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
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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.

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

Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Jesus said to Thomas. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”
John 20:29

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For the weekend of Mar. 26 & 27 your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget:  $ 72,051
Easter Sunday Collection: $ 2,809,989
Over/(Under)  $ 305,000
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Easter which is taken from John 20: 19-31 helps us to understand the meaning of the Resurrection in our lives as believers. The text begins with a typical account of an appearance story of the Risen Lord. The disciples are gathered on “the first day of the week” (in other words, on Sunday) in a closed room when suddenly Jesus comes among them. The repetition of the phrase, “Peace be with you” indicates the sensitivity of Jesus to their great fear. At the same time it provides the ultimate reason for being at peace: Jesus lives now by the power of God and he lives for his people. In fact the appearances of the Risen Christ inaugurate the beginning of the life of the Church. Jesus gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit and sends his disciples into the world just as the Father had sent his Son Jesus on mission. The disciples are to continue this mission and bring the truth of Jesus’ way of life to those generations who would be born in the years to come. In other words the Church will have the role of witnessing to the power of the Resurrection in the world and making this life of grace known to others. The Spirit will empower the Church to celebrate the victory of the Risen Lord over sin and death and to make present this mystery of “divine mercy” through the sacramental life of the Church. While all the sacraments are part of the mystery of the outpouring of the Spirit upon us believers, the sacrament of Confirmation is focused especially on our call to mission.

The reaction of the Apostle Thomas, who was not present for this event, reminds us that some people are more inclined to doubt than to trust in the power of the Spirit. In spite of what the other disciples testify concerning their experience of the Risen Christ, Thomas refuses to be convinced that Jesus is alive. He demands some kind of verifiable proof. His story suggests that faith in the Resurrection was not and never will be a simple human act. For each of us the act of personal faith requires the gift of God’s grace. In the account when Jesus appears a second time, the doubts of Thomas disappear. In effect, his profession of faith recorded in the Gospel of John – “My Lord and my God!” – becomes the high point of the entire Gospel. Jesus concludes his conversation with Thomas by declaring, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Jesus is looking forward to those generations of believers, like ourselves, who will not have had the opportunity to experience Jesus in the flesh but who will come to see him with the eyes of faith. They will do so because of the testimony of other believers and the witness of the Church. The Easter message is about what God in his mercy has done for us in and through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (The Church names this the “Paschal Mystery.”) How truly blest are we who believe in the Risen Christ and give witness to this mystery by the way that we live!

Fr. Chester Borski
for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7). —

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Year of Mercy**

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Jubilee Year of Mercy — Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. “At times how hard it seems to forgive!” he acknowledges. “And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart” (Misericordiae Vultus, 9). The necessary condition for living joyfully? “To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge.”

May Divine Mercy Sunday in this Jubilee Year of Mercy remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 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)
- Mary Theresa Thompson
- Filomena Iufa (mother of Domenica Seitz)


**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**

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### 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!
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**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 date: 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. April dates: 5, 12, 19, & 26.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:**

www.stmarthaaff.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 You Tube

Click the You Tube icon on the website home page to view.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, April 6, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

**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.

**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! We’ll read scripture, have discussions and prayer. More details to follow via e-mail and our Facebook page.

We encourage you to get involved and join in our activities!

Please subscribe to our e-mail list via Flocknote new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YAStMYoungAdults/ 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 AT HEART LUNCHEON- Batter Up**

Young at Heart-ers - Baseball season is upon us so wear your favorite team's gear and step up to the plate. Grab your bat & glove, dust off your cleats and knock it out of the FLC with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 13. 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 Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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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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**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.

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**Catholic Marriage Seminar for Young Adults**

4x4: The Catholic Marriage Seminar for Young Adults and Singles! Friday, April 22, 7-9:30 p.m. St. Dominic Village Auditorium This event is especially for young adult singles or dating couples who are curious about the Catholic vision for marriage. This seminar with Family Life and Marriage Minister Teresita Johnson and seminarian and musician David Michael Moses features 4 music sets and 4 short talks (4x4). Seminar is free of charge (donations will be accepted). Young adults must RSVP by filling out this link. For information contact Teresita 713-741-8776 or e-mail tjohnson@archgh.org
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.

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.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Martha #2504

2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2016 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior that will be attending a college or university and is a member of St. Martha parish.

Applications are available at the Parish office or on line from Marty Krupp - martybk@ymail.com

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 29, 2016

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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!

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations
Exposition & Benediction
- 2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Serra Cub Northeast of Houston
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 AM
- Monday: 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- Tuesday: 2 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 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 would like more information or to participate, please contact:
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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

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Mark Your Calendars!!!!
Kingwood March of Remembrance
Saturday, May 7, 2016
Look for more information in next weeks bulletin.
**Stewardship Prayer for April:** Dear Lord, risen Lord, merciful Lord! The Easter season is filled with your presence, and we come to you in gratitude for the deep and abiding joy you offer us through the promise of your resurrection. Help us hear your call as did Mary Magdalene. Teach us as you did the disciples at Emmaus. Dispel our doubts as you did for Thomas. And reveal yourself to us as you did to your friends from the shore of Lake Tiberius. Make us good stewards of this Easter season. Open our hearts and minds in a special way to the great mystery of your active presence in our lives, and give us the courage to help others discover your presence in their lives. For you are the light of the world. To you, Christ Jesus, be praise and glory! Amen.

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Our Campaign Pledge Total has reached over $3,800,000!!

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.

**COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**How does this pledge campaign work?**
We are asking families to make a pledge over the next 3 years either annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly. If a family would like to take 4-5 years to make a pledge that is fine and they can make the payments any way they want to.

**Are down payments mandatory?**
Down payments are not required in order to make a pledge. If a household can afford a down payment, it is encouraged, especially since down payments will help the parish pay down the principle of the loan. However, down payments are completely optional and should not hinder a parishioner from making a significant pledge.

**Why are families asked for pledges?**
We are suggesting pledges instead of one-time gifts because a pledge allows a family to make a larger contribution over a longer period of time. This allows the Finance Council the opportunity to forecast the influx of money and make educated decisions. The amount of your pledge is more important than the time frame in which it is paid. If you need more time to make a larger pledge that is fine. Of course we are grateful for all the sacrifices, be they pledges or one-time gifts. Our most important goal is participation from our families. We hope that you will want to join in on the success that has already started.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
Gracias a todos los que ha dado tan generosamente a la campaña. Muchos de los que han asistido a una recepción han hecho su donación. Si usted asistió a una recepción y todavía no ha hecho su donación, le pedimos que considere lo que puede hacer para ayudar a la campaña sea un éxito.

**PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES:**

¿Cómo funciona esta campaña de compromiso?
Pedimos que las familias hagan un compromiso por los próximos 3 años, ya sea anual, semestral, trimestral o mensual. Si su familia desea tomar 4-5 años para cumplir con su promesa está muy bien y puede hacer los pagos de la manera que desee.

¿Son los pagos iniciales obligatorios?
Los pagos iniciales no son necesarios para hacer una donación. Si su familia puede hacer un pago inicial, es recomendable, sobre todo porque estos pagos ayudarán a la parroquia a pagar al principio del préstamo. Sin embargo, los pagos son completamente opcionales y no debe impedir a un feligrés a hacer un compromiso significativo.

¿Por qué se solicitan que las familias hagan un compromiso?
Nosotros estamos proponiendo una promesa para su compromiso en lugar de un regalo de una sola vez porque una promesa permite una familia hacer una contribución más grande a largo plazo. Esto permite que el Consejo de Finanzas tenga la oportunidad de prever la entrada de dinero y tomar una decisión acertada. La cantidad de su compromiso es más importante que el marco de tiempo en el que se paga. Si usted necesita más tiempo para hacer una promesa más grande que está muy bien. Por supuesto estamos muy agradecidos por todos los sacrificios, ya sean promesas o regalos de una sola vez. Nuestro objetivo más importante es la participación de nuestras familias. Esperamos que se desee participar en el éxito que ya ha comenzado.

Si tiene preguntas, 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 lectura del Evangelio para el segundo domingo de Pascua que se toma de Juan 20: 19-31 nos ayuda a comprender el significado de la resurrección en nuestras vidas como creyentes. El texto comienza con la típica historia de la aparición del Señor resucitado. Los discípulos están reunidos en "el primer día de la semana" (en otras palabras, el domingo) en una habitación cerrada cuando de repente Jesús aparece entre ellos. La repetición de la frase: "La paz sea con vosotros" indica la sensibilidad de Jesús a su gran temor. Al mismo tiempo que proporciona la razón última de estar en paz: Jesús vive ahora por el poder de Dios y vive para su pueblo. De hecho, la aparición de Cristo resucitado inaugura el comienzo de la vida de la Iglesia. Jesús da a sus discípulos el don del Espíritu Santo, y envía a sus discípulos al mundo, así como el Padre había enviado a su Hijo Jesús en la misión. Los discípulos han de continuar esta misión y llevar la verdad de la forma de vida de Jesús a esas generaciones que nacerán en los años venideros. En otras palabras, la Iglesia tendrá el papel de testimonio de la fuerza de la resurrección en el mundo y hacer que esta vida de gracia se haga conocer a otros. El Espíritu capacitará a la Iglesia para celebrar la victoria del Señor resucitado sobre el pecado y la muerte y hacer presente este misterio de la "misericordia divina" a través de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. Mientras que todos los sacramentos son parte del misterio de la efusión del Espíritu sobre nosotros los creyentes, el sacramento de la Confirmación se centra especialmente en nuestra llamada a la misión.

La reacción del apóstol Tomás, que no estuvo presente para este evento, nos recuerda que algunas personas están más inclinadas a dudar de que confiar en el poder del Espíritu. A pesar de lo que los otros discípulos dan testimonio de su experiencia de Cristo resucitado, Thomas se niega a creer que Jesús está vivo. Él exige algún tipo de prueba verificable. Su historia sugiere que la fe en la resurrección no fue y nunca será un simple acto humano. Para cada uno de nosotros el acto de fe personal requiere el don de la gracia de Dios. En el relato cuando Jesús aparece una segunda vez, las dudas de Thomas desaparecen. En efecto, su profesión de fe en el Evangelio de Juan - “¡Mi Señor y mi Dios!” - Se convierte en el punto más alto de todo el Evangelio. Jesús concluye su conversación con Thomas declarando, "Bienaventurados los que no han visto y han creído". Jesús está a la espera de esas generaciones de creyentes, como nosotros, que no han tenido la oportunidad de experimentar a Jesús en la carne, sino que vendrán a verlo con los ojos de la fe. Lo harán por el testimonio de otros creyentes y el testimonio de la Iglesia. El mensaje de Pascua es acerca de lo que Dios en su misericordia ha hecho por nosotros en y a través de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo (La Iglesia nombra a esto el "misterio pascual"). ¿Cómo verdaderamente somos bendecidos los que creemos en Cristo resucitado y dan testimonio de este misterio por la forma en que vivimos!

Padre Chester Borski
MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPANOL
PARA TODO VICTIMA DE ABUSO
MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un email a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

2º Domingo de Pascua
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:
La primera obra corporal de misericordia es: Dar de comer al hambriento. En el mundo que vivimos más de 800 millones de personas sufren hambre todos los días, y no solo es un problema en África, Latinoamérica y Asia, sino que también en Europa y en Estados Unidos hay gente que no tiene lo suficiente para comer. Comer es una necesidad básica que tenemos los hombres y, muchos de nosotros somos insensibles a ese problema ya que tenemos que comer todos los días. Hay muchas formas en las que podemos ayudar a los que sufren hambre: Adoptar un niño/a en una asociación como "Compassion International", en donde por 38 dólares al mes dan de comer y cubren las necesidades básicas de un niño; apoyar los bancos de comida como el "Houston Food Bank"; participar en el ministerio de "Martha's Kitchen" que da de comer a entre 300 y 500 personas todos los días en el centro de Houston; traer tarjetas de algún restaurante de comida rápida en nuestro automóvil y repartirlas a las gentes pobres que veamos. Lo importante es concientizarnos que hay gente con hambre y que cada uno de nosotros podemos ayudar a que, por lo menos una persona menos, pasen menos hambre cada día.
Compromiso de la semana: Si mi presupuesto me lo permite, adoptaré un niño/a en algún lugar pobre a través de "Compassion International".

La Familia Parroquial de Santa Martha

Les dio la bienvenida a los Electos y Candidatos que recibieron o completaron sus Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana, durante la celebración de la Vigilia Pascual el Sábado 28 de Marzo de 2016:
Sara Orellana, Daniel Tovar, Jesús Gómez, Magnolia Martínez, Emily Rose Velázquez Roth, Norma Cisneros y Francisco Rubio.
A todos ellos les felicitamos calurosamente y les exhortamos a continuar creciendo, viviendo de acuerdo a las bendiciones y dones recibidos para así contribuir a la construcción del Reino de Dios.

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