Sept. 24, 2017

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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Pham
Deacons: Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Bob MacFarlane,
Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John
Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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

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: .............................8:15 - 7 PM
Saturday: ..........................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.

Please join for a day of fellowship at the Parish Festival. Sept. 30 from Noon to 8 p.m.
A second day of fellowship has been added. Please join us Friday Sept. 29th from 6:00 - 8:00 for food and fellowship.

4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365
281-358-6637 • fax 281-358-7973 • www.stmartha.com

Raffle Tickets Available

Hurricane Harvey has changed the focus of our annual event. Both the Live Auction and the Silent Auctions have been cancelled. The Raffle will still be held as the items have already been purchased.

All Net Proceeds Will Go to the Parish Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

Additional volunteers needed for Catholic Daughters of America for baked goods for Friday gathering. Drawing will be on September 30th at the Festival. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 18 years of age are not eligible to win.

First Prize: Four tickets opening day Houston Livestock
Show and Rodeo with Garth Brooks
Second Prize: Amazon Gift Card - $1,500.00
Third Prize: Best Buy Git Card $1,000.00

The cost is $5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20-21).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:16).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- **Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- **Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2; 3-4abefgh, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- **Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- **Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- **Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- **Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Tuesday:** Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- **Wednesday:** St. Vincent de Paul
- **Thursday:** St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
- **Friday:** Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- **Saturday:** St. Jerome

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

In today’s Gospel, the vineyard owner says, “I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?” We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

- **Henry A. Schmidt** *(father of Bob and Joanne Schmidt)*
- **Richard Turek** *(brother of Liz Eisenach)*

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


**BLESSING OF PETS**

There will be a blessing of pets on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 9 AM in the front courtyard of the Church in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi which falls on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

**PARISH ROSARY PROCESSION**

A Parish Rosary Procession in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the occasion of the 100th year (Centennial) Fatima Apparition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, after the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Parish will offer this Rosary for the intention of Msgr. Borski as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his priesthood this year!! Everyone is welcome to this grace filled event!!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time are quite puzzling because they speak to us about the generosity and compassion of God in ways that challenge our usual understanding of how God deals with us. The second reading from the Prophet Isaiah instructs us, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” While we are aware of the truth of this teaching in a general sort of way, its impact on us is really experienced when we listen carefully to the parable in Matthew’s Gospel account. Jesus tells the story of the landowner who hires day laborers to work in his vineyard and agrees with them on a reasonable salary. The landowner is a just man and at the end of the day, he pays what he has promised. What is surprising is not his justice but his extravagant mercy! Most of us cannot help but sympathize with the workers who have labored all day in the blazing sun and yet who receive the same wage as those who worked but a single hour. From our very human point of view, they have every right to complain and be upset. However, they are even reprimanded by Jesus!

The emphasis in this parable, as in much of the teaching of Jesus, is on the mercy of God bestowed on each of us. What is important to realize is that mercy brings with it its own demands upon us as disciples of Jesus. We are challenged to think not of ourselves but of God’s mercy being poured out generously upon others. It is God’s desire that everyone experience the freeing power of that gift of salvation. The problem for us comes about when we think we know something about the recipients of that mercy and we are convinced that they do not deserve such generosity. Notice how subtle pride and prejudice are always at work in us when we live by our gospel and not that of Jesus! The parable of the laborers in the vineyard invites us to recognize that God’s mercy is limitless and we need to learn to rejoice and accept it in our own lives. The real difficulty is that we tend to forget that each of us is in absolute need of that same gift of forgiveness and mercy from God. At the same time the parable challenges us to be respectful of what God desires to do in the lives of others. If this overwhelming compassion is the key to the identity of God as revealed in Jesus, then generosity of spirit should become the mark of everyone who strives to lead a life “worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ” as faithful disciples.

Fr. Chester Borski

From the Pastor

Our Stories, Our Faith

Our life stories connect us to God in the scripture of our lives. It is helpful to reflect on these stories in the context of our faith otherwise their meanings may be lost. Let us ponder together and pray deeply upon significant moments of our lives. What we do or do not do with them makes all the difference. Women of the parish are invited to attend a six week faith share group to share these stories. Our group will be called “Our Stories, Our Faith.” Spiritual directors Linda Sarman and Pat Timpanaro will facilitate. Meetings will begin Thursday, Oct. 5 in Room 3 of the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus from 10-11:30 AM. To register for the group contact Linda Sarman, 713-471-3543 or linda.sarman@suddenlink.net or Pat Timpanaro, 832 445 6714 or patimpanaro@embarqmail.com.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

THIS WEEKEND, Sept. 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.)

Praying the Rosary for America…

As human efforts fail to solve America’s key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

The American TFP – America Needs Fatima - WWW.TFP.ORG

On behalf of America Needs Fatima, we invite you to join us in a historic prayer event, honoring the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. We will be praying specifically for the conversion of our nation.

Public Square Rosary

Saturday, October 14, 2017 @ Noon (Woodland Hills Campus)

This will be one of 20,000 outdoor Public Square Rosary Rallies prayed simultaneously throughout America that day. For more information, call Bernadette: 908-601-4586.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Batter Up

Young at Heart-ers - Baseball season is winding down and World Series fever is in the air (GO ASTROS), so wear your favorite team’s gear and step up to the plate. Grab your bat & glove, dust off your cleats and knock it out of the FLC with your fellow Young at Heart-ers (age 55+). Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 27. 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 with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

St. Martha’s Rosary Guild

We are always accepting new members! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and making rosaries. We can teach you how to make a rosary and you can make rosaries at our regular meetings or/and you make them at home. Students can earn Confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry.

We meet in Room 2 on the Woodland Hill Campus the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1-3 PM and on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 11:30 AM – 3 PM.

Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gwomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Online store: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

PLEASE NOTE:
The Rosary Guild is going to have a Fall Festival Preview on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 12-3 PM in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus.

Project Rachel

New Group starting Sept. 28.

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.

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Brooklyn’s Pizza, 9467 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (near Walmart). For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybymom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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-4 PM, Monday-Friday. Reservation deadline—Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: Acts of the Apostles
Monday MORNINGS in FLC, 9:20-10:45 AM. “Acts tells the story of the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the early church from its beginnings at Pentecost, following the ascension of Jesus. The Holy Spirit empowers the preaching of Peter, Paul, and the other disciples to take the faith from Jerusalem, to Judea, throughout Samaria and ultimately to the ends of the earth. It records the conversion of Paul and the momentous decision of the early church to welcome Gentiles as well as Jews into the church. Acts is the second volume of the literary work begun in the Gospel According to Luke.” Remaining September date: 25.
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!

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 7 PM – 9 PM
Men’s groups – Tuesday evenings 7 PM – 9 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish –Tues. 7– 9 PM
All Are Welcome

Classes begin & Visitor’s Day- for inquiries:
Day Class: Sept. 20. Evening class: Sept. 26
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
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.

Calling moms of all ages!
St Martha’s Moms Group
Motherhood Fellowship Night:
Please join us Oct. 17 in Room 3 from 6-9 PM.
Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information email Katie DWindt at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you.

Archdiocese News

IF YOUR DACA IS EXPIRING ON OR BEFORE MARCH 5, 2018 AND NEED HELP WITH YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION, WE CAN HELP YOU!

On Sept. 5, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security issued a Memorandum rescinding Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). If your DACA and associated Employment Authorization (EAD) will expire on or before March 5, 2018, you must file your renewal application to have it accepted by USCIS no later than Oct. 5, 2017.

Service will be provided free of charge.
Location of workshops: 2707 North Loop West, Houston, TX 77008.
Please bring the following information and documents to the workshop with you:
Social Security card, Employment Authorization card, State issued ID card, copy of your last DACA Approval Notice from USCIS, copy of your last DACA and Employment Authorization application, personal check or money order in the amount $495 for filing fee, passport (if you have one), birth certificate, information about where and when you entered the United States.

PLEASE CALL (713) 874-6570 OR (713) 595-4100 to sign up for one of the workshops.

Catholic Charities assists those in need for long-term recovery after Harvey

People who need assistance, want to volunteer or donate, or need more information about Catholic Charities may call the main office at 713.526.4611 during office hours. The 24-hour, toll-free hotline to request assistance is 1.866.649.5862. For referrals to Greater Houston’s social support network, call 2-1-1.

CATECHESIS
CORNER . . .

2017-2018
Catechesis year
Classes begin Sunday
Oct. 8th
Volunteers still needed
Contact
Faith Formation Office
Monday- Friday 9 AM – 4 PM
or
Go to www.stmartha.com for more information.
Thank you for your prayers and concern for Martha’s Kitchen during the past weeks of damage from Hurricane Harvey. We are very grateful to report that Martha’s Kitchen reopened as scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 5, after Labor Day with no significant damages. Sister Maria Elena and Sister Julie send many prayers and compassionate thoughts to those who suffered losses during the storm. Our ministry was impressed to hear that clergy, ministries, organizations and parishioners worked shoulder to shoulder and long hours to assist those who needed help after the hurricane. We cherish our volunteers and ask those that are scheduled on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis to call Sister Maria Elena at 713-224-2522 in timely advance if you will not be volunteering on your scheduled day. This will help greatly to ensure that all stations are covered to serve those in need of a meal. May God guide you and give you peace and comfort.
**Pro-Life Corner**

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.

Santa Marta estará participando en los 40 días por la vida a través de una vigilia pacífica de oración frente a las oficinas de Planned Parenthood de Gulf Coast el día Jueves 12 de Octubre del 2017. Si usted desea participar en este evento, la iglesia de Santa Martha tendrá una mesa en el nártex durante las misas del Domingo 1ero de Octubre para que usted y su familia puedan firmar y así participar en el horario en el que desea participar en esta cadena de oración. Si usted desea más información o tiene una pregunta al respecto favor de contactar a la Sra. Terice Richards envié un correo electrónico Terice.richards@gmail.com

Join us for St. Martha’s Annual Life Chain
Sunday, Oct. 1, 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

**Catholic Daughters’ Notice of Festival Cake Walk & Cake Decorating Contest Cancellation**
CDA Court St. Martha regrets that this year’s Festival Cake Decorating Contest and Cakewalk will be canceled. This cancelation is for this year only. We sincerely hope this causes you no inconvenience.
We will still have our dessert table in full operation at the festival and hope you will support our charities, including St. Martha’s School and the Scholarship Fund, by purchasing a CDA dessert.
Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.
Sherry Hundl, Regent
CDA Court St. Martha

St. Martha’s Grief Program welcomes you to a nine week grief support group on Tuesdays, in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, from 7-9 PM. Questions? Please contact Laurie at 281-360-2714, or lauriecardella@outlook.com.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the MCTAGGART 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.

HURRICANE HARVEY SUPPORT GROUP:
Information about stress, loss, and facing the future to offer hope and a path to resiliency.
Mondays at 7 PM, at Kingwood United Methodist Church, Building C, Room E-200.
For more information contact Donna at 281-358-2137, Ext 1905.
For Childcare contact Jane 713-303-7250.
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.

FOOD FAIR
AT ST. MARTHA’S
4301 Woodridge Pkwy.
Nov. 15, 2017
11 AM—1 PM
Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OPEN HOURS
MONDAY: 2-3 AM / FRIDAY 11-NOON / FRIDAY 7-8 PM / SATURDAY 1-2 AM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR
THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / MIDNIGHT-1 AM
Wednesday: 9-10 AM / 5-6 PM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 8-9 AM / 9-10 AM
Friday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM
Saturday: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM
Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM.
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Carmen Ogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.
If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM (281-360-7897)
Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary: Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, Oct. 7.

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

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3439, or dmikan@embarqmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference
Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
On Sept. 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul Society, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.
Last Month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor” by assisting 80 families, providing $19,648 for utility and rent bills, and $1,299 in food and other assistance. Thank You!
“Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other.”
—— St. Vincent de Paul

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”
HORAS ABIERTAS PARA ADORACIÓN
LUNES: 2-3 AM / VIERNES 11 AM - 12 MEDIODÍA / VIERNES 7-8 PM / SÁBADOS 1-2 AM
HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO - ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM.
Martes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / MEDIANOCHE-1 AM.
Miércoles: 9-10 AM / 5-6 PM / 11 PM – MEDIANOCHE.
Jueves: 1-2 AM/ 8-9 AM / 9-10 AM.
Viernes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM.
Sábado: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM.
Domingo: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM.
Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a: Carmen Ogando - 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas de las Escrituras para el 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario son bastante desconcertantes porque nos hablan de la generosidad y compasión de Dios en formas que desafían nuestra comprensión habitual, de cómo Dios trata con nosotros. La segunda lectura del Profeta Isaías nos dice: “Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos son mis caminos, dice el Señor”. Aunque somos conscientes de la verdad de esta enseñanza de una manera general, su impacto sobre nosotros es realmente experimentado cuando escuchamos atentamente la parábola en el relato del Evangelio de Mateo. Jesús cuenta la historia del terrateniente que contrata jornaleros para trabajar en su viña y está de acuerdo con ellos en un salario razonable. El terrateniente es un hombre justo y al final del día, paga lo que prometió. ¡Lo que sorprende no es su justicia sino su extravagante misericordia! La mayoría de nosotros no puede dejar de simpatizar con los trabajadores que han trabajado todo el día en el sol ardiente y, sin embargo, reciben el mismo salario como los que trabajaron, una sola hora. Desde nuestro punto de vista muy humano, tienen todo el derecho de quejarse y estar enojados. ¡Sin embargo, incluso son reprendidos por Jesús!

El énfasis en esta parábola, como en gran parte de la enseñanza de Jesús, está en la misericordia de Dios otorgada a cada uno de nosotros. Lo que es importante es darse cuenta de que la misericordia trae consigo sus propias exigencias sobre nosotros como discípulos de Jesús. Nos desafía a no pensar en nosotros mismos, sino en que la misericordia de Dios se derrame generosamente sobre los demás. Es el deseo de Dios que todos experimenten el poder liberador de ese don de salvación. El problema para nosotros surge cuando pensamos que sabemos algo acerca de los receptores de esa misericordia y estamos convencidos de que no merecen tal generosidad. ¡Observen cómo el orgullo y el prejuicio sutiles están siempre trabajando en nosotros cuando vivimos por nuestro evangelio y no por Jesús! La parábola de los obreros en la viña nos invita a reconocer que la misericordia de Dios es ilimitada y necesitamos aprender a regocijarnos y aceptarla en nuestras propias vidas. La verdadera dificultad es que tendemos a olvidar que cada uno de nosotros está en absoluta necesidad de ese mismo don de perdón y misericordia de Dios. Al mismo tiempo, la parábola nos desafía a ser respetuosos con lo que Dios desea hacer en la vida de los demás. Si esta compasión abrumadora es la clave de la identidad de Dios revelada en Jesús, entonces la generosidad de espíritu debe ser la marca de todos los que se esfuerzan por llevar una vida "digna del Evangelio de Jesucristo" como discípulos fieles.

Fr. Chester Borski
MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPAÑOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO

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Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los seis últimos Papas y endorseada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se revisan los trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestro trabajo consiste en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárcel, toques de puertas, llevando la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia. Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los Viernes a las 7 PM, en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.
Para más información pueden contactarse a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-3687 Mildred García

Únanse a un día de compañerismo en el Festival Parroquial, 30 de septiembre del mediodía hasta las 8 p.m.
Se ha añadido un segundo día de compañerismo. Acompáñenos el viernes 29 de septiembre a partir desde las 6:00-8:00 p.m. para comida y compañerismo.

Boletos de rifa disponibles
El huracán Harvey ha cambiado el enfoque de nuestro evento anual. Tanto la subasta en vivo como las otras subastas han sido canceladas. La rifa todavía se mantendrá ya que los artículos ya se han comprado.
Todos los ingresos netos beneficiarán a las víctimas de la parroquia del huracán Harvey.
Se necesitan voluntarios adicionales para las Hijas Católicas de América para productos horneados para la reunión de viernes.
La rifa será durante el festival. Los ganadores no necesitan estar presentes para ganar. Los personas menores de 18 años de edad no son elegibles para ganar.
Primer premio: Cuatro boletos para el día de apertura del Rodeo de Houston con el show de Garth Brooks
Segundo premio: Tarjeta de regalo de Amazon - $1,500
Tercer premio: Tarjeta de regalo de Best Buy - $1,000
El costo es de $5 por boleto o 11 boletos por $50

El programa de Catecismo en español ha sido modificado debido al paso del Huracán Harvey. Las clases comenzarán el lunes 9 de octubre de 5:30 a 7 PM

El banco de Comidas de Houston (HAAM) estará donando comida el Miércoles 15 de Noviembre 2017 de 11:00 AM—1:00 PM en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Martha 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor de llamar a Alejandra al 832-860-4860

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