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 Kleingeltl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
........................................ 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: ........ 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español ...................... 1:00 PM
Life Teen: .................... 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 5:30 Life Teen

Weekday Masses
Monday: .......................... 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ........ 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: ........ 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ............................. 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church ......................... 6:30 -7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church .......................10:30-11:45 AM
Church ....................... 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel .......... 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes: Last Sunday of the month, call the Parish Office to register
Ceremony: First Saturday of the month

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.
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RA
Jaime Gomez 281.973.1857
GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of May 9 & 10
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 74,433
Sunday Collection $ 61,775
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 51,699
Over/(Under) $ 39,892
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 3,349,878
Sunday Collection $ 3,349,878
Over/(Under) $ (393)
Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 16,069
Martha's Kitchen $ 10,310
Catholic Communications $ 817
2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 196,751
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,
We celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on this Sunday because some years ago the Catholic bishops of our region chose to transfer this great feast to a weekend so that more people could celebrate its significance for the life of discipleship. In reality the Ascension introduces us to our place and time in the history of salvation. The Gospel text from Mark describes the event succinctly in these words: “The Lord Jesus, after he spoke to the disciples, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.” In other words, Jesus continues to be present in the world but now in a new way: through his Church which is his Body. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus cautions the apostles to wait in Jerusalem before they set out on the mission entrusted to them. Why? They will receive the promise of the Father: “In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” In effect Jesus is instructing his disciples to learn to wait patiently on the Spirit and not to try to do things their own way. They will only mess things up and try to create their own religion. This will remain one of the great temptations for the anxious and impatient throughout the history of the Church. This is born out in the verses that follow where the apostles ask, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?” Even after all the time the apostles had spent with Jesus during his public life of preaching and ministry, they had missed the point about the nature of the Kingdom of God. They seemed to expect Jesus to lead an army against Rome and bring back to Israel the glory days under David and Solomon. The response of Jesus to their question is quite interesting and important for us as well. He does not say “Yes” nor does he say “No.” In effect Jesus says, “You will find out when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. He will teach you and guide you in building my Kingdom here on earth.”

There is another important message in the event of the Ascension. Nothing that Jesus did or said was meant as simply a statement of meaningless doctrine. What Jesus did and said about himself revealed something very important about who we are, what we are called to do, and what our destiny will be because of our decision to become his disciples. The Ascension is really a description of our future, of what lies in store for us. The message of the Ascension repeats the promise given at Easter: a life of faithful discipleship is a life that does not come to an end. In the words of Jesus taken from the beginning verses of today’s Gospel, we as members of his Body have been given the task of continuing his mission of salvation and at Pentecost we are given the Holy Spirit to enable us to carry it out. If we make good use of our time, talent, and treasure for the sake of the Kingdom, then we will indeed be witnesses of its definitive coming into the world. May our prayer this day be the one from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation … may the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know the hope that belongs to his call.”

Fr. Chester Borski

Please join us in the Narthex after the 11:00 am Mass today, May 17, for a reception to celebrate Xavier David Bilawendiran’s ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, May 23 & 24, 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.)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples…and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. Through your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag Collection you are continuing the work of Christ’s disciples. Thank you for your contribution. “Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other.”

---- St. Vincent de Paul
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gm 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: St. John I
Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena
Thursday: St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions
Friday: St. Rita of Cascia
Saturday: Vigil of Pentecost

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to defend your faith or clarify a question about your faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in your faith and share your witness with others.

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

**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: 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 **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.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, May 20, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Uberrito Mexican Grill (formerly Mission Burrito), 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**Young at Heart Luncheon**

(Formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) - Memorial Day Celebration

Come join us as we honor our Veterans at our Memorial Day Celebration. Veterans, please bring any memorabilia you would like to show the group. Rouse up your patriotic spirit and join us for fellowship, bingo & lunch at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 27. 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, email nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.
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.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in Room 3 of the Family Life Center (turn left after you go through the first set of double doors – by the soft drink machine). These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much-appreciated ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Holy Communion to the Sick training.

Please register for this training by May 25, by calling or emailing Angela Wemyss – 281-361-9720 – angelawemyss@hotmail.com or Pat Timpanaro – 281-361-9338 – patimpanaro@embarqmail.com.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
SMCS has the following openings for the 2015-2016 school year:
- Director of Development (four days per week)
- Registrar (four days per week)
- 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.

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.

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

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

SAVE THE DATE
November 7th
3rd Annual Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting and Food Pairings

CANCARE
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.canCare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.
**Parenting/Youth Events**

**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.

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**Middle School News**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK**

June 15-19 [12:45 – 4:45 pm]

Cost: $40.00*

A service experience for students entering 6th – 8th grade (Fall ‘15) spending a few hours serving in the Kingwood-Humble area and then coming back together at St. Martha for time in fellowship and prayer with peers.

Registration forms in the Faith Formation Office – Spots are limited to the first FIFTY students to sign up!

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

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**St. Martha School Scoops**

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

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

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Seminarian

David Thomas Angelino

will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood on Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral

1115 St. Joseph Parkway

Houston, TX 77002

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**Vocations Corner**

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the **CLAASSEN FAMILY** in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.
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 this weekend 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.

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 this weekend. 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.
Catholic Communications Campaign: This 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 this weekend’s collection.

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

Collection—Feast of Corpus Christi

On the Feast of Corpus Christi (Sunday, June 7) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2015-2016 over a million dollars is needed from this collection to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. To achieve this goal, Archbishop DiNardo requests that you double the amount of your regular church support for the weekend of June 6-7. If each contributor will do this, the needed subsidy will be met by this collection. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN
ST. MARTHA 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, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 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 robynhfly@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.

THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Celebramos la solemnidad de la Ascensión en este domingo, porque hace unos años los obispos católicos de nuestra región optaron por transferir esta gran fiesta para un fin de semana para que más gente pudiera celebrarla por su importancia para la vida del discipulado. En realidad, la Ascensión nos introduce en nuestro lugar y tiempo en la historia de la salvación. El texto del Evangelio de Marcos describe el evento sucintamente en estas palabras: "El Señor Jesús, después de que habló a los discípulos, fue llevado al cielo y se sentó a la diestra de Dios Padre". En otras palabras, Jesús sigue estando presente en el mundo, pero ahora de una nueva manera: a través de su Iglesia que es su Cuerpo. En la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Jesús advierte a los apóstoles que esperen en Jerusalén antes de partir a la misión encomendada. ¿Por qué? Ellos recibirán la promesa del Padre: "En pocos días vosotros seréis bautizados con el Espíritu Santo". En efecto Jesús está instruyendo a sus discípulos a aprender a esperar pacientemente en el Espíritu y no tratar de hacer las cosas a su manera. Complicaran las cosas y trataran de crear su propia religión. Esto sigue siendo una de las grandes tentaciones para los ansiosos e impacientes a lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia. Esto nace en los versos que siguen, donde los apóstoles preguntan: "Señor, ¿es ahora cuando vas a restaurar el reino de Israel?". Inclusive después de todo el tiempo de que los apóstoles habían pasado con Jesús, durante su vida pública de la predicación y el ministerio, que habían perdido el punto acerca de la naturaleza del Reino de Dios. Parecían esperar a Jesús para dirigir un ejército contra Roma y traer de vuelta a Israel los días de gloria bajo David y Salomón. La respuesta de Jesús a su preguntas es muy interesante e importante para nosotros también. Él no dice "Sí", ni tampoco dice "No". En efecto, Jesús dice, "Usted descubrirán cuando el Espíritu Santo venga sobre vosotros. Él les enseñará y les guiará en la construcción de mi reino aquí en la tierra.".

Hay otro mensaje importante en el evento de la Ascensión. Nada de lo que Jesús hizo o dijo no se entiende como una simple declaración de la doctrina sin sentido. Lo que Jesus hizo y dijo sobre sí mismo reveló algo muy importante sobre lo que somos, lo que estamos llamados a hacer, y lo que nuestro destino será a causa de nuestra decisión de convertirnos en sus discípulos. La Ascensión es realmente una descripción de nuestro futuro, de lo que hay para nosotros. El mensaje de la Ascensión repite la promesa dada en la Pascua: una vida de discipulado fiel es una vida que no llega a su fin. En las palabras de Jesús tomadas de los versos iniciales del Evangelio de hoy, nosotros, como miembros de su Cuerpo nos han dado a la tarea de continuar su misión de salvación y en Pentecostés nos da el Espíritu Santo para que podamos llevarlo a cabo. Si hacemos un buen uso de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros para la causa del Reino, entonces ciertamente seremos testigos de su definitiva entrada en el mundo. Que nuestra oración este día sea la de la carta de Pablo a los Efesios: "Que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de gloria, os dé espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación ... que los ojos de vuestro corazón sean iluminados para que puedan conocer la esperanza de que pertenece a su llamada".

Padre Chester Borski
Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Jesús estuvo apareciéndose a los apóstoles por 40 días después de su resurrección y hablándoles del Reino de los Cielos. Esos 40 días sirvieron para convertir a un grupo de apóstoles temerosos después de que habían visto a Jesús colgado y muerto en la cruz. Estos 40 días sirvieron para fortalecer su fe y afianzar su conocimiento de Jesús para poder pregonar la Buena Nueva: Dios nos mandó a Su Hijo, para que con su muerte nos obtuviera el perdón de los pecados y nos abriera las puertas de cielo, para que todo el que se bautice y crea en Él y siga sus mandamientos, se salve y tenga vida eterna. Tenemos que tener una vida espiritual en oración con Dios, pero al mismo tiempo tenemos que tener una vida activa donde demostraremos nuestro amor al prójimo con obras, para que no nos digan como a los apóstoles: “¿qué hacéis ahí plantados mirando al cielo?”.
Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en si Jesús es el centro y motivo de mi vida, y pondré medios para acercarme más a Él.

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"Búsquenme a mí y vivirán"
(Ámos 5, 4)
Noche de Adoración y Alabanza
Martes 26 de Mayo 7:00 p.m.
Iglesia Católica Sta. Marta
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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Ministerio Hispano

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 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 llevarán 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.
• Acérquense, 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.

Para cualquier información Favor comuníquese con Jannett 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.