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
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguehl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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): ............. 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 joyous 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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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

**Monday:** Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday:** St. Peter Claver

**Thursday:** Patriot Day

**Friday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Saturday:** St. John Chrysostom

**TALK FOR THE RIDE HOME**

Theme: We are called to help one another grow as a community of faith.

Where two or three are gathered together in unity, whether in prayer or deliberation, they will be heard by God. How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today’s reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others. What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Please note:** During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. The next school Mass is Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

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

Perliita Micu Campbell, M.D.
Charles Robert Coble (husband of Shawn Coble)
Gill Price
Rudolph Farias III
Luis Manuel Pelegri
Marcel Blaquiere (father of Kathy Daleiden)
Consuelo Rios (mother of Connie Paez)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


**2014 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

If you haven’t filled out your Stewardship Covenant, it’s not too late! Every family is asked to participate in our Stewardship Renewal. You will also have an opportunity on the following weekends to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

- September 27 & 28: Community Life Ministries
- October 25 & 26: Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

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

The Gospel text for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time presents us with practical procedures on how to handle delicate and difficult situations within the community of faith. These procedures apply not only to early Christianity but also to the Church of today because they deal with issues that arise when people who live and work together encounter the effects of sin. These issues may be caused by the sins of others or may in fact be the result of our own sinful behavior. Jesus addresses a case where one of the disciples has seriously harmed another believer and has threatened the life of the community. The first concern is that every effort should be made to win back the sinner by reaching out to him or her and offering the gift of reconciliation. If this fails, other steps are to be taken until finally, if necessary, the guilty one is to be cut off or “excommunicated” from the community. Notice that the rules or procedures are quite applicable even in our own day and time. First we are to speak directly with the erring member privately. If this fails, then we are to have two or three members of the community to speak with the individual. Only if the person refuses to listen to them, is it appropriate to bring it before the whole community. Underlying such an approach is the need to turn to God in prayer, asking the Lord to renew and heal the life of the church community and the individual.

The Gospel passage concludes with a remarkable promise from Jesus, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The implications of this teaching are that the Christian life is the life of Christ. Through our baptismal faith and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we all share in the very life of God, i.e. the life of grace. When we gather for worship, when we work together for reconciliation and when we share our gifts, we are not alone in our efforts. We are blessed with the abiding presence of God in the Body of Christ, the Church. As brothers and sisters in the Lord, we have a responsibility for one another. In the writings of Pope John Paul II this shared life is known as the spirituality of communion.

St. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans that love of neighbor is the fulfillment of the Law. “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” In the context of the Gospel, reconciling love should be the distinguishing characteristic of every Christian community, whether it be family, school, or parish. During this week let us beg the Lord to send His healing presence upon us as individual believers and upon our entire parish community.

Fr. Chester Borski

VIRTUS WORKSHOP

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. No late admittance after 6:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive by 6:00 to get paperwork. You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS. You must attend a VIRTUS workshop to volunteer or work with children and youth in the parish, school, or any church related organization. Please register for the workshop at www.archgh.org. Select the Safe Environment icon on the bottom of the screen. Then select Register & Attend a “Protecting God’s Children Workshop” to view a listing of sessions by date and to register for a session. This class is for adults 18 and older.

COUPLES POT-LUCK: September marks the beginning of Couples Pot-Luck Dinners. Couples from St. Martha get together one Saturday a month to relax, enjoy the company and the food. Each couple hosts one dinner per year. This year, the first get-together will be held on Saturday, September 13, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call Leida at 713-560-4286.

ALTAR SERVER RECERTIFICATION AND NEW TRAINING

LAST CHANCE!!!!

There will be an Altar Server Recertification and New Training on Saturday, September 13th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the church. If you are currently an Altar Server, if you want to continue to serve you MUST attend this recertification. Boys and girls in 6TH GRADE and up are invited to be trained to be Altar Servers.

This is the last date for recertification and new training.
AN INVITATION TO YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics, of any age, to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for YOU! Please join us for informal listening/discussion sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Church and the community at St. Martha’s. Big welcome mat out for all of you! Next session starts on Sept. 9 – Oct. 14, 2014, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Woodland Hills campus, Room 3. We would love to meet you there!

If you would like more information or to be a participant of one of the sessions, please contact Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com

*Babysitting is available upon request.
*All that choose to participate in this program do so in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.

THE CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

"...Get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! ...Turn then and live." If this sounds like something Pope Francis might preach, think again! These words come from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Join us for a new, exciting Cornerstone Scripture Study:
The Prophets of the Old Testament

Come, join us to learn about the mission of these chosen “messengers of God.” Be inspired by their call to personal conversion and reconciliation. Be renewed in God's promise of love and unfailing mercy!

When: Ladies' groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
Ladies' groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - 12 Noon

(Childcare available Wednesday class only)

Ladies' groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish – Tues. 7:00 – 9:00 PM

All Are Welcome
Visitor's Day for inquiries: Day class: September 17th
Evening class: September 23rd

Where: Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
Evening class – Adult Faith Formation classroom 2

To Register or questions Contact:
English: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net
Spanish speakers: Zuri Jackson, (281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider your role in the kingdom of God today as we journey through this study of the Book of Hebrews.
Little Rock’s Scripture Study combines personal Bible reading and study, small-group faith sharing, lecture and prayer in an informal setting. Come join us and learn to make the real connection between your faith and your everyday life.

Title of Study: HEBREWS
Number of sessions: 7
Day, Tim & Place: Monday mornings starting Sept. 22, 9:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center
Fee: $15 to be paid at first session Babysitting available
Registration: Contact Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603 or e-mail edithkb@kingwoodcable.net

Questions? Contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” St. Jerome
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Have some fun! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY
FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 10, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Sunday Morning: “Knowing and Living Our Catholic Faith” Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”. Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. This semester we will be focusing on “Knowing and Living Our Faith”. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! Begins September 14, 10:45 am – 11:45 am, Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2. Series Dates: Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, Dec. 7, 14.
Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15–10:30 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. September Dates: 9, 16, 23, 30.

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 You Tube. Click the You Tube 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.

FAMILIA
Mothers of Young Children - Want an opportunity to grow in solid friendships with other moms, explore who you are as a woman, wife and mother in the light of your faith and learn practical tools that can be applied right away? Our Motherhood Series begins with "Called to Authentic Feminism" based on Saint John Paul II's writings on the dignity of women.
Morning and evening teams are forming now! The morning team will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 9:30 -11 AM in the FLC. Babysitting is provided for the morning team. $32 / workbook. Contact: Amy Jamieson at jamiesonamy23@gmail.com.
Husbands and Fathers - Experience friendship with other Catholic men as you focus on Fathers and Christian Marriage. Learn how you can live your vocation more deeply as a husband and father. Open to men of all ages, our men's team will meet twice monthly. $30 / workbook. Contact John Ehlig at 832-978-2481 or jjehlig@gmail.com.
Familia is sponsored by Cana Family Institute.

PROJECT RACHEL
New Class Starting September 30th
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.

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.

Mark your calendars!
The next women’s ACTS retreat is October 16-19.
Sign-up for the retreat will be Sunday, September 7 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the entrance of the Church.
Questions? Contact Francine Puglia at franp@stmartha.com or call 281-300-8433.
“Give the Lord glory and honor” Psalm 96

Men’s ACTS Retreat
September 11-14
If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat director,
George Henderson, at 713-376-7653 or george@texasdreamteam.com.

HOLY NAME RETREAT CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT
Join us for the 20th Annual Golf Tournament benefitting Holy Name Retreat Center. Proceeds from the tourney help with financial aid for 12 Step and Catholic Men’s and Women’s Retreats.
The tourney will be Tuesday, September 23rd at the Greg Norman designed Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club.
For more information and on-line registration as a player or sponsor, go to http://www.passionist.org/holyname or contact Chuck Rodine at 713-208-8890. It is a fun day for a great retreat center!!
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

GriefShare - a journey from mourning to joy
GriefShare is a seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close. It’s an opportunity to be around others who understand what you are feeling, learn valuable information and renew your hope for the future. The series will be held at St. Martha’s Woodland Hills Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood TX 77339 in Room 2. Each session includes a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery followed by participation in small group discussion. The first session begins Monday, September 8th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and will continue weekly until December 8th. You are welcome to begin attending at any session. Each session is ‘self-contained’ so that you do not have to attend in sequence. This series is hosted by two gifted facilitators: Laurie Cardella (the lead facilitator), and Peggy Rittenhouse. Registration is requested and there is a fee for the book - $15.00 payable at your first meeting. For more information or to register, please contact Jill Crawford, 603-674-1025, jccrawford0416@hotmail.com or Laurie Cardella, 281-360-2714, laurie@kingwoodcable.com. GriefShare is a journey from mourning to joy. The topics for each session are listed on the parish website, www.stmartha.com, go to Ministries, Community Life, GriefShare. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Team Meeting
Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Ministry will meet on Tues., Sept. 9th, at 7 p.m. in FLC Room 6. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend. 2nd 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 email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

CARE GIVER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN KINGWOOD
The annual Care Giver Conference sponsored by Interfaith Care Partners of Houston will be held Saturday, October 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church on Lake Houston Parkway. Workshops include Compassionate Communication, Stages of Alzheimer’s, Family Dynamic; Blessing & Difficulties in Caregiving with Siblings & Family Members, Senior Living Options, Elder Law, and The Working Caregiver among other topics. Adult Respite care and lunch are provided. Registration is free by September 26th. For more information http://www.christ4u.net/index.cfm/pageid/1419/index.html or contact Peggy Wehe, St. Martha Second Family Ministry Leader at stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com or phone 281-360-3244.

We're BAAAAAACK with a NEW NAME -
The Senior Citizen Luncheon has a new and improved name - we are now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon".
This is a get-together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Our first meeting for the Fall will be on Wednesday, September 10th at St. Martha’s Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. If you're new to our community, try us out. If you've been before, we welcome you back. Bring a friend and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com or 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.

DIVORCE SUPPORT Catholic Program for MEN & WOMEN at St. Anthony’s in The Woodlands. 12-week program begins on Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., Room 204. Register at www.staoptw.org/marriagematters. This professional DVD program provides individual reflective time for hope and healing, no matter how long it's been. Pre-registered childcare available at the website. For more info, text or call 404-429-6412.

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.

Rediscover each other! Restore the flame!
Attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend October 10-12, 2014
INFORMATION & ONLINE APPLICATION AT HOUSTONME.ORG

Rachel Retreat
On Saturday, September 20, a private and confidential retreat in English will be held for women who suffer after an abortion. The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will be given by Fr. Paul G. Felix. For more information, please contact Dr. Marcella Colbert at 713-741-8728.
COMING JOIN THE CHOIR
There are many reasons to join the choir. Here are five suggested reasons:

Character. Choir helps build character. People who sing in the choir give up one night a week and worship faithfully. These people have real character. (Although some members in the choir are real characters!)

Healthy. Choir makes you healthy. How often do you exercise your lungs? Your lungs are important to living. If you really want to enjoy living and be healthier, come and sing with us.

Otherwise. Otherwise it won’t be as much fun if you’re not there. Otherwise, you’ll miss many opportunities to offer God your time & talent, expressions of praise, adoration and worship.

Interesting. You’ll sing interesting music. You’ll hear interesting comments about your singing. You’ll meet some interesting characters (see letter ‘C’). Your interest in worship will increase and grow as you prepare to participate in the next Sunday’s worship.

Relaxation. After a stressful day of decision-making – should I sell this, buy that, watch this, cook that—it will be so relaxing to have someone say to you, ‘Sing this’! Choir rehearsals have just begun, however it is never too late to join. Please take some time to consider joining our choir family. While our current need is greatest for male voices, anyone who would like to join is welcome. Your commitment to two hours of practice on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and an additional hour for rehearsal on Sunday before Mass and Mass itself, usually at 11:00 AM on Sunday, will yield spiritual rewards for you and your parish. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rick Lopez, Music Director, by either email: rickl@stmartha.com or phone: 713-741-8764. Please join us!

50th Wedding Anniversary
Jubilee Mass celebration
The 2014 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014 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 online by visiting:
http://archgh.event.com/50weddinganniversary
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 registration is September 29 at midnight. 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 before September 29. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of 6 family members or friends to the Mass.

Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.
Teams of Our Lady USA—A movement of conjugal spirituality
Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement. A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful.
If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, September 7, at 3:00 PM at the home of Mary Anne and Brian Sokol (in Hunters Ridge). Contact Mary Anne Sokol @ 281-642-3821 or e-mail mas1976@live.com for more information.

MARTHA’S QUILTERS: Martha’s Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts to infirm St. Martha parishioners as a tangible reminder of God’s love during times of illness. To request a quilt, be placed on our prayer list, or make a donation, please contact Noreen Borys at njborys@embarqmail.com - 832-259-1848 or Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com - 281-361-9720. Martha’s Quilters meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Rm 3.
### Parents of High-Schoolers

Join your prayers with other parents of the parish praying for our high school youth. Adopt one day a month to pray privately (no meetings to attend) and together we will “cover” our students in prayer every day of the school year. To be given a day, contact Lori DiSorbo, lrdisorbo@kingwoodcable.net.

### Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

Due to Labor Day, we will meet the 2nd Monday. Don’t suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. And in the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. The next meeting will be September 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 1 (Library) Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com.

### MOM’S PRAYER GROUP:

Have a child going to college? There are lots of changes and decisions at this time for our youth. What better way to send them to college than covered in prayer? Join other moms in prayer the second Tuesday of every month (September 9) at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Family Life Center. If you can, bring your rosary or one will be provided. Questions? E-mail Pat Azzollini at patlini2000@yahoo.com.

### Youth Events

**We invite 3rd - 8th grade students to join St. Martha’s Youth Choir. Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 11th @ 4:00 p.m. in preparation for our first 9:00 Mass on Sunday, September 28th.** For further information, please contact Barbara Tilson at barbtilson@comcast.net.

**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 soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

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.

### Vocations Corner

**Young Men’s Conference with Fr. Brett Brannen**

International Author and Vocations Expert

September 27 @ 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Seminary, 9845 Memorial Dr. Houston, 77024

Join other young men, ages 15-18 for a vocations discernment retreat with Fr. Brett Brannen, international author and vocations expert. Learn how to pray about your life, listen for God’s voice, and discern your vocation. Event is free. Registration required.

More information at www.houstonvocations.com or vocations@archgh.org or 713-652-8239.


**Setting the World on Fire**

Setting the World on Fire, featuring Fr. Brannen, is a program for college students. It will be presented at the University of St. Thomas on Friday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall (3910 Yoakum, Houston). Admission is free and includes a copy of To Save A Thousand Souls while supplies last. Reserve your seat at www.Serra10.com/1000Souls.
Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting
September 24th through November 2nd

Christians throughout the Houston Metropolitan area are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 4600 Gulf Freeway on Thursday, October 23rd, the day St. Martha’s and Kingwood First Baptist will be praying there. Or sign up for your own weekly hour, and then spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at the abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed and lives are saved.

Signups after all Masses, October 18th – 19th in the Narthex, along with information on Kingwood First Baptist bus transportation. Please contact:

Mary Anne Howard, 281-615-0927 maryannehoward@cebridge.net
Peggy Angelino, 281-361-4351 peggyangelino@yahoo.com
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Ready to eat some fantastic food prepared by our very own St. Martha Ministries?
Come to the St. Martha Fall Festival and Market on Saturday, October 11, from Noon to 8 pm and bring your appetite. The Knights of Columbus will be offering shredded barbecue beef, pork and chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage on a stick. The Hispanic ministry is serving tacos, nachos and all the trimmings. Get a snow cone or cotton candy and support the Shine/Stebenville teens. Be sure to save room for dessert provided by the Catholic Daughters of America. Of course, you’ll need something to drink with all this great food so get a water or soda from the ACTS group or mosey over to the Beer Garden for a "cold one" which supports the Capital Campaign. Bring the family and join the fun!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTICADORATION
Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer. 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:

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, Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

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.
El texto del Evangelio para el domingo 23 del tiempo ordinario nos presenta procedimientos prácticos sobre cómo manejar situaciones delicadas y difíciles dentro de la comunidad de fe. Estos procedimientos se aplican no sólo a los primeros cristianos, sino también a la iglesia de hoy porque se refieren a cuestiones que surgen cuando las personas que viven y trabajan juntos se encuentran con los efectos del pecado. Estos problemas pueden ser causados por los pecados de los demás o de hecho pueden ser el resultado de nuestra propia conducta pecaminosa. Jesús se refiere a un caso en el que uno de los discípulos ha perjudicado gravemente a otro creyente y ha amenazado la vida de la comunidad. La primera preocupación es que debe hacerse todo lo posible por volver a ganar al pecador a través del acercamiento a él o ella y ofrecerle el don de la reconciliación. Si esto falla, otras medidas deben ser tomadas hasta que finalmente, si es necesario, el culpable es despedido o "excomulgado" de la comunidad. Tenga en cuenta que las normas o procedimientos son bastante aplicables incluso en nuestro tiempo. En primer lugar vamos a hablar directamente con el miembro errante privadamente. Si esto no funciona, entonces vamos a tener dos o tres miembros de la comunidad para que hablen con el individuo. Sólo si la persona se niega a escucharlos, es conveniente llevarlo ante toda la comunidad. Subyacente a todo enfoque es necesario voltearnos hacia Dios en oración, pidiendo al Señor que renueve y sane la vida de la comunidad de fe y del individuo.

El pasaje evangélico concluye con una extraordinaria promesa de Jesús: "Donde están dos o tres congregados en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos". Las implicaciones de esta enseñanza es que la vida cristiana es la vida de Cristo. A través de nuestra fe bautismal y el don del Espíritu Santo, todos compartimos a vida misma de Dios, es decir, la vida de la gracia. Cuando nos reunimos para adorar, cuando trabajamos juntos por la reconciliación y cuando compartimos nuestros dones, no estamos solos en nuestros esfuerzos. Hemos sido bendecidos con la presencia permanente de Dios en el Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Como hermanos y hermanas en el Señor, tenemos la responsabilidad de unos por otros. En los escritos del Papa Juan Pablo II esta vida compartida es conocida como espiritualidad de comunión. St. Paul nos recuerda en la carta a los Romanos que el amor al prójimo es el cumplimiento de la ley. "No debáis a nadie nada, sino el amaros unos a otros". En el contexto del Evangelio, reconciliando en el amor debe ser la característica distintiva de toda comunidad cristiana, ya sea la familia, la escuela o parroquia. Durante esta semana pidámosle al Señor que envíe Su presencia sanadora sobre nosotros como creyentes individuales y sobre toda a nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Fr. Chester Borski
**Están listos para comer deliciosa comida y divertirse?**
Vengan al festival de otoño el sábado 11 de octubre desde las 12 hasta las 8 pm y traigan su apetito!
Los caballeros de Colon venderán barbacoa, el ministerio hispano estará preparando tacos y nachos.
Los jóvenes estarán vendiendo rasperos y algodón de azúcar.
También tendremos postres, aguas, refrescos y hasta cervecitas bien frías!
Traigan a toda la familia y diviértanse!!

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**CORNERSTONE ESTUDIO CATÓLICO DE LAS ESCRITURAS**

"... Renueven su corazón y su espíritu... Conviértanse y vivirán."
Si esto suena como algo que el Papa Francisco podría haber predicado, ¡piénsalo otra vez! Estas palabras son del profeta Ezequiel.
Únete a nosotros para este nuevo y emocionante Estudio de Cornerstone:
Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento
Ven, únete a nosotros para aprender sobre la misión de estos mensajeros escogidos de Dios. Déjate inspirar por su llamado a la conversión personal y la reconciliación. ¡Renuévate en la promesa de amor y misericordia indefectible de Dios!

**Cuándo:**
- Grupos en español para mujeres – Miércoles de 9:45 am a 12 pm (Cuidado de niños disponible para las clases de los miércoles solamente)
- Grupo en español para hombres y mujeres - Martes de 7:00 a 9:00 pm
¡Están todos bienvenidos!

**Día de Visitantes para nuevos participantes:**
- Grupos del día (miércoles): 17 de septiembre
- Grupos de la noche (martes): 23 de septiembre

**Dónde:**
- Para los grupos del Día - Centro de Actividades – Centro de Formación Religiosa
- Para los grupos de la noche – Salón #2 del centro de Formación Religiosa

**Para inscribirse o para cualquier pregunta contactar a:**
Zuri Jackson
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**Cáliz de Vocaciones:**
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar. Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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

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**Proyecto Gabriel**
- ¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda emocional o espiritual en tu Matrimonio?
Para más información llame al 713-225-5826

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**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.

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**Iglesia Católica De Santa Marta, Santa María y San Lázaro**

**SOLICITUD DE ORACIÓN**
Orando con Jesús y María

Depóiste esta tarjeta una vez su petición esté completa en la urna que se encuentra en la entrada de la iglesia.

**Escriba aquí su petición**

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Esta solicitud también se puede hacer por email o internet. Escribimos a: OriolesConJesus@stmartha.co o en el web site: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número 832-409-3423
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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase.

“You, son of man, I have appointed you watchman for the house of Israel.” - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.