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 Kleinguel, 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 joyful worship and prayerful reflection of His love and mercy. We come together as a community of faith, in a spirit of hospitality and loving care, to serve one another in times of need and to share in the joys and struggles of everyday life in Christ. We provide all members of our diverse community the opportunity for spiritual growth through faith formation and the sharing of the richness of our Catholic tradition. We, as stewards of God’s gifts, share generously of our time, talent and treasure within our community and extend that care to others in fulfilling the mission of the Church in the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — On this Sunday the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:17).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

RECORDINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday: St. Callistus I
Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus
Thursday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss Day
Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday: St. Luke

TALK FOR THE RIDE HOME

Theme: Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.

Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you? Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“And my God will supply every need of yours…” - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those that are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month — be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Oct. 13
8:30 am †Marcella McCabe
10:00 am †Sylvia Mancini, Michael Leon Montoya
6:30 am †Myrtle Jesclard
8:30 am †Mary Murphy

Tues./Oct. 14
8:30 am †Dell Bradshaw
7:00 pm †Jack Brewer, Jr.

Wed./Oct. 15
8:30 am The Burns Family
10:00 am †Sylvia Mancini, Michael Leon Montoya

Thurs./Oct. 16
6:30 am †Myrtle Jesclard
8:30 am †Mary Murphy

Fri./Oct. 17
8:30 am †Dr. John D. Barone

Sat./Oct. 18
5:30 pm †Fr. John Mark Coffey

Sun./Oct. 19
7:00 am †Ann Segada
9:00 am †Paul & Irene Christal
11:00 am †Eduviejes Lopez
1:00 pm †Esther Martinez
5:30 pm †Kristine Kirsch

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, Oct. 15th.

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

Joanne Beck (wife of Bill Beck)
Annette Heckman
Mary Jayne Jackson (mother of Lance and Patty Jackson)
Hugh Evans (husband of Sandra Evans)
Pauline Ryan (mother of Barney Ryan)
Diane Gennusa
Mary Ann Miller (mother of Marian Brown)


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 this month to meet with representatives from our Outreach, School and Administrative ministries to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time offer us an image of a **festive meal** and provide us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the gift of the **Eucharist** and its importance in our lives. The power of this image of a meal was probably more evident to the people who lived at the time of the prophet Isaiah and later at the time of Jesus than it is to us moderns. People in biblical times viewed a meal as a sacred moment in which the meaning of their lives was revealed through their sharing food and fellowship with people gathered around the family or banquet table. The human spirit was fed “by rich foods” and human thirst was quenched by “choice wines” and God was experienced as sitting at table with them. It reminded them of the covenant by which they had become the “people of God.” This experience at a meal, family or Eucharist, has largely been lost to many people today. We have replaced the experience of dining at table with “a feeding frenzy” in our busy culture. We have sacrificed the notion of a meal for the experience of TV dinners, the fast food drive-through, and the quick stop at the taco stand. It is no small wonder that we moderns find it difficult to celebrate the Eucharist with reverence and attentiveness. Many want to get this “over with” so that they can attend to other things on Sunday.

The feast celebrated on the mountain described in the reading from the prophet Isaiah and the wedding banquet mentioned in Matthew’s Gospel account are examples of a festive meal well done. Such communal meals are rituals in the best sense of that word. Such a meal, when celebrated well and experienced rightly, reveals to us what God intended life to be. When life is respected and marked by right understanding and right relationships, the meal is celebrated in mutual love and caring concern so much so that it moves people to reach out to those unable to join in the festivities. However, when that is not the case (whether in the home or at the banquet table) and righteousness is overlooked, then the meal and human life are both distorted. While the issue revealed in the Gospel parable is not necessarily the proper dress of a “wedding garment,” in a certain sense it is. The real issue is the failure to respect the “right way” to share a meal by refusing to accept the right relationship between the guest and the host. The heart of the question is this: **do we come to the meal (the Eucharist) on our own terms or on the terms of the Host who invited us?** If we moderns could grasp the depth of this question, then we could spend a long time reflecting on how we actually celebrate the Eucharist. Issues like arriving early for the celebration, greeting our brothers and sisters as we gather, preparing our hearts through reflective silence, actively participating in the responses and hymns, remaining to the end of Mass to receive the commission to bring the presence of the Lord Jesus to others, etc. All of us have a great deal to learn in this area and the first step is best learned at the family table in the Catholic home.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**
The 4th and final Parish Blood Drive for 2014 is scheduled for Sunday, October 26th, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. The Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex after each Mass on Oct. 11/12, Oct. 18/19 and Oct. 25/26 to assist you with an appointment to donate blood. The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation. You may also schedule an appointment by visiting [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and enter the sponsor code 1220 or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
Next weekend our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world’s youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit [www.IAmAMissionary.org](http://www.IAmAMissionary.org).
**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 p.m 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, jrcrawford0416@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.

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Celebrate the Fall Season**

Young at Hearters - Fall is here, the pumpkin patch is full, and the leaves are falling. Come celebrate the Fall Season and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on **Wednesday, October 22**. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. 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 at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Come join **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES. A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 AND UP** on Wednesday, October 15, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 P.M. at Lenny’s Sub Shop, 8790 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (between Townsen and Kenswick). For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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. October Dates: 14, 21, 28.

**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.

**PROJECT RACHEL**

Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

**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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING** will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in Room 3 of the Family Life Center (turn left after you go through the first set of double doors--by the soft drink machine). These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much-appreciated ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Holy Communion to the Sick training.

Please call or e-mail Angela Wemyss - 281-361-9720 - angelawemyss@hotmail.com or Pat Timpanaro - 281-361-9338 - patimpanaro@embarqmail.com to register for this training, or if you have any questions.

**Entrenamiento en español el día:** 27 de Octubre, Salon Numero 1 o Biblioteca, 6:30 pm. 
**Registrarse con Amelia Murphy** - ameliamexico@gmail.com or Tel: 713-865-6946.

**Kingwood Mobility Study Public Meeting Notice**

**Tuesday, October 14, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods, Kingwood, TX 77345

Houston, TX - Houston City Council Member Dave Martin would like to inform residents that the second public stakeholder meeting regarding the ongoing Kingwood Mobility Study will be held on Tuesday, October 14, at the Kingwood Community Center.

The meeting will include a presentation from Gunda Corporation on all feasible possible solutions to improve mobility in the Kingwood community. The information being presented will be a combination of surveys submitted, comments from the citizen database and quantitative research conducted by Gunda Corporation, which is available at http://gundacorp.com/kingwood-mobility. **There will also be an opportunity for the public to express individual comments and questions.** All comments collected at this meeting will be taken into consideration when evaluating final mobility improvements.

The primary objective of this comprehensive study is to identify short, medium and long range projects intended to address the growth of the community and promote better mobility in the Kingwood area. It is Council Member Martin's goal to ensure that all Kingwood residents have a voice and an opportunity to review the findings and provide input to identify potential solutions that would help mitigate the current traffic congestion and improve accessibility.

Kingwood residents are encouraged to continue to send their comments, questions and suggestions regarding traffic and mobility to kingwoodmobility@gundacorp.com. For more information, please contact Council Member Dave Martin's office at (832) 393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

**An evening with Father Rob Ruhnke C.SS.R., D. Min.**

**Author of:**

**For Better and For Ever**

**(Marriage preparation program for engaged couples)**

**Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm**

Thought provoking leadership to share Father Rob Ruhnke's insight & research, to receive input from the sponsor couple participants, question/answer session, fellowship and hospitality. We welcome all involved in the marriage ministries: clergy, ministry leaders, sponsor couples, and engaged & married couples.

St. Martha Catholic Church
3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood TX 77339
Activity Center (former church building)
Please RSVP by Oct. 31, 2014 to jenniferrutledgenov12@gmail.com
636-856-0422

**VIRTUS KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE WORKSHOP (Refresher Course)**

A VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Alive workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, November 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center (Woodland Hills Campus). Please plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. 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.** This is a refresher course and is for adults 18 and older.

Please register for the workshop at www.virtus.org. Then select Registration and view a listing of sessions by date. Please do NOT create a new account. If you cannot remember your original account login, please e-mail Angela Whitley at angelaw@stmartha.com for account information.
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.

CANCARE
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church).
Please note: The next CANCARE TRAINING will be held October 24-26th in the Medical Center area. For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

CARING COOKS:
THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.
“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”
Matthew 25:35

Sing Beautiful new English Gregorian Chant for today’s Liturgy. Chant unites our voice and soul in the full, conscious and active participation in the new English Liturgy. St. Basil’s School of Gregorian Chant invites you to a Fall Short Course in Gregorian Chant for beginners and the experienced. Come and learn to sing the timeless prayer of the Church on four Saturday mornings starting November 1 through November 22, in the beautiful Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas. For program, registration and tuition visit our website: www.GregorianChantSchool.org or Contact Lowell A. Davis: 281–855–2358.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
Shalom Center, a residential treatment and renewal center for clergy and religious located in Splendora, is looking for someone to teach basic English skills to a few residents whose first language is Spanish. Class would be one time per week for two hours at a mutually agreed-upon time. If interested, please contact Daniel Kidd, Executive Director, at 281-399-0520, as soon as possible.

Women’s ACTS Retreat
“Give the Lord glory and honor” Psalm 96
October 16-19, 2014
Questions? Contact Francine Puglia at franp@stmartha.com or call 281-300-8433.

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.

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.

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

Every Tuesday—10 a.m. in the Chapel

Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

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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](http://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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**Parenting/Youth Events**

**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 (October 14) 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 Azzolini at patlini2000@yahoo.com.

**ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY**

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)

Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter. Ages: 12 months old through age 4.

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**Vocations Corner**

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Please join the SOKOL 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.

**You are cordially invited to the 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.

We will open the meeting in prayer at 7:00 pm. 
Please join us: Monday, October 27, 2014
6:30 Social
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant—217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

Dan Kidd, CEO/Director of the Shalom Center in Splendora, will speak to us about Promoting Healthy, Happy and Holy Priests and Religious.

RSVP: Diddy Muck, muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
GABRIEL PROJECT: God has placed in our hands His gift of life and He has asked us to care for this precious gift with love. I would like to thank everyone that took the time out of their day and joined St. Martha Life Chain last Sunday as we stood in silent witness for life on Kingwood Drive and Lake Houston Parkway as we prayed for the unborn and their mothers. I am pleased to announce the birth of a precious baby girl. This mother had choices to make and she chose to give this baby the gift of life. Please continue to pray for our mothers and their babies.

Be a Gabriel Project Angel and help mothers with crisis pregnancies both spiritual and emotional. Stewardship Renewal for the Outreach Ministries will be October 25th and October 26th. Please come join us.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of September, we had 1,189 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 426 visitors! Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

2ND FAMILY MINISTRY: In October 2004 the St. Martha 2nd Family Ministry was established to provide help for those members of the parish and the Kingwood Community caring for someone in their home with respite help and relief. During that time the 2nd Family Ministry has helped over 127 families giving more than 24,709 hours of service. That ends up being 1029 days of service which works out to be 2 years and about 10 months of hours spent serving. The reason for these outstanding volunteer numbers is because of all of you who have served – some from the very beginning. Thank you for your service. You are truly a sign of God’s love in our community and the Gospel in action.

40 Days for Life—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 and Kingwood First Baptist will be praying there. 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.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA PARISH

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. 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, 7-9 PM
- Monday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM
- Saturday: 1-2 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

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.

Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture
Reflections on Pope Francis, the Synod and New Trends in the Church

John Allen, Jr.—Associate editor of The Boston Globe

Allen also serves as the Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. He is the author of seven bestselling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs, and writes frequently on the Church for major national and international publications. He is a popular speaker on Catholic affairs, both in the United States and abroad. Allen’s most recent book is The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary’s Seminary (Nold Auditorium, 9845 Memorial Drive)
Free and open to the public
For more information, contact Cathy Iriantalab at cathy.iritanalab@smseminary.com

What is Pope Francis telling us?
Pope Francis and His Vision of the Joy of the Gospel

The Joy of the Gospel from Pope Francis has been very controversial and, in some cases, misinterpreted by the mainstream media. Please come and join us to learn about this beautiful and important message from Pope Francis.

Monday, October 13, 2014, 7-9 pm
Family Life Center (Woodland Hills Campus)
Presented by Dr. Steven Meyer
Assistant Professor, Theology, at the University of St. Thomas

For more information, contact Cathy Iriantalab at cathy.iritanalab@smseminary.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el Domingo 28 del Tiempo Ordinario nos ofrecen una imagen de una comida festiva y nos proporcionan una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el regalo de la Eucaristía y su importancia en nuestras vidas. El poder de esta imagen de una comida es probablemente más evidente para las personas que vivían en la época del profeta Isaías y más tarde en el tiempo de Jesús de lo que es para nosotros hoy. La gente en los tiempos bíblicos veían una comida como un momento sagrado en el que el significado de sus vidas se revela a través de su compartir de comida y comunión con la gente alrededor de la mesa familiar o un banquete. El espíritu humano fue alimentado "por alimentos ricos" y la sed humana se extinguía por "vinos de elección" y Dios se experimenta sentado a la mesa con ellos. Se les recordó el pacto por el que se habían convertido en el "pueblo de Dios". Esta experiencia de una comida, familiar o Eucarística, en gran parte se ha perdido en muchas familias hoy en día. Hemos sustituido la experiencia de comer en la mesa con "un frenesi de alimentación" en nuestra cultura ocupada. Hemos sacrificado la idea de una comida por la experiencia de cenas ante el TV, las comidas rápidas, y la breve parada en el puesto de tacos. No es de extrañar que nosotros en estos tiempos modernos tenemos dificultades para celebrar la Eucaristía con reverencia y atención. Muchos quieren conseguir este "más con" para que puedan atender a otras cosas el domingo. La fiesta celebrada en la montaña se describe en la lectura del profeta Isaías y el banquete de boda que se menciona en el relato del Evangelio de Mateo, son ejemplos de una comida festiva bien hechas. Estas comidas comunales son rituales en el mejor sentido de la palabra. Una comida, cuando se celebra bien y experimentada con razón, nos revela lo que Dios quería fueran nuestras vidas. Cuando la vida es respetada y marcada por la comprensión y las relaciones correctas, la comida se celebra en el amor mutuo y preocupación de cuidar hasta el punto que se mueve a la gente a llegar a aquellos que no puedan participar en las festividades. Sin embargo, cuando ese no es el caso (ya sea en la casa o en la mesa del banquete) y la rectitud se pasa por alto, entonces la comida y la vida humana son ambas distorsionadas. Si bien la cuestión que revela en la parábola evangélica no es necesariamente el vestido apropiado de un "vestido de bodas", en cierto sentido lo es. El verdadero problema es la falta de respeto a la "manera correcta" para compartir una comida al negarse a aceptar la relación correcta entre el invitado y el anfitrión. El meollo del asunto es el siguiente: Cómo llegamos a la comida (la Eucaristía) en nuestros propios términos o en los términos del Anfitrión que nos invitó? Si nosotros, los modernos podemos comprender la profundidad de esta pregunta, entonces podríamos pasar mucho tiempo reflexionando sobre la forma en que realmente celebramos la Eucaristía. Temas como llegaron temprano para la celebración, saludar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas reunirnos, preparar nuestros corazones para el silencio reflexivo, participar activamente en las respuestas e himnos, quedarse al final de la misa para recibir el encargo de llevar la presencia del Señor Jesús a los demás, etc. Todos tenemos mucho que aprender en esta área y el primer paso es aprender mejor en la mesa familiar de un hogar católico.

Fr. Chester Borski

28º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Isaías nos habla del cielo como un festín con manjares suculentos y Jesús nos habla de una boda con un banquete con todo en abundancia. El cielo es la felicidad eterna en donde habrá todo en abundancia. Pero Jesús nos advierte que todos son invitados, buenos y malos, sin excepción, pero para poder quedarnos en el banquete tenemos que vestirnos apropiadamente. Ese vestido es el que conseguimos cuando hacemos la voluntad de Dios, cuando nos acercamos más a Él en la oración y cuando nos parecemos más a Él al cultivar nuestras virtudes. San Pablo nos dice que está entrenado para todo y en todo. El entrenamiento implica práctica y esfuerzo, implica preparación para estar listos para enfrentar las tentaciones. Ganarnos el cielo implica prepararnos, entrenarnos, para hacer lo que Dios espera de nosotros en todo momento y dar lo mejor de nosotros en cada instante de nuestras vidas.

Compromiso de la semana: Esta semana sacrificaremos cosas que me gustan para entrenar a mi voluntad. Ya sea dejar de comer o beber algo que me guste o dejar de ver TV o el internet para leer el Evangelio.

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

Proyecto Gabriel

¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826
Ministerio Hispano

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.

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

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 recibirllos 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!!!!!

Entrenamiento para Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión a los Enfermos.
Tendrá lugar el día el Lunes, 27 de octubre 2014, de 18:30-20:30 hrs en el salón número 1 o biblioteca. Estos ministros están asignados a llevar La Sagrada Comunión a los hogares de minusválidos, enfermos y ancianos en Kingwood, y al Hospital “Kingwood Medical Center” Este es un ministerio muy bendecido y en el cual hay mucha necesidad.
TOME EN CUENTA: Usted debe de estar certificado como Ministro Extraordinario de La Sagrada Comunión para atender a este entrenamiento.
Por favor contacte a la Sra. Amelia Murphy al Tel: 713-865-6946 o vía email: ameliacmexico.tx@gmail.com
Un segundo entrenamiento en Inglés se llevara a cabo el día Lunes, 20 de Octubre, de 6:30 a 8:30 en el salón numero 3. Este salón está ubicado en el área del Family Life Center y la entrada esta justamente junto a la máquina de refrescos.
Contactar a: Angela Wemyss - 281-361-9720 - angelawemyss@hotmail.com o a Pat Timpanaro - 281-361-9338 Para solicitar más información para ambos entrenamientos.

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.