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 Kleinguetl, 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: En Español 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
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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281-358-6637 • fax 281-358-7973 • www.stmartha.com
### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

**Psalm** — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).


#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- **Sunday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- **Monday:** Our Lady of Sorrows; Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
- **Tuesday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
- **Wednesday:** St. Robert Bellarmine
- **Friday:** St. Januarius
- **Saturday:** Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions

### 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. 17th.

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

- Charles Robert Coble (husband of Shawn Coble)
- Gill Price
- Rudolph Farias III
- Luis Manuel Pellegrí
- Marcel Blaquiere (father of Kathy Daleiden)
- Consuelo Rios (mother of Connie Paez)
- Mary Ann Aranguena-Dunn

**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)*
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and we focus our attention on the fact that the cross confronts each one of us in our daily lives. Burdens, sufferings, and conflicts are a reality for everyone — believers and unbelievers alike. The challenge is to look beneath the surface of our experience of hardships and discover the deeper meaning of human life revealed to us in the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. In the light of faith, hardship is not simply a misfortune or a burden but is in fact the reality of the cross for us. The cross is uniquely and mysteriously a Christian concept. It is hardship with a meaning. Suffering and human brokenness mean something in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Suffering and hardship lead somewhere --- to the person of Jesus Christ. He began to carry the cross the very moment he accepted the mission from his Father. The value of this mission far outweighed any consideration of whether or not the mission made him popular and acceptable, or even if it made him a person to be rejected and scorned by the very people he was sent to serve. For Jesus fidelity to the will of his Father was the heart of what the cross means. At the same time the cross meant unconditional acceptance of the brokenness of the human condition. Just like with other human beings, Jesus could have easily shielded himself from the woundedness of humanity. He could have relied upon his power as the Son of God, he could have sought to become a crowd pleaser, or he could have built a wall of unconcern around himself. And had he responded in this way, he would not have been arrested and put to death. But neither would he have saved us and healed us in the very core of our being!

At the same time that Jesus brings us the gift of salvation through his acceptance and fidelity to the Father’s will, he also invites us to learn to reach out to our fellow human beings and bring the good news of this gift of salvation to others. Among the last words of Jesus on the cross were, “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.” Embracing the cross means accepting its reality in our lives, being faithful to the Father’s will, and reaching out to forgive others as they too struggle with the hardships of life. As mentioned earlier, the cross is hardship with a meaning: it means that the burden of the human condition is no longer deadly because of Christ Jesus. And the way to learn the meaning of the cross is to take up the cross daily and carry it with love. On this feast the Church invites us to glory in this great gift and welcome it as our way of life. “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you because by the Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.”

Fr. Chester Borski

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK - SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Martha Conference-Kingwood

WHAT: 5K - WALK For the POOR-- National Walk by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2014 @ 8 a.m.  Check-in at 7:15 a.m.

WHERE: St. Martha’s Catholic Church – 4301 Woodridge Pkwy

**Seventh Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will help neighbors in need in the Humble/Kingwood/Porter/New Caney/Splendora areas. The funds raised will benefit the people in our communities and/or conferences selected.

**Monies raised are applied to a wide range of assistance to those in need or living in poverty; including: housing assistance, utility assistance, disaster relief, job training/placement, food pantries, clothing, transportation for medical or job needs, care for the elderly and medicine.

**St. Martha Conference spent $11,500 for the month of July to help people and families to stay in their homes. Many people are still suffering from the economic downturn. Latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau reports about 15% of the U.S. population is living in poverty. That is 46.5 million Americans – 20% of which are children.

**Walkers are encouraged to make a personal monetary donation and collect pledges from supporters – friends & family.

**The website (www.fopwalk.org) offers more details and you can sign up as a walker and/or find a conference to donate to.

**For information – Fran 832-248-0103 or Bob 281-358-6636 or svdp@stmartha.com.

The Friends of the Poor* Walk is a fun way for our community to become a friend of the poor, to get others to join in the spirit of giving, and to show the poor in our community that we really care about them.

Come on out, walk a mile in someone else’s shoes, and become a friend of the poor. You will find out how good it feels to give.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Meet some new folks! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 17, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in the Atascocita area. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at 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: 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 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.

Women’s ACTS Retreat
“Give the Lord glory and honor” Psalm 96
October 16-19, 2014
Sign-up has begun. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parish Office.
Questions? Contact Francine Puglia at franp@stmartha.com or call 281-300-8433.

Young at Heart Luncheon - Football Frenzy
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. Wear your favorite college or pro football colors as we prepare for the upcoming football season. Come join us at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, September 24th. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you 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, email nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713 594-4430.

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.

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!!

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.
Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?
The RCIA may be your answer! It is a process for adults:
- baptized and unbaptized
- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

Please call Charles & Lisa Ferguson 281-358-1959 X 258 for more information.

FAMILIA – EVENING TEAM FORMING NOW!!
Our Motherhood Series begins with “Called to Authentic Feminism” based on Saint John Paul II’s writings on the dignity of women. The evening team will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month beginning Sept 22nd, 7:30-9:00 PM in the Borski Room. $30 / workbook.
Contact: Amy Jamieson at jamiesonamy23@gmail.com. Familia is sponsored by Cana Family Institute.

IT TAKES MUCH EFFORT just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The LAST two scheduled weekends this year will be Oct. 10-12, and Nov. 9-11. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

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THE CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY
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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

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COME 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!

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.

Collection for Catholic Higher Education

All parishioners in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are invited to participate in a special collection for Catholic Higher Education on Sept. 13 & 14. The money collected will be shared between the University of St. Thomas Basilian Fathers Scholarship Fund and the Catholic University of America. Please join us in supporting Catholic education! To learn more about the University of St. Thomas, visit www.stthom.edu.

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild will meet on Sunday, Sept. 14th in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills campus from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. For more information contact JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@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.

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 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

This Year’s Theme

Year of the Saints

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**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.

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**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.

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**Vocations Corner**

Please join the Sobczak 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.

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**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.

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**Vocations Corner**

You are cordially invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Meeting

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

Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Join Us for Dinner, Drinks and Program.
Monday, September 22, 2014
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person.

Sister Maria Conchita Perez from St. Leo the Great will speak to us about finding our vocation through prayer.

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

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**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 vocation 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.

With the arrival of autumn, we would like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish's electronic eGiving program. Our to-do lists can get lengthy this back-to-school season, but Faith Direct's eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, TX497, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

Archdiocese Black Bag Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank St. Martha Parishioners for their support of the Annual Archdiocese Black Bag collection “Together We Plant Hope and Harvest Love” held on July 12th and July 13th, 2014. This is the single largest Archdiocesan-wide fundraiser and because of your support, we can continue to help the poor and the forgotten throughout the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese.

As members of Christ, the St. Vincent de Paul Society joins together to help all people regardless of race, religious denomination, or citizenship status. The primary role of the Vincentian is to provide loving and compassionate interest in individuals. Vincentians are witness to God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. We are called to live the Gospel. It is what drives us as spiritual beings. Last year in the Archdiocese, we distributed $2.5 million dollars’ worth of food, provided $350,000 in clothing, furniture and appliances, and provided $2.4 million in rent and utility assistance.

All of this would not have been possible without your generosity during the Archdiocese Black Bag Collection. It means the world to the Society and to those we serve. Thank you!

“Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other”

---St. Vincent de Paul

St. Martha Life Chain

Please join us and stand in silent witness for life. Bring your families, coolers and chairs as we pray for the unborn and their mothers. Kingwood Dr. and West Lake Houston Pkwy intersection on Sunday, October 5th 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Signs will be provided. The event will occur rain or shine.

More information: paula_amsler@msn.com

October 5th is Pro-Life Sunday

Pro-Life Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary after the 11:00 a.m. Mass by the Blessed Mother behind the adoration chapel.

We will have a table in the narthex after all Masses with information about our ministry.

Please visit for more information.
Parish Festival Raffle Tickets available next weekend for pickup and purchase!!!

Three exciting prizes targeted for ladies and men alike will be awarded (See below for description). Drawing will be on October 11th at the Festival. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 18 years of age are not eligible to win.

- 1st Prize - 1 pr 14k White Gold Diamond Earrings 1/2 ct TW Best Grade & a Dancing Diamonds Pendant Necklace 1/2 ct TW 14k White Gold on 16" chain (Purchased from Jewelers Bench)
- 2nd Prize - Large Green Egg (Outdoor Grill) with nest, side tables & plate setter (Purchased from Alspaugh's ACE Hardware)
- 3rd Prize - Yeti Cooler 45 White - 9.4 gallon capacity (Purchased from Alspaugh's ACE Hardware)

$5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for prizes and pay down church debt. If you have any questions, contact John Hottovy, Raffle Ticket Coordinator @ 281-359-0543.

Raffle tickets can be picked up in the church office during normal business hours or in the Narthex after Mass on the following weekends (tickets are numbered and need to be signed out):

| September 20 & 21st | October 4 & 5th |

To complete purchase of raffle tickets, take ticket stubs with completed information and payment (cash or check made out to St Martha Church) and drop them off at the church office or enclose them in a small white sealed envelope and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass prior to October 6th. We request that you make timely return of any unsold raffle tickets in same manner prior to the Festival.

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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:

- Sunday: 1-2AM, 2-3AM, Noon-1PM, 2-3PM, 3-4PM.
- Monday: 1-2 AM, 6-7PM.
- Tuesday: 2-3AM, 1-2PM, 11PM-Midnight.
- Wednesday: 11PM-Midnight.
- Thursday: 1-2AM.
- Friday: 1-2AM, 6-7PM, 7-8PM.
- Saturday: 1-2AM, 9-10AM, Noon-1PM, 2-3PM, 11PM-Midnight.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at 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.

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**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.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

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, or Peggy Angelino, 281-361-4351, peggyanangelino@yahoo.com, or Terice Richards, 281-360-4043, terice.richards@gmail.com.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta, Este fin de semana se celebra la fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz y centramos nuestra atención en el hecho de que la cruz se enfrenta a cada uno de nosotros en nuestra vida diaria. Cargas, sufrimientos y conflictos son una realidad para todo el mundo: — los creyentes y no creyentes por igual. El desafío es mirar dentro de nosotros nuestra experiencia en las dificultades y descubrir el significado más profundo de la vida humana que nos revela en el misterio paschal de Jesucristo. A la luz de la fe, la dificultad no es simplemente una desgracia o una carga, sino de hecho es la realidad de la cruz por nosotros. La cruz es única y misteriosamente un concepto cristiano. Es dificultades con un significado. El sufrimiento y quebrantamiento humano significan algo a la luz de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. El sufrimiento y privaciones de plomo en nuestro momento humano significa algo a la luz de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. El sufrimiento y privaciones de plomo en algún lugar --- con la persona de Jesucristo. Empezó a leer la resurrección de Jesús. El sufrimiento y privaciones de plomo en algún lugar significa algo a la luz de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. El sufrimiento y privaciones de plomo en algún lugar significa algo a la luz de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Fr. Chester Borski

24º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan del perdón y de la obligación que tenemos de perdonar a nuestro prójimo para poder ser perdonados por Dios. Dios es compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la ira y rico en clemencia. Así es como debemos ser nosotros con los demás. A veces pensamos que Dios, por ser Dios mismo, tiene la obligación de perdonarnos nuestros pecados pero nosotros, como sólo somos seres humanos, podemos seguir enojados con los demás y Dios nos lo va a perdonar. Jesús mismo nos dijo, que antes de ir a presentar ofrendas a Dios, si tenemos algún enojo pendiente con alguien, tenemos que arreglarlo pidiendo perdón a esa persona. El mismo Jesús nos enseñó en la oración del Padre Nuestro: “Perdona nuestras ofensas así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”. Es un compromiso en el que le estamos pidiendo a Dios que nos perdone de la misma forma en que nosotros perdonamos a los demás; así, que si queremos el perdón de Dios, debemos perdonar a los demás. Seremos bendecidos con la misma medida en que tratemos a los demás.

Compromiso de la semana: Reflexionaré para darme cuenta si no he perdonado a alguien por cualquier cosa. Una vez que lo haya identificado, perdonaré a esa persona para así poder pedirle a Dios que me perdone.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co

Ministerio Legión de María
Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

RICA: No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no está confirmado!!!! Piensas que como no lo hiciste de niño es muy difícil recibirlos como adulto? Conoces a alguien que no tiene todos sus sacramentos? No es difícil. Nosotros te ayudamos en el proceso. Pero tu tienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!!

Proyecto Gabriel
¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda emocional, económica o espiritual durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826

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.
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 (281)733-7571 / zurijackson@msn.com

Ministerio Hispano

TALLER DE INTELIGENCIA EMOCIONAL PARA PAREJAS
MATRIMONIO ACTIVO Y MEJORES PRÁCTICAS
SÁBADO 20 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2014 / 8:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.
St. Martha Borski Room (Woodland Hills Campus)
Información: Ruben y Janett Manosalva (281) 706-5068 o lasagradafamilia@stmartha.co
Ministerio de la Sagrada Familia
Programa en español dedicado a aquellas parejas casadas o novios que deseen aprender o mejorar en
❤ Inteligencia Emocional ❤ Comunicación ❤ Resolución de Conflictos
para enriquecer su relación de pareja, su matrimonio y su desempeño como padres.
Este taller de 8 horas, está patrocinado por un grant federal, no tiene ningún costo para los participantes.
Los novios reciben un cupón de $60 para su licencia matrimonial.
Muchas parroquias cuentan estas horas como parte de la formación pre-matrimonial en comunicación y resolución de conflictos.
Desayuno, almuerzo y cuidado para niños incluidos!!!
Cada pareja recibirá un manual.
FACILITADORES: LAURA CELIS BLACK Y ALAN BLACK
CUPO LIMITADO!!!
Inscripciones: María Baddour de Páez (713) 679-1213
mbaddourpaez@hotmail.com o a través del sitio de internet:
http://www.houstonmarriage.org /
Santa Martha ofrecerá cuidado gratuito para niños
Interesados contactar a Janett Manosalva (281) 706-5068 o lasagradafamilia@stmartha.co

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Santa María y San Lázaro
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Escriba aquí su petición

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(sección de Españoles) Para comunicación por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625