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 Kleinguel, 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 — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

**Readings for the Week**

Monday:  Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday:  Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:  Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:  Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday:  Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 15-21; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:  Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday:  Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

**Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday:  Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:  St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Tuesday:  St. Bonaventure

Wednesday:  Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday:  St. Camillus de Lellis

Saturday:  Blessed Virgin Mary

**Stewardship Thought of the Week**

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”

- Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? Good stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It affects all the decisions we make. It’s not just the time we spend at Mass every Sunday.

**Mass Intentions**

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**Please Remember the Recently Deceased and Their Families in Your Prayers**

Emile Parent (father of Jeff Parent)
Josue Castro Guerrero
Victor Joseph Canales (son of Victor and Gloria Canales)
Helene Guillemette (wife of Claude Guillemette)
Phyllis Marie Holmes
Maricela Torres Renteria
Victoria Macdonald (sister of Diana Coleman and daughter of Bob and Carm Macdonald)
Ken Carpenter (husband of Colleen Carpenter)
Gerald Tindall


**Chalice for Vocations**

Please join the JONES 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.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

In the Gospel text for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time we are introduced to the favorite way for Jesus to teach his disciples. He delighted in telling stories or **parables**. During the next several weeks we will be listening to parables from the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and all these parables are about the kingdom of God breaking into the lives of ordinary people. The parable for today is about the sower casting seed upon various types of soil. While the story is open to a variety of interpretations, the emphasis is upon the extravagance of God in sharing the gift of his Word with us humans. The parable mentions three different situations of receptivity to the seeds that are sown. Jesus’ message is that there is extraordinary growth when one hears the Word and responds generously to it. The Gospel message is similar to that of our first reading from the prophet Isaiah: as surely as rain and snow water the earth and render it fertile, so the Word of God, once proclaimed, will accomplish God’s saving purpose.

The challenge that is presented to each of us is the following: how do we receive the Word proclaimed to us? How often do we hear the Word but do not truly listen to its message? How often do we attend Mass with countless preoccupations and leave without remembering anything about the Sunday Scriptures which were proclaimed? The old saying is quite true: the words go in one ear and out the other. How often do we understand the implications of the message but do not even try to observe them in our lives? We excuse ourselves from any responsibility by thinking that is what others should be doing. If we really desire to become faithful disciples of the Lord, we must listen not only with our ears but also with our hearts. We need to allow the Word of God to touch our souls. The message of Jesus Christ is a saving message! His Gospel is a call to conversion, a call to change our lives and follow in his footsteps. What would happen if most of us truly heard the Word of God, took it to heart, acted upon it, and allowed it to transform the way we live? Jesus assures us that the Kingdom of God would erupt all around us and we would bear fruit a hundredfold!

Fr. Chester Borski

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Mark your calendars!

The next women’s **ACTS** retreat is October 16-19.

Sign up for the retreat will be Sunday, September 7 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the entrance of the Church.

Questions? Contact Francine Puglia at franp@stmartha.com or call 281-300-8433.

“Give the Lord glory and honor” Psalm 96

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**Men’s ACTS Retreat—**
**September 11-14, 2014**

Registration for the September Men’s (English) ACTS Retreat will be held on August 2 & 3, in the Narthex. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that allows the Holy Spirit to speak to you in the template of Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. 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 don’t let 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, George Henderson, at 713-376-7653 or george@texasdreamteam.com.
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.
Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. July & August dates: July 15, August 5, 12, 19, 26.

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 You Tube. Click the You Tube 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 Minister

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
♦ Verbatims

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)

St. Joseph Helpers are available to help parishioners who are in need of assistance with home repairs or building projects such as wheelchair ramps, etc. For more information contact Bill Beck, 281-360-7023.

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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Want to meet some friendly folks? Come join NORTH-EAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, July 16, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Taco Cabana, 20745 Highway 59 N in Humble (in front of Target). For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

CANCARE
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). Or you can contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.
**KING DAVID’S MEN:** King David’s Men is a confidential Catholic fellowship of adult men of any marital status or age who meet weekly with the purpose of learning about and affirming healthy sexuality within the context of our faith. For further info contact Fr. Alfonso Tran at (281) 358-6637 x268, or alfonsotran78@stmartha.com, for meeting time and location.

**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.

**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.

**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 résumé or any inquiries to menezesv@stmartahcs.org.

**SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION**
The Senior Citizen Luncheons held at St. Martha on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will resume on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.

**Fifth Annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast**
Friday, July 18, 2014
7:30 a.m., Hilton-Americas
Keynote: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, A Shepherd’s Message
To register please visit www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast

**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).

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

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St. Martha’s Knights of Columbus Council #12320
2nd Annual Wine Tasting
November 15th, 2014

This Year’s Theme
Year of the Saints

A casual evening with seven rounds of wine served with pairings of food at St. Martha’s Family Life Center, 3702 Woodland Hills. The tables seat 8. The cost per table is $290. or $40. per seat if bought individually. Tickets are selling quickly. All ticket and table sales are on a first come, first served basis.

Seating is limited. Tables and tickets must be paid for in advance. Door prizes will be drawn for along with a silent auction and a cork pull.

A really GREAT evening!!

Ticket Sales: Manny Reyes: 281-520-9393 manny1962@yahoo.com
Unemployed or underemployed?
Are you or do you know an individual who’s unemployed or underemployed and looking for direction? Losing your job or being underemployed can cause anxiousness and stress, which can make it more challenging to find a better job.

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with résumé writing, with interview preparation and with networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job-seeking. It is very difficult to be at your best when you feel at your worst – we can help.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others.

We meet every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2 of the Faith Formation Campus (Woodland Hills campus). Please come and see us, or tell others about us. We are here to help! Questions? Email: stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

CARING COOKS: THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35

MARTHA’S QUILTERS: Martha’s Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God’s love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at njborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com - 281-361-9720. Martha’s Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.

Swing into Action!

Sean and Kari Tracey’s
Shepherd’s Cup
Charity Golf Classic

Benefiting
Catholic Education,
Faith Formation,
and
St. Mary’s Seminary

Kingwood Country Club
1700 Lake Kingwood Trail
Monday, October 6, 2014

To sponsor or play please visit www.shepherdscup.org or call 713-652-4418

presented by
Galveston-Houston Knights of Columbus Charities
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
**Children's Adoration Hour**

*Every Tuesday—10 a.m.*

Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

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**Pilgrimage Opportunities**

**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.

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**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.  
For more information, contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or at carlal@stmartha.com
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.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of June we had 1,221 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 381 visitors! Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

**GABRIEL PROJECT:** The Gabriel Project received information regarding a retreat sponsored by Catholic Charities for birth mothers who have experienced adoption either open or closed, recent placement or a placement many years ago. The goal of The Everlasting Gift Retreat is to affirm and support the sacrificial love of a birth mother in their gift of life. The retreat will be held at The Cenacle Retreat House in Houston August 15 - 17th. If you are interested or know anyone that would be interested feel free to contact Colleen Kitowski 713-874-6760 or e-mail ckitowski@catholiccharities.org. Please continue to pray for our mothers and babies all over the world.

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

"Could 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: 2-3AM, 1-2 PM, 11 PM
- Wednesday: 11 PM-Midnight
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 9-10 AM, Noon-1 PM
- Saturday: 2-3 AM, 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.

**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.

**MARTHA’S KITCHEN NEWS:** Thank you for your commitment to Martha's Kitchen which provides a nutritious lunch to those in need of a meal Mon.-Fri. Over 1,000 guests are served each week - please continue to make a difference! May God continue to bless you as your generosity blesses those less fortunate.

**NOTE:** Martha's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, July 28 and will reopen on Monday, August 4 due to meetings in San Antonio for the Sisters.

**This and That**

**STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE**

**Fruits of Your Labor…**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Archdiocese Black Bag Collection

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.” This week by placing a gift in the Archdiocese St. Vincent de Paul’s Annual Black Bag Collection, together we will produce fruit a hundred fold.

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El desafío que se presenta en cada uno de nosotros es el siguiente: ¿cómo recibimos la Palabra proclamada? ¿Cuántas veces escuchamos la Palabra pero no verdaderamente escuchamos su mensaje? ¿Con qué frecuencia asistimos a la misa con un sinnúmero de preocupaciones y salimos sin recordar nada de las Escrituras del domingo que se proclamaron? El viejo dicho es cierto: las palabras entran por un oído y salen por el otro. ¿Cuántas veces entendemos las implicaciones del mensaje, pero ni siquiera intentamos aplicarlas en nuestras vidas? Nos excusamos de toda responsabilidad por pensar que es lo que los demás deben hacer. Si realmente queremos llegar a ser fieles discípulos del Señor, tenemos que escuchar no sólo con nuestros oídos, sino también con el corazón. Tenemos que permitir que la Palabra de Dios toque nuestras almas. El mensaje de Jesucristo es un mensaje de salvación. Su Evangelio es una llamada a la conversión, una llamada a cambiar nuestras vidas y seguir sus pasos. ¿Qué pasaría si la mayoría de nosotros oyéramos realmente la Palabra de Dios, la tomáramos, actuáramos, y le permitiéramos transformar la forma en que vivimos? Jesús nos asegura que el reino de Dios entrara en erupción a nuestro alrededor y nos dará fruto a ciento por ciento!

Fr. Chester Borski

15º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Jesús nos habló en parábolas para enseñarnos el camino. La parábola del sembrador fue explicada por Jesús a sus discípulos. La semilla que cae al borde del camino representa a los que no comprenden la palabra de Jesús y por lo tanto no la aplican en sus vidas. La que cae en terreno pedregoso representa a los que la escuchan pero son inconstantes y al enfrentar cualquier problema la dejan de aplicar. La que cae entre zarzas representa a los que la comprenden pero se dejan llevar por sus pasiones y por sus riquezas; se dejan llevar por la cultura del placer y del tener. La que cae en tierra buena representa a los que la comprenden pero se dejan llevar por sus pasiones y por sus riquezas; se dejan llevar por la cultura del placer y del tener. Esa semilla dará mucho fruto. ¿A qué fruto se refiere Jesús? Cuando comprendemos su palabra y la aplicamos en nuestras vidas, damos un ejemplo de amor al mundo y atraemos a las personas hacia Dios. No solo nos santificamos al aplicar las enseñanzas de Jesús en nuestras vidas sino que también evangelizamos con nuestras obras. Compromiso de la semana: Leeré las parábolas del Hijo Pródigo (Lc 15, 11-32), la del Buen Samaritano (Lc 10, 25-37) y la de los Talentos (Mt 25, 14-30) para comprenderlas mejor y definiré cómo aplicarlas en mi vida.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co
Ministerios Hispanos que ofrece la Comunidad de la Iglesia de Santa Martha en Kingwood, Tx:
1. Grupo de Formación y Evangelización
2. Monaguillos
3. Legión de María
4. Coro Hispano
5. RICA
6. Convalidación de Matrimonios
7. Proyecto Raquel
8. Ministerio de Eventos
9. Ujieres (Hospitalidad)
10. Catequesis de Niños y Adultos
11. Ministerio de la Cárcel
12. Ministerio de Trabajo
13. Ministerio de Town Hall
Todos estos ministerios están aprobados por la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston por Msgr. Borski y el Diacono Alfredo Soto. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta y quiere saber más sobre algún Ministerio Hispano favor de llamar a Ana Luisa Rodriguez al 281-358-1959 x 269.

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul

Arquidiócesis La Colecta “Bolsa Negra”

En el Evangelio de hoy, escuchamos la parábola del sembrador, y sabemos que “…el resto cayó en tierra buena y dio grano: unos, ciento: otros, sesenta: otros, treinta. El que tenga oídos, que oiga…” Esta semana, con su colaboración a la Colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de la Arquidiócesis Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, usted sabrá que se nos reconocerá por las obras ¿Qué tipo de tierra eres tú?

Según el método del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga

Los Talleres de Oración y Vida son una nueva forma de EVANGELIZACIÓN más VIVA:
Esta basada en el AMOR y lo que este es capaz de realizar, no en el temor ni en el castigo.

Por medio de mensajes y ejercicios el participante logra paulatinamente:
• Llegar a una profunda paz
• Liberarse de tristezas y angustias
• Sanarse de los heridas de la vida
• Superar complejos y miedos
• Recuperar el sentido de la vida y la alegría de vivir

INICIA: viernes 8 de agosto 2014
DE: 7pm a 9pm
LUGAR: Family Life Center, salon # 3
St. Martha, Kingwood [3702 Woodland Hills Drive]
Para mayor información llamar a:
Nilsa E. Pérez.
Tel. (281) 361- 3692 correo electrónico a: nilsa@cebridge.net

Iglesia Católica de Santa Marta, Santa María y San Lázaro

SOLICITUD DE ORACIÓN
Orando con Jesús y María

Deposite esta tarjeta una vez su petición esté completa en la urna que se encuentra en la entrada de la iglesia.

Escreba aquí su petición ____________________________

Esta solicitud también se puede hacer por email o internet. Escribanos a: OrandoConJesusYMaria@stmartha.co o en el web site: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625
**Ministerio Hispano**

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**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

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**Convalidación de Matrimonios:**

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

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**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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**RICA**

El proceso del Precatecumenado está comenzando y los interesados en iniciarse o completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación) aún estan a tiempo de unirse al grupo. El equipo del RICA te invita a que vengas a conocer mas a Jesus 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.

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**Clases de Bautizo:**

NO HABRA CLASES DE BAUTIZOS NI Bautizos EN EL MES DE JULIO.

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**En la esencia de nuestra humanidad está la intersección de la sexualidad y la espiritualidad.**

**Sábado 30 de agosto, 2014**

**8:00 AM - 2:00PM**

**Parroquia San Leo Magno**

**2131 Lauder Rd.**

**Houston, TX 77039**

**Para toda la familia apropiado para adolescentes y adultos. Aplicable para casados y solteros.**

$30 por persona • $35 en la puerta (Incluye libro de estudio y almuerzo)

Para más información contacte a:

Jay Reyna (281)638-0277 / José Mondragon (832) 877-6458
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**ACTS RETREAT**
Chuck Rodine ACTSCore@StMartha-ACTS.org

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### GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 5 & 6
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

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Special collections: Capital Campaign  $8,922
Martha’s Kitchen  $6,986
Priest Retirement Res.  $650
Archdiocese SVDP  $255
Peter’s Pence  $355
Current Loan Debt: $15,068,017
2014 DSF Goal: $295,000
Payments to date: $242,516