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 Kleinguetl, 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.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

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<td>— Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.</td>
<td>— Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.</td>
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<td>Psalm</td>
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Monday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

**Tuesday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Wednesday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve

**Thursday:** The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

**Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday

**Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God’s service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- Walter Francis Foley, Jr. (husband of Colette Foley)
- Ruth McDonald (mother of Rick & mother-in-law of Jeannie McDonald)
- Patricia Ann Myer
- Michelle Berube (wife of Steve Berube)
- Tom Spears (brother of Christy Keeling)
- Gloria Lehay (mother of Laura & mother-in-law of Tony Cardella)
- James Ronald Vincent (father of Matt & father-in-law of Karen Vincent)
- Isma Roy Escude (mother of Jody & mother-in-law of Mark Jeunesse)
- John E. Lee III (father of Christina Lee-Sobus)

**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**


**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

Please note that beginning January 1, 2015, the Saturday Pro-Life Mass time will be changed to 8:30 a.m. Also, the monthly Baptisms which have been scheduled on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. will now be moved to the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the Oehl Family in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this feast of the Holy Family we ask God to teach us the sanctity of human love by showing us the value of family life and by helping us to live in peace and harmony with one another. This basic human interaction has implications for our eternal destiny. It is the simple fact that the family environment is the most formative influence in a person’s life. The research of educational psychologists reveal that by the time a child has reached the age of five or six, the core value choices in life have already been made and will probably change little after that. This leads to basic perceptions out of which one makes critical decisions, such as: “Is the world around me safe or not? Are others trustworthy or not?” This feast of the Holy Family reminds us that it is in the intimate companionship with others, especially in a family context, that we become truly human in the sense of how the Bible describes a human being. It is in the daily interactions through ongoing relationships that we learn to be sensitive to the presence, needs, and rights of other human beings. It is also through these same interactions that we come to understand ourselves as persons with rights and responsibilities. Simply stated, it is in and through such mutual interactions in the give and take of ordinary family life that we learn to love and be loved. This fact remains so no matter how much society and the form of family life may change over the years.

The point is that family life is a precious and unique setting that enables us to grow as sensitive, caring, and loving human beings. At the end of the Gospel account today St. Luke tells us that after the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple, Joseph and Mary returned to their home in Nazareth and “the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” We must all take note of the fact that to grow as a family takes real effort and genuine commitment. One of the greatest challenges facing anyone who lives in the company of others --- either as a family, a religious community, etc. --- is to arrange one’s life so that there is quality time for the gathering of the members of the family or community. When other concerns, no matter how important and noble they may be, begin to leave no time to be with members of the family or community, it is time to do some soul searching and examine our priorities. Family life is meant by God’s design to provide us with the environment that enables us to become mature human beings capable of making life-giving choices. Jesus spent thirty years doing just that. That time in Nazareth brought about our salvation just as much as his next three years of public life and ministry. The Holy Family was no accident, and neither should ours. Let us take time in the coming year to treasure our shared life with family and community.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)
December 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM
January 1: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Bi-lingual Mass)

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and will re-open on Friday, January 2nd.

Bottle Distribution January 10th and 11th
Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a fundraiser, crucial to the continued success of the pro-life ministries: Gabriel Project at St. Martha and Birthright of Humble.

We will distribute the empty bottles on January 10 and 11 after all Masses. When you return them full of coins, bills and checks, your gifts will help women served by The Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble.

The Bottle Return is January 17 and 18 at all Masses.

Thank you for your support and generosity!
Questions or if you would like to help: paula_amsler@msn.com.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy New Year!**

Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! Make the Young at Heart Luncheon one of your New Year's Resolutions. Try it - you'll like it!!! Continue your New Year's celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2015 on **Wednesday, January 14**. There will be fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. 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.

**PROJECT RACHEL**

New Project Rachel group begins January 6th. **Call for more information and directions to off site location!**

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

The next gathering of **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, will be for 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble on Saturday, January 3. Join us at 5:15 in the narthex of church; meal afterwards at Italiano’s, 217 FM 1960 Bypass East in Humble. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybymom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2352 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**ROSARY GUILD**

The Rosary Guild will no longer collect items for Dickinson after January 2015. Beginning in February 2015, only prayer books, holy cards, bibles, CCD textbooks, rosaries, and religious articles will be collected. For more information or questions, please contact JoAnna at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THROUGH JANUARY 2, AND WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, AT 9:00 AM.**

**HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.**

**Sunday Morning:** Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning” **BEGINNING IN JANUARY - WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR DATES AND SERIES INFORMATION.**

Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! **Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2**

**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. **BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME, JANUARY 6, 2015**

January Dates: 6, 13, 20, & 27

**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.

**SPANISH ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN**

The fifth ACTS men’s retreat in Spanish (MS-5) will take place on January 22-25, 2015. For additional information, please contact Art Rocha at 832-527-2729.

**St. Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center**

January 9-11, 2015

Start the New Year with a relaxing Retreat Weekend. **Retreat Theme "Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew"** Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross

“So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God” --Ephesians 2:19

For more information contact Bruce Farmer: at 281-360-4047 or register online: www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats
St. Martha
School Scoops

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.

Parenting/Youth Events

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Don't suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. And in the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. The next meeting will be January 5, 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

MOM’S PRAYER GROUP:
Have a child going to college? There are lots of changes and decisions at this time for our youth. What better way to send them to college than covered in prayer? Join other moms in prayer the second Tuesday of every month (January 13) at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Family Life Center. If you can, bring your rosary or one will be provided. Questions? E-mail Pat Azzollini at patlini2000@yahoo.com.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL
FRIENDS, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN!
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!
Saturday, January 10, 2015
[6:00 – 9:00 PM]
in the FLC
COST: $6 if you pay by Thursday, January 8
$8 if you pay at the door
(must have signed permission slip or an adult to sign)
Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com

Knights of Columbus
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

JUST SHOW UP AND HAVE FUN
Drinks, Snacks, and Awards
Contact: Mark Roseland
Phone: 713-805-4959
E-mail: mark.roseland@bakerhughes.com
Date of Competition: January 10, 2015
Location: St. Martha Activity Center
Time: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
Sponsored by: St. Martha Knights of Columbus Council # 12320
Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.
Age as of January 1, 2015: 9-14 years old.
Marriage and Event Updates

Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. **A NEW WAY TO LOVE** – is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God’s purpose for your marriage.

It will start Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills).

It is a great gift to give your spouse whether you are engaged to be married, married six months or 60 years. **Registration is required.**

For questions or registration, e-mail Francine at franp@stmartha.com.

Childcare may be requested with your registration. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $30.00 per couple will be collected at the first session.

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Living With a Grateful Heart: A Faith Sharing Group

Spiritual author Paula d’Arcy says, “While we are looking elsewhere, God comes to us disguised as our lives.” Women of the parish are invited to join a 6 week faith sharing group beginning Monday, January 5. Our theme will be **PRAYING WITH OUR LIVES.** We will explore this topic through group discussion, Scripture, music, poetry and prayer. Pat Timpanaro, and Marie Rabalais will facilitate. The gathering will be held in the FLC Room 2 on the Woodland Hills campus from 10:30 - noon each Monday for 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining, contact Pat Timpanaro at 281 361 9338 or patimpanaro@embarqmail.com.

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**Men’s ACTS Retreat**

**February 12-15, 2015**

Registration for the February Men’s ACTS retreat (English) has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. 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 do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat, please prayerfully consider attending this exiting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat director, Chris Pozzi at 832-370-8944 or stmmlmensacts@gmail.com.

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**Revive & Thrive: Sustaining the New Evangelization**

**A Day of Prayer for all parishioners involved in ministry**

**DATE:** Saturday, January 10, 2015  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, Morning prayer will be at 9:15 a.m. and we will conclude with Mass at 11:45 a.m., which will include a commissioning ceremony for 2015.

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**VIRTUS WORKSHOP**

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Tuesday, January 13, 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. 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. Please note, no walk-ins will be admitted (this is a new diocesan policy).
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. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.

January 13 – February 17, 2015
Tuesday Evenings - 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Room #3 in the building next to the Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive

The Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, support group format. The sessions are informational and formational. Topics of the six week sessions are:

- Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
- Further sharing and discussion
- The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
- Explanation of Reconciliation/Confession, Q&A
- Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact:
Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8968

* Babysitting is available upon request.
* All who choose to participate in this program will remain in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodland Hills chapel. Everyone welcome.

It's Here…
… the 2014 St. Martha Christmas Ornament

The 2014 ornament is $10.00
Or buy the 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 set for $20.00
You can buy them in the Administration Building

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA 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.

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 robynfly@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.

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.

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.

Pro-Life Mass & Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, January 3.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN NEWS
During this beautiful Christmas season, Martha's Kitchen is reminded of all of the blessings that the parishioners and clergy of St. Martha Church have bestowed upon our ministry. We are blessed to be the recipient of your continued generosity and volunteer spirit. May you and your family experience a joyous New Year!

Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed through Jan. 2, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5.
Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.

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St. John of the Cross Food Drive
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
En esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia le pedimos a
Dios que nos enseñe la santidad del amor humano al
mostrarnos el valor de la vida familiar y ayudándonos a vivir en
paz y armonía unos con otros. Esta básica interacción humana
tiene implicaciones para nuestro destino eterno. Es el simple he-
cho de que el entorno familiar es la influencia más formativa en
la vida de una persona. La investigación de los psicólogos edu-
cativos revelan que para el momento en que un niño ha alcanza-
do la edad de cinco o seis años, ya se han tomado las decisió-
nes fundamentales de valor en la vida y probablemente cambia-
rá poco después de eso. Esto lleva a percepciones básicas de
las cuales uno toma decisiones críticas, tales como: "¿Es el
mundo que me rodea seguro o no? ¿Son otros confiable o no?"
Esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos recuerda que es en la
compañía íntima con los demás, especialmente en un contexto
familiar, que nos convertimos verdaderamente humanos en el
sentido cómo la Biblia describe a un ser humano. Es en las in-
teracciones diarias a través de relaciones continuas que aprende-
os a ser sensibles a la presencia, necesidades y los derechos
de otros seres humanos. Es también a través de estas mismas
interacciones que llegamos a entendernos a nosotros mismos
como personas con derechos y responsabilidades. En pocas pa-
labras, es a través de estas interacciones mutuas en tomar y dar
en una vida familiar ordinaria que aprendamos a amar y ser
amado. Este hecho se mantiene y no importa lo mucho que la
sociedad y la forma de vida de la familia puedan cambiar con los
años.

El punto es que la vida familiar es un lugar precioso y único
que nos permite crecer en sensibilidad, cuidados y amar a los
seres humanos. Al final de la narración evangélica de hoy San
Lucas nos dice que después de la presentación del niño Jesús
en el templo, José y María regresaron a su casa en Nazaret y "el
niño creció y se fortaleció, llenándose de sabiduría; y la gracia
de Dios estaba sobre él". Todos tenemos que tomar nota del he-
cho de que para crecer como una familia se requiere un esfuer-
z o real y verdadero compromiso. Uno de los mayores desafíos
que enfrenta cualquier persona que vive en compañía de otros --
y a sea como una familia, una comunidad religiosa, etc. --- es
organizar su propia vida para que haya tiempo de calidad para la
reunión de los miembros con la familia o comunidad. Cuando
otras preocupaciones, no importa qué tan importante y noble
sean, empieza a no dejar tiempo para estar con los miembros de
la familia o de la comunidad, es el momento de hacer un exa-
m en de conciencia y examinar nuestras prioridades. La vida fa-
miliar se entiende por diseño de Dios como proveernos el medio
ambiente que nos convierte en seres humanos maduros capa-
ces de tomar decisiones que nos cambian la vida. Jesús pasó
treinta años haciendo precisamente eso. Ese tiempo en Nazaret
trajo nuestra salvación, tanto como sus próximos
tres años de vida pública y el ministerio. La Sagra-
da Familia no fue un accidente, y tampoco la nues-
tra. Tomemos tiempo en el año que viene para va-
lorar y compartir nuestra vida con la familia y la
comunidad.

Padre Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

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For the weekend of Dec. 13 & 14
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 74,433
Sunday Collection $ 55,191
Faith Direct-Offertry $ 49,908
Immaculate Conception $ 1,087
Christmas $ 3,630
Our Lady of Guadalupe $ 1,550
Funds for Min. $ 6,850

Total: $ 143,715

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,713,959
Sunday Collection $ 1,670,768
Funds for Min. $ 17,421

Total: $ 3,401,138

Current Loan Debt: $ 14,371,500
2014 DSF Goal: $ 295,000
Payments to date: $ 302,303