Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguel, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O'Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ............................. 8:30 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 Saturday 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 — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 53:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.


Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Tuesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: St. Anthony

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we can put aside our own pride and ego to help fulfill God’s plan for us each of us.

“After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.” — Mark 1:7

We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way on fulfilling God’s plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the CHESNUT 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.

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Patricia Ann Myer (wife of Steve Berube)
Michelle Berube (brother of Christy Keeling)
Tom Spears (brother of Maureen Berkovich)
James Ronald Vincent (father of Matt & father-in-law of Karen Vincent)
Isma Roy Escude (mother of Jody & mother-in-law of Mark Jeansonne)
John E. Lee III (father of Christina Lee-Sobus)
Patrick Lobo
Edward Joseph Haughey (brother of Maureen Berkovich)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The feast of the **Baptism of the Lord** completes the Christmas season in the Church’s liturgical calendar and announces the beginning of the public life and ministry of Jesus. Each of the four evangelists deals only briefly with the event of the baptism of Jesus. It is as though they did not really know what to say about it. The baptism of John was for the repentance of sin. The fact that Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah of Israel, should have chosen to undergo such a baptism must have been puzzling and even somewhat disconcerting to the evangelists. They knew that Jesus was without sin, the very Son of God. All that St. Mark says about the event is that it happened: “Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.” However, it is in the section that follows this pronouncement that we are able to get an insight into the event’s significance. Mark uses the imagery found in the first verses of the Bible in the Book of Genesis. There we find the account of God’s act of creation at the beginning of the world. In the New Testament account of Mark, after Jesus is baptized, he comes up out of the water just as the world was drawn up out of the watery chaos in the first act of creation. Then the Spirit of God descends in a similar way as the Spirit hovered over creation in the first account. What we have in Mark’s Gospel then is an account of our **new creation** in Christ Jesus. But this new creation goes much further than did the first. The “heavens are torn open” and any barrier between heaven and earth is now removed. Divinity and humanity are made one. This new creation is open to the Father, is filled with the power of the Spirit, and those who choose to live in Christ Jesus hear the voice of God.

Thus, in Mark’s account that we hear today, the meaning of this great event is described for us. With the appearance of Jesus Christ a **new covenant** is inaugurated between God and creation and this covenant is enfleshed in Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The evangelist will go on to introduce the credentials of Jesus as the Messiah. He is not just a prophet but the very Word of God. He is not just a miracle worker but the very compassion of God made present to humanity in this person of Jesus, the Savior. From now on whatever Jesus does and wherever he goes, he acts in the power of God’s Spirit. In the Gospel of Mark whenever Jesus heals and performs miracles, it is the power of God literally **re-creating** the world. When we choose to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, then we are re-created as God’s people. This feast provides us with the opportunity to reflect in depth on our own baptism. We too have been re-fashioned and made new. We share in the very life of the Trinity and we share in the mission of Jesus to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Fr. Chester Borski

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, **January 19th**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**A great big THANK YOU!** to the following people who helped make the church look beautiful for the Christmas Season: Lee and Gary Everett, Kathy and Wayne Marek, Janet Schroeder, Seminarian Xavier Bilavendiran, and staff members, Mariel Parra, David Bellah, and Luis Rodriguez.

**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).
Marriage and
A New Way to Love

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.

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.

THE ROSARY GUILD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING OF 2015 ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus. New members are welcomed. For further information contact JoAnna Loup, 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC SINGLES
Start the New Year meeting some new folks! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, January 14, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in the Atascocita area. For more info, 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.

Men’s ACTS Retreat
February 12-15, 2015
Registration for the February Men’s ACTS retreat (English) is now open. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night 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 exciting retreat!! For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact the retreat director, Chris Pozzi at stmmlmensacts@gmail.com or you can call 832-370-8944.

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.

Teams of Our Lady presents "One In The Lord"
Deacon Tom Vicknair returns to St. Martha for a day of marriage enrichment at the Family Life Center Saturday, Feb 7th, 2015 beginning at 11:30 am and ending with 5:30 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please contact Nick and Joannah Landry for reservations: nslandry@mac.com or 281.324.1231. Childcare provided, must RSVP by January 15th if childcare is needed. Child must be 12 months or older. We look forward to breaking bread and celebrating our marriage vocation with all of you!
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**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.

**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.

**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. 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.*
**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](http://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.

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**Parenting/Youth Events**

**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.

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**Vocations Corner**

You are cordially invited to Serra Club
Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Meeting

*Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.*

Membership is open to all Catholics.
Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us:
Monday, January 26, 2015
6:30 pm Social
7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program

Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

*Sister Anita Breneck CDP, Associate Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, will speak to us about Family Life, The Seed Bed of Vocations.*

RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
Today is the Baby Bottle Boomerang bottle distribution! Please take one bottle per family and fill it with coins, cash and checks. All proceeds go towards helping women in crisis pregnancies in our parish and surrounding communities.

**All bottles are due next weekend at all Masses.**

Please place them in the pink and blue baskets as you enter the church.

Make all checks out to "The Gabriel Project."

paula_amsler@msn.com

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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.**

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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

The first parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each Mass on Jan. 10, 11, Jan 17, 18 and Jan 24, 25 to assist you with an appointment to donate. All who donate, or who attempt to donate, will receive a long-sleeved “Commit for Life” t-shirt.

You may also schedule an appointment by emailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. You may also schedule your appointment online by visiting www.giveblood.org and enter the sponsor code 1220.

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

Other Blood Drive dates for 2015 include: May 17th, Aug. 9th and Oct. 25th.

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**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.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM. Monday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.
ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

St. Pius X High School will administer the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Students should report to the school entrance by the auditorium by 8:15 a.m.; the test will last until approximately 12:00 noon. The testing fee is $50.00. If you have not already done so, please register for the HSPT on line at stpiusx.org. Also, check out the scholarship program online – Students scoring in the 99% - $5000; 98% - $2500; 97% - $1500; 96% - $1000. Breakfast will be served in the Bramanti Library for parents who wish to stay and visit with other prospective parents and St. Pius X staff.

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE
Fruits of Your Labor…

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Archdiocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry Day

“A call to LOVE” Saturday, April 11, 2015 (8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)
Come join hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 years old from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for a day of formation, music, Eucharist, and fellowship. There will be 18 workshops presented by international, national and local speakers that will address ways to strengthen our relationship with God and others. Presented in English and Spanish. Closing Mass with Bishop George Sheltz. Location: St. Pius X High school, 811 W. Donovan Street, Houston, TX 77091. Early Bird $25 by March 11th or $35 after March 12th. Group Discounts available. Registrations online www.archgh.org/yacm or by mail. Please call 713-741-8780 for more information.

CANCARE—
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

THE 2015 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS

Sunday Missal - $2.00/Calendar - $1.00
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

Frassati Catholic High School
Application Deadline
The priority application deadline for the 2015-2016 school year is January 15, 2015. Apply today at frassaticatholic.org! To schedule a tour, arrange a shadow day, or for more information about Frassati Catholic High School, call 832-616-3227.

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2015 Rite of Election at St. Martha Catholic Church
Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 PM

St. Martha will again host the Rite of Election for the Archdiocese. We will welcome perhaps 1,000 visitors to our church from several local parishes; each parish will be assigned pews in a section of our church. Many volunteers are needed to help direct our guests to their correct seating area as soon as the 1:00 PM Spanish Mass dismisses.

If you’d like to support St. Martha and meet fellow parishioners, please consider this one-time commitment. Volunteer duties begin by 1:30 PM (lining up visitors until the 1:00 PM Mass dismisses) and end with the 3:00 PM start of Mass. We need Greeters to welcome guests and point them toward their assigned area and Ushers to label each pew by parish name and help guide everyone to their available seats. Further instructions will be sent via e-mail to volunteers.

If you can help or would like more information, please e-mail our volunteer coordinator at Barry.Robichaux@us.ibm.com and indicate if you prefer to be a Greeter or an Usher and whether or not you speak Spanish (some attendees will speak Spanish only, so this need is key). We do ask gentlemen to wear a jacket and tie and ladies to wear a dress or pant suit.

Thank you in advance to all volunteers for helping St. Martha to welcome and be of service to our neighboring parishes!

Special request of those attending the February 22nd Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM

Given the large number of visitors for the 3:00 PM Rite of Election Mass, many of whom will be assembled in the narthex and rotundas by the time your Mass ends, we ask that you park in the rear of the church (southwest lot) on this date and exit Mass behind the altar to allow our many guests to more easily enter the church. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Ministerio Hispano

Petición especial para todos aquellos que asistan
la Misa en Español el 22 de Febrero

Dado el gran número de visitantes que se esperan que vendrán al Rito de la Misa de Elección el 22 de Febrero. Muchas de las personas que asisten la Misa en español se quedarán en el nártex y rotonda cuando termine la Misa; le pedimos que por favor estacione su vehículo en la parte trasera de la iglesia, y que salga de la Misa por la parte trasera del altar para que las personas que llegan puedan entrar fácilmente a la iglesia. Muchas Gracias por su atención y ayuda!

TALLER DE ORACION Y VIDA
Para adultos

“La iglesia necesita de hombres y mujeres que tienen un “no se que”, que hacen visible al invisible”      Padre Ignacio Larrañaga

APRENDER A ORAR PARA APRENDER A VIVIR

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♦ Aprende cómo adquirir fortaleza y recuperar el equilibrio emocional.
♦ Encuentra el “por qué” de las cosas de tu vida.
♦ Recupera la alegría de vivir y el sentido de la vida.
♦ Conoce formas de orar que se adaptan a tu estilo personal de oración.
♦ Este es un modo nuevo de relacionarse con Dios.

INICIA: viernes 30 de enero 2015
DE: 7:00 a 9:00 pm
DIRECCION: Iglesia St. St. Martha
3702 Woodland hills Dr.
Kingwood, Tx. 77339

Para mayor información llamar a: Maricarmen Tusell, (281) 870 2423
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta, 

La fiesta del Bautismo del Señor completa la temporada de Navidad en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia y anuncia el comienzo de la vida pública y el ministerio de Jesús. Cada uno de los cuatro evangelistas se ocupa sólo brevemente con el evento del bautismo de Jesús. Es como si en realidad no supieran qué decir al respecto. El bautismo de Juan era para el arrepentimiento del pecado. El hecho de que Jesús, el Mesías tan esperado de Israel, había elegido someterse a tal bautismo debió haber sido desconcertante e incluso un tanto mas para los evangelistas. Ellos sabían que Jesús era sin pecado, el mismo Hijo de Dios. Todo lo que San Marcos dice sobre el caso es que sucedió: “Jesús vino de Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado en el Jordán por Juan”. Sin embargo, es en la sección que sigue a este pronunciamiento que somos capaces de obtener una visión de la importancia del evento. Marcos usa la imagen que se encuentra en los primeros versículos de la Biblia en el libro del Génesis. Allí encontramos el relato de acto de la creación de Dios en el principio del mundo. En el relato del Nuevo Testamento de Marcos, después de que Jesús es bautizado, se le ocurre que fue igual cuando el mundo fue creado a partir del caos en el primer acto de la creación. Entonces el Espíritu de Dios desciende en forma similar a como el Espíritu se cernía sobre la creación de la primera etapa. Lo que tenemos en el Evangelio de Marcos es, entonces, una cuenta de nuestra nueva creación en Cristo Jesús. Pero esta nueva creación va mucho más allá de lo hecho en la primera. Los “cielos se rasgaban” y cualquier barrera entre el cielo y la tierra ahora se retiran. Divinidad y la humanidad se hacen uno. Esta nueva creación está abierta al Padre, está llena del poder del Espíritu, y los que eligen vivir en Cristo Jesús oyen la voz de Dios.

Así, en el relato de Marcos que escuchamos hoy, el significado de este gran evento es descrito por nosotros. Con la aparición de Jesucristo un nuevo pacto se inauguró entre Dios y la creación, y este pacto se encarnó en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios y Hijo de María. El evangelista pasará a introducir las credenciales de Jesús como el Mesías. Él no es sólo un profeta, pero la misma Palabra de Dios. Él no es sólo un hacedor de milagros, sino con mucha compasión de Dios al hacerse presente a la humanidad en esta persona de Jesús, el Salvador. A partir de ahora todo lo que Jesús hace y donde quiera que va, actúa en el poder del Espíritu de Dios. En el Evangelio de Marcos cuando Jesús cura y realiza milagros, porque es poder de Dios, literalmente, vuelve a re-crear el mundo. Cuando elegimos seguir los pasos de Jesús, entonces somos re-creados como pueblo de Dios. Esta fiesta nos brinda la oportunidad de reflexionar en profundidad sobre nuestro propio bautismo. Nosotros también hemos sido re-moldeados y hecho nuevos. Compartimos la misma vida de la Trinidad y compartimos la misión de Jesús para construir el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra.

Padre Chester Borski

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Bautismo de Nuestro Señor Jesús es el momento en donde vemos a la Santísima Trinidad presente al mismo tiempo: Jesús, el Hijo, siendo bautizado, el Espíritu Santo, que en forma de paloma desciende sobre Jesús desde el cielo, y el Padre, quien confirma que Jesús es Su Hijo en quien tiene Sus complacencias. El maravilloso misterio de la Trinidad es central a nuestra Fe Cristiana. Dios Padre, creador del Universo, Jesús, Su Hijo Único, quien Se hizo Hombre por nosotros los hombres y por nuestra salvación, y el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, quien fue enviado por Jesús para quedarse con nosotros después de Su resurrección. Un solo Dios y tres personas. Cada vez que nos per- signamos confirmamos nuestra creencia en la Santísima Trinidad y cada vez que recitamos el Credo, confirmamos lo que conocemos de ella. Jesús asume todos los pecados de los hombres a través de Su Bautismo y luego, a través de Su muerte y resurrección, nos consigue el perdón y la posibilidad de unirnos con El en el cielo.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en la oración del Credo y lo que dice acerca de las tres personas de la Trinidad, agradeciendo a Dios por haberme creado, redimido y estar conmigo hasta el fin de los tiempos.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co
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RICA:  
No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no está 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!!!!!

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El quinto retiro para hombres ACTS MS-5 en español tendrá lugar del 22 al 25 de enero del 2015. Las inscripciones seguirán abiertas en el Nártex de la Iglesia, una vez finalizada la misa de la 1:00 pm. Para mayor información llamar a Arturo Ro- cha al 832-527-2729.

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Over/(Under)  $ 86,071
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Weekly Budget  $ 1,935,258
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