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

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The message in the Scripture readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter is about the gift of God’s grace and our new life in Christ. The Gospel account from St. John speaks of the fruitful growth of the branches that are connected to the vine. This is really a description of those who are baptized into Christ Jesus and who accept the challenge to build the Kingdom by remaining open and accepting of the presence of the Risen Christ in their lives. “Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.” The second reading reminds us that attachment to Christ demands that we put our faith into practice: “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth” (I John 3:18). This teaching is John the Evangelist’s beautiful explanation of the core meaning of our faith centered in Christ and how this faith leads to action and involvement in the community. (If you wish to pursue a more developed reflection on this teaching, please check with our Faith Formation Office and ask about a CD I recorded several years ago entitled “Learning to Live in Christ Jesus.”

Belief and love; word and deed; faith and good works. In the Catholic tradition these dual elements are bound together as one reality: a committed life of faith. For a Catholic, faith (or being attached to the vine who is Christ) is not just about having a relationship with God. Faith is also a virtue that helps determine our relationship and behavior towards other people and how we view ourselves. Faith gives us an insight into who we are in Christ Jesus: we are children of God! Faith gives us a new understanding of the people around us who make up the world. Every human being who ever walked this earth was created in the image and likeness of God and every person deserves our acceptance, respect, and loving service. In addition every person is invited to share in the life of Christ. When we come to see ourselves in the Church as grafted into the vine (Christ), we come to realize that we are to spend our lives assisting others to embrace this reality of new life as well. We have been given a mission and that mission is to evangelize the world by the way we live out the grace we have received from Christ. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes this in terms of the growth of the Church. That mission is still ours today. Let us pray for one another that we might live our faith “in deed and in truth.”

Fr. Chester Borski

Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change? We can help!

First Ever Saturday Workshop

St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Saturday, May 9th from 8am to Noon
Family Life Center on the Faith Formation Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. Come see us on Saturday, May 9th to update your skills at resume writing, networking and interviewing. There will be workshops devoted to these and other topics, so come, learn and participate!!

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS: We have had a number of requests from those suffering from Celiac disease and/or diagnosed with gluten intolerance to be able to receive low-gluten hosts. To be in compliance with Canon Law and guidelines from the Vatican there must be some gluten in the host that is consecrated at Mass. The Benedictine Sisters have developed a host that is low-gluten (.01 percent). The U. S. Bishops and the Vatican have stated the Sisters’ bread is “the only true, low-gluten altar bread, approved for use at Mass in the United States”. We will begin offering this low-gluten host at all Masses the weekend of May 16/17. This host is strictly for those who are at risk for serious harm from consuming gluten. In order to receive the low-gluten consecrated host at Mass, please check in with the Team Leader for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Ushers Room at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to let them know you need to receive the low-gluten host and to receive instructions where the minister will be to distribute it to you. If you have any questions or concerns about the low-gluten hosts and its reception, please call Mariel Parra at 281-358-6637 or e-mail her at marielp@stmartha.com.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love one another (1 John 3:18-24).

**Gospel** — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

That we may show our love for God by the way we use our time, talent and treasure.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”
- 1 John 3:18

Do you “walk the talk?” Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish’s ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Please note:** During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus.

**Next School Mass:** Wed., May 6.

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

Sandra Williams (mother of Chad Williams)
Osvaldo Sotomayor, Jr.
Lisa Bohmer (sister of Linda Dalton)
Bernnie House
Lucille Bodien
Ryan Campbell (son-in-law of Liz Dukes)
Mary Christina Terry (mother of Mary Ellen Swadley)
Aaron Kaleb Anderson

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 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. May Dates: 5,12,19 & 26.
TUESDAY EVENING: POWERFUL STORIES OF FORGIVENESS. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Proclamation 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.
May 5 – John Sage – 7:30 pm in the FLC

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE. All items will be donated June 1, 2015.

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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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A DISCERNMENT

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold a Discernment Session on Monday, May 18th, at 6:15 pm. Council members serve for a term of three years. The Council is the principal consultative body to the pastor and helps the parish carry out its mission by assisting the pastor in developing the parish strategic plan. The Council meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm from August through June. In addition to providing timely updates and advice to the pastor at the monthly meetings, the Council members also participate in regular committee work that sometimes requires several hours each month. If you are interested in being considered for one of the vacant positions, please submit your name to the pastor’s secretary, Indiana Francis, at indianafl@stmartha.com. If you have any questions about the Council or the discernment process, please e-mail Mr. Tim Hill at TIM.Hill@Shell.com.

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NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesdays, May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 27, at Len-ny’s Sub Shop, 8790 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (between Townsen and Kenswick). For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or lizabeths2@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.

Young at Heart Luncheon (formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) - Mother's Day Celebration

Come celebrate a very important holiday for all of us - Mother's Day! Let's honor all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or those who are like a Mother to us.

Come join us on Wednesday, May 13 at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Mother's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! The Senior Citizen Luncheon is now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon". This is a get together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch.

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VIRTUS WORKSHOP

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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 (Faith Formation 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.

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center invites you to join other women from the archdiocese for a weekend of quiet, rest, and prayer May 15-17, 2015. Our theme this year is: *Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew: Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross.* Holy Name Retreat Center is located in Houston on 10 quiet acres at 430 Bunker Hill Road and offers inspiring talks by religious men, women, and laity. Enjoy award-winning gardens, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, prayerful massages, and private rooms with private baths. And most importantly, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is your chance to spend a weekend with God. For more information, please call the retreat center at 713-464-0211, or go online to www.passionist.org/holyname. You may also call parishioner Victoria Swenson, at 281-991-4780 for additional information. Men! This makes an excellent Mother’s Day gift!

"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God"— Ephesians 2:19

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.

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.

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, MiddleSchool 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.

Faith Journeys Presents: An Advent Pilgrimage to Italy

Celebrating Vatican II’s 50th Anniversary

December 4-11, 2015

Especially designed for

Msr, Chester Borski, Spiritual Director

Anne Comeaux, Pilgrimage Host

For more Information please call: Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845 Opt. 1
Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will be
meeting Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in
the Family Life Center. Questions?
E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.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. 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.

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, May 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 1. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com.

You’re invited to participate in St. Martha Faith Formation’s May Crowning!
We will honor Our Blessed Mother, Mary
Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.
In the Chapel on Woodland Hills
All Parish families are invited to celebrate this time honored tradition!
Children who just received 1st Communion should wear their 1st Communion clothes.
Please bring a fresh flower to honor Our Mother Mary.
A reception will be held afterwards in the FLC.

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The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses on the weekend of May 16th and 17th. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming months. During the first three months of this year, through your gifts, St. Martha Conference brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 710 families/individuals with rental assistance in the amount of $9,993.57; utility payments in the amount of $13,637.90; emergency food, automobile repair assistance, and medical assistance totaled $3,301.96. In addition, furniture, clothing, and other non-financial services were provided for 41 people during this quarter. In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to St. Martha Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. Thank you.

“How can I become a little poorer, to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?”….Pope Francis

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Proclaimed this year as “Teaching God’s Gift of Forgiveness”

John Sage is the Founder and Executive Director of Bridges To Life. - In 1993, John’s younger sister was murdered. The two killers were apprehended and subsequently sentenced to death. After years of trauma, rage, and grief, this life changing experience inspired John to found Bridges To Life in an effort to empower victims and rehabilitate prisoners.

Come listen to how John turned his hate and rage into love and joy.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Faith Formation Campus – Family Life Center
Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. The evening closes with praise and worship music. Mark your calendar for our next ARISE on May 12th.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The second parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on May 02, 03, May 09, 10 and May 16, 17 to assist you with an appointment to donate. You may also schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533.

You may also schedule your appointment online by visiting www.giveblood.org and enter the sponsor code 1220.

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - NURSERY

Position available for the Sunday Nursery and other church events. Please contact Patty Jackson at 281-713-8970, or e-mail pattyj@stmartha.com

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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-AM!

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. 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.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The second parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on May 02, 03, May 09, 10 and May 16, 17 to assist you with an appointment to donate. You may also schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533.

You may also schedule your appointment online by visiting www.giveblood.org and enter the sponsor code 1220.

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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ARISE

Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. The evening closes with praise and worship music. Mark your calendar for our next ARISE on May 12th.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El mensaje de las lecturas bíblicas para el quinto domingo de Pascua son sobre el don de la gracia de Dios y nuestra nueva vida en Cristo. El relato del Evangelio de San Juan habla del fructífero crecimiento de las ramas que están conectadas a la vid. Esto es realmente una descripción de los bautizados en Cristo Jesús, y que aceptan el reto de construir el Reino permaneciendo abiertos y aceptando la presencia de Cristo resucitado en sus vidas. "Permaneced en mí, como yo permanezco en ustedes. Como el sarmiento no puede dar fruto por sí mismo si no permanece en la vid, así tampoco vosotros, si no permaneceís en mí. Yo soy la vid, vosotros los sarmientos." La segunda lectura nos recuerda que el apego a Cristo exige que pongamos en práctica nuestra fe: "Niños, no nos amemos solo de palabra ni de boca, sino con obras y de verdad" (I Juan 3: 18). Esta enseñanza es una hermosa explicación de Juan el Evangelista del significado central de nuestra fe, centrada en Cristo y cómo esta fe conduce a la acción y la participación en la comunidad. (Si desea seguir una reflexión más desarrollada en esta enseñanza, por favor consulte con nuestra Oficina de Formación de Fe y pregunte acerca de un CD que grabé hace varios años, titulado "Learning to Live in Christ Jesus" ("Aprender a vivir en Cristo Jesús.")

La creencia y el amor; palabra y obra; la fe y las buenas obras. En la tradición católica estos elementos duales están unidos como una sola realidad: una vida comprometida de fe. Para un católico, la fe (o estando unido a la vida que es Cristo) no es sólo acerca de tener una relación con Dios. La fe es también una virtud que ayuda a determinar nuestra relación y comportamiento hacia los demás y cómo nos vemos a nosotros mismos. La fe nos da una idea de lo que somos en Cristo Jesús: somos hijos de Dios! La fe nos da una nueva comprensión de la gente a nuestro alrededor que conforman el mundo. Todo ser humano que ha pisado esta tierra fue creado a imagen y semejanza de Dios y cada persona merece nuestra aceptación, respeto y servicio amoroso. Además se invita a todas las personas a participar en la vida de Cristo. Cuando llegamos a vernos a nosotros mismos en la Iglesia como injertados en la vida (Cristo), nos damos cuenta de que tenemos que pasar nuestras vidas ayudando a otros a abrazar esta nueva realidad de la vida también. Se nos ha dado una misión y esa misión es evangelizar el mundo por la forma en que vivimos por la gracia que hemos recibido de Cristo. La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles describe esto en términos del crecimiento de la Iglesia. Esa misión sigue siendo la nuestra hoy. Oremos unos por otros para que vivamos nuestra fe "de hecho y en verdad."

Padre Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

5º Domingo de Pascua

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

San Juan nos recuerda en su carta que nuestro amor tiene que ser de verdad y con obras y no de palabra. El amor verdadero se demuestra con acciones tanto para con Dios, por ejemplo, orando con Él, ofreciéndole nuestras obras y dolores, asistiendo a Misa y confesándonos; como para con nuestros hermanos, ayudando al enfermo, al pobre, a todo el que necesita de nuestra ayuda económica, física, emocional o espiritual. En la lectura del Evangelio, San Juan nos relata las palabras de Jesús en las que nos dice que Él es la vid y nosotros los sarmientos. La vid es el tronco y los sarmientos son las ramas de donde crecen las uvas. Sin la alimentación que proviene de la vid, los sarmientos no dan uvas. Cada año se cortan los sarmientos para que al siguiente puedan dar más uvas. De igual forma con nosotros, Jesús es nuestra fuente de alimento para el alma y sin Él no podemos dar frutos.

Compromiso de la semana: Ofreceré a Jesús todas mis obras del día y le pediré que alimente mi alma para dar frutos.

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

Ministerio Sagrada Familia

Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas

Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministerio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Nazareth. 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 acobijarse, 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 llevarían a cabo durante todo el año.

El programa incluye:

- Formación en nuestra fe católica. Crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual. Incentivo y formación de nuevos liderazgos en la comunidad.
- Ayuda sicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.
- Acercense, pregunten 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. Para cualquier información Favor comuníquese con Janet o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co

Proyecto Gabriel—

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

"Búskuenme a mí y vivirán"

(Amós 5, 4)

Noche de Adoración y Alabanza

Martes 26 de Mayo 7:00 p.m.
Iglesia Católica Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas

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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