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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Third Sunday of Lent
God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, “Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.”
Exodus 3:4, 5
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY — Third Sunday of Lent

Pope Francis wants “Twenty-four Hours for the Lord,” around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended “tenderness,” the sacrament is “a source of true interior peace,” says Francis, enabling people to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with their own hands” (Misericordiae Vultus, 17).

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening—or restoring—our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten springtime that Master Gardener can use even life’s manure (the parable’s “fertilizer”) to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren—us! Parishes preparing catechumens may choose John’s Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman’s lifelong neighbors thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news—and Jesus—with those very neighbors, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and “missionary of mercy.”

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

ANointing of the Sick Mass:
Wednesday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday Mass, March 24: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25: 3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil, March 26: 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Masses in the Activity Center at the Woodland Hills Campus
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. Next School Mass: Wednesday, Mar. 2.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent speak to us about change, conversion, and transformation. These themes are associated with the whole concept of repentance or metanoia which is the process we undergo during this holy season through God’s grace and the Church’s encouragement. Normally when we consider repentance during the season of Lent we think about concentrating on our sins, true sorrow, and trying to avoid them in the future. While this approach is good and necessary, there is also another dimension inherent in the conversion process. Jesus insists that we embrace His way (the way of the cross) which leads to a whole new way of life. We find this teaching deeply rooted in the parable of the fig tree. The “sin” of the fig tree was that it was stalled in its growth and found itself comfortable with mediocrity. It was probably a beautiful fig tree but it was producing little or no fruit. It had not done anything particularly wrong or caused noticeable damage to its surroundings. But it had not done anything good either. The tree drew nourishment and sustenance from the soil but had not given anything back in return. And this went on year after year. Many of us probably find ourselves in that situation from time to time in our lives and the challenge of Jesus is directed at us during this Lenten season. While we can choose to follow a few superficial penitential practices like giving up sweets, viewing less television, or drinking fewer sodas, we will probably accomplish very little. Most of us have had many Lents when that was the result. The sin of Christian mediocrity or what the Scriptures call “lukewarmness” must be honestly confronted and replaced by virtue. We must begin to bear fruit for the Kingdom and that means becoming engaged in actively living out our Baptismal commitment.

On some occasions the opportunity for change and transformation come from outside ourselves and challenge us to face reality. This is true when we lose our jobs or experience the painful decision of a spouse or friend who separates themselves from us. This is also true when we age and find ourselves faced with limitations of health and physical ability. I am now at that stage in my life. On February 26th I reached the age of 75. By policy of the archdiocese I was asked to submit my letter of resignation to my religious superior, Cardinal DiNardo. He was very gracious to me. In accepting my resignation, he also asked that I stay on as pastor of St. Martha for two more years. This will enable me to celebrate my 50th anniversary of priesthood at St. Martha’s among the people I love and take time to close a significant chapter in my life as a parish priest. However, this process also challenges me to listen intently to the Lord and the type of discipleship He will be asking me to embrace in the years ahead. I am very much at peace with this process and I am thankful that Cardinal DiNardo has provided me with clarity in his expectations and a path to follow. I ask you to pray that I might produce “much fruit” for this parish community in these remaining two years and have the grace to serve the Lord in a new way when retirement arrives.

Fr. Chester Borski

* Happy 75th Birthday Fr. Chester Borski * Happy 75th Birthday Fr. Chester Borski * Happy 75th Birthday Fr. Chester Borski *

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Saturday, March 5th.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENCE
The Year of Mercy there will be a Day of Reconciliation held in the church on Friday, March 4, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. There is also a penance service at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble on Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

Annulments – what are the changes?
If you are interested in what the changes are or wonder if an annulment is something you should pursue, mark your calendar for March 1. St. Martha is hosting an information evening and has invited staff from the Office of the Tribunal to present the changes in the process of annulments and answer questions. Join us, March 1, 7:30 pm, in the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus: 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339. Questions about the evening? E-mail Francine: franpi@stmartha.com

HAAM will be hosting a Food Fair on Wednesday, March 2nd, from 11 am to 1 pm in the church parking lot. It will be first-come first-served basis.
The Season of Lent

**PARISH MISSION**

Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.:
Parish Mission talk on Forgiveness
**Location:** Church

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.:
Intergenerational Healing Mass (Bilingual)
**Location:** Church

*We highly recommend making a good confession before the healing mass.*

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.:
Adoration and Worship (Bilingual)
**Location:** Woodland Hills Activity Center

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.:
Parish Mission talk on Forgiveness (Spanish)
**Location:** Woodland Hills Activity Center

**Presenter:** Fr. Francis Frankovich

Fr. Francis is the Associate Director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, a Companion of the Cross and priest of 47 years. He has written several books on forgiveness, including “Forgiving From The Heart” and has worked extensively in ministries of healing and deliverance. Fr. Francis has been in Houston for more than 15 years, and is currently the director of Hispanic ministries at the Center.

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**Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church every Friday during Lent.**

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**Knights of Columbus Council 12320 & St. Martha’s Catholic Church Annual Fish Fry**

**Friday Nights**

Mar. 4, Mar. 11, and Mar. 18
Serving from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.
**Location:** Family Life Center

**ADULT DINNER $10.00  CHILD'S DINNER $3.00**

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/ or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.

Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velvetta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday Mornings:** Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”

*A video series by Father Robert Barron – “Conversion”*

Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation!

Woodland Hills Campus – Rm 2 from 10:45 – 11:45 am. Remaining Series Dates: Mar. 6, 20, and Apr. 3

**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. March dates: 1, 8, 22, 29.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Are you a baptized adult Catholic who has received first Eucharist, is presently practicing your faith, but was never confirmed?

If you have questions or are interested in signing up for Confirmation, please call the Faith Formation Office, 281- 358-1959, Carla Lewton, ext. 213 or Joanie Nugent, ext. 264. Weekly classes will be held on Thursday evenings beginning Mar. 31 through May 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on either Sat., May 14, or Pentecost Sun., May 15, 2016. The final date, time and location will be determined at a later date.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:**
www.stmarthaaff.com

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
Meet some new folks! Northeast Catholic Singles, a ministry for singles ages 40+, gathers on Wed., Mar. 2, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 pm at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in the Atascocita area. On Sat., Mar. 5, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Martha’s; meal afterwards at Taqueria Alma Latina at 24660 Hwy. 59 in Kingwood (on southbound side of freeway about 1 ½ miles north of Northpark). Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

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**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.

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**EASTER FLOWERS**

Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in an insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Palm Sunday, March 20.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**Monica's Hope for March:**
Due to the Parish Mission and Spring Break, we will not meet in March. We STRONGLY encourage you to join us for the Parish Mission. Please call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 if you'd like to talk before April!

**Men's ACTS Retreat**
March 31 – April 3, 2016
Registration for the March Men's English ACTS Retreat will be held in the Narthex following all Masses through March 13th. 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 $50 deposit. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat. If you have questions you can contact the retreat director, Kevin McKee, at 713-208-4185 or smccactsm18@gmail.com.

**Young at Heart Luncheon - Rodeo Round-Up**
Young at Heart-ers - Yeehaw - it's Rodeo time! Grab your Stetson, dust off your boots, lasso up a good time and come celebrate the Rodeo with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, March 9. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. 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 Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.**

**Teams of Our Lady USA**
*A movement of conjugal spirituality*
Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newly-wed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful.

If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute *Information Meeting* on Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Donna and Kevin O’Kelley. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

**40 Days for Life**
February 10th - March 20th
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:

St. Martha’s is invited to stand in prayer on the sidewalk: Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
When: Friday, March 18th, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
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 available after all Masses, the weekend of March 12th and 13th in the Narthex. Carpools are available as follows:
MaryAnne, 281-615-0927, maryannehoward@cebridge.net, 5:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Terice, 281-798-4477, terice.richards@gmail.com, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**The rosary guild** is always looking for people to come share fellowship and learn how to make Rosaries to give to various Missions, Curia’s and any who would like them. We meet on the second Sunday of every month at the Woodland Hills campus in Room 2.
You can find more out about us at http://www.marianiterosaryguild.org or Contact me Janice Cravens at 832-713-0556.
Children’s Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—
10 a.m. in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it’s all about.
Contact Annatte Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

Mother’s Day Out Registration for the 2016-2017 school year has begun! The registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please contact Patty Jackson at pattyj@stmartha.com or call the MDO office at 281-713-8970.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays—9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter.

Vocations Corner

ALL TOO OFTEN, we forget to express our appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, “It’s their job to help.” Priests and religious aren’t superhuman. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the LAGO 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.
Court watchers anticipate that the case set to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in early March.

Jeffery Patterson, PhD
February 12, 2016

The Texas Catholic Conference (TCC) and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have jointly filed an amicus curiae (i.e., “friend of the court”) brief before the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Texas law mandating health and safety standards to protect women who undergo abortions. Texas legislators passed the law during a special session in the summer of 2013 to require abortion facilities to maintain the same health and safety standards as ambulatory surgical centers and requires that abortionists have hospital privileges within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed.

Since becoming law, abortion centers filed a federal lawsuit in Whole Women’s Health v. Hellerstedt, dismissing the state’s authority to regulate the facilities and that the statute is “too strict” in ensuring safety standards. The Catholic bishops’ brief responded by noting that “there is ample evidence in this case that hospital admitting privileges and ambulatory surgical center requirements protect women’s lives and health. When such requirements are not enforced, abuses detrimental to women’s lives and health arise.”

Bishops also argued that abortion providers “should not be allowed to rely upon their own failure to comply with health and safety laws” as a reason to strike such laws down. They also noted that over 40 years of precedent, including the Court’s 1992 decision in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, reaffirms that states may regulate abortion to protect maternal life and health.

“The Catholic Conference has consistently argued that while it opposes abortion, it equally values protecting and preserving the health of women, whose lives and dignity are just as precious as those destroyed by the act of abortion. Short of closing these abortion facilities, abortionists must meet the most rigorous, mandatory standards of medical inspections and regulation to protect the mother and her health,” said Dr. Jeffery Patterson, executive director of the TCC.

The Catholic Bishops were joined in the brief by other religious denomination, including the National Association of Evangelicals, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.

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**Stewardship Prayer for March:** God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through Your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.
Did You Receive Your Reception Invitation?

In order to ensure that every single parishioner that calls St. Martha home has an opportunity to attend a reception, 25 receptions were scheduled. All families are invited to attend one of these very important meetings. Invitations have been mailed to every registered family. If you do not receive an invitation in the mail, please contact the campaign office, for dates and times of the remaining receptions.

Why is it Important to Attend a Reception?

Family/Community

We are a parish family and we always gather together for important events: Mass, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funeral, picnics, and other events. This also is an important event in the life of our parish. Everyone who calls St. Martha Catholic Church home is asked to make an effort to attend. Come and spend time with your parish family.

Information

We want to present the needs of the parish to every parishioner. Please come to be informed! Bring your questions about the project and love for our parish. No one will be asked to turn in a pledge at these receptions.

Save

By coming to a reception, you will help us save both resources and time. When you come to a reception, you will be able to pick up your personalized information. Any family that does not attend a reception will be mailed their campaign materials. We have over 6,500 registered households at St. Martha, and we are committed to contacting each one. In addition to the mailing, volunteers will be following up with families that are unable to attend. Help save us money (on postage) and time (our volunteers have so much to do).

Thank you to the families who have attended a reception or have RSVP’d to attend. Please make sure you attend!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
Recibió usted su Invitación para una Recepción?

Para poder asegurar que todos los miembros de la parroquia de St Martha que la consideran su casa han recibido la oportunidad de asistir a una recepción, se calendarizaron 25 Recepciones. Todas las familias han sido invitadas a asistir a una de estas juntas tan importantes. Las invitaciones se han enviado por correo a todas las familias registradas en la parroquia. Si usted no ha recibido su invitación por correo, le pedimos que ponga en contacto con la oficina de campaña para conocer las fechas y horarios de las recepciones pendientes.

Por qué es importante asistir a una Recepción?

Familia/Comunidad

En esta parroquia somos una familia y siempre nos reunimos para los eventos importantes: Misas, bautizos, confirmaciones, bodas, funerales, picnic y otros eventos. Este también es un evento importante en la vida de nuestra parroquia. Todos los que identificamos a la Iglesia Católica de St. Martha como nuestra casa, necesitamos hacer un esfuerzo y asistir una Recepción. Por favor venga y comparta con su familia parroquial.

Información

Queremos dar a conocer las necesidades de la parroquia a todos sus miembros. Por favor venga e infórmese! Traiga sus preguntas acerca del Proyecto de nuestra parroquia. No se le pedirá a nadie que se comprometa a algo durante estas recepciones.

Ahorro

Al venir a una Recepción, usted nos está ayudando a ahorrar recursos y tiempo. Cuando asista, podrá recoger información personalizada. Las familias que no asistan a una recepción recibirán por correo esta información. Tenemos más de 6,500 familias registradas en St. Martha, y tenemos el compromiso de contactarlas a todas. Además del envío, habrá voluntarios dando seguimiento a las familias que no pudieron asistir. Ayúdenos a ahorrar dinero (en timbres postales) y tiempo (nuestros voluntarios tienen mucho que hacer).

Gracias a todas las familias que ya asistieron a una Recepción o que han confirmado su asistencia. Por favor asegúrese de asistir!

Si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar a la oficina de campaña al 281-358-6637 o escribir a campaign@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas de la Escritura para el 3er domingo de Cuaresma nos hablan acerca de cambio, conversión y transformación. Estos temas están relacionados con el concepto de arrepentimiento o “metanoia” que es el proceso que experimentamos durante este tiempo santo a través de la gracia de Dios y el aliento de la Iglesia. Normalmente, tenemos en cuenta el arrepentimiento durante el tiempo de Cuaresma que pensamos acerca de concentrarse en nuestros pecados, el verdadero dolor, y tratar de evitarlos en el futuro. Si bien este enfoque es bueno y necesario, también existe otra dimensión inherente en el proceso de conversión. Jesús insiste en que abramos su camino (el camino de la cruz), que conduce a una nueva forma de vida. Nos encontramos con esta enseñanza profundamente arraigada en el parábola de la higuera. El “pecado” de la higuera era que estaba estancado en su crecimiento y se encontró cómodo con la mediocridad. Probablemente fue un hermoso árbol de higo pero estaba produciendo poco o ningún fruto. No había hecho nada malo en particular o causado daños apreciables a su entorno. Pero tampoco no había hecho nada bueno. El árbol atraía alimento y sustento de la tierra, pero no había dado nada a cambio. Y esto continuó año tras año. Muchos de nosotros probablemente nos encontramos en esa situación de vez en cuando en nuestras vidas y el desafío de Jesús se dirige a nosotros durante este tiempo de Cuaresma. Si bien podemos optar por seguir unas prácticas penitenciales superficiales como renunciar a los dulces, ver menos televisión, o beber menos refrescos, y es probable que logremos muy poco. La mayoría de nosotros hemos tenido muchas cuaresmas donde ese fue el resultado. El pecado de la mediocridad cristiana o lo que las Escrituras llaman “tibieza” debe ser confrontado con honestidad y se sustituye por la virtud. Hay que empezar a dar sus frutos para el Reino e eso significa tener que ocuparse en vivir activamente nuestro compromiso bautismal.

En algunas ocasiones la oportunidad de cambio y transformación provienen de fuera de nosotros mismos y nos desafía a enfrentar la realidad. Esto es cierto cuando perdimos el trabajo o experimentamos la dolorosa decisión de un cónyuge o un amigo de separarse. Esto también es cierto cuando envejecemos y nos encontramos frente a limitaciones de salud y capacidad física. Ahora estoy en esa etapa de mi vida. El 26 de febrero llegaré a la edad de 75. Por política de la arquidiócesis se me pidió que presentara mi carta de retiro de la iglesia de Santa Marta entre las personas que amo y eso significa tener que ocuparse en vivir activamente nuestro compromiso bautismal.

MINISTERIO LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

3º Domingo de Cuaresma
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La séptima y última obra de misericordia corporal es: Enterrar a los muertos. Esta obra de misericordia nos obliga a asistir a los funerales de las personas que conocemos y, aún en unos casos a los funerales de personas que no conocemos, pero que podamos ayudar. El funeral es una forma de valorar la dignidad de la vida de esa persona y de orar por su eterno descanso. Los familiares necesitan ser consolados y todos podemos consolar a esas personas. También debemos visitar los cementerios y las criptas en las que se encuentran los restos de nuestros seres queridos. Estos nos recuerda de seguir orando por ellos para que puedan llegar al Cielo y de pedirles que oren por nosotros en el futuro. Si bien este enfoque es bueno y necesario, también debemos escuchar atentamente al Señor y, mirar qué tipo de discípulo Él se me pide a abrazar en los años venideros. Estoy muy en paz con este proceso y estoy agradecido de que el cardenal DiNardo me haya proporcionado claridad en sus expectativas y camino a seguir. Les pido que oren para que yo pueda producir "mucho fruto" en esta comunidad parroquial en estos dos años que me quedan y tenga la gracia para servir al Señor de una manera nueva cuando llegue mi jubilación.

Padre Chester Borski
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