Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE LORD IS GOD IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE AND ON EARTH BELOW; THERE IS NO OTHER.
– Deuteronomy 4:39
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the community of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Parish, are committed to our baptismal covenant with Jesus Christ. This covenant is manifested in our worship, evangelization, education, stewardship, service and our commitment to live as a community of faith. We center our parish life on Christ, Scripture and the celebration of the Sacraments in joyful worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We share together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and to share in the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God’s gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity which is “the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #234). In many ways it is a mystery that we experience much more than we can understand or explain. There is an ancient story told about the great theologian St. Thomas of Aquinas. One day he was walking along the beach trying to grasp the profound mystery of the Trinity. Suddenly he heard his name being called, “Thomas!” When he looked around, he saw an angel digging a hole in the sand. “Tell me, Thomas,” said the angel, “do you think you could fill this hole with the ocean that is behind you?” Thomas responded to the angel, “It would take me forever to fill that hole with the ocean.” “You have answered correctly,” replied the angel, “but it would take less time to fill this hole with the ocean than for you to figure out the mystery of the Trinity.”

As Catholics we grow up surrounded with the language of Trinity. We speak of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and this way of speaking permeates our life of faith. It was in God’s threefold name that we were baptized and we learned to pray at our mother’s knee by making the sign of the cross and proclaiming the Trinitarian name. Each time we enter a church or chapel, we bless ourselves and repeat the words in which we were claimed by God to share in his divine life. All the ancient Creeds by which we renew our Catholic faith are structured after the Trinitarian formula. The Eucharist, the central act of our worship, is in the form of a hymn of praise and thanksgiving addressed to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. What is the origin or source of this teaching of the Church about the Trinity? It is Jesus himself! Throughout the Gospels Jesus speaks of his “Abba” (his Father) and asserts that he and the Father are one. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he promised to send an advocate, the Holy Spirit, to enable us to give witness to his presence in the world. Thus, as the Church is born, she becomes the “Body of Christ” in the world and is animated by the same Spirit that was with Jesus in his life and ministry. At the heart of the meaning of the Trinity is the call for us to share intimately in God’s very own life. This life of grace is communitarian at its very source and bids us embrace this life as members of the family of God. Let us allow ourselves to experience this wonderful mystery each time we sit at table together at home and especially around the altar at the Eucharist.

Fr. Chester Borski

**SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION**

The Senior Citizen Luncheons held at St. Martha's on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will **NOT** be held during the Summer. We will **resume** on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.

**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.

**REMINDER: COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING** will be held on Monday, June 1, in Room 3 of the Family Life Center. You must be a trained Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you are eligible to take Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick training, and you must have pre-registered with Angela Wemyss – 281-361-9720 -angelawemyss@hotmail.com or Pat Timpanaro – 281-361-9338 – patimpanaro@embarqmail.com in order to take part in this training. Please call or email if you have any questions.
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...”

- Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Meet some new folks! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY
FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, June 3, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in the Atascocita area. On Saturday, June 6, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Martha; meal afterwards at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. 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.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
SMCS has the following openings for the 2015-2016 school year:
• Degreed and certified teachers for:
  First grade
  Second grade
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.

NEW MEDIC- ALERT PROGRAM
In order to better serve parishioners should they become suddenly ill while attending our weekend Masses and on Holy Days of Obligation, we are beginning a “Medic-Alert” program. If you are a doctor or nurse and are willing to help us when we have parishioners fall ill at Mass, please check in with an usher when you arrive and give them your cell or pager number so you can be reached during the Mass by text or paging should an emergency arise.
Should you have any questions about this program, please e-mail Barry Robichaux at barry.robichaux@us.ibm.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Some couples just light up the room. Their joy and love is contagious. God’s presence shines through them. That couple should be YOU. A Marriage Encounter is the Marriage Enrichment that can change your life. Register early to secure your place. The next scheduled weekend is June 19-21, 2015.
Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

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
You are cordially invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Meeting

Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members. Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us:
Monday, June 22nd
6:30 pm Social
7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road
East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

Sister Mildred Truchard, Vocation Director of Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria, Texas will speak to us about, Supporting the Vocation Discerner.

RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
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.

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

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will be meeting Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in the Family Life Center.
Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

Children's Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—10 a.m. in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

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

Explore Retreat: June 8-10 (Starts Monday at 11:00 a.m.) in St. Mary’s Seminary. This retreat is for high school boys ages 15-18, who want to experience Christ and grow in relationship with Him. It is an opportunity to set time aside to explore seminary life and learn about the call to holiness and priesthood. The retreat will consist of music, games, faith sharing, fellowship, outdoor activities, creative prayer experiences and much more. Explore will be facilitated by seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In the application, we ask that the applicant be approved by the Pastor, DRE, youth minister or principal. Limit of four participants per parish (Space limited). Cost is $80 per participant. Deadline: June 5. Pre-registration, forms, and material at www.houstonvocations.com/explore-retreat

Life Awareness Weekend, July 24-26 (Starts Friday at 5pm-Sunday at 2:30pm) in Holy Name Retreat Center. Come and join other single men and women of faith, ages 18-45, who are searching and discerning God’s call in their lives. Life Awareness is a weekend retreat of prayer, silent reflection, presentations, group discussions, and sharing on one-on-one encounters and guidance from priests and religious sisters and brothers, as you learn more about priesthood and religious life. This retreat is designed to help young adults to learn and explore whatever vocation God might be calling them, to search deeply for the guidance, and to grow in courage to do the will of God. It will provide the time, environment, and opportunity to clarify one’s calling without any pressure of commitment. Come join us! Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Rd Houston, Texas 77024. Information: Deacon Gary Hilbig 832-549-4140 gary.hilbig@allsaints.us.org Henry Majoue 832-606-1372 Hjmajoue@gmail.com. Cost: Free (Donations accepted)
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.

You are invited
to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon David Thomas Angelino.
It will take place through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

Saturday, June 6, 2015
10:00 a.m.
The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1115 St. Joseph Parkway
Houston, TX 77002

Father David will celebrate his first Masses at St. Martha on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. A reception in the FLC will follow immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, June 6.

LOST AND FOUND –
We have many items in the lost and found box in the Parish Office (Woodridge Pkwy Campus) and Faith Formation Office (Faith Formation Campus). If you have lost something, please come by and look. ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED JUNE 1.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN
Thank you for your continued support to Martha's Kitchen. We depend on your generosity as we enter into the summer months and strive to help those in need of meal and hydration. May God continue to bless you and your family.
(Note: Martha's Kitchen reopens on Monday, June 8.)

KSHJ 1430 AM – English Catholic radio in Houston, TX. Tune in for intelligent talk, catechesis, apologetics, a Catholic perspective on news and current events, great fun, and lots of advice on living the faith in our relationships and sharing the faith with our friends and family. Listen on air at AM 1430, online at GRNonline.com, or on your mobile device – both IOS and Android.
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: 2-3AM, 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 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.

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.

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

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!
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Este fin de semana se celebra la solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad, que es "el misterio central de la fe y la vida cristiana. Es el misterio de Dios mismo. Es la fuente de todos los otros misterios de la fe, la luz que los ilumina" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, # 234). En muchos sentidos, es un misterio que experimentamos mucho más de lo que podemos entender o explicar. Hay una antigua historia que se cuenta sobre el gran teólogo Santo Tomás de Aquino. Un día estaba caminando por la playa tratando de captar el profundo misterio de la Trinidad. De pronto oyó su nombre, "Thomas!" Cuando él miró a su alrededor, vio a un ángel que cava un agujero en la arena. "Dime, Thomas," dijo al ángel: "¿crees que podrías llenar este agujero con el océano que está detrás de ti?" Thomas respondió al ángel: "Me llevaría una eternidad para llenar ese agujero con el océano". "Bien has respondido, le dijo el ángel", "pero se tomaría menos tiempo para llenar este agujero con el océano que para averiguar el misterio de la Trinidad".

Como católicos crecemos rodeados con el lenguaje de la Trinidad. Hablamos de Dios como Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, y de esta manera de hablar impregna nuestra vida de fe. Fue en triple nombre de Dios que fuimos bautizados y aprendimos a rezar en las rodillas de nuestra madre haciendo la señal de la cruz y proclamando el nombre de la Trinidad. Cada vez que entramos en una iglesia o capilla, nos bendecimos y repetimos las palabras con las que fuimos reclamados por Dios a participar de su vida divina. Todos los antiguos credos, con los que podemos renovar nuestra fe católica se estructuran en la fórmula trinitaria. La Eucaristía, el acto central de nuestra adoración, es en la forma de un himno de alabanza y acción de gracias dirigido al Padre, por el Hijo, en el poder del Espíritu Santo. ¿Cuál es el origen o fuente de esta doctrina de la Iglesia acerca de la Trinidad? Es Jesús mismo! A lo largo de los Evangelios Jesús habla de su "Abba" (Padre) y afirma que él y el Padre son uno. Antes de que Jesús ascendió al cielo, él se comprometió a enviar un defensor, el Espíritu Santo, para que pudiéramos dar testimonio de su presencia en el mundo. Así, como ha nacido la Iglesia, se convierte en el "Cuerpo de Cristo" en el mundo y está animado por el mismo Espíritu que estaba con Jesús en su vida y ministerio. En el corazón del significado de la Trinidad es el llamado para nosotros a compartir íntimamente en nuestra propia vida con Dios. Esta vida de gracia es comunitaria en su misma fuente y nos invita a abrazar esta vida como miembros de la familia de Dios. Dejémonos experimentar este maravilloso misterio cada vez que nos sentamos a la mesa en casa y sobre todo en torno al altar en la Eucaristía.

Padre Chester Borski

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Las últimas palabras de Jesús a sus apóstoles incluyeron varias instrucciones:
La primera fue: Vayan. Jesús espera una Iglesia con vocación de ir y encontrar a la gente en donde está. La segunda fue: Bautizar a todas las naciones en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. El Bautismo es como nos convertimos en Hijos de Dios y por eso la importancia de que todos se bauticen. La tercera fue: Enseñarlas a cumplir todo lo que Él nos mandó. Tenemos, primero, la obligación de conocer y entender todo lo que Jesús nos mandó, a través de la lectura, estudio y meditación de las Escrituras, y, segundo, la obligación de enseñar a los demás a que cumplan con eso mismo que Jesús nos mandó. La Evangelización y Catéquesis no es la obligación de unos cuantos, Jesús quiere que todos participemos, de acuerdo a nuestras capacidades, en estas actividades. Y por último, Jesús nos prometió que Él estará con nosotros hasta el fin del mundo.

Compromiso de la semana: Me propondré leer las Escrituras regularmente para aprender más de Jesús y de sus mandamientos.

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

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
**Ministerio Hispano**

**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.

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

**Cáliz de Vocaciones:**
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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**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 edifique 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, pregunten o participen y sean testigos de cómo juntos construiremos ese camino, sea Ud. también puente entre la Iglesia y las Ud. 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
The rewards of stewardship are plentiful. Stewards happily accept the call to give of themselves in response to the gracious gifts given to them. By helping others, stewards show their gratitude to God through their loving care for others.