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 Kleingueitl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, and Mr. John Schuster

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
Saturday: ............ 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.

Jesus said, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

Luke 9:58
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time describe most of us to the “T” in regards to our ongoing struggle to become intentional disciples of Jesus and generous stewards of God’s gifts. When asked by the Lord to follow closely in his footsteps, most of us come up with all kinds of excuses to delay our response, to postpone our decision, or to place conditions on our commitment. This is true in all phases of our lives, from signing up for a particular ministry of service in the parish to making a pledge to the parish capital campaign. We would like the security of knowing that our commitment to discipleship will bring us some tangible results. We tend to hold back on our decision to heed the Lord’s call or we do so without much enthusiasm. We become afraid of the demands long before we encounter them and we become anxious about what others might think. We do not fully trust in the wisdom set before us in St. Paul’s teaching that we find in his letter to the Galatians: “For freedom Christ set us free.” We keep procrastinating and qualifying our response to the extent that we become afraid to risk a complete and unequivocal “Yes!” to God. As a result the spirit of selfishness sets in and the concern for our own personal needs and desires tend to dominate our consciousness and thus diminish our freedom to serve the will of God.

The Gospel text from Luke 9:51-62 points out that Jesus is the model on how to freely respond and serve the Kingdom of God. **Just do it!** When Jesus came to understand his destiny as being called to fulfill his Father’s desire that all people be brought to the gift salvation, “he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.” In fact this journey to Jerusalem shapes the remaining account of Luke’s portrayal of Jesus as the authentic expression of the Father’s love and compassion for each person. Note that Jesus has no time for excuses and requests from the people for delays. He is going to Jerusalem where he will fight the final battle against the kingdom of darkness. His trust and confidence are in his Father alone. Jesus invites us to trust in the promises of God just as he did. In terms of our salvation, that’s all we have. Actually that’s all we need! We have already been given the gift and the guarantee of true freedom by the bestowal of his Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. We simply need to have the courage to risk saying “Yes!” to the Lord and allowing God to do the rest. This is what the Saints discovered and that is the secret that they gladly share with us. Let’s follow their example and see what wonderful growth will take place in our lives.

Fr. Chester Borski

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

SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.
David Kauffman and William Gokelman in concert at St Martha in the Church Sanctuary. David and William are nationally recognized Catholic musicians from San Antonio. Together they have composed many beautiful songs like, **Behold** and **Be Still**. They will offer us a night of song and story for healing and hope during this year of Mercy. Bring your family and friends. You don’t want to miss this special, sacred night of music. Many people say their concerts are like a “mini-retreat for your soul.” A love offering will be collected during the evening to benefit the music ministry of **Good For The Soul Music** and CDs will be offered for sale.

www.goodforthesoulmusic.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Archdiocese Black Bag Collection
July 9-10, 2016

In today’s Gospel we see how Jesus sent a “messenger on ahead of Him.” To be the messengers of God, we must be open to answering his call to bring love to others. In 2015 your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to provide over $9.7 million in food, clothing, furniture, rent and utility assistance to families in the Archdiocese. **Prayerfully consider a generous donation to the Society’s Annual Archdiocese Black Bag collection on July 9-10.**

This collection is the only major collection for the Archdiocese Council during the year, and is a major source of support for programs like the SVDP Food Depot, Youth Programs and Disaster Relief Services.

PLEASE NOTE: Information for the JULY 10 BULLETIN & JULY FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR is due by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 27.
Information for the JULY 17 BULLETIN is due by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29.
Submit announcements by: E-mail: jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or * Fax to 281-358-7973.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Yet again in Ordinary Time, Jesus seems to demand extraordinary commitment. A would-be disciple enthusiastically volunteers to follow Jesus “wherever” (Luke 9:57). Jesus replies that “wherever” means “nowhere to rest his head” (9:58). To other candidates, Jesus brusquely denies reasonable requests to fulfill family obligations (9:59, 61), declaring that discipleship demands total commitment—now! But Jesus also demands that we not judge how others respond. When James and John volunteered to “call down fire from heaven” (9:54) to destroy an unwelcoming town, Jesus “turned and rebuked them” (9:55). All violence of any kind is completely unacceptable among Jesus’ disciples, a lesson this Jubilee Year of Mercy is teaching the Christian community once again. Paul’s challenge to the Galatians and us reinforces Jesus’ decisive command to James and John that they express their commitment to him through compassion for others. We must abandon the violence of “biting and devouring one another” (Galatians 5:15), choosing instead to “serve one another through love” (5:13).

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# Adult Organizations and Opportunities

## NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

**Join us!** NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, a ministry for singles ages 40?, gathers on Wed., June 29, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 p.m. at Panera Bread at 23665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybomom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.

## Employment Opportunities for the 2016-2017 School Year

For more information, please visit our website at [www.stmarthacs.org](http://www.stmarthacs.org) or contact Principal Mrs. Tina Lewis at 281-358-5523.

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## Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?

The RCIA could be your answer! RCIA is a process for adults: unbaptized and those baptized in another Christian faith.

- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith.
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Our Inquirer groups beginning in February, June and October.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charles or Lisa Ferguson at the RCIA office via email at: rcia@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8972 x258.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20

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## Out of Work? Just Wishing for a Change?

**We can help!**

**Saturday Workshop**

**Room 2 on the Woodland Hills Campus**

3702 Woodland Hills Drive

**Next Session:** July 9, 9 am to noon

We also meet every Friday in Room 2 from 9:15 am to noon

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. Come see us to update your skills at resume writing, networking and interviewing!!

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## Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

**Attention! Changes for our monthly meeting.**

Due to the holiday, Monica's Hope will meet on **July 11**, 7:30 p.m., in Room 3 the Woodland Hills Campus. 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. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, email kczubik@mac.com

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## Divine Mercy Chaplet

- 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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## IF YOU ARE A PASSIONATE AND FAITH-FILLED EDUCATOR,

**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Part-time Middle School Spanish Teacher
- Part-time Prek-Gr 3 Music Teacher
- Substitute Teachers

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## Young at Heart Luncheon - Summer Vacation

The Young at Heart Luncheons held at St. Martha's on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will resume on **Wednesday, September 14**. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.

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## Adult Faith Formation

**SUMMER HOURS FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 20 THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 15.**

The office will be open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and closed on Fridays.

The office will be closed Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday and will re-open Tuesday, July 5 at 9:00 am.

**Tuesday Morning:**

- Breakfast & Bible Study
  - 9:30 – 10:45 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2
  - Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. Remaining June Date: June 28.
  - No Breakfast & Bible Study the month of July. August Dates: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:** [www.stmarthaaff.com](http://www.stmarthaaff.com)

Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, schedules, important links, music, and more…check it out!

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WHAT IS A PRIEST?
A priest is a humble creature – a mystifying worker at all professions. His hours are the longest; his salary the smallest; his Boss the best! He likes good pastors, the smiles of children, a good sermon, a home-cooked meal, and the name "Father".
A priest is all things to all men in the sight of God. He may be misquoted, mistaken and misunderstood, but he'll always forgive – because he's a mediator; a peacemaker, a go-between heaven and earth. It's no wonder God loves him. He's a man standing at an altar, clothed in Holy clothes, who while being aware of his own nothingness speaks to God for us and to us for God. And although his greatest act is to offer sacrifice, his most consoling one is to say to me, "Go in peace – Your sins are forgiven."

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – Ordination of the Diaconate for Gary Yepsen
It is herewith announced that Gary Yepsen, a candidate for the Order of Diaconate will be ordained a deacon on January 14, 2017 at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. If any person knows of a serious reason why this candidate should not be called to ordination, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation in the Office of the Diaconate, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or e-mail rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Gary in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the Diocesan Ministry of Service of Word, Liturgy and Charity to which he is about to be ordained. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

YCP Executive Speaker Series – The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's for its Executive Speaker Series. There will be free wine, beer, and appetizers at this free event, open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Ms. Marcella Burke, associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, will be speaking.
https://www.facebook.com/events/279335249071960/

Bible Study – Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the main Church. We are currently studying the Gospel of John and will soon be moving to Revelations. We are an informal group and encourage all to join. No prior Bible study experience is necessary! We will be meeting in the parlor, which is located in the rear of the church (when you enter the main doors, take the hall on your left--it is the first door on the left hand side).

Welcome Back Event for College Students – A Young Adults college age group is starting up for the summer! It will be Sunday nights after Life Teen in the FLC. All incoming freshmen through just graduated seniors are welcome to attend! Please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com for more information.

Lunch and Bowling – Our bowling event was postponed due to flooding. Stay tuned for the new date.

YASm has a new webpage stmartha.com/yastm! 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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the O'TOOLE FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

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, June 27, 2016
6:30 pm Social
7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person
Father Linh from St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in New Caney will be our guest speaker.
RSVP: Diddy Muck,
muck@kingwoodcable.net, 281-615-2015

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Parenting/Youth
Are Your Kids Excited for Sunday?
Come and see what we are learning in Children’s Liturgy! Every Sunday at 9am your children are discovering their faith. Preschool to 5th graders explore the Gospel, get a deeper understanding of the mass, and learn how to listen to His voice. Visit a class one Sunday and sign up if you think this is for you! We need more adult and teen volunteers in the Preschool to 2nd grade classes, to guide children through the activities and crafts that accompany the lesson plan. Get involved - let God open your heart to the graces He is pouring over the children of St. Martha. Contact Jaclyn Dement at stmarthaCm@hotmail.com or 713-851-6751.

Food Drives
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND
This weekend, June 25 & 26, 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.)

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Parish Festival News
Introducing ... Mercy
Our Festival Theme is ... “Finding Mercy”
Saturday, October 8, 2016
St. Martha Fall Festival & Market
4301 Woodridge Parkway • Noon to 8:00 p.m. • Rain or Shine

Limited Openings for the 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!
Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org.

School Office Summer Hours:
June 6 – July 22 * T-W-TH only *
8 a.m. – 12 noon (Closed July 5)
The Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2016, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. In the following weeks look for articles in the bulletin about witnesses of Religious Liberty in our country and the world.

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.

Silver Anniversary Jubilee Mass
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Peter’s Pence Collection This Weekend
This weekend our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

St. Martha Rosary Guild
Urgent!
We need help making rosaries. Please come by and help us every Wednesday from 10:00am - 2:30pm, at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2 and bring your lunch or join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month, Room 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. See you there! For more info contact Janice Cravens 832-713-0556, jlcrcp@yahoo.com or Gilda Womack at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com. Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
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.

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This weekend our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.
"We simply cannot choose between our care for the elderly poor and our faith."

When a blind, paralyzed, elderly widow needed a place to live, Jeanne Jugan gave up her own bed so that the woman could have a comfortable place to sleep during her last years on earth.

What began as a small community of a few single women taking in poor strangers in rural France in the early 1800s became an order now known as the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The Little Sisters carry on the work of their founder, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. The Little Sisters' mission is “to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.”

Continuing the tradition of St. Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters beg for all that they need to take care of the elderly poor, and they do not accept guaranteed forms of income.

The Little Sisters established roots in several countries, arriving in the United States in 1868. They now have 27 nursing homes across the U.S., where they take care of poor, elderly residents.

Unfortunately, a recent mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would force the Little Sisters to arrange for coverage of abortion-inducing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilization in their employee health plans. If the Little Sisters do not arrange for coverage of these “services,” then they face massive fines from the federal government, totaling approximately $70 million per year.

The Little Sisters were forced to sue the federal government in order to stave off these potentially crushing fines on their ministry. The Little Sisters have argued that religious freedom exists not only for houses of worship but also for those who serve others, such as in ministry to the poor, which is part and parcel of the Catholic faith. Their case has recently been heard before the U.S. Supreme Court, which decided to vacate all penalties that might have been imposed had the Sisters lost and remand the case to the lower courts to explore a settlement that would protect the Sisters’ rights to free exercise of religion under federal law. While a promising result, the case will not be complete until a settlement is reached in the lower courts.

The Little Sisters have dedicated their lives to following Christ in service to the world. We pray that our courts will uphold their freedom to serve and that our government will respect the freedom of all people of faith to contribute to the common good.

Let us pray for the Little Sisters of the Poor!
“No podemos escoger entre nuestra atención a los pobres y nuestra fe”.

Cuando una viuda anciana, ciega y paralítica necesitaba un lugar donde vivir Jeanne Jugan le dio su cama para que la anciana pudiera tener un lugar cómodo donde dormir durante sus últimos años en la tierra.

Lo que comenzó como una pequeña comunidad de algunas mujeres solteras que acogían a forasteros pobres en la Francia rural a principios del 1800 se convirtió en una orden ahora conocida como las Hermanitas de los Pobres.

Las Hermanitas de los Pobres continúan el trabajo de su fundadora, quien fue canonizada por el Papa Benedicto XVI en 2009. La misión de las Hermanitas de los Pobres es “ejercer la hospitalidad con los ancianos necesitados de todas las razas y religiones, ofreciendo espacios en los que se promueva, defienda, cuide y celebre la vida, facilitando el desarrollo integral del anciano, y permitiendo la participación activa de cuantas personas quieran colaborar en nuestra misión”.

Continuando la tradición de Sta. Jeanne Jugan, las Hermanitas de los Pobres piden todo lo que necesitan para cuidar a los ancianos pobres, y no aceptan formas garantizadas de ingresos.

Las Hermanitas de los Pobres establecieron raíces en varios países, y llegaron a Estados Unidos en 1868. Actualmente tienen 27 hogares de ancianos en todo Estados Unidos donde cuidan a los residentes ancianos pobres. Lamentablemente, una orden reciente del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS) de Estados Unidos obligaría a las Hermanitas a incluir cobertura para drogas abortivas, anticonceptivos y esterilización en los planes de salud para sus empleados. Si las Hermanitas no ofrecen cobertura de estos “servicios”, se enfrentarían a cuantiosas multas federales de aproximadamente $70 millones al año.

Las Hermanitas fueron obligadas a demandar al gobierno federal para así evitar las potenciales multas que tendrían efectos desastrosos en su ministerio. Las Hermanitas argumentan que la libertad religiosa existe, no solo para los sitios de culto pero también para los que sirven a otras personas, tal como es el caso del ministerio a los pobres, que es parte integral de la fe Católica. Su caso fue recientemente presentado ante la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos, quien decidió dejar sin efecto todas las multas y penalidades que hubieran podido ser impuestas si las Hermanitas hubieran perdido su caso y tener ahora que remitir el caso a tribunales menores para explorar acuerdos que permitieran proteger los derechos de las Hermanas para ejercer su libertad religiosa bajo la ley federal. Aunque se trate de un resultado prometedor, el caso no estará cerrado hasta que no se alcance un acuerdo en los tribunales menores.

Las Hermanitas han dedicado sus vidas a seguir a Cristo en el servicio al mundo. Rezamos para que nuestras cortes les apoyen su libertad para servir y que nuestro gobierno respete la libertad de todas las personas de fe para contribuir al bien común.

¡Recemos por las Hermanitas de los Pobres!
Ministerio Hispano

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas de la Escritura para el domingo 13 del tiempo ordinario nos describen la mayoría de nosotros a la "T" en lo que respecta a nuestra lucha en curso para convertirnos en discípulos de Jesús intencionales y dispensadores generosos de los dones de Dios. Cuando el Señor nos pregunta a seguir de cerca sus pasos, la mayoría de nosotros salimos con todo tipo de excusas para retrasar nuestra respuesta, que pospone nuestra decisión, o para imponer condiciones a nuestro compromiso. Esto es cierto en todas las fases de nuestra vida, desde la suscripción a un ministerio particular de servicio en la parroquia o para hacer un donativo a la campaña de capital de la parroquia. Nos gustaría tener la seguridad de saber que nuestro compromiso con el discipulado nos traerá algunos resultados tangibles. Tenemos la tendencia a retener nuestra decisión de prestar atención a la llamada del Señor, o lo hacemos sin mucho entusiasmo. Llegamos a tener miedo de las demandas mucho antes de que las encontremos y nos ponemos ansiosos por lo que puedan pensar los demás. No confiamos plenamente en la sabiduría puesta delante de nosotros en la enseñanza de St. Paul que encontramos en su carta a los Gálatas: "libertad con que Cristo nos hizo libres". Mantenemos dilatando y calificando nuestra respuesta a la medida en que nos da miedo del riesgo a un completo e inequívoco "Sí" a Dios. Como resultado, el espíritu del egoísmo se establece y la preocupación por nuestras propias necesidades y deseos personales tienden a dominar nuestra conciencia y por lo tanto disminuye nuestra libertad para servir a la voluntad de Dios.

El texto del Evangelio de Lucas 9: 51-62 señala que Jesús es el modelo sobre cómo responder libremente y servir al Reino de Dios. ¡Solo hazlo! Cuando Jesús llegó a entender su destino como el de cumplir el deseo de su padre de que todas las personas sean llevadas al regalo salvación, "el decidió ir a Jerusalén." De hecho, este viaje a Jerusalén da forma a la imagen de Jesús de Lucas como la expresión auténtica de amor del Padre y la compasión para cada persona. Tenga en cuenta que Jesús no tiene tiempo para excusas y peticiones de la gente para los retrasos. Él va a Jerusalén, donde peleará la batalla final contra el reino de la oscuridad. Su confianza y seguridad están solo en su Padre. Jesús nos invita a confiar en las promesas de Dios, tal como lo hizo. En términos de nuestra salvación, eso es todo lo que tenemos. ¡En realidad, eso es todo lo que necesitamos! Ya se nos ha dado el regalo y la garantía de la verdadera libertad por el otorgamiento de su Espíritu en el bautismo y la confirmación. Simplemente tenemos que tener el valor de arriesgarnos a decir “Sí” al Señor y permitir que Dios haga el resto. Esto es lo que descubrieron los Santos y es el secreto que comparten con gusto con nosotros. Siguamos su ejemplo y veremos el maravilloso crecimiento que tendrá lugar en nuestras vidas.

Padre Chester Borski

13º Domingo Ordinario

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.
Ministerio Hispano

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS**

Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús nos dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesús. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son:

- El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesús le dejó a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.
- Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayúdalo y pasale este anuncio, invítalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.

Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos

Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6.30-9.00 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.

Comunícate con **Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857)** y participa en el RICA en Español.

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**Los 14 Días por la Libertad: La Libertad para dar Testimonio**

Tomará lugar desde el 21 de Junio al 4 de Julio, 2016, tiempo en nuestro calendario litúrgico donde se celebran las fiestas de una serie de grandes mártires quienes se mantuvieron fieles mientras se enfrentaban a la persecución de los poderes políticos – Santo Tomás Moro, San John Fisher, San Juan Bautista, San Pedro, San Pablo y otros de los Primeros Mártires de la Iglesia en Roma. En las siguientes semanas encontrarán artículos en el boletín sobre hombres y mujeres de fe, que dan testimonio de la auténtica Libertad Religiosa en nuestro país y en otras partes del mundo.

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**La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul**

**Archdiocese La Colecta “Bolsa Negra”**

**Julio 9-10, 2016**

En el Evangelio de hoy, nosotros vemos como Jesús en su camino a Jerusalén, envió a “un mensajero adelante de Él.” Para poder ser los mensajeros de Dios, debemos de saber muy bien lo que Dios quiere decir a través de nosotros, Él nos envía a llevar Su amor a los demás. **Considere una donación a la colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul los días 9-10 de Julio, 2016.**

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**Ministerio Legión de María:**

Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

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**Proyecto Gabriel—**

¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826.