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 Kleinguel, 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): ....
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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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48


Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY — The Resurrection of the Lord

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Easter is always, but especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the victory of God's gentle but invincible mercy raising up Jesus, "faithful witness, the first-born of the dead" (Revelation 1:5), "first-born among many brothers [and sisters]" (Romans 8:29), conquering death in all its forms, in all of us in the human family. In Luke's Vigil Gospel, heavenly messengers send the women forth: "Remember what [Jesus] said to you" (Luke 24:6). In John's Gospel, the empty tomb likewise "sends forth" Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple, who believe though they do not fully understand. Finally, Luke's evening "Emmaus" Gospel sends us forth, as "missionaries of mercy," assuring us that we will encounter the Risen Lord, today and every day, in "the stranger" we meet along life's journey, in "the Word that makes our hearts burn within us," and "in the breaking of bread" (see Luke 24:32, 35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon./Mar. 28
8:30 am †Stephen Kovacik
Tues./Mar. 29
8:30 am †Jo Jensen
6:30 am †Wilma Madison White
Thurs./Mar. 31
6:30 am †Wilma Madison White

Wed./Mar. 30
8:30 am David Angelino
10:00 am †Jack Kiley
8:30 am †Lance Corporal Luke Yepsen
Sat./Apr. 2
8:30 am †Wilma Madison White
10:00 am †Jack Kiley

Fri./Apr. 1
8:30 am †Joe Cannon
Sat./Apr. 2
8:30 am Pro-Life Mass
5:30 pm †Gene Tierman
Sun./Apr. 3
11:00 am †Louis Prozink
1:00 pm †Gonzalo Hurtado
5:30 pm †Cathy DeLa Cruz

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: WED., MAR. 30

MASS INTENTIONS

Alice O’Malley
Tim Darcy (son of Tom and Robin Darcy)
Donald O’Brien (husband of Kay O’Brien)
Andreas Dabis (son of Judit and Tibor Dabis)
Emma Sehn (mother of John Sehn)


Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

The Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 3, will be celebrated at St. Martha 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!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel account from St. Luke that is proclaimed during the Easter Vigil describes the scene where several women disciples had come to the tomb with the intention of anointing the lifeless body of Jesus with spices. They found the stone rolled away and, to their surprise, they did not find the body. Instead two men dressed in dazzling garments asked them, “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.” These simple words announce the truth that would change everything in human experience! Those who had come to the tomb expected to find death: the disintegration of human life, the failure of promises made, the destruction of human hope. But this was not the case. The tomb was completely empty. It held no death at all. Instead there were messengers proclaiming a word of life, “He is not here. He is risen!” These messengers of life did not stop revealing to the early disciples the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Rather they sent these disciples out with a mission to tell others what they had seen and heard. After this moment and with the gift of the Holy Spirit, all followers of Jesus would be called to become witnesses to the fact that Jesus is alive! That remains the mission for us today as well.

The challenge for most of us is how to embrace this mission and the mystery of our Easter faith. How do we allow the power of the resurrection to change us from being merely passive members of the Church to becoming fully engaged in the mission of building the Kingdom of God? Sometimes this change or transformation happens in the course of our ordinary lives in response to life’s demands and challenges. However, frequently we need special experiences that awaken the life of the Spirit within us and help us to discover the incredible joy of actively living our faith and serving the Lord and his people. Throughout the history of the Church such experiences and opportunities have come alive and have been promoted for the people of God. Pope St. John Paul II encouraged certain “ecclesial movements” within the life of the Church and viewed them as a gift of the Holy Spirit for our time. Pope Benedict XVI established a “Year of Faith” to deepen the faith life of all in the Church. Pope Francis through his daily homilies and the establishment of the Jubilee Year of Mercy has encouraged us to become “merciful like the Father” in the ordinary interactions and events of daily life. At the local level retreats, parish missions, prolonged prayer experiences, etc. assist many to become actively engaged in the life of the parish community. Marriage encounters, Cursillos, small Christian communities, ACTS retreats, Scripture study groups, ARISE faith-sharing groups, and the like have provided practical opportunities for ordinary Catholics to live their faith in a much more intentional way. At St. Martha’s these opportunities continue to grow in number each year. The Easter season is an excellent time to abandon our tombs of darkness and discontent and take the risk to commit ourselves to living our Catholic faith “out loud” by serving the needs of others. Happy Easter!

Fr. Chester Borski

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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! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, April 5th.

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:

♦ Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
♦ Stories of Faith and Catholicism, Continued Sharing
♦ The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
♦ Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
♦ Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
♦ The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A

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
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.

**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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**
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, will gather on Wednesday, March 30, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Jason's Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, April 2, join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Humble City Café, 200 Main Street in Humble. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeth2@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 smcactsm18@gmail.com.

**The ROSARY GUILD**

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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

“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.

MARTHA’S QUILTERS: Martha's Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God's love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at nborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com—281-361-9720. Martha's Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.

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.

Some couples just light up the room. Their joy and love is contagious. God’s presence shines through them. That couple should be YOU. A Marriage Encounter is the Marriage Enrichment that can change your life. Register early to secure your place. Schedule your weekend Apr. 29 to May 1, or Apr. 15 – 17, 2016. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call 713-482-1791.

Vocations Corner

Through the Institution of the Eucharist our Lord gave himself to us. We are able to receive that gift through the hands of the priest each time we celebrate Holy Mass. Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving for our priests! Happy and Blessed Easter from the St. Martha Vocations Committee!

You are invited to 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, March 28, 2016 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
Mrs. Ann Timpe-Brennan, mother of a Dominican Sister of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist order, will speak to us about supporting your child’s vocation.
RSVP: Diddy Muck muck@kingwoodcable.net 281-615-2015

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, 713-435-9215, or develle@comcast.net.

Young at Heart Luncheon-
Happy Easter
Come celebrate the Resurrection of the Risen Lord at our Easter "Young at Heart" Luncheon. Put on your Easter Bonnet, grab your Easter Basket and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch. We might even have a "surprise visitor". Come join us on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at the Family Life Center. 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 and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. 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 nancy@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

Happy and Blessed Easter from the St. Martha Vocations Committee!
The faculty, staff and families of St. Martha Catholic School wish you a very blessed Easter season!

We invite you to celebrate the Eucharist with our students at our school Mass each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Activity Center on the Faith Formation campus.

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.
FAMILY FINANCES AND STRESS

LIGHT AT THE END
OF THE TUNNEL

DISCOVER:
- Steps to Financial Peace
- Job Seeking Assistance and Resources
- Emotional and Psychological Support from Stress

APRIL 12, 2016
7:00 PM
ST. MARTHA FAMILY LIFE CENTER
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DRIVE
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

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.

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.
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. Monday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 7-8 PM
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at 281-358-6637 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.

Come to the Concert!
St Martha’s Family Life Center
(3702 Woodland Hills Dr.)
Thursday, March 31, 7:30 P.M.
Larry Scott Metivier is a Catholic composer, singer, instrumentalist and recording artist. He has sung for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Angelica of EWTN, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and others. He has ministered at Church renewal programs, retreats, and Regional and National Conferences. He studied voice performance at the University of Puget Sound, WA, and holds a Masters in Religious Education from Loyola. In response to the Pope’s “Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy” he has composed “The Jubilee Concert”. Learn more at www.jubileeconcert.com, larry@jubileeconcert.com, or 281-798-9699.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Saturday, April 2.

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”
Rabbi Dan Gordon and Msgr. Borski exchanged pulpits during the month of February. Rabbi Dan’s talk is available on our parish website. To listen go to: http://www.stmarthaaff.com/recent-additions-t-192.html
When you go to the link you can click on mp3 or audio player to listen.

Happy Easter from the Young Adults of St. Martha! We have some exciting events planned for the next few months. New members are always welcome!
Spring Kickoff and New Member Dinner: Sunday, April 3rd after the 5:30 pm mass - We will attend the 5:30 mass together. Following mass we will meet at a local eatery for dinner and fellowship. All are welcome to attend. This a great meet and great event for new members to attend. More details to follow. We hope to see you there.
Bible Study: Thursdays in April 7-9 pm - We will be continuing our scripture series. Young adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture, study, and snacks. We will be going through the new season of Arise! for the Lenten season. We’ll read scripture, have discussions and prayer. More details to follow via email and our Facebook page.
We encourage you to get involved and join in our activities!
Please subscribe to our email list via Flocknote new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASTMYoung Adults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASTM/ to stay informed of upcoming events. For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt: 718-887-6837.

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Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com
PRAYER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS SPORTS SPIRITUALITY

Please note:
The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, March 27 and will re-open on Tuesday, March 28, at 9:00 a.m.

Communion 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.

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The Campaign Office would like to wish all Parishioners of St. Martha a Blessed Easter!

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that. Our time, our talents, and our material possessions constitute just some of the treasures we have been given by our very generous God. Sharing these gifts involves being with God in prayer and worship, using our gifts to help build God’s Kingdom among our family and friends, our workplace, and our communities and parishes. It means becoming ministers of the Gospel in our communities and parishes in new (and perhaps not-so-new) ways! During this Easter season, we have all been asked to look inward.

YOUR GIFT - is like any other gift to a loved one. What we give to our parish is a gift given without reservation or condition, in spite of any temporary disagreement.

THANKSGIVING - our offering is a grateful response to the immense love God has shown for us. It is a testimony that God is first in our lives.

PLANNED - a decision that requires prayerful thought and time, we don’t give merely what we happen to have left over in our wallet or purse when the collection basket comes.

PROPORTIONATE - our giving is proportionate to what God has blessed us with. If we feel especially blessed, we give back in greater proportion.

SACRIFICIAL - we give back to God more than just what we have left over after taking care of all our wants and needs. We think of giving back to God first, not last.

The Church teaches that the primary vocation of the laity is to transform the world to Christ. We do this best when we share and use the gifts our generous God has given us in love and justice first at home, then in the workplace, then in our communities and parishes. Certainly, however, the parish is a focal point for coming together as disciples of Jesus. It is in the parish that we join with one another to celebrate our faith, share in the Eucharist, and become empowered to be Eucharist (the Body of Christ) in the world. Our parish is central to our gathering for prayer and worship, celebrating the Sacraments, meeting and planning the work of the Church, and celebrating the gift of each other. We have an important responsibility to our parishes to plan ways we can use and share our gifts.

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.
If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
La Oficina de Campaña desea una Pascua llena de Bendiciones a todos los parroquianos de St. Martha!

Jesús es el modelo de la vida de un servidor Cristiano. Vivir como un servidor Cristiano es un riesgo que presenta retos y hasta dificultades en muchos aspectos, pero también significa una vida de felicidad. Las mujeres y hombres que buscan vivir como servidores lo saben. Todo nuestro tiempo, nuestros talentos y nuestros bienes materiales, son algunos de los tesoros que Dios Nuestro Señor generosamente nos ha otorgado. El compartir estos bienes significa pasar tiempo con Dios en oración y alabanza, así como usar nuestros bienes para ayudar a construir el Reino de Dios entre nuestros familiares y amigos, nuestro lugar de trabajo y nuestras comunidades y parroquias. Ser servidores Cristianos significa convertirnos en ministros del Evangelio en nuestras comunidades y parroquias en nuevas (y otras no tan nuevas) formas! Durante esta temporada de Pascua, se nos pide ver hacia adentro de nuestros corazones.

SU DONACION – Es como otro regalo a un ser amado. Lo que nosotros damos a nuestra parroquia es un regalo sin reservas y sin condiciones, a pesar de cualquier desacuerdo temporal.

ACCION DE GRACIAS – Nuestra donación es una respuesta de agradecimiento al amor infinito que Dios tiene por nosotros. Es un testimonio sobre Dios quien siempre debe estar primero en nuestras vidas.

PLANEACION – Una decisión que requiere oración y tiempo, no damos solamente lo que nos sobra en nuestro bolsillo o cartera cuando se pasa la canasta de la colecta.

PROPORCION – Nuestra donación es proporcional a las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado. Si nos sentimos especialmente bendecidos, damos en proporción un gran aporte.

SACRIFICIO – Damos a Dios mucho más que solamente lo que sobra después de nuestras satisfacer nuestras necesidades y gustos. Debermos pensar en dar a Dios primero y no al último.

La Iglesia enseña que la vocación más importante de los laicos es transformar el mundo hacia Cristo. Esta misión la realizamos de mejor forma cuando compartimos todos los bienes y dones que generosamente Dios nos ha dado con amor y justicia, primero en casa, después en nuestro lugar de trabajo, y finalmente en nuestras comunidades y parroquias. Ciertamente, sin embargo, la parroquia es un punto primario para reunirnos como discípulos de Jesús. Es en nuestra parroquia donde nos unimos para celebrar nuestra fe, compartir en la Comunión, recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía y salir en misión al mundo. Nuestra parroquia es el centro de reunión para hacer oración y alabanza, celebrar los Sacramentos, reunimos y planear el trabajo de la Iglesia, y celebrar la alegría de tenemos unos a otros. Tenemos una responsabilidad muy importante con nuestras parroquias de planear la forma de compartir y usar nuestros dones.

Le pedimos regrese su tarjeta compromiso tan pronto como sea posible.

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,
El relato del Evangelio de San Lucas que se proclama en la Vigilia Pascual se describe la escena en la que varias mujeres discípulos habían ido a la tumba con la intención de ungir el cuerpo sin vida de Jesús con especies. Ellos encontraron que la piedra había sido removida y, para su sorpresa, no se encontró el cuerpo. En lugar dos hombres vestidos con prendas deslumbrantes les preguntaron: “¿Por qué buscáis al vivo entre los muertos? No está aquí, Él ha resucitado”. ¡Estas palabras simples anuncian la verdad que lo cambiaría todo en la experiencia humana! Los que habían llegado a la tumba esperaba encontrar la muerte: la desintegración de la vida humana, el fracaso de las promesas hechas, la destrucción de la esperanza humana. Pero éste no era el caso. La tumba estaba completamente vacía. No se encontró ninguna muerte en absoluto. En su lugar había mensajes que proclamaban una palabra de vida, "él no está aquí. ¡Ha resucitado!" Estos mensajes de vida no se detuvieron a revelar a los primeros discípulos la verdad de la resurrección de Jesucristo. En lugar en enviar a estos discípulos con la misión de decir a los demás lo que habían visto y oído. ¡Después de este momento y con el don del Espíritu Santo, todos los seguidores de Jesús serían llamados a ser testigos del hecho de que Jesús está vivo! Esa sigue siendo la misión para nosotros hoy también.

El reto para la mayoría de nosotros es cómo llevar a cabo esta misión y el misterio de nuestra fe Pascual. ¿Cómo podemos permitir que el poder de la resurrección nos cambie, de ser de meramente pasivos a ser testigos del hecho de que Jesús está vivo! Esa sigue siendo la misión para nosotros hoy también.

La invita al Señor y su pueblo. A lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia tales experiencias y oportunidades han cobrado vida y se han promovido para el pueblo de Dios. El Papa San Juan Pablo II alentó ciertos "movimientos eclesiásticos" dentro de la vida de la Iglesia y los veía como un don del Espíritu Santo para nuestro tiempo. El Papa Benedicto XVI estableció un "Año de la Fe" para profundizar en la vida de fe de todos en la Iglesia. El Papa Francisco a través de sus homilías diarias y el establecimiento del Año Jubilar de la Misericordía nos ha animado a ser "misericordiosos como el Padre" en las interacciones y los acontecimientos de la vida diaria. En los retiros de nivel local, las misiones populares, experiencias de oración prolongados, etc. ayuda a muchos a participar activamente en la vida de la comunidad parroquial. Encuentro Matrimonial, Cursillos, pequeñas comunidades cristianas, los retiros de ACTS, grupos de estudio de las Escrituras, LEVANTATE grupos para compartir la fe, y similares han proporcionado oportunidades prácticas para los católicos ordinarios que viven su fe de una manera mucho más intencional. En St. Martha estas oportunidades siguen creciendo en número cada año. El tiempo de Pascua es un momento excelente para abandonar nuestra tumba de la oscuridad y el descontento y correr el riesgo de comprometernos a vivir nuestra fe católica "en voz alta" para servir a las necesidades de los demás. ¡Felices Pascuas!

**Domingo de Pascua / La Resurrección del Señor**

**Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:**

El poder del Espíritu en nosotros y nos ayudan a descubrir la increíble alegría de vivir activamente nuestra fe y servir al Señor y su pueblo. A lo largo de la historia de la Iglesia tales experiencias y oportunidades han cobrado vida y se han promovido para el pueblo de Dios. El Papa San Juan Pablo II alentó ciertos "movimientos eclesiásticos" dentro de la vida de la Iglesia y los veía como un don del Espíritu Santo para nuestro tiempo. El Papa Benedicto XVI estableció un "Año de la Fe" para profundizar en la vida de fe de todos en la Iglesia. El Papa Francisco a través de sus homilías diarias y el establecimiento del Año Jubilar de la Misericordía nos ha animado a ser "misericordiosos como el Padre" en las interacciones y los acontecimientos de la vida diaria. En los retiros de nivel local, las misiones populares, experiencias de oración prolongados, etc. ayuda a muchos a participar activamente en la vida de la comunidad parroquial. Encuentro Matrimonial, Cursillos, pequeñas comunidades cristianas, los retiros de ACTS, grupos de estudio de las Escrituras, LEVANTATE grupos para compartir la fe, y similares han proporcionado oportunidades prácticas para los católicos ordinarios que viven su fe de una manera mucho más intencional. En St. Martha estas oportunidades siguen creciendo en número cada año. El tiempo de Pascua es un momento excelente para abandonar nuestra tumba de la oscuridad y el descontento y correr el riesgo de comprometernos a vivir nuestra fe católica "en voz alta" para servir a las necesidades de los demás. ¡Felices Pascuas!

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**Ministerio Legión de María:** Estáncordialmente invitados to dos 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

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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.

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