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 Kleingutl, 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): .... ................................................. 10:00 AM
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 joyous 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 — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1-6).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28, Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Eudes
Wednesday: St. Bernard
Thursday: St. Pius X
Friday: Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Please join the Holden 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.

2014 Stewardship Renewal

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is not something new, but it does require constant renewal. Each year we pause as a parish to consider how we are doing on our stewardship journeys -- both as individuals, and collectively as a parish. This month, every registered family of St. Martha will receive a Stewardship Renewal Package in the mail. Enclosed in your Stewardship packet is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant this year goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out each day in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Please keep this covenant close by over the next year to help you remember the commitment made between you and God. Additional copies are available in the parish office, on the parish website and in the Narthex (on the ministry cart).

This year’s Renewal also consists of three different weekends designed to learn more about parish ministries. You will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

August 23 & 24: Faith Formation and Liturgy Ministries
September 27 & 28: Community Life Ministries
October 25 & 26: Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)

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Charles F. Fish (brother of George Fish)
Catharine Stryjak
Catherine Cook (mother of Donna Rueby)
Tomasita Lambert
Dorothy Rodine (Mother of Chuck Rodine)
Georgina Sancho Avila

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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Edward F. Keelen
Bernard McCann, Kathy Unger, Veronica Alanis, Jim & Rhonda Rutt, Waldon Landry, Angie Stanczak, Bohumil Greif, Ada Greif, Barbara Taverante, Shannon McAlister, Laura Hoffman, Josie Perez, M. Edward Baasen

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak of the mission given to the Church that we welcome all to the “house of God.” The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah reveals God’s desire that “all nations” embrace the gift of salvation: “All who keep the Sabbath … and hold to my covenant; them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer.” This biblical theme is reflected in the “welcome mosaic” which is above the main entrance to our church: the Lord Jesus welcoming all people to God’s house. When the planning committee was considering this mosaic, the members wanted to convey several important ideas in this beautiful piece of art. They wanted to connect this important teaching of the Bible to our mission of hospitality as a parish faith community. The name of our parish is “Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, the Friends of Jesus” and there has been a tradition since our founding that we learn to live as friends of Jesus and reach out to others and make them feel welcome. In addition, the deepest longings of each human person is the gift of eternal salvation offered to us by the Lord Jesus. As is described in our church brochure recalling the dedication of our new church, “The welcome mosaic is just that, an invitation from Jesus, eager for us to come together as one, as He gives us the gift of Himself.”

The Gospel text continues this theme and teaches an important lesson about our mission of hospitality. Matthew tells the story of a woman who asks Jesus for the healing of her tormented daughter. The woman is a Canaanite, a member of the people that Israel had conquered when they took possession of the Promised Land. At the time of Christ (and much like Israel today) there existed blatant hostility on the part of Jesus’ contemporaries towards the Canaanites. The early Church would struggle mightily to deal with such tensions when the disciples were sent to preach the Gospel “to all nations” and not simply to their fellow Jews. Thus, it seems that the evangelist Matthew includes this strange encounter to indicate that even Jesus came to see that this Canaanite woman also deserved loving acceptance as a child of God. At the heart of this Gospel teaching is the need for the Church to be truly catholic in her proclamation of the Good News and in the way the Church lives out this message in its missionary outreach. Sadly such tensions continue to exist in our world and at times even in our faith communities. We are all in need of being purified by the grace of God. There is a great deal of “missionary work” still to be done in our time. To be missionary means to find those places or situations where Christ is not known or accepted fully and to bring the presence of Jesus there. Such missionary work is not accomplished simply by preaching or teaching about Christianity. Rather it is done by being Christian in our ordinary lives and by reaching out to all.

Fr. Chester Borski

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. The first School Mass for the 2014-2015 school year is Wednesday, August 27.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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: 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 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.

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.

**FAMILIA**

Mothers of Young Children - Want an opportunity to grow in solid friendships with other moms, explore who you are as a woman, wife and mother in the light of your faith and learn practical tools that can be applied right away? Our Motherhood Series begins with "Called to Authentic Feminism" based on Saint John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women. Morning and evening teams are forming now! The morning team will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 9:30 -11 AM in the FLC. Babysitting is provided for the morning team. $32 / workbook. Contact: Amy Jamieson at jamiesonamy23@gmail.com.

Husbands and Fathers - Experience friendship with other Catholic men as you focus on Fathers and Christian Marriage. Learn how you can live your vocation more deeply as a husband and father. Open to men of all ages, our men's team will meet twice monthly. $30 / workbook. Contact John Ehlig at 832-978-2481 or jjehlig@gmail.com.

Familia is sponsored by Cana Family Institute.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Summertime=BBQ! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, August 20 to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in Atascocita area. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**MEN’S ACTS RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2014**

Registration for the September Men's (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. 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.

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
The 3rd of 4 PARISH BLOOD DRIVES for 2014 is scheduled for today, August 17, from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM at the Activity Center. Walk-ins are always welcome. The Knights of Columbus want to thank St. Martha parish for generously giving the gift of life.

Volunteers needed for Martha’s Gardeners!!!

If you are interested, please e-mail Wayne Theis at wayne.theis@suddenlink.net

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An invitation to You, a family member, friend or neighbor

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics, of any age, to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for YOU! Please join us for informal listening/discussion sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Church and the community at St. Martha’s. Big welcome mat out for all of you! Next session starts on Sept. 9 – Oct. 15, 2014, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Woodland Hills campus, Room 3. We would love to meet you there!

If you would like more information or to be a participant of one of the sessions, please contact Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com

* Babysitting is available upon request.
* All that choose to participate in this program do so in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

We’re BAAAAAACK with a NEW NAME -
The Senior Citizen Luncheon has a new and improved name - we are now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon".
This is a get together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Our first meeting for the Fall will be on Wednesday, September 10th at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm.
If you are new to our community, try us out. If you've been before, we welcome you back. Bring a friend and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com or Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

VIRTUS WORKSHOP
A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. the Family Life Center. No late admittance after 6:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive by 6:00 to get paperwork.

You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.
You must attend a VIRTUS workshop to volunteer or work with children and youth in the parish, school, or any church related organization. Please register for the workshop at www.archgh.org. Select the Safe Environment icon on the bottom of the screen. Then select Register & Attend a “Protecting God’s Children Workshop” to view a listing of sessions by date and to register for a session. This class is for adults 18 and older.

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Due to Labor Day, we will meet the 2nd Monday. 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 September 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 1 (Library) Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com.

VIRTUS KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE WORKSHOP (Refresher Course)
A VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Alive workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Saturday, September 6th, at 9 a.m. in the Activity Center (Woodland Hills Campus). Please plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to get paperwork. You must bring a current driver's license, I.D. or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS. This is a refresher course and is for adults 18 and older.
Please register for the workshop at www.virtus.org. Then select Registration and view a listing of sessions by date. Please do NOT create a new account. If you cannot remember your original account login, please e-mail Angela Whitley at angelaw@stmartha.com for account information.

Youth Events / Parenting

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!
There will be a meeting for all Seniors on Tuesday, August 19 at 6 p.m. in the Parlor Room at the new church. We want to make your senior year one you will never forget, so please be sure to join us! We will also be taking our St. Martha Senior Picture at this time.

• Laura Zeoli: lauraz@stmartha.com (281) 358-1959 ext. 252
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.

CCE & LIFETEEN

Register for CCE & Lifeteen in the Faith Formation Office during regular office hours
Or
After all English Masses the weekend of August 23 & 24

Faith Formation enrollment includes about 2,000 students! Parents & Parishioners are encouraged to consider sharing Our Faith with the children of St. Martha! If you are interested in joining the team of Catechists, sign up during Registration or Email: Pattyjost@stmartha.com with the time & grade you are interested in!

ALTAR SERVER RECERTIFICATION AND NEW TRAINING

Current Altar Servers: Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 23rd, from 9 am to Noon in the Church for recertification. There will be a half hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction and a pizza lunch.

New Servers: Anyone in 6th Grade to 12th Grade who would like to be an Altar Server should come to the Church on Saturday, August 23rd, at 9 am to register and be trained, joining the current Servers who will be recertified. For more information, please call Gayle Hogwood at 281-713-8959 or e-mail: gayleh@stmartha.com.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process that traditionally begins freshman year but is open to all high school students.

FIRST YEAR – DISCIPLESHIP
All freshman (9th grade students) and any first year candidates must attend the mandatory Student and Parent Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center (FLC).

SECOND YEAR - APOSTLESHIP
Candidates that have fulfilled the responsibilities of the first year should have received a letter sent out on May 1st detailing the process for registration for this upcoming year. If you did not receive this letter then please visit the parish website for more information.

Derek Gallardo at derekg@stmartha.com or 281.713.8915

Cub Scout Registration & Orientation
Tuesday, August 26, 2014
5:30 to 7:00 pm (open house)
Youth Center, Woodland Hills Campus

Sign up for Cub Scouts and then meet & greet the den leaders!
Pack 1727 is open to all boys who are members of the parish and will be entering 1st through 5th grade.
**You are cordially Invited to Serra Club**  
**Northeast of Houston’s First Monthly Meeting**

Serra Club Northeast of Houston is a newly Chartered Club in our area.  
Serra’s mission is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.  
Membership is open to all Catholics.  
Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.  
Join Us for Dinner, Drinks and Program on  
Monday, August 25, 2014  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Italiano’s Restaurant  
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas  

Our guest speaker this month will be Father Felix Osasona MSP from St. Mary Magdalene in Humble.  
Father Felix will tell us how his religious community in Nigeria came to serve in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and how he and his brother priests plan to offer pastoral ministry in the area.  
The cost will be $15.00 per person  
RSVP: Please call Ted Wandstrat, (281) 359-4594, or email Diddy Muck: muck@kingwoodcable.net

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**St. Martha Festival and Fall Market**  
Saturday, Oct 11th from Noon to 8 p.m. at the New Campus!!!  
This year’s festival will have great food, exciting games, amazing entertainment, captivating fall market & auctions  
ALL at Family friendly prices.

**Fall Market**  
Ministries, clubs, and businesses alike will have the opportunity to rent a space and showcase their products. Space is limited. For an application to participate in this year’s Fall Market contact: Carmen Arteaga at stmarthafallmarket@gmail.com

**Silent Auction**  
Ministries are encouraged to submit items/baskets for the Silent Auction. Each ministry will receive 90% of the final bid price of each item! The other 10% will help cover the cost of the tent. Ministries can submit as many silent auction items as they want! For details contact: Emma Rocha at EmmaR@stmartha.com

**Live Auction**  
We are currently looking for higher value, uniquely wonderful items packages to place in the live auction. All proceeds from the live auction will go to defray the cost of the festival and reduce our debt. For more information contact: Melva DeBoise at melvadeboise@aol.com

**Raffle Tickets**  
Ticket sale prices: 1 for $5 or 11 for $50. $1 from each ticket sold may be donated to ministry of your choice. 3 great prizes!! See tickets for details. Sale after masses will begin 8:30-31. Ministry leads can get a jump on sales. Early pickup of tickets in Parish Office the week of 8/18.

Just want to help work the festival? We'd love to have you!  
Contact Kathy Remkes at Kathy.Remkes@suddenlink.net

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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.
Taller de VIRTUS “Manteniendo la Promesa Viva” en español:
Este taller es solamente para los que ya han tomado el primer curso de VIRTUS “Protegiendo los Niños de Dios” y han pasado cinco años desde que lo tomo.

El curso será en la antigua sede de Santa Martha el miércoles, 3 de septiembre
A las 6:30 p.m. en el Salón 2 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood, TX 77339

Favor de inscribirse en www.virtus.org. Si acaso se le olvido la contraseña o clave de acceso favor de escribir a Angela Whitley al angelaw@stmartha.com para información sobre su cuenta. Favor de no abrir una cuenta nueva.

Debido al contenido, material y cambios en el procedimiento de inscripción, no se olvide que tiene que traer una identificación con foto vigente en donde tenga sus datos igual a los que están en su preinscripción de VIRTUS. Usted deberá llegar 30 minutos antes. No se permitirá llegar tarde. Si llega tarde, tendrá que volver a inscribirse para otra fecha. No se permiten menores de edad en el taller. ¡No hay excepciones!

Taller de VIRTUS “Maintaining the Promise Alive” in Spanish:
This workshop is only for those who have already taken the first course of VIRTUS “Protecting the Children of God” and have passed five years since they took it.

The workshop will be at the old St. Martha’s, Wednesday, September 3rd
At 6:30 p.m. in Hall 2 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood, TX 77339

Please register at www.virtus.org. If you forgot your password or access code, please write to Angela Whitley at angelaw@stmartha.com for information about your account. Please do not open a new account.

Due to content, material and changes in the registration process, please do not forget to bring an ID with photo that matches the information on your preregistration for VIRTUS. You must arrive 30 minutes before. No one under 18 years of age can attend the workshop. No exceptions!

Ministerio de la Cárcel
Estamos necesitando voluntarios para asistir al Houston Processing Center. En este centro están detenidos las personas detenidas por ICE. Estos hermanos y hermanas necesitan de que alguien les lleve el mensaje de esperanza que nos da el Evangelio. Nos urgen cinco voluntarios varones que puedan asistir Miércoles o Jueves de 7-9 p.m. Por favor comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857
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everista Mateo incluye este extraño encuentro para indicar
que incluso Jesús vino a ver que esta mujer cananea también me-
recía la aceptación amorosa como una hija de Dios. En el cora-
zón de esta enseñanza del Evangelio se ve la necesidad de que la
Iglesia sea verdaderamente católica en su proclamación de la
Buena Nueva y en la forma en que la Iglesia vive este mensaje
en su proyección misionera. Lamentablemente esas tensiones
siguen existiendo en nuestro mundo y, a veces incluso en nues-
tras comunidades de fe. Todos tenemos la necesidad de ser pu-
ificada por la gracia de Dios. Hay una gran cantidad de “trabajo
misionero” que queda por hacer en nuestro tiempo. Ser misionero
significa encontrar esos lugares o situaciones donde Cristo no es
conocido o aceptado plenamente y enseñar la presencia de Jesús
allí. Este tipo de trabajo misionero no se logra simple-
mente con la predicación o la enseñanza sobre el cris-
tianismo. Más bien se hace por ser cristiano en nuestra
vida cotidiana y por llegar a todos.

Fr. Chester Borski

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

Las Misa de Celebración de Aniversario en
- honor a las parejas que celebran sus bodas de Oro
(50th) y que contrajeron matrimonio por la Iglesia
Católica en 1964; se llevará a cabo el día domingo
26 de Octubre en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Co-
razón a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todas las parejas
inscritas de antemano y que asistan, o no, a la cer-
emonia, recibirán un reconocimiento especial firm-
ado por su Eminencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo.
La pareja que desee participar en esta ceremonia,
debía inscribirse electrónicamente en el siguiente
sito del internet:
http://archgh.event.com/50weddinganniversary
Por favor no deje ningún espacio en blanco en la
forma de inscripción e igualmente asegúrese de
escribir el nombre de la pareja de la forma como
quiere que aparezcan en las publicaciones impre-
sas. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 29 de
septiembre hasta la media noche. Después de ter-
minado el plazo de inscripción, la Oficina del Min-
istério de Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis no
recibirá ninguna inscripción adicional. Ninguna
inscripción se confirmará si no se puede verificar
la información de la boda católica y/o si no se rec-
ibe el valor de la inscripción de $25 dólares por
pareja antes del 29 de septiembre. Podrá asistir
con 6 familiares o amigos, máximo.

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 algun Ministerio Hispano favor de llamar a
Ana Luisa Rodriguez al 281-358-1959 x 269.

Bautizos: Se cancelan los Bautizos para el mes de
Agosto. Las clases y los Bautizos resumen en el
mes de septiembre. Para más información, favor de
llamar a la Sra. Luisa Montiel al 713-492-4066 o
por email al: bautizos@stmartha.co.
Ministerio Hispano

20º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
En varios pasajes del Evangelio vemos ejemplos de personas que se acercaron a Jesús buscando ser curados o pidiendo a Jesús que curara a alguna otra persona. Así vemos a la mujer que se curó al tocar el manto de Jesús, al ciego que gritaba insistientemente al que Jesús devolvió la vista, al centurión Romano que pide a Jesús que cure a su sirviente, al padre de la niña que Jesús revierte y otros más. Por otro lado vemos ejemplos, como el del Evangelio de la semana pasada en el que Pedro, después de haber confiado en Jesús, duda y se empieza a hinchar en el lago. La Fe es algo muy poderoso, Jesús mismo nos dice que si tuviéramos la Fe del tamaño de un grano de mostaza, moveríamos montañas. Pero para que esto suceda tenemos que creer de todo corazón, con toda nuestra mente y con todo nuestro espíritu, que lo que estamos pidiendo se nos va a conceder. Jesús nos ama y quiere lo mejor para nosotros, así que si lo que le pedimos con Fe es para nuestro bien, seguramente nos lo va a conceder. La Fe también es un acto de humildad, ya que nosotros, reconociendo nuestras criaturas, pedimos favores a nuestro creador. Reconozcamos que somos limitados y necesitamos de Dios para salvarnos y pedimosle diariamente su ayuda para lograrlo.

Compromiso de la semana: Repetiré diariamente la siguiente oración: “Señor, aumenta mi Fe” y meditaré sobre la oración del Credo.

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

Cáliz de Vocaciones:
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar. Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 732-514-5741 o por email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

Monaguillos: Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 732-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

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

Proyecto Gabriel
¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda emocional o espiritual durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826

Catecismo:
Las inscripciones del Catecismo 2014-2015 comenzaran a partir del 3 de agosto de 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. en la Oficina del Catecismo localizada en 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood, TX 77339.

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RICA
No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no estás confirmado!!!!
Piensas que como no lo hiciste de niño es muy difícil recibirlos como adulto?
Conoces a alguien que no tiene todos sus sacramentos?
No es difícil. Nosotros te ayudamos en el proceso. Pero tu tienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co. hoy mismo!!!!!