

MASS INTENTIONS



- MAR 18**
5:00PM.....Manuelito Salazar †
For the special intentions
of M/M Bruce Murphy
- MAR 19**
8:30AM.....Dottie Karpoich †
Matha Huong †
10:30AM.....For our parish family
12:30PM.....Elias Gaviño †
Heriberto Morfin †
5:00PM.....Josefina Lopez †
- MAR 20**
8:30AM..... For a greater respect
for all human life
- MAR 21**
6:30PM..... Joan Szatkowski †
- MAR 22**
8:30AM..... Birthday blessings
for Annie Gott
7:00PM..... For those who do not believe
- MAR 23**
6:30PM..... Florence Gudat †
Rosa Millares †
- MAR 24**
8:30AM..... For all immigrants and refugees

Mark Your Calendar For Upcoming Events!

- Stations of the Cross/**
Vía CrucisMarch 24
- Mobile Food Pantry**March 25
- CRSP Retreat** March 25-26
- Parish Lenten**
Penance Service.....March 27
- Lenten**
Family Retreat..... March 31-Apr 2
- Worldwide**
Marriage Encounter March 31-Apr 2

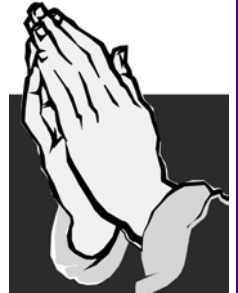
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAR 19 - MAR 25

- Sun Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
- Mon 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Tue Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wed Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thurs Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
- Fri Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
- Sat Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - THE POWER OF PRAYER

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly...” John 10:10

Initiated in 1991, this program provides an opportunity for children, teens, adults and senior citizens to prayerfully intercede on behalf of moms and unborn babies threatened by abortion. Participants spiritually adopt a baby at risk of abortion by pledging to pray daily for nine months. Beginning March 25, we ask that you join in to pray daily for your spiritual adopted baby and the baby’s parents. This child of yours is known to God and in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet this child whose life was saved by your prayers.



Prayer for Spiritual Adoption: *“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”* ~Prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

LA ADOPCIÓN ESPIRITUAL - EL PODER DE LA ORACIÓN

“He venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia...” San Juan 10:10

Iniciado en 1991, este programa simple pero eficaz ofrece una oportunidad para que los niños, adolescentes, adultos y personas de la tercera edad para interceder en oración en nombre de las madres y los bebés no nacidos amenazados por el aborto. Los participantes adoptan espiritualmente a un bebé en riesgo de aborto mediante la promesa de rezar la oración Arzobispo Fulton J. Sheen al día durante nueve meses. A partir del 25 de marzo le pedimos que oren diariamente para su bebé adoptado espiritual y los padres del bebé. Este hijo suyo se conoce a Dios y en el mundo futuro se espera que se encontrará con este niño cuya vida fue salvada por sus oraciones.

Oración para la Adopción Espiritual: *“Jesús, María y José, los amo mucho. Les ruego que salve la vida a un niño que he adoptado espiritualmente y que está en peligro de ser abortado.”* ~Oración de Archbishop Fulton Sheen

XLT - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

All St. Margaret Mary families are invited to join our Youth Ministry next Sunday, March 26, for 5pm Liturgy, followed by XLT (Adoration, Scripture, Music, Speaker). Our guest speaker, Fr. Barry Cuba, will inspire us with his witness and we will join together as one, Adoring Christ and lifting our voices in Praise and Worship! Everyone is welcome!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of:	March 5, 2017	YTD (July 2016 - June 2017)
Cash & Checks	\$25,854.11	\$856,809.81
Credit Cards & EFT's	\$2,904.50	\$94,846.36
Total Contributions Received:	\$28,758.61	\$951,656.17
Weekly Offering GOAL:	\$26,034.52	\$937,242.72
Over/Under:	\$2,724.09	\$14,413.45

We have **2407** registered families of which, **434** remembered to use their weekly envelope. Thank you for your generous support and faithful stewardship!

SECOND COLLECTION

Helping Hearts Bereavement	\$6,869.05
For more information about making your offerings electronically, please contact Adrian DeLaCruz Jr at (512) 259-3126.	
Para autorizar sus ofrendas mensuales con tarjeta de crédito o transferencia bancaria, por favor comunicarse con Adrian DeLaCruz Jr al (512) 259-3126.	

CRISTO RENUEVA SU PARROQUIA EN ESPAÑOL

¿Quieres darte una oportunidad de conocer y compartir con algunos miembros de nuestra comunidad? ¿Quieres ver crecer en tu fe más cerca de Cristo? Esta es una cordial invitación a todas las señoras de nuestra parroquia a participar en el próximo retiro de “Cristo renueva su parroquia” en español. CRSP te ofrece la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre tu vida pasada y renovar tu compromiso con las enseñanzas de Jesús y su evangelio en un ambiente de oración y alabanza. El retiro de mujeres tendrá lugar el 25 y 26 de marzo. Favor de comunicarse con Amanda Lopez al 512-294-0958.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Next Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-10:30 am, the mobile food pantry will be stationed in the North parking lot at St. Margaret Mary to distribute food and to provide assistance with the food benefits application.

DESPENSA MOVIL DE ALIMENTOS

El próximo sábado 25 de marzo de 9:30-10:30 am, estará la despensa de alimentos en el estacionamiento en St. Margaret Mary para distribuir alimentos y proporcionar ayuda con la aplicación de beneficios de alimentos.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM	MASS	Church
8:30 AM	RCIA	Day Chapel
8:30 AM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
9:00 AM	Super Sunday Confirmation Session	Benish Center
10:00 AM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
10:30 AM	MASS	Church
12:00 PM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
12:30 PM	MASS - Spanish	Church
1:30 PM	Ministros de Eucaristía	Day Chapel
2:00 PM	Catecismo para padres	Special Events Room
2:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
2:00 PM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
3:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group	Benish Center
5:00 PM	MASS	Church
6:15 PM	High School Youth Group/Confirmation	Benish Center

Monday, March 20

8:30 AM	MASS	Church
9:30 AM	Divine Mercy Group VII	Confessional
9:30 AM	Divine Mercy Group X	Day Chapel
4:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
6:00 PM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
7:00 PM	Choir practice (Sat Vigil)	Special Events Room
7:00 PM	Divine Mercy Group II	Confessional
7:00 PM	Divine Mercy VI	Day Chapel
7:00 PM	Vida en el Espíritu	Benish Center
7:15 PM	Divine Mercy VII - Spanish	RE RM 105/107
7:30 PM	King's Army	RE RM 101
7:30 PM	Ultreya	RE RM 110

Tuesday, March 21

4:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
5:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	Confessional
6:00 PM	Religious Education	RE classrooms
6:30 PM	MASS	Church
7:00 PM	RCIA/RICA	Benish Center/Day Chapel
7:15 PM	Divine Mercy Group II - Spanish	Confessional
7:15 PM	Legion of Mary	RE RM 106

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 AM	MASS	Church
9:00 AM	ADORATION	Church
4:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
7:00 PM	MASS - Spanish	Church
7:00 PM	Scripture Study	RE RM 104
7:00 PM	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	RE RM 105/107
7:15 PM	V Encuentro	RE RM 103
7:30 PM	Choir Practice (10:30)	Special Events Room
7:30 PM	Grupo de Oración Carismático	Benish Center

Thursday, March 23

6:00 AM	That Man Is You	Benish Center
9:00 AM	Scripture Study	Benish Center
9:15 AM	Divine Mercy Group IX - Spanish	Special Events Room
4:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
5:00 PM	RECONCILIATION	Confessional
6:30 PM	MASS	Church
7:00 PM	Adult Formation Class	RE RM 106/108
7:00 PM	Choir practice (5:00 Sunday Mass)	Special Events Room
7:00 PM	Directoras de Formación	RE RM 109
7:15 PM	Charismatic Group Leaders	RE RM 105
7:15 PM	Divine Mercy Group VIII - Spanish	Day Chapel
7:15 PM	Ministerios Hispanos	Benish Center
7:15 PM	Planeamiento - Vida en el Espíritu	RE RM 104

Friday, March 24

8:30 AM	MASS	Church
4:00 PM	KC Fish Fry	Benish Center
4:00 PM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00 PM	Talleres de Oración y Vida	RE RM 106/108
7:00 PM	Vía Crucis	Church

Saturday, March 25

6:00 AM	Women's CRSP Retreat	Benish Center
7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group	Eucharistic Chapel
8:00 AM	Curso de Crecimiento	RE RM 101
9:00 AM	RCIA-AC Student/Parent/Sponsor Faith Morning	Church
9:30 AM	Mobile Food Pantry	Back Parking Lot
10:30 AM	MLF Food Prep	Kitchen
3:30 PM	RECONCILIATION	Confessional
5:00 PM	VIGIL MASS	Church

Please visit our website at www.stmargaretmary.com to find out what's happening in the parish. Along the bottom of the home page, you can link to our church calendar of events so that you can see all the events that are planned for our parish. If you need to schedule a meeting or if you are planning an event, check the calendar to see if the meeting space is available and then send your reservation request to cramos@stmargaretmary.com.

Visite por favor nuestro sitio web en www.stmargaretmary.com. Usted podrá consultar nuestro calendario de actividades parroquiales en el enlace de la página principal. Usted puede ver allí todos los acontecimientos planeados en nuestra parroquia. Si usted planea una reunión o evento, puede verificar el calendario para ver si el espacio está disponible y enviar su solicitud al cramos@stmargaretmary.com para hacer su reservación.

DIRECTORY

Call 512-473-6596 to request
Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites.

Llame al 512-473-6596 para pedir la
unción de los enfermos o extremaunción.

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Receptionist.....x102

Jean Hinojosa

Receptionist.....x103

Adrian De La Cruz, Jr.

Parish Administrator.....x104

Lilly Montes

Secretary.....x105

Georgina Savage

Quinceañeras & Weddings.....x106

Steve Tedesco

Maintenance(512) 450-8048

NEWCOMERS

If you are new to the area and have not registered with a parish, please pick up a registration form at the information center in the church Narthex or call the church office.

Matrimony: Call the church office to speak to a priest 6 months before setting wedding date.

Pastoral Council President:

Antonio Becerra, (C) 512-470-3215,
pastoralcouncil@stmargaretmary.com

Gabriel Project: (pregnancy counseling)

1-877-932-2732

Mother's Day Out:

Debbie Pulver, (W) 512-259-9050,
mothersdayout@stmargaretmary.com

Baptism, Mass Intentions &

Ministry to the sick: call 512-259-3126

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

For financial assistance call:
512-550-1581 (Eng) 512-259-1056 (Esp)

Ministry Coordinator

Chuck Ramos

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Middle School & High School:

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SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary. The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of Holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order. *-Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

During the season of Lent, Fr. Luis and Fr. Barry will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation every:

- Tuesday from 5-6pm until April 4
- Thursday from 5-6pm except Holy Thursday, April 13
- Saturday from 3:30-4:30pm except Holy Saturday, April 15



The *Parish Lenten Penance Service* will take place on Monday, March 27 at 7pm and several priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation. A special time for confessions has also been reserved from 9:30-10:30am on March 27 for the elderly and those who are unable to drive at night. All other parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of the extended times for confession or plan to attend the evening Penance Service. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!

LA RECONCILIACIÓN EN EL AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA

Durante la temporada de Cuaresma, el P. Luis y el P. Barry estarán disponible para el sacramento de la reconciliación durante el siguiente horario:

- Cada martes de 5-6pm hasta el 4 de abril
- Cada jueves de 5-6pm excepto el Jueves Santo, el 13 de abril
- Cada sábado de 3:30-4:30pm excepto el Sábado de Gloria, 15 de abril

El *servicio penitencial cuaresmal* tendrá lugar el lunes, 27 de marzo a las 7pm, varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para el sacramento de la reconciliación. Un momento especial para las confesiones también ha sido reservada a partir de las 9:30-10:30am el 27 de marzo para las personas de la tercera edad y para aquellos que no pueden conducir por la noche. Todos los fieles son animados a tomar la oportunidad durante esta época para la confesión o asistir el servicio de la penitencia comunitaria. Vengan al Señor y experimentar la gracia extraordinaria de su perdón!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Margaret Mary Church is a warm and diverse family unified by our Roman Catholic faith through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Like the Apostles, we teach and proclaim the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ and through our ministries we serve the needs of the community in Sacrament, Word, and Deed.

We will meditate on the
Stations of the Cross (English)
in the church on **Friday** at 6PM.



Nos reunimos para el
Via Crucis en español
este viernes, 24 de marzo,
a las 7 PM en el templo.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES RECONCILIACIÓN CUARESMAL

This Lenten season, parishes in the Diocese will be offering varied Lenten programs and extended reconciliation times. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Visit the diocesan website for other Penance Service dates throughout the diocese.

Si usted se ha negado a acceder al sacramento, quizás se ha alejado durante algún tiempo, o simplemente se le hace difícil llegar para las confesiones el sábado por la tarde, esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para volver a conectar con Cristo y su Iglesia. Otras parroquias en el área están ofreciendo programas Cuaresmales variados y tiempos prolongados para la reconciliación, por favor vea el sitio web de la diócesis o de las parroquias, también puede llamar la oficina de las parroquias para más información.

March 21, 7 p.m., St. Theresa, Austin, English

March 27, 7 p.m., St. Margaret Mary, Cedar Park, English & Spanish

March 28, 7 p.m., St. Thomas More, English

March 29, 2 p.m., St. Thomas More, English

March 29, 7 p.m., St. Vincent De Paul, Austin, English

March 30, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary of the Lake, Lago Vista, English

April 2, 4 p.m., Holy Vietnamese Martyr, Austin, English

April 4, 1:30 & 7 p.m., St. Louis King of France, Austin, English

Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission

From Ashes to Easter: We are blessed by the gracious gift of Jesus Christ, who transformed human history with his infinite and compassionate love. Through his Spirit, his grace has been poured into our hearts. With open and merciful hearts, we are invited to share our blessings. As we add coins to our Ashes to Easter box each day, we together will bring hope to struggling missions. Please pray a Hail Mary for the missions. Lent boxes can be picked up after Mass today. All boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday or the week after.

Estamos bendecidos por los dones de gracia de Jesucristo, quien transformó la historia de la humanidad con su amor compasivo. A través de su Espíritu, su gracia se ha derramado en nuestros corazones. Con corazones abiertos y misericordiosos, estamos invitados a compartir nuestras bendiciones. Mientras agregamos monedas a nuestra alcancía de De las Cenizas a la Pascua cada día, juntos llevamos esperanza a las misiones que están luchando. Por favor ore un Ave María por las misiones. Las alcancías de Cuaresma pueden ser recogidas después de la Misa hoy. Todas las alcancías deberán ser devueltas el Domingo de Pascua o la siguiente semana.

FRIDAY FISH FRY!

The Knights of Columbus will once again be serving fish and all the fixin's each Friday during Lent, from 4:00-7:30 pm in the Benish Center. The price for dinner will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth and children 2 years and younger eat free. The meal will include a serving of baked, grilled or fried fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw, fries, beans, dessert and a beverage. Little ones can also opt to have cheese pizza instead of fish. The all-you-can-eat buffet will be available for an additional \$3. Credit cards are welcome!

¡CENA DE PESCADO!

Los Caballeros de Colon nuevamente estarán vendiendo pescado cada viernes durante la Cuaresma desde las 4:00-7:30 pm en el centro Benish. El precio de cada platillo tendrá un costo de \$10 para los adultos, \$5 para los niños y gratis para los niños de 2 años y menores. La cena incluirá el pescado al horno, frito y a la parrilla con hushpuppies, ensalada de pollo, papitas fritas, frijoles, también un postre y refresco. Pizza de queso también se ofrecerá como alternativa para los niños. El buffet libre estará disponible a un costo de \$3 adicionales. Se aceptan las tarjetas de crédito.



MAR 25

5:00 PM Ethan Forbes, Celeste Pena, Chris and Phillip Dinh

MAR 26

8:30 AM Christian Gamboa, Nora De La Cruz, Maricela and Cade Collins

10:30 AM Rachel Stark, Devin Locher, Sophie and Sadie Olenoski

12:30 PM Abraham Alvarado, Camila Garcia, Nataniel and Nahum Rodriguez

5:00 PM Nico Kallinikos, Michael Ferguson, Cristian and Sophie Espinosa

Youth of the parish are encouraged to become Altar Servers. For information about serving, please contact Martha Collins at marthaicollins@yahoo.com.

Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta referente al ministerio de los monaguillos favor de hablar con Martha Collins al marthaicollins@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

We experience at the depth of our being a deep hunger and thirst for the living God. We are invited to know that need, but not to despair as our ancestors did in the desert. God does feed and nourish us. God does quench our thirst, if we let ourselves be open to God's transforming love. Like the Samaritan woman we are called to be open to the waters of life given to us in Christ. Like her we are called to be agents of God's transformative love in our world. Who in our lives needs us to be an agent of God's love for them? What in our world is in need of God's action and transformation?

Experimentamos en la profundidad de nuestro ser un hambre profunda y una sed por el Dios viviente. Estamos invitados a conocer esa necesidad pero a no desesperar como nuestros ancestros lo hicieron en el desierto. Dios nos alimenta y nos nutre. Dios satisface nuestra sed si nos abrimos al amor transformante de Dios. Como la Samaritana, estamos llamados a estar abiertos a las aguas de vida que nos da Cristo. Como ella, estamos llamados a ser agentes del amor transformante de Dios en nuestro mundo ¿Quiénes en nuestras vidas necesitan que seamos agentes del amor de Dios para ellos? ¿Qué en nuestro mundo necesita la acción y transformación de Dios?

LENTEN QUESTION

Q: Is there a biblical basis for abstaining from meat as a sign of repentance?

A: Yes. The book of Daniel states: "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia... 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.'" (Daniel 10:1-3)

Excerpted from EWTN, 2017 Lenten Calendar

Total Consecration Rosary and Mass:

In Fatima, Our Lady said, “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.” On this 100-Year Anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions in Fatima, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese to collectively make or renew our “Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary” at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on Saturday, March 25th at 11:30am at Saint Mary Cathedral (Austin), at 11:30am at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church (in Extraordinary Form, College Station), at 7:30am at Saint Joseph Church (Killeen), at 1:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Martindale) and at 9:30am at Saint Peter’s Catholic Student Center (Waco). Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

Rosario y Misa para la Consagración Total:

En Fátima, Nuestra Señora dijo, “Mi Inmaculado Corazón será tu refugio y el camino que te conducirá a Dios”. En este Centésimo Aniversario de las Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Fátima, por favor, únase a miles de Fieles de toda nuestra Diócesis para hacer o renovar colectivamente nuestra “Total Consagración a Jesús a Través de María” durante una Santa Misa especial el día de la Anunciación del Señor. El rosario y la Misa serán ofrecidos el día Sábado, 25 de marzo a las 11:30am en la Catedral de Saint Mary (Austin), 11:30am en la Iglesia de Saint Thomas Aquinas (College Station), 7:30am en la Iglesia de San José (Killeen), 1:30pm en la Iglesia de Inmaculado Corazón de María (Martindale) y 9:30am en la Centro Católico Estudiantil St. Peter (Waco). Por favor visite www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org para mayor información.



SERVING OTHERS THROUGH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP):

This year the St. Vincent De Paul Society celebrates its 400th Anniversary of the Vincentian Charism, which has left such deep marks of Jesus’s unconditional love on the world throughout the last 400 years and continues to do so today! The theme for this Jubilee Year is Jesus’s words taken from Matthew 25:31-46: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”

In the month of February, through your gifts, the society of SVdP brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 26 families, providing \$9,250 in rent, utility bills and prescriptions. Thank you so much for your generous donations and support of our conference, allowing us to reach out to help the poor.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Is the LORD in our midst or not?” Let God enhance your marriage by participating a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on March 31-April 2 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply online visit: austinme.org or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-WWME (9963) or wwmeaustin@gmail.com Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al [512-584-9079](tel:512-584-9079).

A GOSPEL REFLECTION

An encounter is an unexpected experience or meeting. Today several apparent opposites meet. A Jewish man speaks to a Samaritan woman. A thirsty man without a bucket offers living water to a woman drawing water. Someone fulfilling physical needs is transformed by a spiritual reality. The Son of God encounters a searching sinner transforming her into an apostle. Christ encounters us in the most unexpected and ordinary ways. Do we take time to listen and receive the Spirit he offers which quenches and refreshes us like the living water? What truths does Jesus speak to you? Are you listening?

Un encuentro es una reunión o encuentro inesperado. Hoy muchos opuestos aparentes se encuentran. Un judío habla con una mujer samaritana. Un hombre sediento sin una cubeta ofrece agua viva a una mujer que está sacando agua. Una necesidad física satisfactoria se convierte en una realidad espiritual. El hijo de Dios se encuentra con una pecadora en búsqueda de algo y la convierte en un apóstol. Cristo sale a nuestro encuentro en las formas más extraordinarias y cotidianas, ¿Tomamos tiempo para escuchar y recibir el espíritu que Él ofrece que quita la sed y nos refresca como agua viva? ¿Qué verdades le habla Jesús a usted? ¿Está usted escuchando?

HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE

NUMBER CHANGED? Please let us know of any recent changes by calling 512-259-3126 or email your updates to stmcmc@stmargaretmary.com

¿HA CAMBIADO SU DIRECCIÓN O SU NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO?

Por favor avisenos sobre los cambios recientes llamando 512-259-3126 o más bien envíe por correo electrónico su información al stmcmc@stmargaretmary.com

“Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!”
- Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017
Respect Life Program

“La vida es un don de Dios y también lo es su misericordia. ¡Amemos y promovamos las dos!”
- Vías de misericordia para la sanación posaborto
Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB,
Programa Respetemos la Vida 2016-2017

Bulletin Deadline: Submit notices by noon on Friday at least two weeks prior to the Sunday in which you want the item to be published in the bulletin. Please submit bulletin notices and pulpit announcements to Lilly Montes at lmontes@stmargaretmary.com.

FECHA LIMITE PARA EL BOLETIN:

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Healing Retreat

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