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.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
Mark 1:14-15

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281-358-6637 • fax 281-358-7973 • www.stmartha.com
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).
Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).
Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).
Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).

- Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., FEB. 25.

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Feb. 23 8:30 am †Catherine Cook
Tues./Feb. 24 8:30 am †Dorothy Rodine 7:00 pm †Catherine Stryjak
Wed./Feb. 25 8:30 am †Connor Aiden Dodge 10:00 am †Mary Ann Brown
Thurs./Feb. 26 6:30 am †Robert Bock 8:30 am †Cheryl Skudlarski
Fri./Feb. 27 8:30 am †Michael & Mary Koska
Sat./Feb. 28 5:30 pm †Josephine Telesz
Sun./Mar. 1 7:00 am †Florence Kerrigan & Sharon Kerrigan Koenig

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 carolep8339@gmail.com.

-Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers-

Kenneth Guidy (husband of Jeanette Guidy)
Robert Everlanka (husband of Karen Everlanka)
Joseph Park (father of Denise Anding)
James Palmer (brother of Pat Stuntz)
Jacqueline Giacolone (mother of Tisha Lynn)
Kathleen Green (wife of Edward Green)
Thomas Shannon, Jr.
Robert A. Hein (father of Ruth Shupak)


(If you would like to add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-338-6637, or e-mail Jodis@stmartha.com)

REASONS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God….” — Mark 1:14
Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

In the liturgy of Ash Wednesday the Church reminds us of our origin and destiny in God with the simple prayer: “Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” Throughout the season of Lent we are challenged to recognize that this place we call “earth” is not our lasting home. We are all pilgrims on a journey to everlasting life with God. Whatever we experience in our lives along the way, however, satisfying or frustrating it may be, will change and change quite often. There is a constant stream of change, renewal, and rebirth that God has ordained for those whom God loves and calls to become his disciples. We can choose to ignore God’s plan, we can refuse to cooperate with it, but we cannot make it any less true or real. Sooner or later reality catches up with all of us and we experience change whether we like it or not: e.g. the maturation process and leaving home, the loss of a loved one, a job transfer or loss, old age itself with all its limitations, etc. For us who follow Jesus Christ the challenge in all this is to face reality, accept those things we cannot change, and come to discover meaning and direction in our lives from a faith perspective. In the Gospel for this 1st Sunday of Lent Jesus says, “The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.” A similar message is given elsewhere in the teaching of Jesus: “Take up your cross daily and follow in my footsteps.” The point that is being emphasized in the season of Lent is that we have a choice to make as we experience all changes. We should not just sit back, let the burdens of life be heaped upon us, and then complain how miserable our lives have become. We can indeed choose to live in the way Jesus showed us. We can embrace the cross, knowing that it leads to eternal life.

This new life in Christ Jesus (which our Catholic tradition calls grace) was begun in us when we were baptized and became children of God. The season of Lent is filled with symbols and images of our baptism. The very forty days remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the desert before his baptism in the Jordan and the beginning of his public life and ministry. These forty days are very significant for the candidates and catechumens who will enter the Church through the Easter sacraments at the end of their spiritual journey to Christ. And we who have already been baptized are offered many ways by the Church to deal with change and spiritual growth. We call these “penitential practices” and they can be organized under the traditional ones mentioned in the Gospel: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Perhaps the most obvious value of these practices is that they make us uncomfortable, less content with where we are in life, and hopefully more aware that our destiny is to be with God forever in heaven. However, we must be aware that, just like with Jesus in the desert, we too will experience many temptations as we enter on our Lenten journey. We can expect to lose our perspective at times, become irritable and impatient with others, and become discouraged along the way. Like with all of the experiences of life, we will be tempted to see ourselves as victims rather than as active participants in the building up of God’s Kingdom in the world. The ashes should remind us that we have to die to self in order to learn to live for God and with God.

Fr. Chester Borski

“Easter Bunny’s AMAZING Day!”

Sunday Morning, February 22, 10:45 to 11:40 a.m. in the Family Life Center

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.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, February 28 and March 1, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

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.
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”

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. Remaining Series Date: 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. Remaining February Date: 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](http://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.

**TUESDAY EVENING – “RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON” – MARCH 3**

Please join Marty Matulia as he talks on his reflection of the Rembrandt painting and the book by Henri Nouwen.

Woodland Hills Campus – 7:30 pm – Family Life Center

**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.

**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!

**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](http://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

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

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.
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.

COMMISSION 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.

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

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Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, March 7.
St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.
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

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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 abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not 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.

EASTER FLOWERS
Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in an insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Palm Sunday, March 29.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the CHAVEZ 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.

Vocations Corner

The Season of Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church every Friday during Lent.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTICADORATION
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.

OPEN HOUR: FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON MONDAY 2-3AM!

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Martha Conference
2014 Annual Report

In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the graces of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your prayers and contributions, St. Martha Conference has been able to extend help to many needy families in our area. In 2014, our conference provided monetary assistance for rent, utilities, furniture, medical and funeral expenses, transportation and food to 3,651 people-in-need in the amount of $144,722. In addition, 410 people received “in-kind” services of clothing, furniture and Christmas gifts valued at over $10,500.

Our conference is served by dedicated volunteers who logged 3,171 hours and 9,518 unreimbursed miles in 2014 visiting the needy in their homes and at the church, delivering food and furniture, preparing Christmas baskets, sorting food and many other activities. If you are interested in joining us in our ministry or if you know of a family in our area in need, we can be reached at (281) 358-6636.

We could not have had this impact without your support. We thank you for your generosity and donations, and ask for your continued prayers and support of our ministry of charity.

“Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other.”

-- St. Vincent de Paul

BAYOU AWAKENING RETREAT
COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS AGES 18-25

The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic church and a safe community. Register online at www.bayouawakening.org or by mail before March 6. All young adults in this age range are welcome. For more information, call 713-741-8778.

RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT
Divine Mercy Conference at Christ The Redeemer
11507 Huffmeister, Houston, TX 77065
March 21, 9-5 pm

SPEAKERS
Steve Pokorny- Fr. Roy Oggero
Don & Sherry Burns, Sally Flowers
Fr. Christopher Plant

GRACE FILLED DAY- Music/Refreshments/ Teachings/Power Point Presentations/3:00
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Adoration / 5 pm Mass
Registration is required – No Charge
Call 281-469-5533 (Seating is limited)
Jack Alexander jalexander@ctrcc.com
En la liturgia del Miércoles de Ceniza, la Iglesia nos recuerda nuestro origen y destino en Dios con la oración simple: "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás". A lo largo de la temporada de Cuaresma nos desafía a reconocer que este lugar llamar "tierra" no es nuestro hogar duradero. Todos somos peregrinos en un viaje a la vida eterna con Dios. Lo que experimentamos en nuestras vidas durante el camino, sin embargo, satisfactoria o frustrante que sea, va a cambiar y muy a menudo. Hay una corriente constante de cambio, de renovación y renacimiento que Dios ha ordenado para aquellos a quienes Dios ama y llama a ser sus discípulos. Podemos optar por ignorar el plan de Dios, podemos negarnos a cooperar con él, pero no podemos por ello hacerlos menos cierto o real. Tarde o temprano la realidad se pone al día con todos nosotros y experimentamos el cambio, nos guste o no: por ejemplo, el proceso de maduración y la partida del hogar, la pérdida de un ser querido, una transferencia de trabajo o pérdida, la propia vejez con todas sus limitaciones, etc. Para los que seguimos a Jesucristo el desafío en todo esto es para hacer frente a la realidad, aceptar las cosas que no puede cambiar, y venir a descubrir el significado y dirección en nuestras vidas desde una perspectiva de fe. En el Evangelio de este 1er domingo de Cuaresma, Jesús dice: "El Reino de Dios está cerca. Convertíos y creed en el Evangelio" Un mensaje similar se da en otras partes de la enseñanza de Jesús: "Toma tu cruz cada día y sigue mis pasos" El punto que se hace hincapié en el tiempo de Cuaresma es que tenemos una opción para hacerlo y que experimentamos todos los cambios. No debemos simplemente sentarnos, dejar que las cargas de la vida se amontonen sobre nosotros, y luego empezar a quejarnos de lo mal que nuestras vidas se han vuelto. Ciertamente podemos elegir vivir en la manera en que Jesús nos enseñó. Podemos abrazar la cruz, sabiendo que conduce a la vida eterna. 

Esta nueva vida en Cristo Jesús (que nuestra tradición católica llama gracia) se inició en nosotros cuando fuimos bautizados y nos convertimos en hijos de Dios. El tiempo de Cuaresma está lleno de símbolos e imágenes de nuestro bautismo. Los cuarenta días nos recuerdan el tiempo que Jesús pasó en el desierto antes de su bautismo en el Jordán y el comienzo de su vida pública y el ministerio. Estos cuarenta días son muy importantes para los candidatos y catecúmenos que entrarán en la Iglesia a través de los sacramentos de la Pascua al final de su camino espiritual con Cristo. Y nosotros, que ya hemos sido bautizados se nos ofrecen muchas formas por la Iglesia para afrontar el cambio y el crecimiento espiritual. Llamamos a estas "prácticas penitenciales" y se pueden organizar bajo los tradicionales mencionados en el Evangelio: la oración, la limosna y el ayuno. Quizás el valor más obvio de estas prácticas es que nos hacen incómodos, y menos satisfechos de dónde estamos en la vida, y es de esperar más conscientes de que nuestro destino es estar con Dios para siempre en el cielo. Sin embargo, debemos ser conscientes de que, al igual que con Jesús en el desierto, así también nosotros experimentaremos muchas tentaciones a medida que entramos en nuestro camino cuaresmal. Podemos esperar perder nuestra perspectiva, a veces, volvemos irribables e impacientes con los demás, y desanimarnos por el camino. Al igual que con todas las experiencias de la vida, seremos tentados a vernos como víctimas y no como participantes activos en la edificación del Reino de Dios en el mundo. Las cenizas deberían recordarnos que tenemos que morir a sí mismos con el fin de aprender a vivir con Dios y para Dios.

Padre Chester Borski
¡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 provee 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 comenzara 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

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

RETIRO ACTS de Mujeres en español
30 de abril al 3 de mayo del 2015

Inscripciones para el retiro ACTS de mujeres en español se llevaran a cabo el día 1ero de marzo después de la misa.

El retiro de ACTS es un retiro de tres días y tres noches que se enfoca en Adoración, Teología, Comunidad y Servicio y es preparado por los parroquianos de la Iglesia Santa Martha. El cupo el limitado y la inscripción se llevara a cabo en orden de llegada con un depósito de $50.00 (cheque o efectivo).

EL costo del retiro es de $190.00 pero si por algún motivo este monto le fuese difícil, podría aplicar por ayuda financiera. Por favor póngase en oración y considere asistir a este retiro tan especial. Si tiene alguna pregunta puede contactar a la directora Carolina Castillo al 281-684-3422 o por email carolina127@hotmail.com.
El Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda las primeras palabras de la vida pública de Jesús: “Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio”. Jesús nos hace dos peticiones: La primera, que nos arrepintamos. Pero para poder arrepentirnos, primero tenemos que reconocer que hemos hecho algo mal. Es necesario un buen análisis de conciencia para poder acordarnos y admitir todo aquello que hemos hecho mal o que hemos dejado de hacer. Acordémonos que podemos pecar de pensamiento, palabra, obra y omisión. Por ejemplo, con respecto a las demás personas, ¿He pensado mal o deseado mal a alguien más?, ¿He hablado mal o mentido acerca de alguien más?, ¿He hecho daño o herido a alguien más con mis obras?, ¿He dejado de hacer el bien que podía para ayudar a otras personas? El primer paso consta de hacer un buen análisis de lo malo que hemos hecho o lo bueno que hemos dejado de hacer, arrepentirnos, confesar y obtener el perdón. Lo segundo que nos pide Jesús es que creamos en el Evangelio, o sea, en la Buena Noticia que Él vino a darnos: “Dios nos ama, nos mandó a Su Hijo para el perdón de los pecados, para abrirnos las puertas al Cielo y para mostrarnos el camino de la santidad: Imitar a Jesús”.

Compromiso de la semana: Ahora que la Cuaresma ha comenzado, haré un buen análisis de conciencia y me iré a confesar.

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.

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

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 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. Comunicate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!!
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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of Feb. 14 & 15
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 74,433
Sunday Collection $ 52,625
Faith Direct Offertory $ 41,705
Over/(Under) $ 11,879

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 2,456,289
Sunday Collection $ 2,430,806
Over/(Under) $ (5,483)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 13,410
Martha’s Kitchen $ 6,132
2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 40,390

Current Loan Debt: $ 14,086,411
Recap for January 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt $ 80,542
Payments to reduce the debt $ 137,734
Over/(short) $ (57,192)