Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguel, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
John 12:24
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Friday:** Abstinence

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

That, as God’s chosen people, we may accept and follow God’s plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” — Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Mar. 23**

- 8:30 am †Catherine Cook

**Tues./Mar. 24**

- 8:30 am †Joan Judj Kelly

- 7:00 pm †Catharine Stryjak

**Wed./Mar. 25**

- 8:30 am †Katherine Anne Kelly

- 10:00 am †Marshall Balasso

**Thurs./Mar. 26**

- 6:30 am †Kathy Cubatul

**Fri./Mar. 27**

- 8:30 am †Stephen Kovacik

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

Val DePaula (brother of Joanne Capriotti)

Mary Ruth Jones

Frederick Colangelo (brother of Barbara Villella)

Marie Cepiel

Hipolita Martinez (mother of Alma Sanchez)

Ed and Mary Diamond (parents of Mark Diamond)

Jackie LaNasa

John Wootton

Hector Luis Perez

Elaine Silverwise

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


(If you would like to add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com)

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 5th Sunday of Lent point out the deepest desire of all of us: we want to “see Jesus.” This longing is described in the Gospel of John and is articulated by “some Greeks” or Gentiles. This passage actually echoes the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah that announces that God “will make a new covenant” with the people. The Lord states that he will write his law “upon their hearts” and then proclaims this beautiful promise: “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” The season of Lent is about recalling and renewing the commitment by those who have already been sealed in this new covenant through the sacrament of Baptism. It also focuses upon those who are not yet baptized and want to “see Jesus.” This will occur for them at the Easter Vigil when they will be brought into the community of faith through the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. While this desire is celebrated throughout the season of Lent and is expressed in various ways through the Church’s liturgy, it resonates with the longing that most of us experience in our ordinary lives. We truly seek a new and better life for ourselves and our families. In our personal lives we are sometimes burdened by broken relationships, physical limitations brought on by poor health or by the reality of our own sinfulness. In the world in which we live we are confronted by the cultural forces of evil and death. We want life as God has promised this gift: we want to “see Jesus” who gives life in all its fullness.

The readings point out that Jesus does not offer us a life of comfort, luxury, and personal satisfaction. The life that Jesus promises is an inner life of the soul that is anchored in the gift of salvation and the promise of a more abundant life. The Gospel speaks of “the hour” when the Son of Man is to be glorified. This hour of Jesus is in reference to the Paschal Mystery: the death, resurrection, and glorification of the Lord Jesus. While this new life is indeed a gift from God, it is offered to us disciples only by way of our surrendering in faith to the grace of God. “If you wish to be my disciple, take up your cross daily and follow in my footsteps.” To enter deeply into this life, we must sacrifice a lot of ourselves. At this time of Lent we are invited to live in “the hour of Jesus” which has arrived. The “grain of wheat,” which is all of us, must fall to the earth and die so that “it produces much fruit.” This refers to the many small deaths we suffer each day for the benefit of others and for the Kingdom. Perhaps we will have difficulty seeing the results of our decisions and actions, even in our lifetime. However, God has fashioned us and made us his children and sends us on mission to build his Kingdom here on earth. The only Son of God has shown us the way: “This is my body, given up for you.” Let us humbly follow this way without calculating the cost and come to “see Jesus.”

Fr. Chester Borski
The Season of 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

2015 Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus

Friday Nights:
Feb 20th, 27th; Mar 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Serving Hours:
6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

ADULT DINNER $10.00 CHILD’S DINNER $3.00

Adult Dinner includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Colestau, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.
Children’s Dinner includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Coffee

Holy Week Schedule

ANointing of the Sick Mass: Wednesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Triduum Schedule:
Holy Thursday Mass, April 2: 7:30 p.m.
(No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Mass)
11:45 p.m. Night Prayer in the Church
(Chapel closes at midnight)
Good Friday, April 3: 3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
(No 8:30 a.m. Mass. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)
Easter Vigil, April 4: 8:30 p.m. (No 5:30 p.m. Mass today)
Easter Sunday, April 5: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass).
Overflow Masses will be held at the Woodland Hills Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
(Chapel opens after 1:00 p.m. Mass. No 5:30 p.m. Lifeteen Mass and No Sunday Nursery)

PLEASE NOTE:
- There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 31, and no Reconciliation on Saturday, April 4.
- There will be Reconciliation on Good Friday, April 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Holy Thursday, April 2, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 6. The office will re-open on Tuesday morning, April 7, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Lenten 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!
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**NORNEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Get out of the house! NORNEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, March 25, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Schlotsky’s Deli, 9781 FM 1960 Bypass West in Humble. For more information, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabets2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**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 bdevellle@comcast.net.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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 March 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

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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

2015 Catholic Faith In Action Advocacy Day

11:30 a.m. O March 24, 2015 O South Steps Of The Texas Capital O 1100 Congress Ave.

Come join the Bishops of Texas and your fellow Catholics in Austin on March 24, 2015 to promote the Church’s values of Life, Justice, Charity, and Religious Freedom to members of the 84th Texas Legislature.

If you are interested in attending, contact Bill McCabe at 713-582-9605. For more details, go to:

http://www.txcatholic.org/sh/catholic-faith-in-action-advocacy-day/c1tkb
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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 713-775-9213.

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.

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!

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

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

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. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
March 26-29
If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Acenith Claassen at 832-455-3764 or cennieclaas@yahoo.com.

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.

Unemployed or underemployed?
Are you or do you know an individual who’s unemployed or underemployed and looking for direction? Losing your job or being underemployed can cause anxiety and stress, which can make it more challenging to find a better job.
St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with résumé writing, with interview preparation and with networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job-seeking. It is very difficult to be at your best when you feel at your worst – we can help.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

We meet every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2 of the Faith Formation Campus (Woodland Hills campus). Please come and see us, or tell others about us. We are here to help! If you have questions, please e-mail stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.
**Parenting/Youth Events**

**Children's Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—10 a.m. in the Chapel**

Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

**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 Monday, April 6, 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

**Knights of Columbus Council #12320**

**Scholarship Applications**

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible.

One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or online from Marty Krupp - martybk@gmail.com.

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 25, 2015

**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.

**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 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.

**St. Martha Catholic School**

Educating minds, forming hearts.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“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.

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit www.MyFranciscan.org.

Thank You from the Gabriel Project and Birthright!
Thank you so much for donating to the Gabriel Project and Birthright in our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser event. Due to your generosity, we surpassed our goal and raised over $24,000 for mothers and babies in our community who need our help. We could not do it without you! God bless you for your continued support to these pro-life ministries!

Janice Rumbley-Gabriel Project Coordinator
Paula Amsler-Pro-Life Coordinator
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, March 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
Larry Massey, Governor of Serra Club District 10, will speak about:
The Coming Golden Age of Serra.

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

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Natalie Cespedes • 713.554.1237 • natalie@occasionproductions.com

Join the 2015 Easter Cross Witness
Bring RESURRECTION and LIFE in your neighborhood.

$5.00 each
Available for purchase after all Masses on March 21-22, March 28-29 and at Fish Frys on March 20 & 27

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the O’LEARY 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.

SAVE THE DATE
Hook and Hoof
20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Honoring Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.
Benefiting St. Martha Catholic School
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Yellow Rose • New Caney, Texas
Las lecturas bíblicas para el quinto domingo de Cuaresma señalan el deseo más profundo de todos nosotros: *queremos *“*ver a Jesús*”. Este anhelo se describe en el Evangelio de Juan y es articulado por “algunos griegos” o gentiles. Este pasaje en realidad se celebra en toda la temporada de Cuaresma y se expresa en diversas formas a través de la liturgia de la Iglesia, y resuena con el anhelo de que la mayoría de nosotros experimentemos en nuestra vida ordinaria. Realmente buscamos una nueva y mejor vida para nosotros y nuestras familias. En nuestra vida personal que estamos a veces agobiados por las relaciones rotas, las limitaciones físicas provocadas por la mala salud o por la realidad de nuestra propia pecaminosidad. En el mundo en que vivimos nos enfrentamos a las fuerzas culturales del mal y de la muerte. Queremos la vida como Dios nos la ha prometido en este regalo: queremos "ver a Jesús" que da vida en toda su plenitud.

Las lecturas señalan que Jesús no nos ofrece una vida de confort, lujo y satisfacción personal. La vida que Jesús promete es una vida interior del alma que está anclada en el don de la salvación y la promesa de una vida más abundante. El Evangelio habla de "la hora" en que el Hijo del hombre va a ser glorificado. Esta hora de Jesús es en referencia al misterio pascual: la muerte, resurrección y glorificación del Señor Jesús. Si bien esta nueva vida es de hecho un regalo de Dios, que se nos ofrece como discípulos sólo a título de nuestra rendición en la fe a través de los sacramentos de la iniciación: El Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Mientras que este deseo se celebra en toda la temporada de Cuaresma y se expresa en diversas formas a través de la liturgia de la Iglesia, y resuena con el anhelo de que la mayoría de nosotros experimentemos en nuestra vida ordinaria. Realmente buscamos una nueva y mejor vida para nosotros y nuestras familias. En nuestra vida personal que estamos a veces agobiados por las relaciones rotas, las limitaciones físicas provocadas por la mala salud o por la realidad de nuestra propia pecaminosidad. En el mundo en que vivimos nos enfrentamos a las fuerzas culturales del mal y de la muerte. Queremos la vida como Dios nos la ha prometido en este regalo: queremos "ver a Jesús" que da vida en toda su plenitud.

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*Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,*

Las lecturas bíblicas para el quinto domingo de Cuaresma señalan el deseo más profundo de todos nosotros: *queremos *“*ver a Jesús*”. Este anhelo se describe en el Evangelio de Juan y es articulado por “algunos griegos” o gentiles. Este pasaje en realidad se celebra en toda la temporada de Cuaresma y se expresa en diversas formas a través de la liturgia de la Iglesia, y resuena con el anhelo de que la mayoría de nosotros experimentemos en nuestra vida ordinaria. Realmente buscamos una nueva y mejor vida para nosotros y nuestras familias. En nuestra vida personal que estamos a veces agobiados por las relaciones rotas, las limitaciones físicas provocadas por la mala salud o por la realidad de nuestra propia pecaminosidad. En el mundo en que vivimos nos enfrentamos a las fuerzas culturales del mal y de la muerte. Queremos la vida como Dios nos la ha prometido en este regalo: queremos "ver a Jesús" que da vida en toda su plenitud.

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5º Domingo de Cuaresma

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

San Pablo en su carta a los Hebreos escribe: “A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer, padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen”. Algunas Iglesias protestantes postulan que basta con creer en Jesús para salvarse y, en este pasaje, San Pablo nos recuerda que no solo basta con creer en Jesús sino que hay que obedecerlo para poder obtener la salvación eterna. Cuando seamos juzgados será no solo por nuestra fe sino por nuestras obras; de hecho en la Carta de Santiago (2, 17) leemos: “Así también la fe, si no tiene obras, está realmente muerta”. Pero, ¿qué es lo que Jesús espera de nosotros? En el Evangelio de San Juan, Jesús nos dice: “El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna”. ¿Y qué quiere decir con aborrecerse a sí mismo? Lo que espera de nosotros Jesús es que amemos como Él lo hizo, poniendo los intereses de Su Padre y los nuestros por delante de los suyos. Amar es poner los intereses del otro por encima de los míos. Lo que Jesús espera de mí es que mi vida sea un constante poner los intereses de Dios y los intereses de los que me rodean por delante de los míos. Lo que Jesús espera de mí es que mi vida sea un constante poner los intereses de Dios y los intereses de los que me rodean por delante de los míos. Esto no quiere decir que me tengo que maltratar o mal cuidar, porque necesario estar sano y bien para poder amar a los demás, pero si quiere decir que mi vida tiene que estar al servicio de Dios y los demás.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré sobre las cosas en las que me amo a mí mismo de una forma desordenada y no pongo los intereses de Dios por delante.

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For the weekend of Mar. 14 & 15
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 74,433
Sunday Collection $ 46,492
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 45,125
Over/(Under) $ 17,184

Year To Date:

Weekly Budget $ 2,754,021
Sunday Collection $ 2,712,308
Over/(Under) (32,713)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 21,998
Martha’s Kitchen $ 6,486
Catholic Relief Services $ 6,376

2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 115,883

Current Loan Debt $ 13,983,522
Recap for February 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt: $ 43,732.58
Payments to reduce the debt: $ 137,526.33
Over(short) $ (93,793.75)