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): ....
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** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).


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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday** — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday** — Presidents’ Day

**Tuesday** — The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

**Wednesday** — Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

**Thursday** — Chinese New Year 4713

**Friday** — Abstinence

**Saturday** — St. Peter Damian

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of, “I am grateful for the gifts God gave me” instead of “I want more.” For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

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**Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex.**

To add a loved one call: Carole Parslow 832-689-5824 or e-mail carolep8359@gmail.com.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time continue the message about our need for God’s healing. The focus is on the terrible disease of leprosy. In biblical times leprosy was dreaded and thought to be highly contagious and frequently fatal. (In our time the Ebola virus is causing the same type of fear.) The first reading from the Book of Leviticus describes the process of diagnosing and quarantining cases of leprosy. A victim was to cry out, “Unclean, unclean!” and he was to “dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” This process was followed in order to separate the infected from the rest of the population and thus control the spread of the disease. In addition lepers were made to cover their faces, wear a bell, and warn away anyone whom might come near by yelling out their uncleanness. In the literature of many cultures of the time, leprosy was so uniquely despised that it was worse than any other contagious, fatal disease. It was considered so ugly that it was practically impossible for someone to be compassionate and caring toward a leper. In the Gospel account from Mark a leper approached Jesus for healing. In a prophetic gesture Jesus ignored the many religious and cultural restrictions and simply reached out and touched the man: “The leprosy left him immediately.” The real manifestation of divine power in this event was not just the healing of the leper but also the fact that a person, universally believed to be repulsive and unlovable, was shown to be loved unconditionally by God. This miracle of Jesus healed not only the leprosy but also the human fear and prejudice imbedded deeply in the whole culture.

Because of its ugliness, leprosy came to symbolize for the Hebrew people everything that was frightening and evil in human life. And we human beings have the tendency to try to banish from our sight those things or conditions that seem repulsive and disgusting. In the end what we really fear is the brokenness that exists in each of us. Thus, we are all in need of salvation and healing at our very core. It is Jesus Christ who gathers up in himself all our prejudices and misunderstandings of human life and gives them clear expression in his proclamation of the Kingdom. Leprosy for us moderns can mean many things: a member of the family being diagnosed with AIDS, the experience of being abused in life, a terrible mistake committed in our youth, etc. As the leper humbly brought the frightening side of his life and laid it before Jesus, so we too must bring our fears and failings to Jesus. Our words of request will undoubtedly be similar to those of the leper, “If you wish, Lord, you can make me clean.” Jesus’ comforting message to us will always be the same, “Of course I will: be healed.”

Fr. Chester Borski

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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.

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one’s own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken. Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.
Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church every Friday during Lent.
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON – Rodeo

Young at Heart-ers - Yeehaw - it's Rodeo time! Grab your Stetson, dust off your boots, and come celebrate the Rodeo with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, February 25. 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 at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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.

St. Joseph Helpers are available to help parishioners who are in need of assistance with home repairs or building projects such as wheelchair ramps, etc. For more information contact Bill Beck, 281-360-7023.

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
March 26-29

Registration for the March Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. 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. 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.

The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday, February 24, at 7 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral Center in Houston. The Young Adults of St. Martha will be carpooling to this executive speaker series. The event is free and is open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, will be speaking. For more information please email: yastmartha@gmail.com

www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapters/houston/

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

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.
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, PROPHET AND KING”


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: 17 and 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.

Have you experienced cancer as a patient or caregiver and now you want to help others?
BECOME A CANCARE VOLUNTEER
You can make a difference for others who have been diagnosed with cancer. Help someone one-on-one with a similar cancer or make hospital visits.

Register for training February 27 - March 1, 2015
To register visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

The mission of CanCare is to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

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.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Saturday, February 21, 7:30 pm, to hear the Kingwood Pops Orchestra: Space, The Final Frontier, at The Nathaniel Center, 804 Russell Palmer in Kingwood. To purchase $10 ticket, call 281-319-POPS. For more info, 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 on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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

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
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/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.

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.

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 Kleinguel

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)

“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

Martha’s Kitchen is busily serving those in need of a meal each weekday as a result of the dedicated loyalty of donations from parishioners. Our ministry is most grateful for the Christmas donations and memorials. Please remember to use your special envelopes in order to fight hunger and help those who struggle to feed their families on a daily basis. During the Lenten season, we ask you to reflect on the poor and hungry of Houston. May God bless you!

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!
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.

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.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario siguen con el mensaje sobre nuestra necesidad de sanación de Dios. La atención se centra en la terrible enfermedad de la lepra. En los tiempos bíblicos la lepra era temida y se pensaba que era altamente contagiosa y con frecuencia mortal. (En nuestro tiempo el virus Ébola es el causante del mismo tipo de miedo). La primera lectura, tomada del libro de Levítico describe el proceso de diagnóstico y puesta en cuarentena de los casos de lepra. A La víctima le gritaban: "¡Inmundo, inmundo!" Y él fue "a morar aparte, haciendo su morada fuera del campamento". Este proceso fue seguido con el fin de separar a los infectados del resto de la población y por lo tanto controlar la propagación de la enfermedad. Además se hicieron mantos para cubrir sus rostros, usaban una campana, y advertían a distancia para que nadie se acercarse a gritar por su inmundicia. En la literatura de muchas culturas de la época, la lepra era tan singularmente despreciada que era peor que cualquier otra enfermedad contagiosa y mortal. Se consideró por lo feo que era prácticamente imposible que alguien pudiera ser compasivo y cuidadoso hacia un leproso. En el relato del Evangelio de Marcos un leproso se acercó a Jesús para que lo cure. En un gesto profético de Jesús ignoró las muchas restricciones religiosas y culturales y simplemente extendió su mano y tocó al hombre: "La lepra se le quitó inmediatamente". La verdadera manifestación del poder divino en este caso no fue sólo la curación del leproso, sino también el hecho de que una persona, creía universalmente repulsiva e indigna de amor, se demostró el ser amado incondicionalmente por Dios. Este milagro de Jesús sanó no sólo la lepra, sino también el miedo humano y los prejuicios profundamente arraigados en la cultura entera.

A causa de su fealdad, la lepra se convirtió en símbolo para el pueblo hebreo de todo lo que daba miedo y el mal en la vida humana. Y nosotros, los seres humanos tienen la tendencia a tratar de desterrar de nuestra vista las cosas o condiciones que parecen repulsivas y repugnantes. Al final lo que realmente tememos es la ruptura de nuestra necesidad de salvación y sanación a nuestra esencia. Es Jesucristo quien reúne en sí todas nuestras prejuicios y malentendidos de la vida humana y les da una expresión clara en su anuncio del Reino. Lepra para nosotros en los tiempos modernos puede significar muchas cosas: un miembro de la familia que a sido diagnosticado con SIDA, la experiencia de ser abusado en la vida, un terrible error cometido en nuestra juventud, etc. Como el leproso humildemente trajo el lado aterrador de su vida y la puso ante Jesús, así también nosotros debemos llevar nuestros miedos y fracasos a Jesús. Nuestras palabras de petición, sin duda, serán similares a las del leproso, "Si tú quieres, Señor, puedes limpiarme". El mensaje confortante de Jesús para nosotros siempre será el mismo: "Claro que sí: serás sanado."

Padre Chester Borski

Ministerio Hispano

Ministerio Sagrada Familia

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 edifique 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 sólo 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 líderazgos en la comunidad.
- Ayuda sicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.
- Acéquense, 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 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
¡Oportunidad de Formación en la fe para todos los adultos!

Formación para el Ministerio Cristiano (FPMC) ofrece la base teológica y el crecimiento espiritual para todos aquellos católicos adultos que quisieran profundizar su compromiso con Jesucristo y su Iglesia. FPMC es un programa ofrecido por la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston donde se prové una formación teológica, espiritual y bíblica basado en la doctrina Católica. Todas las clases son impartidas por instructores aprobados por la Arquidiócesis y calificados con grados de Maestría o Doctorado en las diferentes ramas de la Teología. Toda persona involucrada en cualquier ministerio en la Iglesia (catequética, litúrgica, pastoral, social, etc) puede beneficiarse de este programa.

El programa completo comprende tres semestres de 15 semanas cada uno que incluye 45 horas de instrucción teológica. En cada semestre se exige la participación en un Día de Reflexión [usualmente impartido un sábado de 9-3 pm]. Los participantes pueden empezar con cualquier semestre y no es necesario comprometerse con los tres a la vez. El costo para cada participante es de solo $25 por semestre, dado que la parroquia financia parte del costo. La fecha límite para inscribirse a este precio es el 13 de Febrero, 2015; después de esa fecha habrá un costo adicional de $10. La formación se dará en el Activity Center de la iglesia vieja y comenzará el 21 de Febrero próximo. Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis de http://www.archgh.org/OEC/FPMC o llame a Adrian A. Herrera al 713-741-8799.

"Con amor eterno te he amado"
(Jeremías 31, 3)

Noche de Adoración y Alabanza

Martes 24 de Febrero 7:00 p.m.
Parroquia Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas

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.

Proyecto Gabriel—
¿Está embarazada?
¿Necesita ayuda durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826.

"SEAN RICOS EN BUENAS OBRAS...LISTOS PARA COMPARTIR"
FONDO DE SERVICIOS DIOCESANOS 2015

Si aun no han ofrecido su promesa para el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos de este año, por favor háganlo hoy mismo. Cuando ustedes ofrezcan 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 rebasaremos 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, permitannos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud.
6º Domingo Ordinario

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

En la primera lectura, San Pablo nos pide que todo lo que hagamos, lo hagamos para la gloria de Dios. ¿Te imaginas cómo sería tu vida diferente si todo lo que hicieras, lo hicieras para la gloria de Dios? Todas tus actividades, todas las palabras que dijeras o pensaras, todo lo que vieras en la televisión, el internet, el celular, etc. Todo lo que comieras o bebieras, todo lo que compraras, tu trabajo, tu descanso, etc. Así tienen que ser nuestras vidas, un continuo ofrecimiento a Dios de todas nuestras actividades, pensamientos y palabras. En el Evangelio de hoy, un leproso se acerca a Jesús a pedirle: “Si quieres, puedes curarme”, a lo Jesús responde: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!”: Jesús está ahí, esperando a que nosotros le pidamos que nos sane, para hacerlo de inmediato. Pero la iniciativa tiene que ser nuestra. Tenemos que darnos cuenta, como lo hizo el hijo pródigo, de que estamos enfermos por estar alejados de Él. El proceso de nuestra sanación empieza cuando nosotros nos damos cuenta de que estamos enfermos y reconocemos que nos hemos separado de Dios por nuestras obras, pensamientos y omisiones. Sólo así podemos pedirle a Jesús que nos sane y Él nos responderá de igual forma: “¡Sí quiero: Sana!”.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en lo que sería un día completo para la gloria de Dios. ¿Qué cosas haría de más y cuáles de menos?

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

Cáliz de Vocaciones: Está interesado 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 e-mail al: comitecalizdevocaciones@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 quedaran en el nátrex 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!

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

RICA:
No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no estás confirmado!!!! Piensas que como no lo hiciste de niño es muy difícil recibirlos como adulto? Conoces a alguien que no tiene todos sus sacramentos? No es difícil. Nosotros te ayudamos en el proceso. Pero tu tienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!!
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For the weekend of Feb. 7 & 8
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget  $ 74,433
Sunday Collection  $ 51,159
Over/(short)  $ (23,274)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 2,381,856
Sunday Collection  $ 2,336,471
Over/(short)  $ (57,192)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 7,854
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 5,662

2015 DSF Goal  $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date  $ 2,974

Current Loan Debt:  $ 14,191,128

Recap for January 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt:  $ 80,542
Payments to reduce the debt:  $ 137,734
Over/(short)  $ 57,192