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 Kleingueli, 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
Saturday: .............. 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** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah’s heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus’ sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30; or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Wednesday:** St. Gregory the Great

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join the Benvegnu 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.

**Pro-Life Mass & Rosary:**

Every 1st Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Please join us Saturday, September 6.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Sept. 1**

8:30 am †Tom & Dennie Vallyardo

**Tues./Sept. 2**

8:30 am †Melinda Kay Cox Walters

7:00 pm †Dell Bradshaw

**Wed./Sept. 3**

8:30 am †Kevin Briones

10:00 am Dr. Charles & Rosalie Matassa

**Thurs./Sept. 4**

6:30 am †Stephan LaRosa

8:30 am †Rita Leahy

**Fri./Sept. 5**

8:30 am †Christine Beseda

**Sat./Sept. 6**

10:00 am †Pro-Life Mass

**Sun./Sept. 7**

5:30 pm †Merilyn Deane

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

Carlos Freyre (brother of Edda Morton)

Linda Rogers

Perlita Micu Campbell, M.D.

Carlie Coble (husband of Shawn Coble)

Gill Price

Rudolph Farias III


**2014 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

THANK YOU!!!!!

To those who spoke at Mass, to the ministry representatives who were present after each Mass, to the parishioners who visited the tables in the Narthex, and to all who have taken the time to fill out their Stewardship Covenant, THANK YOU for your generous participation in this year’s Stewardship Renewal. If you haven’t filled out your Stewardship Covenant, it’s not too late! Every family is asked to participate in our Stewardship Renewal. You will also have an opportunity on the following week-ends to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up.

Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass: Monday, Sept. 1: Wendy Brandt, Tom Shannon, Heather Leonardis, Jon Justice

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Stephen LaRosa, Dr. Charles & Rosalie Matassa, Ricardo Reynolds


Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. The next school Mass is Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.

THANK YOU!!!!!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scriptural message for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is quite timely for all who desire to be followers of Jesus in today’s world: Christian discipleship is not for wimps! The first reading is from the Prophet Jeremiah who laments his vocation as a prophet. He must call the people of Israel to stop hiding from the reality of their lives of comfort and face up to their sins and failings. They are to commit themselves to becoming the people of God in deed and not just in word. And for preaching this message from God, Jeremiah became an outcast from his own people. He was ridiculed and persecuted by those whom he confronted with the truth. The account from Matthew’s Gospel has an even more demanding quality. Jesus introduces to his disciples the fact of his approaching suffering and death. Peter, whom Jesus has just named the “rock” or foundation of the Church, objected to this idea and Jesus reacts strongly to Peter’s failure to understand the value of suffering for the sake of the Kingdom: “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.” Then Jesus goes on to explain this teaching in a puzzling sort of way, almost like a riddle. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for the sake of the Lord will save it. Jesus demands of any disciple that he or she embrace the way of the cross as a way of life.

It is no small matter that the Catholic Church asks her members to live under the sign of the Cross, in worship and in life. We are asked at our Baptism to die in order to live with Christ. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we commemorate and unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. In our personal lives we grow spiritually by learning to accept our cross as a way that leads to salvation. The cross has never been an easy sell. Our age of comfortable living and technology creates particular difficulties. Some church groups that claim to be Christian have all but eliminated the cross from their teaching and their worship. Before starting a congregation in suburban areas, some church organizers do a “market study” or survey to determine what people will accept. The cross is usually not very high on the list and thus it becomes of low priority in the pulpit message in those congregations. Studies seem to suggest that initially large numbers flock to these “non-denominational churches” but a gospel with few demands and anchored primarily in the power of positive-thinking brings little lasting meaning and joy. Let our prayer be that of St. Paul who expressed his deepest desire in this way: “I wish to know Christ and the power flowing from his resurrection; likewise to know how to share in His sufferings by being formed into the pattern of His death. Thus do I hope that I may arrive at resurrection from the dead.”

Fr. Chester Borski

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office and Faith Formation Office will be closed Mon., Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

A St. Martha Town Hall Forum

The 2014 Parish Survey: The Results Are In!
Where Do We Go From Here?

Please join your fellow parishioners for a Town Hall Forum
September 3, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Family Life Center
On the Faith Formation Campus
(Woodland Hills Campus)

“In February, parishioners of St. Martha were invited to participate in a survey regarding how well we are carrying out our mission. Please join us to hear what we are doing well and what we need to do better to engage and enhance our Catholic community. I would like your input.”

-An invitation from Monsignor Chester Borski
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
You deserve some fun! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, a MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wed., Sept. 3, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 p.m. at Chipotle Mexican Grill, 10035 FM 1960 (outer loop of Deerbrook Mall). On Saturday, Sept. 6, join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martha’s; meal afterwards at Fuddruckers, 4360 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 p.m. 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 St. Martha’s website.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Sunday Morning: “Knowing and Living Our Catholic Faith” Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”. Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. This semester we will be focusing on “Knowing and Living Our Faith”. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! Begins September 14, 10:45 am – 11:45 am, Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2. Series Dates: Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, Dec. 7, 14.
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. September Dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

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.

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 jehlig@gmail.com.
Familia is sponsored by Cana Family Institute.

PROJECT RACHEL
New Class Starting September 30th
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.

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.

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 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.
AN INVITATION TO YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

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. 14, 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.

THE CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

“...Get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! ...Turn then and live.”
If this sounds like something Pope Francis might preach, think again! These words come from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Join us for a new, exciting Cornerstone Scripture Study:

The Prophets of the Old Testament

Come, join us to learn about the mission of these chosen “messengers of God.” Be inspired by their call to personal conversion and reconciliation. Be renewed in God's promise of love and unfailing mercy!

When:
Ladies’ groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
Ladies’ groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - 12 Noon

(Childcare available Wednesday class only)

Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish – Tues. 7:00 – 9:00 PM

All Are Welcome
Visitor’s Day for inquiries: Day class: September 17th
Evening class: September 23rd

Where: Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
Evening class – Adult Faith Formation classroom 2

To Register or questions Contact:
English: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net
Spanish speakers: Zuri Jackson, (281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

Little Rock’s Scripture Study combines personal Bible reading and study, small-group faith sharing, lecture and prayer in an informal setting. Come join us and learn to make the real connection between your faith and your everyday life.

Title of Study: HEBREWS
Number of sessions: 7
Day, Tim & Place: Monday mornings starting Sept. 22, 9:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center
Fee: $15 to be paid at first session
Babysitting available
Registration: Contact Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603 or e-mail edithkb@kingwoodcable.net

Questions? Contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” St. Jerome

Examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider your role in the kingdom of God today as we journey through this study of the Book of Hebrews.

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**MARTHA’S KITCHEN NEWS!!**

Thank you for your continued support to Martha’s Kitchen! We are praying for school administrators, teachers and students as the new school year starts. If you would like to donate to our ministry, please use your special Martha’s Kitchen envelopes and mark your check “For Martha’s Kitchen”, or use Faith Direct, and another option is to check out your retirement matching funds program and designate Martha’s Kitchen as your ministry of choice. Be sure to remember Martha’s Kitchen as the ministry of choice when you purchase the St. Martha Festival and Fall Market Raffle Tickets! May God continue to shine His light on you and your family.  

NOTE: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

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**Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Team Meeting**

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Ministry will meet on Tues., Sept. 9th, at 7 p.m. in FLC Room 6. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend. 2nd Family is always in need of new team members. Volunteers only need to give 3 or 4 hours a month. This is the first of only 3 meetings that will be held this year.

Second Family Care Team is a ministry that reaches out to care for those who are living with long term or terminal illnesses or seniors in need. If you would like to become a member of a Second Family Care Circle or know someone in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you are invited to the meeting or to call Peggy Wehe 281-360-3244 or email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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**CARE GIVER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN KINGWOOD**

The annual Care Giver Conference sponsored by Interfaith Care Partners of Houston will be held Saturday, October 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Lake Houston Parkway. Workshops include Compassionate Communication, Stages of Alzheimer’s, Family Dynamic; Blessing & Difficulties in Caregiving with Siblings & Family Members, Senior Living Options, Elder Law, and The Working Caregiver among other topics. Adult Respite care and lunch are provided. Registration is free by calling 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancy1@stmartha.com or Nancy Landvogt, 713-594-4430.

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**DIVORCE SUPPORT Catholic Program for MEN & WOMEN at St. Anthony’s in The Woodlands. 12-week program begins on Wednesday, September 10, 7pm, Room 204. Register at www.staoptw.org/marriagematters. This professional DVD program provides individual reflective time for hope and healing, no matter how long it’s been. Pre-registered childcare available at the website. For more info, text or call 404-429-6412.**

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**VIRTUS WORKSHOP**

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. in 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](http://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.

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**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.

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**KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE**

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, ID 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.
St. Martha 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.
Parish Festival Raffle Tickets are available for pickup and purchase after Mass this weekend!!

Three exciting prizes targeted for ladies and men alike will be awarded (See below for description). Drawing will be on October 11th at the Festival. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 18 years of age are not eligible to win.

- 1st Prize - 1 pr 14k White Gold Diamond Earrings 1/2 ct TW Best Grade & a Dancing Diamonds Pendant Necklace 1/2 ct TW 14k White Gold on 16" chain (Purchased from Jewelers Bench)
- 2nd Prize - Large Green Egg (Outdoor Grill) with nest, side tables & plate setter (Purchased from Alsphaugh's ACE Hardware)
- 3rd Prize - Yeti Cooler 45 White - 9.4 gallon capacity (Purchased from Alspaugh's ACE Hardware)

$5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for prizes and pay down church debt. If you have any questions, contact John Hottovy, Raffle Ticket Coordinator @ 281-359-0543.

When purchasing raffle tickets, you may optionally designate $1 of each ticket purchased to go to the St Martha Ministry of your choice. Just note name of Ministry on back of ticket stub. Great way for Ministries to raise funds to do more of the Lord’s work that they feel passionate about.

Raffle tickets can be picked up in the church office during normal business hours or in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends (tickets are numbered and need to be signed out):

- August 30 & 31st
- September 20 & 21st
- October 4 & 5th

To complete purchase of raffle tickets, take ticket stubs with completed information and payment (cash or check made out to St Martha Church) and drop them off at the church office or enclose them in a white small envelope and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass prior to October 6th. We request that you make timely return of any unsold raffle tickets in same manner prior to the Festival.
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**Stewardship Prayer for September:** The month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is September 15. All the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother are joined together with the passion and death of her son, Jesus Christ. And so we pray: Oh my Jesus, in your passion came true the prophecy of Simeon, that your mother would be pierced by a sword of immeasurable anguish and sorrow. Grant that as we who commemorate the memory of her grief, imitate her stewardship example and participate in a profound way in your redemptive work. Help us to embrace the journey of your passion, so that like Our Blessed Mother, your first and greatest disciple, we too may be brought from death to life by your cross and resurrection. We pray this to you, Christ, our Lord, Amen.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta, El mensaje de los textos para el Domingo 22 del Tiempo Ordinario es muy oportuna para todos los que quieren ser seguidores de Jesús en el mundo de hoy: el discipulado cristiano no es para los débiles! La primera lectura es del profeta Jeremías, que se lamenta de su vocación. La primera lectura es del profeta Jeremías, que se lamenta de su vocación. El debe llamar al pueblo de Israel a dejar de esconderse de la realidad de sus vidas de comodidad y hacer frente a sus pecados y faltas. Deben comprometerse a convertirse en el pueblo de Dios en acciones y no sólo de palabra. Y por predicar este mensaje de Dios, Jeremías se convirtió en un paria de su propia gente. Fue ridiculizado y perseguido por aquellos a los que se enfrentó con la verdad. El relato del Evangelio de Mateo tiene una calidad aún más exigente. Jesús presenta a sus discípulos el hecho de su sufrimiento y de la muerte que se acerca. Pedro, a quien Jesús acaba de nombrar la “roca” o fundación de la Iglesia, se opuso a esta idea y Jesús reacciona fuertemente al fracaso de Pedro a comprender el valor del sufrimiento por la causa del Reino: “¡Quitate de delante de mí, Satanás! Eres un obstáculo para mí”. Entonces Jesús pasa a explicar este enseñanza de una manera desconcertante, casi como un enigma. El que quiere salvar su vida la perderá y el que pierda su vida por la causa del Señor, la salvará. Jesús exige de cualquier discípulo que él o ella abracen el camino de la cruz como una forma de vida.

No es poca cosa que la Iglesia Católica pida a sus miembros a vivir bajo el signo de la Cruz, en el culto y en la vida. Se nos pide en nuestro Bautismo a morir para poder vivir con Cristo. Cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía, conmemoramos y unirnos al sacrificio de Jesús en la cruz. En nuestra vida personal crecemos espiritualmente, aprendemos a aceptar nuestra cruz como un camino que conduce a la salvación. La cruz nunca ha sido una venta fácil. Nuestra tiem- po de vida confortable y la tecnología crean dificultades parti- culares. Algunos grupos religiosos que dicen ser cristianos han eliminado la cruz de su enseñanza y de su culto. Antes de iniciar una congregación en áreas suburbanas, algunos organizadores de la iglesia hacen un "estudio de mercado" o encuesta para determinar lo que la gente va a aceptar. Por lo general la cruz no está muy alto en la lista y por lo tanto se convierte en una prioridad baja en el mensaje del púlpito en esas congregaciones. Los estudios parecen sugerir que en un principio un gran número acuden a estas "iglesias deprimi- dionales", con un evangelio con pocas exigencias y anclados principalmente en el poder del pensamiento posi- tivo-aporta poco significado duradero y alegría. Dijimos que nuestra oración sea como la de St. Paul, quien expresó su dese o más profundo de esta manera: “Quiero conocer a Cristo y el poder que fluye de su resurrección; asimismo sa- ber cómo compartir en sus sufrimientos por estar formado en el patrón de su muerte. Por lo tanto he esperado para que yo pueda llegar a la resu-urrección de entre los muertos”.

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 Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

Ministerio Hispano

22º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
“El que quiera venirse conmigo, que se niegue a sí mismo, que cargue su cruz y me siga. Si uno quiere salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que la pierda por mí la encontrará.” Jesús nos marca el camino para nuestra salvación en estas palabras a sus discípulos. El primer paso es negarnos a nosotros mismos y eso quiere decir que tenemos que decir no a todos los deseos de placer, honor, poder y riquezas que nos alejen de Dios. Poner los intereses de Dios antes que los nuestros. Para poder llenar nuestra vida de Dios, primero tenemos que va- cerla de nosotros mismos. El segundo paso es tomar nuestra cruz. Pero ¿Cómo saber cuál es nuestra cruz? Dios nos marca el camino a través de las personas y problemas que se nos presentan y nos pide que utilicemos nuestros talentos, aquellas habilidades que Él nos dio, para acercarnos más a Él y para servir a nuestro prójimo. El tercer paso es seguirlo y eso quiere decir tratar de ser cada vez más como Jesús. La santidad con- siste en pensar como Jesús, hablar como Jesús, actuar como Jesús y amar como Jesús.

Compromiso de la semana: Trataré de entender cuál es mi cruz, la aceptaré, la cargaré y seguiré a Jesús llevándola con gusto.

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 recibirlas 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. Comunicate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!!

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5. RICA
6. Convalidación de Matrimonios
7. Proyecto Raquél
8. Ministerio de Eventos
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Ministerio Hispano

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 tomaron.
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.
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Catecismo:
Las inscripciones del Catecismo 2014-2015 comenzaran a partir del 4 de agosto de 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. en la Oficina del Catecismo localizado en 3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339

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ESTUDIO CATÓLICO DE LAS ESCRITURAS
“... Renueven su corazón y su espíritu... Convéranse y vivirán.”
Si esto suena como algo que el Papa Francisco podría haber predicado, ¡piénsalo otra vez! Estas palabras son del profeta Ezequiel.
Únete a nosotros para este nuevo y emocionante Estudio de Cornerstone:
Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento
Ven, únete a nosotros para aprender sobre la misión de estos mensajeros escogidos de Dios. Déjate inspirar por su llamado a la conversión personal y la reconciliación. ¡Renuévate en la promesa de amor y misericordia indefectible de Dios!

Cuándo:
Grupos en español para mujeres – Miércoles de 9:45 am a 12 pm
(Cuidado de niños disponible para las clases de los miércoles solamente)
Grupo en español para hombres y mujeres - Martes de 7:00 a 9:00 pm
¡Están todos bienvenidos!

Día de Visitantes para nuevos participantes:
Grupos del día (miércoles): 17 de septiembre
Grupos de la noche (martes): 23 de septiembre

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Weekly Budget $ 74,433
Sunday Collection $ 53,162
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 31,091
Holy Day-Assumption $ 949
Over/(Under) $ 10,769

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 595,464
Sunday Collection $ 564,628
Over/(Under) $ (30,836)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 91,023
Martha's Kitchen $ 14,570
Infirm Priest Collection $ 2,734

Current Loan Debt: $ 14,873,196
2014 DSF Goal: $ 295,000
Payments to date: $ 264,619