

Upcoming events

- April 2-3** - Lenten Mission featuring Msgr. Duca
- April 7-9** - High Schoolers Youth Group Ranch Retreat
- April 22** - 50th Anniversary celebration begins!
 - ♦ 5K run 9 am, St. Paul
 - ♦ 6:30 reception, 7 pm Anniversary Banquet featuring *Late Night Catechism*
- April 23**
 - ♦ 9:15 a.m. Mass with Bishop Grahmann
 - ♦ Noon-5 pm Parish Picnic
- June 23** - Fajita Dinner for Parish & Community
- June 24**
 - ♦ 5K run 9 am, St. Paul
 - ♦ Festival - Games, food and fun for our Parish and beyond. Please tell your friends to come!

St. Paul Communications Group *We hope you've been enjoying the monthly notes in the bulletin from St. Paul Organizational Council meetings. Along with this newsletter, it is part of our ongoing efforts to keep parishioners informed about the many events going on at St. Paul. Special thanks to this issue's Guest Writer Helen Allison as well as Writers Tim Lyons and Charles Rodriguez, Translator Marcos Abreu and Spanish Editor Laura Fernandez. Thank you also to Ready Print. Please send ideas to Editor jane.koenecke@ibsa.com or in the Newsletter box in the Narthex.*

Ready to Recycle your Used Cell Phone?

Many of you have used cell phones but don't know how to properly recycle them. Here's your chance!

The Knights of Columbus Council 12021 are collecting used cell phones through June 15, 2006 to support Special Olympics. Along with RMS Communications Group Inc, the Knights will recycle used cell phones to raise funds and awareness of the outstanding and courageous athletes who participate in Special Olympics.

For each phone recycled through the program, Special Olympics will receive from \$1 to \$100. Do the right thing for the environment and help participants by donating your phone. **Please give used cell phones to any member of St. Paul Knights of Columbus or place it in the specially-marked Recycle bin in the Narthex.** Please include any phone accessories, chargers, etc., with the phone.

Thanks for your support!



Celebrating 50 Years!

This is a very special year for St. Paul Parish and we have several special events coming up to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

Here are the events planned. Please come to all you can!

April 22

9 am - 5K Run - T-shirt, goody bag & trophies to be rewarded. (\$20 entry; 4th grade & under run w/adult)

6:30 pm Reception, 7 pm 50th Anniversary Banquet featuring *Late Night Catechism*

April 23

Special Anniversary Mass with Bishop Grahmann at 9:15 a.m.

Noon to 5 pm, Free Family Picnic for our parish. Lots of activities for all ages, including a bouncy house, sack races, games and movies.

In June we'll expand the festivities to include the community beyond St. Paul's parish. Let's show the community what is special about St. Paul's. Please invite more friends to join us!

June 23 6:30-8 pm Hispanic Community Fajita Dinner June 24

9 a.m. 5K Run - T-shirt, goody bag & trophies to be rewarded. (\$20 entry; 4th grade & under run w/adult)

11:30 am - 6 pm Festival! We'll have a raffle for a flat screen TV, plus a chance to earn prizes at game booths, bingo, field games and lots of great food!

If you know some history to share about our parish, contact our parish office at 972-235-6105. We need your help with all of these anniversary activities! Let us know what you or your organizations can help with or provide. Call 972-496-3644 or 972-235-2598.

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**You are invited to the
St. Paul Lenten Mission
*Christ behind me, Christ beside me,
Christ in front of me.***

The grace of Christ heals our past (RECONCILIATION), is with us in our present trials (FAITHFULNESS), and send us forth with confidence (MISSION) **7-8:30 pm, Sunday and Monday, April 2 and 3, 2006**
St. Paul the Apostle Church

Our Mission Facilitator is the **Rev. Msgr. Michael Gerard Duca**, who is the Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary, a member of the Presbyterial Council for the Diocese of Dallas and is on the Board of Consultors. In addition, he is a Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

He was born in Dallas and attended St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Grade School. He was ordained on April 29, 1978 by Bishop Thomas Tschoepe for the Diocese of Dallas.

Strengthen your Faith!

Msgr. Duca is has a wonderful message and can help each of us to make this Lent more meaningful.

Please join us for a few hours of time to expand your understanding about the presence of Christ's grace in your life.

The Women's Guild will provide refreshments

Jerri Brandenburg, our Director of Religious Education, Safety Officer and more for St. Paul the Apostle Parish, will be installed as President of Coordinating of Religious Educators (C.A.R.E.) for the Dallas Diocese on April 27, 2006. She has been with our parish for 10 years and we appreciate all she continues to do for us in addition to her new duties with this group of representatives from throughout the diocese. Congratulations, Jerri!

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Father Martin

We're So Thankful for You!

An eight-year-old boy knelt before the crucifix and contemplated the suffering. He was motivated to respond, to pray. "What can I do to ease the pain? What can I do for you to get you down from that cross?" What transpired at that moment would not become clear for years to come, but the seed of his vocation had been sewn. The first call to the priesthood came as a inner whisper, a desire to give back for the many blessings received. God's ways are His own, and not often easily understood. It was not until sixteen years later that the young man attended a retreat and began to wonder whether God was calling him to a priestly vocation. Martin Moreno left his girlfriend and entered Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas. The road to ordination began with studies at Holy Trinity then continued at the major seminary in Monterey, Mexico. After being ordained a Deacon, Martin spent a year teaching at the minor seminary at Monterey, and another month in the Mexican state of Chiapas. Father Martin was ordained on January 11, 2003 in the diocese of Monterey.

It is more likely that a call to a priestly vocation be heard and obeyed when the young man God is calling belongs to a family who actively practice their Catholic faith. Father Martin comes from a devout Catholic family, the third of four children. His two-month premature birth was a scare to the family and his mother immediately commended him to St. Martin de Porres, the Dominican monk known as the patron saint for difficult health issues. His faith was fostered in the tight-knit family that moved from Tamaulipas, Mexico (where he was born) to the Dallas area. His greatest difficulty in serving God's people in Monterey was the miles and countries separating him from his now widowed mother, two brothers, sister, nephews and nieces who are all in North Texas. His Bishop understood how much support Father Martin received from his family as well as our great need for Spanish speaking priests. So, in July, 2005 Father Martin arrived at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

In times of crisis our faith is tested and deepened. These are the experiences that forge our character, and make us into who we will be the rest of our lives. Father Martin underwent such an experience when traveling to Dallas. He was driving his jeep up from Houston with his mother, one nephew and one niece, his sister's children, when a tire blew out and the vehicle rolled over. The top fell in, the front of the vehicle pushed in, the children were flung out onto the Interstate. By the grace of God, Father Martin and his mother were able to get out of the vehicle and to retrieve the children before any traffic arrived. They all sustained injuries, but only his eight-year-old nephew's were life-threatening. His skull was fractured and his neck was injured. Soon after the accident he slipped into a coma.

While the young boy lay in his hospital bed Father Martin prayed for intercession to San Martin de Porres and Pope John Paul II. His sister's faith never wavered, and she

focused her prayers through La Virgen de Guadalupe who knows better than all of us what it means to see her only son suffer. The coma lasted two days, yet subsequent scans found no trace of the skull fracture that had been previously obvious.

Father Martin has always patterned his priesthood after Pope John Paul II and his faith and belief in how close our Pope is to God's ear was greatly increased with his nephew's return to health - truly a miracle.

It has been eight months now that Father Martin has been serving here at St. Paul and he has now established responsibility and plans for spiritual growth in our parish and in the diocese.

At the parish level Father Martin (and Deacon Jesse) are responsible for the sanctification, instruction, and pastoral care for the Hispanic Community, plus a regular weekly schedule of masses and confessions.

At the diocesan level, Father Martin belongs to the Ecclesiastic Tribunal which works with couples in determining if they validly entered into and received the sacrament of matrimony. His Mexican background makes him uniquely qualified to help Hispanic couples obtain the necessary evidence and documentation to close cases in a timely fashion.

Father Martin is also helping to organize and implement a Catechism program at the Juvenile Pastoral Center in Oak Cliff. He wants to promote love for the mass and youth group camaraderie.

On Wednesday nights he teaches a diocesan pastoral program in Spanish for continuing adult catechetical training, especially for those who are called by God to serve their community through the Church.

Last year Father Martin spent a lot of time visiting prisoners in the County Jail. He found there is a great need to hear the gospel and receive reconciliation. Men routinely flocked to Father Martin for the chance to be reconciled with God. Because Father Martin needed more time to focus on St. Paul Parish planning, he has not been able to continue these visits this year.

Father Martin feels very privileged to serve the people of God with Father David at St. Paul the Apostle Church. "Father David is a terrific person. I very much appreciate how he has had confidence in me, and he's given me the liberty to pursue almost every plan I submit to him."

As an example, Father Martin led a retreat especially for the Hispanic community on March 4, a Lenten kick-off. He has many ideas on how to help the parish grow spiritually, but he needs parishioners' input. For example, Father Martin would like to provide a week-long Bible Study for adults alongside the annual Vacation Bible School for children - if there is enough interest. Please let Father Martin or Deacon Jesse know if you would like to attend a program like that.



Father Martin Moreno came to St. Paul the Apostle earlier this year and his duties at our parish and in the Dallas diocese keep him very busy in God's work.

As Parochial Vicar, Father Martin strongly urges us to turn to God. In Father Martin's homilies a few themes are beginning to emerge. He tells us that we are called to and that we must seek Christ regularly in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. (Please know that if you cannot come at 4 pm, Saturday, you are encouraged to call to make an appointment.) He also speaks about the ill treatment of women, especially those who leave home, family, and country to follow their husband and have little or no recourse when trouble arises.

In the few spare moments Father Martin is not offering himself to others, he will spend time watching a drama or reflecting on his favorite book of the Bible (which is Acts of the Apostles because it shows how the church is supposed to grow). Father Martin also treasures time with his family. Sunday evenings are typically reserved for family get-togethers, and the support from his Mother and brothers and sisters give strength to his priestly vocation. This was particularly evident on Jan 11 at the Lakeside Villas where Father Martin and his family sat at the first table in a celebration honoring the third anniversary of his priesthood.

We are grateful that he answered "Yes" to God and now acts as a person of Christ on behalf of St. Paul the Apostle Parish and the Diocese of Dallas.

Article written by Charles Rodriguez

Lent is an opportunity to go into your own desert for 40 days. Consider providing a home environment that is conducive to silence and meditation. Use this time of Lent to slow down and simplify your life.

St. Paul the Apostle School News

Congratulations to all who participated in the March 4th Auction! This is our school's primary fund-raiser, so we are exceptionally pleased to report it made around \$130,000! Special thanks to chairs Laura Bobzien, Vicki Brotzman, Gretchin Castro, Allison Evans, Linda Scheets and all the volunteers who made this success possible.

Spring sports are starting up, so please come cheer on our students participating in Baseball, Softball, Track & Field events, and more! Registration for next school year is underway, and we'd be glad to visit with anyone who is trying to find the right place for their pre-K through 8th grade students. www.saintpaulschool.org.

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Members of JCDA made and sold cloth dolls to help fund JCDA service projects. The cloth dolls also helped those who purchased them. They were sold to employees of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or EEOC, who sent the cloth dolls along with other items in care packages to U.S. Soldiers in Iraq. The soldiers were thrilled to receive the dolls! They wrote to EEOC stating how the dolls helped build trust with the Iraqi children and parents!



These cloth dolls are available at \$5 each.

JCDA also sold cloth dolls to an employee of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders. These dolls are being used during speech therapy to help children with disabilities to learn to speak.

In other news, JCDA awarded Anna Kowalczyk from All Saints Catholic Church with the 2005 Member of the Year award. Congratulations, Anna, on exemplifying the spirit of JCDA's service organization for Catholic girls 6-18 years old. ~Nenita Cuellar, JCDA Chairwoman

~~~~~ Building News ~~~~~

Demolition has begun and work is moving along at the new Parish Center on St. Paul Drive, just more slowly than anticipated. We are receiving the architect's services at no charge, and that represents a huge value for St. Paul Parish. Remember that patience is a virtue! Another reminder: We still need your pledge for our *Future is Now* Building Campaign.

In addition, to reserve space for any activities in the church or school (outside of school hours), please submit requests in writing! Contact our parish office at 709 James Dr. or adrienne@saintpaulchurch.org. Thank you!



Parents Day Out and Pre-School

Did you know there's a place here at St. Paul's for 2, 3 & 4 year olds? It's the St. Paul Parents' Day Out & Pre-school (PDO) which is now in its 11th year of existence. It meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., September through May. The children are busy throughout the day with a variety of scheduled activities. Want more information? Call 972-231-8069. The PDO staff includes Cheryl Wood, Monique Tromblay, Debbie Darr and Frances Uhrik, and they are ready to answer your questions.



The December Women's Guild Meeting featured a Christmas Tour of Homes offered by Marcia Weidenfeller, Sandra Linex and Annette Weidenfeller. Here we see "Santa" (John Weidenfeller) with Susan Anderson and Rose Miller.



St. Paul's Catholic Church has joined with Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH), who works with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, to build two houses a year. Together with the following congregations in the Richardson area, St. Paul sends workers, and provides lunch, snacks and drinks at least one Saturday for each build.

- All Saints Catholic
- Canyon Creek Presbyterian
- Church of the Holy Communion
- Community Christian
- First Christian of Richardson
- Unity Church of Dallas
- 1st United Methodist, Richardson
- King of Glory Lutheran
- St. Barnabas Presbyterian
- Spring Valley United Methodist



Helen Allison, left of the sign, has been organizing meals and helping on site with Habitat volunteers on behalf of St. Paul. She's pictured with Girl Scout Maggie Koenecke, representing Troop 793, who brought breakfast on a cold day in February.

On Feb. 18 St. Paul girl scouts provided breakfast, and the teachers and parents of St. Paul School provided lunch and drinks. Last fall several RENEW groups provided meals. The Catholic Daughters, represented by Patricia Carrvince, will provide lunch on April 8th. In addition, several members of St. Paul's Church walked in this year's Walk-a-Thon to help raise money for RAIH.

The current build will be done April 29, with the dedication ceremony on May 6. The next build will begin at the end of September. If you can provide food or drinks for the volunteers, be a volunteer, or donate to this wonderful project, **please contact St. Paul's RAIH board representative Kyle Stacey at 972-783-6767 or PPC outreach project representative Helen Allison at 972-644-3837.** Both ladies are teachers at St. Paul's School and you can often reach them there.

Facts about the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity:

The Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical housing ministry in partnership with families, volunteers and others, builds communities of hope, dignity, and self-worth through the construction of quality, affordable housing and the nurture of decent, safe neighborhoods. Their goal is to wipe out substandard, low-income housing in Dallas County. The Dallas group was founded in 1985. It is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, which was founded in 1976.

Dallas Area Habitat:

- is the seventh largest homebuilder in Dallas and ranks sixth in home building among U.S. 'Habitat' affiliates.
- is now completing their 500th house in Dallas area
- has housed more than 1,700 people
- is in partnership with 10,000 volunteers as well as faith and civic groups, corporations, foundations.
- will build 95 homes in 2006.

How It Works

Using volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds simple, decent homes, working hand-in-hand with low-income home buyer. Habitat homes are sold with no profit added to the sale price and no interest charged on the mortgage. These mortgage payments are put in a "Fund for Humanity" that helps build more houses. With the many volunteers donating both time and materials, DAHfH homes can quickly be built for the equivalent of half the market value.

Families must qualify for this program. The family must have the need for a home, the ability to pay for a home, and the willingness to participate. The families must be permanent residents of the U.S., have good or no credit history, and have proof of steady income for the past two years. Also, the family must earn between 25-50% of the median income of the area.

Potential homeowners must provide 400 hours of 'sweat equity' either on their own home or other Habitat projects in lieu of a down-payment. Dallas Area Habitat receives technical assistance from the international office but must raise its own construction and operating funds for programs. It encourages development of Neighborhood Associations to help build a strong neighborhood base.

The average Dallas Area Habitat home is 1,100 square feet and offers three to four bedrooms and one-and-a-half to two baths. Garages are not standard, but some are built due to deed restrictions. A shed is supplied for the families to store yard equipment, tools, etc.

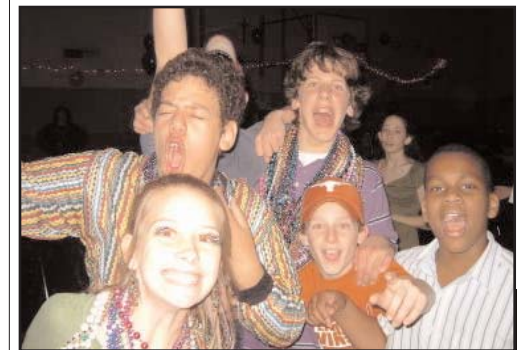
The families who receive these homes are proud to achieve their dream of home ownership and, in return, pass this sense of pride on to others in their community. Please consider helping through St. Paul the Apostle and RAIH.

Youth Group

Youth comes but once in a lifetime.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Coordinator of Youth, better known as "The Youth Guy," Mark Knox, has been creating options for our youth with more activities and more events at St. Paul the Apostle Church.



One example is the Mardi Gras event on Feb. 24 that included a parade, dinner and dance! Thanks to all

who supported Mardi Gras, especially Men's Club

who made dinner, those who helped with the parade or decorations -- and those who participated! As Mark says, "Y'all were awesome!"

The Mardi Gras event brought smiles with lots of good food, bead catching during the parade, plus crawfish races, costume and limbo contests, dancing and a lot of fun!



In addition to special events, regular activities at 711 James Youth House (unless noted) include:
Sunday - Upper Room worship
Monday - 8th grade
The Rock Praise and Worship @ Church
Tuesday - High School Bible Study 9-12th

Padre Martín

¡Estamos muy agradecidos por usted!

Un niño de ocho años se arrodilló delante del crucifijo y contemplaba el sufrimiento. Él se había motivado a responder, a orar, "¿Qué puedo hacer para aliviar el dolor?" "¿Qué puedo hacer por ti para bajarte de esa cruz?" Lo que paso en ese momento no fue claro sino hasta años mas tarde, pero se había plantado la semilla de la vocación. La primera llamada llegó como un susurro interior, un deseo de devolver algo cambio de las bendiciones que los humanos reciben. Los caminos de Dios son impredecibles y no se entienden fácilmente. No fue sino hasta dieciséis años mas tarde que el joven participó en un retiro y comenzó seriamente a preguntarse si Dios lo estaba llamando para la vocación sacerdotal. Martín Moreno dejó a su novia y entró al Seminario Santísima Trinidad en la ciudad de Dallas. El camino de su ordenación comenzó con estudios en el Seminario de la Santísima Trinidad y luego continuó en el seminario mayor de Monterrey, México. Cuando fue ordenado Diacono Martín pasó un año enseñando en el seminario menor de Monterrey y otro mes en el estado de Chiapas. El Padre Martín fue ordenado el 11 de Enero de 2003 en la diócesis de Monterrey.

Hay mas probabilidades de que una llamada al sacerdocio sea escuchada y obedecida cuando el hombre a quien Dios llama pertenece a una familia que practica su fe católica activamente. El Padre Martín proviene de una familia católica muy devota, el tercero de cuatro hijos. Su nacimiento prematuro fue un susto a su familia y su madre se lo encomendó a San Martín de Porres, el monje dominico conocido como el patrón de los casos difíciles de salud. Su



fe fue fomentada en la seguridad de su familia que se cambió de Tamaulipas (donde él nació) al área de Dallas. Su mayor dificultad para servir al pueblo de Dios en Monterrey, fueron las millas y los países que lo separaban de su madre ahora viuda, sus dos hermanos, hermana y sobrinos y sobrinas quienes residen en el norte de Texas. Su obispo entendió todo el apoyo que el padre Martín recibía de su familia y la gran necesidad de sacerdotes que hablen español, así que, en Julio de 2005 el Padre Martín llegó a la Iglesia Católica de San Pablo Apóstol.

Es en tiempos de crisis cuando nuestra fe es probada e intensificada. Esos son los momentos en tiempo, la experiencias que forjan nuestro carácter, que nos hacen lo que seremos el resto de nuestras vidas. El camino hacia Dallas no fue fácil; el Padre Martín sufrió una gran prueba mientras viajaba a Dallas. Él jenia manejando su jeep desde Houston, acompañado por su madre, un sobrino y una sobrina, hijos de su hermana, cuando explotó una de las llantas y el vehiculo se volteo. La parte superior y el frente del vehiculo se hundieron, los niños volaron fuera y cayeron en el pavimento de la carretera. Por la Gracia de Dios, el Padre

Martín y su madre pudieron salir del vehiculo y llegar a donde los niños cataron antes de que llegaran más vehículas. Todos sufrieron heridas, pero solo su sobrino de ocho años sufrió heridas de gravedad. Se había fracturado el cráneo y dañado en el cuello y enseguida del accidente entró en coma.

Mientras el niño estaba en el hospital el Padre Martín oró a San Martín de Porres y al Papa Juan Pablo II pidiendo su intercesión por la vida del único y amado hijo de su cuñado.

La fe de su hermana nunca fue abatida, y ella centró sus oraciones a través de la Virgen de Guadalupe, quien conoce mejor que todos nosotros lo que significa ver el sufrimiento de su único hijo. El estado de coma duró dos días, y los exámenes subsecuentes no mostraron ningún rastro de la fractura, que había sido obvia en los onteriores.

El Padre Martín siempre ha tomado como modelo en su sacerdocio al Papa Juan Pablo II y su fe y creencia en lo cerca que está el Papa de los oídos de Dios, se incrementó considerablemente con la recuperación de su sobrino - un verdadero milagro.

Hace ya ocho meses que el Padre Martín está sirviendo aquí y ya tiene responsabilidades establecidas y planes para el crecimiento espiritual en nuestra parroquia y en la diócesis.

Al nivel parroquial, el Padre Martín (junto con el diácono) es responsable de la santificación, instrucción y cuidado pastoral de la comunidad hispana, además de su horario regular de Misas y el tiempo que pasa en el confesionario.

Al nivel diocesano, el Padre Martín forma parte del Tribunal Eclesiástico que trabaja con las parejas para determinar si entraron y recibieron el sacramento del matrimonio validamente. Sus raíces mexicanas lo hacen singularmente calificado para ayudar a las parejas hispanas a obtener la evidencia y documentación necesaria para cerrar sus casos en una forma más rápida.

El Padre Martín está ayudando a organizar e implementar un programa para enseñar catecismo básico en el Centro Pastoral Juvenil, en Oak Cliff. Él quiere promover el amor a la Misa y la camaradería en el grupo juvenil.

Los miércoles en la noche, imparte clases en el programa pastoral diocesano en Español, para el entrenamiento de catequístico para adultos, especialmente de aquellos que son llamados por Dios para servir en su comunidad por medio de la Iglesia.

El año pasado, el Padre Martín empleó gran parte de su tiempo visitando la Cárcel de Condado los sábados en la mañana. Hay una gran necesidad para la proclamación del Evangelio y para hacer disponible el sacramento de la reconciliación. De hecho, los jóvenes hispanos se han congregado rutinariamente alrededor del Padre Martín, buscando la oportunidad de reconciliarse

con Dios. Estas visitas fueron reducidas para darle tiempo al Padre Martín a enfocarse en los planes para la parroquia de San Pablo.

El Padre Martín se siente privilegiado al servir al Pueblo de Dios con el Padre David en la Iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol. "El Padre David es una persona extraordinaria. Aprecio mucho la confianza que él ha depositado en mí, y me ha dado además la libertad para seguir casi cualquier plan que yo le propongo." El Padre Martín dirigió un retiro el 4 de Marzo para aquellos que sirven en la Comunidad Hispana de San Pablo, un inicio para la Cuaresma. Una misión cuaresmal para ganar indulgencias plenarias está planeada para los días últimos del mes de Marzo.

Él tiene muchas ideas de cómo ayudar a la parroquia a crecer espiritualmente, pero él depende de la respuesta de los feligreses. Por ejemplo, junto con el programa de Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones para los niños, si hay interés, él podría ofrecer un programa de una semana de Estudio Bíblico para adultos. Si estás interesado en participar déjale saber al Padre Martín o al diácono Jesse tus intenciones.

Como Vicario Parroquial, el Padre Martín nos urgirá a que volvamos a Dios, pero no nos obligará.

En las Homilias del Padre Martín, han comenzado a surgir algunos temas. Repetidamente nos dice que para completer la vocación a la santidad a la que hemos sido llamados, debemos buscar Cristo regularmente en los sacramentos de la Eucaristía y Reconciliación. (Si el horario regular de confesiones es inaccesible, llama para hacer una cita.) Otro tema del cual él habla es del maltrato a la mujer, especialmente de aquellas quienes dejan su hogar, familia y país para seguir a su esposo y tienen muy poco o no tienen ningún recurso cuando llegan los problemas.

En sus pocos momentos libres, el Padre no se ofrece a los demás; él usa ese tiempo libre para mirar un drama, reflexionar en su libro favorito de la Biblia (Los Hechos de Los Apóstoles, porque muestra cómo es que la iglesia se supone que debe crecer) y especialmente visitando a su familia. Los domingos en las tardes, típicamente los reserva para pasar tiempo con su familia. Todos estamos muy agradecidos por el apoyo que él recibe de su madre y sus hermanos y hermanas que da fuerza a su vocación sacerdotal. Este sentimiento fue particularmente evidente el 11 de Enero de este año, en las Villas Lake Side. El Padre Martín y su familia inmediata se sentaron en la primera mesa, en la celebración honrando el tercer aniversario de su ordenación sacerdotal.

Estamos muy agradecidos porque él respondió "Si" a Dios y ahora actúa en la Persona de Cristo a favor de la parroquia de San Pablo Apóstol y la Diócesis de Dallas.

Escrito por Charles Rodríguez

¡Celebrar 50 Años!

Éste es un año muy especial para la Parroquia de San Pablo Apóstol y nosotros tenemos varios acontecimientos especiales que ayudarán a celebrar nuestro 50 aniversario.

Nuestra recepción del Banquete del 50 Aniversario empieza a las 6:30 de la tarde, y la cena de a las 7. La tarde muy católico y divertido Tarde Catecismo de Noche, y todos nosotros gozaremos una mirada restropetiva de la historia de la iglesia San Pablo. Llame por favor la oficina de 972-235-6105 si usted sabe alguna historia que podamos compartir.

Abril 22

- ♦ 5k Corre - 9 am, Camisetas y trofeos ehtrega de a los ganadores.
- ♦ Recepción 6:30, 7 pm Banquete del 50 Aniversario

Abril 23

- ♦ Misa oficiada de Aniversario con el Obispo Grahmann, a las 9:15 de la mañana.
- ♦ El mediodía a 5 pm, gratis Merienda Campestre Familia para los miembros de nuestra parroquia. Muchas actividades para todos, jovenes y viejos, incluyendo una "casa rebotante," carreras de saco, juegos y películas.

En junio extenderemos las festividades para incluir a la comunidad más allá de la Parroquia de San Pablo Apóstol en más actividades. ¡Invite por favor a más amigos a unirnos!

Junio 23 - Cena de Fajitas de la Comunidad Hispana

Junio 24 -

- ♦ 5k Corre - 9 am. Camisetas y trofeos ehtrega de a los ganadores.
- ♦ La Fiesta a todo. 11:30 am - 6 pm ¡Tendremos una rifa de una televisión de pantalla plana, más una oportunidad de ganar premios en los puestos del carnaval, Bingo, juegos de sorteo y gran variedad de comida!

50 Años!