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.

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Mark 9:2-3
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).


READES FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings
(Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penanceal Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: St. Casimir
Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday: SS. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

STEWARTSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.” - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord,” when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

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 note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., MAR. 4.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent describes the event known as the Transfiguration: “Jesus took Peter, James, and John … up a high mountain … and he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white” (Mark 9:2). Occasionally we have had similar occurrences in our lives and we have come to call them “mountain top experiences.” While we do not experience the presence of God as dramatically as did these three apostles, such special moments help us at times to see through all of the complexity and mystery of life. For perhaps only a brief moment or two, we truly see the purpose behind all we are asked to do or endure in life. Such moments are a kind of revelation of God’s plan for us. Sometimes soldiers describe such experiences while in battle, at times women have such moments at the birth of a child, others at the unexpected healing of a failed relationship, etc. Through reflection on these moments, we come to realize that life is so much more than what it seems to be. There is at work in our lives a tremendous power, a power that is capable of transforming us and reshaping our world. This power that we sense has a presence far beyond our ability to directly experience but which nonetheless is so intimately bound up with the smallest and most tender details in our lives. It is God’s creative power at work in us and this grace has been poured out upon us through the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. Certainly for the three apostles who witnessed the Transfiguration, this was a moment of divine revelation. They were allowed to see beyond their immediate experience and come into the presence of God. They came away from that moment changed men.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis describes another such event. At a particular moment in his life, Abraham experienced his relationship with God in such a way that he felt he was being asked to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. It wasn’t until God intervened that he realized that he was not being asked to satisfy God’s anger or jealousy, but he was being called to prefigure God’s plan for all of humanity. Abraham was being asked to risk all and take the first step of trusting completely in God’s promise that God would be the savior of all. In fact God would later send his only Son to be the sacrificial victim for our sins. Thus, it happens for each of us. There is a great deal more going on in the depths of our live experience than we are able to fully understand. All of life has been charged with an infinite value and this is true because God has claimed us as his children at Baptism. We do not always sense that God is a companion on our life’s journey but we are blessed with some moments that give us a glimpse of God’s divine presence. Lent is a special time for us to reflect on our life experience and seek to notice those moments or events when God seemed to touch our hearts in a way that we can never forget.

Fr. Chester Borski

Don’t forget to turn clocks forward one hour.

PARISH MISSION

The mission begins with missionary, Fr. Joseph Butz, preaching at all the weekend Masses the weekend of March 14 and 15.

Mission schedule: March 16-19. A session will be held each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m., lasting approximately 60 minutes. A penance service will be held after the Thursday session on March 19.

Biography of Fr. Joseph Butz

Born in Norway, Iowa, Father Joseph Butz is the eldest of five children. After serving in the Air Force for four years, he joined the Redemptorists. Ordained in 1970, Fr. Joe’s first assignment was the overseas mission of Amazonas, Brazil. In his 37 years there, Father Joe served in both urban and rural ministries. He returned to the United States in January 2008. After spending time in a well-deserved rest and becoming reunited with his family, he asked to join the Liguori Mission Team. His vast experience, love for the parish mission, and practical approach to the spiritual life makes him a valuable asset to any parish mission.
The Season of Lent

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

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.

COMMUNAL Penance Service:
Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. (St. Mary Magdalene in Humble)

LENTE CONCERT WITH

Larry Scott Metivier

Tuesday, March 24, 2015
7:30 PM

St. Martha’s Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339

Larry has performed for Mother Teresa, Mother Angelica, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Bob Hope and others. His original compositions capture the essence and spirit of the Lenten Season. He studied voice performance at the University of Puget Sound and holds a Master’s in Religious Education from Loyola which he uses to bring reflective thought and understanding to the life of Christ.

Seating is limited. Admission is FREE!

2015 Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus

Pride Days
Feb 20th, 27th, Mar 6th, Mar 13th, 20th, & 27th
Serving from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Adult Dinner $10.00  Childs Dinner $3.00

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.

Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 7 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 15. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, MARCH 16 AT 9:00 AM.

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

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

Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! 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. March Dates: 3, 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.

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 out-reach 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!

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.

Young at Heart Luncheon (formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) - St. Patrick’s Day

Top of the morning to ya! It's no "blarney", wear your "green", find your "lucky shamrock" and join us on Wednesday, March 11, at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! The Senior Citizen Luncheon is now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon". This is a get together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. 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.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
You deserve some fun! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, March 4, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Fuddruckers, 4360 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, March 7, join us for 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Olive Garden, 9632 FM 1960 in Humble. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**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

**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.

**Rosary Guild**
Rosary Guild will meet on March 8, RM 2, Woodland Campus, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Newcomers welcomed. For more information please contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.

**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.

**Ministry for the separated and divorced:**
This ministry is dedicated to providing outreach, support, and a caring presence during the difficult time of separation and/or divorce. A monthly Holy Hour and Tea Time is scheduled every fourth Thursday of the month at Warren Chapel at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Next meeting: March 26. For more information, please call 713-741-8708.

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

**Rachel Retreat**
Saturday, March 14:
A private, confidential Rachel Retreat will be held for women who suffer after an abortion (English). The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will be given by Fr. Paul G. Felix. For more information, please contact Dr. Marcella Colbert at 713-741-8728.
**Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Don’t suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. And in the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. The next meeting will be **March 2**, 7:30 -9:00 p.m. in Room 2. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com

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**Are you a 2nd – 8th grade student who would like to join our St. Martha’s Youth Choir for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th? If so, the time to join is now! Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 on March 5th, 19th, & 26th, in the choir room of the church on Woodridge Parkway. Please contact barbtilson@comcast.net for further information.**

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**MOM’S PRAYER GROUP: The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will be meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in the Family Life Center. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com**

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**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.

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**St. Martha School Scoops**

**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](http://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.
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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.

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.

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

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This 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.)

ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS
AT ST. MARTHA
Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For ten years the Second Family Care Team has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.
Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha phone Peggy Wehe at 281-360-3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the LAGO 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.

Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. The evening closes with praise and worship music. Mark your calendar for our next ARISE on March 10th.

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Padre Chester Borški
Ministerio Hispano

2º Domingo de Cuasema
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
En las lecturas de hoy, reflexionamos sobre tres aspectos de cómo debe ser nuestra Fe. Primero vemos en la historia de Abraham una Fe completa en Dios, a tal grado que Abraham estaba dispuesto a sacrificar a su único hijo porque Dios lo estaba poniendo a prueba. Ciertamente sabemos que Dios no nos va a pedir nada que haga daño a nuestros semejantes, pero tenemos que estar dispuestos a obedecerlo en todo. San Pablo, en su Carta a los Romanos, nos confirma una Fe con total confianza en Dios diciéndonos: “El que no nos escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por nosotros, ¿cómo no va a estar dispuesto a dárnoslo todo, junto con su Hijo?” El amor de Dios es tan grande por nosotros que nos dará todo si lo seguimos y obedecemos. Y por último, el Evangelio de hoy nos habla de la Transfiguración de Jesús en el monte Tabor. Pedro, Santiago y Juan vieron a Jesús en toda Su Gloria por unos momentos y, tal fue su alegría, que Pedro le dijo a Jesús: “Maestro, ¡qué a gusto estamos aquí!”. Nuestra Fe debe estar fundamentada en esa alegría y paz que sentimos cada vez que nos acercamos a Dios y sentimos su presencia.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en si mi Fe es una Fe completa, con total confianza en Dios y fundamentada en la alegría y paz que siento con Dios.

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

"El soportó el castigo que no traz la paz y por sus llagas hemos sido sanados" (Isaías 53, 5)

Noche de Adoración y Alabanza
Martes 24 de Marzo 7:00 p.m.
Parroquia Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas

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

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.

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.

RICÁ:
No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no está 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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**GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP**

- FOR the weekend of Feb. 21 & 22
- your gifts of treasure resulted in:
  
  **Weekly Budget** $74,433
  **Sunday Collection** $53,680
  **Faith Direct Offertory** $34,500
  **Over(Under)** $13,747

- **Year To Date:**
  **Weekly Budget** $2,530,722
  **Sunday Collection** $2,519,071
  **Over(Under)** $(11,651)

- **Special collections:**
  **Capital Campaign** $10,305
  **Martha’s Kitchen** $7,198
  **Archdiocesan Social Min.** $11,022
  **Black & Indian Collection** $4,571
  **2015 DSF Goal** $295,000
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**CURRENT Loan Debt:** $14,096,411
**Recap for January 2015**

- Contributions to reduce the debt: $80,542
- Payments to reduce the debt: $137,734
- Over(short) $(57,192)