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): ... ........................................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** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**
- Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Tuesday:**
- Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:**
- Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:**
- Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:**
- Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:**
- Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:**
- Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:**
- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Boy Scout Sunday

**Monday:**
- The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Blessing of Candles

**Tuesday:**
- St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats

**Thursday:**
- St. Agatha

**Friday:**
- St. Paul Miki and companions; First Friday

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

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- James Ronald Vincent (father of Matt & father-in-law of Karen Vincent)
- Isma Roy Escude (mother of Jody & mother-in-law of Mark Jeannes)
- John E. Lee III (father of Christina Lee-Sobus)
- Patrick Lobo
- Edward Joseph Haughey (brother of Maureen Berkovich)
- Dr. Fernando Cuadra (husband of Venus Cuadra)
- Blanche M. O’Donnell (mother of Patty and mother-in-law of Phil Jost)
- Elaine Silverwise
- Anne L. Bloch (mother of Christopher Bloch)
- Joyce Elaine Reny (wife of Charles Reny)


My dear friends in Christ,

In writing to his friend Timothy, St. Paul gives all Christians the stirring summons to “be rich in good works, ready to share.” These words provide the encouraging theme of our Diocesan Services Fund this year, underlining how essential solidarity and generosity are to following the Lord Jesus. Lest we think that he is simply encouraging good behavior, he goes on to emphasize that being rich in good works “accumulates as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” Generosity can thus be an effective remedy for the distractions and self-centeredness that detract from true, eternal life in Christ.

As we begin the Diocesan Services Fund of 2015 this weekend, I hope this generosity in good works and eagerness to share extends concretely to the more than 60 ministries that rely on this annual fund. The DSF film and brochure highlights a number of these ministries.

Young adults who leave home for college or work often find it difficult to continue in their journey with Christ. The DSF ensures that they have excellent opportunities to form and support their faith life in a challenging environment. Retreat programs like Bayou Awakening, Charis Retreats and Café Catholica not only nourish their faith, but equip them to become agents of evangelization in the world. Café Catholica alone attracts over 800 young adults to each of their weekly summer gatherings.

San José Clinic is known to most of us as the original safety-net clinic for those poorest among us who are sick and unable to obtain adequate insurance. The Clinic not only serves these working families in times of serious illnesses but also emphasizes prevention by educating patients both young and old about proper nutrition, diet and exercise to lead a more healthy life.

The Office of Vocations is featured each year in light of the ever-present need for more shepherds to lead our expanding and richly diverse Catholic congregations. Recently-ordained Father Jesse Garcia shares his story of discernment and the significant role played by the Vocations Office in his journey to the priesthood.

The Diocesan Services Fund is a genuine opportunity to share our riches with others and so grow in Christian discipleship. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated, and I encourage you to help sustain these vital ministries by your generous contributions and your prayers. With gratitude for your support and prayerful best wishes in the Lord, I remain

Your faithful Shepherd,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund, please do so today. When you offer to Be Rich in Good Works...Ready to Share, your gifts will benefit the Archdiocesan ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone.

Our parish goal for 2015 is $295,000. With every parish family’s full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the church in our community. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.
Mis queridos amigos en Cristo,

Al escribir a su amigo Timoteo, San Pablo presenta a todo Cristiano el incitador llamado “sean ricos en buenas obras, listos para compartir.” Estas palabras proporcionan el estimulante tema de nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos de este año, subrayando cuán esenciales la solidaridad y la generosidad son para imitar al Señor Jesucristo. No sea que pensemos que simplemente está animándonos a comportarnos bien, además enfatiza que ser ricos en buenas obras “acumula, como un tesoro, un buen principio para el futuro, para así ganar la vida que es vida verdadera.” La generosidad puede ser, de esta suerte, un remedio efectivo para las distracciones y el egocentrismo que detractan de la verdadera y eterna vida en Cristo.

Al comenzar el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos del 2015 este fin de semana, espero que esta generosidad en buenas obras, tanto como los deseos de compartir, serán repartidos concretamente entre los más de 60 ministerios que cuentan con éste fondo anual. El filme sobre el DSF, así como el folleto destacan varios de estos ministerios. Los jóvenes que dejan el hogar para ir a la universidad o para trabajar, a menudo encuentran difícil el continuar en el camino con Cristo. El DSF asegura que ellos tengan excelentes oportunidades para formar y reforzar su vida de fe en un ambiente lleno de retos. Los Programas de retiro, como “Bayou Awakening”, “Charis Retreats”, y “Café Católica” no solamente alimentan su fe, sino que también los prepara para convertirse en agentes de evangelización en el mundo. Solamente “Café Católica” atrae a más de 800 jóvenes a cada una de sus sesiones semanales de verano.

Casi todos conocemos a la Clínica San José como la clínica de salvamento original para los más pobres entre nosotros que se encuentran enfermos, y que son incapaces de obtener seguro medico adecuado. La Clínica no solamente presta servicios a aquellas familias trabajadoras durante enfermedades graves, sino que además enfatiza su prevención al educar tanto a pacientes jóvenes como mayores sobre nutrición, dieta y ejercicio para llevar una vida más sana.

La Oficina de Vocaciones es mencionada cada año en vista de la persistente necesidad de un mayor número de pastores de la fe que guíen nuestra creciente y muy diversa congregación Católica. El recientemente ordenado Padre Jesse García comparte su historia de discernimiento, así como el primordial rol que jugó La Oficina de Vocaciones en su camino al sacerdocio.

El Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos es una genuina oportunidad para compartir nuestra abundancia con los demás, y así crecer como discípulos Cristianos. Su ayuda es sumamente necesitada y apreciada, y los invito a que apoyen a estos ministerios tan vitales con sus generosas contribuciones y con sus oraciones. Con gratitud por su apoyo y sus oraciones llenas de buenos deseos en el Señor,quedo de ustedes,

Su fiel pastor en la fe,

Daniel Cardenal DiNardo
Arzobispo de Galveston-Houston

Si aún no han ofrecido su promesa para el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos de este año, por favor háganlo hoy mismo. Cuando ustedes ofrecen Ser Ricos en Buenas Obras...Listos para Compartir, sus donaciones beneficiarán a los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis que prestan servicios a miles y miles de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. A través de sus generosas donaciones al DSF, proporcionamos el apoyo y cuidado Cristiano a las muchas y urgentes necesidades que no pueden ser atendidas individualmente, o por una sola parroquia.

La meta de nuestra parroquia para el año 2015 es de $295,000. Con la completa participación de todas las familias en cada parroquia, seguramente rebasarremos esta cantidad y haremos nuestra parte para ayudar a tantos que lo necesitan, proveyendo la labor de la iglesia en nuestra comunidad. Para las donaciones por internet, por favor visite la página www.archgh.org/dsf. Aquellos que ya han respondido con una donación, permitánnos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
March 26-29
Registration for the March Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat will be held on Saturday February 7, and Sunday February 8 following all Masses in the Narthex. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 nights retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Acenith Claassen at 832-455-3764 or cennieclaas@yahoo.com.

Men’s ACTS Retreat
February 12-15, 2015
Registration for the February Men’s ACTS retreat (English) is now open. 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, please contact the retreat director, Chris Pozzi, at stmmlmensacts@gmail.com or you can call 832-370-8944.

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.

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, e-mail ANNEFVAN@aol.com.
Information in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend, February 7th & 8th. For more information contact: terice.richards@gmail.com, peggyangelino@yahoo.com, or maryannehoward@inbox.com.

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

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, February 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. We look forward to breaking bread and celebrating our marriage vocation with all of you!
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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. Series Dates: February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1.

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. February Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24.

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 they become 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, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more…check it out! Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center invites you to a weekend of quiet, rest, and prayer on February 27-March 1.
Our theme this year is: Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew: Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross.

Holy Name Retreat Center is located in Houston on 10 quiet acres at 430 Bunker Hill Road and offers inspiring talks by religious men, women, and laity. Enjoy award-winning gardens, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, a Labyrinth, prayerful massages, and private rooms with private baths. And most importantly, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
For more information, please call the retreat center at 713-464-0211, or go online to www.passionist.org/holyname. You may also call Jan Rodine at 281-354-3646 for additional information. Carpooling and transportation can be arranged.

*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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, February 4, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 pm at Brooklyn’s Pizza, 9467 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (near Walmart). On Saturday, February 7, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Martha’s; meal afterwards at El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant, 24551 Loop 494 (near Northpark Dr.), in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm.
For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmnmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.

ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT ST. MARTHA

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For ten years the Second Family Care Team has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.
Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely.

The Rosary Guild will meet on Sunday, February 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus. New members are welcomed. For further information contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.
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 February 2, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 2. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com

ST. MARtha’S YOUTH CHOIR WOULD LIKE to extend an invitation to 2nd – 8th graders to join our choir for the spring season to sing at the following 9:00 Masses:

- 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1st
- Easter Sunday, April 5th
- First Communion Masses on April 26th and May 3rd

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 in the choir room of the church on Woodridge Parkway. Please contact barbtilson@comcast.net for further information.

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 (February 10) 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 Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

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SURFSIDE BEACH RETREAT

February 13-15, 2015

All Juniors & Seniors in High School are invited to our annual Surfside Beach Retreat! This amazing weekend of prayer and fun at the beach will be a time for you to deepen your faith, and to take a step back from the stress and worry you face each day.

Registrations are due February 7. Spots are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!

Forms are available in the Youth Center or Parish Office.
Please contact Laura Gallardo for more information:
laurag@stmartha.com - or - 281.258.1959 ext. 252

MIDDLEx NEWS:

A DAY OF PRAYER
With DODGEBALL
Saturday, February 7
[1:00 – 4:00 pm]
Meet in the Youth Center
Cost: Absolutely FREE!
Bring your friends and join the EDGE team for an afternoon of prayer, dodgeball, and much more!
Lisa Hartsfield: lislal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241
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 AND MONDAY 2-3AM!**

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM. Monday: 1-2 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight. Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 5-6 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, 2-3 AM, 2-3 PM, 9-10 PM.

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.

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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!

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St. Martha’s Parish Family Welcomed those in the RCIA process on Sunday, January 18th, 2015

Who celebrated the “Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens” preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Jennifer Baltz, Barry Baltz, Tony Garza and Lavina Henry

Who celebrated the “Rite of Welcoming” preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Jessica Snider, Andrew Ebersbaker, Leslie Woodard, Bekah McAnulty, Brandy Recio, Jacqueline Silva and Corey Stoeck

We, as a parish family, wish to support each of you with our prayers and sacrifices as you continue your journey and discernment of the Catholic Church.

The Body of Christ, St. Martha’s Community
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 llevarán a cabo durante todo el año.

El programa incluye:

- 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 puente 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
Ministerio Hispano

4º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que la gente se quedaba asombrada cuando hablaba Jesús, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad. Cuando leemos o oímos las palabras de Jesús en los Evangelios, o cuando rezamos y hablamos con Él en nuestras oraciones, ¿Nos damos cuenta de que estamos leyendo, oyendo o platicando con nuestro creador? Él tiene autoridad sobre todo el Universo y lo puede todo. La única forma en que podremos convertir nuestros corazones a Jesús es cuando nos damos cuenta y nos convencemos de que Jesús, Dios mismo, vino a este mundo por amor a nosotros, para redimir nuestros pecados y abrirmos las puertas del cielo. San Juan nos dice en su primera carta, que la forma en que podemos estar seguros de que conocemos a Jesús es si seguimos sus mandamientos, de hecho nos dice que si alguien dice: “Yo lo conozco” y no sigue sus mandamientos, es un mentiroso. Así que el camino de nuestra salvación es darnos cuenta de que estamos creados por Dios y para Dios y que debemos seguir sus mandamientos.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en el inmenso amor que Dios tiene por mí: mi Creador me ama y quiere que me salve para vivir con Él eternamente.

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

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. Tendremos 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 facialmente a la iglesia. Muchas Gracias por su atención y ayuda!

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.

Transducciones Pro-Vida
Se necesita su ayuda para traducir al español textos Pro-vida que están en inglés. Estos artículos promueven la santidad de la vida humana.
Por favor llame a Brenda Baez al 713-277-5093.

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

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 recibirlas como adulto? Conoces a alguien que no tiene todos sus sacramentos? No es difícil. Nosotros te ayudamos en el proceso. Pero tu tienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co. hoy mismo!!!!!

### February 2015

#### Stewardship Prayer for February:

Merciful Father, our comfort in illness, and help in affliction, look with kindness on all who suffer. Fill our hearts with compassion so that we may see the face of Christ in those most in need of his mercy and love. Give us the wisdom to use our gifts to bring Your healing to a broken world. We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

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