Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus
Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Alfonso Tran
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2; 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
**Thanksgiving Day (suggested):** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
**Monday:** Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
**Tuesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**TALK FOR THE RIDE HOME**

**Theme:** Jesus’ Kingdom is a kingdom of actions and deeds, not merely of words.

Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them? As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally— or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it’s not convenient; when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s schedule.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Nov. 24**
- 8:30 am †Manuel Mugica
**Tues./Nov. 25**
- 8:30 am †Thomas Clark
- 7:00 pm †Carlos C. Gonzalez
**Wed./Nov. 26**
- 8:30 am †Chris Burns
- 10:00 am †Rick Gaido
**Thurs./Nov. 27/Thanksgiving**
  
  Mass times: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**Fri./Nov. 28**
- 8:30 am †Mary Diane Smithy
**Sat./Nov. 29**
- 5:30 pm †Carol Michelini
**Sun./Nov. 30**
- 7:00 am †Marcella McCabe
- 9:00 am †Leanne Luciano
- 11:00 am †Irene Mansfield
- 1:00 pm †Maria del Consuelo Clark
- 5:30 pm †Maria Antonieta Salazar

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

Aislen Marie Michon (granddaughter of Greg & Jody Michon)
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)
Kathleen McCrory (sister of Claudette Simmons)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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,

This weekend is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical calendar and is known as the feast of Christ the King. The Scripture readings emphasize the final triumph of Jesus Christ over the forces of evil at the end of time and our participation in this great victory. The Gospel reading is from St. Matthew’s account of the final judgment of all nations. Jesus describes that eschatological event by comparing his role to that of a shepherd separating sheep from goats. This same image is found in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel: “As a shepherd tends his flock … so I tend my sheep. I will judge between one sheep and another.” What Jesus stresses in his teaching concerning the final judgment of us human beings is the criteria by which our lives are to be measured. No matter how we try to understand this text, all of us find the message of Jesus quite challenging. In the end we will be judged primarily not by our successes or status or the knowledge we have acquired, but rather by the way we have treated those in need: the hungry and the thirsty, the stranger and the naked, those who are sick or in prison. In a very real sense the account tells us that we will all be surprised by God’s judgment on that great day.

In the Gospel story both the ones who were invited into heaven and the ones who were left outside were shocked and were unable to figure out what had happened. The “good guys” (the sheep) could not remember doing anything particularly good and the “bad guys” (the goats) could not remember doing anything especially bad. Thus, Jesus instructs us about something that is absolutely crucial in our desire to be his disciples. His teaching tells us clearly who the real winners and losers are in the Kingdom of his Father. It is not what is outside of us, something that we made or accomplished, or some honor or recognition we have achieved. It is something on the inside that makes us blessed in the eyes of God. It is the “habit of the heart” that enables us to recognize the person in need and to hear God’s call to respond generously to that person here and now. This habit does not come from the promise of some reward but from a deep sense of solidarity with other human beings. Such a sense is sometimes dulled by the political rhetoric and reports of brutality we hear constantly on the news and read in the paper. We are called to be compassionate and kind because we see in another person the face of Jesus. This openness to others which sets no limits to our generous care carries with it its own reward. Every time we reach out and give away a part of ourselves to a person in need, we come closer to our heart’s deepest desire: to be in solidarity and communion with Jesus Christ who poured out his life for each of us. Let us gladly choose this way of life and share our gifts for the building up of the Kingdom proclaimed and inaugurated by Christ our King.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON -
NO LUNCHEON ON Wednesday, November 26.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we’ll see you in December.

MARTHA’S KITCHEN:
Thank you so much for your continued support to this outstanding ministry that feeds 300-350 hungry people a hot nutritious meal each weekday. Please continue to remember those less fortunate as you pray with your family before Thanksgiving dinner. Martha's Kitchen appreciates your continued support as our number of guests is increasing, especially at the end of the month. Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed on Thursday, 11/27 and Friday, 11/28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. May God bless you and your family and may you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Have some fun! Come join **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES**

AGES 40+, on Wednesday, December 3, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 p.m. at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, December 6, join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martha’s, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy.; meal afterwards at El Ranchero Mexican Restaurant, 24551 Loop 494 (near Northpark Dr.), in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 p.m. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4650 or peggyb4mom@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**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/holyname/weekendretreats

**SPANISH ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN**

The fifth ACTS men’s retreat in Spanish (MS-5) will take place on January 22-25, 2015. For additional information, please contact Art Rocha at 832-527-2729.

**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

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, AT 9:00 AM.

**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. 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.

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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.

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

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
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.

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

Parenting/Youth Events

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

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 (December 9) at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Family Life Center. If you can, bring your rosary or one will be provided. Questions? E-mail Pat Azzollini at patlini2000@yahoo.com.

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.

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 barbtelson@comcast.net for information on joining us for this year’s 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at St. Martha.
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.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Christmas Luncheon & Celebration

Young at Heart-ers - Christmas is coming and so is our Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon and Celebration. Come join your YAH (Young at Heart) family and enjoy a delicious Christmas luncheon just for you. There will be entertainment, gifts, and fellowship (sorry, no bingo this month). Join us for the festivities at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, December 10 at 11 am. 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 at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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 e-mail Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com. Wishing you and yours a blessed and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

It’s Here…
…the 2014 St. Martha Christmas Ornament

The 2014 ornament is $20.00
Or buy the 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014 set for $35.00
You can buy them in the Administration Building

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.
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-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 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.

SPECIAL BULLETIN DEADLINES

- The deadline to submit information for the **December 21st bulletin** is 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 10th**.
- The deadline to submit information for the **December 28th bulletin** is 11:00 a.m. on **Monday, December 15th**.
- The deadline to submit information for the **January 4th bulletin** is 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 17th**.

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](http://www.cancare.org), or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

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

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 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](http://www.txcatholic-advance-directives.org) or call 512-339-9882.
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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
Enclosed in your envelopes for December is a special envelope marked “Special Offering for Christmas Flowers.” All donations in these envelopes will be dedicated to the purchase of the flowers and greens used in the Church. There is a place on the back of the envelope for you to indicate in whose memory you would like the donation to be. Deadline to turn envelopes in is Sunday, December 14.

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.

CCHD Collection
This 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.

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.

The name Guadalupe comes from the Nahuatl dialect “Coatlaxopeuh” meaning Coa- Serpent Tla - the Xopeuh- Crush “The Lady who crushes the serpent”
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

Ministerio Hispano

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Este fin de semana es el último domingo del calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia y es conocido como la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Las lecturas enfatizan el triunfo final de Jesucristo sobre las fuerzas del mal en el final de los tiempos y de nuestra participación en esta gran victoria. La lectura del Evangelio es de San Mateo donde da la sentencia definitiva de todas las naciones. Jesús describe este acontecimiento escatológico mediante la comparación de su función a la de un pastor que separa las ovejas de las cabras. Esta misma imagen se encuentra en la primera lectura del profeta Ezequiel: "Como un pastor a su rebaño lo atiende... así atiendo mis ovejas. Voy a juzgar entre oveja y oveja". Lo que Jesús hace hincapié en su enseñanza sobre el juicio final de nosotros los seres humanos es el criterio por el cual nuestras vi-das se van a medir. No importa la forma en que traemos de entender este texto, todos nosotros encontramos el mensaje de Jesús como todo un reto. Al final seremos juzgados principalmen-te no por nuestros éxitos o estado o el conocimiento que hemos adquirido, sino más bien por la forma en que hemos tratado a los necesitados: los hambrientos y los sedien- tos, los forasteros y los desnudos, los que están enfermos o en la cárcel. En un sentido muy real, el relato nos dice que todos seremos sorprendidos por el juicio de Dios en ese gran día.

En la historia del Evangelio, tanto los que fueron invitados a los ciegos y los que quedaron fuera se sorprendieron y fueron incapaces de averiguar lo que había sucedido. Los "buenos" (la oveja) no podían recordar hacer nada particularmente bueno y los "malos" (las cabras) no podían recordar hacer nada especialmente malo. De esta manera, Jesús nos instruye acerca de algo que es absolutamente crucial en nuestro deseo de ser sus discípulos. Su enseñanza nos dice claramente quiénes son los ganadores y perdedores reales en el Reino de su Padre. No es lo que está fuera de nosotros, algo que hemos hecho o logrado, o algo de honor del reconoci-miento de que hemos logrado. Es algo en el interior que nos hace bienaventurados a los ojos de Dios. Es el "hábito del corazón" que nos permite reconocer a la persona en necesi-dad y escuchar el llamado de Dios a responder generosa-mente a esa persona aquí y ahora. Este hábito no viene de la promesa de una recompensa, sino de un profundo sentimien-to de solidaridad con otros seres humanos. Tal sentido es a veces embotado por la retórica y los informes de brutalidad que escuchamos constantemente en las noticias y leemos en los periódicos. Estamos llamados a ser compasivos y ama-bles porque vemos en la otra persona el rostro de Jesús. Esta apertura a los demás que no pone límites a nuestra generosa atención lleva consigo su propia recompensa. Cada vez que nos acercamos y regalamos a una parte de nosotros mismos a una persona en necesidad, nos acercamos al deseo más pro-fundo de nuestro corazón: Estar en la solidaridad y comuni-ión con Jesucristo, que derramó su vida por cada uno de nosotros. Escojamos con mucho gus-to esta forma de vida y compartamos nuestros do-nes para la edificación del Reino proclamado e inaugurado por Cristo nuestro Rey.

Fr. Chester Borski

34º Domingo Ordinario

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Así como el Señor nos dice repetidamente en las Escrituras, que nosotros somos sus ovejas y Él es nuestro Pastor y que Él vino a salvar a las ovejas perdidas, así mismo nos dice que al final de los tiempos, en el Juicio Final, Él separará a las ovejas de las cabras, a los buenos, que merecen la salvación, de los malos, que merecen el infierno. La lectura del Evangelio de San Mateo del día de hoy nos habla del criterio que Jesús va a usar para separar a los que merecen el Cielo de los que merecen el Infierno: Como tratamos a nuestros semejantes y que hicimos por los más necesitados, no solo materialmente, sino de cariño y atención. Jesús nos dice que cada vez que hacemos una obra de misericordia con alguno de sus humildes hermanos, se la hicimos a Él. La Madre Teresa de Calcuta empezó su ministerio de atender a los “pobres de los pobres” después de que oyó que Jesús le decía: “Tengo sed”. Tenemos a nuestro alrededor muchas personas que tienen hambre y sed, no solo de pan y agua, sino de justicia, de atención y de cariño. Dediquemos tiempo y recursos para atender esas necesidades y amemos a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos como nos lo pidió Jesús.

Compromiso de la semana: Haré una lista de las personas que puedo ayudar esta semana con cualquiera de sus necesidades: Materiales, emocionales, físicas y espirituales. Y dedicaré tiempo y recursos para atender esas necesidades y amemos a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos como nos lo pidió Jesús.

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Holy Day-All Saints $ 180
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Over(Under) (20,426)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,488,660
Sunday Collection $ 1,360,564
Over(Under) (128,096)

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Capital Campaign $ 8,872
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Campaign for Human Dev. $ 77

Current Loan Debt $ 14,473,188
2014 DSF Goal: 295,000
Payments to date: 294,337