Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
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: ......... 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM  
Friday: ............................. 8:30 AM  
Sacrament of Penance  
Tuesday:  
Church 6:15 - 7 PM  
Saturday:  
Church 10 AM - 12 PM  
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.  

Jesus said,  
“I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”  
MATTHEW 16:18
**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).


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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Saints and Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Augustine

**Tuesday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Friday:** World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation; First Friday

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**Stewardship Thought of the Week**

In today’s reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans — and us — that all things come from God: “For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are.” Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they’ve been blessed.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Mon./Aug. 28**

8:30 AM †Sabrina Cuadra

**Tues./Aug. 29**

8:30 AM †Mary Ellen Pierce

7 PM †Jose S. Martinez

**Wed./Aug. 30**

8:30 AM †Janet Hunt

10 AM †Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Smith

**Thurs./Aug. 31**

6:30 AM †Andrew & Martha Hlavenka

8:30 AM †Al Relic

**Fri./Sept. 1**

8:30 AM †Mr. & Mrs. T. Valiando

**Sat./Sept. 2**

8:30 AM †Pro-Life Mass

5:30 PM †Robert Mansfield

**Sun./Sept. 3**

7 AM †John & Esther Gross

9 AM †Janet Hunt

11 AM †Jeff Timpanaro

6:30 AM †Ervin Velez

5:30 PM †Clara Johnson

**Please note:** During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus).

**Next School Mass:** Wednesday, Aug. 30

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**Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers**

Joe Ortega (husband of Betty Ortega)

Philip Robert Geraci (husband of Carol Geraci)

Stijephan Ferencevic

Michael O’Malia

Blanche E. Dobbins

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


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**2017 Stewardship Renewal**

Stewardship is not something new, but it does require constant renewal. Each year we pause as a parish to consider how we are doing on our stewardship journeys -- both as individuals, and collectively as a parish. Enclosed in the 2017 Stewardship Guidebook is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Please keep this covenant close to heart and treasure with which they’ve been blessed.

**Stewardship**

A way of life

**Stewardship Journey Close**

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel account from Matthew 16:13-20 that is used for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time describes a turning point in the mission and ministry of Jesus. Having arrived in the region of Caesarea Philippi, an area intimately associated with divine revelation, Jesus challenges his disciples with the question about his identity. They had heard him preach about the Kingdom of heaven, especially through the parables, witnessed his many miracles, and shared his way of life. Jesus begins by asking what others were saying about him. Clearly the stories indicated that people viewed Jesus as an extraordinary individual and many wondered if he might not be one of the great prophets whom God had sent to preach to Israel. However, all these views fell short of the mark. Thus, Jesus turned to the disciples and asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” It is a question that has confronted believers throughout the centuries and still requires a personal response from those who choose to be his disciples today. That Jesus was a remarkable person, compassionate and sensitive to those in need, and a man of courage and great integrity, is quite clear. But what was and is his ultimate identity, an identity that invites personal surrender from disciples through faith?

The author of Matthew’s Gospel tells us that it is Simon Peter who speaks on behalf of the other disciples. He affirms that Jesus is the Messiah (in Greek, Christos which in English means the Anointed One) who comes to bring God’s gift of salvation. Peter then goes on to state that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. Jesus responds to Peter’s profession of faith by declaring that this testimony was the result of divine revelation. It was meant not just for Peter and the disciples who were with him but for the whole Church. Peter is given a special role in the community of faith and is promised the keys to the Kingdom. This role remains permanently in the Church and is fulfilled by the Bishop of Rome, the successor of Peter. Also implied in this account is the decision of Jesus to hand over his mission and ministry to the Church in the person of the Apostles. After his Ascension Jesus will then entrust this mission to weak human beings like Peter, the disciples, and to people like you and me. We might keep this in mind when we recall our parish mission statement: “Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.” Each generation of disciples must renew their faith in Jesus Christ and embrace the mission of furthering the Kingdom each day.

Fr. Chester Borski

Sound Board Training

Hearing God’s word at Mass is very important. The Sound Board Ministry’s mission is to ensure that the spoken word and music are heard clearly during Mass. Are you looking for an opportunity to serve at Mass and are interested in technology? We need you. Our next training session is Sept. 16 from 9 AM-12 PM in the Sanctuary. Existing volunteers are requested to attend as well. Breakfast will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, please contact David T. Boyd at david.t.boyd@gmail.com.

St. Martha will be offering the following Virtus workshop: “Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA) Refresher Workshop”

On Wednesday, Sept.13, in the ACTIVITY CENTER from 6:30 PM - 8 PM.

In order to register for a KPA workshop, you must have attended and met the 5-year PGC anniversary date. You will need to log into your original VIRTUS account at www.virtusonline.org, if you need this information you may contact SMCC Coordinators.

NO minors accepted, NO babysitting and NO late admittance. Please arrive 30 minutes early. For more information, please contact SMCC Virtus Coordinators, Ana Luisa Rodriguez (anarodz@stmartha.com) or Michelle Campisi (michellec@stmartha.com) at 281-358-1959 ext. 212.
“If my people, those whom I have called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, if they will seek my face and turn from their sin, I will hear their prayers from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land,” says the Lord.  “For my eyes are open, and my ears are listening, to the prayers of my people.”  

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat  
Sept. 14-17, 2017  
Registration for the September Women’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three nights retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190 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, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com. Registration forms available on-line at www.smcsactsw22.com

Painted Churches Tour—Schulenburg, TX  
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 AM - 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 Schulenburg, TX for a Painted Churches Tour. 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. You can choose the buffet or order from the menu. Please register and pay for the tour at the Parish office between 9 AM-4PM, Monday-Friday. Reservation deadline—Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

St. Martha’s Grief Program welcomes you to a nine week grief support group, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, from 7-9 PM. Please contact Laurie at 281-360-2714, or lauriecardella@outlook.com to sign up or ask questions.

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Aug. 30, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.

Communion to the Sick: If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY:

For more Info contact Edith Boschian edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or Carla Lewton carlal@stmartha.com

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?
If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call Mandy Carr 281-358-1959 ext. 264 or email mandyc@stmartha.com. Classes will be held in the Borski room at SMCS every Thursday evening, 7 – 9 PM, beginning Sept. 28, through Nov. 16, 2017.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY:
Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Adult Education Building, Room 2, for a delicious breakfast of coffee, pastries, and fruit. Along with food and fellowship we will be reading, studying, and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures. No registration or fee required. Come and enjoy! All are welcome! Remaining August date: 8/29.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN
“Jesus Christ: The Glory of the Father”

- The Gospel of John draws us into the life and Real Presence of Christ; true God and only Son of God.
- This Gospel gives unique approaches on Baptism, Eucharist and the Mystery of Christ.
- Join us as the Beloved Disciple teaches about the life, teachings, miracles and community of Christ. This Gospel continues to give meaningful witness to us today!

When: Ladies’ groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - Noon
Ladies’ groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - Noon
Men’s groups – Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM –Noon (Childcare available Wednesday class only)
Ladies’ groups - Tuesday evenings 7PM – 9PM
Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7PM – 9PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish –Tues. 7– 9PM

All Are Welcome
Classes begin & Visitor's Day-for inquiries:
Day class: Sept. 13
Evening class: Sept. 19

Where: Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
Evening class – Borski Room – second floor in the school

To Register or questions Contact:
English: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net
Spanish speakers: Zuri Jackson, (281)733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

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 bdevelle@comcast.net.

2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass
The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 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. Registration will close on Oct. 1. However, you may attend the special mass and register at the entrance of the Co-Cathedral. Reserved seating will be limited. Should you arrive when the reserved space is taken, please seat anywhere else in the Church. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of six family members or friends to the Mass.

If you register on that day, acknowledgements of your anniversary will be mailed after verification of your sacramental marriage is confirmed.

Please register online at http://www.familylifeministryhouston.org

JOIN US!!!
Marriot Marquis
Downtown Houston
Sept. 29—Oct. 1
For more information or to register visit: www.encounterhouston.com
Children’s Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—
10 AM in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it’s all about. Contact Kristen Johnson at Kristen_alley@yahoo.com or 281-713-2518 if you have any questions.

Parenting and Youth

Parents of High-Schoolers—support our high school students with the power of your prayers. Sign up to be given one prayer day a month to pray for the parish’s high schoolers and help us cover them in prayer. There are no meetings to attend and your prayers are offered privately in whatever method of prayer you prefer. For more information or to be given a day on our high school Prayer Quilt, email Lori DiSorbo at lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 11, from 7 PM to 8 PM 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 Gámez at morngrl@yahoo.com

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Monday, Aug. 28, 2017
6:30 PM Social, 7-8:30 PM Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, TX
The cost for dinner is $15 per person
Membership is open to all Catholics.
Msgr. Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.
Our guest speaker for August will be: Allison Seibert
who will speak about the Catholic growth in College Station and what promotes vocations in Aggieland.
RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu, eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com
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CATECHESIS CORNER ...
Registration for
CCE, LIFETEEN, SACRAMENTS & VOLUNTEERS
2017-2018 Catechesis year.
Faith Formation Office
Monday- Friday
9 AM – 4 PM
CCE Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17
Go to www.stmartha.com for more information on registration.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the DICKSON 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.

Vocations Corner

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Legatus, Latin for “ambassador,” is the only organization designed for top-ranking Catholic business leaders. Legatus helps members deepen their relationship with God and discover how Catholic truth and values can help them meet the challenges they face on a daily basis, living as “Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace.” Legatus members are committed to study, live and spread the faith in their business, professional and personal lives. Spouses are full members, providing additional opportunities to enhance marriage and family life. Monthly meetings start with Rosary, Confession and Mass, followed by socializing and fine dining - complemented by dynamic and informative presentations by expert or nationally known speakers. Our more than 90 chapters include Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Ft. Worth, Houston, and is forming a new North Houston chapter.

If you are, or were, a business owner, CEO, President, Managing Director or Managing Partner, Legatus would like to invite you to our international, non-profit business community. To learn more about our local and national events, as well as membership criteria, please contact Carmen Tate at 575 • 973 • 7278 or ctate@legatus.org.

Second Family
Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.

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.

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.

Please note, the Parish Office will be closing at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, Aug. 29 and will reopen on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 9 AM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet—
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 PM for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!

Martha’s Kitchen has been very busy feeding our guests this summer and would like to thank all of the parents that brought their teenage and young adult sons and daughters to volunteer at Martha’s Kitchen. We hope that you enjoyed the experience of seeing how our ministry operates and how appreciative our guests are to receive a hot nutritious lunch each week. Martha’s Kitchen is praying for all students, teachers and administrators as you return to school after the summer break. We also appeal to parishioners to continue your donations to our ministry by indicating “Martha’s Kitchen” on your check or by using your special Martha’s Kitchen envelope.

May God Bless You! (Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 4.)

The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it. C.C. Scott

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@embarqmail.com.
St. Martha’s will be participating in the 40 Days of Life peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast on Thursday, Oct. 12. We will have a table in the narthex on Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 1 for you and your family to sign up for a time to pray. Please contact Terice Richards at terice.richards@gmail.com for more information.

Join us for St. Martha’s Annual Life Chain
Sunday, October 1st, 2017
2-3:30 PM
A Peaceful Witness for Life
West Lake Houston and Kingwood Drive
Signs will be provided
For More Information Please Contact: Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com

St. Martha parishioners are carpooling to the Planned Parenthood in downtown Houston on Thursdays, in an effort to offer support to women in crisis pregnancies. We encourage them to accept free services (pregnancy test, ultrasound and confidential counseling) in the Blue Bus across from Planned Parenthood. 89% of all women who choose the free services opt to save their babies.

Please join us to pray the rosary after the 8:30 AM Mass daily.
Please contact Joseph Winslow: (832) 412-8765 for more information.
First Raffle Ticket Distribution a Big Success!
Thank you to everyone who took a book(s) of raffle tickets after Mass last weekend. We distributed 563 books of tickets - 6193 tickets total!
We need YOUR HELP to sell our raffle tickets. You can pick up extra ticket books at the Parish Office. We will distribute raffle tickets again after Masses the weekend of September 2-3.

Thank You to Everyone Who Signed Up as Volunteers!
We really appreciate each and every Volunteer! Without Volunteers, the Parish Festival would not be the successful Fellowship and Community Building experience we have come to realize. We are still seeking many more volunteers. You can sign up online at our SignUp Genius Page at the following URL address:
http://goo.gl/vBMuwo
Or contact us at smparishfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com

Distribución de Boletos de la Primera Rifa un Gran Éxito!
Gracias a todos los que tomaron un libro(s) de Boletos de rifa después de la misa el fin de semana pasado. Nosotros distribuyó 563 libros de entradas - 6193 boletos ¡total! Necesitamos SU AYUDA para vender nuestros boletos de rifa. Usted puede recoger libros de boletos adicionales en la Oficina Parroquial. Distribuiremos boletos de rifa de nuevo después de las misas el fin de semana del 2-3 de septiembre.

Gracias a todos los que se inscribieron como voluntarios!
Realmente apreciamos cada voluntario! Sin Voluntarios, el Festival Parroquial no sería la exitosa Comunidad y Comunidad Construyendo la experiencia que hemos llegado a darnos cuenta. Todavía estamos buscando muchos más voluntarios. Puede inscribirse en línea en nuestra páginaSignUp Genius Dirección URL siguiente:
http://goo.gl/vBMuwo
O póngase en contacto con nosotros en smparishfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com
 Ministerio Hispano

A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
El relato evangélico de Mateo 16: 13-20 que se usa para el XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario describe un punto de inflexión en la misión y ministerio de Jesús. Habiendo llegado a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, un área íntimamente asociada con la revelación divina, Jesús desafía a sus discípulos con la pregunta sobre su identidad. Lo habían oído predicar sobre el Reino de los cielos, especialmente a través de las parábolas, presenciando sus muchos milagros y compartiendo su modo de vida. Jesús comienza preguntando qué dicen las personas sobre él. Claramente las historias indicaban que la gente veía a Jesús como un individuo extraordinario y muchos se preguntaban si él podría no ser uno de los grandes profetas que Dios había enviado para predicarle a Israel. Sin embargo, todos estos puntos de vista se quedaron cortos. Por lo tanto, Jesús se volvió hacia los discípulos y les preguntó: "¿Pero quién dices que soy?". Es una pregunta a la que sean han enfrentado los creyentes a lo largo de los siglos y todavía requiere una respuesta personal de aquellos que eligen ser sus discípulos hoy en día. Que Jesús fue una persona notable, compasiva y sensible a los necesitados, y un hombre de valor y gran integridad, muy claro. Pero ¿cuál fue y es su identidad última, una identidad que invita a la entrega personal de los discípulos a través de la fe?

El autor del Evangelio de Mateo nos dice que es Simón Pedro quien habla en nombre de los otros discípulos. Afirmo que Jesús es el Mesías (en griego, Christos que en inglés significa el Ungido) que viene a traer el regalo de salvación de Dios. Pedro entonces continúa declarando que Jesús es el Hijo del Dios Viviendo. Jesús responde a la profesión de fe de Pedro al declarar que este testimonio fue el resultado de la revelación divina. No era sólo para Pedro y los discípulos que estaban con él, sino para toda la Iglesia. A Pedro se le da un papel especial en la comunidad de fe y se le prometen las llaves del Reino. Este papel permanece permanentemente en la Iglesia y es cumplido por el Obispo de Roma, sucesor de Pedro. También está implícito en este relato la decisión de Jesús de entregar su misión y ministerio a la Iglesia en la persona de los Apóstoles. Después de su Ascensión, Jesús confía esta misión a los seres humanos débiles como Pedro, los discípulos, y a personas como tú y yo. Tengamos esto presente cuando recordemos nuestra declaración de la misión de la parroquia: "Bautizados en Cristo Jesús, adoramos como uno y extendemos la mano a todos". Cada generación de discípulos debe renovar su fe en Jesucristo y abrazar la misión de promover el Reino cada día.

Fr. Chester Borski

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Cuándo: Grupos de damas en inglés - Miércoles 9:45 AM - Noon
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(Cuidado de niños solo para las clases de los Miércoles)
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Clases de la mañana: Septiembre 13
Clases de la noche: Septiembre 19

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En la Oficina del Catecismo 3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339
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Ven y participa con nosotros comenzaremos a finales de Julio. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6:30-9 p.m. y comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática. Comunicate y participa en RICA.
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Weekly Budget $ 76,735
Sunday Collection $ 49,629
Holy Day-Assumption $ 1,114
Over/(Under) $ (25,992)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 613,880
Sunday Collection $ 542,451
Over/(Under) $ (71,429)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 9,156
Martha’s Kitchen $ 2,239
Infirm Priest Fund $ 852

2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 257,092

Current Loan Debt: $ 9,911,577