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.

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
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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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### Today’s Readings

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ’s passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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**Please Note:** During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. **NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., APRIL 1.**

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**Stewardship Thought of the Week**

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”’ — Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.


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**Stewards of the Parish**

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.

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

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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
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Church’s liturgy for Palm Sunday is filled with the most powerful of contrasts. We begin with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we participate in this great welcoming by holding palm branches and singing “Hosannas!” Once we have settled into our pews, we listen to the solemn proclamation of the Passion according to the Gospel of Mark. This account highlights the arrest, trial, and mocking of Jesus, his being crowned with thorns, and the horrible crucifixion and death of Jesus upon the cross. The most unsettling thing about this Palm Sunday celebration is the realization that we are so similar to the people who gathered to witness and carry out this horrible travesty of justice. The frightening insight is that it was no unruly mob of deranged people who caused or allowed the death of Jesus. His death was a perfectly ordinary and legal execution according to the norms of the time. The kind of blindness and smallness of heart that can crucify the Messiah is not some rare event brought about by a few insane and evil people. The flaw runs much deeper than that. It comes from our fallen human nature. It is the mark of a people so convinced that they are acting rightly, morally, and justly. The frightening thing is that Jesus was executed by good people who probably thought they were doing a righteous deed. The cross and the palms were brought to Jesus by the same hands. The great failing on the part of the people was not that they were blatantly evil or bloodthirsty but that they were basically complacent and stood around on the edges of life, equally ready to shout “Hosanna!” or “Crucify him!”

How ready are we to enter into this Holy Week? Notice that Jesus showed no anger toward those who waved the palm branches and he did not express anger and condemnation toward those who pounded in the nails. Elsewhere in the Scriptures, Jesus does address those of us who tend to postpone any serious engagement in authentic discipleship: “I know your deeds. You are neither hot nor cold. Because you are lukewarm, I will vomit you out of my mouth!” This is a terrible judgment on those who choose to remain only a part of the crowd, too easily swayed by the whims of the moment, and too ready to be entertained by the account either of Christ’s triumphal entry or by his execution on the cross. Even if we have allowed the season of Lent to drift by us without any serious involvement in prayer, fasting or works of charity, let us make this Palm Sunday experience a wake-up call to enter Holy Week with an awareness of the wonderful gift of salvation offered to each of us. On Thursday we will be invited to sit at the Eucharistic banquet with Jesus. On Friday we will again be reminded of the great price paid on the cross for our redemption. And on Easter Sunday we will be promised a new life of holiness and a joyful share in the Resurrection. Let us take this opportunity to respond wholeheartedly to the Lord’s invitation.

Fr. Chester Borski

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. (bilingual)
  - *(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. (bilingual) - 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. (bilingual)
  - *(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.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office will be closed beginning 12:00 Noon, Thursday, April 2, through Monday, April 6. The Office will re-open Tuesday, April 7 at 9:00 AM.

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. April Dates: 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.

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

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, April 1, to talk/eat_drink at 7:00 p.m. at Pei Wei, 702 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. 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 at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

The HUMBLE AREA CHURCH CHALLENGE is Monday, May 4, at Walden on Lake Houston Country Club. Ten area churches will be fielding a four person team in an alternate shot format. Please contact Cliff Bodin at 713-870-5715 for more details.

Marianite Rosary Guild of St. Martha Catholic Church

Our Rosary Guild meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Woodland Hills campus. E-mail JoAnna Loup, our coordinator, at jloup3@yahoo.com to join and help us bring more people closer to Jesus through Mary’s rosary and teach the life of Christ through the rosary prayers. View our website at www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org. We offer beautifully made to order Job’s tears rosaries, large wall rosaries, and rosaries with hangers and frames. We also accept donations for our ministry on the website or by mail. Your support enables us to continue our mission to provide twine rosaries to many ministries.

Skilled Woodworker Needed

The Rosary Guild is in need of a skilled woodworker to donate their time to create more wood products for our ministry. Contact JoAnna Loup at jloup3@yahoo.com for more information.

Young at Heart Luncheon (formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) – Easter Celebration

Come celebrate the Resurrection of the Risen Lord at our Easter "Young at Heart" Luncheon. Put on your Easter Bonnet, grab your Easter Basket and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch. We might even have a "surprise visitor". Come join us on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Family Life Center. 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.
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.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: An intimate weekend to spend together away from the phone, kids and distractions. A time to discover the blessing you can be to each other! Renew your Passion for each other and God. Weekends are scheduled to start April 19 and May 15. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

Parenting/Youth Events

STRENGTHS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
May 6, 2015
Do you ever ask yourself: Why did I react that way? Why do I love doing some things and avoid doing others? Strengths Discovery Workshop is a unique opportunity to identify and explore the talents with which God has blessed you, how to use them for personal and spiritual growth and to begin the process of developing talents into strengths. You will discover a new way of looking at yourself and others through focusing on what you do best. On Wednesday, May 6, we will offer this three hour workshop starting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2 (Woodland Hills Campus). The evening will be fun, interactive and filled with opportunities to learn more about yourself.

Cost: $22 ($12 for Living Your Strengths Book and $10 for Workbook)
Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 29
Class size is limited. To reserve your spot or for more information contact Jodi Schod at 281-358-6637 ext. 201, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Grab your gear, and get ready to scale the heights of God's mighty power at “Everest” VBS this June 15th-19th from 12:45 - 4:00 pm! Our Christ-filled climb is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs $25 per student.
Calling all volunteers! We need lots of trail guides to make this the coolest week of summer! Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer. We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS ($25) for children of volunteers. VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus beginning April 6th. The first 100 families to register will receive a CD of this year's VBS music. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 x203.

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.

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

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

**Knights of Columbus**

**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](mailto:martybk@gmail.com).

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 27, 2015.

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Court St. Martha #2504

**2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2015 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior that will be attending a college or university and is a member of St. Martha parish. Applications are available at the Parish office.

Application must be delivered or postmarked by Monday, April 27, 2015 to the Parish office. The address is on the application.

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**EDGE Night Tomorrow!**

Monday, March 30 [6:30-8:00PM]

Bring ALL of your friends for **FREE** pizza, and a whole night of fellowship and prayer!

**EDGE Hangout**

Saturday, April 11 [1:00 – 4:00 pm]

Meet in the Youth Center
Cost: Absolutely **FREE**!

Bring your friends and join the EDGE team for an afternoon of games and just **hanging out**!

Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241

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**Come join the Columbian Squires**

For Catholic young men ages 10-18 who wish to gain leadership skills, benefit his community, and grow in his Catholic faith

**Tuesday, April 7th at 7 pm**

Room 5 of the FLC

Please contact Mark Roseland if you plan to attend:
Cell - 713-805-4959
E-mail - markaroseland@gmail.com
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTICADORATION

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.
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND
This weekend, March 28 & 29, 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.)

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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 today, March 29.

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.

SAVE THE DATE
Hook and Hoof
20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Honoring Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Boriski, S.T.L.
Benefiting St. Martha Catholic School
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Yellow Rose • New Caney, Texas

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During this solemn and holy season of Lent, let us make a conscious effort to recommit ourselves to the three pillars of lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Supporting St. Martha Catholic Church through Faith Direct is a great way for us as a parish to observe consistent almsgiving. Please enroll today! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Church Code TX497 to sign up. Thank you and God bless.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
La liturgia de la Iglesia para el Domingo de Ramos está llena de los más poderosos de contrastes. Comenzamos con la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén y participamos en esta gran bienvenida teniendo palmas y cantando "Hosanna!" Una vez que estemos establecidos en nuestras bancas, escucharemos la proclamación solemne de la Pasión según el Evangelio de Marcos. Esta narración nos destaca la detención, juicio y burla de Jesús, ser coronado de espinas, y la horrible crucifixión y muerte de Jesús en la cruz. Lo más inquietante en esta celebración del Domingo de Ramos es la comprensión de que somos tan similares a las personas que se congregaron para presenciar y llevar a cabo esta horrible parodia de la justicia. La visión aterrador es que hubo multitud ingobernable de personas desquiciadas que causaron o permitieron la muerte de Jesús. Su muerte fue una ejecución completamente normal y legal de acuerdo con las normas de la época. El tipo de ceguera y pequeñez de corazón que puede crucificar al Mesías no es un evento raro causado por unas pocas personas dementes y malvadas. El defecto es mucho más profundo que eso. Viene de nuestra naturaleza humana caída. Es la marca de un pueblo tan convencido de que están actuando con razón, moralmente, y justamente. Lo terrible es que Jesús fue ejecutado por gente buena que probablemente pensaban que estaban haciendo una obra justa. La cruz y las palmas fueron llevadas a Jesús por las mismas manos. El gran defecto de parte de la gente no es que eran descaradamente malos o sedientos de sangre, pero que eran básicamente complaciente y estaban en pie alrededor de los bordes de la vida, igualmente dispuesto a gritar: "¡Hosanna!" O "Crucifícale!" ¿Qué tan preparado estamos para entrar en esta Semana Santa? Noten que Jesús no mostraba enojo hacia aquellos que agitaba las ramas de palma y no expresaba ninguna ira y condonación hacia los que le clavaron las puntillas. En otras partes de las Escrituras, Jesús hace frente a aquellos que tienen a posponer cualquier compromiso serio en auténtico discípulo: "Yo conozco tus obras. No eres ni frío ni caliente. Por cuanto eres tibio, te vomitaré de mi boca!" Este es un terrible juicio sobre los que eligen permanecer sólo en parte de la multitud, demasiado fácilmente influenciado por los caprichos del momento, y demasiado listo para ser entrenado por la entrada triunfal de Cristo o por su ejecución en la cruz. Incluso si hemos permitido que el tiempo de Cuaresma pase por nosotros sin ningún compromiso serio en la oración, el ayuno o las obras de caridad, hagamos de este Domingo de Ramos una experiencia y llamada de atención para entrar en la Semana Santa con una conciencia del maravilloso regalo de la salvación ofrecida a cada uno de nosotros. El jueves se nos invitará a sentarnos en el banquete eucarístico con Jesús. El viernes se nos volverá a recordar el gran precio pagado en la cruz por nuestra redención. Y el Domingo de Pascua se nos prometerá una nueva vida de santidad y de participación gozosa en la Resurrección. Tomemos esta oportunidad para responder de todo corazón a la invitación del Señor.

Padre Chester Borski

Ministerio Hispano

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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 acomodarse, les eduque y les proteja.

Eso es en esencia lo que buscamos edificar en este nuevo ministerio. Estamos hablando de participar en una Iglesia que dé una respuesta viva y clara a las comunidades, que ayude a compensar sus necesidades, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo 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 líderes en la comunidad.
- Ayuda sicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.
- Acequense, pregúnten 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 todos los lunes, a las 7 pm, en la pequeña Capilla del Colegio Sta. Marta.

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**Domingo de Ramos**

**Reflexión sobre las lecturas:**

El Evangelio de hoy detalla los eventos de los últimos días de la vida humana de Jesús en este mundo. Jesús sabía lo que le esperaba y anticipaba ese sufrimiento. Jesús es traicionado por Judas, quien lo entrega a sus captores, pero también es abandonado por todos los que lo seguían por miedo a ser atrapados junto con Él, de hecho Pedro, a quién Jesús había nombrado como la Piedra sobre la cual construiría su Iglesia, lo niega tres veces esa misma noche. Jesús sudó gotas de sangre en el jardín de Getsemaní cuando su naturaleza humana quiere huir del dolor que viene, pero domina ese impulso y le dice a Dios que no se haga Su Voluntad sino la de Dios, Su Padre. De hecho, después de reclamar a sus discípulos que no pudieron velar con Él, les aconseja: “Velen y oren, para que no caigan en la tentación. El espíritu está pronto, pero la carne es débil”. Ese sigue siendo el mejor remedio para vencer las tentaciones de este mundo: Velar, que significa estar atento para cuando vengan las tentaciones y Orar para pedir a Dios que nos ayude a superarlas. Jesús instituye la Eucaristía en su última cena, la cual celebramos cada vez que hay Misa: Jesús sufre mucho más, tanto física como emocionalmente, por los golpes y las burlas de los que lo crucificaron, y finalmente, Jesús muere en la cruz para el perdón de nuestros pecados. **Compromiso de la semana:** Meditaré en todo el sufrimiento que experimentó Jesús por amor a mí y en cómo puedo yo corresponder a ese amor.

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

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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

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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 llevarán a cabo el día lero 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. 1 cupo el limitado y la inscripción se llevará 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 e-mail carolina127@hotmail.com.

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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.

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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.

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Proyecto Gabriel—

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

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"Noche de Oración por las Familias"

Martes 28 de Abril, 7:00 p.m.
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**Stewardship Prayer for April**
Our Blessed Lord! Our Risen Savior! We give you thanks for the awe-inspiring gift of Easter and the redemption we enjoy as a result of your gift. We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share your body and blood in the holy Eucharist. Oh merciful Lord, Redeemer and Teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the skills to listen to you more closely; the wisdom to put the Eucharist into action; and the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love. Amen.
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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)