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First Sunday of Lent

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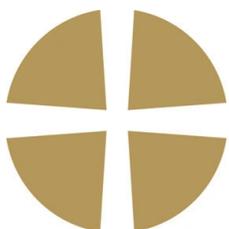
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Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

At this stage, I imagine you have all survived Lundi Gras, Mardi Gras and whatever other creative ways you celebrated the days before Ash Wednesday and lived to tell the tale. Though, if you were very wise, you told very few if any ‘the tale!’ On the other hand, if you were like me, Lundi and Mardi Gras were thankfully like any other day in the Kingdom, but not to feel outdone, mark your calendar for the Mingle and Breakfast next weekend, March 7 & 8. As always, it is an opportunity for us to meet our fellow parishioners, extend our horizons to include other people in our ever-expanding circle of friends and acquaintances. Bottom line – it is good fun and in the spirit of Lent it affords us the space and time to move beyond our own worlds of too many worries and preoccupations.

For those of you who are able to join us for daily Mass, we will be taking up a collection (as has been our custom for the last many years) on the Fridays of Lent. This Lent we will contribute the Friday

collections to Search, an organization that provides services to the homeless here in Houston. They operate under the auspices of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church downtown.

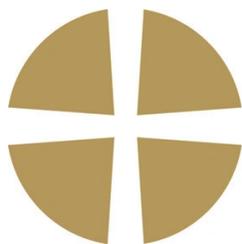
True prayer always leads to practical charity or in the words of Saint James:

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have deeds? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no deeds, is dead.” Jas. 2:14-17

God bless,

Fr. Niall

**“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME”
COME ONE, COME ALL...**



St. Catherine’s has organized a baseball outing on Friday, April 17, 2020 @ 7:10pm.
We have a limited number of seats reserved. Tickets are \$30 each.

If you are interested in joining fellow parishioners to cheer on the Houston Astros against the LA Angels, please email Cathy Busald at RECoordinator@stcatherine-houston.org or stop in the office for tickets.

Club 55+ Bus Trips

On March 25th, a step-on guide will lead us through one of the most historic, yet little known, towns in Texas. Victoria boasts a great concentration of historic buildings, including numerous grand Victorian era homes. Along the way, we hear about French, Spanish, and Mexican Colonial history, along with stories of German and Italian immigrants, and of course lots of ranching. After the tour, we will enjoy lunch at the historic Pumphouse Riverside Restaurant, overlooking the Guadalupe River. We will close out the visit with a tour of the Victoria Educational Garden led by local master gardeners. We will depart the church at 7:30 AM and should be back by 6 PM.

To reserve your seats, please mail your check for \$10 payable to Henry Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 along with your email and phone number. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

Club 55+ Luncheon

Our March meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th right after the 11:15 AM Mass. Our special guest will be Jon "Mr. J" Ingram, who will entertain us with some good musical numbers, so plan to join us! - Bob Mitchell

Women's Group

We were so pleased to have Irene Infente at our February meeting. Irene told us of the many types work she is involved in to help our veterans and shared her experience in the "No Vet Dies Alone" program. Thank you Irene.

Please join us on Wednesday March 11, from 7:00-8:30 PM for our next gathering. We will be supporting Irene's work with our veterans by collecting books and sturdy bags in which the books can be delivered. If you would like, bring a snack or drink to share. Many hands make light work! Please contact Joi Kingsley with any questions at Joikingsley@gmail.com

Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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SAT 29	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass Black & Indian Missions
SUN 1	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass Black & Indian Missions
MON 2	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 3	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
WED 4	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass 7:00 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU 5	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study 12:15 PM Daily Mass
FRI 6	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
Next Week	Second Sunday of Lent
SAT 7	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass 6:00 PM Parish Mingle Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
SUN 8	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 AM Parish Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass 12:30 PM Club 55+ Luncheon 4:00 - 6:00 PM Confirmation Session Mission of Yahweh Food Collection

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Mt 4:4