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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, 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): 8:30 AM
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.

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“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.”
Luke 10:40

July 17, 2016, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time presents a most wonderful image for those of us who are members of a parish which is under the patronage of Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus. The story has such a genuinely human quality that it appeals to each of us. We have all had the experience of playing the role of Martha and perhaps numerous times. We can easily picture Martha rushing about, getting things in order, probably muttering under her breath, and all the while becoming quite upset with Mary who was being no help at all! Finally Martha reaches her breaking point and protests to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me!" We have all felt at one time or another pretty much the same way. We experience being put upon and even victimized in a way. We have the feeling that we have been burdened with so much work and nobody seems to notice. This happens at work, in volunteer organizations, in parish ministry and outreach, and especially at home.

Martha is an easy person with whom to sympathize. She must have been someone who took her responsibilities very seriously. She was so caught up with what she was doing that she lost sight of for whom she was doing it. Jesus reminds her that “only one thing” is necessary and that is the special sensitivity to what love demands of us at this moment and under the circumstances we find ourselves. All of us need to hear this reminder from time to time but especially when we offer our time, talent, and treasure as faithful disciples in the Church. We can become so busy about many things that we forget we are really about serving God and participating in building up the Kingdom of God. On some days and under some circumstances to love and to serve may mean that we learn simply to receive and accept graciously what another person has to offer. This Gospel message is intended for all of us. It is especially important for those of us who serve at Mass --- priests, deacons, ushers, lectors, Communion ministers, music ministers, etc. --- because we can get so wrapped up doing things (and doing them well) that we forget that we are all gathered together to worship our God. The feast of St. Martha is just around the corner. Let us take time to share hospitality and gratitude with one another after each Mass and thus celebrate our desire to become authentic friends of Jesus.

Fr. Chester Borski

From the Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 29th, FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA. WE WILL HAVE MASS AT 7:30 PM FOLLOWED BY AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE NARTHEX.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, July 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.)

### Mass Intentions

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

- 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)
- Angel Barro (father of Mariel Parra)
- William “Bill” Fairlie (husband of Rose Fairlie)


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

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday:** Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Camillus de Lellis

**Wednesday:** St. Apollinaris

**Thursday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi

**Friday:** St. Mary Magdalene

**Saturday:** St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

**Psalm** — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).

**Gospel** — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

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**Year of Mercy—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last Sunday’s “Good Samaritan” parable concluded with Jesus’ command: Go provide hands-on mercy to the next person you meet, no conditions, no limits, no exceptions. But today, Jesus seems to criticize Martha’s hands-on mercy of hospitality, while praising Mary’s “hands-off” as “choosing the better part” (Luke 10:42). Mary sat listening (10:39), leaving Martha “burdened with many things” (10:40). So, is the contemplative life of prayerful silence “superior,” but the active life of earning a living, raising a family, running parishes, schools, hospitals, and social service ministries “second-class” discipleship? No; Jesus’ example is not either/or but both/and: silent communion with God, boundless compassion for people. If we do not seek Jesus in silent prayer, how will we find Jesus in all others? If we do not serve Jesus in others, will our worship, despite its beauty, be anything but empty ritual? This Jubilee Year of Mercy offers us Jesus’ two-fold challenge: both “go and do” and “sit and listen.”

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ATTENTION SINGLES!!!

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, July 20, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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
7:30 p.m.
Reception sponsored by Kingwood Teams of Our Lady

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/locations/class/1021340
For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or e-mail Patty at pattyschulze63@gmail.com.

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!

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF JULY BEGINNING 7/18 THROUGH 7/29.
THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, AUGUST 1, WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, 9:00AM – 4:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.
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.
St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:
www.stmarthafs.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.
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Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

THE FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY IS NO LONGER TAKING BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS, THE SHELVES ARE OVERFLOWING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.
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.

2016 Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast
July 28, 7:30 a.m.
Hilton Americas-Houston
1600 Lamar Street
Houston, Texas 77010
Speaker:
Most Reverend Michael Sis
Bishop of San Angelo
Get your Tickets now!
Visit our website to reserve your space:
www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast

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.

Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!
Meetings every Friday from 9:15am to noon in Room 2 on St. Martha’s Woodland Hills campus
3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood
St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.
- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.
Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

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/trc/dko

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, July 24, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

Commutation 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.
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.

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

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

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

College Students
Houston Aggie Catholics!
Please join us for an Aggie Catholic Maroon Mass to welcome our new Aggie Catholic freshman, transfer students and their families and learn about all of the great things happening at St. Mary’s!
Date: Saturday, July 30th
Mass Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston 77002
Light dinner and program will follow at Cathedral Centre.
RSVP to Beth Ogden, 979-846-5717, ext. 110 or e-mail bogden@aggiecatholic.org.

Vocation Corner
LIFE AWARENESS RETREAT - FOR MEN AND WOMEN
A weekend devoted to providing information about religious life vocations to unmarried Catholic men and women between the ages of 18 and 45.
• Held at the Holy Name Retreat Center, July 22-24, 2016.
• Starts Friday afternoon at 5:00 PM and concludes Sunday at 2:30 PM.
• There is no charge to the attendees for the weekend.
• Since the inception of this program in 1983, 1150 men and women have attended.
• About 13% have entered religious life.
• For more information please contact Denny Matranga, VP Vocations, 713-462-0136.
Registration: www.houstonvocations.com/life-awareness

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the McAndrews 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.
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. 

Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha phone Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

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, 3-4 PM. Monday: 5-6 PM, 10-11 PM. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 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 281-813-3285 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.
Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship

In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality.” The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. During the next 5 weeks we plan to examine each of these principles.

Introductory Note
The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. First and foremost, however, we remember that we relate to the civil order as citizens of the heavenly Kingdom, whose reign is not yet fully realized on earth but demands our unqualified allegiance. It is as citizens faithful to the Lord Jesus that we contribute most effectively to the civil order.

This version draws on the wealth of papal teaching since the 2007 version of Faithful Citizenship, such as the later magisterium of Pope Benedict XVI and that of Pope Francis to date. From these great teachings we discern, for example, messages to the universal Church to attend in a special way: to the inextricable link between our witness to the truth and our service to those in need (Caritas in Veritate); to our role as missionary disciples, called forth from the sanctuary to bring Christ to the margins with joy (Evangelii Gaudium); and to the care for our common home and all who dwell in it, especially the poorest (Laudato Si’).

The document guides that Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic social teachings to examine candidates’ positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates’ integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens “to see beyond party politics, to analyze critically, and to choose their leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest”. Catholic approach to faithful citizenship rests on moral principles found in Sacred Scripture and Catholic moral and social teachings as well as in the hearts of all people of good will. Recent papal teaching has identified four major principles of Catholic social teaching: The Dignity of the Human Person, Subsidiarity, The Common Good, and Solidarity.

(Excerpted from the USCCB document Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship)

Over the next 4 weeks these principles will be discussed in the bulletin.
Formando Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles

Nota Introductoria
Los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos se complacen en ofrecer una vez más a los fieles católicos Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles, nuestro documento doctrinal sobre la responsabilidad política de los católicos. Esta declaración representa nuestra orientación para los católicos en el ejercicio de sus derechos y deberes como participantes en nuestra democracia. Instamos a nuestros pastores, fieles laicos y religiosos, y a todas las personas de buena voluntad, a utilizar esta declaración para ayudar a formar sus conciencias, enseñar a los que están a su cuidado, contribuir al diálogo público cívico y respetuoso, y plasmar opciones políticas en las próximas elecciones a la luz de la doctrina católica.

La declaración pone de relieve nuestra doble herencia como fieles católicos y a la vez ciudadanos estadounidenses con derechos y deberes como participantes en el orden civil. En primer lugar, sin embargo, recordamos que nos relacionamos con el orden civil como ciudadanos del Reino celestial, cuyo reinado no está todavía plenamente realizado en la tierra, pero exige nuestra lealtad incondicional. Es como ciudadanos fieles al Señor Jesús que contribuimos más eficazmente al orden civil.

Esta versión se basa en la riqueza de la enseñanza papal desarrollada desde la versión 2007 de Ciudadanos fieles, como el magisterio del Papa Benedicto XVI en sus últimos años de papado y el del Papa Francisco hasta la fecha. A partir de estas grandes enseñanzas discernimos, por ejemplo, mensajes a la Iglesia universal que deben atenderse de una manera especial: el vínculo indisoluble que existe entre nuestro testimonio de la verdad y nuestro servicio a los necesitados (Caritas in Veritate); nuestro papel como discípulos misioneros, convocados a salir del santuario para llevar a Cristo a las periferias con alegría (Evangelii Gaudium), y el cuidado de nuestra casa común y de todos los que en ella habitan, especialmente los más pobres (Laudato Sí).

El documento guía que los votantes católicos deberían usar el marco de la doctrina social Católica para examinar las posiciones de los candidatos sobre cuestiones que afectan a la vida humana y la dignidad, así como los temas de justicia y paz, y que deberían considerar la integridad, filosofía, y la actuación previa de los candidatos. Es importante para todos los ciudadanos "ver más allá de la política de partidos, para analizar críticamente y elegir a sus líderes según su principio, no su afiliación política o el interés propio". El enfoque católico de los Ciudadanos Fieles se basa en los principios morales que se encuentran en la Sagrada Escritura y las enseñanzas morales y sociales Católicas, así como en los corazones de todos los hombres de buena voluntad. Enseñanzas recientes del Papa han identificado cuatro grandes principios de la doctrina social católica: La Dignidad de la Persona Humana, La Subsidiariedad, El Bien Común y La Solidaridad.

Durante las siguientes 4 semanas estos principios serán discutidos en el boletín.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El texto del Evangelio para el domingo 16 del tiempo ordinario presenta una imagen tan maravillosa para aquellos de nosotros que somos miembros de una parroquia que se encuentra bajo el patrocinio de los Santos Marta, María y Lázaro, Amigos de Jesús. La historia tiene una calidad tan genuinamente humana que nos hace un llamamiento a cada uno de nosotros. Todos hemos tenido la experiencia de jugar el papel de Martha y tal vez varias veces. ¡Podemos imaginar fácilmente a Martha corriendo de un lado a otro, para ordenar las cosas, probablemente, murmurando en voz baja, y al mismo tiempo enfadarse con María, que no estaba ayudando en lo absoluto! Finalmente, Martha llega a su punto de ruptura y protestas ante Jesús: "Señor, ¿no te importa que mi hermana me deje sola haciendo todo? ¡Dile que me ayude!

Nos hemos sentido todos en un momento u otro más o menos de la misma manera. Hemos experimentado eso inclusive victimizados de cierto modo. Tenemos la sensación de que se nos ha cargado con tanto trabajo y nadie parece darse cuenta. Esto sucede en el trabajo, en las organizaciones de voluntarios, en el ministerio parroquial y divulgación, y sobre todo en casa.

Martha es una persona fácil con quien simpatizar. Ella debió haber sido alguien que tomó sus responsabilidades muy en serio. Estaba tan atrapada con lo que estaba haciendo que perdió de vista por quien estaba haciendo. Jesús le recuerda que "una sola cosa" es necesaria y que es esa sensibilidad especial por lo que el amor exige de nosotros en este momento y en las circunstancias que nos encontramos. Todos necesitamos oír este recordatorio de vez en cuando, pero sobre todo cuando ofrecemos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro como discípulos fieles en la Iglesia. Podemos llegar a estar tan ocupados con muchas cosas que nos olvidamos de que es lo que estamos realmente al servicio a Dios y a participar en la construcción de su Reino. En algunos días y en algunas circunstancias para amar y servir puede significar que aprendemos simplemente a recibir y aceptar gentilmente lo que otra persona tiene que ofrecer. Este mensaje del Evangelio está destinado a todos nosotros. Es especialmente importante para aquellos de nosotros que servimos en la Misa --- sacerdotes, diáconos, ujieres, lectores, ministros de la comunión, ministros de música, etc. --- porque podemos estar tan envueltos en hacer las cosas (y hacerlas bien) que olvidamos que estamos realmente al servicio a Dios y a participar en la construcción de su Reino.

María Goretti Network

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ESPAÑOL 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.

16º Domingo de Cuaresma
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La quinta obra de misericordia corporal es: Visitar al enfermo. Visitar a la gente enferma nos ayuda a pensar primero en el prójimo y a olvidarnos, aunque sea por un rato, de nosotros mismos; nos hace más misericordiosos. Podemos visitar enfermos en los hospitales o a la gente enferma en sus casas. Mucha gente enferma se siente sola y como lo decía la Madre Teresa: "La mayor enfermedad hoy día no es la lepra ni la tuberculosis sino más bien el sentirse no querido, no cuidado y abandonado por todos. El mayor mal es la falta de amor y caridad, la terrible indiferencia hacia nuestro vecino que vive al lado de la calle, asaltado por la explotación, corrupción, pobreza y enfermedad." En esta época en la que estamos viviendo, tenemos a nuestro alrededor a mucha gente con enfermedades emocionales, como la depresión y la ansiedad. Ellos también necesitan de nuestra atención. Lo importante es estar atento a los demás para poder darnos cuenta de sus dolencias y enfermedades para así poder ayudarlos con nuestro tiempo y atención.

Compromiso de la semana: Visitaré a alguna persona que sé que está enferma y necesita de que alguien le dedique un tiempo.
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? Ayudalo 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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3er Premio: 2 noches con cena incluida en el Messina Hof Winery Resort Villa

4º Premio: Grill grande de carbon marca Kamado ProCeramic

Las ganancias benefician a la Iglesia Santa Martha y sus miembros.

Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Tom Gallagher smpartyfestival@gmail.com

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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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**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.