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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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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 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.

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Palm Sunday
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord.
LUKE 19:38

MARCH 20 2016
**TODAY’S READINGS**  
**Gospel at the Procession with Palms**  

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).


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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY — Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy

Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy is Pope Francis’ official decree announcing this Jubilee Year of Mercy. But Francis had already declared that Jesus “has shown the face of God’s mercy” back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem: “Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing...” He then referred to Jesus’ account of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem: “Let all who long to see the Face of Mercy.”

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### 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.  
    *“So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?“ Matthew 26:40*  
    We will be in prayer following the 7:30 p.m. Mass  
    *(Church closes at midnight)*
  - **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  
    *(No 8:30 a.m. Mass. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)*
  - **Easter Vigil,** March 26: 8:30 p.m.  
    *(No 5:30 p.m. Mass today)*
  - **Easter Sunday,** March 27: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass).

### OVERFLOW MASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER ON THE FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS AT 9:30 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.

*(Chapel opens after 1:00 p.m. Mass. No 5:30 p.m. Lifeteen Mass and No Sunday Nursery)*

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### PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 22, and no Reconciliation on Saturday, March 26.
- During Holy week, the School Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd (Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus).
- The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Holy Thursday, March 24, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, March 28. The office will re-open on Tuesday morning, March 29, at 9:00 a.m.

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### GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

**Good Friday** is a day of **fast and abstinence.**

**Fasting** binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one’s own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

**Abstinence** binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed.

The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.

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### Blessing of Easter Food

When: 12 Noon on Holy Saturday, March 26  
Location: Church Narthex  
According to custom, households may bring a sampling of their Easter meal (and/or food items from a child’s Easter basket) to church in a basket for the priest to bless. The blessing connects the Easter celebration with the ‘ecclesial’, the little Church of the home. The custom helps to bring Easter into the home around the family table.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The liturgy of Palm Sunday presents us with the harsh reality of the passion and death of Jesus and the cost of our redemption. Sometimes we may try to discount the brutality of these events by thinking that Jesus chose to be crucified, in a masochistic sort of way, because this was somehow decreed by God’s plan. But this view is not reflected in the Gospel accounts. There we discover that Jesus did not want to be crucified any more that you or I would. The evangelist Luke today graphically describes the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, “He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.” This certainly does not sound like Jesus looked forward to such a horrible death! What the Scriptural text does reveal is that Jesus chose to be faithful, even if it meant being put to death as a criminal. It is that fidelity that saves us and not so much the cruelty and brutality. The crucifixion was purely and simply a display of human violence at its most mindless. Jesus was really only one among many of millions over the centuries who have fallen victim to the brutality of human violence. If we ever doubted this, simply watch the evening news and see how violence in our world and in our country dominates the reporting. This is what should disturb us about the passion account that we hear proclaimed each Palm Sunday. We see a picture of a people just like ourselves --- sincere and well-meaning people who have grown insensitive to the existence of human violence. We would like to think that humankind has learned its lesson and has grown since this passion event. Many have recognized that Jesus Christ is Lord, the Son of God, and Savior of the world. At least that is what we say when we make our Profession of Faith at the celebration of Mass. While humanity is no longer proud of what it did on Mount Calvary, on the whole we seem only a little less comfortable with the evil of human violence than were the crowds described in Luke’s Gospel narrative. Far from being outraged by human brutality, many actually entertain themselves by watching mindless violence on television and at the movies. We frequently close our eyes and distance ourselves from the violence in our world, especially when some people say that it is legal and necessary. Have we ever wondered why the Church pleads with us to work tirelessly for the respect of life from conception to natural death? Do we see a connection with today’s Gospel account? During this week when we solemnly recall the events of the last days in the earthly life of Jesus, let us pray that we may be faithful to our call as disciples to proclaim the Gospel of Life by the witness of our daily lives.

Fr. Chester Borski
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
The Advisory Board for St. Martha Catholic School is exploring the possibility of athletic fields on the church campus. We are looking for parishioners with expertise in excavation, engineering, and athletic field construction to provide feedback and advice on such a project. Please contact Mr. Jan Maly at jmmaly@jmmaly.com.

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, April 4, 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, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, March 23, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Ubertrito Mexican Grill (formerly Mission Burrito), 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

Men's ACTS Retreat
March 31 – April 3, 2016
Registration for the March Men’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 $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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE FAITH FORMATION WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING 12:00 NOON HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER MONDAY, MARCH 28. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, MARCH 29 AT 9:00 AM.

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. 20 and Apr. 3

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaff.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, Powerpoints, 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.
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“HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER” 2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
Thank you for answering the call to express God’s love and compassion through your commitment to this year’s Diocesan Services Fund. Catholics throughout our Archdiocesan Community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings and giving gifts in Christ’s name. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time; each gift helps. With every parishioner’s meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of $ 305,000 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf.

The ROSARY GUILD is always looking for people to come share fellowship and learn how to make Rosaries to give to various Missions, Curias 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 at http://www.marianiterosaryguild.org or contact Janice Cravens at 832-713-0556.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BETA CLUB members who recently competed at the National Jr. Beta Club State Convention in Frisco, Texas. Our students participated in the convention and competed in categories including Songfest, Arts & Crafts, Living Literature, Spelling Bee, Quiz Bowl, Photography, Poetry, and Essay writing at the state level. Two of our students earned 2nd place awards: Alex Varela in the Arts & Crafts Woodworking category and Makenna Eccles in the Essay writing competition. We are proud of all our students for their continual service work throughout the year and for their many hours of work preparing for their chosen area of competition.

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.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2016-2017 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.
An invitation to You, a family member, friend or neighbor

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for YOU! Please join us for informal listening/discussion sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Church and the community at St. Martha. Next session starts on April 5 – May 10, 2016, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the 3702 Woodland Hills campus, Room 2. We would love to meet you there!

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact:

Carla Lewton  carlal@stmartha.com  281-713-8968
Vicki Rück  vickiruck@suddenlink.net  713-927-8815

Good Friday Collection
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PRIEST AND A RABBI EXCHANGE PULPITS?

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
The Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 3, will be celebrated at St. Martha's Church at 3 p.m. with special prayers and benediction for this Year of Mercy and graces granted with Plenary Indulgence under conditions attached to Mercy Sunday obligations. Please join us on this joyful feast day celebration!

Martha’s Kitchen
Martha’s Kitchen wishes all clergy and parishioners a Happy Easter and we pray that you will have a beautiful Resurrection Season with your family. Thank you for your continued support that helps our ministry feed those in need of a hot meal each day of the week. (Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 24, Good Friday, March 25 and Easter Monday, March 28. The kitchen will reopen on Tuesday, March 29.)

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.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PRIEST AND A RABBI EXCHANGE PULPITS? BRIDGES ARE BUILT!

“Honoring Nostra Aetate: The 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II - A story for our times”
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Martha’s Kitchen wishes all clergy and parishioners a Happy Easter and we pray that you will have a beautiful Resurrection Season with your family. Thank you for your continued support that helps our ministry feed those in need of a hot meal each day of the week. (Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Holy Thursday, March 24, Good Friday, March 25 and Easter Monday, March 28. The kitchen will reopen on Tuesday, March 29.)

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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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

OFFER MASS CARDS

Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. Cards are $3.00 per person/$4.00 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25.00 for perpetual remembrances. All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer. Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation. Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 10-11 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, Noon-1 PM, 8-9 PM.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

COMMUNICATION TO THE SICK

If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.
Our Campaign Pledge Total has reached over $3,328,697!!!

WE WANT TO THANK YOU!!!

“Thank you” to everyone who has given so generously to the campaign. Many of those who have attended a reception have made their gift. If you attended a reception and have yet to make a gift, we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to help with the success of the campaign.

Your pledges are needed! Please keep in mind that we are asking everyone to consider a pledge of $4,000 over the next 3 years. We also need pledges of $10,000, $15,000, $25,000, $50,000 or more to be successful. If you are unable to pledge $4,000, please consider a three-year pledge to the best of your ability. It is of utmost importance that every family truly makes a sacrifice to the campaign.

*We know that everyone cannot make the same size gift, what we are asking for is the same size sacrifice!*

We Want You!

Volunteers are still needed for the Follow-up Phase and we want you! You are welcome to attend the first volunteer meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, April 19th @ 7:00pm in the Family Life Center. The meeting should last approximately one hour and will be an orientation of things to come. This meeting is for anyone interested in the campaign and its’ success. So mark your calendars and come out and see what you can do to make this a stellar campaign! Thanks again to every parishioner who has donated his or her time to this campaign as a volunteer. Your commitment, energy, and participation are greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
El total del compromiso con Nuestra Campaña ha alcanzado más de $3,328,697 !!!

QUEREMOS AGRADECERLES!!!

“Gracias” a todos los que generosamente han aportado a la Campaña. Muchos de los que han asistido a alguna recepción han hecho su donación. Si usted ha ido a alguna recepción y aún tiene que hacer su donación/compromiso, le pedimos que por favor considere en oración lo que puede aportar para el éxito de esta Campaña.

Necesitamos de su compromiso! Por favor tenga en cuenta que estamos pidiendo a todos que consideren comprometerse con $4,000 para los siguientes 3 años. También necesitamos compromisos de $10,000, $15,000, $25,000, $50,000 o más para poder tener éxito. Si usted no tiene las posibilidades de comprometerse con $4,000, le pedimos considere un compromiso de 3 años con una cantidad de acuerdo a sus posibilidades. Es de gran importancia que todas las familias hagan un sacrificio real para aportar a la Campaña.

_Sabemos que no todos podemos dar la misma aportación._
_Pedimos es que todos hagan el mismo sacrificio de acuerdo a sus posibilidades!_

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Te necesitamos!

Se necesitan voluntarios para la fase de seguimiento! Eres bienvenido a asistir a la primera junta de voluntarios el día martes, Abril 19 @ 7:00pm en el Family Life Center. Esta reunión durara aproximadamente una hora y será una orientación de los siguientes eventos. Esta junta es para todos los interesados en la Campaña y en su éxito. Por favor anoten esta fecha en su agenda y vengan a enterarse como pueden ayudar al éxito de esta Campaña! Agradecemos nuevamente a todos los miembros de la parroquia que han donado su tiempo como voluntarios de esta Campaña. Apreciamos grandemente su compromiso, energía y participación!

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la oficina de campaña al 281-358-6637
O escriba a campaign@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
La liturgia del Domingo de Ramos nos presenta con la dura realidad de la pasión y muerte de Jesús y el costo de nuestra redención. A veces podemos tratar de descontar la brutalidad de estos eventos por pensar que Jesús escogió ser crucificado, en una manera de masoquismo, porque esto fue de alguna manera decretado por el plan de Dios. Pero este punto de vista no se refleja en los relatos del Evangelio. Allí descubrimos que Jesús no quería que fuera crucificado más que usted o yo. El evangelista Lucas hoy describe gráficamente la escena en el huerto de Getsemaní, “Él estaba en tal agonía y oraba fervientemente que su sudor se convertía como grandes gotas de sangre que caían a la tierra”. ¡Esto ciertamente no suena como si Jesús estuviera mirando hacia una muerte horrible! Lo que el texto de la Escritura nos revela es que Jesús escogió ser fiel, incluso si eso significara ser ejecutado como un criminal. Es esta fidelidad que nos salva y no tanto la crueldad y la brutalidad. La crucifixión fue pura y simplemente una muestra de la violencia humana sin el mayor sentido. Jesús era realmente sólo uno entre muchos de millones más entre los siglos que han sido víctimas de la brutalidad y violencia humana. Si alguna vez dudamos de ello, basta con ver las noticias y ver cómo la violencia en nuestro mundo y en nuestro país domina los reportajes. Esto es lo que nos debe poner en alerta sobre el relato de la pasión que oímos cada domingo de Ramos. Vemos una imagen de un pueblo al igual que nosotros mismos — personas sinceras y bien intencionadas que han crecido insensibles a la existencia de la violencia humana y que casi lo damos como un hecho cotidiano. En el relato del Evangelio somos testigos de una sociedad capaz de ejecutar el mismo Hijo de Dios y hacerlo legalmente y con la sensación de haber actuado correctamente. Por desgracia, también nos revela una sociedad básicamente no tocada por el Evangelio y capaz de felicitarse a sí mismo después de haber hecho lo que había que hacer.

Nos gustaría pensar que la humanidad ha aprendido la lección y ha crecido desde el evento de pasión. Muchos han reconocido que Jesucristo es el Señor, el Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo. Al menos eso es lo que decimos cuando hacemos nuestra profesión de fe en la celebración de la misa. Mientras que la humanidad ya no está orgullosa de lo que hizo en el Monte Calvario, en general, sólo parece un poco menos cómodo con el mal de la violencia humana que eran las multitudes que se describen en la narrativa del Evangelio de Lucas. Lejos de estar indignado por la brutalidad humana, muchos en realidad se entretienen de la violencia sin sentido en la televisión y en el cine. Con frecuencia cerramos los ojos y nos alejamos de la violencia en nuestro mundo, sobre todo cuando hay gente que dice que es legal y necesaria. ¿Alguna vez nos hemos preguntado por qué la Iglesia nos suplica a trabajar sin descanso por el respeto a la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural? ¿Vemos una conexión con el relato del Evangelio de hoy? Durante esta semana, cuando recordemos solemnemente los acontecimientos de los últimos días de la vida terrenal de Jesús, oremos para que podamos ser fieles a nuestro llamado como discípulos a anunciar el Evangelio de la Vida con el testimonio de nuestra vida cotidiana.

Padre Chester Borski

INScripción del Retiro de ACTS EN ESPAÑOL PARA DAMAS.
Las siglas de ACTS representan Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio. Las invitamos a que no se pierdan de esta oportunidad para vivir una experiencia de fe muy especial.
El retiro será del 5 al 8 de Mayo de 2016
Las inscripciones están abiertas. Si necesitan una aplicación las tenemos disponibles en la oficina de la parroquia. Para inscribirse necesitan dar un depósito de $50.00.
Si tiene preguntas favor comunicarse con
Rosmary Cotte, 281-409-8659
Emma Rocha, 832-527-2739
Indiana Francis, 832-978-5486

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 e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

Domingo de Ramos / La Pasión del Señor
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:
El segundo objetivo que el Papa Francisco tiene para nosotros en este año de la Misericordia es que hagamos peregrinaciones hacia las Iglesias en donde se abrieron las Puertas Santas. En nuestra Arquidiócesis, se abrieron Puertas Santas en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón en el centro de Houston y en la Basílica Catedral de Santa María en Galveston. Al atravesar las Puertas Santas podemos obtener Indulgencias por nuestros pecados y por almas en el Purgatorio. Para poder obtener la Indulgencia, tenemos que estar en Gracia con Dios y haber hecho una buena Reconciliación con un Sacerdote; recibir la Comunión antes o después de haber pasado la Puerta Santa; orar por las intenciones del Papa; y en este año de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco nos pide dos cosas más: Rezar un Credo y hacer una Obra de Misericordia con nuestro prójimo. Si tienen más preguntas sobre que son las Indulgencias y como obtenerlas, no duden en preguntárselo a alguno de nuestros Sacerdotes o Diáconos.
Durante las próximas reflexiones iremos meditando cada una de las Obras Corporales y Espirituales de Misericordia. Compromiso de la semana: Me prepararé para hacer una peregrinación a alguna de las Puertas Santas para obtener una Indulgencia por mí o por el alma de algún ser querido que pudiera estar en el Purgatorio.