Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
Saturday Vigil: .................... 8:30 AM
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.

If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text for the 3rd Sunday of Easter is one of my favorite accounts of the appearance of the Risen Jesus to the early Church community. It recalls the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and how they came to encounter Jesus Christ after his resurrection. This text from Luke 24 reminds us how we can also come to recognize the Lord Jesus in our daily lives. The message is very basic: we are to allow our ordinary human experiences to be enlightened by the Scriptures and discover how “our story” is connected to the “big story” of our salvation in Christ. The Gospel narrative speaks of two disciples who walked along the road to the small village of Emmaus, overwhelmed by a sense of loss and despair at the death of Jesus. They spoke of their feelings to a mysterious stranger who had joined them on their journey. Appealing to the Scriptures, the stranger explained to them that what had happened had been according to the plan of God. The text states that he “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” and that “Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.” The Eucharistic setting is quite obvious as we read the entire story and it reminds us that even today the Eucharist is the preeminent way that the followers of Jesus encounter his living presence.

The Scripture readings for this weekend go on to point out that the experience of the Risen Savior calls us to decisive action and engagement in God’s work. The essence of the experience is nothing less than the gift of God’s peace. We are invited to “touch and see” and be filled with “incredulous joy.” This leads to a radical change of heart: “Repent and be converted that your sins may be wiped away” (the message in our first reading from Acts 3). The next step, mentioned both in Acts and the Gospel reading, is about being **sent on mission**: “You are witnesses of these things!” Coming to know the Lord Jesus is about getting actively involved in building God’s Kingdom. One wonders what really happens to the throngs of people who show up for Mass on Easter Sunday and then disappear from church involvement until Christmas or the next Easter. The penetrating message of the Gospel account of the resurrection of Jesus somehow is missed by a significant number of Christians. Let us humbly open our lives to the transforming power of the Risen Lord who sends us forth on mission at the end of each Eucharist we celebrate. Let us consider how we might become more attuned to the Easter experience and reach out to a friend, family member or neighbor and invite them to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, attend a retreat, come to Catholics Returning Home, or sign up for a Scripture study group.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, April 25 and 26, 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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**Annual Operation Paintbrush**

**April 18 & 19**

**SHINE Catholic Work Camp – 11th Annual Mission Trip**

St. Martha’s youth will be participating in Shine Catholic Work Camp this summer in Houston, TX, June 15th – June 20th. The high school students will be assisting in cleaning, painting, rebuilding, and helping those in need. We are excited to be serving the needy and elderly as representatives of St. Martha Parish.

You can help us by donating to Operation Paintbrush this weekend, April 18th and 19th. Donation boxes will be set up in the narthex for your donation, as well as representatives at each exit to assist in collecting donation items.

Ways to donate:
- Supplies, such as, paint brushes, rollers, work gloves, painters tape, scrapers, spackle, safety goggles, gardening tools, trash bags, etc.
- Gift cards to Home Depot or Lowes
- Monetary donations
- Full or partial scholarship (total trip cost - $375.00)

The supplies and funds collected assist us in giving scholarships, purchasing supplies, and in getting to the locations.

Thank you for supporting St. Martha’s youth in serving those in need.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading —** The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

**Psalm —** Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

**Second Reading —** We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

**Gospel —** Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon./Apr. 20**
8:30 am †Kenriqo Buning

**Tues./Apr. 21**
8:30 am †Teresa Guzman
7:00 pm †Georgia Mae Norris

**Wed./Apr. 22**
8:30 am †Marcelle Sherrill
10:00 am †Charles Coble

**Thurs./Apr. 23**
6:30 am †Lilia Selma
8:30 am †August Palacol

**Fri./Apr. 24**
8:30 am †Bob Ellis

**Sat./Apr. 25**
5:30 pm †Irene Mansfield

**Sun./Apr. 26**
7:00 am Mary Ann Brown
9:00 am †John Smith
11:00 am †Teresa Parissi
1:00 pm †Domenica & Joseph Zack
5:30 pm †Mary Gard

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 22.

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

Hector Luis Perez
Elaine Silverwise
Sandra Williams (mother of Chad Williams)
Osvaldo Sotomayor, Jr.
Lisa Bohmer (sister of Linda Dalton)
Berniece House
Lucille Bodien

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**VIRTUS WORKSHOP**

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **No late admittance after 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to arrive by 6:00 to get paperwork. **You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.** You must attend a VIRTUS workshop to volunteer or work with children and youth in the parish, school, or any church-related organization. Please register for the workshop at www.archgh.org. Select the Safe Environment icon on the bottom of the screen. Then select Register & Attend a “Protecting God’s Children Workshop” to view a listing of sessions by date and to register for a session. This class is for adults 18 and older. Please note, no walk-ins will be admitted (this is a new diocesan policy).

**VIRTUS KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE WORKSHOP**

(Refresher Course)

A VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Alive workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills Campus). Please plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to get paperwork. **You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.** This is a refresher course and is for adults 18 and older. Please register for the workshop at www.virtus.org. Then select Registration and view a listing of sessions by date. Please do NOT create a new account. If you cannot remember your original account login, please e-mail Angela Whitley at angelaw@stmartha.com for account information.

**Young at Heart Luncheon**

(formerly SeniorCitizen Luncheon) - **Crazy Hat Day**

Spring cleaning has begun, so find your best "Crazy Hat" and let's have a little fun with "Crazy Hat Day". Come join us at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 22. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! The Senior Citizen Luncheon now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon" 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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**Faith Journeys Presents:** An Advent Pilgrimage to Italy

Celebrating Vatican II's 50th Anniversary

December 4-11, 2015

Especially designed for

Msgr, Chester Borski,
Spiritual Director

Anne Comeaux,
Pilgrimage Host

For more Information please call: Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845 Option 1
ADULT ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD DISCERNMENT
Each year we conduct a “discernment process” (a guided experience of prayer and shared reflections) to select new members to serve on our parish School Advisory Board. This is a wonderful opportunity to exercise your stewardship gift of talent. The term of service is three years.

The date for the discernment process for persons considering a position on the St. Martha Catholic School Local Advisory Board is Monday, May 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Borski Activity Center of the school. Employees of the parish and school, whether teaching or non-teaching personnel and their spouses, are not eligible to be considered as candidates for the board. Parents with children in our school and registered parishioners in full communion with the Catholic Church are eligible to serve on our advisory board. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tina Lewis, principal, for a brief overview of the advisory board and answer questions you may have on this position. Please contact Mrs. Lewis at the school office at 281-358-5523 or by e-mail at principal@stmarthacs.org by May 7, 2015.

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 April Dates: 21 & 28
TUESDAY EVENING: POWERFUL STORIES OF FORGIVENESS
May 5 – John Sage – 7:30 pm in the FLC
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Proclaimed this year as “Teaching God’s Gift of Forgiveness.” Come join us on May 5 as we experience stories of God’s gift of forgiveness.

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.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Want to meet some friendly folks? NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, April 22, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Taco Cabana, 20745 Highway 59 N in Humble (in front of Target). For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (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.

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 .

Archdiocesan Marriage Conference
Are you surviving in marriage but ready to thrive in holiness with your spouse? Join us for the first-ever “Together in Holiness” marriage conference, presented by the John Paul II Foundation for Life and Family and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and inspiring presentations that will help your marriage and family grow together in holiness. May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, Houston, TX 77024. For details and registration visit www.TogetherInHoliness.org

STRENGTHS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
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. 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.

ADHD Support Group News: The Attention Deficit Disorder Association – Southern Region (ADDA-SR) Kingwood/Humble/Atascocita Chapter is a nonprofit organization that meets monthly, 7 – 9 p.m. at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 2929 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood in Room 211. Our next support group meeting will take place Thursday, April 23. For more information please contact Susan MacHugh at 281-812-3182 or e-mail MrsQ123@aol.com.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Martha Catholic School has openings for the following positions:

♦ Director of Development (part-time: four days per week)
♦ Registrar (part-time: four days per week)
♦ Degreed and certified teachers for:
  First grade
  Second grade
  Middle School Social Studies

For more information, please visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org or contact the school office at 281-358-5523 and ask for Mrs. Lewis.

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 or call Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #12330

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.

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.

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

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S 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 or 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.

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**Women's Day of Reflection at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center!**

**Thursday, April 30, 9 am - 2:30 pm**

**Topic: Living Out the Gospel—Walking in His Way.** For more information call 713-464-0211 or go online at: www.passionist.org/holynames.
St. Martha -
ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS
St. Martha Old Chapel
(Woodland Hill’s Campus)
Sunday, April 26, 3 – 5 pm.
Join us for prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament not only to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but also to pray for the strength necessary to pursue a life of holiness.

Please welcome those who entered the Church through Baptism at the Easter Vigil Service Saturday, April 4th, 2015
Shannon Alba, Max Alba, Audrey Bledsoe, Deven Brafford, Jennifer De Armas, Michael Douglass, Trisha Fahrenthold, Joseph Guillory, Daneil Leatherman, Honor Leathers, Michelle Leathers, Nicholas Leathers, Erin Leatherwood, Alexander O’Toole, Aaron Romasko, Jaydn Romasko, Samantha Romasko, Alex Thurman & Patrick Thurman.

Please welcome those who entered into Full Communion through Eucharist and Confirmation
Laura Gokey, Marie Lacour, Ryan Reed & Edward Zambuto.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Parish presents the Houston Polish Festival on Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3 at 1731 Blalock, Houston, 1.5 miles north of the Katy Freeway. The festival is a celebration of the food, the music, the language, the customs and the culture of the Polish people. Enjoy great entertainment all day long, delicious Polish food, visit our beautiful church, browse the silent auction and the kids will have a safe supervised activity area. Festival hours are from 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday and from 11 am until 6 pm on Sunday. Admission is only $5. Be sure to check our website at www.houstonpolishfestival.org for many more details.

POVERTY:
A CALL TO ACTION
What are the current facts surrounding poverty?
How are we working to alleviate poverty, both globally and here in Houston?
Find out how you can get involved and how you can join in and support these efforts to make a difference!

Monday, April 20th, 7-9pm
Location: St. Martha Activity Center
Woodland Hills Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Join us for this Town Hall meeting, where you can listen, ask questions and participate
Sponsored by:
St. Martha Catholic Church, Strawbridge United Methodist Church, Holy Comforter Lutheran Church & First Presbyterian Church

St. Martha's Catholic Church
Strawbridge United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church of Houston

All Catholics of the Archdiocese are encouraged to gather in their parishes to join in public and/or private prayer. Resources can be found online at USCCB, NRCV, Serra US and www.houstonvocations.com/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations
Information:
www.facebook.com/houstonvocations
vocations@archgh.org
713-652-8239

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
SUNDAY, APRIL 26
Join Catholics around the world in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
Ministerio Hispano

HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries
St. Martha Catholic Church will host the Houston Mobile Food Pantry.
HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries will be donating food on Thursday, April 30, from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Church parking lot (4301 Woodridge Pkwy). All families in need are invited to come and receive free food. This will be on a first-come first-served basis.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at Woodland Hills every Sunday at 3pm for the conversion of sinners, the sick & the dying. Everyone welcome!

Eucharistic Adoration

- 21 Coptic Christians beheaded for their faith
- 147 Christian students slaughtered in Kenya
- Christian churches burned throughout the Middle East
- Christians jailed in China and North Korea
- Religious freedom under attack in the U.S.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10

Let us pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters and for peace in the world.

St Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, TX 77365

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM Adoration

St. Martha Catholic Church will host the Houston Mobile Food Pantry.

HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries will be donating food on Thursday, April 30, from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Church parking lot (4301 Woodridge Pkwy). All families in need are invited to come and receive free food. This will be on a first-come first-served basis.

ADORACION EUCHARISTICA

- 21 Cristianos decapitados por su fe
- 147 estudiantes cristiano asesinados en Kenia
- Iglesias cristianas quemadas en todo el Medio Oriente
- Cristianos encarcelados en China y Corea del Norte
- La libertad religiosa bajo ataque en los EU

“Felices los que son perseguidos por practicar la justicia, porque a ellos les pertenece el Reino de los Cielos” Mateo 5:10

Oremos por nuestros hermanos persiguidos y por la paz en el mundo.

Iglesia de Santa Marta
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, TX 77365

Martes, 19 de Mayo del 2015
7:00 PM Misa
7:30 PM Adoración
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El texto del Evangelio para el 3er domingo de Pascua es una de mis cuentas favoritas, la aparición de Jesús resucitado a la comunidad de la Iglesia temprana. Nos recuerda la historia de los dos discípulos en el camino a Emaús y cómo llegaron al encuentro con Jesucristo después de su resurrección. Este texto de Lucas 24 nos recuerda que también podemos llegar a reconocer al Señor Jesús en nuestra vida cotidiana. El mensaje es muy básico: permitamos que nuestras experiencias humanas comunes sean iluminadas por las Escrituras y descubramos cómo "nuestra historia" está conectada a la "gran historia" de nuestra salvación en Cristo. El relato evangélico habla de dos discípulos que caminaban por el camino de la pequeña aldea de Emaús, abrumados por un sentimiento de pérdida y desesperación por la muerte de Jesús. Hablaron de sus sentimientos a un misterioso desconocido que se les había unido en su viaje. Apelando a las Escrituras, el desconocido les explicó que lo sucedido había sido, según el plan de Dios. El texto afirma que les "abrió el entendimiento para comprender las Escrituras" y que "Jesús se dio a conocer a en la partida del pan". El ajuste eucarístico es bastante obvio como se lee en toda la historia y nos recuerda que aún hoy en día la Eucaristía es la forma preeminente que los seguidores de Jesús se encuentran con su presencia viva.

Las lecturas bíblicas de este fin de semana nos señalan que la experiencia del Salvador Resucitado nos llama a una acción decisiva y a la participación en la obra de Dios. La esencia de la experiencia es nada menos que el don de la paz de Dios. Se nos invita a "tocar y ver" y ser llenados con una "felicidad increíble". Esto conduce a un cambio radical de corazón: "Arrepentíos y convertíos para que vuestros pecados sean borrados" (el mensaje en nuestra primera lectura de los Hechos 3). El siguiente paso, mencionó tanto en Hechos y la lectura del Evangelio, está a punto de ser enviado en misión: "Vosotros sois testigos de estas cosas!" Venir a conocer al Señor Jesús hasta el punto de involucrarse activamente en la construcción del Reino de Dios. Uno se pregunta qué sucede realmente a la multitud de personas que se presentan para la misa del domingo de Pascua y luego desaparecen de la iglesia hasta la Navidad o la próxima Pascua. El mensaje penetrante del relato evangélico de la resurrección de Jesús de alguna manera se pierde en un número significativo de cristianos. Humildemente abramos nuestras vidas al poder transformador del Señor Resucitado que nos envía en misión al final de cada Eucaristía que celebramos. Veamos cómo podemos llegar a estar más en sintonía con la experiencia de la Pascua y lleguemos a un amigo, familiar o vecino e invitémoslo a celebrar la misa con nosotros el domingo, asistir a un retiro, ir al grupo Católicos que Vuelven a Casa, o inscribirse en un grupo de estudio de las Escrituras.

Padre Chester Borski

José Marcos Letona Morales y Elizabeth González Gutiérrez, presentan ante la parroquia el deseo de unirse en matrimonio. Si usted sabe de algún impedimento favor de comunicarse con Indiana Francis al 281-358-6637.

"Noche de Oración por las Familias"

Martes 28 de Abril 7:00 p.m.
Parroquia Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas
3° Domingo de Pascua
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Las tres lecturas de hoy nos hablan del arrepentimiento y conversión necesarios para el perdón de nuestros pecados. Dios está ahí listo para perdonar nuestros pecados por la intercesión de Jesús pero necesita que nos arrepintamos de corazón para poder perdonarnos. Pedro lo dijo así: “Arrepíéntanse y conviértanse, para que se les perdonen sus pecados”. La conversión necesaria implica el cumplir Sus mandamientos. San Pablo es muy claro cuando nos dice: “El que dice: “Yo lo conozco”, pero no cumple sus manda- mientos, es un mentiroso”. Jesús, en una de sus apariciones a los apóstoles después de haberse encontrado con los discípulos en el camino a Emaús, les dice: “Está escrito que el Mesías tenía que padecer y había de resucitar de entre los muertos al tercer día, y que en su nombre se había de predicar a todas las naciones, comenzando por Jerusalén, la necesidad de volverse a Dios para el perdón de los pecados”: Una condición necesaria para una buena confesión es el arrepentimiento sincero y un compromiso de obedecer los mandamientos de Dios y no volver a pecar.

Compromiso de la semana: Me iré a confesar, haciendo un buen examen de conciencia, un arrepentimiento sincero y una intención de no pecar de nuevo.

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