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

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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 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.

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October 25, 2015

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
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Willie Chesnut

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Bonnie Deville  832.793.8641

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Tony Lasalle 646.489.1554

FOR the weekend of Oct. 17 & 18 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $27,051
Sunday Collection $44,846
Over(Under) $(27,005)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $1,152,816
Sunday Collection $1,086,235
Over(Under) $66,581

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $2,964
Martha’s Kitchen $1,835
Proclamation of Faith $9,098

2015 DSF Goal $295,000
DSF Payments to Date $307,831

Current Loan Debt: $12,930,838
Recap for September 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt $120,000
Payments to reduce the debt $110,700
Over(under) $5,200
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

In the Gospel account selected for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time we encounter one of the many miracle stories from the Gospel according to Mark. These are usually dramatic stories filled with many details. At the same time they are carefully written accounts that reveal the step-by-step movements from non-belief to faith, from belief to discipleship, and from distance to communion with the Lord. The Gospel passage today is the only miracle story in Mark in which the person who is healed is given a name: Bartimaeus or the son of Timaeus. This is much more than a simple story of physical healing by Christ. Mark uses the occasion to teach us about who Jesus is and who we are called to become through faith in Christ Jesus. In Bartimaeus’ cry for help, he calls Jesus the “Son of David,” the only time in Mark’s Gospel that this messianic title is used. Even before Jesus exercises his healing power, the text indicates that the blind man’s petition for help comes from deep faith and trust in God. There is also another significant detail in the story. Unlike all the other people who are healed in the Gospel of Mark, only Bartimaeus got up and followed Jesus down the road. As we continue to witness the story unfold, Mark seems to suggest that Bartimaeus followed Jesus into Jerusalem, perhaps to the foot of the cross, and even beyond into a life of discipleship and ministry.

As we reflect more carefully on this encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus, we begin to sense that it is a story about each of us. We are called by the Lord Jesus from our darkness and blindness into the light of Christ and given the mission to bring this light to the world. Notice the special sensitivity and concern that Jesus demonstrates toward Bartimaeus. When Jesus hears his plea for help, he stops and calls the man to himself. In this account Jesus calls the man from a distance and seems to say, “I will help you but first you must get up and come to me.” Bartimaeus could have responded in several different ways. He could have answered out of a sense of self-pity, “I can’t. I’m blind. I am afraid to try. Come here and help me.” Most likely Jesus would have done so. Or Bartimaeus could have responded out of anger, “Can’t you see that I am blind! You need to come over here.” And again, Jesus would have probably done so. Instead of these responses, the Gospel tells us that Bartimaeus “threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.” And when he came into the presence of Jesus, he received the gift of sight. What a powerful image of faith and a beautiful insight into the prayer of a trusting disciple! Before he could move forward with any sense of confidence and before there was any guarantee that his plea would be answered, Bartimaeus got up and moved to where Jesus called him to be. This story has volumes to teach us about the quality and depth of our own discipleship and our closeness to the One whom we want to serve.

Fr. Chester Borski

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will close at 12 noon this Friday, Oct. 30th and will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 2nd.

Today we celebrate and extend our thanks to you, our beloved Msgr. Chester Borski, Fr. Nick Pasadilla, and Fr. Richard McNeillie. We thank you for your vocation and for bringing Christ to us. What would we do without you? Please join the Vocations Ministry today in praying for our priests and praising God for their courage and their generosity. Thanks be to God for our priests!

A Prayer for Priests

Risen Lord Jesus, You love them with all of your priestly heart. 
Hear my heartfelt prayer for all our beloved priests.
Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love for you and for all those entrusted to their care and guidance.
May the Holy Spirit enlighten and strengthen them in their daily ministry.
I ask that in their loneliness, you comfort them
In their sorrow, you strengthen them
In their frustration, you show them
That it is through suffering that the soul is purified.
Eternal High Priest, keep them close to your Sacred Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. O Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for them. Amen

-from the Year for Priests, June 2009-2010

To read “Priest Hero” stories, download cards for priests and find “cool” ideas for children go to www.priestsunday.org
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).


TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1-7, 11

**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day

**Wednesday:** Ss. Simon and Jude

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we may focus more deeply on the positive things in our life and less on the negative things that occur.

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don’t happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common.

MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon./Oct. 26**

8:30 am †Eunice Walker

**Tues./Oct. 27**

8:30 am †William & Rosmary Gardner

7:00 pm †Gene Alsandor

**Wed./Oct. 28**

8:30 am †Rodney Odom

10:00 am Benigno Family

**Thurs./Oct. 29**

6:30 am †Victor Fernando Cuadra

8:30 am †George & Alice Anne Spartz

**Fri./Oct. 30**

8:30 am †Blanche O’Donnell

**Sat./31**

5:30 pm †TOM O’Grady

**Sun./Nov. 1/All Saints Day**

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

Griselda Alfaro

Vivian McCabe (mother of John, Marilyn and Jack McCabe)

Jose de Jesus Villalobos

Gina Weinzapfel

Karen Warfield (wife of David Warfield)

Jack Throop (husband of Joanne Throop)

Robert Affleck (husband of Mary Ann Affleck)


(IF you would like to add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com)
**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, October 28, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 p.m. at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 2, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, email kcizubik@mac.com.

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

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**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**

**Sunday Mornings:** “Mystery of God” – While the children are in CCE, come join us for a film series and study program where Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us what we mean by “God”, “Who God Is” and “Why He Matters”. All are welcome. **Series Dates:** Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2015. Faith Formation Center – Room 2 – 10:40 to 11:45 am

**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 October dates: Oct. 27. November dates: 3, 10, 17.

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**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.
SHINE Catholic Work Camp 2016
High School/College Students (going into 9th grade up to age 20)
Lake Charles, LA, June 20 – June 25th
Cost: $375.00

SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of SHINE is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. The Shines staff has a passion for leading teens and serving God’s people.

Please attend the information meeting prior to signing up for SHINE on November 11th at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. We will explain the details of Shine camp and the process of registration. It is important to be informed prior to registering!

Registration will be on Sunday, November 15th from 3pm to 5pm. A $200.00 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration. All paperwork must be signed (those under 18 need a parent’s signature) and the full deposit turned in to be considered as registered. Forms will be available on-line on St. Martha’s website, in the Youth Center, or via e-mail (address below). It is on a first-come first-served basis and spots are limited. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please consider attending one of these spirit filled weeks, empowering others to serve. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Sylvia Brown at 832-445-7646 or e-mail at sylvia.brown03@gmail.com.

Service Project at Casa Juan Diego
Saturday, November 21, 2015
Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

Casa Juan Diego (CJD) was founded in 1980 and is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality serving immigrants, refugees, and the poor. We have scheduled a day of service on Saturday, November 21, 2015, to support their efforts. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare ourselves for Pope Francis’ Jubilee of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, through hands-on engagement. The following are the details:

Starting Now:
Collection of items most needed by CJD (lists available).
Friday, Nov. 20:
7:00-9:00pm Orientation: “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us,” an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (Woodland Hills Campus, Room 3)

Saturday Nov. 21:
7:30 am Meet at the Woodland Hills Campus; depart for CJD
9:00-12:00 pm Various projects at CJD
Lunch provided prior to return
3:30 pm Return to Woodlands Hills Campus
For more information, contact Marcelle Chamoun-Farah (marcelle1009@icloud.com), Fernanda Lago (FerLago507@gmail.com) or Michael Mosby (MichaelMosby1957@gmail.com). Please register in advance so we can coordinate transportation. Permission slips are required.

This Service Project is open to all high school youth, regardless of school or grade level. Confirmation hours are available if pre-approved by Ana Leija. Please also mark your calendar for the FSHS Annual Lenten Retreat, February 26-27, 2016.
Cherishing Life Through the Way of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the coming year starting December 9 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. More than just a spiritual value, mercy is a lens through which we can view the Church’s teachings on life issues. In this evening with Deacon Larry Vaclavik, we will explore the centrality of mercy to such important life issues as capital punishment, abortion, assisted suicide. The way of mercy can provide a path for following Christ in the face of life’s most difficult challenges. Join us for an engaging, entertaining and enlightening evening.

Tuesday, October 27, 7-9pm
Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339
Presented by Deacon Larry Vaclavik
Adjunct Lecturer
University of St. Thomas—Graduate School of Theology

Pastoral Care Hospital Ministry
An Opportunity for Deacons & Lay People to Provide Pastoral Care

16-Week Training Course
To be held at the St. Mary Seminary
On Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
January 14th through May 12th, 2016

Four-fold Purpose
1. To bring the Presence of the Church to the Sick and the Dying
2. To provide basic skills of pastoral and sacramental care
3. To understand the Patient in a context of Health Care Facilities
4. To understand how to care for one’s self as a Pastoral Care Minister

Topics to be included:
♦ Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying
♦ The Pastoral and Sacramental Visit
♦ The Pastoral Conversation
♦ The Fine Art of Listening
♦ Patient Identity
♦ Family Dynamics
♦ Suffering
♦ Loss and Grief
♦ Morals and Ethics
♦ Caring for Self
♦ Verbatim

Three to Four (3-4) Hours per week of Patient Visitation in Hospital
If interested, please contact Office of Diaconate at e-mail: deaconoffice@archgh.org (713-686-4345 ext 229) or Dcn. Gerald DuPont: gerald@gwdupont.com (281-703-0227) or contact Sarah Clark (281-361-8832).

Enrollment for this course is limited to 25 persons

Martha’s Kitchen
A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at Martha’s Kitchen on Monday, October 26 at 10 AM by Father Richard for our ministry’s twenty-third anniversary. Martha’s Kitchen sends our most sincere gratitude for all of the support we have received from parishioners and clergy over the past twenty-three years.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
The 4th and final Parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for this Sunday, October 25th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

Reminder… Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Turn clocks back one hour.

Important Information Regarding Donations to St. Martha: When making out your checks to St. Martha whether it is for your contribution or to pay fees or registrations, please make your checks payable to ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH. Please indicate in the memo line where the check is to be applied. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
**CANCARE**

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

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the **HERR 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.

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**Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Dinner and 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, October 26th

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

Our Guest speaker will be Daniel Kidd, Executive Director of the Shalom Center, a Residential Renewal and Treatment Center for Clergy and Men and Women Religious.

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

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**Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM, will be visiting our parish this weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Franciscan Missions.**

Fr. Joseph Hund was born in Detroit, Michigan, the third oldest of 3 brothers and 4 sisters; his mother Rachel, turning 97 years on September 6, is still strong.

Fr. Joseph joined the Franciscan Order in the Province of Cincinnati, Ohio. After solemn profession of vows, he dedicated his life as a Franciscan foreign missionary in various countries of the world.

He served 21 years in the Philippines and 3 years in Malawi & Tanzania and 6 years in Jamaica. Recently he has completed 5 ½ years in Namibia (located in Southwest Africa).

In June of this year, Fr. Joseph joyfully accepted his assignment as Parochial Vicar, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Lafayette, LA.

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**Stewardship Renewal Outreach & Administrative Ministries**

This weekend you will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from our Outreach and Administrative ministries to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass.

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)
The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses on the weekend of November 7th and 8th. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming holiday months. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” And he answers, “Master, I want to see.” Let us ask Jesus for the grace to “see” our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

In the Third Quarter (July, August, September), through your gifts, St. Martha Conference was able to bring God’s love and mercy to 323 families, providing $15,998 in utility bills, $15,393 in rent assistance, $1,970 for food and other bills. Assistance for the quarter totaled $33,361 and as a result our funds and resources are critically depleted.

Your gift to St. Martha Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed walking with Jesus and recognizing him in the poor and suffering. God Bless You!

“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete; it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus.”

--Pope Francis

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Team Meeting

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Ministry will meet on Tues., November 10th, at 7 pm in FLC Room 6 on the Woodland Hills Campus. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend as well as new members who signed up during the Stewardship Renewal. Second Family is always in need of new team members. Volunteers only need to give 3 or 4 hours a month. This is the first of only 3 meetings that will be held this year. Second Family Care Team is a ministry that reaches out to care for those who are living with long term or terminal illnesses or seniors in need. If you would like to become a member of a Second Family Care Circle or know someone in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you are invited to the meeting or to call Peggy Wehe 281-360-3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

The Social Justice Corner

Catholic Church IsTaking The Fight To Payday Lenders In Arlington

September 29, 2015

By Jim Mitchell, The Dallas Morning News

In the spring, Arlington councilman Robert Rivera began to test the waters on establishing restrictions on payday loans similar to those highly successful ones passed in Dallas several years ago. The water was lukewarm then, but now Rivera has support from the Catholic Church.

Tougher regulations are far from a done deal, but this week the Texas Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Bishops of Texas, joined with long-standing payday lending opponents Texas Appleseed, Texas Fair Lending Alliance, and Saint Vincent DePaul Society to call for the City of Arlington to pass ordinances to put limits on payday and title loan lending.

This is an intriguing expansion of grass roots opposition into the Ft. Worth, Irving and Arlington areas, the home turf of two of the nation’s big payday lenders, Ace Cash Express and Cash America. The Texas Catholic Conference has been conducting roadshows to mobilize action for payday reform city-by-city. Getting Arlington to consider any action against payday lending would be a huge win. As one source put it, “Arlington is a tough nut to crack and Ft. Worth is even a tougher nut to crack.”

Rev. Daniel Kelly, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Arlington and chancellor of the Fort Worth Diocese, says “It seems that every week another member of my parish tells me a horror story about one of these loans. They debilitate our families. People take out loans without fully understanding the terms and this begins the vicious cycle of debt that ruins the lives of too many families. This must end.”

Like in Dallas, the focus will be on zoning regulations, such as limits on where the businesses can operate and regulations and on the amount and number for times a loan can be refinanced. If you had asked me a year ago whether change could take place in Arlington, I would have given it a long shot.

Yes, Arlington will be a tough nut to crack. However, more than 20 cities have followed Dallas’ lead (credit former councilman Jerry Allen) and have found ways to reduce the impact of payday lending. There is no reason Arlington can’t be on that list.
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, 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

Calling All Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel!
On Wednesday, November 11, our St. Martha Catholic School community will honor veterans and active duty military personnel. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at the Faith Formation Campus followed by a reception for veterans, active military personnel and family members. We invite our veterans to come dressed in military uniform if they so choose.

If you are interested participating in the program, having a loved one honored at the program or attending as a guest, please RSVP to Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or 281-358-5523 ext. 314.

Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture
“An Eyewitness View of the Synod on the Family”
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Cardinal DiNardo will share his insights from the synod and its ramifications for the future of the family. Aided by dialogue partners Fr. Leon Strieder and Fr. Lawrence Joziak, there will be time for great discussion and questions from the audience.
Thursday • Oct. 29, 2015 • 7 p.m.
St. Mary’s Seminary
Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Auditorium • 9845 Memorial Drive
Free and open to the public
For more information, contact Cathy Irantalab at cathy.irantalab@smseminary.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S PARISH
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.
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciatia Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.
En el relato evangélico seleccionado para el 30° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos encontramos con una de las muchas historias de milagros del Evangelio según Marcos. Estas suelen ser dramáticas historias llenas de muchos detalles. Al mismo tiempo que se describen con cuidado los hechos que revelan los movimientos paso a paso de la no creencia a la fe, de la creencia al discipulado y de la distancia a la comunión con el Señor. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy es la única historia milagrosa en Marcos en el que la persona que se curó recibe un nombre: Bartimeo o el hijo de Timeo. Esto es mucho más que una simple historia de la curación física por Cristo. Marcos utiliza la ocasión para enseñarnos acerca de quién es Jesús y que estamos llamados a convertirnos por medio de la fe en Cristo Jesús. En clamor de Bartimeo en busca de ayuda, llama a Jesús el "Hijo de David", es la única vez en el Evangelio de Marcos que se utiliza este título mesiánico. Incluso antes de que Jesús ejerce su poder de curación, el texto indica que la petición del hombre ciego en busca de ayuda viene de la fe profunda y la confianza en Dios. También hay otro detalle importante en la historia. A diferencia de todas las demás personas que se curaron en el Evangelio de Marcos, solamente Bartimeo se levantó y siguió a Jesús por el camino. A medida que continuamos presenciando la historia se desarrolla, Marcos parece sugerir que Bartimeo siguió a Jesús en Jerusalén, tal vez continuamos presenciando la historia se desarrolla, Marcos parece sugerir que Bartimeo siguió a Jesús en Jerusalén, tal vez hasta el pie de la cruz, e incluso más allá en una vida de discipulado y ministerio.

Al reflexionar más detenidamente sobre este encuentro entre Jesús y Bartimeo, comenzamos a percibir que se trata de la historia sobre cada uno de nosotros. Somos llamados por el Señor Jesús desde nuestra oscuridad y ceguera a la luz de Cristo y nos da la misión de llevar esta luz al mundo. Note la especial sensibilidad y preocupación que Jesús muestra hacia Bartimeo. Cuando Jesús escucha su petición de ayuda, se detiene y llama al hombre a sí mismo. (En otras historias de Jesús se acerca a la persona o las demás traen a la persona en necesidad de curación a Jesús.) En esta lectura Jesús llama al hombre a la distancia y parece decir: "Voy a ayudarte, pero primero tienes que levantarte y ven a mí". Bartimeo podría haber respondido de diferentes maneras. Podría haber respondido por un sentimiento de autocompasión, "yo no puedo. Estoy ciego. Tengo miedo de intentarlo. Ven aquí y ayúdame". Lo más probable es que Jesús hubiera hecho eso. O Bartimeo podría haber respondido con ira, "¿No puedes ver que estoy ciego! ¡Tienes que venir aquí!". Y de nuevo, Jesús lo hubiera probablemente hecho. En lugar de estas respuestas, el Evangelio nos dice que Bartimeo "arrojó a un lado su capa, se levantó y vino a Jesús". Bartimeo podría haber respondido de diferentes maneras. Podría haber respondido por un sentimiento de autocompasión, "yo no puedo. Estoy ciego. Tengo miedo de intentarlo. Ven aquí y ayúdame". Lo más probable es que Jesús hubiera hecho eso. O Bartimeo podría haber respondido con ira, "¿No puedes ver que estoy ciego! ¡Tienes que venir aquí!". Y de nuevo, Jesús lo hubiera probablemente hecho. En lugar de estas respuestas, el Evangelio nos dice que Bartimeo "arrojó a un lado su capa, se levantó y vino a Jesús". Bartimeo podría haber respondido de diferentes maneras. Podría haber respondido por un sentimiento de autocompasión, "yo no puedo. Estoy ciego. Tengo miedo de intentarlo. Ven aquí y ayúdame". Lo más probable es que Jesús hubiera hecho eso. O Bartimeo podría haber respondido con ira, "¿No puedes ver que estoy ciego! ¡Tienes que venir aquí!". Y de nuevo, Jesús lo hubiera probablemente hecho. En lugar de estas respuestas, el Evangelio nos dice que Bartimeo "arrojó a un lado su capa, se levantó y vino a Jesús". Bartimeo podría haber respondido de diferentes maneras. Podría haber respondido por un sentimiento de autocompasión, "yo no puedo. Estoy ciego. Tengo miedo de intentarlo. Ven aquí y ayúdame". Lo más probable es que Jesús hubiera hecho eso. O Bartimeo podría haber respondido con ira, "¿No puedes ver que estoy ciego! ¡Tienes que ven...
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 e-mail a mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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.

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.

La Iglesia de Santa Martha ofrecerá el Programa de VIRTUS: “MANTENIENDOLA PROMESA VIVA” el 10 de noviembre, 2015 en el FLC en español. Favor de llegar a las 5:30 p.m. Cupo limitado. NO se permiten menores de 18 años de edad.

Para inscribirse visite www.virtus.org y favor de hacerlo antes del día 10 de noviembre. Para más información favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Virtus de Santa Martha Ana Luisa Rodriguez, 281-358-1959 x269.