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.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**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,

The Scripture readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time are quite puzzling because they speak about the generosity and compassion of God in ways that challenge our usual understanding of how God deals with us. The second reading from the Prophet Isaiah instructs us, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” While we are aware of the truth of this teaching in a general sort of way, its impact on our understanding is really experienced when we listen carefully to the Gospel parable from Matthew. Jesus tells the story about the landowner who hires day laborers to work in his vineyard and agrees with them on a reasonable salary. The landowner is a just man and at the end of the day, he pays what he has promised. What is surprising is not his justice but his extravagant mercy. Most of us cannot help but sympathize with the workers who have sweated all day in the blazing sun and yet who receive the same wage as those who have labored but a single hour. From our very human point of view, they have every right to grumble and complain. However, they are reprimanded by Jesus!

The emphasis in this parable, as in much of the teaching of Jesus, is on the mercy of God bestowed on each of us. What is important to realize is that mercy brings with it its own demands upon us as disciples of Jesus. We are challenged to think not of ourselves but of God’s mercy being poured out generously upon others. It is God’s desire that everyone experience the freeing power of that gift of salvation. The problem for us comes about when we think we know something about the recipients of that mercy and we are convinced that they do not deserve such generosity. Notice how subtle pride and prejudice can be at work in us when we live by “our gospel” and not by that of Jesus! The parable of the laborers in the vineyard invites us to recognize that God’s mercy is limitless and we need to learn to rejoice and accept it in our own lives. The real difficulty is that we tend to forget that each of us is in absolute need of that same gift of mercy. At the same time the parable challenges us to be respectful of what God wants to do in the lives of others. If this overwhelming compassion is the key to the understanding of God as revealed in Jesus, then generosity of spirit should become the mark of everyone who strives to lead a life “worthy of the Gospel of Christ” as faithful disciples.

Fr. Chester Borski

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 is held on Monday evenings (through December 8th), 7:00-9:00 pm 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. 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, jcrawford0416@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.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, September 27 & 28, 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.)
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Give yourself a break! Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 24, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Jason's Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. 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.

**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.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday Morning: SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED:**

“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!

10:45 am – 11:45 am, Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2


**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. Remaining September Dates: 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.

**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.

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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!

FAITH DIRECT
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!

CHARLA SESSION
Catholic Charities in collaboration with Memorial Assistance Ministries will be offering free information sessions explaining immigration laws. Called “Charla,” the session will also allow for a free consultation with an immigration attorney or accredited representative. Offered in English and Spanish, the Charlas will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Memorial Assistance Ministries office, 1625 Blalock Road. Registration starts at 11 a.m. on Sept. 30 in English and Dec. 9 in Spanish. You can call 713-874-6570 to register or for more information.

These Charlas will be in addition to the Tuesday Charlas still scheduled at Catholic Charities offices, 2900 Louisiana St., and at Mamie George Community Center, 1111 Collins Road in Richmond.

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 email carolep8359@gmail.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.
**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 ext. 258 for more information.

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**The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodland Hills chapel. Everyone welcome.**

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**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](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 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.

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**“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”  St. Jerome**

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**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
- Babysitting available

**Fee:** $15 to be paid at first session

**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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**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: 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

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**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.**
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.

Parenting/Youth Events

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.

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

CHALICE FOR Vocations

If you would like to schedule a week to host the Chalice and pray for Vocations please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com

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.


Vocations Corner

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.
Parish Festival Raffle Tickets are available for pickup and purchase after Mass this weekend!!!

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.

When purchasing raffle tickets, you may optionally designate $1 of each ticket purchased to go to the St Martha Ministry of your choice. Just note name of Ministry on back of ticket stub. Great way for Ministries to raise funds to do more of the Lord's work that they feel passionate about.

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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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, or Peggy Angelino, 281-361-4351, peggyangelino@yahoo.com, or Terice Richards, 281-360-4043, terice.richards@gmail.com.

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FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Make your donation today!!! It’s not too late ---

- The FOP Walk was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th here at St. Martha’s with lots of walkers from area conferences: St. Phillip, St. Andrew and St. Martha. Our FOP Walk was organized and run by St. Martha’s Conference- Kingwood.
- Monies raised are applied to a wide range of assistance to the needy, including: housing assistance, disaster relief, job training, food pantries, clothing, transportation and utility costs, care for the elderly and medicines.
- Proceeds will directly benefit people in the communities or conferences that raised pledges and donations. Walkers made personal monetary donations along with pledges from supporters.
- It’s not too late to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. The website will remain open for another 3 weeks – so go on-line and choose a conference and a walker and make a donation using your credit card.
- The website (www.fopwalk.org) offers more details.

Contact:
St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha’s Conference - Kingwood
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Local Sponsors: Alspaugh Ace Hardware, G&S Tire and Auto and Friends of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul- St. Martha Conference
**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

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**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/holynameretreatcenter or contact Chuck Rodine at 713-208-8890. It is a fun day for a great retreat center!!

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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 Dynamics, 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 281-360-3244.

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**HOLY NAME RETREAT CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Join us for Frassati Catholic High School’s Second Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, November 6th at WindRose Golf Club in Spring, TX. The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Thank you to all who participated in, sponsored, and otherwise supported last year’s inaugural event. It was a day filled with fun, friendly competition, and fellowship. Don’t miss this opportunity to be a part of our second annual tournament!

For more information and to access registration and sponsorship forms, visit our redesigned website, www.frassaticatholic.org, or call Carla Alsandor, Director of Advancement, at 832-616-3221. We hope you will join us!

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

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.

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**IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE ORDINATION OF DAVID THOMAS ANGELINO TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS**

Thursday, October 2, 2014
St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome

Following his Ordination, David will continue his studies in Rome as he prepares to be Ordained a Priest in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston on June 6, 2015 Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston

Please pray for David and all of our seminarians as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

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**St. Martha Life Chain**

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.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el domingo 25 del tiempo ordinario son bastante desconcertantes porque hablan acerca de la generosidad y la compasión de Dios en formas que desafían nuestra comprensión habitual de cómo Dios trata con nosotros. La segunda lectura del profeta Isaías nos enseña: “Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos, dice el Señor”. Si bien somos conscientes de la verdad de esta enseñanza en una clase general de cierta forma, su impacto en nuestro entendimiento realmente se experimenta cuando escuchamos con atención a la parábola del Evangelio de Mateo. Jesús cuenta la historia sobre el propietario que contrata jornaleros para trabajar en su viña, y está de acuerdo con ellos en un salario razonable. El propietario es un hombre justo y al final del día, él paga lo que ha prometido. Lo que sorprende no es su justicia, sino su misericordia extravagante. La mayoría de nosotros no podemos dejar de simpatizar con los trabajadores que han sudado todo el día bajo el sol y sin embargo, reciben el mismo salario que los que han trabajado una sola hora. Desde nuestro punto de vista muy humano, tienen todo el derecho a quejarse. Sin embargo, son regañados por Jesús!

El énfasis en esta parábola, como en gran parte de la enseñanza de Jesús, es la misericordia de Dios otorgada a cada uno de nosotros. Lo importante es darse cuenta de que la misericordia trae consigo sus propias demandas sobre nosotros como discípulos de Jesús. Tenemos el desafío de pensar, no de nosotros mismos, sino de la misericordia de Dios que se derrama generosamente a los demás. Es el deseo de Dios que todo el mundo experimente el poder liberador de ese don de la salvación. El problema para nosotros surge cuando creemos que sabemos algo acerca de esas personas que recibirán la misericordia y estamos convencidos de que no merecen tal generosidad. Observe cómo sutil orgullo y el prejuicio puede estar en nuestro trabajo cuando vivimos por "nuestro evangelio" y no por el de Jesús! La parábola de los obreros de la viña nos invita a reconocer que la misericordia de Dios no tiene límites y tenemos que aprender a alegrarse y aceptarla en nuestras propias vidas. La verdadera dificultad es que tenemos que olvidar que cada uno de nosotros tiene la necesidad absoluta de ese mismo don de la misericordia. Al mismo tiempo, la parábola nos desafía a ser respetuosos de lo que Dios quiere hacer en la vida de otros. Si esta abrumadora compasión es la clave para la comprensión de Dios revelada en Jesús, entonces la generosidad de espíritu debe convertirse en la marca de todo el mundo que se esfuerza por llevar una vida "digna del Evangelio de Cristo" como discípulos fieles.

Fr. Chester Borski

25º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

En la lectura del libro de Isaías Dios nos dice: “Mis planes no son vuestros planes, vuestros caminos no son mis caminos… Como el cielo es más alto que la tierra, mis caminos son más altos que los vuestros, mis planes que vuestros planes.” Cuando se trata de los planes de Dios, nosotros los seres humanos, nos quedamos siempre cortos. Dios tiene planes grandes para cada uno de nosotros, a pesar de nuestras carencias y debilidades. Con Dios todo lo podemos y sólo poniendo a Dios al frente del timón de nuestras vidas seremos capaces de ver y recorrer los caminos de Dios.

La parábola de los jornaleros de la viña nos llena de esperanza ya que nos confirma que, si aceptamos el trabajar por Dios y por su reino, no importa si lo hacemos cuando empieza nuestra vida o cuando casi termina; lo importante es aceptar la invocación de Dios a trabajar en su viña y Él, si así lo quiere, podrá darnos la misma recompensa que a los otros trabajadores, que es la vida eterna junto con Él.

Compromiso de la semana: Ofreceré esta semana a Dios, para que Él me muestre sus caminos. Aceptaré su invitación a trabajar por Él y para Él.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@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 tuienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícarte con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!!
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: matrimonios@stmartha.co

Las Misa de Celebración de Aniversario en honor a las parejas que celebran sus bodas de Oro (50th) y que contra- jeron matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica en 1964; se llevará a cabo el día domingo 26 de Octubre en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todas las parejas inscritas de antemano y que asistan, o no, a la ceremonia, recibirán un reconocimiento especial firmado por su Eminencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo.

La pareja que desee participar en esta ceremonia, deberá inscribirse electrónicamente en el siguiente sitio del internet: http://archgh.cvent.com/50weddinganniversary

Por favor no deje ningún espacio en blanco en la forma de inscripción e igualmente asegúrese de escribir el nombre de la pareja de la forma como quiere que aparezcan en las publicaciones impresas. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 29 de septiembre hasta la media noche. Después de terminado el plazo de inscripción, la Oficina del Ministerio de Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis no recibirá ninguna inscripción adicional. Ninguna inscripción se confirmará si no se puede verificar la información de la boda católica y/o si no se recibe el valor de la inscripción de $25 dólares por pareja antes del 29 de septiembre. Podrá asistir con 6 familiares o amigos, máxi- mo.

CORNERSTONE
ESTUDIO CATOLÍCO DE LAS ESCRITURAS

"... Renuven su corazón y su espíritu... Convíértanse 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
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Para inscribirse o para cualquier pregunta contactar a: Zuri Jackson
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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 raspados y algodón de azúcar. También tendremos postres, aguas, refrescos y hasta cervecitas bien frías!
Traigan a toda la familia y diviértanse!!

Iglesia Católica De Santa Marta, Santa María y San Lázaro
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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. Escríbanos a: OrandoConJesusYMaria@stmartha.co o en el web site: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625
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Weekly Budget $74,433
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Faith Direct-Offertory $14,772
Over/(Under) $12,474

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $818,763
Sunday Collection $746,824
Over/(Under) $71,939

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $28,691
Martha’s Kitchen $7,151
University of St. Thomas $2,614

Current Loan Debt $14,772,722
2014 DSF Goal $288,800
Payments to date: $275,123