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, and Mr. John Schuster

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses  
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass):  ...  
Saturday Vigil:  5:30 PM  
Sunday:  7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM  
En Español:  1:00 PM

Life Teen:  5:30 PM  
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses  
Monday:  8:30 AM  
Tuesday:  8:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
Wednesday:  8:30 AM & 10:00 AM  
Thursday:  6:30 AM & 8:30 AM  
Friday:  8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance  
Tuesday:  
Church 5:30 -7:00 PM  
Saturday:  
Church 10:30-11:45 AM  
Church 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration  
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick  
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism  
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage  
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2016

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest.  

Luke 10:2
The Scripture readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time offer us some significant insights into what it means to be a disciple of Christ Jesus. The word **disciple** literally means a “student” or a “learner,” one who learns from a teacher, or better yet, a master. In much of our experience learning has been a matter of acquiring the facts and information about things, events, and history. It is about coming to think as others have learned to think and process information. It is about coming to know what our teachers know. However, that way of learning is not enough to be a disciple of Jesus. Christian discipleship is much more than accepting a body of teaching or a set of do’s and don’ts, as important as those are. To follow in the footsteps of Jesus involves a deep, personal relationship with the Lord. It is really about a relationship of grace. St. Paul describes his own journey of faith and he says that we become a **new creation**. Elsewhere St. Paul expounds on this graced relationship that begins at our Baptism when we are inserted into the very depths of the paschal mystery of Christ and we become **other Christs**.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to be sent by the Lord into the world. And it is into this present world that we are sent. Recall, if you will, the recent bulletin articles from the U.S. Catholic Bishops about the “fortnight for freedom” and the great challenge we face as disciples to protect religious freedom in our own country. It is important to recognize that we are sent as **pilgrims**, in a sense as a non-residents of the world. A disciple is never completely at home in the world, not completely comfortable with the values of the world. Like with Jesus, this is not our true home. Our home is to be with the Lord, wherever we are. The first message a disciple is to deliver to the world is the same message the Lord Jesus gave to the Church immediately after his resurrection: “Peace.” The word in Hebrew, the word Jesus used, is **shalom** and it is a rich word indeed. It means much more than simply the absence of conflict. Shalom literally means “wholeness” or “completeness.” For disciples of Jesus this wholeness finds its source in the living presence of God that brings about the Kingdom. This is what we ask for when we pray the Lord’s Prayer. Shalom in the Scriptures means the expansion of the spirit or soul; the free and uncluttered growth of the human person in harmony with others and with God. This is why the gift of religious freedom is so critical if we are to enjoy and share this relationship of grace. The sign of the inbreaking of the Kingdom into our world is made known to others when we as disciples are transformed and “re-created” into the image and likeness of Christ. We become citizens of the City of God. May this be the reality which we can continue to celebrate openly as we gather for the Fourth of July this year and in the years to come.

**Fr. Chester Borski**

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**From the Pastor**

**To the parish family of St. Martha,**

The annual food drive for **HAAM** is being conducted the weekend of **July 9 and 10**. HAAM needs non-perishable, nutritional items including: whole grain cereal, granola bars, whole grain pasta, brown rice, mac and cheese, canned fruit in juice, dry milk, canned vegetables (no sodium), meal-type soups, jelly, laundry detergent, personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, razors, sanitary products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.). Donations of cash and checks (payable to HAAM) also are being accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

**Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Course:** From Mon., Sept. 12th to Mon., Nov 7th the Financial Planning Committee will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. There is no charge for the course other than the course materials which should be purchased directly from Dave Ramsey. Information about the class, registration and purchase of the course material can be done at the following link: http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu

For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or e-mail Patty at pattyschulze63@gmail.com

**The 2nd Family Ministry Needs Help:** The Second Family Ministry has recently received several new requests for assistance and is in need of additional people to fill these requests. Two requests are for someone to stay with family member with memory issue for 2 to 3 hours once or twice a month so that the care partner can have some respite time. The other request has been for someone to drive a family member to a medical appointment, medical treatment or test occasionally at the medical center. If you would be available to help please contact Martha Busch, e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com, phone or text 281-728-7159.

The Second Family is a ministry that reaches out to care for those who are living with long term or terminal illnesses or seniors in need. People of God are called to serve through the Care Team ministry, which provides a “second family” to congregational and community members who are in need of non-clinical support services. Care Team members work in pairs or as a group to provide the best possible support for each other and their care partners. Team members act as an extended family and friends, providing help that is determined by two equal considerations: What the care partner needs, and what the Team members can provide and are comfortable providing based on time, availability and skills.

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**Please note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20) [1-9].

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./July 4**
8:30 am †Mr. & Mrs. A. Cohen
10:00 am †Madi Richardson
5:30 pm †Ron & Pat Timpanaro

**Tues./July 5**
8:30 am †Madi Richardson
7:00 pm Ron & Pat Timpanaro

**Wed./July 6**
8:30 am †Margaret Fry
10:00 am Francisco Enriquez
6:30 am †George Calongne
8:30 am †Joe Cannon

**Thurs./July 7**
10:00 am †Madi Richardson
5:30 pm †Ron & Pat Timpanaro

**Fri./July 8**
8:30 am †Eugene Goll

**Sat./July 9**
5:30 pm Marie & †David Wood

**Sun./July 10**
7:00 am †Arleene Henry
9:00 am †Ruth Dracoulis
11:00 am †Maru Andrade
1:00 pm †Rosalia Mendieta
5:30 pm †Karen Warfield

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

Anthony Joseph Priesol (husband of Charlotte Priesol)
Robert M. Toker (husband of Audrey Toker, father of Diane Steiner and Karen Pickard)
Ricardo Buendia (husband of Lorena Buendia)
David Wood (husband of Marie Wood)

Luigi de la Vega
Linda Arnold (wife of Jack Arnold)


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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Independence Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti
Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MESSAGE FROM DEACON JON BARFIELD**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great sadness that I tell you that I have been assigned a temporary 24-month position for my employer in Savannah, Georgia. I will be traveling back to Kingwood every 4-6 weeks and I look forward to visiting with you when I am home. My wife and daughters will remain here in Kingwood at St. Martha. I ask you to pray for them and for me during my absence. Know that I will be praying for you.

While I am in Savannah, I will be working at the Cathedral as an MC, at their seminary training new priests and deacons on Sacred Liturgy and serving at local parish.

You are my family; know that I love and will miss you all.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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. **Please note:** The Kingwood United Methodist Church Senior Luncheon resumes this Wednesday, July 6, at 11:00 a.m. (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month).

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**SUMMER HOURS FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE 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.

**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**
  - 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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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

For more information, please visit our website at **www.stmarthacs.org** or contact Principal Mrs. Tina Lewis at 281-358-5523.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, gathers on Wed., July 6, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Schlotzsky’s Deli, 9781 FM 1960 Bypass West in Humble. On Sat., July 9, join us at 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Martha’s; meal afterwards at Los Cucos Mexican Café at 23730 Hwy. 59 in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex of church at 5:15 P.M. For more info, contact Kathy Remkes (281-360-8282 or kathy.remkes@suddenlink.net) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

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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 9:15am 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, e-mail kczubik@mac.com
Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, July 11th, 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 Gàmez at mornglor@yahoo.com

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

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 grace He is pouring over the children of St. Martha. Contact Jacyn Dement at stmarthaCm@hotmail.com or 713-851-6751.

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)

Save the Date

St. Martha’s and the Knights of Columbus present our Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Dinner

Saturday November 5th 2016
at the Family Life Center
Woodland Hills Drive

5 COURSE DINNER and WINE PAIRING
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
Live Music
Terrific Raffle Prizes
Wine Pull
FOR TICKET INFORMATION AND PURCHASE
Mark Westland - 281-285-4929
mbwestland@icloud.com
or Bill Blum at 713-249-3209
bbandcb@att.net

FOR TICKET INFORMATION AND SPONSORSHIPS
Cheryl “St” Glorke 832-944-6183
cherylglorke@ymail.com

Marriage Mass
Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski
Cordially invites all Married Couples and their families
To celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage with Mass and renewal of Marriage Vows.
St. Martha Catholic Church
Friday, July 22, 2016
7:30pm
Reception sponsored by Kingwood Teams of Our Lady

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

FAMILY • FRIENDS • FUN
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS • VENDOR FALL MARKET • LIVE MUSIC • CLOWN • FOOD & DRINKS • BEER GARDEN • GAMES • INFLATABLES • FACE PAINTING

$5 RAFFLE TICKETS
1ST PRIZE: iPhone 6s Plus and Apple Watch Combo
2ND PRIZE: LSU Tigers at Texas A&M Aggies Football 4 tickets and 4 tee shirts
3RD PRIZE: Messina Hof Winery & Resort Villa Bed & Breakfast 2 nights and 2 dinners
4TH PRIZE: Large Kamado Pro Ceramic Charcoal Grill

Proceeds benefit St. Martha Catholic Church and its ministries.
For more information contact Tom Galagher sgmarthafestival@gmail.com

Vocation Corner
The loving environment of a family draws forth an individual’s greatest talents and gifts. We’ve come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord’s call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people.
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 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

For more info contact Janice Cravens at 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

TRAVEL TO IRELAND WITH FR. CHESTER BORSKI

September 26, 2017 - October 5, 2017
Registration Deadline August 1, 2016
St. Patrick’s & Guinness / Religious & Cultural Treasures of Ireland
Go to this link and for detailed information just click on EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT.
www.travelillume.com/rtc/dko

Martha’s Kitchen News

Thank you for your continued financial support to Martha’s Kitchen. We are blessed by your loyalty and continued prayers – May God bless you! We wish all clergy and parishioners a healthy and safe summer. Please note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

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

Silver Anniversary Jubilee Mass

The 2016 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, August 14 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition. Reserved seating will be limited. For more information, contact Regina Vasquez with the Office of Family Life Ministry, 713-741-8720. Registration can be completed at www.familylifeministryhouston.org

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 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.

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat

September 15 - 18, 2016

Registration for the September Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat will be held Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, following all masses in the Narthex. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Stacie Eakin at 713-898-1335 or saeakin0409@icloud.com. God Bless!

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

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vincentian Volunteers “go out two by two” to visit those seeking assistance in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Know that Vincentians bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering. Pray erfully consider a generous donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s Annual Archdiocese Black Bag collection on July 9-10th. 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.

“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”
-Pope Francis
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We are asked to take care of the earth as good stewards would. We cultivate and protect the earth, using its resources for the benefit of everyone. We live in gratitude and respect for all creation.
“May my blood
be a seed of liberty.”

When Monsignor Oscar Romero was installed as Archbishop of
San Salvador, El Salvador in February 1977, he was thrust
into a turbulent situation. A military coup in October
1979 led to a gruesome, twelve year civil war. These
events were precipitated by the great disparity between a
small number of powerful, wealthy families – who were
backed by local politicians and the military – and the rest
of El Salvador’s citizens. Many people suffered extreme
poverty. Laborers worked for minimal pay for wealthy
landowners, yet they could not hope to obtain land for
themselves. The military terrorized the people in order ensure
that the families held onto land and money. The Catholic
Church became a target when some clergy began to defend
the poor. In response to these injustices, some Salvadorans
took up arms and fought against the military.

While some Latin American clergy promoted violence as
a response to injustice, Archbishop Romero advocated
for a different weapon: Christian love.

Before becoming archbishop, Monsignor Romero was
not aware that the government was responsible for the
deaths of many civilians. Because of his quiet nature,
some thought that he would be good for the position,
assuming he would not meddle in controversial affairs.
However, shortly after his installation, his close friend, Fr.
Rutilio Grande, a priest who openly opposed the unjust
practices of wealthy landowners, was assassinated by
gunmen while traveling with two people to celebrate
Mass. This experience awakened Archbishop Romero to
the reality of the corruption in his country and prompted
him to take a stand for his people’s freedom.

Archbishop Romero preached many homilies that were
broadcast throughout San Salvador. He persistently defended
the rights of the people, calling government leaders to
conversion and challenging them to uphold God’s law.
He reminded the people that they were loved by God
and that fighting back with Christian charity was the way
to victory. His vocal response to government violence
against the poor led to difficulties with other clergy members
and his religious superiors as well as death threats from
government accomplices. In spite of these challenges, he
continued to speak out on behalf of the poor.

On March 24, 1980, Archbishop Romero was shot to
death while celebrating the Eucharist in the chapel of
Divina Providencia hospital. Blessed Oscar Romero was
beatified by Pope Francis in May 2015.

Bl. Oscar Romero, pray for us!

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TESTIGO DE LA LIBERTAD
BTO. OSCAR ROMERO

"Que mi sangre sea semilla de libertad."

Cuando monseñor Oscar Romero fue instalado como arzobispo de San Salvador, El Salvador, en febrero de 1977, fue instalado en una situación tumultuosa. En octubre de 1979, un golpe militar dio lugar a una espantosa guerra civil que duró doce años. Estos sucesos se precipitaron por la gran desigualdad que existía entre un pequeño grupo de familias ricas y poderosas –que estaban respaldadas por los políticos locales y los militares– y el resto de los ciudadanos de El Salvador. Mucha gente sufría pobreza extrema. Los obreros que trabajaban para los terratenientes ricos por un salario mínimo, no tenían acceso a tierras para ellos mismos. Los militares atormentaban a la gente para asegurar que las familias conservaran las tierras y el dinero. La Iglesia Católica se transformaba en blanco cuando algún clérigo comenzaba a defender a los pobres. En respuesta a estas injusticias, algunos salvadoreños tomaron las armas y lucharon contra los militares.

Mientras que algunos clérigos latinoamericanos promovían la violencia en respuesta a la injusticia, el arzobispo Romero abogaba con un arma diferente: el amor cristiano.

Antes de convertirse en arzobispo, monseñor Romero no era consciente de que el gobierno era responsable de la muerte de muchos civiles. Debido a su naturaleza tranquila, algunos pensarían que podría ser bueno para el puesto, asumiendo que no se entrometería en temas controvertidos. Sin embargo, poco después de su instalación, su gran amigo el padre Rutilio Grande, un cura que se opuso abiertamente a las prácticas injustas de los terratenientes acusadores, fue asesinado por hombres armados mientras viajaba con dos personas para celebrar misa. Esta experiencia abrió los ojos del arzobispo Romero acerca de la realidad de la corrupción de su país y lo llevó a luchar por la libertad de su gente.

El arzobispo Romero predicó numerosas homilías que fueron emitidas por todo San Salvador. Defendió incansablemente los derechos del pueblo, llamando a los gobernantes a convertirse y desafiándolos a defender la ley de Dios. Recordaba a la gente que Dios los amaba y que luchar armados con la caridad cristiana era el camino hacia la victoria. Su respuesta vocal a la violencia del gobierno contra los pobres llevó a dificultades con otros miembros del clero y con sus superiores religiosos, y recibió amenazas de muerte por parte de cómplices del gobierno. A pesar de estos desafíos, él continuó hablando en nombre de los pobres.


Beato Oscar Romero, ¡quiebra por nosotros!
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas de la Escritura para el 14º Domingo del tiempo ordinario nos ofrecen una mejor aproximación a lo que significa ser un discípulo de Jesucristo. La palabra **discípulo** significa literalmente un "estudiante" o un "aprendiz", uno que aprende de un maestro, o mejor aún, un especialista. En gran parte de nuestra experiencia de aprendizaje ha sido una cuestión de adquisición de los hechos y la información acerca de las cosas, eventos, y la historia. Se trata de llegar a pensar como otros han aprendido a pensar y procesar la información. Se trata de llegar a conocer lo que saben nuestros maestros. Sin embargo, esa manera de aprender no es suficiente para ser un discípulo de Jesús. El discipulado cristiano es mucho más que aceptar un cuerpo de doctrina o un conjunto de hacer y no hacer, tan importantes como los son. Para seguir los pasos de Jesús implica una relación profunda y personal con el Señor. Realmente se trata de una relación de gracia. St. Paul describe su propio camino de fe y dice que nos convertimos en una **nueva creación**. En otras partes St. Paul expone sobre esta relación de gracia que comienza en nuestro bautismo cuando se insertan en lo más profundo del misterio pascual de Cristo y nos convertimos en **otros Cristos**.

Ser discípulo de Jesús es para ser enviado por el Señor a el mundo. Y es en este mundo que hemos sido enviados. Recordemos, si se quiere, los últimos artículos de anuncios de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos acerca de la "Quincena por la Libertad" y el gran reto al que nos enfrentamos como discípulos para proteger la libertad religiosa en nuestro propio país. Es importante reconocer que hemos sido enviados como **peregrinos**, en un sentido como unos no-residentes del mundo. Un discípulo no está nunca completamente a gusto en el mundo, no del todo cómodo con los valores del mundo. Al igual que con Jesús, esto no es nuestro verdadero hogar. Nuestra casa es estar con el Señor, dondequiera que estemos. El primer mensaje de un discípulo es entregar al mundo el mismo mensaje que el Señor Jesús dio a la Iglesia inmediatamente después de su resurrección: "Paz". La palabra en hebreo, que Jesús usó, fue **Shalom** y es una palabra rica de hecho. Significa mucho más que simplemente la ausencia de conflicto. Shalom significa literalmente "plenitud" o " completo". Para los discípulos de Jesús esta totalidad encuentra su fuente en la presencia viva de Dios que trae sobre el Reino. Esto es lo que pedimos cuando rezamos el Padrenuestro. Shalom en las Escrituras significa la expansión del espíritu o el alma; el crecimiento libre y despejado de la persona humana en armonía con los demás y con Dios. Esta es la razón porque el don de la libertad religiosa es tan importante si vamos a disfrutar y compartir esta relación de gracia. El signo de la irrupción del Reino en nuestro mundo se da a conocer a los demás cuando nosotros, como discípulos transformados y "re-creados" a imagen y semejanza de Cristo. Nos convertimos en ciudadanos de la Ciudad de Dios. Que esta sea la realidad que podemos seguir para celebrar abiertamente en que llegamos del Cuatro de julio de este año y en los años venideros.

Padre Chester Borski

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**14º Domingo Ordinario**

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

La tercer obra corporal de misericordia es: Dar posada al necesitado. En esta obra de misericordia tenemos que dar posada al forastero. Todos tenemos necesidad de un hogar, no solo un techo para dormir y no sufrir de la intemperie, sino también un lugar en el que podamos convivir con nuestras familias y a donde podamos descansar. Jesús fue forastero durante el exilio que vivió con sus padres cuando se tuvieron que ir a Egipto para huir de la matanza que Herodes ordenó; también durante su vida pública de tres años vivió forastero sin una casa propia a donde ir. En esta obra de misericordia debemos ayudar a la gente que no tiene casa para que pueda tenerla y acoger a la gente que llega de fuera para que se sientan como en su casa. Todos los que hemos inmigrado a este país somos forasteros y hemos necesitado de los demás para sentirnos como en nuestros países. Acojamos a los demás, sobre todo a los recién llegados y ayudemos a que la gente pobre tenga un hogar digno. Habitat para la humanidad es un buen lugar donde podemos donar dinero para ayudar a gentes sin casa.

Compromiso de la semana: Invitaré a alguien recién llegado a mi casa para que se sienta aceptado en esta comunidad.
**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
- 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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**MARIA GORETTI NETWORK**

**ESPÁNOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO**

MGN es un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un email a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.

Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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**Las Misa de Celebración de Aniversario en honor a las parejas que celebran sus bodas de plata (25th)**

y que contrajeron matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica en 1991; se llevará a cabo el día domingo 14 de Agosto en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todas las parejas inscritas previamente y que asistan, o no, a la ceremonia, recibirán un reconocimiento especial firmado por su Eminencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo. El número de personas para asistir está limitado. Si tiene alguna duda por favor contacte a Regina Vasquez en el Ministerio de Vida Familiar, 713-741-8720.

Se puede inscribir en www.familylifeministryhouston.org

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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, vemos cómo Jesús envió a sus discípulos de dos en dos. En este espíritu, los miembros de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul “van de dos en dos” a visitar a aquellos que son probes y tienen necesidades en sus casas. Es ahí, en el seno familiar, que los Vicentinos escuchan, ofrecen un humilde consejo y ofrecen asistencia Sepa qué los miembros de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul, llevan sus donaciones directamente a los pobres y a los que sufren. Considere una donación a la colecta anual “Bolsa Negra” de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul los días 9-10 de julio, 2016.

“Un poco de misericordia hace que el mundo sea menos frío y más justo.” —Papa Francisco

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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

**Proyecto Gabriel—**

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