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

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ................................. 8:30 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 Saturday of the month

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 12, 2015
Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

John 20:19
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE
Phil & Diane Applegate  281.361.2913

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
Nancy Landvogt  281.358.6637, x202
Nancy Karpinski  713-594-4430

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MORE: BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
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youngadults@stmartha.com

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HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR (LIFE TEAM)
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
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LITURGY COORDINATOR FOR LIFETEEN
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CHILDREN’S CHOIR
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Hospital Visit
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NURSING HOME & Homebound Patimpanaro 281.361.9383

Hispanic Catholic Community to the Sick
Amelia Murphy  713.865.6946

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GREETERS
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GREETERS-FAMILY MASS
Angela Holden  713.628.8707

LECTORS
Erv Baumeier  281.358.4975

MOTHER’S ALTAR GUILD & DESIGNERS
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Art Voltmann  281.361.6117

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CANCARE
Roger Schuelke  281.358.8060

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY
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Sr. Maria Elena  713.224.2522

MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY
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Marie Burk  281.361.3650

ST. JOSEPH HELPERS
Bill Beck  281.360.7023

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REGISTRAR
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MONAGUILLOS
Pastor Pastora 832.514.5741/832.633.0145

RICA
Jaime Gomez  281.973.1857

GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of Mar. 28 & 29
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $ 74,433
Sunday Collection  $ 52,950
Holy Day-Easter  $ 410
Over/(Under)  $(21,073)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 920,887
Sunday Collection  $ 2,872,993
Over/(Under)  $(29,894)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 8,276
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 2,330
Catholic Relief Services  $ 507
2015 DSF Goal  $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date  $ 143,315

Current Loan Debt:  $ 13,983,522
Recap for February 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt: $ 43,732.58
Payments to reduce the debt: $ 137,526.33
Over/(short)  $(93,793.75)
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Easter season proclaims that Jesus, who died on the cross, has been raised in glory by the power of the Father! And the good news is that we, who believe and are baptized, have been transformed at our very core by sharing in this new life of grace! During these fifty days of Easter the Church’s liturgy gives us a picture of this transformation as seen in the life of the early disciples. We get a glimpse of this in the Acts of the Apostles and today’s reading describes the life of the early Church: “The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common.” In this way they witnessed to the power of the resurrection and through that witness they led many others to the same faith. Simply stated, the early Christians were a people for whom life made sense. It was not that their life was particularly easy, because it was not. From the very outset the followers of Jesus were persecuted by both the faith tradition that they had left and by the particularly cruel Roman government. But that did not seem to matter all that much. They were a people who had discovered something very special — namely, their faith in the crucified and risen Lord. And this gift gave them meaning and purpose to everything that they encountered in their daily lives. They were able to create an attitude toward life that freed them from isolation, fear, and the pointless values of the world around them. Thus, the Acts of the Apostles is a wonderful book to read and reflect on during this season. It will teach us much about being Church and about living our faith for God and for His Kingdom.

Certainly we will notice that the size of the early Church has significance. It is much easier for a small group of believers to be cohesive and responsive to the needs of their neighbors. Another advantage was their closeness to the events that gave birth to the Church: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and later the gift of the Holy Spirit after the Ascension. And because of their conviction that Jesus was Lord and Savior, the early Christians chose to live their lives without being overcome by the many obstacles that surrounded them: rejection, persecution, and even death. These early disciples who saw the Risen Lord and talked with Him came to understand themselves as a Church whose faith was centered on the truth of the resurrection. This truth generated in them a special bond among themselves, especially when they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. In addition they experienced a loving detachment from the passing world as well as a sense of excitement about their own future. The people of the early Church lived in an infinitely big world --- the Kingdom of God --- and they knew that they had been touched by eternity itself. This awareness enabled them to live generously for others and with a deep sense of joy and commitment. May we come to embrace a life of discipleship like theirs!

Fr. Chester Borski

The Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 12, will be celebrated in the chapel at the Woodland Hills campus at 3 p.m. with special prayers and graces granted with Plenary Indulgence under conditions attached to Mercy Sunday obligations. Please join us on this joyful feast day celebration!

All parishioners are invited to attend the Holocaust March of Remembrance on April 18 by gathering at Christ the King Lutheran Church for the opening ceremony at 2:00 pm. The March will begin at 3:15 pm and culminate at the Holocaust Park of Remembrance on W. Lake Houston Parkway. This is a simple walk taken annually on Holocaust Remembrance Day to focus on the terrible tragedy of the Nazi slaughter of 7 million Jews and others. Please join citizens of our community, ministers of various congregations, educators, and others as we say “Never again!” Free registration online with details at: MarchofRemembranceHouston.org or call 713-666-2875.

POVERTY:

A CALL TO ACTION

What are the current facts surrounding poverty?

How are we working to alleviate poverty, both globally and here in Houston?

Find out how you can get involved and how you can join in and support these efforts to make a difference!

Monday, April 20th 7-9pm

Location: St. Martha Activity Center
Woodland Hills Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive

Join us for this Town Hall meeting, where you can listen, ask questions and participate

Sponsored by: St. Martha Catholic Church, Strawbridge United Methodist Church, Holy Comforter Lutheran Church & First Presbyterian Church

St. Martha’s Catholic Church
First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-5).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

**Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8**

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: St. Martin I

Wednesday: Income Tax Day

Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.” - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities — these are all gifts from God. We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Hipopita Martinez (mother of Alma Sanchez)
Ed and Mary Diamond (parents of Mark Diamond)
Jackie LaNasa
John Wootton
Hector Luis Perez
Elaine Silverwise
Sandra Williams (mother of Chad Williams)


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.
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**LOST AND FOUND** — WE HAVE MANY ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN LOST AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR THEIR OWNER — CAR KEYS, CLOTHING, JEWELRY, ETC. IF YOU LOST SOMETHING AT THE FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS, COME CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND BOX IN THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE. ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED JUNE 1, 2015.

**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 April Dates: 14, 21 & 28, 2015.

**TUESDAY EVENINGS:**

**POWERFUL STORIES OF FORGIVENESS:**
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Proclaimed this year as “Teaching God’s Gift of Forgiveness.”
Come join us on April 14 and May 5 as we experience stories of God’s gift of forgiveness.
April 14 – Kent Whittaker (Author of New York Times Best Seller List “Murder by Family”) – 7:30 pm in the FLC
May 5 – John Sage – 7:30 pm in the FLC

**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.

**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.

**Archdiocesan Marriage Conference**
Are you surviving in marriage but ready to thrive in holiness with your spouse? Join us for the first-ever “Together in Holiness” marriage conference, presented by the John Paul II Foundation for Life and Family and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and inspiring presentations that will help your marriage and family grow together in holiness. May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc Drive, Houston, TX 77024. For details and registration visit www.TogetherInHoliness.org

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, April 15, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 p.m. at RC’s Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggymbmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**Young at Heart Luncheon**
(formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) - 
**Crazy Hat Day**
Spring cleaning has begun, so find your best "Crazy Hat" and let’s have a little fun with "Crazy Hat Day". Come join us at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 22. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! The Senior Citizen Luncheon now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon" is a get together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com or Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD DISCERNMENT**
Each year we conduct a “discernment process” (a guided experience of prayer and shared reflections) to select new members to serve on our parish School Advisory Board. This is a wonderful opportunity to exercise your stewardship gift of talent. The term of service is three years.

The date for the discernment process for persons considering a position on the St. Martha Catholic School Local Advisory Board is Monday, May 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Borski Activity Center of the school.

Employees of the parish and school, whether teaching or non-teaching personnel and their spouses, are not eligible to be considered as candidates for the board. Parents with children in our school and registered parishioners in full communion with the Catholic Church are eligible to serve on our advisory board. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tina Lewis, principal, for a brief overview of the advisory board and answer questions you may have on this position. Please contact Mrs. Lewis at the school office at 281-358-5523 or by e-mail at principal@stmarthacs.org by May 7, 2015.
2nd Family Team Meeting

The St. Martha 2nd Family Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, at 7 pm in Room 6 on the Woodland Hills Campus. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend. Second Family is always in need of new team members. This is the last meeting for the school year.

Second Family Care Team is a ministry that reaches out to care for those who are living with long term or terminal illnesses or seniors in need. If you would like to become a member of a Second Family Care Circle or know someone in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you are invited to the meeting or to call Peggy Wehe 281-360-3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

VIRTUS WORKSHOP

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **No late admittance after 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to arrive by 6:00 to get paperwork. **You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.** You must attend a VIRTUS workshop to volunteer or work with children and youth in the parish, school, or any church related organization. Please register for the workshop at www.archgh.org. Select the Safe Environment icon on the bottom of the screen. Then select Register & Attend a “Protecting God’s Children Workshop” to view a listing of sessions by date and to register for a session. This class is for adults 18 and older. Please note, no walk-ins will be admitted (this is a new diocesan policy).

VIRTUS KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE WORKSHOP (Refresher Course)

A VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Alive workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills Campus). Please plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to get paperwork. **You must bring a current driver’s license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.** This is a refresher course and is for adults 18 and older. Please register for the workshop at www.virtus.org. Then select Registration and view a listing of sessions by date. Please do NOT create a new account. If you cannot remember your original account login, please e-mail Angela Whitley at angelaw@stmartha.com for account information.

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.

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 713-775-9213.

Faith Journeys Presents: An Advent Pilgrimage to Italy Celebrating Vatican II's 50th Anniversary December 4-11, 2015

Especially designed for
Msgr. Chester Borski, Spiritual Director
Anne Comeaux, Pilgrimage Host

Come and join Carla Lewton and Anne Comeaux in the Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 PM, at the Woodland Hills campus for an informal presentation on this amazing pilgrimage to Rome for the 50th anniversary of Vatican II! Light refreshments will be served and we will answer questions and view a slide show. We would love for you to join us! For more information, contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or at carlal@stmartha.com

Adult Organizations and Opportunities

JOB OPPORTUNITY - NURSERY

Position available for the Sunday Nursery and other church events. Please contact Patty Jackson at 281-713-8970, or e-mail pattyj@stmartha.com
Parenting/Youth Events

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will be meeting Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in the Family Life Center. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School
Grab your gear, and get ready to scale the heights of God’s mighty power at “Everest” VBS this June 15th-19th from 12:45 - 4:00 pm! Our Christ-filled climb is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs $25 per student.

Calling all volunteers!! We need lots of trail guides to make this the coolest week of summer! Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer. We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS ($25) for children of volunteers.

VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus. The first 100 families to register will receive a CD of this year’s VBS music. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 x203.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
St. Martha Catholic School has openings for the following positions:
- Director of Development (part-time: four days per week)
- Registrar (part-time: four days per week)
- Degreed and certified teachers for:
  First grade
  Second grade
  Middle School Social Studies

For more information, please visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org or contact the school office at 281-358-5523 and ask for Mrs. Lewis.

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.
Calling all Golfers!
The 4th Annual Kingwood Fallen Heroes Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, April 25, at Kingwood Country Club. This event honors SGT. Brandon C. Bury, SGT. William Meeuwesen, and Lance CPL. Luke C. Yepsen, who were all members of St. Martha's. Open ceremonies start at 11:00 a.m. including box lunch, best ball tournament, dinner and silent auction. This year’s speaker is Lt. General David Mann of the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command.
Proceeds benefit several military support groups including the Blue Star Moms, Operation Military Embrace and Hope for the Warriors. To make a donation or to register to play, contact Scott Mitchell - kingwoodfallenheroes@gmail.com or Mike Meeuswsen at 713-820-0762.

You are cordially invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Meeting
Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.
Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.
Please join us:
Monday, April 27th
6:30 pm Social
7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, TX
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person
Sister Roselle Haas, r.c. (Religious Cenacle), contact for the regional area, will speak to us about: The Myths and Mysteries of Consecrated life.
RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015

Meet Kent Whitaker
Author of the New York Times Best Seller “Murder by Family”
Tuesday, April 14,
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Woodland Hills Campus – Family Life Center
Come listen to Kent’s powerful story of forgiveness, how he suffered extreme loss and deception, and how his experience taught him things he would like to share, hoping to encourage others when their world is shaken.

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics, of any age, to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you.
No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.
Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.
April 21 – May 26
Tuesday Evenings
7 pm – 8:30 pm
Room #3 in the building in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills campus)
The Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, support group format. The sessions are informational and formational. Topics of the six week sessions are:
♦ Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
♦ Fr. McKee Video – sharing of participants, Q&A
♦ The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
♦ ‘Tips on Sinning’, Explanation of Reconciliation/Confession, Q&A
♦ Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
♦ The Creed: What Catholics Believe Wrap-Up, Q&A
If you would like more information or to be a participant of one of the sessions, please contact: Carla Lewton carlal@stmartha.com 281-713-8968.
*Babysitting is available upon request.
*All who choose to participate in this program will remain in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.
STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE
Fruits of Your Labor...

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacramento in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of March, we had 1,348 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 616 visitors! Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

GABRIEL PROJECT: Come join the Gabriel Project Ministry who mentors mothers that call the diocese looking for help. We assign the mother a “Gabriel Angel” and that person and the coordinator assist the mother throughout her pregnancy both emotionally and spiritually and make sure they have what is needed to bring their babies home. If you are interested in becoming a "Gabriel Angel", you would be required to attend a 2-1/2 hr hour training session. The next class will be May 2 from 9:30 - noon at Morkovsky Hall rm 204. If you would like more information about our ministry please contact Janice Rumbley at jrumbley@aol.com.

We are have recently worked with five new mothers. We are proud to announce that four beautiful and healthy babies were born. We have 3 precious boys and 1 precious girl and a baby that is due any day. Please pray for our new moms, their babies and families that God will watch over them.

Dear St. Martha Catholic Church,
The Board of Directors of Birthright of Humble thank you for your generous donation to our ministry. The volunteers that come in every week thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this awesome gift. With this donation we are able to help the women that come to our center. We see over 1100 women a year for tests and counseling. Some of these women are not wanting the pregnancy and are considering abortion. We are there to encourage and love them.

We also offer a class. Many of clients will come to our prenatal class to gain information about their pregnancy and to earn extra items such as a brand new car seat. These classes cover a variety of topics that will assist the women during their pregnancy. It is especially beneficial for first-time moms. Many times a support group develops between the clients that attend the class. Many of these will be with each other for the delivery.

Thank you again for this wonderful gift. We are truly grateful.

Yours for LIFE,
Nadine Patterson
Director

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Join Catholics around the world in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

St. Martha - ADORATION FOR Vocations
St. Martha Old Chapel
(Woodland Hill’s Campus)
Sunday, April 26, 3 – 5 pm.

Join us for prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament not only to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but also to pray for the strength necessary to pursue a life of holiness.

ARISE
MASS, WORSHIP, ADORATION

Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. The evening closes with praise and worship music. Mark your calendar for our next ARISE on April 14th.
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

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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.

OPEN HOUR: FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON MONDAY 2-3AM!
Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
- Monday: 1-2 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- Tuesday: 2-3AM, 5-6 AM
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM
- Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 2-3 PM, 9-10 PM

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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the AFDAHL 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.

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STRENGTHS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
May 6, 2015

Do you ever ask yourself: Why did I react that way? Why do I love doing some things and avoid doing others? Strengths Discovery Workshop is a unique opportunity to identify and explore the talents with which God has blessed you, how to use them for personal and spiritual growth and to begin the process of developing talents into strengths. You will discover a new way of looking at yourself and others through focusing on what you do best.

On Wednesday, May 6, we will offer this three hour workshop starting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 2 (Woodland Hills Campus). The evening will be fun, interactive and filled with opportunities to learn more about yourself.

Cost: $22 ($12 for Living Your Strengths Book and $10 for Workbook)

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 29

Class size is limited. To reserve your spot or for more information contact Jodi Schod at 281-358-6637 ext. 201, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

YASTM
Young Adults of St. Martha

PRAYER · SERVICE · FELLOWSHIP · FRIENDS · SPORTS · SPIRITUALITY

We are a social and spiritual group of young adults age 18 to 35ish who gather together for prayer, fellowship and charity.

Are you looking to grow your network of friends with a foundation of like-minded individuals? Would you like to grow in faith, help others in need, or maybe share in fellowship and social aspects? If you feel a connection to any of these things you are encouraged to join! Maybe you have questions about the faith, are new to the area, are looking for volunteer opportunities or would like someone to attend mass with.

This group is open to all. It does not matter what place you are in your spiritual life; whether you are new, uncertain in your faith or looking to grow deeper.

Please email youngadults@stmartha.com for more information
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/YASTM/
Mailing list: http://goo.gl/forms/Ijyv3RjzJL

Calling all young adults!

Martha’s Kitchen

Martha’s Kitchen wishes all St. Martha clergy, parishioners and visitors a Happy Easter season. We appreciate your use of the special Martha’s Kitchen envelopes and your use of Faith Direct to aid our ministry to feed 300-350 hungry people each week day. Martha’s Kitchen Memorial Cards are available in the church office to remember a loved one or special anniversary or birthday. May God’s promise of everlasting life be a constant reminder to us of His unconditional love.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

La temporada de Pascua proclama que Jesús, que murió en la cruz, ha resucitado en gloria por el poder del Padre! Y la buena noticia es que nosotros, los que creen y son bautizados, hemos sido transformados en nuestra esencia con la participación en esta nueva vida de gracia! Durante estos cincuenta días de Pascua la liturgia de la Iglesia nos da una imagen de esta transformación como se vio en la vida de los primeros discípulos. Podemos echar un vistazo de esto en los Hechos de los Apóstoles y la lectura de hoy describe la vida de la Iglesia primitiva: "La comunidad de los creyentes tenía un solo corazón y una mente, y nadie consideraba suya ninguna de sus posiciones, pero todo lo que tienen en común". De esta manera fueron testigos del poder de la resurrección y a través de ese testimonio que llevaron a muchos otros a la misma fe. En pocas palabras, los primeros cristianos eran un pueblo para el que la vida tenía sentido. No era que su vida era particularmente fácil, porque no lo era. Desde el primer momento los seguidores de Jesús fueron perseguidos tanto por la tradición de la fe que habían dejado y por el la crueldad particular del gobierno romano. Pero eso no parece importar tanto. Eran un pueblo que había descubierto algo muy especial --- es decir, su fe en el Señor crucificado y resucitado. Y este regalo les dio sentido y propósito a todo lo que encontraron en su vida cotidiana. Ellos fueron capaces de crear una actitud ante la vida que los liberó del aislamiento, el miedo y los valores sin sentido del mundo que les rodeaba. Por lo tanto, los Hechos de los Apóstoles es un libro maravilloso para leer y reflexionar sobre él, durante esta temporada. Nos va a enseñar mucho acerca de ser Iglesia y de vivir nuestra fe por Dios y su Reino.

Ciertamente, nos daremos cuenta de que el tamaño de la Iglesia primitiva tiene un significado. Es mucho más fácil para un pequeño grupo de creyentes ser coherente y que responda a las necesidades de sus vecinos. Otra ventaja era su cercanía a las cosas que dieron origen a la Iglesia: la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo, y más tarde, el don del Espíritu Santo después de la ascensión. Y debido a su convicción de que Jesús era el Señor y Salvador, los primeros cristianos eligieron vivir sus vidas sin ser vencidos por los muchos obstáculos que les rodeaban: el rechazo, la persecución, e incluso la muerte. Estos primeros discípulos que vieron al Señor resucitado y hablaron con él, llegaron a entenderse a sí mismos como una iglesia cuya fe se centró en la verdad de la resurrección. Esta verdad genera en ellos un vínculo especial entre ellos mismos, sobre todo cuando se reunieron para celebrar la Eucaristía. Además experimentaron un desprendimiento amoroso del mundo que pasaba, así como una sensación de emoción acerca de su propio futuro. La gente de la Iglesia primitiva vivieron en un mundo infinitamente grande --- el Reino de Dios --- y ellos sabían que habían sido tocados por la eternidad misma. Este conocimiento les permitió vivir generosamente a los demás y con un profundo sentido de alegría y compromiso. Esperemos llegar a abrazar una vida de discipulado como la de ellos!

Padre Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

Segundo Domingo de Pascua
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Evangelio del día de hoy nos habla de las apariciones de Jesús a los apóstoles después de haber resucitado y de cómo Tomás dudó y tuvo que ver a Jesús en persona para creer. Jesús le dijo: “Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto”. Jesús nos sigue repitiendo esas palabras a todos nosotros. Dichosos los que creemos sin haber visto, pero creer en la resurrección de Jesús no solo nos debe dar dicha sino que debe ser un compromiso para reorientar nuestras vidas hacia Él. Esta noticia de la resurrección demanda una respuesta de cada uno de nosotros y esa respuesta es la forma en que vivamos nuestras vidas. La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos habla de cómo vivía esa primera comunidad de Cristianos: De cómo todos se ayudaban entre sí y que ninguno pasaba necesidad. Jesús quiere que Su comunidad, nuestra Iglesia Católica, sea como esa primera comunidad en la que todos estemos pendientes de nuestros hermanos y hagamos lo que podamos para que no pasen necesidades.

Compromiso de la semana: Ayudaré a alguno de mis hermanos en necesidad con lo que pueda.

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

Cáliz de Vocaciones: Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: comитеcalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co

Ministerio Sagrada Familia
Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas.
Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministerio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Nazaret. Dirigido a las familias de nuestra parroquia que desean encontrar una iglesia que les dé soluciones, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les proporcione un lugar que les permita acobijarse, les edúque y les proteja.

Eso es en esencia lo que buscamos edificar en este nuevo ministerio. Estamos hablando de participar en una Iglesia que dé una respuesta viva y clara a las comunidades, que ayude a compensar sus necesidades, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo apoyo espiritual y emocional, sino un seguimiento constante a su situación.

En el MSF, queremos ofrecerles soluciones concretas, es decir, generar las respuestas a las problemáticas implementando actividades, programas, seminarios, talleres y retiros que serán impartidos de manera conjunta con otros ministerios de la parroquia y se llevarán a cabo durante todo el año.

El programa incluye:
• Formación en nuestra fe católica. Crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual. Incentivo y formación de nuevos liderazgos en la comunidad.
• Ayuda psicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.
• Acércense, pregunten o participen y sean testigos de cómo juntos construiremos ese camino, sea Ud. también puente entre la Iglesia y las familias, irradiando de esa manera la alegría de ser católicos comprometidos.

Las reuniones tendrán lugar todos los lunes, a las 7 pm, en la pequeña Capilla del Colegio Sta. Marta. Para cualquier información Favor comuníquese con Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co

Monaguillos: Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

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