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): ...
Saturday Vigil: .......................... 10:00 AM
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.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
*Patroness and Protectress of the Americas*

A Day of Prayer for the Revitalization of Faith in the United States

On this special feast of our country’s patroness, let us take time to pray for the United States, for a revitalization of faith and a renewed respect for the values of the Gospel.

**Friday, December 12th, in the Church (4301 Woodridge Pkwy)**

- 8:30 am  Opening Mass
- 9:15 am – 3:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:30 pm  Rosary (English and Spanish)
- 7:00 pm Parish Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness and Protectress (Mass and Reception)

“Liberty is not lost in a day. It is lost in increments and inches.” (Cardinal Ignatius Kung Pin Mei)

More than ever the message of the secular world stands in ever greater contrast to the values of the Gospel. Many believe we are experiencing a profound spiritual crisis in our nation. We see the continued loss of respect for human dignity and life. The sanctity of marriage is being challenged and families find it difficult to survive as households of faith. Over 100 million infants in our country have been lost through abortion. The fundamental right of religious freedom seems to be severely threatened and the lack of constructive dialogue among our elected officials prevents sound governance. Race relations and community outreach to those most in need seem to have experienced serious setbacks in recent times. On this Feast of our Patroness and Protectress, Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us implore her intercession for the wellbeing of all in our country.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, our patroness and protectress, pray for us!*

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Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
*Patrona y Protectora de las Américas*

Día de Oración para la Renovación de la Fe en los Estados Unidos

En este día en el que celebramos a la Patrona de las Américas, hagamos un alto en nuestra vida para rezar por el país en el que ahora vivimos, por una renovación en la fe y por el respeto a los valores del Evangelio.

**Viernes 12 de Diciembre, en la iglesia (4301 Woodridge Pkwy)**

- 8:30 am  Misa
- 9:15 am – 3:30pm Adoración Eucarística
- 6:30 pm  Rosario (Bilingüe)
- 7:00 pm Celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona y Protectora de las Américas. (Misa y Recepción)

“La libertad no se pierde en un día, se pierde día a día.” (Cardinal Ignatius Kung Pin Mei)

Hoy más que nunca el contraste entre el mensaje del mundo secular y el mensaje del evangelio es enorme. Muchos opinan que estamos experimentando profundas crisis espirituales en nuestro país. Continuamente somos testigos de la falta de respeto por la dignidad y la vida humana. La santidad del matrimonio está siendo amenazada y para las familias es más difícil transmitir el valor de una vida de fe. En nuestro país hemos perdido a más de 100 millones de bebés debido al aborto. El derecho fundamental a la libertad religiosa está severamente amenazado por la falta de diálogo constructivo entre los oficiales electos, evitando así un gobierno pleno. Últimamente, las relaciones entre diferentes razas y la ayuda al más necesitado parecen haber experimentado una profunda caída. En esta Fiesta de nuestra Patrona y Protectora, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, imploremos su intercesión por el bienestar y santidad de nuestro país.

*Virgen de Guadalupe, Nuestra Patrona y Protectora, Ruega por Nosotros!*
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The message of the Scriptures for the 2nd Sunday of Advent is quite challenging: prepare for the coming of the Lord by conversion of heart and by remembering the promises of God. The prophetic call to conversion is an urgent one. We are to make ready for the Lord’s coming (advent) not just by shopping for gifts for friends and loved ones or by decorating our homes with Advent wreaths and Christmas trees, but by opening our hearts to the Word of God. This presumes on our part a deep desire to change our ways so that our behavior begins to reflect that of true disciples of Jesus. What if we were to compare the number of hours spent Christmas shopping to the number of hours (or minutes) spent dedicated to prayer and community service? How would we fare in this comparison? An examination of conscience based upon this comparison may indicate what we must do to heed the prophet’s call: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

The Church sets aside these days of the Advent season and invites us to go into the “room” of our hearts and allow the Lord to speak to us. How can we prepare “room” for the Lord? How have our senses become dulled to the movement of God’s Spirit in our hearts? What commitments have we made and now forgotten or broken? Who have we neglected, especially in our family? How long has it been since we have approached the forgiveness of the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? (Have we placed the date of the parish Penance Service – December 18th at 6:00 p.m. – on our personal calendar?) While the prophet’s call to conversion is an urgent one, the message of God remains one of hope. The first line from the reading from prophet Isaiah is one of the most consoling in all the Old Testament: “Comfort, give comfort to my people. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.” The prophet assures us that our God will come to save us as a shepherd gathers his lambs into his arms and carries them close to his heart. The Scriptures remind us that the great joy of this season is only experienced by those who are truly open to accepting the gift of salvation in their lives. Perhaps the key question for most of us is: do we really believe that we need a savior? While we engage in our Advent preparation, let us remember each other in prayer so that we may prepare well for the birth of our Savior.

Fr. Chester Borski

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.

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.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE: There will be an Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

SHARING SUNDAY ~ NEXT WEEKEND
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 13 and 14, 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 jjones@kingwoodcable.com.
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8).


**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — That we take time to invite others to share and participate in our Faith.

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:8).

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” — Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Monday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday:** St. Juan Diego

**Wednesday:** International Human Rights Day

**Thursday:** St. Damasus I

**Friday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Saturday:** St. Lucy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Dec. 8/Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Tues./Dec. 9**

8:30 am †Sophie Kovacik
7:00 pm †Carmela & Philip Matassa

**Wed./Dec. 10**

8:30 am †Jorge Muller
10:00 am †Andrew Harris

**Thurs./Dec. 11**

6:30 am †Julie Watkins
8:30 am †Clavino Basabe

**Fri./Dec. 12**

8:30 am †Patricia Cullen

**Sat./Dec. 13**

5:30 pm †George Kovacik

**Sun./Dec. 14**

7:00 am †Jose Humberto & Maria Theresa Gonzalez

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

Mary Danna (mother of Jodie Adcock)

Patrick Nugent (father of Scott and Joanie Nugent)

Steve Simons (father of Everett Simons)

Kathleen McCravy (sister of Claudette Simmons)

David Bammler (son of Dave and Amy Bammler)

Sybil Ford (mother of Teri Hotovy)


**IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

Please note that beginning January 1, 2015, the Saturday monthly Baptisms which have been scheduled on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. will now be moved to the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the Purello/Schmidt 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.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**ROSARY GUILD**
The Rosary Guild will no longer collect items for Dickinson after January 2015. Beginning in February 2015, only prayer books, holy cards, bibles, CCD textbooks, rosaries, and religious articles will be collected. For more information or questions, please contact JoAnna at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
**PLEASE NOTE: THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.**

**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: 9 & 16.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation**
**Website:** [www.stmartha.com](http://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.

**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.

**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 a.m.**
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.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
**Take a break!** Come join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, December 10, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Freebird’s World Burrito, 9490 FM 1960 West (just east of Townsen Blvd.) in Humble. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmon4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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 -

**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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**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 (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.

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**GriefShare – a journey from mourning to joy**

*GriefShare* is a seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close. It’s an opportunity to be around others who understand what you are feeling, learn valuable information and renew your hope for the future.

The series is held on Monday evenings (through December 8th), 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Martha’s Woodland Hills Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood TX 77339 in Room 2. Each session includes a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery followed by participation in small group discussion. You are welcome to begin attending at any session. Each session is ‘self-contained’ so that you do not have to attend in sequence. This series is hosted by two gifted facilitators: Laurie Cardella (the lead facilitator), and Peggy Rittenhouse. Registration is requested and there is a fee for the book - $15.00 payable at your first meeting. For more information or to register, please contact Jill Crawford, 603-674-1025, jcrawford0416@hotmail.com or Laurie Cardella, 281-360-2714, laurie@kingwoodcable.com.

**GriefShare** is a journey from mourning to joy. The topics for each session are listed on the parish website, www.stmartha.com, go to Ministries, Community Life, GriefShare. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

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**St. Martha School Scoops**

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

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

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 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 -Tuesday, 9 am - 4 pm 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 a blessed Advent season!

GIVE TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN A LIFETIME
Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement. Your gift to next weekend’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

THE 2015 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!
Sunday Missal - $2.00/Calendar - $1.00
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

Tuesday, December 16
7:30 – 9:00 PM
In the Family Life Center
We would like to welcome all families, youth, young adults, and adults, to this free music experience that will be a time of intimate prayer and worship with messages to reflect on the Advent season.
**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.

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**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.

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**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**.

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**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.

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**THANK YOU FROM THE CARMELITE NUNS IN NEW CANEY**

Dear Fr. Borski,

Once again we thank you and the people of St. Martha’s for their extraordinary generosity to us. They outdo themselves from one year to another! It serves as a special reminder to us to redouble our prayers for them. All their needs, especially their spiritual needs and growth, are commended to the Lord. As we thank the Lord for His blessings, we count you, the priests of St. Martha’s and all the parishioners as a big one.

With our love, gratitude and prayers,
Sr. Angel & Sisters.

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**Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale**

December 21-22

Order blanks will be in the Narthex after Mass the 6th and 7th

$12.00 per Dz. Pork or Chicken

Contact Ronnie Gonzales

ronnieg@nationalterrazzo.com

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**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
Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday, December 9th, following the weekly Tuesday Mass. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., and is followed immediately by the Adoration service. The Host will be exposed at this time. Following the exposition, there will be a brief reflection, then time for contemplation. The evening will close with praise and worship music.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN NEWS

During this beautiful season of Advent, Martha's Kitchen is reminded of all of the blessings that the parishioners and clergy of St. Martha Church have bestowed upon our ministry. We are blessed to be the recipient of your continued generosity and volunteer spirit during these days of preparation to honor our dear Savior's birth. May you and your family experience this spiritual journey joyously at Christmas and also during 2015!

Please note: Martha's Kitchen will close on Dec. 23 and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 (Vigil): 4:00 p.m. Children’s Mass (Nativity Pageant begins at 3:30 p.m.), 7:00 p.m., Midnight (Music begins at 11:30 p.m.).

December 25: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31 (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

January 1: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Bi-lingual Mass)

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.

Ministerio Hispano

Preparémonos juntos
LA LLEGADA DEL NIÑO JESÚS
asistiendo a la Misa de Adviento
con tradiciones venezolanas

MISA DE AGUINALDOS
y TOY DRIVE el día de
"SHARING SUNDAY"

Diciembre 14, 2014 / 1:00 pm
St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Phwy
Kingwood TX 77335
www.parroquialvirtualvenezolana.org

INFORMACIÓN: Rubén Manosalbas y Janett Salamanca-Manosalvas janettrebuen15@hotmail.com
Maria Budro Pant: mbudropant@hotmail.com Laura Colis Black: lpant2001@yahoo.com

TOY DRIVE: Juguetes y regalos nuevos $15-20 / niños y jóvenes 0-18
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El mensaje de las Escrituras para el segundo domingo de Adviento es todo un reto: prepárense para la venida del Señor por la conversión del corazón y recordando las promesas de Dios. El llamado profético a la conversión es urgente. Preparémonos para la venida (Adviento) del Señor no sólo con la compra de regalos para amigos y seres queridos o por decorar nuestras casas con coronas de Adviento y árboles de Navidad, si para abrir nuestros corazones a la Palabra de Dios. Esto supone por nuestra parte un profundo deseo de cambiar nuestras maneras para que nuestro comportamiento comienza a reflejar la de los verdaderos discípulos de Jesús. ¿Qué pasaría si tuviéramos que comparar el número de horas que pasamos de compras de Navidad con el número de horas (o minutos) que dedicamos a la oración y servicio a la comunidad? ¿Cómo nos irá en esta comparación? Un examen de conciencia sobre la base de esta comparación puede indicar lo que tenemos que hacer para atender el llamado del profeta: “Preparad el camino del Señor, allanad sus senderos”.

La Iglesia deja de lado estos días de la temporada de Adviento y nos invita a entrar en la "sala" de nuestros corazones y para dejar que el Señor nos hable. ¿Cómo podemos prepararnos el "espacio" para el Señor? ¿Cómo se han convertido nuestros sentidos embotados al movimiento del Espíritu de Dios en nuestros corazones? ¿Qué compromisos hicimos y ahora están olvidados o rotos? ¿A quién hemos descuidado, especialmente en nuestra familia? ¿Cuánto tiempo ha pasado desde que nos hemos acercado al perdón del Señor en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación? ¿Hemos colocado la fecha del Servicio Penitencia de nuestra parroquia el -18 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm - En nuestro calendario personal?) Si bien el llamado del profeta a la conversión es urgente, el mensaje de Dios sigue siendo uno de esperanza. La primera línea de la lectura del profeta Isaías es uno de las más consoladoras en todo el Antiguo Testamento: “Confort, consuélense a mi pueblo. Hablad al corazón de Jerusalén”. El profeta nos asegura que nuestro Dios vendrá a salvarnos como un pastor reúne a sus cordeños en sus brazos y los lleva cerca de su corazón. Las Escrituras nos recuerdan que la gran alegría de este tiempo sólo es experimentado por aquellos que verdaderamente se abren a aceptar el don de la salvación en sus vidas. Tal vez la pregunta clave para la mayoría de nosotros es: ¿realmente creemos que necesitamos un salvador? Mientras nos ocupamos en nuestra preparación de Adviento, recordémonos unos a otros en la oración para que podamos prepararnos bien para el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador.

Ministerio Hispano

2º Domingo de Adviento

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

La venida de Jesús al mundo fue siendo preparada por Dios y anunciada a través de los Profetas. Isaías anticipaba el anuncio de Juan el Bautista en el desierto y el hecho de que Jesús vendría para el perdón de nuestros pecados. El Evangelio de San Marcos nos habla de Juan el Bautista que predicaba la conversión y el bautizo para el perdón de los pecados. Juan bautizaba con agua pero anunciaba que Jesús nos bautizaría con el Espíritu Santo. Juan sabía que para poder recibir a Jesús en nuestros corazones tenemos que convertirnos primero. Esa conversión que él predicaba y que sería también el primer mensaje de Jesús ya en su vida pública, requiere que reorientemos nuestras vidas hacia Dios, que dejemos de buscar la felicidad en las cosas de este mundo y que dediquemos nuestras vidas a conocer, amar y servir a Dios. San Pedro nos advierte que debemos estar preparados para encontrarnos con Dios, para que nos encuentre en paz con Él, inmaculados e irreprochables.

Compromiso de la semana: Como preparación de mi corazón en esta temporada de adviento meditaré sobre lo que necesito cambiar en mi vida para convertirlo hacia Dios.

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

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

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Lunes 8 de Diciembre a las 5:30 pm en el FLC Jeannette Cantu nos hablara de los mensajes que la Virgen nos da a través de su imagen

**RETIRÓ 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 seguirán abiertas 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.

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Weekly Budget $74,433
Sunday Collection $45,637
Thanksgiving $1,893
Over/(Under) $26,903
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $1,637,526
Sunday Collection $1,492,356
Over/(Under) $145,170
Special collections: Capital Campaign
Campaign for Human Dev. $1,883
Current Loan Debt $14,473,188
2014 DSF Goal $295,000
Payments to date: $297,441