Oct. 25, 2015

Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Pastor:	**Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.**
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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
Sunday: ..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español ..... 1:00 PM
Life Teen: ..... 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

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

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:30 -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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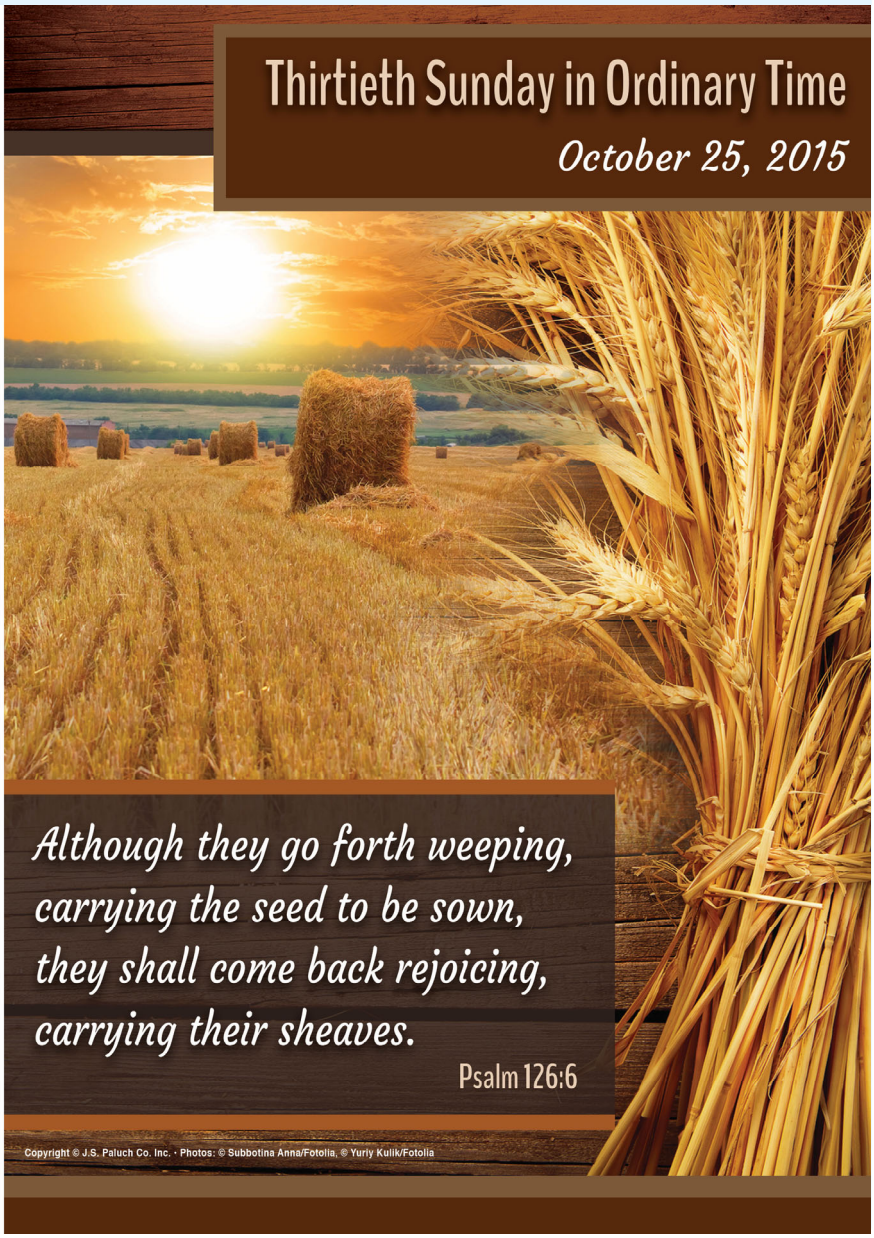

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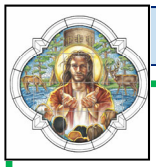
For the weekend of Oct. 17 & 18 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget	$	72,051
Sunday Collection	$	44,846
Over/(Under)	$	(27,205)
Year To Date:		
Weekly Budget	$	1,152,816
Sunday Collection	$	1,086,235
Over/(Under)	$	(66,581)
Special collections:		
Capital Campaign	$	2,964
Martha's Kitchen	$	1,835
Propagation of Faith	$	5,098
2015 DSF Goal	$	295,000
DSF Payments to Date	$	307,831

Current Loan Debt: $ 12,930,838
Recap for September 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt	$120,000
Payments to reduce the debt	$ 110,700
Over/(short)	$ 9,520



From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

In the Gospel account selected for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time we encounter one of the many miracle stories from the Gospel according to Mark. These are usually dramatic stories filled with many details. At the same time they are carefully written accounts that reveal the step-by-step movements from non-belief to faith, from belief to discipleship, and from distance to communion with the Lord. The Gospel passage today is the only miracle story in Mark in which the person who is healed is given a name: Bartimaeus or the son of Timaeus. This is much more than a simple story of physical healing by Christ. Mark uses the occasion to teach us about who Jesus is and who we are called to become through faith in Christ Jesus. In Bartimaeus' cry for help, he calls Jesus the "Son of David," the only time in Mark's Gospel that this messianic title is used. Even before Jesus exercises his healing power, the text indicates that the blind man's petition for help comes from deep faith and trust in God. There is also another significant detail in the story. Unlike all the other people who are healed in the Gospel of Mark, only Bartimaeus got up and followed Jesus down the road. As we continue to witness the story unfold, Mark seems to suggest that Bartimaeus followed Jesus into Jerusalem, perhaps to the foot of the cross, and even beyond into a life of discipleship and ministry.

As we reflect more carefully on this encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus, we begin to sense that it is **a story about each of us.** We are called by the Lord Jesus from our darkness and blindness into the light of Christ and given the mission to bring this light to the world. Notice the special sensitivity and concern that Jesus demonstrates toward Bartimaeus. When Jesus hears his plea for help, he stops and calls the man to himself. (In other stories Jesus walks over to the person or others bring the person in need of healing to Jesus.) In this account Jesus calls the man from a distance and seems to say, "I will help you but first you must get up and come to me." Bartimaeus could have responded in several different ways. He could have answered out of a sense of self-pity, "I can't. I'm blind. I am afraid to try. Come here and help me." Most likely Jesus would have done so. Or Bartimaeus could have responded out of anger, "Can't you see that I am blind! You need to come over here." And again, Jesus would have probably done so. Instead of these responses, the Gospel tells us that Bartimaeus "threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus." And when he came into the presence of Jesus, he received the gift of sight. What a powerful image of faith and a beautiful insight into the prayer of a trusting disciple! Before he could move forward with any sense of confidence and before there was any guarantee that his plea would be answered, Bartimaeus got up and moved to where Jesus called him to be. This story has volumes to teach us about the quality and depth of our own discipleship and our closeness to the One whom we want to serve.

Fr. Chester Borski

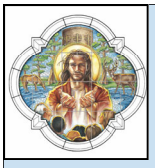
PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will close at 12 noon this Friday, Oct. 30th and will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 2nd.

Today we celebrate and extend our thanks to you, our beloved Msgr. Chester Borski, Fr. Nick Pasadilla, and Fr. Richard McNeillie. We thank you for your vocation and for bringing Christ to us. What would we do without you? Please join the Vocations Ministry today in praying for our priests and praising God for their courage and their generosity. ***Thanks be to God for our priests!***

A Prayer for Priests

Risen Lord Jesus, You love them with all of your priestly heart.
Hear my heartfelt prayer for all our beloved priests.
Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love for you and for all those entrusted to their care and guidance.
May the Holy Spirit enlighten and strengthen them in their daily ministry.
I ask that in their loneliness, you comfort them
In their sorrow, you strengthen them
In their frustration, you show them
That it is through suffering that the soul is purified.
Eternal High Priest, keep them close to your Sacred Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. O Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for them. Amen
-from the Year for Priests, June 2009-2010

To read "Priest Hero" stories, download cards for priests and find "cool" ideas for children go to www.priestsunday.org



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; World Youth Day
Wednesday:	Ss. Simon and Jude
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we may focus more deeply on the positive things in our life and less on the negative things that occur.

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Oct. 26
8:30 am †Eunice Walker

Tues./Oct. 27
8:30 am †William & Rosmary Gardner
7:00 pm †Gene Alsandor

Wed./Oct. 28
8:30 am †Rodney Odom
10:00 am Benigno Family

Thurs./Oct. 29
6:30 am †Victor Fernando Cuadra
8:30 am †George & Alice Anne Spartz

Fri./Oct. 30
8:30 am †Blanche O'Donnell

Sat./31
5:30 pm †Tom O'Grady

Sun./Nov. 1/All Saints Day

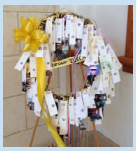
Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28.

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

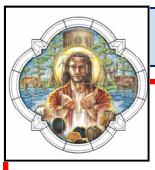
Griselda Alfaro
Vivian McCabe (mother of John, Marilyn and Jack McCabe)
Jose de Jesus Villalobos
Gina Weinzapfel
Karen Warfield (wife of David Warfield)
Jack Throop (husband of Joanne Throop)
Robert Affleck (husband of Mary Ann Affleck)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Jim & Rhonda Rutt, Waldon Landry, Angie Stanczak, Bohumil Greif, Ada Greif, Barbara Taverite, Shannon McAlister, Josie Perez, M. Edward Baasen, Dan & Rita Grohn, Christine Womack, Thomas J. Chuba, Sr., Pat Hyland, Cesar Dijainco, Heather Leonardis, Penny Gaido, Cecilia Grono, Randy Schulze, Elise Robinson, Lindsey Torres Johnson, Robert Gillman, Thomas Berkovich, Carmen Aloisio, Zacharias Salazar, Ligia Ramos, Juan Francisco Gonzales, Flor de Lis Gonzales, Charles Cooke, Elvia Zambrano, Graciela Rojas de Russy, Amparo Arguello, Vinny McConnell, Susan Thom, Allan Zumno, Ruby Orta, Teofilo Zanchelli, Linda Arnold, Walt and Mary Lou Lambert, Barry and Janice Boudreaux, Eleanora Deleon, Joan Evans, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Nelson Ramirez Rojas, Josefina G. Schnabel, Dennis Ganstine, Bonnie McKnight, Keith Dollar, David Russell, Myriam Varela, Carolyn Denman, Kim De La Cruz, Patrick McPhail, Scott McAndrews, Carol McAndrews, Dennis Whitmer, Karen Zaccardo, Daniel F. Carvajal R, Barbara Bourgeois, Millie Dennis, Damon McClain, James Flannigan, Sarah Bell, Neely Grimm, Willian Elliotto, Sara Isaacs, Edith Thonsgaard, Adamma Ekpema, Jeff Barton, Oscar Velasco, Madonna Bishai, Mike Henry, Dominic Villamor, Marcela Perez, Wiley Long, Fabiola Galban Guitierrez, Richard E. Schnur, Jen Cervantes, Shawn Leathers, Lis Kinne, Maria B. Rojas de Ramirez, Sasita G. de Russi, Larry Hattersley, David Wood, Jason Haydel, Amy Picard, Guy Weismantel, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Robyn Laumbach, Lel Keller, Bill Barineau, Victor Pascual Carvajal, Efrain Cubillos-Sarmiento, Mike Beishir, Karen Cox, Adam Greco, Tess Kelley, Marie Burk, John H. Hensley and John H. Hensley Jr., Carol Villella, Sandra Theis, Tom Moore, Norma Ross, Jean Lake, Jim Black, Katie Cowan, Creighton Heslop, Catherine Sedlak, Caroline Esposito, Renata Macias, Julia Volkerts, Margie Vega, Victoria Ramirez, Candace Villella, Marlena Neathery, John King, Janie & Robert Alvarado, Robert Affleck, Michael Symon, Tiare Tamura, Liz Donohue, Joseph Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Sharon Laine, Hertz Family, Elizabeth Dean, Gabriella Schlereth, Jane Hemberger, Mary Lohrman Moon

(If you would like to add a loved one's name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com)



*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*



Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Young at Heart Luncheon - Donation Requests

The Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 9. As in years past, we are asking for your kind generosity in donating door prize gifts for our senior guests (men and women). We have been averaging 85-90 people and our Christmas luncheon is always our biggest! Here are a few donation ideas (not to exceed $10) - gift card to a restaurant or movie theater, home or Christmas decor, jewelry, lotion, games, puzzles, candy, food basket (non-perishable), sports merchandise, picture frames, household items or lightweight tool set. Donations should not be wrapped and can be dropped off at Nancy Landvogt's office on the Faith Formation campus, Mon. - Wed., 9 am - 4 pm and Fri., 9 am - 4 pm. All donations are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, feel free to email Carol Bateman at carolb625@gmail.com. Thank you for generosity!

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, gathers on Wednesday, October 28, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 p.m. 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 peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene's website.

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of **all ages**. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 2, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, email kczubik@mac.com.

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!

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.*

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Halloween

Young at Heart-ers - Watch out - ghosts & goblins may be roaming the area!!! Come to St. Martha's Family Life Center in your best Halloween get-up on **Wednesday, October 28** and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch!!! Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Technology Teacher: SMCS is seeking to hire a degreed teacher to work full-time with students from Kindergarten through 8th grade on typing, spreadsheets, graphing and multi-media skills. There will be other duties as assigned. Please e-mail Mrs. Tina Lewis at principal@stmarthacs.org or call the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

Is "checkmate" your favorite phrase? If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are seeking a coach for our 3rd-8th grades chess team and chess club. Practices are held two days a week after school, and the team will participate in tournaments throughout the school year. For more information please contact Mr. David Norman at normand@stmarthacs.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mornings: "Mystery of God" – While the children are in CCE, come join us for a film series and study program where Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us what we mean by "God", "Who God Is" and "Why He Matters".
All are welcome. **Series Dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2015. Faith Formation Center – Room 2 – 10:40 to 11:45 am**

Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. Remaining October date: Oct. 27. November dates: 3, 10, 17.

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:
www.stmartha.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more… check it out!
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Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also offer the following extracurricular activities: School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, athletics program, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, Student Council, National Jr. BETA Club, Student Ambassadors Club and other family and student activities.

The school has limited openings for students for the 2015-2016 school year. Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

We Transform the World! CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

EDGE NIGHT TOMORROW

HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

Monday, October 26

[6:30 – 8:00 pm]

Join us for an EDGE NIGHT with a twist! Everyone is invited even if you do not have a costume but we encourage you to wear your **MODEST** and **APPROPRIATE** Halloween costumes!

Bring *ALL* of your friends to the FLC for **FREE** pizza, prayer, and a whole night of **FUN**!

Lisa Hartsfield - lisah@stmartha.com

St. Pius X High School will host an Open House evening on Thursday, November 5, 2015. All middle school students and their parents/guardians are cordially invited to this every exciting program that starts at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium – come early for good parking. You will meet the faculty & staff, see students in action, and tour the school.

SHINE Catholic Work Camp 2016

High School/College Students (going into 9th grade up to age 20)

Lake Charles, LA, June 20 – June 25th

Cost: $375.00

SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of SHINE is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. The Shine staff has a passion for leading teens and for serving God's people.

Please attend the information meeting prior to signing up for SHINE on November 11th at 6:30 pm in the Activity center. We will explain the details of Shine camp and the process of registration. It is important to be informed prior to registering!

Registration will be on **Sunday, November 15th from 3pm to 5pm**. A $200.00 **non-refundable** deposit will be required at the time of registration. **All paperwork must be signed (those under 18 need a parent's signature) and the full deposit turned in to be considered as registered.** Forms will be available on-line on St. Martha's website, in the Youth Center, or via e-mail (address below). It is on a first-come first-served basis and spots are limited. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please consider attending one of these spirit filled weeks, empowering others to serve. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Sylvia Brown at 832-445-7646 or e-mail at sylvia.brown03@gmail.com.

Service Project at Casa Juan Diego

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

F+SHS

Casa Juan Diego (CJD) was founded in 1980 and is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality serving immigrants, refugees, and the poor. We have scheduled a day of service on Saturday, November 21, 2015, to support their efforts. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare ourselves for Pope Francis' Jubilee of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, through hands-on engagement. The following are the details:

Starting Now:	Collection of items most needed by CJD (lists available).
Friday, Nov. 20:	
7:00-9:00pm	Orientation: "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us," an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (Woodland Hills Campus, Room 3)
Saturday Nov. 21:	
7:30 am	Meet at the Woodland Hills Campus; depart for CJD
9:00-12:00 pm	Various projects at CJD Lunch provided prior to return
3:30 pm	Return to Woodlands Hills Campus

For more information, contact Marcelle Chamoun-Farah (marcelle1009@icloud.com), Fernanda Lago (FerLago507@gmail.com) or Michael Mosby (MichaelMosby1957@gmail.com). Please register in advance so we can coordinate transportation. Permission slips are required.

This Service Project is open to all high school youth, regardless of school or grade level. Confirmation hours are available if pre-approved by Ana Leija. Please also mark your calendar for the FSHS Annual Lenten Retreat, February 26-27, 2016.

TOWN HALL FORUM

Cherishing Life Through the Way of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the coming year starting December 9 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. More than just a spiritual value, mercy is a lens through which we can view the Church's teachings on life issues. In this evening with Deacon Larry Vaclavik, we will explore the centrality of mercy to such important life issues as capital punishment, abortion, assisted suicide. The way of mercy can provide a path for following Christ in the face of life's most difficult challenges. Join us for an engaging, entertaining and enlightening evening.

Tuesday, October 27, 7-9pm
Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339

Presented by Deacon Larry Vaclavik
Adjunct Lecturer
University of St. Thomas—Graduate School of Theology

Pastoral Care Hospital Ministry
An Opportunity for Deacons & Lay People to Provide Pastoral Care

16-Week Training Course
To be held at the St. Mary Seminary
On Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
January 14th through May 12th, 2016
Four-fold Purpose

1. To bring the Presence of the Church to the Sick and the Dying
2. To provide basic skills of pastoral and sacramental care
3. To understand the Patient in a context of Health Care Facilities
4. To understand how to care for one's self as a Pastoral Care Minster

Topics to be included:

- Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying
- The Pastoral and Sacramental Visit
- The Pastoral Conversation
- The Fine Art of Listening
- Patient Identity
- Family Dynamics
- Suffering
- Loss and Grief
- Morals and Ethics
- Caring for Self
- Verbatims

Three to Four (3-4) Hours per week of Patient Visitation in Hospital

If interested, please contact Office of Diaconate at e-mail: deaconoffice@archgh.org (713-686-4345 ext 229) or Dcn. Gerald DuPont: gerald@gwdupont.com (281-703-0227) or contact Sarah Clark (281-361-8832).

Enrollment for this course is limited to 25 persons

Martha's Kitchen

A **Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at Martha's Kitchen on Monday, October 26 at 10 AM by Father Richard for our ministry's **twenty-third anniversary.** Martha's Kitchen sends our most sincere gratitude for all of the support we have received from parishioners and clergy over the past twenty-three years.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The 4th and final Parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for this Sunday, October 25th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

As always, the **Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.**

Reminder… Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Turn clocks back one hour.

Important Information Regarding Donations to St. Martha: *When making out your checks to St. Martha whether it is for your contribution or to pay fees or registrations, please make your checks payable to ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH. Please indicate in the memo line where the check is to be applied. Your help will be greatly appreciated.*

You are invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston's Monthly Dinner and Meeting

Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

Membership is open to all Catholics.

Monsignor Borski, our Club's Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us: Monday, October 26th

6:30 pm Social/7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program

Italiano's Restaurant—217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas

The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

Our Guest speaker will be Daniel Kidd, Executive Director of the Shalom Center, a Residential Renewal and Treatment Center for Clergy and Men and Women Religious.

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

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **HERR 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.

CANCARE

St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM, will be visiting our parish **this weekend** to speak at all Masses on behalf of Franciscan Missions.

Fr. Joseph Hund was born in Detroit, Michigan, the third oldest of 3 brothers and 4 sisters; his mother Rachel, turning 97 years on September 6, is still strong.

Fr. Joseph joined the Franciscan Order in the Province of Cincinnati, Ohio. After solemn profession of vows, he dedicated his life as a Franciscan foreign missionary in various countries of the world.

He served 21 years in the Philippines and 3 years in Malawi & Tanzania and 6 years in Jamaica. Recently he has completed 5 ½ years in Namibia (located in Southwest Africa).

In June of this year, Fr. Joseph joyfully accepted his assignment as Parochial Vicar, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Lafayette, LA.

NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

Mass times:

8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP
A way of life

Stewardship Renewal

Outreach & Administrative Ministries

This weekend you will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from our Outreach and Administrative ministries to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass.

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection -- November 7-8, 2015

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 November 7th and 8th. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming holiday months. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

In the Third Quarter (July, August, September), through your gifts, St. Martha Conference was able to bring God's love and mercy to 323 families, providing $15,998 in utility bills, $15,393 in rent assistance, $1,970 for food and other bills. Assistance for the quarter totaled $33,361 and as a result our funds and resources are critically depleted.

Your gift to St. Martha Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed walking with Jesus and recognizing him in the poor and suffering. God Bless You!

"To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete; it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus."
--Pope Francis

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Team Meeting

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Ministry will meet on Tues., November 10th, at 7 pm in FLC Room 6 on the Woodland Hills Campus. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend as well as new members who signed up during the Stewardship Renewal. Second Family is always in need of new team members. Volunteers only need to give 3 or 4 hours a month. This is the first of only 3 meetings that will be held this year. Second Family Care Team is a ministry that reaches out to care for those who are living with long term or terminal illnesses or seniors in need. If you would like to become a member of a Second Family Care Circle or know someone in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you are invited to the meeting or to call Peggy Wehe 281-360-3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com .

The Social Justice Corner

TEXAS CATHOLIC VOICE
A NEWSLETTER OF THE TEXAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Catholic Church Is Taking The Fight To Payday Lenders In Arlington
September 29, 2015
By Jim Mitchell, *The Dallas Morning News*

In the spring, Arlington councilman Robert Rivera began to test the waters on establishing restrictions on payday loans similar to those highly successful ones passed in Dallas several years ago. The water was lukewarm then, but now Rivera has support from the Catholic Church.

Tougher regulations are far from a done deal, but this week the Texas Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic Bishops of Texas, joined with long standing payday lending opponents Texas Appleseed, Texas Fair Lending Alliance, and Saint Vincent DePaul Society to call for the City of Arlington to pass ordinances to put limits on payday and title loan lending.

This is an intriguing expansion of grass roots opposition into the Ft. Worth, Irving and Arlington areas, the home turf of two of the nation's big payday lenders, Ace Cash Express and Cash America. The Texas Catholic Conference has been conducting roadshows to mobilize action for payday reform city-by-city. Getting Arlington to consider any action against payday lending would be a huge win. As one source put it, "Arlington is a tough nut to crack and Ft. Worth is even a tougher nut to crack."

Rev. Daniel Kelly, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Arlington and chancellor of the Fort Worth Diocese, says "It seems that every week another member of my parish tells me a horror story about one of these loans. They debilitate our families. People take out loans without fully understanding the terms and this begins the vicious cycle of debt that ruins the lives of too many families. This must end."

Like in Dallas, the focus will be on zoning regulations, such as limits on where the businesses can operate and regulations and on the amount and number for times a loan can be refinanced. If you had asked me a year ago whether change could take place in Arlington, I would have given it a long shot.

Yes, Arlington will be a tough nut to crack. However, more than 20 cities have followed Dallas' lead (credit former councilman Jerry Allen) and have found ways to reduce the impact of payday lending. There is no reason Arlington can't be on that list.

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, 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

Calling All Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel!

On Wednesday, November 11, our St. Martha Catholic School community will honor veterans and active duty military personnel. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at the Faith Formation Campus followed by a reception for veterans, active military personnel and family members. We invite our veterans to come dressed in military uniform if they so choose.

If you are interested participating in the program, having a loved one honored at the program or attending as a guest, please RSVP to Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or 281-358-5523 ext. 314.

Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture

"An Eyewitness View of the Synod on the Family"

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Cardinal DiNardo will share his insights from the synod and its ramifications for the future of the family. Aided by dialogue partners Fr. Leon Strieder and Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak, there will be time for great discussion and questions from the audience.

Thursday • Oct. 29, 2015 • 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Seminary

Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Auditorium • 9845 Memorial Drive

Free and open to the public

For more information, contact Cathy Irantalab at cathy.irantalab@smseminary.com

St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office. $5.00 each. For more information call: 281-358-6637

Bereavement Mini-Retreat
Live Again – Reclaiming our Lives; Remembering our Love
St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479
Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Laurence School dining hall

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, recent or many years past, please join us for this retreat. To register please contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 or call Agnes Fernandes at 281-933-3721.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Oct. 24 & 25, 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.)*

Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass Celebrations

The 2015 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Masses honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) or silver (25th) Anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on: Golden -50 Years of Marriage- Sunday, December 20, 2015 and Silver -25 years of Marriage- Sunday, November 29, 2015, 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.

Couples wishing to participate are asked to register on line by visiting www.familylifeministryhouston.org. Please fill out all the information requested and make sure that the name of each couple is **typed exactly** as they wish them to appear on their recognition.

Deadline for registrations varied, we encourage you to read all the information attentively. Registration will not be processed if the information about the Catholic Wedding cannot be verified and/or if the fee of $25 dollars per couple is not received; financial help is available.

Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of 6 family members or friends to the Mass.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

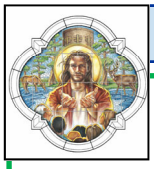
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

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, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM. Monday: 11 PM - Midnight. Tuesday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM. Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 9-10 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 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.



Ministerio Hispano

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
En el relato evangélico seleccionado para el 30o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos encontramos con una de las muchas historias de milagros del Evangelio según Marcos. Estas suelen ser dramáticas historias llenas de muchos detalles. Al mismo tiempo que se describen con cuidado los hechos que revelan los movimientos paso a paso de la no creencia a la fe, de la creencia al discipulado y de la distancia a la comunión con el Señor. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy es la única historia milagrosa en Marcos en el que la persona que se curó recibe un nombre: Bartimeo o el hijo de Timeo. Esto es mucho más que una simple historia de la curación física por Cristo. Marcos utiliza la ocasión para enseñarnos acerca de quién es Jesús y que estamos llamados a convertirnos por medio de la fe en Cristo Jesús. En clamor de Bartimeo en busca de ayuda, llama a Jesús el "Hijo de David", es la única vez en el Evangelio de Marcos que se utiliza este título mesiánico. Incluso antes de que Jesús ejerce su poder de curación, el texto indica que la petición del hombre ciego en busca de ayuda viene de la fe profunda y la confianza en Dios. También hay otro detalle importante en la historia. A diferencia de todas las demás personas que se curaron en el Evangelio de Marcos, solamente Bartimeo se levantó y siguió a Jesús por el camino. A medida que continuamos presenciando la historia se desarrolla, Marcos parece sugerir que Bartimeo siguió a Jesús en Jerusalén, tal vez hasta el pie de la cruz, e incluso más allá en una vida de discipulado y ministerio.

Al reflexionar más detenidamente sobre este encuentro entre Jesús y Bartimeo, comenzamos a percibir que se trata de **la historia sobre cada uno de nosotros**. Somos llamados por el Señor Jesús desde nuestra oscuridad y ceguera a la luz de Cristo y nos da la misión de llevar esta luz al mundo. Note la especial sensibilidad y preocupación que Jesús demuestra hacia Bartimeo. Cuando Jesús escucha su petición de ayuda, se detiene y llama al hombre a sí mismo. (En otras historias de Jesús se acerca a la persona o las demás traen a la persona en necesidad de curación a Jesús.) En esta lectura Jesús llama al hombre a la distancia y parece decir: "Voy a ayudarte, pero primero tienes que levantarte y ven a mí". Bartimeo podría haber respondido de diferentes maneras. Podría haber respondido por un sentimiento de autocompasión, "yo no puedo. Estoy ciego. Tengo miedo de intentarlo. Ven aquí y ayúdame". Lo más probable es que Jesús habría hecho eso. O Bartimeo podría haber respondido con ira, "¿No puedes ver que estoy ciego! ¡Tienes que venir aquí!". Y de nuevo, Jesús lo habría probablemente hecho. En lugar de estas respuestas, el Evangelio nos dice que Bartimeo "arrojó a un lado su capa, se levantó y vino a Jesús". Y cuando él entró en la presencia de Jesús, recibió el don de la vista. ¡Qué poderosa imagen de fe y una hermosa visión de la oración de un discípulo de confianza! Antes de que pudiera seguir adelante con cualquier sentido de confianza y antes de que hubiera ninguna garantía de que su petición sería contestada, Bartimeo se levantó y se acercó a donde Jesús lo había llamado. Esta historia tiene volúmenes de enseñanza acerca de la calidad y la profundidad de nuestro propio discipulado y nuestra cercanía a Aquel a quien queremos servir.

Padre Chester Borski

30º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Evangelio de San Marcos nos relata la historia de Bartimeo, un hombre ciego que pedía limosna al lado del camino por donde pasaba Jesús, el cual, al oír que Jesús pasaba por ahí, empezó a gritarle: Jesús, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí. Muchos le pedían que se callara, pero no lo hizo hasta que Jesús lo mandó llamar y le preguntó que quería que hiciera por el, Bartimeo le pidió ver de nuevo y Jesús le devolvió la vista diciéndole que su fe lo había salvado. ¿Tenemos nosotros la fe de Bartimeo para pedirle a Jesús de forma específica lo que necesitamos y confiar en que El nos lo concederá, si así nos conviene? El secreto de la oración en la que pedimos algo a Dios, es la fe que tengamos en que Dios es capaz de responder a nuestra oración. Jesús mismo nos prometió: "Pedid y se os dará". Pidamos con fe, pero pidamos las cosas que Dios sabe que nos convienen para nuestra salvación.
Compromiso de la semana: Pediré a Dios por mis necesidades confiando en que El sabrá concederme lo que más me conviene para salvarme.
Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: ***boletin@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.**

Convalidación de Matrimonios:
¿Te falta el Sacramento de Matrimonio? ¿Necesitas ayuda emocional o espiritual en tu Matrimonio? Para más información llama al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: **matrimonios@stmartha.co**

Cáliz de Vocaciones:
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más Información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: **comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.**

Ministerio Hispano

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 email:
legiondemaria@stmartha.co

La Iglesia de Santa Martha ofrecerá el Programa de VIRTUS:
"**MANTENIENDO LA PROMESA VIVA**"
el 10 de noviembre, 2015 en el FLC en español. Favor de llegar a las 5:30 p.m.
Cupo limitado. **NO se permiten menores de 18 años de edad.**
Para inscribirse visite **www.virtus.org** y favor de hacerlo antes del día 10 de noviembre. Para más información favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Virtus de Santa Martha
Ana Luisa Rodriguez, 281-358-1959 x269.

Proyecto de Servicio en Casa Juan Diego
Sabado, 21 de Noviembre, 2015
Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

Casa Juan Diego (CJD) fue fundada en 1980 y es una Casa de Hospitalidad con colaboradores catolicos para ayudar a inmigrantes, refugidos y gente pobre. Hemos acordado un dia de servicio y apoyo de nuestros jovenes para el Sabado 21 de noviembre, 2015. Esta es una oportunidad perfecta para prepararnos para el año del Jubileo de la Misericordia anunciado por el Papa Francisco, el cual comenzara el 8 de Diciembre del 2015. A continuacion los detalles:

Desde ahora: Colecta de articulos necesitados en CJS (listas disponibles)

Viernes, Nov. 20:
7:00-9:00pm Orientacion: "Dando la Bienvenida al desconocido entre nosotros ". Una introduccion a las enseñanzas sociales y catolicas, asi como actividades a realizar al dia siguiente. (*Woodland Hills Campus, Room No. 3*)

Sabado Nov. 21:
7:30 am Llegar al Woodland Hills Campus; salida a CJD
9:00-12:00pm Realizar varios proyectos en CJD
Se proporcionara lunch a los asistentes antes del regreso
3:30pm Llegada de regreso al Woodlands Hills Campus

Para mayor informacion, contactar a Marcelle Chamoun-Farah (marcelle1009@icloud.com), Fernanda Lago (FerLago507@gmail.com) o Michael Mosby (MichaelMosby1957@gmail.com). Favor de inscribirse lo mas pronto posible ya que el espacio es limitado y necesitamos coordinar el transporte. Se requiren las hojas de permiso para asistir. Los chaperones son bienvenidos y necesitan tener certificado de Virtus.

Este Proyecto de Servicio esta abierto a todos los jovenes en high school, sin importar la Escuela a la que asistan o el grado. Las horas del Proyecto cuentan para Confirmacion con la pre-aprobacion de Ana Leija. Favor de incluir en sus agendas el Retiro Anual de Cuaresma para jovenes, Febrero 26-27, 2016.

PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO
María Goretti Network en Español
En Septiembre próximo comenzará en St. Martha un grupo de apoyo conformado por hombres y mujeres que hayan sido abusados en algún momento de su vida y que buscan sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llame al teléfono 281-389-1210 o envié un e-mail a **mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.** Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

Monaguillos:
Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al
832-514-5741 o por email al:
monaguillos@stmartha.co.

La guardería para niños de 2 a 4 años está disponible para la misa de 1pm en español. Les recomendamos llegar unos minutos antes para registrar y dejar a sus hijos.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejo para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es facil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos estan aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesus. 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 Jesus le dejo 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 Catolica? Ayudalo y pasale este anuncio, invitalo 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.

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