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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleingeltl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O'Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: ........... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español ................. 1:00 PM
Life Teen: .................. 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 5:30 Life Teen

Weekday Masses
Monday: ................. 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ........ 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: ... 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: ............ 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ................. 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church .................... 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church .................... 10:30-11:45 AM
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: Last Sunday of the month, call the Parish Office to register
Ceremony: First Sunday of the month

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the community of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Parish, are committed to our baptismal covenant with Jesus Christ. This covenant is manifested in our worship, evangelization, education, stewardship, service and our commitment to live as a community of faith. We center our parish life on Christ, Scripture and the celebration of the Sacraments in joyful worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We come together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and the sharing of the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God’s gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter was in prison, but prayer by the church was made to God on his behalf (Acts 12:1-11).
Psalm — The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him (Psalm 34).
Second Reading — I have finished the race; I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18).
Gospel — Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:13-19).

READINGs FOR THE WEEK

Mon.: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tues.: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
Wed.: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:8-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
Thur.: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Fri.: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119: 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Country,” nos. 882-886, or “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
Sat.: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sun.: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun.: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Mon.: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Tues.: Bl. Junipero Serra; Canada Day
Thur.: St. Thomas
Fri.: Independence Day; First Friday
Sat.: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Please join the ROBERTSON FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the most prominent leaders of the early Church. They symbolize two essential dimensions in the life of any faith community: **mission and maintenance**. Paul was the great missionary and through his preaching the Gospel was spread throughout the Mediterranean world. Peter was the patient administrator and pastor who held together the early disciples and established a firm foundation on which the Church could be built. Both saints were crucial to the Christian community’s expansion and survival not only during the early years of the Church’s life but throughout the centuries. For some the image of the missionary venturing out boldly to proclaim Christ to the world sounds so much more engaging than being a community maintenance person. However, every institution or community needs someone to provide a clear vision and establish sound structures that will enable the group to survive past the first generation. Saints Peter and Paul not only provided such leadership and vision which have sustained the life of the Church through the ages but they remain models for our own discipleship and ministry today.

As leaders in the early Christian community Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. We know from Scripture (especially Acts 15 and Galatians 2) that the two of them disagreed about the place of the newly converted Gentiles in the Church. Peter thought the Gospel of salvation was meant only for the Jews. Paul argued forcefully that the Gospel was intended for the Gentiles as well. After all the commandment of Christ was to “make disciples of all nations.” What makes their leadership so remarkable is that both learned to listen and respect the insights of each other. Peter trusted that the working of the Holy Spirit was much more expansive than what he could imagine and had the humility to accept the vision of Paul, a man who had never even met Jesus. Paul had the wisdom to realize that the cause of Christ could only be promoted through unity in the Body of Christ. Thus, he freely chose to entrust himself and his vision to the leadership and wisdom of Peter. Both are great saints and they show us what can happen in a faith community when we cooperate in proclaiming and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter and Paul were powerful witnesses to the word of God and would suffer imprisonment and hardships because of their bold faith. Both would die as martyrs in the city of Rome. Today’s feast invites us to consider how we witness to our faith as members of the one Body of Christ.

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**Fr. Chester Borski**

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**Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th, for Independence Day.

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**CALL for Volunteers - Parish Festival October 11, 2014**

Tom DeBoise is chairperson for this year’s festival. He is requesting anyone interested in helping with planning and preparation for the festival to send him an e-mail at smparishfestival@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** St. Martha Catholic School has a position open in the After School Program.

Position requires:
- Supervising children in PreK through 8th grade.
- Applicant must be 18 years or older
- Hours from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Archdiocesan Virtus training requirements must be completed

Salary is commensurate with experience. Please send your resume or any inquiries to menezesv@stmarthacs.org.

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**HAAM ANNUAL FOOD DONATIONS:** Members of our community will be distributing paper bags at all masses on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. Please fill them with non-perishable food items such as canned products and bring them back at the masses on July 5 and 6. Remember that Pope Francis has called us to be very generous with the treasure that we have received from God for the benefit of the poor and needy.

Don't miss this opportunity to display the generosity of your heart.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
SUMMER HOURS FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment.
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING JULY 20 THROUGH AUGUST 3. WE WILL RE-OPEN
WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014.

Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2. NEXT CLASS IS
JULY 1ST. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. July Dates: 1, 8, 15, 2014

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmartha.com. Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts,
PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more...check it out!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! Up To The Minute AFF Information.
Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

Pastoral Care Hospital Ministry
An Opportunity for Deacons & Lay People to Provide Pastoral Care
16-Week Training Course
To be held at the St. Mary Seminary on Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, August 28th through December 18th

Four-fold Purpose
1. To bring the Presence of the Church to the Sick and the Dying
2. To provide basic skills of pastoral and sacramental care
3. To understand the Patient in a context of a Health Care Facility
4. To understand how to care for oneself as a Pastoral Care Minster

Topics to be included:
- Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying
- The Pastoral and Sacramental Visit
- The Pastoral Conversation
- The Fine Art of Listening
- Patient Identity
- Family Dynamics
- Suffering
- Loss and Grief
- Morals and Ethics
- Caring for Self
- Verbatim

Three to Four (3-4) Hours per week of Patient Visitation in Hospital
If interested, please contact Office of Diaconate at e-mail: deaconoffice@archgh.org (713-686-4345 ext 229) or Dcn. Gerald DuPont: gerald@gwdupont.com (281-703-0227)

项目 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? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

Youth Events / Parenting

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Don't suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. And in the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. The next meeting will be July 7, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in room 6 (in the FLC, MDO hallway). Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Este fin de semana se celebra la Solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, dos de los líderes más prominentes de la Iglesia primitiva. Simbolizan dos dimensiones esenciales en la vida de cualquier comunidad de fe: misión y mantenimiento. Pablo fue el gran misionero y por medio de su predicación del Evangelio se extendió a todo la región del mediterráneo. Peter era el administrador paciente y pastor que celebró junto a los primeros discípulos y estableció una base firme sobre la que la Iglesia se podía construir. Ambos santos fueron cruciales para la expansión de la comunidad cristiana y la supervivencia no sólo durante los primeros años de la vida de la Iglesia, sino a lo largo de los siglos. Para algunos, la imagen del misionero de salir con valentía a proclamar a Cristo al mundo suena mucho más atractivo que ser una persona de mantenimiento de la comunidad. Sin embargo, cada institución o comunidad necesita alguien para proporcionar una visión clara y establecer estructuras sólidas que permitan al grupo sobrevivir más allá de la primera generación. San Pedro y San Pablo no sólo proporcionaban este tipo de liderazgo y la visión que ha sostenido la vida de la Iglesia a través de las edades, pero que siguen siendo modelos para nuestro propio discipulado y ministerio hoy.

Como líderes en la comunidad primitiva Cristiana Pedro y Pablo no siempre tenían una relación fácil. Sabemos por las Escrituras (especialmente Hechos 15 y Gálatas 2) que ellos no estaban de acuerdo sobre el lugar de los gentiles recién convertidos en la Iglesia. Peter pensó que el Evangelio de la salvación estaba destinado sólo para los judíos. Pablo argumentó con fuerza que el evangelio era para los gentiles también. Después de todos los mandamientos de Cristo era “hacer discípulos a todas las naciones”. Lo que hace que su liderazgo tan notable es que ambos aprendieron a escuchar y respetar los puntos de vista de cada uno. Peter confió en que la obra del Espíritu Santo era mucho más amplia que lo que podía imaginar y tuvo la humildad de aceptar la visión de Pablo, un hombre que nunca había conocido a Jesús. Pablo tuvo la sabiduría para darse cuenta de que la causa de Cristo sólo puede ser promovida a través de la unidad en el Cuerpo de Cristo. Por lo tanto, eligió libremente a confiar en la visión de liderazgo y la sabiduría de Peter. Ambos son grandes santos y nos muestran lo que puede suceder en una comunidad de fe cuando cooperamos en proclamar y vivir el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Pedro y Pablo fueron testigos poderosos de la palabra de Dios y sufrieron encarcelamiento y privaciones a causa de su fe. Ambos morirían como mártires en la ciudad de Roma. La fiesta de hoy nos invita a considerar cómo damos testimonio de nuestra fe como miembros del único Cuerpo de Cristo.

Fr. Chester Borski

Domingo de San Pedro y San Pablo, apóstoles

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Jesús preguntó a sus discípulos: “¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre?” y después de sus respuestas les volvió a preguntar: “Y ustedes, ¿Quién dicen que soy?”. Jesús nos hace el día de hoy esa pregunta a cada uno de nosotros y nuestra respuesta es la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas. Hay quienes evitan la pregunta y mejor no quieren pensar en ella, no sea que los obligue a cambiar de rumbo y a dejar de hacer aquello que les da placer. Hay quienes piensan que Jesús fue un profeta que dijo cosas muy bonitas pero no lo ven como el Hijo de Dios. Hay quienes reconocen que Jesús fue el Hijo de Dios pero sólo oyen lo que les conviene; ven a Jesús como un guía espiritual, les gusta oír del amor que les tiene y de la promesa de la vida eterna, pero cuando se trata de oír de que tienen que cargar su propia cruz para seguirlo, entonces ya no oyen o piensan que eso no aplica para ellos. Hay quienes reconocen a Jesús como el Hijo de Dios y están convencidos de que El vino para el perdón de nuestros pecados y para enseñarnos el camino para la vida eterna. Dios quiere que seamos como estos últimos, seguidores de Jesús, cargando nuestra propia cruz para salvarnos. Compromiso de la semana: Meditáre en lo que Jesús me pide que cambie en mi vida para poder cargar mi cruz y seguirlo. Me propondré tomar esa cruz y ofrecérsela a Dios para mi salvación.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co

Clases de Bautizo: NO HABRA CLASES DE BAUTIZOS NI BAUTIZOS EN EL MES DE JUNIO Y JULIO.

La Sociedad de San Vincente de Paúl “Bolsa Negra”
Julio 12-13, 2014

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos dice: “Les aseguro que cualquiera que dé de beber, aunque sólo sea un vaso de agua fresca, a uno de estos pequeños por ser mi discípulo, no quedará sin recompensa”. Al continuar su apoyo a la colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de la Sociedad de San Vincente de Paúl 12-13 de Julio 2014, su regalo le proveera esperanza a los más pequeños.
Proyecto Pro-Vida (Proyecto Gabriel): ¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda emocional, económica o espiritual durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a la Sra. Josefina Carvajal: 832-677-7677, proyectogabriel@stmartha.co

Ministerio Hispano

Convalidación de Matrimonios:
¿Te falta el Sacramento de Matrimonio? ¿Necesitas ayuda emocional o espiritual en tu matrimonio? Para más información llame al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: matrimonios@stmartha.co

Ministerio Legión de María
Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

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3. Legión de María
4. Coro Hispano
5. RICA
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11. Ministerio de la Cárcel
12. Ministerio de Trabajo
13. Ministerio de Town Hall

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RICA
El proceso del Precatecumenado está comenzando y los interesados en iniciarse o completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación) aún están a tiempo de unirse al grupo. El equipo del RICA te invita a que vengas a conocer a Jesús en un ambiente dispuesto a escuchar y contestar todas tus preguntas. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co. Si conoces a alguien que lo necesita la preparación para los sacramentos, invitalo y si te es posible acompañarlo en el proceso.

Iglesia Católica De Santa Martha, Santa María y San Lázaro
SOLICITUD DE ORACIÓN
Orando con Jesús y María

Esta solicitud también se puede hacer por email o internet. Escribirnos a: OrlandoConJesusYMaria@stmartha.co o en el website: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625

COLECTA ANUAL DE COMIDA PARA HAAM
A la salida de todas las misas el sábado 28 y domingo 29 de junio, se les distribuirán bolsas de papel, una por familia, para que las lleven a sus casas, las llenen de productos alimenticios y las traigan de regreso el sábado 5 o domingo 6 de julio. Colóquen allí todo tipo de alimentos que no sean perecibles, tales como comida enlatada, pan, granos y demás. Estas donaciones beneficiarán a los pobres que visitan HAAM, la mayoría de los cuales son Hispanos en gran necesidad de ayuda. Sea generoso como el Papa Francisco nos ha pedido que seamos generosos.

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ATAQUES A LA LIBERTAD RELIGIOSA

Ejemplos concretos

Durante muchos años, el Servicio de Migración y Refugiados (MRS) de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos ha cumplido con el compromiso de los obispos de servir y abogar por las personas refugiadas, las que han pedido asilo y otras desplazadas o forzadas a emigrar. Se le da un cuidado especial a los más vulnerables de entre estos, tales como las víctimas de la trata de personas. Este compromiso tiene su origen en el mandato evangélico de que todo individuo debe ser recibido por los discípulos como si fuera el mismo Cristo en persona con todo el derecho de seguir, sin restricción alguna, la llamada a la santidad.

Durante años, MRS adquirió mucha experiencia con su trabajo para poner fin al tráfico humano y proteger a los niños y adultos explotados por este abuso. En 2006, el Programa Anti-Tráfico de MRS (ATSP) empezó a administrar un programa federal que daba seguimiento a casos de víctimas extranjeras del tráfico humano identificadas en EE. UU. y sus territorios. En 2010, por medio de su red de agencias contratadas, ATSP proporcionó ayuda a los supervivientes del tráfico humano en 64 países, siendo India, México, Tailandia, Filipinas y Haití los países con el mayor número. Las víctimas eran explotadas en granjas, hoteles, casinos, domicilios privados, spas y otros establecimientos donde realizaban trabajo forzado o las vendían para la explotación sexual.

Pese a muchos años de excelente labor de MRS administrando la contratación de servicios para las víctimas del tráfico humano, en 2011, el gobierno federal cambió las especificaciones de contrato para exigirle a MRS, que proporcionara o remitiera a “servicios” de anticonceptivos y abortos en contra de la doctrina católica. El gobierno federal se negó a concederle una subvención a pesar de que MRS obtuvo una puntuación mucho más alta en la evaluación independiente encargada por el gobierno que las otras dos entidades a las que se les concedieron subvenciones. La puntuación de estas fue tan baja que la evaluación declaró que no estaban cualificadas.

Las instituciones religiosas no deben ser descalificadas de un contrato gubernamental por sus creencias religiosas, y no tienen por qué perder su identidad religiosa ni su libertad cuando firman esos contratos. Y, sin embargo, una corte federal de Massachusetts, dándole la vuelta a la libertad religiosa, ha declarado que la Primera Enmienda exige tal descalificación –que el gobierno de alguna manera viola la libertad religiosa al permitir que sea una organización católica la que participe en un contrato de manera conforme con sus creencias sobre la contracepción y el aborto. Por suerte, en 2013 una corte de apelación rescindió esta terrible decisión, aunque existe la posibilidad de demandas similares en el futuro.

¿Está siendo amenazada nuestra más preciada libertad? Entre muchos otros desafíos actuales, el gobierno federal ha discriminado los servicios humanitarios católicos basándose en sus creencias religiosas, incluso cuando dichas creencias no afectaban a los servicios desempeñados. La libertad religiosa no es solo libertad de culto; también incluye nuestra habilidad para contribuir al bien común de todos los estadounidenses sin tener que comprometer nuestra fe. Sin comprender plenamente el sentido de la libertad religiosa sufrimos todos, especialmente las víctimas de la trata de personas.

¿Qué puede hacer para asegurar la protección de la libertad religiosa?
Los obispos de EE. UU. han pedido una Quincena por la Libertad el 21 de junio al 4 de julio, 2014. Visite www.fortnight4freedom.org para más información sobre este importante tiempo de oración, educación y acción para apoyar la libertad religiosa!
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY UNDER ATTACK

A Concrete Example

For decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has carried out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylees, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and other people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as the victims of human trafficking. This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed by the disciple as if he or she were Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue, without constraint, the call to holiness.

MRS developed years of expertise in actively working to end human trafficking and protect those adults and children who have been exploited through trafficking. In 2006, MRS’s Anti-Trafficking Services Program (ATSP) began administering a federal program to provide intensive case management to foreign national victims of human trafficking identified in the U.S. and its territories. In 2010, through its network of subcontracting agencies, ATSP helped survivors of human trafficking from 64 countries, with the largest number of survivors from India, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, and Haiti. Survivors had been trafficked on farms, in hotels and casinos, in private homes, in spas, and in other industries for the purposes of forced labor and/or sex trafficking.

However, despite many years of excellent performance by MRS in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, in 2011, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion “services” in violation of Catholic teaching. The federal government refused to award a grant to MRS despite MRS’s earning a far higher objective score from the government’s independent grant evaluators than two other organizations that were awarded grants. And those two scored so low that they were deemed unqualified.

Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not somehow lose their religious identity or liberty upon entering such contracts. Yet a federal court in Massachusetts, turning religious liberty on its head, declared that the First Amendment requires such a disqualification—that the government somehow violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion. Fortunately, last year, an appeals court vacated this terrible decision. But the possibility of similar suits in the future remains.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, the federal government has discriminated against Catholic humanitarian services based on their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs had no impact on performance. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, especially victims of human trafficking in need of important humanitarian services.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?
The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2014. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!
On behalf of St Martha, we would like to thank you for your support of the St Martha 2014 Garage Sale with proceeds benefiting the St Martha Capital Campaign. Below is a recap of the Fruits of your time, talent and treasure contributed:

- Donations filled the Family Life Center, Room 3, and spilled over to the School Pavilion.
- Over 50 different volunteers working different shifts Monday-Friday preparing for the sale.
- Over 50 volunteers working different shifts (some all shifts) Saturday - Sale Day.
- Alspaugh's donated the use of their truck for Tuesday Pick-ups and Saturday deliveries.
- The garage sale leftovers went to Family Time (Porter), HAAM (Humble), Women's Abuse Shelter (Humble) and World Clothing Corporation (Clothes going to Central America, South America small villages).
- Customers from Parish and surrounding area found the treasures they were looking for.
- We set aside some high value donations for use in Parish Festival - Silent and Live Auction.
- AND these efforts also resulted in approximately $17,000 raised for Capital Campaign.

We truly thank you for demonstrating a deep and real Spirituality of Communion within this community. We see this as a win-win for all involved with the garage sale (materially and spiritually)!

May God's Peace be with you,
Melva and Tom DeBoise

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Carole Parslow 832-689-5824 or e-mail carolep8359@gmail.com.

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St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocese Black Bag Collection
July 12-13, 2014

In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus tell us: “Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” The annual Black Bag Collection for the Archdiocesan Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on July 12-13. This collection is the only major collection for the Archdiocesan Council during the year, and is a major source of support for programs like the SVDP Food Depot, Youth Programs and Disaster Relief Services. By continuing your support of the Annual Black Bag Collection, your gift is an expression of love and faith. Together we can bring hope to those who feel lost and alone in our community.

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild will hold their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, July 13, in Room 2 (Woodland Hills campus) from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. For further information please contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com. Please note: If you, or someone you know, would consider making the rope (love knot) rosaries for the Rosary Guild's distribution to the hospitals please contact JoAnna (contact info listed above).

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

“Our Lord for you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37

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 one of us, and 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 at 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.

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM
Monday: 1-2 AM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 1-2 PM, 11 PM-Midnight,
Wednesday: 11 PM-Midnight
Thursday: 1-2 AM
Friday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM
Saturday: 1-2 AM, 9-10 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.
ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Sept. 28 thru Oct. 6, 2014
Join Msgr. Borski and other pilgrims from the Archdiocese on a Pilgrimage to the Eternal City for the Ordination to the Diaconate of our very own Seminarian, Mr. David Angelino. We will experience many of the beauties and antiquities of ROME, including its awe inspiring churches such as St. Peter's Basilica, the Scavi Excavations where we find the bones of St. Peter, and the hillside town of Assisi. We will be privileged to participate in the Pontifical North American College’s 2014 Diaconate Ordinations. This promises to be a blessed event that will bring us great joy and fond memories. Other highlights of the pilgrimage include visits to the Vatican Museums, a Wednesday audience with Pope Francis, a visit to the Pontifical North American College, and a walk through Ancient Rome.
For further information and/or to RESERVE YOUR PLACE contact Sofia at 800-653-0017 or email: canterbury.tours@live.com for a detailed brochure and reservation form.

FAITH JOURNEYS PRESENTS: AN 11-DAY PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH TO THE HOLY LAND  
Walking with Jesus & Witnessing to Christ  
October 25-November 4, 2014
Especially designed for St. Martha Church  
For more information please call Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845, Ext. 100. Space is limited. 
Early registration has been extended! You can save $100 if you register by June 30th. 
For more information, contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or at carlal@stmartha.com

Shalom Center Part-Time Office Assistant Job Opening
Shalom Center, located in Splendora, Texas, has an immediate opening for a newly created part-time office assistant position. The hours would be T/W/Th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Shalom Center is a growing resource center for Catholic Clergy and Religious. For more information, please call Mary at 281-399-0520 or send your résumé to 13516 Morgan Drive, Splendora, TX 77372.

Pro-Life Mass & Rosary:  
Every 1st Saturday at 10:00 a.m.  
Please join us Saturday, July 5.

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Peter’s Pence Collection
This weekend our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodland Hills chapel. Everyone welcome.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY  
Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter. Ages: 12 months old through age 4.

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 (281) 360-4045.

Martha's Kitchen News
Martha's Kitchen congratulates all recent graduates and is praying for you as you continue your education or career. We also wish all parishioners a safe and restful summer! Please remember your special Martha's Kitchen envelopes and to mark your donation "for Martha's Kitchen" on your check or envelopes. God Bless!
Please note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.
We are asked to take care of the earth as good stewards would. We cultivate and protect the earth, using its resources for the benefit of everyone. We live in gratitude and respect for all creation.

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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
FOR the weekend of June 21 & 22
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 74,147
Sunday Collection $ 0
Faith Direct Offertory $ 32,671
Holy Day-Ascension $ 587
Over(Under) $ (40,889)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:
Capital Campaign $ 31,870
Martha’s Kitchen $ 6,357
Priest Retirement Res. $ 2,030
Catholic Communication $ 452
Peter’s Pence $ 1,642
St. Mary Seminary $ 53,151

Current Loan Debt: $ 15,082,406
2014 DSF Goal: $ 295,000
Payments to date: $ 238,240