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

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.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

**Gospel** — The Lord is my strength and my song (Psalm 118:145).

**Saints and Special Observances**

**Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day

**Saturday:** St. Pius V

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Fifth Sunday of Easter—Jubilee Day for Youth

This Sunday’s “Youth Jubilee” previews July’s World Youth Day in Krakow. Its theme from Matthew 5:7, “Blessed are the merciful,” echoes Pope Francis’ warning that “the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture.” In countercultural witness, therefore, “the time has come,” says Francis, “for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters.” Jesus affirms the same in today’s Gospel. “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (John 13:34). Francis concludes, “The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love.” Jesus too asserts, “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Thus mercy “makes young” the Church, the world, and everyone. “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope” (Misericordiae Vultus, 10).

**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!**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Monday:** St. Mark

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

**Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena; Arbor Day

**Saints and the Dying:**

**Mon./Apr. 25**

8:30 am  †Blessed Fredric Ozanam

**Tues./Apr. 26**

8:30 am  †John Smith

7:00 pm  †Peter Braun

**Wed./Apr. 27**

8:30 am  David Angelino

10:00 am  †Priscilla Patricio

**Thurs./Apr. 28**

6:30 am  †Marcella Fuchser

8:30 am  †Katherine Spensieri

**Fri./Apr. 29**

8:30 am  †Richard Gonzales

**Sat./Apr. 30**

5:30 pm  †Clifford Diego Reyes

**Sun./May 1**

7:00 am  †Ronnie Wallace

9:00 am  †James & Maxine Poinsette

11:00 am  †Felix (Phil) Borski

1:00 pm  †Manual Olivares

5:30 pm  †Barbara Ann Youll

**ALL INTENTIONS PRAYED IN THE CHAPEL AT THE FAITH FORMATION CENTER AT THE FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., APRIL 27.**

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

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

Belen Alvarez (mother of Lourdes Fernandez)

Joseph Azzollini (husband of Pat Azzollini)

Capt. Ralph Bartels

Frances DiPrima (mother of Elaine Higgins, grandmother of Paul and John Higgins, great grandmother of Paul Hunter Higgins)

Susan Saladino (wife of John Saladino)

Vicki Brennan

Richard Mogab

Renata Macias (sister of Patricia Martinez)

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter remind us that sometimes we need encouragement as we try to keep our Easter faith alive. The daily challenges of a world that is not supportive of Christian living as well as the tensions and difficulties we experience with our fellow Christians can wear us down. By the time the early Church had reached the point described in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, some of the original enthusiasm and zeal of the disciples had begun to lessen. In many Christian communities there was a good deal of arguing about how much of the Mosaic law needed to be followed. There was also considerable discussion over whether those who followed “the way of Christ” were still a branch of Judaism or a completely new religion. Then there were arguments over how to appeal to the Gentile world and how they were to be initiated into the Christian faith. And casting a long shadow over all these issues was the fact that the Roman government was becoming increasingly hostile toward Christianity. Thus, in today’s readings from the Book of Acts, Paul and Barnabas urge the people to be patient and learn to practice the important virtue of persevering love: “They strengthened the spirit of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, by saying, ‘It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.’”

In this context the teaching of Jesus in today’s Gospel takes on special significance for us: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Jesus loved the Church with a persistent love even though he was frequently surrounded by hostility, misunderstanding, lack of gratitude, and plain rejection --- and this came from his own disciples! The persevering love of Jesus was a lesson the early Church learned very well. This lesson took root in Paul, Barnabas, and the other apostles and disciples. Very often what contributed most to the growth of the early Church was a kind of stubbornness of the faith: day by day persistence, a determination not to quit, a conviction that they could love as Jesus did. This commandment to love is as necessary for us today as it was for the early Christians. There will be times when understanding and charity will seem weak and feeble against the seemingly overwhelming challenges that beset us. There will also be times when the demands of Christian love will seem senseless and out of step with the modern world. But we need to be assured this way of living and treating one another is the way of Jesus. We will be judged, after all, not by the brilliance of our insights nor on the nobility of our emotions. In the end we will be judged on the consistency of our efforts to love as Jesus did. This message is summarized for us in the 25th chapter of Matthew. There is only one way that the effectiveness of Christian love can be destroyed --- and that is for those who are called to be disciples of Jesus simply to quit trying.

Fr. Chester Borski
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

ATTENTION SINGLES!!!
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, will gather on Wednesday, April 27, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Jason's Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schiels (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 or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON -
"Spring Fling"
Young at Heart-ers - Spring has sprung, the flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing. Let the Spring season lift you up and join your friends on Wednesday, April 27, at St. Martha's Family Life Center for a "Spring Fling". 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 Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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

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.

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 njborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angela@wemyss@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.
Adult Opportunities

**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. Remaining April Date: 26. May Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016.

**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.

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**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, May 2, 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.

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**ST. MARTHA ROSARY GUILD**

Looking for fellowship, a little fun and a rewarding experience? Come join us every 2nd Sunday of each month at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Learn how to make beautiful twine & bead rosaries. For more information, please contact Janice Cravens at 832-713-0556 or Gilda Womack at gawomack@hotmail.com 281-989-4240. We hope to see you at our next meeting! To learn more about our ministry and what we do, go to: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org. Visit our storefront at: www.Etsy.com/shop/MarianiteRosaryGuild

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**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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Parenting/Youth

**CCE Corner**

**Dear Parents,**

Our 2015-2016 Catechesis year is coming to a close. Our last scheduled class for Catechesis is Sunday, April 24. Sacrament preparation is in its last weeks and the children are looking forward to their upcoming First Communion. Thank you, parents, for your dedication to your children’s faith formation. We are so blessed to have your children in our weekly Catechesis. Our prayers are with you as you continue to nourish their faith. We are looking forward to a new year of Catechesis and are considering new ways to enrich our program.

Have you ever thought about being a Catechist but were afraid to ask? Don’t be! Our Catechists manuals and a love for your faith make it easy for you to be successful. Contact Patty Jost at 281-713-8969 or e-mail pattyjost@stmartha.com for more information about becoming part of our Catechist team for next year.

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**Annual Operation Paintbrush**

**May 13th and 14th, 2016**

**SHINE Catholic Work Camp**

St. Martha’s youth will be participating in Shine Catholic Work Camp this summer in Lake Charles, LA, June 20th – 25th. The high school students will be assisting in cleaning, painting, rebuilding, and helping those in need. We are excited to be serving the needy and elderly as representatives of St. Martha Parish.

Opportunities to support the youth are by donating to Operation Paintbrush, the weekend of May 13th and 14th. Donation boxes will be set up in the narthex for your donation, as well as representatives at each exit to assist in collecting donation items.

**Ways to donate…**

- Supplies, such as paint brushes, rollers, work gloves, painters tape, scrapers, spackle, safety goggles, gardening tools, trash bags, etc.
- Gift cards to Home Depot or Lowe’s
- Monetary Donations
- Full or partial scholarship (total cost of trip is 375.00)

The supplies and funds collected assist us in giving scholarships, purchasing supplies, and in transportation cost.

Thank you for supporting St. Martha’s youth in serving those in need.
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 pm! 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. 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.

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.

TOMORROW
Monday, APRIL 25
[6:30-8:00PM]
Edge Night
Bring ALL of your friends to the FLC for FREE pizza, prayer, and a whole night of FUN!

SUMMERTIME SOCIAL
FRIENDS, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN!
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!
Saturday, May 7
[6:00 – 9:00 PM] in the FLC
COST: $6 if you pay by Thursday, May 8
$8 if you pay at the door
Lisa Hartsfield at: lisah@stmartha.com

St. Martha Catholic School
Open House
for prospective students and families
Thursday, May 26, 2016
5 to 7 p.m.
2411 Oak Shores Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339

St. Martha Catholic School
Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

We are growing! Due to the high demand for enrollment, we may be opening an additional Kindergarten class. Please call the school office as limited spaces are available!

For more information, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthaacs.org | 281-358-5523
Visit our website at www.stmarthaacs.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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Transitional Diaconate Ordination of Michael Applegate
Saturday, May 14, 2016
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
10:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend this beautiful and joyful ordination ceremony.

With great joy, I wish to inform you that Mr. Michael Applegate has petitioned for the Order of the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in Texas, through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by his Bishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo on May 14, 2016. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank you the people of his home parish for your generous support of Michael. It is through your prayers, encouragements, and support that we have many vocations. Please keep Michael and all our seminarians in your daily prayers. If you have any grave concerns affecting his ordination to the diaconate, please contact me in writing enclosed in a “confidential” envelope and address to: The Very Reverend Father Trung Nguyen, Rector of St. Mary’s Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77024.

Scholarship Opportunities

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council #12120

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Two scholarships will be awarded this year
All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible
One in the amount of $1,000.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or online from Marty Krupp - martybk@ymail.com
These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 29, 2016

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.
**Home Missions Appeal**
Right here in the United States, some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These “home mission” dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. This weekend we will take up a collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Help strengthen the Church at home with a generous donation.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND**
This weekend, April 23 & 24, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

**March of Remembrance**
Opening Ceremony and Walk
Location
Christ the King Lutheran Church
3033 W. Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood, TX 77339
Order of the Day
4:00pm - 2:00pm Arrival, Special Music, & Registration
2:00pm - 3:00 pm Holocaust Remembrance Service
3:15 pm - 4:30pm The March
4:30pm - 5:00pm Music and Closing Ceremony

Keynote Speakers
Rabbi Reuven : Teen Holocaust survivor
Dr. Franziska Eckert : Nazi Descendant
Shuttles will be provided to and from King’s Harbor between 3:00 and 7:30

**ST MARTHA INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS**
**COLOMBIA 2016**
Limited spaces still available
Fall 2016
Bogota
Sept 10-17, 2016
$ 1600 per person
all included (air, lodging, transport, meals, tours)
If you are interested in joining us,
please contact Terry Stierman at: terry.stierman@conviventa.org

**“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.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
“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 robynfly@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.
Many thanks to the households who participated in our Commitment Weekend last weekend by making their pledges to the Counting Our Blessings Campaign. They join other fellow parishioners who commit to making our campaign a reality! To date, our pledges have reached over $4,688,289 from only 680 families.

While we are very grateful to all our donors, our gifts to date come from just 11% of our parish. We need the support of each parish family in order to be successful. Just think of all we can accomplish if 100% of our faith community works together to reach our common goal!

Please remember, every gift, regardless of size, is important to our campaign!

We also thank all the families who support this campaign by keeping it in their prayers. We know that not every family is capable of making a pledge or gift, however each household’s response and prayers are essential to our success. If you have not responded to the campaign, please return your pledge card this weekend through the offertory collection.

**VOLUNTEER OUTREACH HAS BEGUN!**

Our team of Campaign Volunteers have begun contacting those families who did not attend a reception and have not yet responded to the campaign beginning this week. The volunteers will be ready to go over the campaign materials and answer any questions you may have about our campaign.

Thanks again to every parishioner who has donated their time and talents to this campaign. Your commitment, energy, and participation are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com

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**Frequently Asked Question:**

If I already donated through Faith Direct, why do I have to turn in my pledge card?

The only way St. Martha knows you’ve made your gift is by turning in your pledge card. Your fellow parishioners are hard at work contacting and following up with families we have not heard from.

If you have not turned in your pledge card we may not notice your gift till we receive the next report from Faith Direct.

Also, we would like to add your generous gift to our campaign totals to keep our momentum going.

We thank you so much for your gift and your participation.
Muchas gracias a todos los hogares que participaron en nuestro Fin de Semana del Compromiso la semana pasada llenando sus tarjetas para la Campaña Contando Nuestras Bendiciones. Ellos se han unido a otros miembros de la parroquia en el compromiso de hacer de nuestra campaña una realidad! Al día de hoy, nuestros compromisos han alcanzado más de $4,688,289 con tan solo 680 familias.

Estamos verdaderamente agradecidos con todos los que han donado, dichas donaciones vienen de tan solo el 11% de nuestra parroquia. Necesitamos el apoyo de cada familia de la parroquia para tener éxito. Piense en todo lo que podemos lograr si el 100% de nuestra comunidad de fe trabaja unida para alcanzar este meta!

Por favor recuerde, cada donación, sin importar su tamaño, es importante para nuestra campaña!

También agradecemos a todas las familias que apoyan esta campana incluyéndonos en sus oraciones. Sabemos que no todas las familias tienen la capacidad de hacer un compromiso o donación, sin embargo la respuesta de cada hogar así como las oraciones son parte esencial de nuestro éxito. Si aún no ha podido dar su respuesta a la campana, favor de regresar su tarjeta compromiso este fin de semana en la colecta semanal.

**LAS LLAMADAS DE LOS VOLUNTARIOS HAN COMENZADO!**

Esta semana nuestro equipo de Voluntarios de Campana ha comenzado a contactar a aquellas familias que no asistieron a una recepción y que no han respondido a la campana. Los voluntarios están listos para cubrir los materiales de la campana y contestar cualquier pregunta que usted pudiera tener acerca de la campana.

Agradecemos nuevamente a cada parroquiano que ha donado su tiempo y talento para esta campana. Su compromiso, energía y participación, son verdaderamente apreciados.

**Preguntas Frecuentes:**

Si yo ya di un donativo a través de Faith Direct, por qué tengo que entregar mi tarjeta compromiso?

La única forma en que St. Martha sabe que usted ya dio su donación es regresando su tarjeta compromiso. Sus compañeros parroquianos están trabajando muy duro contactando y dando seguimiento a las familias que no han regresado su tarjeta.

Si usted no entrega su tarjeta compromiso, es posible que no nos demos cuenta de su donativo hasta que recibamos el siguiente reporte de Faith Direct.

Además, quisiéramos añadir sus donativo generoso al total de la campana para visualizar su progreso. Agradecemos su donación y su participación.

Si tienes preguntas, favor de llamar a la oficina de Campaña al 281-358-6637

O escribir a campaign@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas de la Escritura para el quinto domingo de Pascua nos recuerdan que a veces necesitamos un estímulo para mantener nuestra fe Pascua con vida. Los retos diarios de un mundo que no se apoya en la vida cristiana, así como las tensiones y dificultades que experimentamos con nuestros hermanos cristianos, nos pueden desgastar. En el momento en que la Iglesia primitiva había alcanzado el punto descrito en la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, parte del entusiasmo inicial y el celo de los discípulos, habían comenzado a disminuir. En muchas comunidades cristianas había una buena cantidad de discusiones sobre qué parte de la ley mosaica sería necesaria de seguir. También hubo un considerable debate sobre si los que siguieron, "el camino de Cristo", seguían siendo una rama del judaísmo o totalmente una nueva religión. Luego hubo discusiones sobre cómo apelar al mundo gentil y cómo iban a ser iniciados en la fe cristiana. Y proyectando una larga sombra sobre todas estas cuestiones, fue el hecho de que el gobierno romano se estaba volviendo cada vez más hostil hacia el cristianismo. Así, en las lecturas de hoy del Libro de los Hechos, Pablo y Bernabé instan a las personas a ser pacientes y aprender a practicar la virtud importante del amor perseverante: "Se fortalecieron el espíritu de los discípulos y los exhortaron a perseverar en su fe, diciendo "es necesario que nosotros experimentemos muchas dificultades para entrar en el Reino de Dios".

En este contexto, la enseñanza de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy tiene un significado especial para nosotros: "Os doy un mandamiento nuevo: amaos unos a otros. Como yo os he amado, así ámense también ustedes los unos a los otros". Jesús amó a la Iglesia con un amor persistente a pesar de que era frecuentemente rodeado de hostilidad, la incomprensión, la falta de reconocimiento, y el rechazo --- y esto vino de sus propios discípulos! El amor perseverante de Jesús, fue una lección de la Iglesia primitiva que aprendió muy bien. Esta lección se arraigó en Pablo, Bernabé y los demás apóstoles y discípulos. Muy a menudo lo más importante para el crecimiento de la Iglesia temprana fue una especie de obstinación de la fe: la persistencia del día a día, la determinación de no rendirse, y una convicción de que ellos podían amar como lo hizo Jesús. Este mandamiento de amor es tan necesario para nosotros hoy como lo fue para los primeros cristianos. Habrá momentos en los que la comprensión y la caridad parecerá débil y débil frente a los desafíos abrumadores que nos acosan. También habrá momentos en los que las exigencias del amor cristiano le parecerán sin sentido y fuera de sintonía con el mundo moderno. Pero tenemos que tener la seguridad de que este modo de vida y el tratamiento del uno al otro es el camino de Jesús. Seremos juzgados, después de todo, no por la brillante de nuestras ideas, ni por la nobleza de nuestras emociones. Al final seremos juzgados sobre la coherencia de nuestros esfuerzos para amar como lo hizo Jesús. Este mensaje se resume en el capítulo 25 de Mateo. Sólo hay una forma en que la eficacia del amor cristiano puede ser destruido --- y es para aquellos que son llamados a ser discípulos de Jesús simplemente se salgan tratando.

Padre Chester Borski

5º Domingo de Pascua
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:
La cuarta obra de misericordia corporal es: Vestir al desnudo. La época de Invierno es cuando mayor necesidad hay de proveer ropa a los que menos tienen, sobre todo para que no sufran del clima frío. Pero la ropa no es solamente para cubrirnos de la intemperie, la ropa ayuda a las personas en su autoestima. Aunque nuestra dignidad nos viene por ser hijos de Dios y todos somos igualmente dignos, a los seres humanos nos gusta tener una buena apariencia cuando estamos con los demás. La mayoría de la gente que yo conozco, compra ropa, no solo para protegerse del clima y proteger su desnudez, sino que lo hacen con el objetivo de verse bien y eso los hace sentir mejor. Tomemos esto en cuenta cuando demos ropa a la gente más necesitada. Compartamos ropa en condiciones en las que nosotros mismos la usaríamos, o aún mejor, compremos ropa nueva a esa gente que tanto lo necesita. Cuando vestimos a nuestro prójimo, estamos vieniendo a Jesús mismo.

Compromiso de la semana: Escombraré mi closet y donaré toda la ropa que pueda a la gente necesitada.

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