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 Kleingueitl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): .... ......................................... 10:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: .................... 5:30 PM
Sunday: ............. 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español ......................... 1:00 PM
Life Teen:............................ 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 5:30 Life Teen

Weekday Masses
Monday: ......................... 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ................. 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: .... 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: .......... 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ......................... 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday: 
Church ..................... 6:30 -7:00 PM
Saturday: 
Church ...................... 10:30-11:45 AM
Church .................. 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel ........... 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

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

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

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

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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.
God. using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God. At the point, describe in your own words how you are using your gifts to enrich the reign of God. Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, name one talent or gift that God has given you. Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God. Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God. **TODAY’S READINGS** **First Reading** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).
**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).
**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).
**Gospel** — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Liturgy for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. **READINGS FOR THE WEEK** Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10, or, (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-12 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46 **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES** Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday: St. Cecilia **TALK FOR THE RIDE HOME** Theme: Christ calls us to use our gifts for the Reign of God.
Name one talent or gift that God has given you. Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God. **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God. **MASS INTENTIONS** **Mon./Nov. 17**
8:30 am †Candelaria de Orellano

**Tues./Nov. 18**
8:30 am †Robert Glen Simpson
7:00 pm †Eugene “Buddy” Hogwood

**Wed./Nov. 19**
8:30 am †Chris Burns, Sr.
10:00 am †Charlie Schambough

**Thurs./Nov. 20**
6:30 am †Joseph Harlan
8:30 am †Casey Hughes

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Ray Logan (father of Joel Logan)
Jon Justice
Aislen Marie Michon (granddaughter of Greg & Jody Michon)
Tom O’Grady (father of Kelly Chesnut)
Bobby Jackson (brother of Lance and Patty Jackson)
Mary Danna (mother of Jodie Adcock)
Patrick Nugent (father of Scott and Joanie Nugent)
Steve Simons (father of Everett Simons)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:
Alexandra Vaca, Anthony Morado, Lynette Smith, Susan Thom, John and Mary Chovan, Brett Siebenec, Betty “Elizabeth” Hale, Gloria Galgano, Tammy Reece, Viola Schippa, John Lyke, Theron Chauvin, Joe Toennis, Robert (Bob) Wetherold, John Castagna, Rina Flores, Tom Starkey, Joan Evans, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Wonda Waldron, Michael Kelly, Neely Grimm, Jeffrey Wooten, Robert Alvarado, Robert (Bob) Everlanka, Allen Polka, Concha Salazar de Russi, Daniel Grono, Randy Schulze, Elise Robinson, Lindsey Torres Johnson, Robert Alvarado, Carmen Aloisio, Zacharias Salazar, David Banmiller, Liglia Ramos, Juan Francisco Gonzales, Flor de Lis Gonzales, Charles Cooke, Elvia Zambrano

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DECEMBER 8TH**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Mass times:** 6:30 a.m., 12 noon, & 7:30 p.m.

School Mass (Woodland Hills Campus) — 8:30 a.m.

Please note: The parish office will be closed Monday, December 8th.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights the importance of being wise stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. In the Church today few concepts are more misunderstood than the concept of stewardship. Many people when they hear the word “stewardship” immediately think of fund-raising in the Church and of increasing the offertory collection. However, that is not the essence of stewardship as it is described in the parable from Matthew’s Gospel today. Quite simply, a wise steward is the person who takes care of whatever he or she has received from the Lord and uses it for building up God’s Kingdom here on earth. The United States Catholic Bishops stated in Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response: “A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.” In light of this definition, Christian stewardship is really about faithful discipleship. It is about living out one’s baptismal commitment in the Church and in the world. As several Catholic authors have recently suggested, it is about becoming actively engaged in one’s faith community as an intentional disciple and sharing the message and mission of Jesus Christ so that others may come to know the Lord.

Today’s parable about the master giving out talents to his servants is an excellent example of the biblical concept of stewardship. The point of the story is clearly not about investing money but rather about using in a responsible way the gifts and abilities (called “talents”) that God has poured out abundantly upon us. The parable speaks to us both as individuals and as members of a community of faith. Life at all levels has been given to us, not just for safekeeping, but for growth and development. This is the clear and consistent message from the Bible, beginning with the account of creation in the book of Genesis, “Be fruitful and multiply.” Our God who created us out of love desires that we participate in this divine enterprise of ongoing creation. To be alive in God is to grow and contribute to the well-being of our families and of others and indeed of all of humanity. As Christian stewards we have different abilities, different gifts, and different talents. What we have in common is the call from God to develop them responsibly and to put them at the service of the larger community. Stewardship is really an attitude of gratitude and needs to become a way of life for all of us. Good stewards realize that they did not earn their time, talent or treasure. Wise stewards see them as gifts from a loving God who asks us to imitate Him by sharing these gifts generously with others. And when we do, God’s Kingdom begins to possess our minds and hearts --- in fact our whole lives --- and enables us to reach out and touch the lives of others.

Fr. Chester Borski

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, November 27th: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Please note...The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

CCHD Collection

Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, Nov. 22 & 23, 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.)

Knights of Columbus

Annual Fried Turkey Sale

Thursday, November 27

THOMAS GALLAGHER
tom@thomaskgallagher.com
or
DAVID JONES
davidjones@cebridge.net
or
MARTY KRUPP
martybk@ymail.com

SPECIAL BULLETIN DEADLINE:
The deadline to submit information for the Nov. 30th bulletin is Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 11:00 a.m. Please submit your information to Jodi at jodis@stmartha.com.
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. Remaining Series Dates: Nov. 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. Remaining November Date: Nov. 18. December Dates: 2, 9, 16.

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.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES
Please note that beginning January 1, 2015, the Saturday Pro-Life Mass time will be changed to 8:30 am.

Also, the monthly Baptisms which have been scheduled on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm will now be moved to the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 am.

SPANISH ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN
The fifth ACTS men’s retreat in Spanish (MS-5) will take place on January 22-25, 2015. Registration will be held on November 16th at the Church’s Narthex, after the 1 p.m. Spanish Mass. For additional information, please contact Art Rocha at 832-527-2729.

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.

St. Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center
January 9-11, 2015
Start the New Year with a relaxing Retreat Weekend.
Retreat Theme "Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew"
Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross
“So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God”–Ephesians 2:19
For more information contact Bruce Farmer: at 281-360-4047
Or register online: www.passionist.org/holynname/weekendretreats

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.

Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us: Monday, November 24, 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

Seminarian Xavier Bilavendiran from St. Martha’s will speak to us about our Blessed Mary, a model of faith hope and charity.

RSVP: Diddy Muck, muck@kingwoodcable.net, 281-615-2015
**Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy**, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Martha Family Life Center on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ’s Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up. Admission is a free-will offering. **For additional information**, contact Carla Lewton at St. Martha Faith Formation Office at (281) 713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com.

Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.com

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT—**

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center invites you to a weekend of quiet, rest, and prayer on December 5-7, 2014.

Our theme this year is: *Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew: Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross.*

Holy Name Retreat Center is located in Houston on 10 quiet acres at 430 Bunker Hill Road and offers inspiring talks by religious men, women, and laity. Enjoy award-winning gardens, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, a Labyrinth, prayerful massages, and private rooms with private baths. And most importantly, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is your chance to spend a weekend with God. For more information, please call the retreat center at 713-464-0211, or go online to www.passionist.org/holyname. You may also call Jan Rodine at 281-354-3646 for additional information. Carpooling and transportation can be arranged.

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**The Texas Catholic Conference is hosting:**

**Principles and Policies for End-of-Life Care**

December 9th at the University of St. Thomas

12:00-4:30 p.m.

Join the Texas Catholic Bishops for an in-depth conference on end-of-life care, policies, principles, and pastoral care. For registration please visit: www.txcatholic-advance-directives.org or call 512-339-9882

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**Faith Formation Campus – Family Life Center (3702 Woodland Hills Dr.)**

Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.: Liturgy of the Hours (Dr. Paul Hahn)

Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Praying With the Saints (Sister Mary Guido)

Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.: St. Luke Productions “Faustina: Messenger of Mercy”

St. Martha Catholic Church – Main Church (4301 Woodridge Pkwy.)

Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m.: An Evening of Prayer

Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.: Arise - Evening of Praise & Worship with Adoration

For additional information or questions, contact Carla Lewton carlal@stmartha.com or check our Adult Faith Formation Web-site: Fall Schedule Page www.stmarthaaff.com

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**COURAGEOUS PRAYER –**

*Different Experiences of Prayer – Advent Series*

Would you like to develop a deeper personal prayer life? For our Advent experience this year we will be exploring “Many Ways to Pray”. Please join us for a variety of workshops on prayer.

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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.stmartthacs.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.

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

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

Parenting/Youth Events

EDGE NIGHT TOMORROW
Monday, November 17
[6:30 – 8:00 pm]

Bring ALL of your friends to the FLC for FREE pizza, prayer, and a whole night of FUN!

Lisa Lucas lisal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241

Parish Festival Update

October 11, 2014
Parish Festival Financial Recap

A big thank you goes out to all the planners, coordinators, volunteers, local business sponsors and guests that participated in our annual Parish Festival. We estimate approximately 2,500+ people participated in our festival and fall market (1,500+ estimated last year).

Total Income $103,000
Total Expenses $ 40,000
Total Net Proceeds $ 63,000

$23,000 of the net proceeds will be credited back to individual ministries providing support for the raffle, auctions and festival booths so that they can carry on the Lord's work that they feel most passionate about. The remaining $40,000 of net proceeds will be used to pay down the debt on our church.

May God's Peace be with each of you,

Tom DeBoise, Chairperson 2014 Parish Festival

Will your family be in town this Christmas Eve? Are your Thursday afternoons free between 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.? Are you a 2nd grader who would like to join the 3rd – 8th graders currently in our St. Martha’s Youth Choir? If so, please e-mail barbtolson@comcast.net for information on joining us for this year’s 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Martha.
## St. Martha Catholic Parish

### Annual Stewardship Report

#### Fiscal Year 2014

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<td>Martha’s Kitchen</td>
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<td>$ 334,613&lt;br&gt;69,834 meals served</td>
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<td>Nursery and Mothers Day Out</td>
<td>$ 65,824</td>
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<td>$ 1,272,574</td>
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### Income

- Offertory: 14%
- School Income: 30%
- Capital Campaign: 29%
- Other Income (fees, registration etc.): 18%

### Expenses

- Payroll, Utilities: 24%
- School Expense: 24%
- Debt Service: 23%
- Other expenses: 29%

If you have questions, please email Theresa Miller at theresam@stmartha.com
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S 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-1PM, 2-3PM, 3-4PM
Monday: 1-2 AM, 2-3AM, 8-9PM, 5-6PM, 11PM-Midnight
Tuesday: 2-3AM
Wednesday: 6-7AM
Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6PM
Friday: 1-2 AM, 11AM-Noon, 5-6PM, 6-7PM
Saturday: 1-2AM, 2-3PM, 11PM-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, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

Young at Heart Luncheon - Donation Requests
The Christmas Young at Heart Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 10. We need door prize donations for our senior guests (men and women). Donation ideas: gift cards, home or Christmas decor, jewelry, games, candy, food baskets (non-perishable), movie theater gift cards, sports merchandise, picture frames, or battery powered candles, household items, or lightweight tool sets. Donations can be dropped off to Nancy Landvogt, Monday-Wednesday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-4pm at the original Church campus or you can bring on the day of the event. All donations are appreciated! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com. Wishing you and yours a blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

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.

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.
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.

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.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS—
THIS WEEKEND
During this season of giving we would like to express our thanks to the cloistered Carmelite Nuns in New Caney. These loving sisters support themselves by making altar bread and by monogramming and embroidering altar garments. We are in their prayers, and the sisters continue to be a special part of our parish. We would like to show our support and express our thanks by donating items to their pantry. You may drop off your contribution before or after Mass this weekend, November 15th & 16th. Thank you very much for your generosity. May God bless and reward you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
SHARING SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 13 & 14
Each year during Advent our parish makes a special effort to share our blessings with other parishes in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Through our annual Sharing Sunday we are able to help local parishes distribute food and gifts to needy families. Gifts are needed for children, adults, and senior citizens. Please wrap and tag these gifts with the age and gender of the recipient (for example, boy age 10-12). Grocery items are also needed but do not need to be wrapped. Take time to discuss with your family ways that your Christmas can be shared with other families.

ADOPT A FAMILY
Through the St. Martha Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, our church assists many families during the Christmas season. This year, we’d like to again give our parishioners the opportunity to adopt one of these families from our area. This will be done in connection with Sharing Sunday, December 13th and 14th, and all gifts will be brought up to the altar on that weekend. If you are interested, please contact Alice Jones at 281-361-6181, or by e-mail at jones@kingwoodcable.com.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON & THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CHOIR
FALL CONCERT—NOV. 23—3:00 PM
On Sunday November 23, 2014, at 3:00 PM, the Archdiocesan Choir and the Catholic Schools Choir of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston under the direction of Dr. Rick Lopez will be presenting their 6th Annual "In Memoria" Sacred music concert at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston, TX 77002).

Tickets: General $25 ▶ Seniors $15 ▶ Students $10
For more information call 713-741-8764 or visit www.archdiocesan-choir@archgh.org

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.

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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the CANALES 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.
Tiempo Ordinario pone de relieve la importancia de ser "stewards" sabios de los dones que Dios ha derramado sobre nosotros. En la Iglesia hoy en día pocos conceptos son más incomprendidos que el concepto "stewardship".

Muchas personas cuando escuchan la palabra "stewardship" piensan inmediatamente en la recaudación de fondos en la Iglesia y de aumentar la colecta del ofertorio. Sin embargo, esa no es la esencia del "stewardship" como se describe en la parábola del Evangelio de Mateo hoy. En pocas palabras, un "steward" sabio es la persona que se encarga de todo lo que él o ella han recibido del Señor y lo utiliza para construir el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. Los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos declararon en "Stewardship: Respuesta de los Discípulos": "Un "steward" cristiano es aquel que recibe los dones de Dios con gratitud, gustosamente los atiende en una manera responsable y rinde cuentas, los comparte con justicia y amor con los demás y los devuelve con incremento al Señor". A la luz de esta definición, el "stewardship" cristiano es realmente acerca de discipulado fiel. Se trata de vivir su compromiso bautismal en la Iglesia y en el mundo. Como varios autores católicos han sugerido recientemente, es por la posibilidad de participar activamente en la comunidad de fe como un discípulo intencional y compartir el mensaje y la misión de Jesucristo para que otros puedan llegar a conocer al Señor.

La parábola de hoy sobre el maestro dando talentos a sus siervos es un excelente ejemplo del concepto bíblico de "stewardship". El punto de la historia no es acerca de invertir dinero, sino más bien sobre cómo utilizar de forma responsable los dones y habilidades (llamados "talentos") que Dios ha derramado abundantemente sobre nosotros. La parábola nos habla tanto como individuos y como miembros de una comunidad de fe. La vida humana en todos los niveles se nos ha dado, no sólo para su custodia, sino también para su crecimiento y desarrollo. Este es el mensaje claro y consistente de la Biblia, comenzando con el relato de la creación en el libro del Génesis: "Sed fecundos y multiplicaos". Nuestro Dios que nos ha creado fuera de los deseos de amor que participamos en la empresa divina de la creación en curso. Estar vivo en Dios es crecer y contribuir al bienestar de nuestras familias y de los demás y de hecho, de toda la humanidad. Como "stewards" cristianos tenemos diferentes habilidades, dones y talentos. Lo que tenemos en común es el llamado de Dios para desarrollar con responsabilidad y ponerlos al servicio de la comunidad en general. "Stewardship" es realmente una actitud de gratitud y debe convertirse en una forma de vida para todos nosotros. Los buenos "stewards" se dan cuenta de que ellos no ganan su tiempo, talento o tesoro. Los "stewards" sabios los ven como dones de un Dios amoroso que nos pide imitarlo al compartir estos dones con generosidad con los demás. Y cuando lo hacemos, el Reino de Dios comienza a poseer nuestras mentes y corazones — de hecho, toda nuestra vida — y nos permite alcanzar y tocar las vidas de otros.

Fr. Chester Borski
Monaguillos:
Si su niño/a está interesado/a 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 llama al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: matrimonios@stmartha.co

RICA
No estás bautizado, no has hecho tu primera comunión o no estás 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!!!!!

RETRO EN ESPAÑOL DE ACTS PARA HOMBRES
El quinto retiro para hombres ACTS MS-5 en español tendrá lugar del 22 al 25 de enero del 2015. Las inscripciones se abrirán el día Domingo 16 de noviembre en el Nártex de la Iglesia, una vez finalizada la misa de la 1:00 pm. Para mayor información llamar a Arturo Rocha al 832-527-2729.

Cáliz de Vocaciones
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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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 __________________________________________________________
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Esta solicitud también se puede hacer por email o internet. Escribámos: OrandoConJesusYMaria@stmartha.co o en el web site: www.stmartha.com (sección de Español). Para comunicarse por teléfono llame al número: 832-409-3625