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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass):  ....
Saturday Vigil:  .............. 8:30 AM
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.

3rd Sunday of Easter
Jesus said to Simon Peter,
“Feed my sheep.”
John 21:17

April 10, 2016
### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalm** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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### MASS INTENTIONS

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Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

How appropriate today’s Gospel for this Jubilee Year of Mercy, both because of the “breakfast” Jesus provides (“a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread”) and the number of fish in Peter’s net (“one hundred fifty-three”) (John 21:11–12). Of the fish, Saint Augustine suggests that the roasted fish is the suffering Christ. Saint Gregory the Great adds that Christ lowered himself to swim in the water of our humanity; to be caught in the net of our humanity; to be “roasted” in his Passion on the fire of suffering. Saint Jerome claims that “one hundred fifty-three” represents the full number of known species of fish, signifying that the Church’s “net” has room for all our widely diverse humanity, securing our unity-in-diversity in the hands of Peter and his successors. Having received God’s mercy as “the beating heart of the Gospel,” may the Church—we—“pattern our behavior after the Son of God who went out to everyone without exception” (Misericordiae Vultus, 12).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- **Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- **Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- **Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- **Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- **Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- **Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** Third Sunday of Easter
- **Monday:** St. Stanislaus
- **Wednesday:** St. Martin I

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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 Iusa (mother of Domenica Seitz)
- Belen Alvarez (mother of Lourdes Fernandez)

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**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**


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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

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

During the Easter season we are blessed to hear the Gospel accounts of the appearances of the Risen Lord to the disciples and how those early disciples came to understand their role in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the world. On this 3rd Sunday of Easter the Church’s liturgy chooses a story from the Gospel of John about the Risen Lord appearing to Peter and some of the other disciples as they were fishing. During this encounter the Scriptural text tells us that at first “the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.” Then “the disciple whom Jesus loved” tells Peter, “It is the Lord!” Aided by the gift of faith, Peter jumps into the water and begins to make his way to the Lord. The other disciples do the same. Then Jesus invites them to join him for a meal in which they break bread together. This description suggests that it was during the Eucharist (“the breaking of the bread”) that the early followers of Jesus were able to experience the presence of the Risen Christ. After the meal Jesus turns to Peter and asks him three times, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Thus, the Lord seeks out Peter and allows him to make up for his denial of Jesus during the time of his arrest. Not only does Jesus forgive Peter his great sin, the Lord invites Peter to accept the role of shepherding the Church. In this powerful story we discover a pattern that is repeated frequently in many of the appearance accounts in the Gospels. This pattern becomes the norm for all disciples who choose to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus.

That pattern can be described as follows: it is Christ Jesus who takes the initiative and searches us out as sinners and then invites us to believe that He is the Lord who has come to save humankind. The Lord Jesus also invites us to embrace the life of grace won for us by His death and resurrection. Through Baptism we are presented with a twofold challenge: (1) to become a member of the Body of Christ, i.e. to be initiated into the community of faith, and (2) to accept the responsibility of sharing in the mission of the Lord, i.e. to become fully engaged in building the Kingdom of God by the witness of our lives. When we reflect in depth on this story, we see that the Lord invites us precisely in the place and time where we live and work (like the case of the fishermen in the Gospel story). We are called to share intimacy with the Lord and also with our brothers and sisters as we “break bread together” in the celebration of the Eucharist. But the Lord does not stop here --- he entrusts us with the task of putting our faith into action. We are to continue the very mission of Jesus in our time under the guidance of the ministry of Peter (which today is exercised by Pope Francis). This is what stewardship or discipleship is all about. When this approach is embraced fully with a generous heart, it will bring us incredible joy and happiness. We too will experience the presence of the Risen Lord as we pray with our brothers and sisters and as we reach out together to serve those in need.

Fr. Chester Borski

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING. LISTEN. ASK QUESTIONS. PARTICIPATE.

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
7-8:30 PM
ST. MARTHA FAMILY LIFE CENTER
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DRIVE
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

St. Martha's Catholic Church
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
KINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.
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/YASmYoungAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASm/ 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.

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.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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: 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 YouTube.

Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - AFF Information

Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, April 13, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pei Wei, 702 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, April 16, stroll with us through Mercer Arboretum, 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, to see the new flowers of spring. Lunch afterwards at 1 P.M. at Potato Patch, 2020 FM 1960, Houston. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeth2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggymbm4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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.

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.

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

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, April 25, 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, TX
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

General Manager of Guadalupe Radio Network, Joe McClane, will speak to us about “Changing tomorrow’s world by working for vocations today!”

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

Discernment: The act or process of exhibiting keen insight and good judgment. To discern our vocation in life takes prayer, information, and patience to hear God speaking to us.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(Men) Discover: April 14 @ 6:30-9pm
(Women) Seeking the World Less Travelled: April 14 @ 6:30-9 pm
(Women) Religious Luncheon: April 16 with Cardinal DiNardo and religious
(Muchachos y Muchachas Jóvenes) Descubre el Camino Recorrido: Abril 21 @ 7 – 9:30 pm

Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.

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 Club Northeast of Houston
St. Martha School Scoops

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.

Knights of Columbus
Council #12310
 Scholarship Applications

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible.

One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or online from Marty Krupp - martybk@gmail.com

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

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 13-17

Grab your gear, and get ready to shine with the light of Christ at “Cave Quest” VBS this June 13–17 from 12:45 – 4:00 p.m! Our Christ-filled quest is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs $25 per student.

Calling all volunteers!! We need lots of cave guides to make this the coolest week of summer! Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer. We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS ($25) for children of volunteers. VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus beginning April 11th. The first 100 families to register will receive a CD of this year’s VBS music. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 x203.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, April 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

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.

Application must be delivered or postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2016 to the Parish office. The address is on the application.
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: 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM, 10-11 PM, 11 PM-Midnight. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 10-11 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, Noon-1 PM, 7-8 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.

Build Your Great Marriage!
For the past 25 years, our Marriage, our love and our faith have grown stronger even though the world works to pull us apart. That is why we are inviting you to do what we did. We made a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Don’t wait another day to sign up! The next scheduled weekend is Apr. 29 to May 1, 2016. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

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St. JOSEPH’S HELPERS: Thank you letter
Dear Rev. Msgr. Borski,

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, a group of fine gentlemen from your church came to my home to build a ramp for me. I had only one way into my home and the same way out. Because I am an 82 year old retired widow, I asked my City Council men for help and he gave my name to your volunteer group.

I was so delighted to meet this crew of fine gentlemen who came to help me. They worked so well together and within hours they had completed my front door ramp and improved the ramp in my garage.

Thank you and St. Martha Catholic Church for the great volunteer work that you do. Handicapped seniors like myself are so blessed by your generosity and kindness. My prayer is that your Church will always be covered by the Grace and Love of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Give my regards and love to your group of volunteers who are doing Christ’s work here on earth.

Yours in Christ,

Hazel M. Jones
2nd Family Ministry Meeting

The 2nd Family Ministry will hold their last meeting of this school year Tuesday, April 12, from 7 to 9 pm in Room 6 of the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. All 2nd Family Team members are invited to attend to welcome Martha Busch as the new 2nd Family Ministry Leader effective May 1st, 2016. The 2nd Family Ministry has served the community for eleven years. Its purpose is to offer non-medical respite help to families who are caring for a loved one in their home. For more information contact Peggy Wehe 281-546-9884 or after May 1st Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 11 a.m., one week prior to publication.
(Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)
Submit announcements by: E-mail : jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or * Fax to 281-358-7973.

St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office.
$5.00 each.
For more information call: 281-358-6637

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

Teams of Our Lady USA
A movement of conjugal spirituality

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

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

If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Donna and Kevin O’Kelley. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

The following are additional Easter Flower Dedications not included on the Easter Sunday flyer:
In Memory/Honor of: James C. Patrish*Chela Pacheco*Jay Aguirre*Maria Monica Salinas*Theresa Gamarra*
Maria B. Gamarra*Candido Dugaduga*Mrs. C. Dugaduga
Donated by: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Cole*Mr. & Mrs. Lester Guillotte*Mr. & Mrs. Fermin Trevino III*Mr. Barry Hall*
Mr. & Mrs. Ramon De La Cruz
Next Weekend is Commitment Weekend!

Next weekend has been designated “Commitment Weekend.” The receptions have concluded, and a personalized campaign packet was mailed to every registered parishioner who did not attend a campaign reception. Please take time to review these materials and prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this important event.

Your participation is vital to the future of our parish family! Please join the excitement and bring your completed pledge card to Mass with you next weekend! We need to hear from everyone in order to be successful!

Those families who do not respond by “Commitment Weekend” will be contacted by one of our campaign volunteers. Returning your pledge card next weekend will help to alleviate some of the work of the volunteers.

Why is Pledging Important?

> A pledge allows one to consider a gift that would otherwise not seem possible.
> A pledge makes payments less of a burden than a one-time gift.
> A pledge gives the parish an accurate estimate for future planning.

Your pledge is a statement of your intent to give to the best of your ability. It is not legally binding. We know that when you make your pledge, you will do your best to fulfill it. A 10% down payment is encouraged but not necessary.

Attention Campaign Volunteers:

There is a Volunteer Training Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th at 7pm at the Family Life Center. All are welcome to attend! We are in need of more volunteers to make visits and phone calls, so please plan on attending this meeting if you are willing and able to give of your time over the next few weeks.

If you cannot make this meeting but are still able to help, please contact the Campaign Office to set up a time that is more convenient for you to receive the volunteer information.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
El siguiente fin de semana es llamado Fin de Semana del Compromiso!

El siguiente fin de semana se llamará “Fin de Semana del Compromiso.” Hemos concluido con las recepciones, y se ha enviado por correo un paquete personalizado de la Campaña a cada parroquiano registrado que no pudo asistir a una de las recepciones. Le pedimos que tome el tiempo para revisar estos materiales y en oración considerar como puede ser parte de este importante evento.

Su participación es de vital importancia para el futuro de nuestra familia parroquial! Le pedimos que se una a este esfuerzo trayendo su tarjeta de compromiso con la información completa a la misa que asista durante el siguiente fin de semana! Necesitamos la participación de todos para que esta Campaña sea exitosa!

Aquellas familias que no contesten durante el “Fin de Semana del Compromiso” serán contactados por uno de nuestros voluntarios de Campaña. Si usted regresa su tarjeta compromiso durante el siguiente fin de semana estará ayudando a disminuir el trabajo de los voluntarios.

Por qué es importante el compromiso?

- El compromiso de Campaña le permite considerar un monto de donación que de otra forma no sería posible.
- El compromiso ayuda a que los pagos no le sean una carga tan pesada como un donativo único.
- El compromiso permite a la parroquia hacer estimaciones para planeaciones futuras.

Su compromiso es una confirmación de su intención por ayudar al máximo de sus posibilidades. No es un acuerdo legal. Sabemos que cuando usted hace su compromiso, usted hará su máximo esfuerzo por cumplirlo. Se sugiere pero no es requerido un pago inicial del 10%.

Atención a los Voluntarios de la Campaña:

Hay una Junta de Entrenamiento para Voluntarios el día Martes, Abril 19 a las 7pm en el Family Life Center. Todos son bienvenidos! Necesitamos más voluntarios que puedan hacer visitas o llamadas telefónicas, así que les pedimos que traten de asistir a esta reunión si usted puede donar algo de su tiempo durante las siguientes semanas.

Si usted no puede asistir a esta junta, pero quiere ayudar, por favor contacte a la Oficina de Campaña para coordinar un tiempo conveniente para recibir la orientación de voluntarios.

Si tienes preguntas, favor de llamar a la oficina de Campaña al 281-358-6637
O escribir a campaign@stmartha.com
3º Domingo de Pascua
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La segunda obra de misericordia es: Dar de beber al sediento. El agua es vida dice el dicho y es muy cierto. Miles de gente pierden la vida todos los días por falta de agua potable. Es algo que la mayoría de nosotros que tenemos agua corriente en nuestras casas no alcanzamos a comprender. Una persona puede sobrevivir varios días sin comer pero no puede sobrevivir varios días sin tomar agua. Dar de beber al sediento implica más que solo estar pendiente de gente que tenga sed; implica estar pendiente de resolver los problemas que genera la pobreza en el mundo. Todos los seres humanos tenemos la misma dignidad de seres creados por Dios por amor y, por lo tanto, tenemos los mismos derechos de tener lo suficiente para subsistir y progresar. Dar de beber al sediento nos obliga a estar atentos de las necesidades físicas de los demás y a ayudar, en lo que podamos, a resolverlas. Hay muchas formas en las que podemos ayudar: Cooperar con nuestra ayuda económica a “Catholic Charities” que busca ayudar a todas esas gentes; ayudar a educar a la gente pobre para que pueda progresar y salir de la pobreza. Lo importante es no ser indiferente y saber que en algo podemos ayudar.

Compromiso de la semana: Trataré de ayudar a alguna persona pobre para que pueda progresar.
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