También ofrecemos nuestra asistencia a los padres y profesores mediante formas creativas para enseñar y promover la vida religiosa a nuestra juventud. De igual modo oramos por las vocaciones.

Si desea llevar la bendición del Cáliz de vocaciones a su hogar y orar por las vocaciones por favor comunicarse con: William Lasalle a su correo electrónico onairtony@gmail.com o al tel. (201) 913-6728

Febrero Oportunidades de discernimiento:
- Descubrir el camino menos transitado
  8 de febrero, 8 de marzo de 12 de abril y 10 de mayo: las 6:30 pm. Para los hombres 18-35
- Las mujeres que buscan el camino menos transitado
  8 de febrero, 8 de marzo de 12 de abril y 10 de mayo: las 6:30 pm. Para las mujeres 18-35

Visita www.houstonvocations.com o llame al Padre TJ Dolce al 713-652-8239 o correo electrónico vocations@archgh.org para obtener más información y para registrarse para los próximos eventos de este semestre.

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
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 necesitados 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.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES:
- VIERNES 11- MEDIO DIA /
- SABADOS 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS:
- Lunes: 1-2 AM/ 3-4 AM/ 5-6 AM/ 6-7 AM
- Martes: 1-2 AM/ 3-4 AM/ 5-6 AM/ 6-7 AM
- Miércoles: 1-2 AM/ 3-4 AM/ 5-6 AM/ 6-7 AM
- Jueves: 1-2 AM/ 3-4 AM/ 5-6 AM/ 6-7 AM

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a:
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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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.
**Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure**

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**FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 20 & 21 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:**

| Weekly Budget | $76,735 |
| Sunday Collection | $35,954 |
| Over/(Under) | $(40,781) |
| Year To Date: | $2,302,050 |
| Sunday Collection | $2,221,412 |
| Over/(Under) | $(80,638) |
| Special collections: | $9,784 |
| Capital Campaign | $1,261 |
| Martha’s Kitchen | $65 |
| Bishops Fund for Latin America | $300,000 |
| 2017 DSF Goal | $315,000 |

| Current Loan Debt: | $9,610,436 |