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

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 joyful worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We come together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and the sharing of the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God's gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).
Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).
Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Tuesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Wednesday: St. Agnes
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Friday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Christian stewardship begins with the call to discipleship and today’s readings offer three stories about discipleship. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus and two of his followers immediately walk after Jesus. Jesus asks them: “What are you looking for?” It is a very good question to ask of ourselves. What is it that we are looking for in Christ Jesus? What is it that we want by following Him? Is it that we desire most urgently to be servants, stewards, of the Lord? Or do we want something else?

Mass Intentions

Mon./Jan. 19
8:30 am ♦Marilyn Deane
Tues./Jan. 20
8:30 am ♦Mr. & Mrs. A. Cowan
7:00 pm ♦Sophie Kovacik
Wed./Jan. 21
8:30 am ♦Pat Grimaldi
10:00 am ♦Bernard Keelen
Thurs./Jan. 22
6:30 am ♦Glenn Baker
8:30 am Rodney & Ruth Williamson
Fri./Jan. 23
8:30 am ♦Stephen Kovacik
Sat./Jan. 24
5:30 pm ♦Laurence “Larry” Reitsma
Sun./Jan. 25
7:00 am ♦Paul Lewis
9:00 am ♦Pat O’Brien
11:00 am ♦Teresa Parissi
1:00 pm ♦Eileen Hernandez Ruiz
5:30 pm ♦Lillian E. Zalewski

MASS INTENTIONS

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Gloria Lahey (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 Jeansonne)
John E. Lee III (father of Christina Lee-Sobus)
Patrick Lobo
Edward Joseph Haughey (brother of Maurene Berkovich)
Dr. Fernando Cuadra (husband of Venus Cuadra)


CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the TOPP 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.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time are a powerful reminder that God continues to call each of us at different times and in various ways and circumstances. One of the great challenges in life is to learn to listen with our hearts and discern the call of God. The figure of young Samuel in the first reading stands as a symbol of each of us. Samuel is disturbed from his rest and struggles to recognize that this indeed is a call from God. He needs someone who is more experienced in the ways of God to help him learn to hear the voice of God because “at that time he was not familiar with the Lord.” We too have similar experiences in our relationship with God. It was just a few weeks ago that we celebrated the great feast of the Incarnation. As we listened to the proclamation of the Christmas story in the Scriptures, we discovered that God chose to enter human history, and thus our lives, through the lives of other human beings. While angels from on high announced glad tidings, it was through the interaction with others (shepherds, Magi, relatives, etc.) that Mary and Joseph came to discern God’s call in their lives and came to experience the wonderful grace of God in the birth of Jesus. God is not silent in our age. God simply speaks to us in a different voice and through different people. We must learn to discern what is truly God’s voice and what is simply the noise of our world.

We might reflect on the events of any given day and ask ourselves how was God speaking to us through the carrying out of our responsibilities, the interaction we had with various individuals (especially family members or authority figures), the events and challenges we encountered, etc. Do we experience these duties, people, and events as irritations and burdens and devoid of the presence of God? Do we see them as hindrances to our experience of a loving and caring God? To put it in another way, how much do we insist that God’s voice sound in a certain way before we will choose to listen? Many times the voice that we hear will not sound much like God. Perhaps it will sound like a complaining friend, a demanding co-worker or an upset family member. Perhaps it will sound like a seemingly foolish regulation from the Church about certain religious responsibilities. Perhaps God’s voice will sound like the practical needs we encounter in daily living, e.g. cleaning the house, doing our home-work, taking someone to the clinic, etc. Today, no less than before, we will hear the voice of God only if we are willing to recognize it for what it is. And our growth in holiness will be determined by how willing we are to accept God’s call on God’s terms, rather than on our own. Are we able to say with young Samuel, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Fr. Chester Borksi

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 9:00 AM.

Sunday Morning: Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”

A VIDEO SERIES BY ROBERT BARRON – “PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING”

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!


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. Remaining January Dates: 20, 27, 2015

Thursday Evenings: ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?

If you have questions or would like to REGISTER for Confirmation, please call the Faith Formation Office, 281-358-1959, Carla Lewton, ext. 213 or Joanie Nugent, ext. 264.

There will be a one day retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble. The time and room location will be announced as it becomes available. Confirmation classes will be held Thursday evenings beginning April 9 through May 21, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on one of the following dates: Saturday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, or Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015. The time, and location will be determined at a later date.

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmartha.com

Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more…check it out!

Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.

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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!

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.

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.
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 call 832-370-8944.

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

Adult Organizations and Opportunities

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON – Super Bowl Party!!!!
Young at Heart-ers - It's Super Bowl time! Pick your favorite team and let's have a Young at Heart "Super Bowl Party" with all the fixins'!!!!! Wear the team colors of your choice or just come along for the fun on Wednesday, January 28. Join us for 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. For those of you interested, bridge will be played after lunch. If you don’t know how to play, someone will teach you. 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 Landovg at 281 358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

NORTH EAST
CATHOLIC SINGLES
Gather with NORTH EAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, January 21, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Pete's Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). 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 at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SERRA CLUB
Pro-Life Corner

Today is Pro-Life Sunday. Please continue to pray for the unborn and their mothers. We will have information at the table in the narthex after all Masses. If you are interested in becoming involved in the pro-life ministry, please contact Paula Amsler 713-806-2641 or paula_amsler@msn.com.

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”


Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops
St. Martha Catholic School
20th Year of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Open House:
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
4 to 6 p.m.
2411 Oak Shores Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339
For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jan Rodine at rodinej@stmarthacs.org

www.stmarthacs.org
Fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - HOUSTON
February 18 - March 29, 2015
St. Martha and Kingwood First Baptist will stand and pray on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, from 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting at:
Planned Parenthood
Abortion Center – 4600 Gulf Freeway
Transportation will be provided (free-will offering). Bus leaves St. Martha’s parking lot by 9:30 AM, Returns by 1:15 PM.
Reserve your seat, email ANNEFVAN@aol.com. Information in the Narthex...February 7th & 8th, 2015 after all Masses. Questions? terice.richards@gmail.com, peggyangelino@yahoo.com or maryannehoward@inbox.com

St. Martha Catholic School will once again have an awesome presence in the 10th Annual Steps for Students Archdiocesan event supported and attended by Cardinal DiNardo. This year’s SMCS team will be led by Fr. Alfonso and will be joined by our seminarian Xavier Bilavendiran and many school and parish families as they promote and support Catholic education and St. Martha Catholic School.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR FR. ALFONSO’S EFFORTS to raise funds to benefit our parish school and Catholic education by making a donation to his fundraising page at http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/fralfonsotran/2015.

THANK YOU to all our generous parishioners who continue to support our parish school with time, talent and treasure. Together we are accomplishing our mission to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Return is Today!
The Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser raises funds to support women in crisis pregnancies in our parish and surrounding community. If you did not return your bottle today, you may bring it to the church office through the month of January. Please make all checks out to “Gabriel Project.” Thank you for your continued support!
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.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, Feb. 7.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S PARISH
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer. Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.
FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON FRIDAYS 11AM-NOON!
Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM
Monday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
Tuesday: 2-3 AM
Wednesday: 6-7 AM
Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM
Friday: 1-2 AM, 11 AM-Noon, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM
Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 2-3 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.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodland Hills chapel. Everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR
St. Martha Catholic Church will host the Houston Mobile Food Pantry.
HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries will be donating food on Thursday, February 5, 2015 From 11:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Church parking lot St. Martha Catholic Church 4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter, TX 77365 All families in need are invited to come and receive free food. This will be on a first-come first-served basis. We can help up to 250 families.

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 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.

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.

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!

2015 Rite of Election at St. Martha Catholic Church
Sunday, February 22nd at 3:00 PM
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!
Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas.

Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministerio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Nazaret. Dirigido a las familias de nuestra parroquia que desean encontrar una iglesia que les dé soluciones, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les proporcione un lugar que les permita acobijarse, les eduque y les proteja.

Eso es en esencia lo que buscamos edificar en este nuevo ministerio. Estamos hablando de participar en una Iglesia que dé una respuesta viva y clara a las comunidades, que ayude a compensar sus necesidades, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo apoyo espiritual y emocional, sino un seguimiento constante a su situación.

En el MSF, queremos ofrecerles soluciones concretas, es decir, generar las respuestas a las problemáticas implementando actividades, programas, seminarios, talleres y retiros que serán impartidos de manera conjunta con otros ministerios de la parroquia y se llevarían a cabo durante todo el año.

El programa incluye:

- Preparación prematrimonial. Enriquecimiento y fortalecimiento a parejas constituidas.
- Planificación familiar natural para parejas católicas. Disciplina positiva para padres e hijos.
- Formación en nuestra fe católica. Crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual. Incentivo y formación de nuevos liderazgos en la comunidad.
- Ayuda psicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.
- Acérquense, pregunten o participen y sean testigos de cómo juntos construiremos ese camino, sea Ud. también pilar entre la Iglesia y las familias, irradiando de esa manera la alegría de ser católicos comprometidos.

Las reuniones tendrán lugar todos los lunes, a las 7 pm, en la pequeña Capilla del Colegio Sta. Marta.

Para cualquier información favor comuníquese con Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co

HEART OF WORSHIP AT ST. LAURENCE

St. Jerome Catholic Church in Sugar Land invites you to attend HEART OF WORSHIP on Saturday, February 7, from 11:30am to 9:00pm. “In You All Find Their Home” is the theme for this day filled with inspiring speakers, great music, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration. Featured speakers are Bishop Sam Jacobs, Sr. Mary Guido and Fr. Alvaro Interiano. Register online at www.stlaurence.org and in person at the St. Laurence parish office. Open to everyone 6th grade and older, the cost to attend is $20 per person, which includes dinner by Pappa’s Catering. Each year, the event attracts hundreds of people from around the archdiocese and even other countries, so advance registration is recommended. For more info, go to www.stlaurence.org or call the St. Laurence parish office at 281-980-9812.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta, Las lecturas bíblicas para el segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario son un poderoso recordatorio de que Dios sigue llamando a cada uno de nosotros en diferentes momentos y en diferentes modos y circunstancias. Uno de los grandes retos en la vida es aprender a escuchar con el corazón y discernir el llamado de Dios. La figura del joven Samuel en la primera lectura se erige como un símbolo de cada uno de nosotros. Samuel es perturbado por su descanso y se esfuerza por reconocer que este hecho es un llamado de Dios. Él necesita a alguien que tiene más experiencia en los caminos de Dios para ayudarlo a aprender a escuchar la voz de Dios, porque "en ese momento no estaba familiarizado con el Señor". Nosotros también tenemos experiencias similares en nuestra relación con Dios. Fue hace apenas unas semanas que celebramos la gran fiesta de la Encarnación. Como hemos escuchado en la proclamación de la historia de la Navidad en las Escrituras, descubrimos que Dios escogió entrar en la historia humana, y por lo tanto nuestras vidas, a través de la vida de otros seres humanos. Mientras que los ángeles traían las buenas nuevas sobre ellos y les anunciaban, era a través de la interacción con otros (pastores, reyes magos, familiares, etc.) que María y José llegaron a discernir la llamada de Dios en su vida y llegó a experimentar la maravillosa gracia de Dios en el nacimiento de Jesús. Dios no está en silencio en nuestra época. Dios simplemente nos habla en una voz diferente y a través de diferentes personas. Tenemos que aprender a discernir lo que es realmente la voz de Dios y lo que es simplemente el ruido de nuestro mundo.

Podríamos reflexionar sobre los acontecimientos de un día cualquiera y preguntarnos cómo Dios nos estaba hablando a través de la realización de nuestras responsabilidades, la interacción con varios individuos (especialmente los miembros de la familia o figuras de autoridad), los eventos y los desafíos que nos encontramos, etc. ¿Experimentamos estos deberes, personas y eventos como irritaciones, cargas y carencias de la presencia de Dios? ¿Los vemos como obstáculos para nuestra experiencia de un Dios de amor y cariño? Por decirlo de otra manera, ¿cuánto insistimos en que el sonido de la voz de Dios es de una manera determinada antes de que se elija a escuchar? Muchas veces la voz que escuchamos no nos hablará más. Tal vez va a sonar como un amigo que se queje, un compañero de trabajo exigente o un miembro de la familia molesto. Tal vez va a sonar como una regulación de los demás que habían encontrado al Mesías. Lo mismo nos pasa a todos nosotros, vamos por la vida buscando respuestas a los problemas que enfrentamos y al sentido de la vida y Jesús está ahí, esperando a que nos acerquemos a preguntarle, y una vez que nos acercamos nos dice lo mismo: "Vengan a ver". Él sabe que solo con acercarnos a ver comprendemos que Él es Dios y que nos ama. Sólo Él puede dar respuesta y plenitud a nuestra búsqueda de felicidad; sólo Él puede llenar nuestros corazones. Y lo que él espera de nosotros es lo mismo que lo que sus discípulos hicieron: Compartir la Buena Nueva con los demás. Sus discípulos no pudieron quedarse con la Buena Noticia para ellos mismos sino que salieron de inmediato a compartirla con los demás. El amor de Dios es así, nos motiva a compartirlo con los demás.

Compromiso de la semana: Esta semana meditaré en el amor que Dios me tiene y compartiré su Buena Nueva con alguien más.

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Padre Chester Borski

2º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Evangelio del día de hoy nos habla de cómo dos de los discípulos de Juan el Bautista se van siguiendo a Jesús después de que Juan les dice que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios. Jesús les preguntó: “¿Qué buscan?” Y ellos le preguntaron: “¿Dónde vives Rabí?” Jesús solo les responde: “Vengan a ver”. Y después de pasar el día con Él fueron y les anunciaron a los demás que había encontrado al Mesías. Lo mismo nos pasa a todos nosotros, vamos por la vida buscando respuestas a los problemas que enfrentamos y al sentido de la vida y Jesús está ahí, esperando a que nos acerquemos a preguntarle, y una vez que nos acercamos nos dice lo mismo: “Vengan a ver”. Él sabe que solo con acercarnos a ver comprendemos que Él es Dios y que nos ama. Sólo Él puede dar respuesta y plenitud a nuestra búsqueda de felicidad; sólo Él puede llenar nuestros corazones. Y lo que él espera de nosotros es lo mismo que lo que sus discípulos hicieron: Compartir la Buena Nueva con los demás. Sus discípulos no pudieron quedarse con la Buena Noticia para ellos mismos sino que salieron de inmediato a compartirla con los demás. El amor de Dios es así, nos motiva a compartirlo con los demás.

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RETIRO EN ESPAÑOL DE ACTS PARA HOMBRES
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 Rocha al 832-527-2729.
Ministerio Hispano

Querida comunidad nuestra parroquia estará patrocinando a la organización de ayuda de Humble HAAM a repartir comida en nuestro estacionamiento el próximo 5 de Febrero del 2015 desde las 11 am a la 1 pm. Trendremos comida como para 250 familias aproximadamente.

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 ORACIÓN 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

Te invitamos a profundizar en el conocimiento del Señor y de ti mismo, a través de esta experiencia personal.

Aprende como 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.)
Para mayor información llamar a: Maricarmen Tusell, (281) 870 2423

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

Cáliz de Vocaciones: Estás interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en tu hogar, Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

Monaguillos: Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

RICA: No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no está confirmado!!!! Piensas que como 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!!!!!
