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STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Weekly Contribution

Collection for July 10th – \$3,922.07
Carpet Collection - \$1,702.49

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our Fiscal needs.

“His Mercy Endures Forever - Psalm 136

**“We are called upon to focus on the heart to see how
much generosity everyone is capable of.”**

Pope Francis

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill
Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs
and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish
alone. **Paid so far \$11,987.00 with 74 families.**

**Please help us reach our goal of \$25,000.00
with your participation.**

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Rogelio Calvillo, Ignacio Damian Sr, Lillie Damian, Eddie
Virgil, Gabriel Gallegos, Will Windham, Melissa Garcia,
Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W.
Callaway, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Luz
Santos, Chano Lopez, Linda Melnar, Francis Emily Cyr,
Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Roy Martinez, Craig Cameron,
Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert
Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Marcia Meeks,
Leong Mendoza, Joe Tyner, Margaret Martinez, Chris
Martinez, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Lupe Mendoza,
Noberto Gonzales, Elena Nieto, Emilo, Helen Montiel, Janice
Gartman D, Gloria Irwin W., Roy Hawley, Maria Gonzales,
Pete Gutierrez, David Jauregui, Alberto Garcia, Alberto
Garcia Sr., Graciela Garcia Marizol Esquivel, Mary Rodriguez

*And for all those whose names that have not been made known to
us.*

Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory
of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is
interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at
979-233-5271.

**July - In loving memory of +Mrs. Georgia Jacob
requested by Jacqueline and Charles Stetzel**

Sponsor of the Week

[ILM Ike & Lydia Matocha]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

July 18 – July 24

Monday/Lunes

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
NO MASS

Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday/Martes

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Matthew 12:46-50

8:30 am - NO MASS INTENTION

Wednesday/Miercoles

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10

Matthew 13:1-9

6:30 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Thursday/Jueves

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Matthew 13:10-17

6:15 pm – NO MASS INTENTION

Friday/Viernes

Jeremiah 3:14-17

Corinthians 5:14-17

8:30 am – NO MASS INTENTION

Saturday/Sabado

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Matthew 13:24-30

5:30 pm - +Joseph Lusco by Rita & Marvin Anderson

Sunday/Domingo

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

9:00a.m. – +Frank Rangel Moreno by Guadalupe & Family

11:00 a.m. – +Estorgio Cardenas by Wife & Children

5:00 p.m. – For the Youth of St. Mary's



Baptism Preparation

Through Infant Baptism, parents “transmit to their children their faith and the grace of the Sacraments which allow them to enter the people of God, the Church” (Pope Francis).

Parents wanting to have their children baptized must come by the parish office to register their child, attend preparatory classes and follow our policy for celebrating the Sacrament.

Preparación Para Bautismo

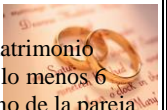
Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “transmiten a sus hijos su fe y la gracia del Sacramento que les permite entrar, formar parte del pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia” (Papa Francisco). Los Padres que quieran que sus niños sean bautizados, deberán venir a la oficina a registrar a su niño y asistir a las clases de preparación y seguir el reglamento para la celebración del sacramento.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.



**Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments
Preparativos para celebrar los Sacramentos**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Anyone interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th grade and above) please call the Faith Formation office, 233-5271.

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración del sacramento de la Confirmación (novenno grado en adelante) por favor llame a la oficina de Formación de Fe, 233-5271.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

Anyone interested in celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist for the first time, please contact the Faith Formation office at 233-5271.

Primera Reconciliación y la primera Eucaristía

Cualquier persona interesados en la celebración de la Reconciliación o la Eucaristía por primera vez, favor de contactar la oficina de Formación de la Fe al 233-5271.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office.

Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 233-5271.

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana

Cualquiera que esté interesado en saber más acerca de la Iglesia Católica o interesado en convertirse en un católica, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Cualquier persona interesada en patrocinar a alguien, por favor llame a la oficina al 233-5271.

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.



Dear Parishioners,
 “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing” (Lk 10:41-42).
 We can become slaves to what we do, getting all ‘hot and bothered’. Jesus invites us to focus on the only thing that matters: living his word as we live for him. This makes our work a creative act of love.

There is much affection in repeating this name: “Martha, Martha”! The house in Bethany, near Jerusalem, was a place Jesus would stop and rest with his disciples. In the city, he was drawn into debates; he found antagonism and rejection. In Bethany, instead, he felt welcome and found peace.

Martha was enterprising and active. She showed it later when her brother died and she engaged Jesus in a lengthy conversation, questioning him energetically. She was a strong woman who showed great faith. When “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe’” (Jn 11:25-27). She answered without any hesitation.

At this point she was extremely busy, organizing a special welcome for the master and his disciples. She was the mistress of the house (as her name suggests: Martha means “mistress”), and so she felt responsible. She was probably preparing the evening meal for her important guest. Her sister Mary had left her all alone to do the work. Contrary to the traditions of the East, Mary did not go to the kitchen but remained with the men to listen to Jesus, sitting at his feet, just like the perfect disciple. This gave rise to the rather resentful comment by Martha: “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me” (Lk 10:40).

And Jesus’ affectionate, yet firm reply was: “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”

Was Jesus not happy with the enterprising and generous service of Martha? Didn’t he appreciate her concrete and practical way of welcoming him, and wouldn’t he be happy to eat the food that was being prepared? Shortly after this episode, in his parables he will praise the administrators, businesspeople and employees who know how to use their talents creatively and do business with their goods (see Lk 12:42; 19:12-26). He even praises shrewdness (see Lk 16:1-8). He could not but rejoice at seeing a woman so full of initiative and capable of giving a warm and abundant welcome.

What Jesus calls attention to is the state she was in, how bothered and worried she was about her work. Martha is agitated, “distracted by her many tasks” (Lk 10:40); she has lost her calm. It is no longer she who controls her work, but it is her work that has taken control and tyrannizes her. She is no longer free; she has become a slave to what she does.

Doesn’t it happen also to us at times that we get lost in the thousands of things to do? We are drawn to and distracted by the internet, by messaging, by useless posts. Even when we have serious commitments to occupy us, they can make us forget to be attentive to others, to listen to people right next to us. Above all, the danger is that we lose sight of why and who we are working for. Our work and other concerns become ends in themselves.

Or else we are overcome by anxiety and agitation when we face difficult situations and problems with our family, money matters, career, school and the future of our children—to such an extent that we forget the words of Jesus: “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things” (Mt 6:31-32). We too deserve Jesus’ criticism: “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”

What is the only thing needed? To hear and live the words of Jesus. Before these words and before he who speaks them, we cannot put anything at all. The true way of welcoming the Lord, of making him feel at home, is to welcome what he says. This is what Mary did: forgetting everything else, she put herself at his feet and did not miss a single word.

If we do that we will be guided not by our desire to be noticed or to have the first place, but only by pleasing him, by being at the service of his kingdom.

Like Martha, we too are called to do “many things” for the good of others. Jesus has taught us that the Father is happy when we bear “much fruit” (see John 15:8) and that we will even do greater things than he did (see Jn 14:12). He looks therefore at our dedication, our passion in doing the work he has given us to do, our imagination, courage and resourcefulness. He wants us to do many things without getting bothered and agitated, but keeping the peace that comes from knowing we are doing God’s will.

The only thing that matters therefore is to become Jesus’ disciples, letting him live in us, being attentive to what he suggests with his gentle voice that prompts us moment by moment. In this way he will be the one who guides us in every act. In doing “many things” we will not be distracted and side-tracked, because by following Jesus’ words we will be moved by love alone. In all we do, we will always do only one thing: love.

Fr. Fabio Ciardi & Fr. Jesse Garcia

“Martha, Martha, tú estás preocupada y molesta por tantas cosas; pero una sola cosa es necesaria” (Lc 10, 41-42).

¿Cuánto afecto al repetir este nombre: Marta, Marta! La casa de Betania, a las puertas de Jerusalén, es un lugar donde Jesús suele detenerse y descansar con sus discípulos. Fuera, en la ciudad, debe discutir, encuentra oposición y rechazo; en cambio aquí hay paz y acogida.

Marta es emprendedora y activa. Lo demostrará también en la muerte de su hermano, cuando entabla con Jesús una conversación firme, en la cual lo interpela con energía. Es una mujer fuerte, que muestra una gran fe. A la pregunta: «¿Crees que yo soy la resurrección y la vida?», responde sin dudarle: «Sí, Señor, creo» (cf. Jn 11, 25-27).

También ahora está atareada preparando una acogida digna para el Maestro y sus discípulos. Es la anfitriona (lo dice su propio nombre: Marta significa «dueña») y por eso se siente responsable. Probablemente está preparando la cena para este huésped de categoría. María, su hermana, la ha dejado sola en la tarea. En lugar de quedarse en la cocina según las costumbres orientales, se une a los hombres para escuchar a Jesús, sentada a sus pies, como haría una discípula perfecta. De ahí la intervención un poco resentida de Marta: «Señor, ¿no te importa que mi hermana me haya dejado sola para servir? Dile que me eche una mano» (Lc 10, 40). Y esta es la respuesta afectuosa y a la vez firme de Jesús: “Marta, Marta, tú estás preocupada y molesta por tantas cosas; pero una sola cosa es necesaria.”

¿Es que no le gustaba a Jesús el estilo emprendedor y el servicio generoso de Marta? ¿Acaso no agradecía su acogida concreta y no iba a tomar con gusto las viandas que le estaba preparando? Poco después de este episodio, en otras parábolas, alabaré a administradores, emprendedores y empleados que saben sacar provecho de sus talentos y negociar con los bienes (cf. Lc 12, 42; 19, 12-26). Incluso alaba su astucia (cf. Lc 16, 1-8), de modo que no podía alegrarse de ver a una mujer tan llena de iniciativa y capaz de una acogida diligente y generosa.

Lo que le reprocha es el afán y la preocupación que pone en su trabajo. Está agitada, «afanada con los muchos servicios» (Lc 10, 40), ha perdido la calma. Ya no es ella la que dirige el trabajo, sino el trabajo el que ha tomado la delantera y la tiraniza. Ya no es libre, se ha vuelto esclava de sus tareas.

¿No nos sucede también a nosotros a veces que nos dispersamos en las mil cosas que hay que hacer? Nos dejamos atraer y distraer por Internet, los chats, los superfluos mensajes del móvil. Incluso aunque nos ocupemos en trabajos serios, estos pueden hacer que nos olvidemos de prestar atención a los demás, de escuchar a las personas que tenemos cerca. El peligro está sobre todo en perder de vista por qué y para quién trabajamos. El trabajo y las demás ocupaciones se convierten en fin en sí mismos.

O quizá nos pueden el ansia y la agitación ante situaciones y problemas difíciles que atañen a la familia, la economía, la profesión, las clases, nuestro futuro o el de nuestros hijos, hasta hacernos olvidar las palabras de Jesús: «No andéis agobiados pensando en qué vais a comer, o qué vais a beber, o con qué os vais a vestir. Los paganos se afanan por esas cosas. Ya sabe vuestro Padre celestial que tenéis necesidad de todo eso» (Mt 6, 31-32). También nosotros merecemos la reprimenda de Jesús: “Marta, Marta, tú estás preocupada y molesta por tantas cosas; pero una sola cosa es necesaria.”

¿Qué es lo único necesario? Escuchar y vivir las palabras de Jesús. A ellas —y a Él, que habla— no se les puede anteponer absolutamente nada. El verdadero modo de hospedar a Jesús, de acogerlo, es acoger lo que Él nos dice. Tal como hizo María, que se olvidó de todo, se puso a sus pies y no se perdió ni una palabra suya. Así no nos moverá el deseo de figurar ni de sobresalir, sino de darle gusto a Él, de estar al servicio de su reino.

Como Marta, también nosotros estamos llamados a hacer «muchas cosas» por el bien de los demás. Jesús nos ha enseñado que el Padre quiere que demos «mucho fruto» (cf. Jn 15, 8) y que haremos incluso cosas mayores que Él (cf. Jn 14, 12). Es decir, Él espera de nosotros dedicación, pasión en el trabajo que se nos encomienda, inventiva, audacia e iniciativa. Pero sin afán ni agitación, con la paz que viene de saber que estamos cumpliendo la voluntad de Dios.

Lo único que importa es, pues, convertirse en discípulos de Jesús, dejar que Él viva en nosotros, estar atentos a sus sugerencias, a su voz sutil, que nos orienta en cada momento. De este modo será Él quien nos guíe en cualquier acción nuestra.

Cuando hagamos «muchas cosas», no estaremos distraídos ni dispersos porque, siguiendo las palabras de Jesús, nos moverá solo el amor. En cualquier ocupación haremos siempre una sola cosa: amar.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Decimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

ST. MARY: STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
FREEPORT, TEXAS

July 17, 2016/17 de Julio 2016

This Week in the Our Parish

July 18:

NO MASS

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

July 19:

8:30 am – English Mass

9:00 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

5:00 pm – LOM (Spanish) - HW#5

6:00 pm Website Training with Monica – (CON)

7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

July 20:

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm – Confessions – (C)

6:00 pm – Peace Rosary – (C)

6:30 pm – English Mass

7:00 pm – EM Training (C)

July 21:

9:00 am – 6:00 pm – Adoration

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

6:00 pm – Benediction

6:15 pm – Spanish Mass

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

July 22:

8:30 am – English Mass

9:30 am – 5:30 pm – Youth Fest

3:00 – 4:00 pm – Divine Mercy

July 23:

4:00 - 5:00 pm – Confessions – (C)

4:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal – (Som)

5:30 pm – English Mass

Jacob (Olive Wood) Religious Items for sale in front of Church

Second collection for carpet

July 24:

9:00 am – English Mass

Jacob (Olive Wood) Religious Items for sale in front of Church

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11:00 am -Spanish Mass

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5:00 pm – English Mass

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

July 23, 5:30 P.M – English Mass

Altar Servers: Claire Cundieff

Lectors: Jimmy Mikes, Steve Melaragno

EM's: Connie Melaragno, Marilyn Saccomanno, James Saccomanno

July 24, 9:00 A.M – English Mass

Altar Servers: Omar & Carlos Ramos, Fred Silbas

Lectors: Rosemary Bravo, Johanna Blanchard

EM's: Tina Robledo, Nieves Olquin, Carmen Olquin

July 24, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass

Altar Servers: Jasmin Conejo, Stephany Reyes, Jesus Salazar

Lectors: Isaura Conejo, Elena Lara

EM's: Maria Lucy Salazar, Maria Lupita Oliva, Abel Oliva

July 24, 5:00 P.M – English Mass

Altar Servers: Bryan & Analy Chavez

Lectors: Marianna Caro, Mariel Delgado

EM's: Margaret Garcia, David Delgado, Maria Gutierrez

ALTAR DUTY

July 1-30 – James and Marilyn Saccomanno

Cave Quest Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. Please come and register at the office for a fun-filled journey to follow Jesus, the Light of the world from July 18th thru July 21st from 10 am to 1 pm for children in PK-3 thru 5th grade.

Cave Quest, la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones se está acercando muy rápidamente. Por favor ven y regístrate a la oficina para un viaje lleno de diversión siguiendo a Jesús, la luz del mundo. Se llevará a cabo los días 18 al 21 de Julio de 10 de la mañana a 1 de la tarde para los niños de PreK-3 al 5 grado.

Youth Fest, “You are the Light of the World” is also quickly approaching. Please come by the office to register and shine brightly with Our Lord on July 22nd from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm for youth in grades 6th thru 12th.

Festival de la Juventud, “Tu eres la Luz del Mundo” también se está acercando muy rápidamente. Por favor ven a regístrate a la oficina y brilla con Nuestro Señor, el festival será el día 22 de Julio de 9:30 de la mañana a 5:30 de la tarde, para los jóvenes del grado 6 al 12

St. Mary's is looking for a professional carpet layer. If you are interested or know someone, please contact the office at (979)233-5271.

Si usted sabe instalar o conoce de alguien que sepa instalar alfombra profesionalmente, favor de comunicarse a la oficina de la iglesia.

Jacob (Olive Wood) Religious items on sale after all Masses in front of the Church.

**St. Mary: Star of the Sea's
90th Anniversary on
August 13th and 14th**

Receptions following Saturday night Mass and the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday.

A dinner reception will be held on the 14th at 2:00 pm. This reception will include a slide show, sharing memories and conclude with a Living Rosary and 5:00 pm Mass for the Vigil of the Assumption (This Mass will not fulfil your Sunday obligation. Everyone invited to come to all or part of the celebration

**90th Anniversario
13 y 14 de Agosto**

Recepciones se llevarán a cabo después de la Misa del sábado 13 en la tarde y después de las Misas del domingo 14 de 9:00 a.m. y 11:00 a.m.

Una recepción con banquete se llevará a cabo el domingo 14 de agosto a las 2:00 p.m. Esta recepción incluirá un video con fotos compartiendo recuerdos y concluirá con un Rosario viviente y una Misa a las 5:00 p.m. (esta Misa no cumple con la Misa de obligación del domingo).

!Todos están cordialmente invitados a asistir a todo a parte de las celebraciones!