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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FORTH SUNDAY
OF Easter

APRIL 26, 2015
I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” in the Catholic Church, the Scripture readings provide us with a powerful meditation on the gift of salvation which is ours through our faith in Christ Jesus. At the same time there is an emphasis on “vocation” — on who we are called to become because of this great gift. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear that Peter proclaims that “there is no salvation through anyone else.” We are reminded that our salvation was purchased a great price — through the horrible suffering and death of God’s only Son upon the cross. However, God has raised Him from the dead and the one rejected has become the foundation of our faith and of our lives. The reading from the First Letter of St. John highlights our identity and mission because of this gift: “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are!” It is important to note that through Baptism we are called by name to share in the life and mission of Jesus, the Risen Lord.

The profound effect of this gift of salvation is beautifully emphasized in the striking image found in the Gospel reading taken from St. John: “Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’” The one who saves us is a lowly shepherd entrusted with the care of sheep, not some powerful warrior or someone in charge of the affairs of government. The one who saves us is an unlikely savior, the “Suffering Servant” described by the prophet Isaiah. The person called Jesus, who laid down his life on Good Friday and whose very name means salvation, is now the one who through his resurrection has power over life and death, his own and that of His sheep. On this “Good Shepherd Sunday” the Church asks us to pray for the servant leaders we need, especially for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated (religious) life. May I suggest that we go a step further? Let each of us personally invite some person we know to consider a vocation of servant leadership in the Church. At the same time let us offer prayers of gratitude for the persons who have answered that call and serve us at St. Martha’s: our parish priests, our deacons, and our seminarians. We especially look forward to Xavier Bilavendiran’s diaconate ordination on May 16th and David Angelino’s priesthood ordination on June 6th.

Fr. Chester Borski

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

We have had a number of requests from those suffering from Celiac disease and/or diagnosed with gluten intolerance to be able to receive low-gluten hosts. To be in compliance with Canon Law and guidelines from the Vatican there must be some gluten in the host that is consecrated at Mass. The Benedictine Sisters have developed a host that is low-gluten (.01 percent). The U. S. Bishops and the Vatican have stated the Sisters’ bread is “the only true, low-gluten altar bread, approved for use at Mass in the United States.” We will begin offering this low-gluten host at all Masses the weekend of May 16/17. This host is strictly for those who are at risk for serious harm from consuming gluten. In order to receive the low-gluten consecrated host at Mass, please check in with the Team Leader for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Ushers Room at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to let them know you need to receive the low-gluten host and to receive instructions where the minister will be to distribute it to you. If you have any questions or concerns about the low-gluten hosts and its reception, please call Mariel Parra at 281-358-6637 or e-mail her at marielp@stmartha.com.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Proclaimed this year as “Teaching God’s Gift of Forgiveness”

John Sage is the Founder and Executive Director of Bridges To Life. - In 1993, John’s younger sister was murdered. The two killers were apprehended and subsequently sentenced to death. After years of trauma, rage, and grief, this life changing experience inspired John to found Bridges To Life in an effort to empower victims and rehabilitate prisoners. Come listen to how John turned his hate and rage into love and joy.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Woodland Hills Campus – Family Life Center

SHINE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

When: Sunday, April 26th
Where: New Church parking lot at east end of rectory
Time: 9 am to 2 pm
Cost: Donation

Shine Car Wash fundraiser will be held Sunday, April 26, from 9 am to 2 pm at the new church. You can drop off your car before Mass and it will be sparkling clean when you come out! All proceeds go to support those attending Shine in the form of scholarships, supplies, and in getting to the locations. Come out and support St. Martha’s youth in serving those in need and being the hands and feet of Christ.
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon./Apr. 27
8:30 am †Blessed Frederick Ozanam
8:30 am †Mary Ann Miller
5:30 pm †Henry & Christine Beseda

Tues./Apr. 28
8:30 am †Lyle McCabe
5:30 pm †Sharon Kerrigan Koenig

Wed./Apr. 29
8:30 am †Joann Beck
10:00 am Jon Schuler
7:00 am †Eunice Walker

Thurs./Apr. 30
6:30 am †Lisa Slush
11:00 am †Mary Hendry
8:30 am †Clifford Diego Reeyes

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

Elaine Silverwise
Sandra Williams (mother of Chad Williams)
Osvaldo Sotomayor, Jr.
Lisa Bohmer (sister of Linda Dalton)
Berniece House
Lucille Bodien
Ryan Campbell (son-in-law of Liz Dukes)


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Mon./Apr. 27 8:30 am †Blessed Frederick Ozanam 8:30 am †Mary Ann Miller 8:30 am Pro-Life Mass 7:00 am †Eunice Walker 7:00 am †Florence Kerrigan & Sharon Kerrigan Koenig

Tues./Apr. 28 8:30 am †Lyle McCabe 5:30 pm †Henry & Christine Beseda

Wed./Apr. 29 8:30 am †Joann Beck 9:00 am Jon Schuler 9:00 am †Eunice Walker

Thurs./Apr. 30 6:30 am †Lisa Slush 11:00 am †Mary Hendry

Fri./May 1 8:30 am †Blessed Frederick Ozanam 5:30 pm †Sharon Kerrigan Koenig

Sat./May 2 5:30 pm †Henry & Christine Beseda

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In today’s Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as “the good shepherd.” His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow him, trust him?

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 Organizations and Opportunities

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION


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. April 28. May Dates: 5,12,19 & 26.

Tuesday Evening: 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 May 5 as we experience stories of God’s gift of forgiveness.

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 You Tube. Click the You Tube 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL HOLD A DISCERNMENT

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold a Discernment Session on Monday, May 18th, at 6:15 pm. Council members serve for a term of three years. The Council is the principal consultative body to the pastor and helps the parish carry out its mission by assisting the pastor in developing the parish strategic plan. The Council meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm from August through June. In addition to providing timely updates and advice to the pastor at the monthly meetings, the Council members also participate in regular committee work that sometimes requires several hours each month. If you are interested in being considered for one of the vacant positions, please submit your name to the pastor’s secretary, Indiana Francis, at indiana@stmartha.com. If you have any questions about the Council or the discernment process, please e-mail Mr. Tim Hill at TIM.Hill@Shell.com.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, a MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, April 29, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). On Saturday, May 2, join us at 5:15 in the narthex of church for 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Humble City Café, 200 Main in Humble. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

STRENGTHS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

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

STRENGTHS DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**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.

**Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center invites you to join other women from the archdiocese for a weekend of quiet, rest, and prayer May 15-17, 2015. Our theme this year is: Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew: Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross.** Holy Name Retreat Center is located in Houston on 10 quiet acres at 430 Bunker Hill Road and offers inspiring talks by religious men, women, and laity. Enjoy award-winning gardens, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, prayerful massages, and private rooms with private baths. And most importantly, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is your chance to spend a weekend with God. For more information, please call the retreat center at 713-464-0211, or go online to www.passionist.org/holyname. You may also call parishioner Victoria Swenson, at 281-991-4780 for additional information. Men! This makes an excellent Mother’s Day gift!

"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

**Women's Day of Reflection at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center! Topic: Living Out the Gospel: Walking in His Way. Thursday, April 30, 9 am - 2:30 pm.** We are called to be loving and compassionate witnesses for Christ. Let us gather and reflect on both the lives of women before us, as well as our own lives, to see how we can exude the love and light of Christ in our actions and words. Throughout the day, we will have conferences, quiet reflection, and small group discussions. The day concludes with confessions and Mass. **Suggested offering $40--includes coffee, breakfast pastries and lunch.** Phone 713-464-0211 or go online at: www.passionist.org/holyname.

**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.

**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

For more Information please call: Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845 Opt. 1
Parenting/Youth Events

**EDGE NIGHT TOMORROW!**

Monday, April 27 [6:30-8:00 PM]

Bring ALL of your friends for FREE pizza, and a whole night of FUN!

**SUMMERTIME SOCIAL**

FRIENDS, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN!
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!

Saturday, May 2, 2015
[6:00 – 9:00 PM] in the FLC
COST: $6 if you pay by Thursday, May 8
$8 if you pay at the door
Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241

**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.

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Council #13320

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible.

One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or on line from Marty Krupp - martykk@gmail.com.
These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 27, 2015

**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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Court St. Martha #2504

**2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2015 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior that will be attending a college or university and is a member of St. Martha parish.

Applications are available at the Parish office.

Application must be delivered or postmarked by Monday, April 27, 2015 to the Parish office. The address is on the application.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTICADORATION
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER
IN ST. MARTHA'S PARISH

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

OPEN HOUR: FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON MONDAY 2-3 AM!
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: 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM.
Thursday: 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM, 5-6 PM, 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.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON (FORMERLY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON) - PIZZA DAY
Let’s relax a bit this week and just enjoy some fellowship, fun, and pizza. Come join us at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, April 29. 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 PARISH MISSION 2015
YouTube Video Links
Talk 1 - http://youtu.be/ljJ0vD9r9VhA
Talk 2 - http://youtu.be/bckHtrPX8YY
Talk 3 - http://youtu.be/jE9ywJtqXm
Talk 4 - http://youtu.be/2CK_IEKPehw

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 Monday, May 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 2. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com.

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

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Saturday, May 2.

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 Room 3.

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.

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

Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Parish presents the Houston Polish Festival on Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3 at 1731 Blalock, Houston, 1.5 miles north of the Katy Freeway. The festival is a celebration of the food, the music, the language, the customs and the culture of the Polish people. Enjoy great entertainment all day long, delicious Polish food, visit our beautiful church, browse the silent auction and the kids will have a safe supervised activity area. Festival hours are from 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday and from 11 am until 6 pm on Sunday. Admission is only $5. Be sure to check our website at www.houstonpolishfestival.org for many more details.

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.
HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries
St. Martha Catholic Church will host the Houston Mobile Food Pantry.
HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries will be donating food on Thursday, April 30, from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Church parking lot (4301 Woodridge Pkwy). All families in need are invited to come and receive free food. This will be on a first-come first-served basis.

Ministerio Hispano

Iglesia de Santa Marta
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, TX 77365
Martes 19 de Mayo del 2015
7:00 PM Misa
7:30 PM Adoración

HAAM: Humble Area Assistance Ministries
Patrocinará la despensa móvil del Banco de Comidas de Houston y HAAM estará donando comida el día Jueves, 30 de Abril, 2015 de 11:00 AM a 1:00 PM en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy
Toda familia en necesidad está invitada a recibir alimentos GRATIS.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

En este cuarto domingo de Pascua, tradicionalmente conocido como "Domingo del Buen Pastor" en la Iglesia Católica, las lecturas de las Escrituras nos ofrecen una poderosa meditación sobre el don de la salvación la cual es nuestra por medio de nuestra fe en Cristo Jesús. Al mismo tiempo, hay un énfasis en la "vocación" — en que estamos llamados a ser a causa de este gran regalo. En la primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos enteramos de que Pedro proclama que "no hay salvación a través de ninguna otra persona". Se nos recuerda que nuestra salvación se compró a un gran precio — a través del horrible sufrimiento y muerte del Hijo único de Dios en la cruz. Sin embargo, Dios le levantó de entre los muertos y el rechazado se ha convertido en el fundamento de nuestra fe y en nuestras vidas. La lectura de la primera carta del apóstol San Juan pone en relieve nuestra identidad y misión a causa de este don: "Mirad qué amor del Padre nos ha dado para que seamos llamados hijos de Dios. Sin embargo, lo somos!" Es importante tener en cuenta que por el bautismo somos llamados por nuestro nombre para participar en la vida y misión de Jesús, el Señor Resucitado.

El efecto profundo de este regalo de salvación está muy enfatizada en la impactante imagen que se encuentra en la lectura del Evangelio tomado del libro de San Juan: "Jesús dijo, Yo soy el buen pastor. Un buen pastor da su vida por las ovejas". El que nos salva es un humilde pastor confiado al cuidado de las ovejas, no un poderoso guerrero o alguien a cargo de los asuntos del gobierno. El que nos salva es un salvador improbable, el "Siervo Sufriente" descrito por el profeta Isaías. La persona llamada Jesús, que dio su vida en el Viernes Santo y cuyo nombre significa salvación, es ahora el que a través de su resurrección tiene poder sobre la vida y la muerte, la suya y la de sus ovejas. En este "Domingo del Buen Pastor", la Iglesia nos invita a orar por los líderes de servicio que necesitamos, especialmente por las vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado permanente, ya la vida consagrada (religiosa). ¿Puedo sugerir que vayamos un paso más allá? Que cada uno de nosotros invitemos personalmente alguna persona que conocemos a considerar la vocación de liderazgo de servicio en la Iglesia. Al mismo tiempo que, ofrezcamos oraciones de gratitud por las personas que han respondido a ese llamado y nos servirán en Santa Marta: nuestros padres, nuestros diáconos y seminaristas. En especial, esperamos la ordenación diaconal de Xavier Bilavendiran el 16 de mayo y la ordenación sacerdotal de David Angelino el 6 de junio.

Padre Chester Borski

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"Noche de Oración por las Familias"

Martes 28 de Abril 7:00 p.m.
Parroquia Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas
4º Domingo de Pascua

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Hoy reflexionamos sobre Jesús como el Buen Pastor. Jesús nos dijo: “Yo soy el Buen Pastor. El Buen Pastor da la vida por sus ovejas... Yo soy el Buen Pastor, porque conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí.”

El amor de Jesús es tan grande que dio su vida por nosotros. Dios todopoderoso decide morir en la cruz por amor a nosotros, ¿Quién puede comprender ese amor infinito que Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros? Pero además de amarnos, Jesús dice que nos conoce y nos conoce bien. No podemos escondernos de Jesús, Él nos conoce por fuera y por dentro y sabe nuestras intenciones, conoce nuestro corazón. Por eso, cuando oremos y platicuemos con Él, debemos ser sinceros, sin esconder nada, ya que Él todo lo sabe. Sabe nuestras penas y nuestras debilidades, nuestras alegrías y logros, lo que nos gusta y lo que no, lo que nos molesta y desagrada, nuestros pecados y nuestros secretos. Pero así como Él nos conoce, Él quiere que lo conozcamos igual, para poder ser parte de su rebaño. Tenemos que leer las Escrituras para poder conocer a Jesús de la misma forma en la que Él nos conoce a nosotros.

Compromiso de la semana: Bajaré una aplicación a mi teléfono móvil o a mi computadora para leer las lecturas diarias de la Misa.

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Ministerio Hispano

Iglesia Sta. Marta

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 edifique 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 llevarian 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.
- Acérquense, 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 Janet o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co

Proyecto Gabriel—

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