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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
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.
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
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VOCA TIONS COMMITTEE
Phil & Diane Applegate 281.361.2913

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
Nancy Landvogt 281.358.6637, x202
Nancy Karpinski 713.594.4430

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BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY
Carla Lewton 281.358-1959x213

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ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Current Loan Debt: $13,343,656

Recap for May 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt: $55,454

Payments to reduce the debt: $35,101

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The Scripture readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on the role of prophets in our lives. Usually the term “prophet” causes us to think of two principal types of prophetic figures in biblical tradition. The first is the “fire and brimstone” type like Jonah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, and Amos who call attention to the community’s shortcomings and thus the people’s need for conversion and renewal. The second type of prophets are those like Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Elijah. These are mystics who can look at the world in which they live and reveal truths of human nature that is usually unavailable to the rest. But the gift of prophecy in the Church is not limited to persons such as these. In the second reading today from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, we discover that every one of us has been given the ability to grasp and appreciate the plan of salvation the Father has revealed for the growth and development of human society. In simple language, that is what prophecy is all about. Scripturally the word prophet means someone who gives witness to the will of God through word and deed. All those who recognize that through Baptism we have received the life of Christ as the source and standard of Christian living are called to become prophets. We are challenged to represent to the world the values, the attitudes, and the understanding that shape human life in accord with the mind of God as expressed in the Bible and taught by the Church.

This means that there may be times in our lives when we will be called to prophesy or speak the mind of God to the world in which we live. This will demand that we take a stand that is critical of the society or community around us. This happens when we speak up and act on behalf of those who are usually powerless and voiceless: the unborn, the elderly and chronically ill, the poor and the homeless, the refugee and the immigrant, etc. At other times we may be called to become spiritual guides like the mystical prophets who lived on a deeper level and witnessed to the mysterious dimension of human nature touched by the presence of God. This occurs when we must patiently deal with adult children who no longer see the need to practice their faith, with friends and colleagues who spend their lives striving only for material wealth and social status, with the apathetic and uninvolved who may go to church occasionally but refuse to become engaged in parish life and outreach, etc. Like it or not, we are called to live out our faith commitment in a world that is very often unreasonable, uncontrollable, and directly counter to the very core of biblical faith. However, as the account from Mark 6 reminds us, we are “summoned” and “sent” into this world by the Lord. We are instructed to “take nothing for the journey” except the grace and presence of the One who has called us to be prophets for our time.

Fr. Chester Borski

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Archdiocese Annual Black Bag Collection
July 11-12, 2015
In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs “two by two”, to those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Your donation to today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Archdiocese Annual Black Bag Collection allows us to continue serving those in need. “Let US be the messengers of YOUR LOVE!”

Family Fun Night!!

Friday, August 7, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
St. Martha’s Family Life Center
FREE PIZZA and GREAT MUSIC!!
GREAT PIZZA and FREE MUSIC!!!
Bring your entire family (or as many as you can fit in your car). Stay as little or as long as you like (but if you stay past 10 PM, you have to help clean up!). ACTS Musicians will provide live music throughout the evening (and these folks sound good!).

Purpose: (1) Provide an evening of family fun and social interaction in a Christian environment; (2) Modestly showcase ways family members can stay involved in the church and continue to grow in their faith. These will be organized into the four ACTS focus areas: A – Adoration, C – Community, T – Theology, S – Service. While the event is sponsored by the ACTS community, it is open to EVERYONE. Bring your relatives! Bring your friends! Bring your enemies and make them new friends!

While RSVP is not required, it would be helpful for us to know how much pizza to order. Please send a short e-mail to timhillacts@gmail.com with "Family Fun Night" in the subject line. Just let us know how many people you plan to bring.
Today’s Readings

First Reading — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

Today’s readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex.

To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION

The Senior Citizen Luncheons held at St. Martha 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION SUMMER HOURS: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 20TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 31ST. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN, MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, 9:00AM – 4:00PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Tuesday Morning:
Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am
Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton.
All are welcome. Remaining July Date: 14th

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:
www.stmartha.com

Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more…
check it out!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Course: From Mon., Sept. 14th to Mon., Nov 9th the Financial Planning Committee will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. There is no charge for the course other than the course materials which should be purchased directly from Dave Ramsey. Information about the class, registration and purchase of the course material can be done at the following link:
http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1000301
This link can also be found on the St. Martha’s Financial Committee web page at www.stmartha.com. For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444.

Commutation 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.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, July 15, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggymbmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Married and engaged couples are excited and are registering to attend St. Martha’s Annual NFP class taught by parishioners Chris and Marion Dickson! If you are curious about this beautiful way to live out God’s call in marriage, please join us to learn more. Our first of three classes begins on Sunday, July 19th.

Important for you to know: this is not the rhythm method. The Standard-Sympto Thermal Method, based on over 50 years of research primarily by Austrian doctor Dr. Josef Roetzer, is scientific and upholds the church’s sacred view of marriage and family. This method is safe and healthy, effective for planning a family (including for couples with low fertility), for postponing pregnancy, and is morally correct.

Details:
- The course consists of three classes, each taken in chronological order, and is on the Standard Sympto-Thermal Method type of NFP.
- Class dates for the course are the following Sundays from 2:00-4:00pm in Room 2 (next to the FLC at the Faith Formation Campus): July 19th, August 16th, and September 27th.
- The cost for the entire course is 70.00, which covers the cost of the course and materials. If there is an issue with the cost, please let us know.
- Registration with St. Martha Parishioners and Certified S.S.T. Instructors, Christopher and Marion Dickson, is completed through email, with SST Registration in the Subject Heading: dicksonfamily2001@gmail.com.
We welcome all who are interested, especially those preparing for marriage and those who are married, and are ready to learn more about this sacred and scientific offering of Natural Family Planning!
**HAPPY MARRIAGES DON’T JUST HAPPEN.** They need constant attention and commitment. Look for ways to enrich your relationship. You can renew your Passion for each other and God this summer in a very special setting. The next scheduled weekend will be presented at St. Anthony of Padua parish in the Woodlands, next weekend, July 17 - 19, 2015. Sign up today, while spaces are still available. The Application fee is $100. Scholarships are available! Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

**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.

**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.

**SUMMER OF SERVICE**

**Tuesdays, July 7– July 21**

[9:00 am – 1:00 pm]

Join entering 6th-8th graders in a morning of serving our local community, fellowship, and fun!

Meet at St. Martha’s Youth Center

Cost: $4 if you want lunch

*Attention Parents! We need parents to commit to chaperoning and driving to make this program possible!

Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com

**Bible Study** - All Thursdays during July from 7 to 9 pm. Young adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture study and snacks. The evening will begin with a social meet and greet and transition to a scripture study. We will start our study in the Acts of the Apostles. We will meet on the St. Martha’s Faith Formation campus in the Borski Activity Room. It is on the second floor of the school building. Please park in the school lot: 2411 Oak Shores Dr, Kingwood, TX 77339. Please follow signs posted or contact Matt 718-887-6837 or Brian 713-340-4211.

**St. Martha’s CCE CORNER**

**CCE & LIFETEEN**

Registration Begins

**Tuesday, August 4th**

At the Faith Formation Office from 9 am—4 pm & after all English Masses the weekend of August 22 & 23

Please consider sharing our Faith with the children of St. Martha! Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If interested in joining the team of catechists, sign up at Registration or e-mail: Pattyjost@stmartha.com
Divorced. Catholic. Now What?

Navigating Your Life After Divorce.
This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a Spiritual Director and a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- Healing
- Anger
- Divorce and Annulment
- Helping Children Cope
- Forgiveness
- Gratitude
- Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and still Catholic.

August 26 – November 11, 2015, Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact:

Francine Puglia 281.358.6637 franp@stmartha.com
Vicki Rück 713.927.8815 vickiruck@suddenlink.net

*Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

* The Rosary Guild will meet on Sunday, July 12th, in Room 2 at the Faith Formation Campus from 2-4:00 p.m. For more information contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@Yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!
St. Martha’s Parish Festival
Oct. 3, 2015
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, August 3, 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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

OPEN HOUR: FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON MONDAY 2-3 AM AND FRIDAY 7-8 PM!

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 11-12 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM.
- Monday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 AM, 8-9 PM, 10-11 PM, 11 PM-Midnight.
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM.
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM.
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM.
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 10-11 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.

A huge thank you to all those who made SHINE possible through your donations to Operation Paint Brush, participation in SHINE Stock, supported us through the car wash, and for your prayers for our youth and chaperones who attended the camp in Houston, TX. The week was filled with faithful service, hard work, prayer and praise and worship. It is an amazing site to see the youth transform over the week and to witness them grow in their faith through their actions of helping others by serving the homeless and elderly, assisting at the foodbank, cleaning, and much more! Thank you for making it possible for our youth to receive hands on experience of serving others through Christ.

2015 Day of Prayer – July 18, 2015

Calling all men & women to the 2015 Day of Prayer with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Hosted by the ACTS Mission Board and St. Ambrose Parish, this half-day Conference provides men and women with insights into how GOD is GOOD and HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER!

Event MC is Joe McClane from Houston’s Catholic radio KSHJ AM1430. Speakers will include Msgr. Dan Scheel, Linda Robison, and Deacon Tom Vicknair. Event concludes with a Mass led by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Save the date and invite your friends to join you on Saturday, July 18. Doors open at 7:30 am at St. Ambrose, 4213 Mangum Rd, Houston. Pre-registration requested online ($10 ea), at http://www.staoptw.org/events/DOP2015
LAUDATO SI – Brief Overview of Encyclical by Pope Francis issued on June 18, 2015 – LAUDATO SI

Introductory comments: Pope Francis’ encyclical focuses on the concept of an “integral ecology” by connecting stewardship of the natural world with justice for the poor and vulnerable. He challenges us to reshape our relationships with God, neighbor, and the created world. Science can help us see what is happening to the earth but dialogue & education are needed to help us care for the gift of creation.

Chapter I – The most serious challenges which we face.
1) Pollution, waste, and our throwaway mentality.
2) Climate change.
3) Access to safe drinkable water.
4) Loss of Biodiversity: “the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species.”
5) Breakdown of society and its negative impact on the quality of life.
6) Global inequality caused by “extreme and selective consumerism.”

Chapter III – The root causes of our crisis.
1) Technology without “a sound ethics” can oppress humanity.
2) Technocratic mentality based principally on making a profit.
3) Anthropocentrism – man-centered rather than God-centered mentality & failure to understand our proper relationship to nature.
4) Practical relativism which espouses that something has value only when it “serves one’s own immediate interests.”
5) Employment opportunities: “bad business for society” when we don’t invest in people & fail to insure opportunity for people to work.
6) Biological technologies which make it possible for land and resources to end up “in the hands of a few” & threatens small producers and the ecosystem.

Path for more positive future.
1) Renewal of biblical faith which sees human life as grounded in our relationship with God, neighbor, and the created world.
2) Integral ecology which views everything as connected plus a preferential option for the poor.
3) Dialogue which includes open and honest debate with an emphasis on the common good and transparent decision-making.
4) Education – Church, schools, families, media need to help re-shape habits and behavior in order to overcome excessive individualism.
5) Ecological conversion – see St. Francis of Assisi as model for compassionate concern for our world; espouses attitudes of gratitude, generosity, creativity, & enthusiasm.
6) Spirituality shaped by a deep faith in God and understanding that God has entrusted the created world to our care.

(This brief overview was prepared by Fr. Chester Borski and is based upon a more comprehensive summary posted by the Vatican. Each parishioner is strongly encouraged to read and prayerfully reflect on Laudato Si by Pope Francis in its complete version.)

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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the HAINES 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.
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 and the dying. Everyone welcome!

St. Martha’s Knights of Columbus Council #12320
3rd Annual Wine Tasting
November 7th, 2015

A casual evening with seven rounds of wine served with pairings of food at St. Martha’s Family Life Center, 3702 Woodland Hills. The tables seat 8. The cost per table is $350. or $45 per seat if bought individually. Tickets sell quickly. All ticket sales are on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited. Tables and tickets must be paid for in advance. This year some celebrity tables will be available at premium prices. Six Celebrity tables will be offered at $1000. eight tables at $500. We will be having a phenomenal Silent Auction and a Cork Pull.

We are seeking Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for various activities such as Printing, Wine Glasses, Decorations, Cork Pull, etc. Contact Marty Krupp for Sponsor information at, martybk@ymail.com

A REALLY GREAT EVENING!! Guest singer, Pamela Saxon!

Ticket Sales: Manny Reyes; 281-520-9393 manny1962@yahoo.com

Some “Enchanted” Summer Evenings:
Come and spend eight summer evenings learning and singing 2,000 years of faith in liturgical song of the Mass and psalms. St. Basil’s School of Gregorian Chant invites you to the 1st annual Woodlands Summer Learning Schola, at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Dates are W’s & Th’s: Session I, July 29-30, Aug. 5-6: Session II, Aug. 12-13/19-20. Tuition is $195.00 for both sessions, or $125.00 for session I or II. We will close singing and praying all we learned at a special Mass. Visit our website: www.gregorianchantschool.org/slsSta or call Lowell Davis at 281-855-2358.

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.

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE
Fruits of Your Labor...

GABRIEL PROJECT: The fiscal year of the church runs from July 2014 - June 2015. During that period the Gabriel Project Ministry was able to help 21 Mothers. We helped these Moms to make the most important decisions that affected her and her baby. We supported them all the way to guide them spiritually, emotionally and make sure that they had the items that they needed to bring their babies home. Thank you to our parishioners for your generous donations and continued support for the Gabriel Project Ministry.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Martha,
Las lecturas bíblicas para el 15.º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos invitan a reflexionar sobre el papel de los profetas en nuestras vidas. Por lo general, el término "profeta" nos hace pensar en dos tipos principales de figuras proféticas en la tradición bíblica. El primero es el tipo de "fuego y azufre" como Jonás, Jeremías, Juan el Bautista, y Amos que llaman la atención sobre las deficiencias de la comunidad y por lo tanto la necesidad de la gente para la conversión y la renovación. El segundo tipo de profetas son aquellos como Ezequiel, Isaías y Elías. Estos son místicos que pueden ver el mundo en el que viven y revelar verdades de la naturaleza humana que por lo general no está disponible para el resto. Pero el don de la profecía en la iglesia no se limita a personas como éstas. En la segunda lección de hoy de la carta de San Pablo a los Efesios, descubrimos que a cada uno de nosotros se le ha dado la capacidad de comprender y apreciar el plan de salvación del Padre que ha revelado para el crecimiento y desarrollo de la sociedad humana. En un lenguaje sencillo, eso es de lo que se trata la profecía. Bíblicamente la palabra profeta significa alguien que da testimonio de la voluntad de Dios a través de la palabra y obra. Todos los que reconocemos que por el bautismo hemos recibido la vida de Cristo como la fuente y nivel de vida cristiana y estamos llamados a convertirnos en profetas. Tenemos el desafío de representar al mundo los valores, las actitudes y el conocimiento que dan forma a la vida humana de acuerdo con la mente de Dios como se expresa en la Biblia y es enseñada por la Iglesia. Esto significa que puede haber momentos en nuestras vidas en que seremos llamados a profetizar o hablar de la mente de Dios para el mundo en que vivimos. Esto exigirá que tomemos una posición que es crítica de la sociedad o comunidad que nos rodea. Esto sucede cuando hablamos y actuamos en nombre de aquellos que por lo general no tienen poder ni voz: los niños, ancianos y enfermos crónicos, pobres y desamparados, los refugiados e inmigrantes, etc. En otras ocasiones podemos ser llamados a convertirnos en guías espirituales como los profetas místicos que vivían en un nivel más profundo y fueron testigos de la dimensión misteriosa de la naturaleza humana tocada por la presencia de Dios. Esto ocurre cuando hay que tratar con paciencia con hijos adultos que ya no ven la necesidad de practicar su fe, con los amigos y colegas que se pasan la vida luchando sólo por la riqueza material y la condición social, con apatía y no involucración, que pueden ir a la iglesia de vez en cuando, pero se niegan a comprometerse en la vida parroquial y devoción, etc. Nos guste o no, estamos llamados a vivir nuestro compromiso de fe en un mundo que es muy a menudo irracional, incontrolable, y directamente en contra de la esencia misma de la fe bíblica. Sin embargo, como la lectura de Marcos 6 nos recuerda, estamos "convocados" y "enviados" a este mundo por el Señor. Se nos instruye a "tomar nada para el camino", excepto la gracia y la presencia de Aquel que nos ha llamado a ser profetas de nuestro tiempo.

Padre Chester Borski

14º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
La primera lectura y el Evangelio nos recuerdan que Jesús fue rechazado por su propia gente, la cual, a pesar de todos los milagros que Jesús hacía, no creía en Él. Cada vez que nosotros oímos las palabras de Jesús y no las seguimos, somos como la gente de su pueblo, lo rechazamos y no creemos en Él. El mensaje de Jesús requiere de cada uno de nosotros una respuesta y esa respuesta nos obliga a redirigir nuestras vidas hacia Él. La conversión de nuestros corazones no es un proceso fácil pero si necesario para nuestra salvación. San Pablo nos da el camino para que ese proceso sea más fácil: La humildad. Mientras más débiles nos hacemos, mientras más dejamos nuestros egos de lado, más fuertes somos. San Pablo le pidió al Señor que lo librara de sus penas y la respuesta que obtuvo fue: “Te basta mi gracia, porque mi poder se manifiesta en la debilidad”. El poder de Dios se manifiesta más en cada uno de nosotros cuando reconocemos que sin Él no podemos hacer nada y cuando nosotros hacemos más humildes para recibir su gracia y su poder.

Compromiso de la semana: Trabajaré en mi humildad esta semana, pidiéndole a Jesús que me ayude a ser más humilde para recibir su gracia y su poder.

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

Encuentro de familias de St. Martha
Queremos extenderles una invitación para el fin de semana del 11 y 12 de julio donde tendremos un encuentro para todos las familias de Santa Martha, habrá actividades para las parejas y niños, también tendremos servicio de guardería para los pequeños, pero deben registrarse para apárteles cupo.

Amar es importante el registro de la familia con el número de integrantes para tener un estimado de cuanto comida se necesitaría. Para mayor información comuníquese con: Jannette Manosalva al 281-706-5068

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul
Archdiocese La Colecta Anual “Bolsa Negra”
Julio 11-12, 2015

En el Evangelio de hoy vemos cómo Jesús envió a sus apóstoles de dos en dos. Desde el comienzo de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, miembros visitan en parejas “dos en dos”, a todos los pobres y necesitados en sus hogares. Es allí, en el entorno familiar, que Vicentinos escuchan, ofrecen asesoramiento humilde, y prestan asistencia. Su donación el día de hoy a la colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul nos permite continuar sirviendo a los más necesitados. “Permitanos ser los mensajeros de su amor!”
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.

Noches de Adoración y Alabanza
Praise and Worship Night
"Busqueme a mi y Viviran"
Amos 5: 4
Ven a dejar tus peticiones a los pies de Jesucristo
Cada cuarto Martes de mes:
Come join us every fourth Tuesday of the month:

Martes:
JULIO 28
Iglesia Catolica Sta. Martha
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, Tx 77365
Te invita: Grupo de Oración e Intercesión Sta. Martha
email: oracioneintercesionstamarta@gmail.com

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 llevarían a cabo durante todo el año.

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