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 5:30 - 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 and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Scripture readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time continue the theme of Christian discipleship and the essential role of the cross in following in the footsteps of Jesus. The fact that Jesus embraced the role of being Messiah as a humble servant or victim rather than as a conquering king or warrior confused the people of his time and even his disciples. There seems to be something in us human beings that says that if we have to endure hardships, difficulties, or rejection (in other words, the cross), then we should do so in anger and protest, resisting every inch of the way. It should not be, as the prophet Isaiah describes it, “like a lamb led to the slaughter.” Only in the teaching and life of Jesus Christ does victimhood take on the possibility of becoming a saving event. Jesus could have refused the cross and could have destroyed his persecutors with a single command. But he chose to embrace the cross and invited his followers to do the same. If Jesus had acted toward his persecutors as they had acted toward him, there would have been no difference between the Savior and the persecutor, between the source of peace and the destroyer of peace. It would have remained a “dog eat dog” world with “an eye for an eye” retaliatory mentality. The world continues to struggle with this notion of the cross. This is evidenced by our long history of wars and armed conflicts and of having one nation or group trying to impose its will on the other by force. On the other hand, efforts at peace seem so helpless at times compared to the efforts for war, and this is true at the international and the personal level.

It is important to note that Christ’s victimhood lies not so much in his choice of the cross, but rather in his choice to do his Father’s will and thus not to avoid whatever might stand in the way of accomplishing that will. This leads us to the heart of the mystery of the cross. The Christian vocation is a call to faithfully place ourselves at the disposal of the Father and to continue the mission given to his Son, Jesus Christ. We receive this call at our Baptism and it demands a distinctive stance toward the well-being of others. It requires that we determine, as forthrightly as we can, what is truly good for our brothers and sisters around us, and then do what we can to provide that good for them, even when it requires personal sacrifice on our part. The simple fact is that, if we do so, we will indeed encounter the cross. Some will consider our efforts as meaningless and absurd. At times even those we try to help may criticize or reject our efforts to assist them in their need. We may even begin to question the wisdom of the cross in our lives. Like the first disciples, we may be tempted to think that power and force are a better means of bringing about the results we desire. Jesus must have sensed this attitude among his disciples and so he took time to patiently instruct them: “If anyone wishes to be first (in the Kingdom), he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Fr. Chester Borski

Martha’s Quilters provides beautiful hand crafted quilts to sick parishioners that are blessed by our priests and are stitched with lots of love and care by our dedicated members. We would like to ask for your support at the Fall Festival. We will have a booth with lots of unique items for sale: holiday decorations, table runners, quilts, bags, aprons, baby items, something for everyone! All of the proceeds derived from our sales will benefit our ministry and the parish. Please stop by and see us, tell us your story if you’ve received one of our quilts, and be sure to look at the huge variety of quality gift items we have to offer. Thanks in advance, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3rd.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, Sept. 26 & 27, 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.)

2015 Stewardship Renewal Schedule
On the following weekends you will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

September 26 & 27:
Community Life Ministries

October 24 & 25:
Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the second page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tg 13:2, 3-4abefgn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 – 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).


Mass Intentions

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Randy Yahner (brother of Debbie Damratoski)
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Jack Kiely (father of Maureen Allen)
Maria S. Garcia (mother of Diana VanHorn)
Joe Grim (husband of Ruth Grim and father of Margaret Berkovsky)


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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
Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting

Will you not watch one hour with me? MT 26:40

Please join in the international 40 Days for Life effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of the largest late-term abortion mill in the Western Hemisphere:

Planned Parenthood,
4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
St. Martha’s parishioners will stand in prayer outside Planned Parenthood on Friday, October 23rd, 2015, from 6:30AM – 6:30PM.

Sign up for your hour, and then spread the word about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at an abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed, pregnant women choose life for their babies instead.

Carpool information and Signups will be available after all Masses, the weekend of October 17th and 18th in the Narthex.

“The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God.” POPE FRANCIS, VIA VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR RCIA PROCESS
Would you enjoy sharing your love of Christ with someone who is considering the Catholic faith? Sponsors do not teach the material. Sponsors are mentors who will introduce the participant to parish life and accompany them on their journey as a friend. Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha Parish. Please call for more information: RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197.

Share your faith with incoming Catholics at St. Martha!
Help us feed hearts, minds, souls, and stomachs to those on their faith journey through RCIA. We are looking for individuals or ministries to prepare or donate a meal or meals to RCIA. For more information on how you can help, please contact Nancy Ragland at Nancyrag5@gmail.com or (281) 460-7004.

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.

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
October 15-18
Registration for the October Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Candice Coogan at 832-527-9332 or ccogan_houston1@comcast.net. God Bless!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
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 September Dates: 22 & 29 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.

Attention all Homebound Errand Committee Volunteers!!
You are invited to a BRUNCH on September 26th from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please RSVP (by September 23rd) to Greta Verhalen at 832-264-7755.

I believe that God brought us together, So WHY IS MARRIAGE SO HARD? Is there a way to be close like when we were first married? Does our love always fade? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The LAST two scheduled weekends this year will be Oct. 9-11, and Nov. 6-8. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

Young at Heart Luncheon - Football Frenzy
Autumn leaves are falling and football season is upon us. Wear your favorite college or pro football colors as we prepare for the upcoming football season. Our "Young at Heart Luncheon", for those of us 55+, meets on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Come join us at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, September 23rd. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. For those interested - bridge, dominoes and/or cards are played after lunch. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinks, 713-594-4430.

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NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 23, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Ubergrito 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 website.

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Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops

SMCS welcomed our beloved grandparents to an open house and reception with their grandchildren to celebrate Grandparents’ Day. Grandparents enjoyed some goodies and spent time visiting the children’s classrooms and our school book fair. We are blessed to have our wonderful grandparents involved in the spiritual and academic formation of our parish school children. A special thank you to our PLUS committee volunteers for the wonderful reception and gifts they prepared for our SMCS grandparents! A big Crusader shout out and thanks to our SMCS Student Ambassadors for the great job they did in greeting and guiding our grandparents throughout the Open House.

Crusader volleyball and soccer seasons are in full swing. SMCS’ girls’ volleyball and co-ed soccer Varsity and JV teams are competing well against other Houston area Catholic schools’ teams. Go Crusaders!! Visit our athletics website at https://sites.google.com/a/stmarthacs.org/smcs-athletics/for game schedules.

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 cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball. We also offer the following extracurricular activities: School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, athletics program, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, Student Council, National Jr. BETA Club, Student Ambassadors Club and other family and student activities.

The school has limited openings for students for the 2015-2016 school year. Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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.

Parents of High-Schoolers

Join your prayers with other parents of the parish praying for our high school youth. Adopt one day a month to pray privately (no meetings to attend) and together we will “cover” our students in prayer every day of the school year. To be given a day, contact Lori DiSorbo, lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

St. Pius X High School will be conducting a seminar on the Admissions Process to Catholic High Schools on Monday, September 21, 2015, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. All parents and guardians of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in learning about this admissions process are cordially invited to attend. For more information, please contact Susie Kramer in the SPX admissions office at 713-579-7507 or kramers@stpiusx.org.

Vocations Corner

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the BERKOVSKY FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

Rite of Candidacy

On August 23, 2015, Seminarian and St. Martha parishioner Michael Applegate celebrated the “Rite of Candidacy” from the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Also receiving candidacy was Michael McFall, who spent his pastoral year at St. Martha. In this ceremony the church formally recognizes the seminarian as being worthy to be ordained. They will continue studying Theology at St. Mary Seminary in preparation for their Transitional Diaconate Ordinations in May 2016. Please remember them and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

2015 March of the Surviving Youth

The Catholic Organization Of Life, Inc. (the COOL) would like to invite all youth to the ninth annual 2015 March of the Surviving Youth to be held at the Catholic Charismatic Center on Saturday, October 10th. The event starts at 8:30 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Sheltz. It is followed by a pro-life youth rally with Matt Regitz, Dunn Es-tacio and Dave Regitz and musicians from ADORE ministries.

A light breakfast will be provided by Knights of Columbus council 3910. It will then be followed by a Jericho March to Planned Parenthood. The 2015 March of the Surviving Youth theme is “BORN TO LOVE” and will be held Saturday, October 10th at the Catholic Charismatic Center. The message of this year's march reflects that of the 2015 March for Life, Archdiocesan Youth Conference, and the World Meeting of Families. As explained by the 2015 MOTSY youth committee, the theme "Born to Love" was inspired by "the fact that, at birth, we are given a mission to love, this mission unites us, making us one, a family."

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Ready to eat some fantastic food prepared by our very own St. Martha Ministries?

Come to the St. Martha Fall Festival and Market on Saturday, October 3, from Noon to 8 pm and bring your appetite. The Knights of Columbus will be serving barbecue sandwiches, smoked turkey legs, hamburgers, hot dogs, fries and chili cheese fries. The Hispanic Ministry will be providing delicious tacos and nachos with cheese that were such a hit last year. How about a snow cone or cotton candy to support the Youth Shine Camp. Be sure to save room for dessert provided by the Catholic Daughters of America. Of course, you'll need something to drink with all that yummy food so get a water or soda from the ACTS group or head over to the Beer Garden for a "cold one" which supports the Church Debt Reduction.

**Live Auction Items**

Below are just a few of the amazing items available for bid at the Live Auction:
- Fiesta dinner for 20 at the Rectory hosted by Msgr. Borski and catered by Chachi's
- Indoor Skydiving experience for 4 at iFly with Fr. Richard
- Craig Biggio, Baseball Hall of Fame, signed item
- Nativity Quilt, 40 x 60, donated by St. Martha Quilters

Many more items will be up for bid on the day of the Festival. Come check it out!

Would you like to help for a couple of hours the day of the festival? We'd love to have you! Contact Kathy Remkes at 281-360-8282, or Kathy.Remkes@suddenlink.net or you can sign up after Masses on September 20 and 27.

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**St. Martha Catholic Church**

**2015 CAKE DECORATING CONTEST**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 11:45AM - JUDGING**

All children of the parish are invited to participate in a cake decorating contest, immediately before the St. Martha Festival & Fall Market. The contest is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Martha. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in these categories:

- PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
- 1ST & 2ND GRADE
- 3RD – 5TH GRADE
- 6TH – 8TH GRADE
- HIGH SCHOOL

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**CAKE DROP OFF**

St. Martha Catholic Church, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX
10:30am – 11:30am (left side circle)

Winners posted & prizes: CAKE WALK BOOTH AT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Please note that cake holder/platter will NOT be returned, since cakes will be sold at the Fall Market from 2pm – 3pm

**QUESTIONS: 281-788-3351**
As the summer vacation season draws to a close, we would like to call your attention to the following parish staff changes that have occurred.

**DEACON ALFREDO SOTO** has retired from the parish staff but will continue assisting with Hispanic ministry and preaching.

**FR. RICHARD McNEILLIE** is our new parochial vicar replacing Fr. Alfonso Tran who has been transferred to Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral.

**MARIEL PARRA** is our new Director of Liturgy replacing Gayle Hogwood who has retired.

**RHONDA SZEKE** has been named as our interim Music Director replacing Dr. Rick Lopez.

**ANA LEIJA** is our new coordinator of youth ministry replacing Derek Gallardo.

**DEACON NGHIA NGUYEN** is our new seminary deacon and will be at the parish two weekends a month.

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**St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office.**

$5.00 each

For more information call: 281-358-6637

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**Arise Together with Christ**

You’ve been hearing a lot about the ARISE Together with Christ program and now is the time to SIGN UP for a group! We will have groups meeting most days of the week, during the day, in the evenings, and in all areas of the Porter, New Caney, Kingwood, Atascocita area. What is ARISE Together in Christ? It is a parish centered process for spiritual renewal that enables people to develop a closer relationship with Christ and to grow in community by participating in small faith sharing groups. These groups will meet for six consecutive weeks in the fall and the spring. For more information, contact Carla Lewton: carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.
Save the Date! 28th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 4, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Town Center: West Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood Dr.

On the first Sunday of October in 1,900 locations across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets. They will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. They will stand in honor of the 56 million lives who have been lost to abortion. Every year young women report deciding not to have an abortion after reading the signs and seeing the people praying.

"I was driving by the Life Chain and considered it a sign from God that I should not abort my twins." "I'm so glad you were here ten years ago because I decided not to abort my baby." "Thank you for being here."

These are lives impacted by the Life Chain.

Please join our St. Martha community in October for the annual Life Chain. You never know whose life you will change just by standing for life! Be a voice for the voiceless! Additional information is on http://NationalLifeChain.org or Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com

2nd Family Ministry in need of additional Volunteers!!!

The 2nd Family Ministry which is celebrating 11 years of service to the parish and community is in need of additional volunteers. This ministry provides nonmedical respite help for families caring for a loved one in their home. Currently we have three requests for help that we are unable to fulfill. (1) A woman who has dementia whose husband needs to get out to do grocery shopping. What is required is about two hours once or twice a month in the morning. (2) A woman with some memory issues who recently moved in with her daughter who works all day. The lady can not drive but would like to get out during the day to go for a walk, go to adoration at the church or any other activity that would be mutually agreeable. What is required is a couple of hours once or twice a month. (3) A woman with dementia who lives with her daughter who has a full time job. This lady goes to SarahCare during the day. The daughter is looking for someone who would be able to occasionally come in the evening so that she could attend an occasional social or work event. What would be required is a couple hours in the evening or on a weekend on an as-needed basis. We also had a request for someone who would be paid $10 to $12 an hour to stay with a 94 year old woman who does require some personal care. Her daughter is her full time caregiver and is having some dental work done and needs someone to stay with her mother for that and other things like that. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help one of these families please call or e-mail Peggy Wehe Ministry Leader – 281-360-3244 stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.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 “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.

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

Saturday: 1-2 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM. Sunday: 1-2 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 3-4 AM, 3-4 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.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary Devotion & Art*

Wednesday, October 7, 7 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in the Woodlands, TX 77381

How can we honor Our Lady in her special month of the rosary? Historically Our Lady of the Rosary was called upon to stop the attack against Christians in the 16th century. Let us once again implore Our Lady’s help to protect Christianity throughout the world on the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to take part in the feast in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary: 7-7:30 pm Procession and Crowning of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary; Praying the Rosary 7:30-8 pm; Scripture Meditation 8 pm-9 pm; Exhibit in the Church*.

* Framed prints of Bl. Fra Angelico’s art depicting the Rosary mysteries will be utilized during the recitation of the Rosary, Scripture meditation and will be exhibited afterward.

For more information, please contact: Peg at: kelly_p@hotmail.com or Susan at: sapinardo@gmail.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas bíblicas para el 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario siguen con el tema del discípulo cristiano y el papel de la cruz esencialmente en seguir los pasos de Jesucristo. El hecho de que Jesús abrazó el papel de ser el Mesías como un humilde servidor o víctima y no como un rey o guerrero conquistador confundió a la gente de su tiempo e incluso sus discípulos. Parece que hay algo en nosotros los seres humanos que dice que si tenemos que soportar penurias, dificultades, o el rechazo (en otras palabras, la cruz), entonces debemos hacerlo con ira y protesta, resistiendo cada pulgada del camino. No debe ser, como el profeta Isaías lo describe, "como un cordero llevado al matadero". Sólo en la enseñanza y vida de Jesucristo no victimismo asumiendo la posibilidad de convertirse en un evento de salvación. Jesús pudo haber negado la cruz y podido haber destruido sus perseguidores con un solo comando. Pero él decidió abrazar la cruz e invitó a sus seguidores a hacer lo mismo. Si Jesús hubiera actuado hacia sus perseguidores como habían actuado hacia él, no habría habido ninguna diferencia entre el Salvador y el perseguidor, entre la fuente de la paz y el destructor de la paz. Habría permanecido un mundo "perro como perro", o con "ojo por ojo" mentalidad de represalia. El mundo sigue luchando con esta noción de la cruz. Esto se evidencia en nuestra larga historia de guerras y de conflictos armados y de tener una nación o grupo tratando de imponer su voluntad a la otra por la fuerza. Por otro lado, los esfuerzos de paz parecen tan impotentes a veces en comparación con los esfuerzos para la guerra, y esto es cierto en los planos internacional y el nivel personal.

Es importante señalar que el victimismo de Cristo no radica tanto en la elección de la cruz, sino más bien en su decisión de hacer la voluntad de su Padre por lo tanto no es evitar cualquier cosa que pueda interponerse en el camino de lograr esa voluntad. Esto nos lleva al corazón del misterio de la cruz. La vocación cristiana es una llamado con fidelidad a nosotros mismos a ponernos a disposición del Padre para continuar la misión dado a su Hijo, Jesucristo. Recibimos esta convocatoria en nuestro Bautismo y exige una postura distintiva hacia el bienestar de los demás. Se requiere que determinemos, abiertamente lo que podamos, lo que es verdaderamente bueno para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que nos rodean, y luego hacer lo que podamos para establecer que es bueno para ellos, aun cuando requiere sacrificio personal por nuestra parte. El simple hecho es que, si lo hacemos, nos encontraremos de hecho con la cruz. Algunos considerarán nuestros esfuerzos como sin sentido y absurdos. A veces incluso los que tratamos de ayudar puede criticar o rechazar nuestros esfuerzos para ayudar en su necesidad. Incluso podemos comenzar a cuestionarnos la sabiduría de la cruz en nuestras vidas. Como los primeros discípulos, podemos estar tentados a pensar que el poder y la fuerza son un mejor medio de lograr los resultados que deseamos. Jesús debió haber sentido esta actitud entre sus discípulos y por lo que se tomó el tiempo para instruir pacientemente: "Si alguno quiere ser el primero (en el reino), deberá ser el último de todos y el servidor de todos."

Padre Chester Borski

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

25º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Jesús, después de haber oído lo que discutían sus discípulos, acerca de quién era el más importante, les dijo: “Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos”. Sus discípulos, al igual que nosotros en algunas ocasiones, no acabamos de entender que el mensaje de Jesús es de amor, y que el amor implica entrega y sacrificio. Amar es poner por delante los intereses de la otra persona. Así que para ser el primero, para ser grandes ante la otra por la fuerza. Por otro lado, los esfuerzos de paz parecen tan impotentes a veces en comparación con los esfuerzos para la guerra, y esto es cierto en los planos internacional y el nivel personal.

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**Ministerio Hispano**

Listos para comer deliciosos platillos preparados por nuestros propios Ministerios en Sta Martha?

Vengan al Festival y Bazar de St. Martha el sábado 3 de Octubre, desde el medio día hasta las 8pm y traigan sus ganas de comer. Los Caballeros de Colon estarán sirviendo barbacoa sandwiches, piernas de pavo, hamburguesas, hot dogs, papas a la francesa y con queso y chili. El Ministerio Hispano proveera deliciosos tacos y nachos con queso los cuales fueron un éxito en el Festival pasado. Que tal un snow cone o un cotton candy para apoyar al Campamento de Nuestros Jovenes Shine. Y no se olviden de reservar espacio para probar los deliciosos postres preparados por Catholic Daughters of America. Por supuesto, van a necesitar bebidas para acompañar esta deliciosa comida, así que tendrán agua o sodas de parte del grupo de ACTS o pueden probar el Jardín Cervecería y tomar una cerveza helada y apoyar la Reducción de la deuda de la Iglesia.

**Artículos para la Subasta en Vivo**

A continuación encontraran algunos de los artículos increíbles a subastar ese día:

- Cena/fiesta para 20 personas en la Rectoría de la Iglesia teniendo como anfitrion a Msgr. Borski y con comida de Chachís
- Skydiving indoor para 4 en ifly con Fr Richard
- Artículo Firmado de Craig Biggio, Baseball Hall of Fame
- Colcha tejida de Navidad 40x60, donada por St. Martha Quilters

Muchos otros artículos listos para subastarse en el Festival. Ven a verlos!!

**QUIERE AYUDAR A LA PARROQUIA TRABAJANDO UN PAR DE HORAS DURANTE EL FESTIVAL?**

Nos encantaría contar con su ayuda! Contactar a Kathy Remkes al 281 360-8282, o Kathy.Remkes@suddenlink.net o también puede anotarse después de las misas de Septiembre 20 y 27.

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**Monaguillos:** Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

**PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO**

*María Goretti Network en Español*

En Septiembre próximo comenzará en St. Martha un grupo de apoyo conformado por hombres y mujeres que hayan sido abusados en algún momento de su vida y que buscan sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llame al teléfono 281-389-1210 o envíe un email a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

**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

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**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS**

Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús nos dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se les pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesús. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesús le dejó a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.

Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayúdalo y pasale este anuncio, invítalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.

Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos. Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6.30-9.00 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.

**Comunícate con Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857)**

sacramentos@stmarth.co

Participa en el RICA en Español.

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La guardería para niños de 2 a 4 años está disponible para la misa de 1pm en español. Les recomendamos llegar unos minutos antes para registrar y dejar a sus hijos.
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