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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
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June 22, 2014

Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): .......................... 10:00 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 & 5:30 Life Teen

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: Last Sunday of the month, call the Parish Office to register
Ceremony: First Sunday of the month

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the community of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Parish, are committed to our baptismal covenant with Jesus Christ. This covenant is manifested in our worship, evangelization, education, stewardship, service and our commitment to live as a community of faith. We center our parish life on Christ, Scripture and the celebration of the Sacraments in joyful worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We come together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and the sharing of the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God’s gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).
Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Mon.: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tue.: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wed.: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thur.: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
Fri.: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Sat.: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17 or, for the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, Is 61:9-11; Lk 2:41-51
Sun.: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sun.: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Mon.: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Tue.: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Fri.: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat.: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” 1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./June 23
8:30 am †Ana Guerrero
Fri./June 27
8:30 am †Camille Hughes
Tues./June 24
8:30 am †Jorge Muller
Sat./June 28
5:30 pm †James McIver
7:00 pm †Edward Watson, Sr.
Sun./June 29
7:00 am †Kathy Hoeschen
8:30 am †Maria Mugica
9:00 am †Sophie Giordano
10:00 am †Mary Keelen
11:00 am †Eugene Alsandor
12:00 pm †Jose Maronez
12:30 pm †Lana Chauvin
1:00 pm †Convencio & Consorcia LaRosa
Thurs./June 26
6:30 pm †R. Pearl Leahy
5:30 pm †Merilyn K. Deane
8:30 am †Constancio &

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

Jewel Blake Elder (mother of Carol Sproles)
Raymond Carlson (brother of Jim Carlson)
Rita Rozum (mother of Don Rozum)
Emile Parent (father of Jeff Parent)
Josue Castro Guerrero
Victor Joseph Canales (son of Victor and Gloria Canales)
Helene Guillemette (wife of Claude Guillemette)
Phyllis Marie Holmes
Maricela Torres Renteria


CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS
Please join the JOHNSON FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations.
Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ which is more commonly known by its Latin name: **Corpus Christi Sunday**. In this special liturgy the Church emphasizes two principal dimensions of our Catholic faith concerning the Eucharist. The first is the reaffirmation of our belief in the reality of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist. As the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** states: “Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood with his soul and divinity.” Another important aspect of our faith that finds emphasis in this great feast is the fact that we are to become what we receive, i.e. we become the Body of Christ for others. We the Church, the People of God gathered together by the Lord to celebrate the sacred mysteries, are also sent forth as the Lord’s saving presence in love to the ends of the earth. We are to embody the teaching of Jesus that we find in the Gospel of John, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51).

On this weekend we also join with Cardinal DiNardo and all parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in supporting priestly formation. It has become a time-honored tradition to send in the entire Sunday collection from our parish to support the running of St. Mary’s Seminary on Memorial Drive. Because Eucharist and the ordained priesthood are intimately connected --- both Sacraments were instituted by Christ at the Last Supper --- the local archdiocese has chosen the feast of Corpus Christi as the day to offer concrete support to those men who will celebrate the Eucharist for us in the future. There are currently 80 or so seminarians studying for the priesthood at St. Mary’s. They depend upon us for both spiritual and material assistance as they prepare diligently to celebrate the divine mysteries for the people and also as they become theologically grounded in the Church’s rich tradition concerning the Eucharist. In addition we will have someone whom we know quite well as the director of seminarians for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston: Fr. T.J. Dolce. Fr. T.J. will live at St. Mary’s Seminary and will promote priestly vocations throughout the area. Let us keep him in prayer as he begins his new assignment.

Fr. Chester Borski

Please welcome those who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014

Tate and Melissa Spell

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, June 28 & 29, 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.)*

COLLECTION—FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (Sunday, June 22) the total offertory in every parish of the archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. For 2014-2015 over a million dollars is needed from this collection to support our seminarians studying for the priesthood. To achieve this goal, Archbishop DiNardo requests that you double the amount of your regular church support for the weekend of June 21-22. If each contributor will do this, the needed subsidy will be met by this collection. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
SUMMER HOURS FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or by appointment.

Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2. NEXT CLASS IS JULY 1st.

Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. July Dates: 1, 8, 15, 2014

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!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube.
Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

ST. MARTHA’S ANNUAL NFP CLASS
Details:
• The course consists of three classes, each taken in chronological order, and is on the Standard Sympto-Thermal Method type of NFP.
• Class dates for the course are the following Sundays from 2:00 -4:00 pm in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus: June 22nd, July 20th, and August 24th.
• The cost for the entire course is $60.00, which covers the cost of the course and materials. If there is an issue with the cost, please let us know.
• Registration with St. Martha Parishioners and Certified S.S.T. Instructors, Christopher and Marion Dickson, is completed through e-mail, with SST Registration in the Subject Heading: dicksonfamily2001@gmail.com.
• We welcome all who are interested, especially those preparing for marriage and those who are married, and are ready to learn more about this sacred and scientific offering of Natural Family Planning!

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION
The Senior Citizen Luncheons held at St. Martha on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will resume on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.

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.

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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Gather with NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, June 25, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1/2 mile north of Northpark Drive). For more info about the group, 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 at St. Martha’s website.

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, August 28th through December 18th

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 a Health Care Facility
4. To understand how to care for oneself 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
• Verbatim

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)

Enrollment for this course is limited to 25 persons
ST. MARTHA
SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter. Ages: 12 months old through age 4.

Children's Adoration Hour
Every Tuesday—10 a.m. in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar7739@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

Ministerio Hispano
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: matrimoniostamarta@gmail.com

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: legiondemariasantamarta@gmail.com

Proyecto Pro-Vida (Proyecto Gabriel):
¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda emocional, económica o espiritual o durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a la Sra. Josefina Carvajal: (832-677-7677)

Ministerios Hispanos que ofrece la Comunidad de la Iglesia de Santa Martha en Kingwood, Tx:
1. Grupo de Formación y Evangelización
2. Monaguillos
3. Legión de María
4. Coro Hispano
5. RICA
6. Convalidación de Matrimonios
7. Proyecto Raquel
8. Ministerio de Eventos
9. Ujieres (Hospitalidad)
10. Catequesis de Niños y Adultos
11. Ministerio de la Cárcel
12. Ministerio de Trabajo
13. Ministerio de Town Hall
Todos estos ministerios están aprobados por la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston por Msgr. Borski y el Diacono Alfredo Soto.
Si usted tiene alguna pregunta y quiere saber más sobre algún Ministerio Hispano favor de llamar a Ana Luisa Rodriguez al 281-358-1959 x 269.

RICA
El proceso del Precatecumenado está comenzando y los interesados en iniciarse o completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación) aún están a tiempo de unirse al grupo. El equipo del RICA te invita a que vengas a conocer mas a Jesus en un ambiente dispuesto a escuchar y contestar todas tus preguntas. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co. Si conoces a alguien que lo necesita la preparación para los sacramentos, invitalo y si te es posible acompañarlo en el proceso.

Iglesia Católica De Santa Martha, Santa María y San Lázaro
SOLICITUD DE ORACIÓN
Orando con Jesús y María
Deposite esta tarjeta una vez su petición esté completa en la urna que se encuentra en la entrada de la iglesia.
Escriba aquí su petición ____________________________________________________________

Esta solicitud también se puede hacer por email o internet. Escribímos a: OrlandoConJesusYMaría@stmartha.co o en el web site: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Este fin de semana se celebra la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo, que es más conocido por su nombre en latín: Domingo de Corpus Christi. En esta liturgia especial la Iglesia hace hincapié en dos dimensiones principales de nuestra fe católica acerca de la Eucaristía. La primera es la reafirmación de nuestra creencia en la realidad de la presencia real de Cristo en la Eucaristía. Como enseña el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica: "Bajo las especies consagradas del pan y del vino, Cristo mismo, vivo y glorioso, está presente en una verdadera forma, real y sustancial: su Cuerpo y su Sangre, con su Alma y su Divinidad". Otro aspecto importante de nuestra fe, que encuentra el énfasis en esta gran fiesta es el hecho de que vamos a ser lo que recibimos, es decir, nos convertimos en el Cuerpo de Cristo para los demás. Nosotros la Iglesia, Pueblo de Dios reunido por el Señor para celebrar los sagrados mistérios, también somos enviados como del Señor presencia salvadora en el amor hasta los confines de la tierra. Encarnamos las enseñanzas de Jesús que encontramos en el Evangelio de Juan: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que yo daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo" (Juan 06:51).
En este fin de semana también nos unimos con el cardenal DiNardo y todas las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston en el apoyo a la formación sacerdotal. Se ha convertido en una tradición consagrada de enviar toda la colecta del domingo de nuestra parroquia para apoyar el funcionamiento del Seminario de Santa María en Memorial Drive. Debido Eucaristía y el sacerdocio ordenado están conectados íntimamente --- ambos sacramentos fueron instituidos por Cristo en la Última Cena --- la arquidiócesis ha elegido la fiesta del Corpus Christi como día para ofrecer apoyo concreto a aquellos hombres que celebrarán la Eucaristía para nosotros en el futuro. En este momento hay alrededor de 80 seminaristas que estudian para el sacerdocio en St. Mary. Dependen de nosotros para obtener ayuda tanto espiritual como material, mientras se preparan diligentemente para celebrar los divinos misterios para el pueblo y también a medida que estén teológicamente fundamentada en la rica tradición de la Iglesia sobre la Eucaristía. Además vamos a tener a alguien a quien conocemos muy bien como el director de los seminaristas de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston: Fr. T.J. Dolce. Fr. T.J. vivirá en el Seminario de Santa María y promoverá las vocaciones sacerdotales en toda el área. Mantengámoslo en oración al comenzar su nueva asignación.

Fr. Chester Borski

**Clases de Bautizo:** NO HABRA CLASES DE BAUTIZOS NI BAUTIZOS EN EL MES DE JUNIO Y JULIO.

**Domingo del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo**

**Reflexión sobre las lecturas:**

Dios alimentó al pueblo de Israel con el maná en el desierto para enseñarles que no solo de pan vive el hombre sino de todo cuanto sale de la boca de Dios. Jesús nos dejó el regalo de Su Cuerpo y Sangre en la Eucaristía, con la promesa de que si comemos Su Cuerpo y bebemos Su Sangre tendremos vida eterna y El nos resucitará en el último día. Jesucristo nos dejó la Eucaristía para que fuera el alimento de nuestras almas. Las cosas de este mundo pueden alimentar nuestro cuerpo y nuestras necesidades materiales, pero solo Dios puede alimentar nuestra alma. Es por eso que la Misa y la Eucaristía no deben ser vistas como una obligación sino como un regalo al que tenemos acceso todos los católicos. La Eucaristía es la fuente de nuestra vida cristiana y solo teniendo a Dios con nosotros podemos enfrentar la vida y sus problemas como verdaderos hijos de Dios.

Compromiso de la semana: Me comprometeré a asistir a Misa libre de pecado. Si es necesario, me confesaré antes de ir para poder recibir con un alma libre de pecado el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co
El Papa Benedicto XVI expresó en 2012 su preocupación de que la libertad religiosa se esté debilitando en este país y la llamó la “libertad más preciada en Estados Unidos”. Sin embargo, lamentablemente, nuestra libertad más preciada está amenazada. Consideremos lo siguiente:

- **El mandato de la HHS sobre esterilización anticonceptivos y drogas abortivas.** Este mandato del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos obliga a las instituciones religiosas a facilitar y/o financiar un producto contrario a su doctrina moral. También, el gobierno federal trata de definir cuáles instituciones religiosas son “lo suficientemente religiosas” para merecer la protección de su libertad religiosa.

- **Servicios católicos de cuidado tutelar y de adopción.** En Boston y San Francisco, y el Distrito de Columbia y el estado de Illinois han hecho que Caridades Católicas (Catholic Charities) no pueda ofrecer servicios de adopción y de cuidado tutelar, revocándole su licencia, cancelando contratos gubernamentales o ambas cosas, porque la agencia se niega a entregar a niños a parejas del mismo sexo o de ambos sexos que cohabitan sin estar casadas.

- **Leyes estatales de inmigración.** Varios estados han aprobado recientemente leyes que prohíben lo que consideran como la “protección” de inmigrantes indocumentados, y lo que la Iglesia considera caridad cristiana y cuidado pastoral a estos inmigrantes.

- **Discriminación contra las congregaciones eclesiales pequeñas.** La Ciudad de Nueva York promulgó una ley que prohibió al Bronx Household of Faith y otras iglesias alquilar escuelas públicas los fines de semana para su culto religioso, a pesar de que grupos no religiosos pueden hacerlo para muchos otros usos. La litigación sobre este caso continúa.

- **Discriminación contra los servicios humanitarios católicos.** Después de años de excelente labor por parte de la Oficina de Servicios de Migración y Refugiados (MRS en inglés) de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos en prestar servicios contractuales para las víctimas de la trata de seres humanos, el gobierno federal modificó las especificaciones de su contrato para exigir que MRS proporcione o remita a sus clientes a servicios de anticoncepción y aborto en violación de la doctrina católica.

- **Estudiantes católicos en recintos universitarios.** Por primera vez en más de cien años de historia, la Facultad de Derecho Hastings en la Universidad de California, le ha negado categoría de organización estudiantil a un solo grupo: la Christian Legal Society, porque requiere que sus dirigentes sean cristianos y que se abstengan de tener relaciones sexuales fuera del matrimonio.

- **Grupos religiosos forzados a ofrecer ceremonias de “matrimonio” para el mismo sexo o uniones civiles.** Un juez de Nueva Jersey hace poco tiempo descubrió que un ministerio metodista violaba la ley estatal cuando éste se negó a permitir que dos mujeres celebraran una ceremonia de “unión civil” en su propiedad privada. También, una persona que exigía el uso de una capilla para una ceremonia de “matrimonio” del mismo sexo ha presentado una querella sobre sus derechos civiles contra la Iglesia Católica en Hawai.

¿**Está siendo amenazada nuestra más preciada libertad?** Sí, Benedicto XVI reconoció en 2012 que diversos intentos de limitar la libertad religiosa en nuestro país son particularmente preocupantes. La amenaza a la libertad religiosa es más amplia que un solo caso o problema y tiene sus orígenes en el secularismo de nuestra cultura. El Santo Padre ha pedido a los laicos que tengan el valor de contrarrestar el secularismo que “quisiera deslegitimar la participación de la Iglesia en el debate público sobre cuestiones decisivas para el futuro de la sociedad”.
Pope Benedict XVI spoke in 2012 about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called religious liberty the “most cherished of American freedoms.” Unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat:

- **HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs.** The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and/or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.

- **Catholic foster care and adoption services.** Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

- **State immigration laws.** Several states have passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.

- **Discrimination against small church congregations.** New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Litigation in this case continues.

- **Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.** After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

- **Christian students on campus.** In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

**Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?** Yes, Pope Benedict XVI recognized just two years ago that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are particularly concerning. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society.”

**What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?** The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2014. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!
Unemployed or underemployed?
Are you or do you know an individual who’s unemployed or underemployed and looking for direction? Losing your job or being underemployed can cause anxiousness and stress, which can make it more challenging to find a better job.
St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with résumé writing, with interview preparation and with networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job-seeking. It is very difficult to be at your best when you feel at your worst – we can help.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

We meet every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in Room 2 of the Faith Formation Campus (Woodland Hills campus). Please come and see us, or tell others about us. We are here to help! Questions? E-mail: stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

St. Joseph Helpers are available to help parishioners who are in need of assistance with home repairs or building projects such as wheelchair ramps, etc. For more information contact Bill Beck, 281-360-7023.
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS
Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. Cards are $3.00 per person/$4.00 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25.00 for perpetual remembrances. All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE WITH ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sept. 28 thru Oct. 6, 2014
Join Msgr. Borski and other pilgrims from the Archdiocese on a Pilgrimage to the Eternal City for the Ordination to the Diaconate of our very own Seminarian, Mr. David Angelino. We will experience many of the beauties and antiquities of ROME, including its awe inspiring churches such as St. Peter's Basilica, the Scavi Excavations where we find the bones of St. Peter, and the hillside town of Assisi. We will be privileged to participate in the Pontifical North American College’s 2014 Diaconate Ordinations. This promises to be a blessed event that will bring us great joy and fond memories. Other highlights of the pilgrimage include visits to the Vatican Museums, a Wednesday audience with Pope Francis, a visit to the Pontifical North American College, and a walk through Ancient Rome.
For further information and/or to RESERVE YOUR PLACE contact Sofia at 800-653-0017 or email: canterbury.tours@live.com for a detailed brochure and reservation form.

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Carole Parslow 832-689-5824 or e-mail carolep8359@gmail.com.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA PARISH!
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37
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 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM
Monday: 1-2 AM
Tuesday: 1-2 PM, 11 PM-Midnight, 5-6 AM
Wednesday: 3-4 AM, 11 PM-Midnight
Thursday: 1-2 AM
Friday: Midnight-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM
Saturday: 1-2 AM, 9-10 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 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.

Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza
Priest Retirement Residence
It is not too late to make you gift to this wonderful care center for our retired Priests. You may still put your contribution in the Sunday collection basket or mail or drop off to the Parish Office until June 30, 2014. Please make a notation on your check or envelope that your donation is for the Retirement Residence. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Peter’s Pence Collection
Next week our diocese will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

Martha's Kitchen News
Martha's Kitchen congratulates all recent graduates and is praying for you as you continue your education or career. We also wish all parishioners a safe and restful summer! Please remember your special Martha's Kitchen envelopes and to mark your donation "for Martha's Kitchen" on your check or envelopes. God Bless!
Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed the week of June 23 and will reopen on Monday, June 30 due to meetings at the Mother House for the Sisters. Martha's Kitchen will also be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.

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Wedding Anniversary Mass for Couples Celebrating 25 years of Sacramental Marriage

It is time to begin registering couples celebrating their silver anniversary! Couples celebrating their 25th anniversary will be recognized on Sunday, July 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002. Registration is $25 per couple. Registrations are currently open. Couples themselves will be able to register directly by visiting www.archgh.org/25Wedding. Names should be typed exactly as they wish to appear on their recognition. Couples must have all the information requested, including the wedding date and the name and location of the Catholic Church where the couple was married (it is important to note that the participating couples must be married in the Catholic Church for 25 years); For those paying by check, we also need to receive registration payment in check or money order to FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY, before June 23rd to be able to confirm the registration. If you have questions, contact the Office of Family Life Ministry at 713-741-8730.

St Martha’s Knights of Columbus Council #12320
2nd Annual Wine Tasting
November 15th, 2014

A casual evening with seven rounds of wine served with pairings of food at St. Martha’s Family Life Center, 3702 Woodland Hills. The tables seat 8. The cost per table is $290. or $40. per seat if bought individually. Tickets are selling quickly. All ticket and table sales are on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited. Tables and tickets must be paid for in advance. Door prizes will be drawn for along with a silent auction and a cork pull. A really GREAT evening!!

Ticket Sales: Manny Reyes: 281-520-9393 manny1962@yahoo.com

For Survivors of Abuse
Maria Goretti Network (MGN)
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness.
For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call (281) 360-4045.

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
5th Annual
Prayer BREAKFAST

Friday, July 18, 2014
7:30 a.m.
Hilton-Americas

Speaker: His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Seating is limited!
Register today: www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast
For Questions call 713-652-4417

Pro-Life Mass & Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Please join us
Saturday, July 5.

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). Or you can contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

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