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
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleingut, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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SIXTH SUNDAY
OF Easter

MAY 10, 2015
This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
—John 15:12—
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
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Willie Chenren  ACTSCore@StMartha-ACTS.org

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GREETERS-FAMILY MASS
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MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY
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713.225.5826

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ST. JOSEPH HELPERS
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ST. MARTHA BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND
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R.A.
Jaime Gomez  281.973.1857

GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of May 2 & 3
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $ 74,433
Sunday Collection  $ 49,307
Over(Under)  $ (25,126)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 3,275,052
Sunday Collection  $ 3,235,604
Over(Under)  $ (25,126)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 14,917
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 5,631
Catholic Home Missions  $ 591
Catholic Relief Services  $ 15,295
2015 DSF Goal  $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date  $ 190,911

Current Loan Debt:  $ 13,958,680
Recap for March 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt:  $ 90,557.38
Payments to reduce the debt:  $ 137,461.71
Over(short)  $ (46,899.23)
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text chosen for the 6th Sunday of Easter (John 15:9-17) describes the experience of Easter faith not in terms of some mighty external power that forces itself upon people, but rather in terms of something that happens quietly within the hearts of believers. The words that are used most frequently by the Evangelist are love and joy. In fact John the Evangelist, in one of his later writings, goes on to tell us what love for a Christian really is: “In this is love --- not that we have loved God, but he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins” (I John 4:10). Thus, in the most basic of terms, love is what Christ has done for us. The first thing that Christ did for us was to give himself freely and totally, fully aware that we were free to accept or reject the offer. Love is gift --- the gift of salvation made present in our souls. Elsewhere love is described as God’s peace dwelling within our hearts. At the same time love requires a response: what has been done for us, we must do for one another. Just as Christ has done for us, we must come to understand that love means accepting a certain responsibility for the good of our brothers and sisters. Like Christ, we must respect the freedom of others as well. Our attempt to express love may not always be understood or accepted at the moment or in the way it was offered. Love invites us into the very mystery of God’s being and God’s way of relating to us. For when we are vulnerable and we surrender control over hoped for results, then love can happen and blossom into an experience beyond our imagining. This type of love can transform us.

One of the surest signs that can be used in judging whether or not we are actually engaged in this Christ-like love is the experience of joy: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” Joy is much more than a fleeting sense of happiness about some personal accomplishment or the pleasure of helping another person. While these experiences may result from our acts of love, joy means the basic sense of rightness a believer experiences because he or she follows the prompting of the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus did. Even when we grapple with our attempts to love others or when we are unsure if others understand or accept our love, God’s grace can so fill us and the recipients of our efforts that God’s holy presence seems to abound and endure. It is this type of joy that we should frequently ask for in our prayers of petition. And when we give witness to this Christian joy in our lives, others will have the opportunity of experiencing similar effects of Easter faith in their lives as well.

Fr. Chester Borski

Catholic Communications Campaign: Next weekend we will hold the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This Collection funds media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media. These projects evangelize, nourish the faithful, foster community and grant easy, direct access to thousands of Catholic resources. Help connect the world with God’s Word! Support the Catholic Communication Campaign in next weekend’s collection.

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.

MOTHER’S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

—Book of Blessings, no. 1728
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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (John 15:13-17) or John 15:13b-19.

The price of this friendship; to love one another has loved them. We are called to be stewards with the Lord?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

**Tuesday:** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Fatima

**Friday:** St. Isidore

**Saturday:** Armed Forces Day

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Lucille Bodien
Ryan Campbell (son-in-law of Liz Dukes)
Mary Christina Terry (mother of Mary Ellen Swadley)
Aaron Kaleb Anderson
Joe Cannon
Cathy De La Cruz (sister of Mike De La Cruz)
Felix “Phil” Borski (brother of Msgr. Chester Borski)
Norma Ann Robicheaux

**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.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, May 13, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Jason's Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**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 indianaf@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.

**ST. MARTHA ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Lost and Found** — We have many items that have been lost and we are looking for their owner — car keys, clothing, jewelry, etc. If you lost something at the Faith Formation Campus, come check the lost and found box in the Faith Formation Office. All items will be donated June 1, 2015.

**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: 12, 19 & 26.

**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 **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.

The Rosary Guild will not meet on Sunday, May 10th, because of Mother’s Day. Meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 3 next to the Family Life Center. If you cannot attend, please contact JoAnna (281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com) to make arrangements to deliver your rosaries to the Guild. Thank you.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES (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.

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.

**YOU 2 BE**

All are welcome. May Dates: 12,19 & 26.
**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).

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**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 Opt. 1
St. Martha contact, Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968.

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**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

SMCS has the following openings for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Director of Development (four days per week)
  **Job Description and Qualifications**
- Registrar (four days per week)
  **Job Description and Qualifications**
- Degreed and certified teachers for:
  - First grade
  - Second grade
  - Middle School Social Studies

For consideration please submit your resume and letter of introduction to: principal@stmarthacs.org.

For more information, please contact the school office at **281-358-5523**.

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**MARTHA’S QUILTERS:** Martha's Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God's love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at niborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com — 281-361-9720. Martha's Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.

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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 ange-law@stmartha.com for account information.

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**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.
Parenting/Youth Events

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 mornflor@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.

St. Martha School Scoops
St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate Reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 ext. 241.

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
Busy making plans for your summer vacation? Don't forget to include St. Martha Catholic Church in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure you remember your gifts to St. Martha Catholic Church while you're off enjoying the summer breeze and sunshine. Enrolling is easy—just go to www.faithdirect.net and use our church code TX497.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

Martha's Kitchen
April showers have brought May flowers for all of the wonderful Moms of our parish! Happy Mother's Day and may all of the blessings that you have brought to the lives of your children be returned to you through God's eternal love and blessings. (Martha's Kitchen Memorial Cards that are available in the church office make a great gift.)

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.
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 $3,301.96; 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 to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you…You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved you. Thank you.

“How can I become a little poorer, to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?” — Pope Francis
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA PARISH
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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.

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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, 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.

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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 9, 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.

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

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

The Rosary Guild has found someone to do our wood projects. We thank all of you who call and offered your help. We appreciate your interest in helping the guild.

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.

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Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
El texto evangélico escogido para el séptimo domingo de Pascua (Juan 15: 9-17) describe la experiencia de la fe Pascual no en términos de algún poder externo poderoso que obliga a la gente, sino más bien en términos de algo que sucede en silencio dentro de los corazones de los creyentes. Las palabras que utilizan con mayor frecuencia los evangelistas son el amor y la alegría. De hecho Juan Evangelista, en uno de sus últimos escritos, va a decirnos realmente qué es el amor para un cristiano: "En esto consiste el amor --- no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo como propiciación por nuestros pecados" (I Juan 4:10). Así, en el más básico de los términos, el amor es lo que Cristo ha hecho por nosotros. La primera cosa que Cristo hizo por nosotros fue a entregarse libremente, plenamente conscientes de que estábamos en la libertad de aceptar o rechazar la oferta. El amor es un regalo --- el don de la salvación se hace presente en nuestras almas. En otros lugares el amor se describe como la paz de Dios que mora en nuestros corazones. Al mismo tiempo el amor requiere una respuesta: lo que se ha hecho por nosotros, debemos hacerlo por los demás. Del mismo modo que Cristo ha hecho por nosotros, debemos llegar a entender que el amor significa la aceptación de una cierta responsabilidad por el bien de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Como Cristo, debemos respetar la libertad de los demás también. Nuestro intento de expresar el amor no siempre puede ser entendido o aceptado en el momento o en la forma en que se nos ofreció. El amor nos invita a entrar en el misterio mismo del ser de Dios y la manera de relacionarse con nosotros. Porque cuando somos vulnerables y entregamos control sobre los resultados esperados, entonces el amor puede suceder y florecer en una experiencia más allá de nuestra imaginación. Este tipo de amor nos puede transformar.

Una de las señales más seguras que se pueden utilizar para juzgar si estamos o no realmente comprometidos en este amor como Cristo es la experiencia de la alegría: "Os he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea completo. Este es mi mandamiento: Ámense unos a otros como yo les amo". La alegría es mucho más que una sensación fugaz de felicidad sobre algún logro personal o el placer de ayudar a otra persona. Mientras que estas experiencias pueden ser resultado de nuestros actos de amor, alegría significa el sentido básico de lo que el creyente experimenta porque él o ella siguen el impulso del Espíritu Santo para amar como lo hizo Jesús. Incluso cuando lidiamos con los intentos fuera de amor a los demás o cuando no estamos seguros si los demás entienden o aceptan nuestro amor, la gracia de Dios nos puede llenar y los destinatarios de nuestros esfuerzos que es la presencia santa de Dios parecen abundar y llenar. Es este tipo de alegría que con frecuencia debemos pedir en nuestras oraciones de petición. Y cuando damos testimonio de esta alegría cristiana en nuestras vidas, otros tendrán la oportunidad de experimentar efectos similares de la fe Pascual en sus vidas también.

Padre Chester Borski

Ministerio Hispano

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

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
**6º Domingo de Pascua**

**Reflexión sobre las lecturas:**

San Pablo nos pide que nos amemos unos a otros, ya que el amor es de Dios, yo todo el que ama ha nacido de Dios y conoce a Dios. Dios nos manifestó su amor mandándonos a Su propio Hijo como víctima de propiciación por nuestros pecados. Jesús nos pide que nos amemos unos a otros como El nos amó, o sea, dando la vida por los demás. “Nadie tiene amor más grande que el que da la vida por sus amigos” nos dijo Jesús. El amor tiene que buscar el bien del otro, por encima del mío, desinteresado y sin buscar nada a cambio. También nos dijo Jesús que, si guardamos sus mandamientos, permaneceremos en Su amor. Esa es la forma en que podemos demostrar nuestro amor a Jesús, siguiendo sus mandamientos y buscando parecernos más y más a Él conforme pasa el tiempo.

**Compromiso de la semana:** Demostraré mi amor a mis seres queridos con actos concretos, desinteresados, buscando su bien.

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

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**"Búsquenme a mí y vivirán"**  
(Amós 5, 4)

**Noche de Adoración y Alabanza**

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

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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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**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 deseen encontrar una iglesia que les dé soluciones, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les proporcione un lugar que les permita acobijarse, les edufe 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 llevarian 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.
- Acéquense, 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 Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@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.