Lent Season begins with Ash Wednesday

**ASH WEDNESDAY– FEB. 26**

8:30a.m. Morning Mass – (English) w/Ashes
12:15p.m. Word Service – (English) w/Ashes
4p.m. Word Service – (Spanish) w/Ashes
6p.m. Mass – (English) w/Ashes
8p.m. Mass – (Spanish) w/Ashes

All Services will be in the main Church

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE– MARCH 10**

6:45p.m. 1st Communion (2nd year) Reconciliation – Church
7p.m. Entire Parish Community – In Main Church

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION– APR.4/5**

5p.m. English Mass – Begins in North Foyer
7p.m. Spanish Mass – Begins in North Foyer
8a.m. English Mass – Begins in North Foyer
10a.m. English Mass – Begins in Prayer Garden
12p.m. Spanish Mass – Begins in Prayer Garden

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK– APRIL 7**

**8:30a.m.** English Mass

6:45p.m. Holy Thursday Rehearsal - Clergy, Ministers and Persons participating in the Washing of the Feet
7:45p.m. Good Friday Rehearsal - Clergy and Ministers

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK-APRIL 8**

**8:30a.m.** English Mass

7p.m. Easter Vigil Rehearsal - Clergy, Catechists, Ministers and the Elect

**HOLY THURSDAY– APRIL 9**

9a.m. Morning Prayer – In Spanish In the Chapel
7:30p.m. Bilingual Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Adoration in the Auditorium until 11:50p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY– APRIL 10**

9a.m. Morning Prayer – English in the Chapel
10a.m. Stations of the Cross – In Spanish; begins in Prayer Garden
12p.m. Stations of the Cross Skit – In English Presented by Parish Youth in the Church
3p.m. English Passion and Death of the Lord
6:30p.m. Spanish Passion and Death of the Lord

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY**

**HOLY SATURDAY– APRIL 11**

9a.m. Morning Prayer – In English in the Chapel
8:30p.m. Bilingual Easter Vigil

NO SACRAMENT OF PENCEANCE THIS DAY

**EASTER- THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD– APRIL 12**

8a.m. English Mass
10a.m. English Mass – Easter Egg Hunt follows 10a.m. Mass
12p.m. Spanish Mass

*Parish Office & Grounds will be Closed Mon., April 13th*

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**Upgrades to our Prayer List...**
Jaime Colmenero -Fred Hewitt -Adam Bernal -Ramiro Rodriguez
Diana Solis

Thank you to Alfred Noski and Family
For donating the Bread & Wine this weekend
In Thanksgiving for their Blessings.
**LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on these days of Abstinence. Catholic between the ages of 18 and 59, are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating only one full meal a day to maintain one’s strength. Two smaller, meatless meals may be eaten according to one’s needs, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating SOLID food between meals is not allowed. The sick, expectant moms and nursing mothers do not need to abstain from eating meat and fasting during Lent.

**LAST YEAR’S BLESSED PALMS:**
You can return your old blessed palms to the Church and place them in baskets at each entrance. Old palms will be disposed of properly.

**OBITUARY**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of †Alejandro Pérez (Father of Jandro Pérez). May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our next Healing Mass will be Wednesday, February 19th in Spanish at 7 p.m. in the main church.

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Nuestra próxima Misa de Sanación será el miércoles 19 de febrero a las 7 p.m. en la Iglesia principal.

**WINE TASTING**

At the Launch Party in August we had an auction item of a Wine Tasting at Nice Winery.

This event is going to be held on Monday February 24 at Nice Winery, 2901 W Sam Houston Parkway N, Suite C260. (between kempwood & hammerly).

It will be held at 5:30 PM and the cost is $25/person.

The event includes an educational guided seated wine class with 6 award-winning wines and a specialty meat and cheese tray. Please call the office to RSVP and pay.

**Women’s Club**

A great big thank you to all our parishioners on supporting the Women’s Club Bake sale this past weekend. And thanks to the Women’s Club for the great tasting sweets.

Catechist Meeting Tuesday, February 18th @ 7pm Auditorium/
Junta de Catequistas martes 18 de febrero @ 7pm en el auditorio.
Stewardship Reflection / Reflexión Sobre Las Lecturas

February 16, 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

Abstinence: Los católicos de 14 años en adelante deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma, incluyendo el Viernes Santo.

Ayuno: El Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo, los católicos entre 18 y 59 años deben ayunar. Ayunar significa comer solo una comida en el día para que el cuerpo mantenga fuerzas. Y dos comidas pequeñas que sumadas no sobrepasen la comida principal en cantidad. El ayuno se rompe si se come entre comidas o se toma algún líquido que es considerado comida. Los enfermos, las embarazadas y las madres lactantes no están obligados al ayuno ni a la abstinencia.

PALMAS BENDITAS DEL AÑO PASADO

If you have palms from the previous Palm Sunday, you can bring them to the Ash Wednesday service and use them for ash. You can put them in the baskets that are set up at the entrances.

Parents wishing to Baptize in our parish, please come to parish office and fill out form and bring child’s birth certificate. For English Pre-Baptismal Classes please call the parish office to register in advance.

Pre-Baptismal Class
Room 128/
Clases Pre-Bautismales
Auditorio @ 7pm

Baptisms during 10am
English Mass/
Bautismos en Español durante la Misa de 12pm

English Baptisms
@ 3pm/
Bautismos en Ingles @ 3pm

Baptisms after 12pm
Mass/
Bautismos despues de Misa de 12pm
A Stewardship Parish
Parroquia Administradora de los Bienes de Dios

Collection Goal: $10,000.00
Sunday Offering/Ofrenda del Domingo: $10,205.00
On-Line Giving/Donaciones hechas por Internet: $1,167.50
Children’s Offerings/Ofrenda de los Niños: $364.82
Total Collection/Colecta en Total: $11,737.32

We are over!! $1,737.32
Envelopes 301

Bank Direct and Credit Card Donations available on our website www.stmatthewhou.org by clicking on "Online Giving" button.

DSF Summary Report – 2020 Coming Soon!
St. Matthew the Evangelist - Houston – DSF20

End of Year Statements

Contribution statements for 2019 are available. If you would like to request a statement, please contact Janie in the parish office at 713.466.4030.

Las Declaraciones Financieras de Fin de Año 2019 están disponibles. Su usted desea una declaración, por favor comuníquese con Janie Guerrero en la oficina parroquial.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Maria Goretti Support Group

Maria Goretti Support Group New support group for those afflicted with any type of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual or mental) will begin to meet at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month in downtown Houston at the Cathedral Centre (1701 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002). For more info, go to www.mgoretti.org/ or call 713-851-3708 or email shmgn@mgoretti.org.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Day 2020

“Your Burning Heart is Holy Ground” Come and join hundreds of young adults (single and married) ages 18-39 years old for a day of fellowship, music, prayer and workshops in English and Spanish. Saturday, March 21 at St. Jerome Catholic Church. Complete information is at www.archgh.org/yacm or call 713-741-8778 or email yacm@archgh.org

St. Joseph Altar

St. Joseph Altar, March 21, 6:30pm at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Community, 7810 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, is open to the public. Following 5:15pm Mass, Father Norbert Maduza will lead the “Tupa-Tupa”, a play where children dressed as Mary, Joseph and Saints knock door-to-door for food and shelter before finding the St. Joseph Table. Guests can enjoy a Sicilian meal of pasta, hard boiled eggs, green beans, salad and bread. Homemade Italian cookies and cannoli will be available for sale, as well as a raffle. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Proceeds are given to the St. Ignatius Outreach Ministry, which helps those in need in the Parish and neighboring communities. For more information/donations, please email stjosephaltarguild@silcc.org or contact co-chairs Marianne Dunne at (713)825-4576 or Tony Randazzo at (713)553-1214.

Saturday, March 28, 2020
Cost: $25 per person
Retreat Location: in Northwest Houston (address provided at registration)

To register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities
call 713-741-8778 or email jcknitsch@archgh.org

Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy
A single-day, Catholic retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss

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Young Adult and Campus Ministry

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