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

May 7, 2017

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church: 10:30 - 7 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.

Funerals
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

| Monday | Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18 |
| Tuesday | Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30 |
| Wednesday | Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Friday | Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday | Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sunday | Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 |

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

| Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations |
| Wednesday | St. Damien de Veuster |
| Friday | Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras |
| Saturday | Our Lady of Fatima |

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

| Mon./May 8 | 8:30 AM †John Cozzi |
| Tues./May 9 | 8:30 AM †Samir Youssef Wakim; Fr. Nick Pasadilla |
| Wed./May 10 | 8:30 AM †Walter Hopkins; 10:00 AM †Ernest Loera |
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† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Samir Youssef Wakim (husband of Latifee Wakim)
D. Vasanthal Rayen (mother of Fr. Thomas Rayen)
Jude Miller (father of Kathryn Laughlin)
Walter Hopkins (husband of Annunciata Hopkins)

**Military Wreath:** Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one contact Jodi at 281-358-6637 or jodis@stmartha.com.

**Communion to the Sick:** Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:
- **April 28-May 4:**
  - **Monday:** Walter Hopkins
  - **Tuesday:** Ernest Loera
  - **Wednesday:** Camille & Casey Hughes
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**Please note:** During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus).

**NEXT SCHOOL MASS:** WED., MAY 10

**PLEASE NOTE:**
The installation of the stained glass windows in the church cupola will take place this week of May 8 - May 12. During this time the daily Mass will be held in the Chapel on the Woodland Hills Campus. Please note, there will be limited space and seating. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may cause you.
To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Gospel account for the 4th Sunday of Easter is taken from chapter 10 of the Gospel of John and is part of the lengthy teaching about our relationship with the Lord Jesus. The evangelist utilizes a parable to weave together a number of traditional biblical images: shepherd and sheep, a sheepfold, and the gate that opens for the sheep to find security and care. The authentic shepherd is contrasted with those who are pretenders and are described as thieves and robbers. These do not enter by the gate but by some devious means. The shepherd, on the other hand, acts in the light of day for all to see and is known by the gatekeeper and the sheep alike. The true shepherd “calls his sheep by name.” They know his voice and they follow him. All these images affirm the special role Jesus has in our lives. This teaching is similar to another phrase in John’s Gospel: ”I am the way, the truth, and the life.” In other words, Jesus reveals God to us and brings us the gift of grace, our share in God’s very own life. Jesus is the mediator, the bridge, the gate, the way by which God comes to us and we in turn can go to God. This beautiful biblical image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has been etched into the consciousness of Christians from the very beginning of the Church.

This image has also been used to describe the quality of caring leaders the Church desires. Thus, this Sunday has become known as Good Shepherd Sunday. While we are invited to reflect on the role of Jesus in our lives as the Good Shepherd, we are also urged to work and pray for vocations to the ordained priesthood. Along with our parish vocation committee and our local Serra Club, I want to encourage you to pray for vocations, especially for our local archdiocese. We are in need of priests who can lead us with a shepherd’s care. The Church in this area of the country is experiencing tremendous growth in the number of Catholics who are moving here. The present number of priests and religious available to serve the people is simply not enough to provide for adequate pastoral service. In recent times several Popes and local bishops have reminded us that vocations’ promotion is the responsibility of the whole community. At St. Martha’s we have been blessed with a number of young men who have been ordained or will soon be ordained to the priesthood. (Michael Applegate from our parish will be ordained as a priest on Saturday, June 3rd.) We have also been privileged to have seminarian David Michael Moses spend his pastoral internship year with us. May I ask each of you to accept a special challenge during this month: personally invite some young person (in your family or in the parish) to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. You can do this by simply mentioning to some young person that you have noticed their active participation in our parish family and then ask: “Have you ever considered becoming a priest?” Let them know that you believe they would be a wonderful priest and servant of the people. I am convinced that if more of us took the initiative to invite young people to consider a Church vocation, we would experience a noticeable increase of vocations from our parish.

Fr. Chester Borski

Save the Date!!!
St Martha Parish Festival
Saturday, September 30,2017

Festival Committee Volunteers needed to help plan for St. Martha's Catholic Church Parish Festival and Fall Market on Saturday, September 30th from Noon to 8 pm!
If interested in helping as a Festival Committee Volunteer please contact Tom Gallagher at 281-948-9241 or smparishfestival@gmail.com

Our First Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 10, 7-9 PM Parish Office Conference Room
All are welcome!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is May 7, 2017

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 54th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Now, on this 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like to reflect on the missionary dimension of our Christian calling. Those who drawn by God’s voice and determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God’s love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God’s love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves. For “the Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy”.

-Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium, 21).
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**DISCERNMENT FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**
The Parish Pastoral Council will hold a Discernment Session on Monday, **May 22**, at 7:15 PM in the family parlor of the church. Council members serve for a term of three years. The Council is the principal **consultative body** to the pastor and helps the parish carry out its **mission** by assisting the pastor in developing the **parish strategic plan**. The Council meets the third Monday of each month at 7 PM from August through June. In addition to providing timely updates and advice to the pastor at the monthly meetings, the Council members also participate in regular committee work that sometimes requires several hours each month. If you are interested in being considered for one of the vacant positions, please submit your name to the pastor’s secretary, Indiana Francis, at indianaf@stmartha.com by noon on Wednesday, May 17.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Breakfast & Bible Study:** Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. May dates: 9, 16, 23, 30.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:**
www.stmarthaaff.com

**Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Boat Tour—Orange, Texas**
Tuesday, May 30, 8 AM to 6 PM
Cost: $35 per person*
Must be 50+ years old to attend.
Limited number of seats!

Come join fellow parishioners ages 50+ for a relaxing bus ride to Orange Texas for a tour of the Shangri La Botanical Gardens. The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM and return at 6 PM. *Please note that meals are not included in the tour price.

Please register and pay for the tour at the Parish office between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

**DISCERNMENT FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (continued)**

The 2nd Family Ministry will hold their last meeting of this school year Tuesday, May 9 from 7 - 9 PM in Room 6 of the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. All 2nd Family Team members are encouraged to attend. The 2nd Family Ministry has served the community for twelve years. Its purpose is to offer non-medical respite help to families who are caring for a loved one in their home. For more information contact Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING** – will be held on Monday, May 15, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in Room 3 of the Family Life Center (turn left after you go through the first set of double doors – by the soft drink machine). These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much-appreciated ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Communion to the Sick training.

**Women of St. Martha:** Join us at our
**Come and See: Tea with Mary on Friday, May 26, 9:30-11 AM**
to find out about Familia that is starting this Fall at St. Martha. Childcare will be provided. RSVP by May 19 to Abby Youngblood at 281-799-0849.

**Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference:** The Second Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on May 13, from 7:30 AM - 4 PM at Doyle Convention Center at 2010 Fifth Ave. North in Texas City. Cost $45. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speakers include Bishop Brendan Cahill from Diocese of Victoria and Fr. Larry Richards from Erie, Pennsylvania. Early bird registration starts at 7 AM and Mass begins at 7:30 AM. Official conference start is 9:15 AM. For more details and to purchase tickets go to www.gc-cmc.org.

**For Survivors of Abuse—Maria Goretti Network (MGN)**
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness.
For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
Join us! **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older,** gathers on Wednesday, May 10, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.
**Young at Heart Luncheon - Mother's Day Celebration**

Come celebrate a very important holiday for all of us - Mother's Day! Let's honor, first of all our Blessed Mother Mary, and all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or those who are like a Mother to us. Come join us on Wednesday, May 10 at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Mother's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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

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 next Inquirer group will beginning in mid-June.

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.

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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

The second Parish Blood Drive for 2017, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 8 AM until 1:45 PM at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each Mass this weekend, May 6 & 7, and next weekend, May 13 & 14, to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate.

Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. You may schedule an appointment by emailing jnd.gurka@gmail.com or call Darien Gurka at (713) 628-0373. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org. (Please enter the sponsor code 1220 for St. Martha Catholic Church)

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

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Parenting/Youth

**Calling moms of all ages!**

**St. Martha’s Moms Group:** Our next monthly park play date will be June 6. We will meet at Greentree Park from 9:30-11 AM.

**Motherhood Fellowship Night:** Please join us May 23 to get to know other moms and listen to a brief talk. We will meet in the Borski Room from 7-8:30.

Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha's Mom's (Kingwood, Tx). For more information, e-mail Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

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**St. Martha Catholic School**

**PREK – GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

Wednesday, May 17 * 5-7 PM

2411 Oak Shores Drive

Do you hope for your child to continuously grow spiritually and academically?

Do you desire that your child develop or nurture a heart for service?

Would you like your child to have many opportunities to practice leadership, creativity, commitment, responsibility, team-building, mentoring, and hospitality?

Come learn how our religious, academic, and extracurricular programs can support you in forming your child in mind, heart, and spirit!

For more information or to register for the open house and tour, please contact Registrar Jodle Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or 281-358-5523.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world. Visit us at www.stmarthacs.org

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The children of St. Martha’s Parish will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** at these upcoming Mass dates:

- Saturday, May 6: 5:30 PM
- Sunday, May 7: 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM
- Saturday, May 13: 5:30 PM
- Sunday, May 14: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5:30 PM

Please remember these children in your prayers.

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**Vacation Bible School**

Crank up your creativity and discover that God made you for a purpose at Maker Fun Factory VBS June 12 – 16 from 12:45 - 4 PM. Space is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs $25 per student. **Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer!!** We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS ($25) for children of adult volunteers. VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 ext. 203.
Advertising Opportunity
We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry Handbook for the church. This book will contain important information regarding St. Martha’s various ministries, organizations, and committees. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Jodi at the Parish Office, 281-358-6637, ext. 201.

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
The Bishops of the United States approved a special one-time second collection for the Trinity Dome. Your prayerful and financial support will not only adorn this “Crowning Jewel” and complete Mary’s Shrine, but will also leave a lasting legacy for generations to come in this living monument to our Catholic faith and heritage that is America’s Catholic Church.
Donations to the Trinity Dome collection support the completion of a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the “Crowning Jewel” of The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Visit www.trinitydome.org for more details.

May Crowning!
May 16, 2017
6:45 p.m.
St. Martha’s Catholic Church

All are welcome!
Children who just received First Communion should wear their First Communion clothes.
Please bring a fresh flower to honor Our Mother Mary.
A reception will be held afterwards in the Narthex.
**St. Martha Catholic Church will be offering the following Virtus workshops:**

**“Keeping the Promise Alive – Refresher”**
Wednesday, May 24, in the FLC 6:30—8 PM
You must pre-register through your Virtus account for this workshop at www.virtusonline.org. Do not create a new Virtus account, if you have forgotten your Virtus account information or need further assistance, please call SMCC Virtus Coordinators at 281-358-1959:
Ana Luisa Rodriguez, ext. 269 or Michelle Campisi at ext. 214.
Please arrive by 6 PM. No late admittance, No Children and No walk-ins.

**“Protecting God’s Children”**
Wednesday, May 31, in the FLC from 6:30—9:30 PM.
You must pre-register for this workshop online at www.virtusonline.org.
If you need further assistance, please call SMCC Virtus Coordinators at 281-358-1959:
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**St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference**

**Black Bag Collection - May 20 and 21**
The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses on the weekend of May 20 and 21. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming months to people in need in our area.

Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” In the First Quarter this Year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 207 families, providing $ 27,114 for utility and rent bills, and $2,081 in food and other assistance. Thank You!

“How can I become a little poorer, to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?” ....Pope Francis
Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2017
6:30 PM Social, 7—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 per person.

Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Our guest speaker for May will be: Sister Marillac Njoku of the Sisters of Jesus the Savior

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

Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (18-30’s) come join 700 fellow young Catholics for dinner & great talks in three new locations! Café Catholica 2017 “Be Not Afraid” is a dinner-lecture series for young adults, featuring dynamic speakers. The Cafe is held over five Mondays. 5:15 PM Confessions, 6:15 PM Mass, 7:15 PM dinner, 8:15 PM speaker, table exhibits, and socializing. Come for all or part of the evening! Free event. www.CafeCatholica.com

Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. Info: 713-741-8778.

WEST: June 26 at St. Cyril of Alexandria, 10503 Westheimer Rd. Julie Fritsch, Director of Pro-life Office “New Frontiers in Defense of Human Dignity”

July 17 at Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Rd. Rev. Agustino Torres CFR, (Pure Heart NYC) “Seeking a Real Connection”
July 24 at Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Rd. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo “The Church’s Response”

NORTH: July 31 at St. Simon and Jude, 26777 Glen Loch Dr. Sr. Bethany Madonna SV (Sister of Life NYC) “Be Not Afraid of God’s Call”

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCUENTRO OF HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY

Attention!!! Attention!!!

This is an invitation for those who have drifted away from the Church to participate in V Encuentro!

What is the V Encuentro?
A process of evangelization, communion, and consultation that:

• Generates information for pastoral planning that responds more creatively to the Hispanic presence in the Church and promotes the ecclesial integration of all communities.
• Connects the local Hispanic community with a national initiative.
• Generates and forms new pastoral leaders as missionary disciples.
• Revitalizes the faith of parishioners and invites them to missionary activity.
• Fosters the participation in liturgical and ministerial life.
• Increases stewardship.

Informational meeting for V Encuentro will be held soon in our parish. Watch future bulletins for more details.

Invite your friends, family members, neighbors to participate in this meeting!

Let Us Be Disciples in Mission witnesses of the love of God!

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the Bayer 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.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

El relato evangélico del cuarto domingo de Pascua se toma del capítulo 10 del Evangelio de Juan y es parte de la larga enseñanza sobre nuestra relación con el Señor Jesús. El evangelista utiliza una parábola para confeccionar una serie de imágenes bíblicas tradicionales: pastor y ovejas, ovejas, y la puerta que abre para que las ovejas encuentren seguridad y cuidado. El pastor auténtico se contrasta con los que son pretendientes y se describen como rateros y ladrones. Estos no entran por la puerta sino por algunos medios tortuosos. El pastor, por otra parte, actúa a la luz del día para que todos lo vean y es conocido por el guardián y las ovejas por igual. El verdadero pastor "llama a sus ovejas por su nombre". Conocen su voz y lo siguen. Todas estas imágenes afirman el papel especial que Jesús tiene en nuestras vidas. Esta enseñanza es similar a otra frase del Evangelio de Juan: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida". En otras palabras, Jesús nos revela a Dios y nos trae el don de la gracia, y nuestra participación en la propia vida de Dios. Jesús es el mediador, el puente, el camino por el cual Dios viene a nosotros y nosotros a su vez podemos ir a Dios. Esta bella imagen bíblica de Jesús como el Buen Pastor ha sido grabada en la conciencia de los cristianos desde el principio de la Iglesia.

Esta imagen también ha sido utilizada para describir la calidad de los líderes que la Iglesia desea. Así, este domingo se ha conocido como Domingo del Buen Pastor. Mientras somos invitados a reflexionar sobre el papel de Jesús en nuestras vidas como Buen Pastor, también se nos insta a trabajar y orar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio ordenado. Junto con nuestro comité de vocación parroquial y nuestro Club Serra local, quiero animarles a orar por las vocaciones, especialmente en nuestra archidiócesis. Necesitamos sacerdotes que nos guíen con el cuidado del pastor. La Iglesia en esta área del país está experimentando un tremendo crecimiento en el número de católicos que se están moviendo aquí. El número actual de sacerdotes y religiosos disponibles para servir al pueblo simplemente no es suficiente para proveer un servicio pastoral adecuado. En tiempos recientes varios Papas y obispos locales nos han recordado que la promoción de las vocaciones es responsabilidad de toda la comunidad. En San Marta hemos sido bendecidos con un número de jóvenes que han sido ordenados o serán ordenados pronto para el sacerdocio. (Michael Applegate de nuestra parroquia será ordenado sacerdote el sábado, 3 de junio). También hemos tenido el privilegio de tener con nosotros al seminarista David Michael Moses. Les podría pedir a cada uno de ustedes que acepten un desafío especial durante este mes: invitar personalmente a algún joven (en su familia o en la parroquia) a considerar una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa. Usted puede hacer esto simplemente mencionando a algún joven que usted ha notado su participación activa en nuestra familia parroquial y le pregunta: "¿Alguna vez has pensado en ser sacerdote?" Déjelos saber que usted cree que sería un sacerdote y un servidor maravilloso a la gente. Estoy convencido de que, si más de nosotros tomamos la iniciativa de invitar a los jóvenes a considerar una vocación de la Iglesia, experimentaríamos un notable aumento de las vocaciones de nuestra parroquia.

Fr. Chester Borski
**Proyecto Raquel**
**DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN PARA MUJERES EN ESPAÑOL SOFRIENDO DESPUÉS DE UN ABORTO**

Privado y Confidencial

Sábado 3 de junio, 2017
Comenzando a las 8:30 am
En ESPAÑOL
La ubicación es confidencial y
Solo será revelada a las participantes.

Habrá varios sacerdotes disponibles
Durante el día para ofrecer el
Sacramento de la reconciliación.
El líder del Día de Reflexión
Será el padre Paul Félix.

Es GRATIS!
Para más información o para registrarse llame a
Miriam al (713)440-3443

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

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**VERANO INTENSIVO 2017**

**CURSOS:**
FUNDAMENTOS DE LA FE - CRISTOLOGÍA - SACRAMENTOS
ENSEÑANZA MORAL CRISTIANA - HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA I
HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA II

**FECHA:**
23 DE MAYO AL 15 DE JUNIO, 2017 (NO HAY CLASES LOS FINES DE SEMANA)

**HORA:**
5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

**LUGAR:**
CANCELLERÍA ST. DOMINICS 2403 HOLCOMBE BLVD, HOUSTON, TX. 77021

**COSTO:**
$25 dls por persona, por curso antes del 16 de Mayo ($35 dls después del 16 de Mayo)

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El Banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 17 de Mayo 2017 de 11 AM -1 PM En el estacionamiento De la Iglesia de Santa Marta
4301 Woodridge Pkwy.
Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada
Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutiérrez al 832-860-4860