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.

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.
We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

**Psalm** — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

**Second Reading** — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

**Gospel** — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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**READING FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday: St. Bridget

Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhluf

Friday: St. James

Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.”

- Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds,” blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow “good seeds” on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join the KALISH 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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./July 21**

8:30 am †Jim Schod

**Tues./July 22**

8:30 am †Jorge Muller

7:00 pm †Janet Girolamo

**Wed./July 23**

8:30 am †Dr. John D. Barone

10:00 am †Clotilde Inez Pinedo

**Thurs./July 24**

6:30 am †Peter Tran

8:30 am †Robert Guillerman

**Fri./July 25**

8:30 am †In honor of St. Ann

**Sat./July 26**

5:30 pm †James McIver

**Sun./July 27**

7:00 am †Lyle McCable

9:00 am †Maria Antonieta Salazar

11:00 am †Donald Hogan

1:00 pm †Teresa Parissi

5:30 pm †Gloria Rita Barbacane

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Josue Castro Guerrero
Victor Joseph Canales (son of Victor and Gloria Canales)
Helene Guilmette (wife of Claude Guilmette)
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
Aida Green

From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time we listen to three of the parables of Jesus as recorded by the evangelist Matthew. Each parable appeals to our common ordinary experience and helps us understand how the Kingdom of Heaven takes root in our lives. The latter two parables speak of the Kingdom as something small and seemingly insignificant (a tiny mustard seed and yeast hidden within flour) but possessing the creative energy of God. However, my favorite of the three is the first parable. Like last Sunday’s story, the Kingdom is compared to a farmer who sows seed in the soil. What is different in this parable is that a second person comes along and sows weeds among the wheat. In spite of the suggestion to rid the field of the weeds, the farmer decides to let the good and bad seed grow to maturity together. “If you pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.” The decision is made to be patient and wait. It is best to allow God’s judgment to make the final assessment.

The parable suggests a healthy realism about ordinary human life and encourages a kind of tolerance with ourselves and with others that is prudent and quite necessary at times. Most of us realize after we have lived life for a while that nothing is perfect in this world. We soon arrive at the painful realization that every group to which we belong is flawed to some degree: one’s ethnic group, family, close friends, colleagues at work, and even church leaders. A concern for absolute purity and perfection can actually be destructive. We live in a world whose dominant values are rarely those preached by Jesus or espoused by some of our own elected officials. It is hard to know what to do or say when confronted by such opposing forces. At times it is even difficult to communicate a conviction about Kingdom values to our children and close friends. We are tempted to despair or to lash out at the destructive presence of “weeds” in our lives. Jesus assures us through this parable that God’s grace and presence remain active in our lives. Essentially the “Kingdom of Heaven” is about the power of God that is generously bestowed upon us humans. Everything depends radically upon God and God’s grace, but it flows out to the world through human instruments like ourselves whom God has called and gifted. Most often the Kingdom of Heaven works its effect in the quiet and surprising way that wheat grows even when planted alongside weeds. Let us be aware that through Baptism God’s Kingdom has already been planted in our hearts and God continues to nurture the growth of that Kingdom in us on a daily basis and especially when we gather for Eucharist.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF ST. MARTHA
You are invited to attend the 7 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, July 29th, to celebrate the Feast of St. Martha, our parish patron. A reception will follow Mass in the Narthex. Please come and enjoy the fellowship with other parishioners on this special occasion.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Friday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation).
Vigil, August 14:
7:30 p.m.
Feast Day, August 15:
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 15.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, July 26 & 27, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
SMCS has the following openings for the 2014-15 school year:
• Middle School Social Studies Teacher
• Technology Teacher
• Part-Time Advancement Director
For more information, please contact the school office at 281-358-5523 and ask for Mrs. Lewis.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH AUGUST 3. WE WILL RE-OPEN WITH REGULAR 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. August dates: 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.

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.

Day of Prayer for Caregivers
“Come Away with Me” Day of Prayer for Caregivers of Children and Adults with Disabilities to be offered on Saturday, August 9 from 10 - 4:30 p.m. at the Cenacle Retreat House, 420 N. Kirkwood, Houston, 77079. Cost: $30, includes lunch. Presented by Linda Robison. Co-sponsored by the Ministry with Persons with Disabilities. Registration: Call 713-741-8791.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 11 a.m., one week prior to publication. (Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)
Submit announcements by: E-mail : jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or * Fax to 281-358-7973.

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

**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.

**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.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
Have some fun! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, July 23, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Zachary’s Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**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

**Men’s ACTS Retreat - September 11-14, 2014**
Registration for the September Men’s (English) ACTS Retreat will be held in the Narthex on August 2 & 3 after the English Masses, and on August 10 after the Spanish Mass. 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.
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. When we help others, we feel better.

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? E-mail: 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

Swing into Action!

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

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.
ST. MARTHA SCHOOL SCOOPS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SMCS has the following openings for the 2014-15 school year:

- Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Technology Teacher
- Part-Time Advancement Director

For more information, please contact the school office at 281-358-5523 and ask for Mrs. Lewis.

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

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.

Attention Texas A&M and Blinn (Bryan) Incoming Freshman and Transfer Students

St. Mary’s Catholic Center at Texas A&M University in College Station invites each incoming freshman and transfer student to one of the two Connect 2014 Retreats: Monday, August 25 through Tuesday, August 26; OR Friday, August 29 through Saturday, August 30. Connect 2014 is a great way to start college life, learn about the dynamic Catholic presence at TAMU and make new friends. For more information or to register, call 979-846-5717 or visit www.aggiecatholic.org/connect.

Youth Events / Parenting

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all those who made SHINE 2014 possible! It is through your donations to Operation Paint Brush, participation in SHINE Stock, and support through the car wash that this mission trip is possible. In addition, thank you for your prayers for our youth and chaperones who attended the camp in Moore, OK. The week was filled with faithful service, hard work, prayer and praise and worship. It is an amazing site to see the youth transform over the week and to witness them grow in their faith through their actions of helping others by painting houses, cleaning, yard work, serving meals, and much more! Thank you for making it possible for our youth to receive hands on experience of serving others through Christ.

EDGE NIGHT Extravaganza

FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!

Monday, July 28
[6:30 PM – 12:00 AM]

At St. Martha’s Family Life Center (FLC)

Bring a snack to share, otherwise it’s FREE!

Come enjoy the EDGE night experience and then stay for hours of more FUN! There will be pizza, prayer, games and more games!

*Stop by the Faith Formation Office to fill out a permission form or email:
Lisa Lucas: lisal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OFFER MASS CARDS
Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00 -4:00. Cards are $3.00 per person/$4.00 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25.00 for perpetual remembrances. All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

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.

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.

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:
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.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
En este domingo 16th del Tiempo Ordinario escuchamos tres de las parábolas de Jesús según lo registrado por el evangelista Mateo. Cada parábola apela a nuestra vida ordinaria y nos ayuda a entender cómo el Reino de los Cielos se arraiga en nuestras vidas. Las dos últimas parábolas hablan del Reino como algo pequeño y aparentemente insignificante (una pequeña semilla de mostaza y levadura escondida en la harina), pero que posee la energía creativa de Dios. Sin embargo, mi favorita de las tres es la primera parábola. Al igual que la historia del pasado domingo, el Reino es comparado a un agricultor que siembra la semilla en el suelo. Lo que es diferente en esta parábola es que una segunda persona viene y siembra cizaña entre el trigo. A pesar de la sugerencia de eliminar el campo de las malas hierbas, el agricultor decide dejar que la semilla buena y mala crezcan juntas hasta la madurez. "Si al arrancar la cizaña, es posible arrancar también el trigo con ellos. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta la siega". La decisión tomada es de ser paciente y esperar. Lo mejor es permitir que el juicio de Dios haga la evaluación final. La parábola sugiere un sano realismo acerca de la vida humana ordinaria y alienta una especie de tolerancia con nosotros mismos y con los demás que es prudente y muy necesario a veces. La mayoría de nosotros nos damos cuenta después de haber vivido la vida durante un tiempo que nada es perfecto en este mundo. Pronto llegamos a la dolorosa conclusión de que todos los grupos a los que pertenecemos son deficiente en algún grado: un grupo étnico, familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo, e incluso los líderes de la iglesia. La preocupación por la pureza absoluta y la perfección en realidad puede ser destructivo. Vivimos en un mundo cuyos valores dominantes son raramente aquellos predicados por Jesús o propugnado por algunos de nuestros funcionarios electos. Es difícil saber qué hacer ni qué decir cuando se enfrentan a este tipo de fuerzas opuestas. A veces es incluso difícil de comunicar una convicción acerca de los valores del Reino a nuestros hijos y amigos cercanos. Estamos tentados a la desesperación o al arremeter contra la presencia destructiva de "malas hierbas" en nuestras vidas. Jesús nos asegura a través de esta parábola que la gracia y la presencia de Dios permanecen activas en nuestras vidas. Todo depende radicalmente de Dios y la gracia de Dios, sino que fluye hacia el mundo a través de instrumentos humanos como nosotros, a quienes Dios ha llamado y dotado. Muy a menudo el Reino de los Cielos funciona de una forma tranquila y sorprendente y que el trigo crece incluso cuando se planta junto a las malas hierbas. Seamos conscientes de que a través de esta parábola la gracia y la presencia de Dios permanecen activas en nuestras vidas. En esencia, el "Reino de los Cielos" es acerca del poder de Dios que generosamente se nos otorgado a nosotros los seres humanos. Todo depende radicalmente de Dios y la gracia de Dios, sino que fluye hacia el mundo a través de instrumentos humanos como nosotros, a quienes Dios ha llamado y dotado. Muy a menudo el Reino de los Cielos funciona de una forma tranquila y sorprendente y que el trigo crece incluso cuando se planta junto a las malas hierbas. Seamos conscientes de que a través de esta parábola la gracia y la presencia de Dios permanecen activas en nuestras vidas. En esencia, el "Reino de los Cielos" es acerca del poder de Dios que generosamente se nos otorgado a nosotros los seres humanos. Todo depende radicalmente de Dios y la gracia de Dios, sino que fluye hacia el mundo a través de instrumentos humanos como nosotros, a quienes Dios ha llamado y dotado. Muy a menudo el Reino de los Cielos funciona de una forma tranquila y sorprendente y que el trigo crece incluso cuando se planta junto a las malas hierbas.

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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.

16º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Las lecturas del día de hoy nos hablan primero de un Dios bueno, clemente y rico en misericordia; que da lugar al arrepentimiento. Dios es ese Padre amoroso en espera del hijo pródigo, siempre con los brazos abiertos y dispuesto a perdonarnos si nos arrepentimos y nos acercamos a Él.

En la lectura del Evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús habló en parábolas para describir el reino de los cielos. En la parábola de la cizaña en el campo, Jesús nos dice que la cizaña son los partidarios del maligno y que ellos serán arrojados al infierno. A veces vemos a estos partidarios del maligno como gente muy mala, completamente alejada de Dios, y no nos damos cuenta de que nosotros mismos, cuando nos alejamos de Dios por el pecado, estamos en contra de Dios. Jesús nos dice en Mateo 12, 30: El que no está conmigo, está contra mí.

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Payments to date: $ 248,583