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): ....
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.
### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).


### READING S FOR THE WEEK

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### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” — Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet, Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

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)
Jose Yllana
Kenneth Guidry (husband of Jeanette Guidry)
Enrique Cabanillas

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS


### CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the EHLIG 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 Gospel passage chosen for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time is from Mark and describes the visit of Jesus to the ailing mother-in-law of Peter. In his love for detail the evangelist tells us that Jesus walks into the room, takes her by the hand, and helps her out of bed. She was restored to health and immediately went about her “ministry” of serving the guests. Towards the end of this account Mark relates how, in his casting out of the demons, Jesus ordered them to remain silent because they knew who he was. The point is being made that a lot of preparation had to be done by Jesus before the people would be capable of accepting the reality of the Kingdom being inaugurated through his preaching and teaching. In fact Jesus would go about demonstrating the great love and compassion of his Father for humanity even though human beings themselves refused to have much faith in his mission. When the people would begin to see that Jesus, the Son of God, was willing to do whatever needed to be done to ease human suffering and lift humanity from its unredeemed condition, then they might be ready to listen to the Gospel and recognize the most divine act of all: the Crucifixion. In effect, the evangelist is reminding us, the listeners, that we will not be able to fully embrace the gift of salvation in Christ unless we walk the way of the Cross with him.

The central point of the stories about healing in the Gospel is not primarily of demonstrating divine power but of revealing how Jesus entered completely into our human condition and reached out to other human beings to ease their sufferings. The invitation is also made to us as disciples to learn to do the same for our brothers and sisters in need. The first reading is a passage from the Book of Job, the classic text about a man for whom human sufferings had become a burden almost beyond bearing. “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” Towards the end of the book, Job finally does make peace with his condition in life by opening himself to the fact that every aspect of life, good and bad, ultimately belongs to God and not to us. Job learned that life can never be fully understood but only lived and accepted. God will meet us in life and sustain us for the journey. The Gospel of Mark reminds us that people need preparation in order to understand this “good news” of salvation in Jesus. The Lord continues to proclaim that he is the Messiah and Savior and he asks his Church to prepare the way for his Gospel. No one will believe that their lives are truly touched and shaped by a gracious and loving God if we, the followers of Jesus, do not give them the opportunity to experience that reality through our ministry of service and care. Pope Francis reminds us that we convert people to the Lord, not by proselytizing, but by attraction, namely through the witness of our lives.

Fr. Chester Borski

Mass times for Ash Wednesday, February 18:

6:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

The following Masses will be held at the Woodland Hills Campus:

8:30 a.m. (School Mass) and 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for your generous donations and to all who donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang and the Gabriel Project. It was a success and the funds will be used to help women in crisis pregnancies in our parish and surrounding areas. We still have about 600 unreturned bottles and they are costly to replace. If you have a bottle and are not able to donate at this time, please return it to the parish office or at Mass next weekend. We are still accepting donations and you may bring them and your bottle to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday, February 10, following the weekly Tuesday Mass. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., and is followed immediately by the Adoration service. The Host will be exposed at this time. Following the exposition, there will be a brief reflection, then time for contemplation. The evening will close with praise and worship music.
MARTHA'S QUILTERS:

Martha's Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God's love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at njborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com - 281-361-9720.

Martha's Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - NURSERY

Position available for the Sunday Nursery and other church events. Please contact Patty Jackson at 281-713-8970, or e-mail pattyj@stmartha.com

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON -

Mardi Gras

Young at Heart-ers - For all of you from Louisiana or those who just like to party, bring your own "krewe" and join us for our Mardi Gras celebration. We begin with fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, February 11. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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

*A VIDEO SERIES BY ROBERT BARRON – “PRIEST, PROPHECY 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! *Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2. Series Dates: February 8, 15, 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: 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 **You Tube**. Click the **You Tube** icon on the website home page to view.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK** Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the **Facebook** icon on the website home page and join.

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**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/holynamer. 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

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, February 11, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Zachary’s Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggymbmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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**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.

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**Caring Cooks**

THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” ~ Matthew 25:35
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 morglor@yahoo.com

JOY BORN ANEW:
“With Christ, joy is constantly born anew” - Pope Francis
A Day for Reflection for High School Youth
St. Martha Catholic Church-
Woodland Hills Campus
Borski Activity Room (School Building)
Saturday, February 28, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Conference Leader: Deacon Ed Kleinguentl.
Cost: FREE.
We will reflect and ponder questions such as:
- What is the meaning of life?
- Who is Jesus to me?
- How should I pray?
- Does Jesus really want me just as I am?
So join us and bring your friends (even non-Catholics) to explore our Catholic faith. We will provide: Breakfast, Lunch, Study materials and an option for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:00 pm at the main church. Please RSVP so that we can plan the meals and materials. Marcelle Chamoun, 713-409-2779, mfchamoun@me.com, or Michael Mosby, 832-405-2088, cmlmosby@gmail.com. (Sponsored by the Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

St. Martha School Scoops
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/fralfonsotran2015.
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.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of January, we had 1,066 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 446 visitors! Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK MINISTRY: During 2014, the Communion to the Sick Ministry had an average of 41 active ministers taking Holy Communion to individuals who were hospitalized, homebound, or residents of nursing care or independent living facilities. The ministers visited an average of 125 patients per week at Kingwood Medical Center. Thirty-five homebound individuals and 76 residents of nursing care or independent living facilities were also visited on a weekly basis. This amounted to a total of 615 Eucharistic visits per month. Mass was also celebrated once a month by Fr. Thomas Rayen at six of these facilities.

GABRIEL PROJECT AND BIRTHRIGHT OF HUMBLE: The mission of our organization of Gabriel Project of St. Martha and Birthright of Humble is to help both emotionally and spiritually our mothers and babies who contact us for help. This past January our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser has raised over $22,000 to help our young women and teens who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy. The generosity of our parishioners has given to them the resources and support needed in their circumstances. We are pleased to announce the birth of two beautiful babies. We ask for your continued prayers for both the mothers and their babies. We are currently working with two moms that have contacted us. With the encouragement and help from our ministry, they too will have the joy in the birth of their babies.

ST. JOSEPH HELPERS: It's been 8 years since we started. Looking back we've completed overall some 230 projects. While many of these were done for the needy outside of our parish – quite a few were done in Kingwood and for parishioners too. Over this period we've built over 150 wheelchair ramps and the associated platforms needed to close the door by the user to exit their home before starting down the ramp. We had rehabbed (fixed up and painted) over 50 houses – most of which have been in the older parts of the city – in cooperation with an organization “Rebuilding Together – Houston” that identifies critical needs and sponsors activities throughout the city.

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.
Easter Bunny’s AMAZING Day!

Sunday Morning, February 22, 10:45 to 11:40 a.m.
Family Life Center - 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.

In a wonderful book, Easter Bunny’s AMAZING Day, Carol Benoist comes alongside of each child stuffing his or her cheeks with jelly beans and chocolate bunny ears and quietly say, "...but wait, there’s more!" This bestselling story, from the heart of two sisters, introduces us to the original Easter Bunny. Children love this story of the young bunny who meets the one who rose with the sun on the first Easter... and is forever transformed by His love!

Abbot Thomas Ferking O.S.B. said-
"It is very special indeed - a truly extraordinary book. Easter Bunny’s Amazing Day is wonderful! It brought tears to my eyes! What a beautiful way of telling the Easter Story to children - and therefore to us all! Truly, I think that this book is inspired. I’m sure it will reach the hearts of many, many people, children and adults."

Come meet author Carol Benoist and listen to her inspiration for writing this wonderful book. You will have the opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by the author.

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, February 23, 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

Father Charles Hough from Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church in Spring Branch will speak to us about: The Gift of Authority: A story of Conversion and Vocation.

RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
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.
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, 3-4 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.

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!

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter. Ages: 12 months old through age 4.
El pasaje evangélico escogido para el quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario es de Marcos y describe la visita de Jesús a la suegra enferma de Peter. En su amor por el detalle, el evangelista nos dice que Jesús entra en la habitación, le da la mano, y le ayuda a salir de la cama. Ella recuperó la salud y de inmediato empezó su "ministerio" de servir a los invitados. Hacia el final Marcos relata cómo, en su expulsión de demonios, Jesús les ordenó permanecer en silencio, porque sabían quién era él. El punto está siendo hecho de una gran preparación que tenía que hacer Jesús ante el pueblo para que fueran capaces de aceptar la realidad del Reino siendo inaugurado por medio de su predicación y enseñanza. De hecho Jesús trataría de demostrar el gran amor y la compasión de su Padre por la humanidad a pesar de que los propios seres humanos se negaran a tener mucha fe en su misión. Cuando las personas comenzaron a ver que Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, estaba dispuesto a hacer lo que fuera para aliviar el sufrimiento humano y elevar a la humanidad de su condición no redimida, entonces podrían estar listos para escuchar el Evangelio y reconocer el acto más divino de todo: la Crucifixión. En efecto, el evangelista nos está recordando, que no vamos a ser capaces de aceptar plenamente el don de la salvación en Cristo a menos que andemos el camino de la Cruz con él.

El punto central de las historias de sanación en el Evangelio no es principalmente el de demostrar el poder divino, sino de revelar cómo Jesús entró de lleno en nuestra condición humana y como se acercó a los otros seres humanos para aliviar sus sufrimientos. La invitación se nos hace también a nosotros como discípulos y aprendan a hacer lo mismo con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. La primera lectura es un pasaje del Libro de Job, el texto clásico sobre un hombre para quien el sufrimiento humano se había convertido en una carga casi insoportable. "¿No es la vida del hombre en la tierra un sueño humano se había convertido en una carga casi insoportable. "¿No es la vida del hombre en la tierra un trabajo pesado?" Hacia el final del libro, Job finalmente nos hace hacer las paces con su condición en la vida, abriéndose al hecho de que todos los aspectos de la vida, el bien y el mal, en última instancia, pertenece a Dios y no para nosotros. Job aprendió que la vida nunca se puede entender completamente sólo vivela y aceptala. Nos encontraremos con Dios en la vida y nos sostendrá durante el viaje. El Evangelio de Marcos nos recuerda que la gente necesita preparación para entender esta "buena nueva" de la salvación en Jesús. El Señor sigue proclamando que él es el Mesías y Salvador, y le pide a su Iglesia para que preparar el camino con su Evangelio. Nadie va a creer que sus vidas están verdaderamente tocadas y moldeadas por un Dios misericordioso y amoroso si nosotros, los seguidores de Jesús, no les damos la oportunidad de experimentar esa realidad a través de nuestro ministerio de servicio y atención. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que convirtamos la gente al Señor, no por proselitismo, sino por atracción, es decir, a través del testimonio de nuestras vidas.

Padre Chester Borski

Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministe- rio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Na- zaret. Dirigido a las familias de nuestra parroquia que desean encontrar una Iglesia que les dé solucio- nes, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les propor- cione 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 necesida- des, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo apoyo espiritual y emocional, sino un seguimiento constante a su situación.

En el MSF, queremos ofrecerle soluciones concre- tas, es decir, generar las respuestas a las problemáti- cas implementando actividades, programas, seminarios, talleres y retiros que serán impartidos de ma- nera 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.
- Acéquense, preguntan o participen y sean testigos de cómo juntos construiremos ese ca- mino, sea Ud. también puente entre la Iglesia y las familias, irradiando de esa mane- ra 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
5º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
San Pablo, en su primera carta a los Corintios, nos dijo: ¡Ay de mí, si no anuncio el Evangelio! San Pablo veía el anuncio del Evangelio como una obligación, y es que las últimas palabras de Jesús antes de subir al cielo fueron una orden para que evangelizáramos e hicieramos discípulos de todas las gentes. Simón y sus compañeros fueron a buscar a Jesús cuando se había retirado a orar y le dijeron: “Todos te andan buscando”. Todos estamos buscando a Jesús, aunque no nos demos cuenta. San Agustín lo dijo muy bellamente: “Nos creaste para ti, Señor, y nuestro corazón andará siempre inquieto hasta que no descanses en ti”. Todos los seres humanos fuimos creados para buscar la felicidad y muchas veces la buscamos en los lugares equivocados: El placer, las posesiones materiales, el poder y el honor. Dios nos creó para Él y solo Él nos puede hacer felices. Es por ello que debemos de evangelizar siempre, como lo hacía San Pablo, porque todos estamos buscando a Jesús y necesitamos que alguien nos lo muestre y nos hable de Él. Anunciemos la Buena Noticia de Jesús en todo momento y así ayudaremos a los demás a encontrar lo que buscan: a Jesús.
Compromiso de la semana: Me haré el compromiso de platicar de Jesús con mis conocidos para que lo conozcan.

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

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 de manera más fluida.

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

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/a de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar. Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@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 recibirlo 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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