Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston  
Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie  
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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Apostles reported all they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

Mark 6:30, 31
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
Francine Puglia 281.713.8954

ACTS RETREAT
Willie Chesnut ACTSCore@StMartha-ACTS.org

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
Wayne Theis wayne.theis@uddenlink.net

ST. MARTHA’S OFFICE ANGELS
Emma Rocha 281.358.6637 x262

NEWCOMERS/WELCOMING/HOSPITALITY
Kevin & Donna O’Kelley 281.360.9644

SR. CITIZENS LUNCHEON TRANSPORT.
Ana Luisa Rodriguez 281.358.1959 x269

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.
VOCATIONS COMMITTEE
Phil & Diane Applegate 281.361.2913

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
Nancy Landvogt 281.358.6637, x202

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & VBS
Pam Rockwell 281.358.1959 x230

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.
ROCS
Charles & Lisa Ferguson 281.358.1959 x258

ST. MARTHA BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND
Martha’s Kitchen $ 8,210
Over/(Under) $ 1,537
Weekly Budget $ 144,102
Year To Date:
Martha’s Kitchen $ 5,372
Capital Campaign $ 7,975

OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.
HOSPITAL MINISTRY
Sarah Clark 281.361.8832

OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.
MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY
Pamela Lam 832-284-1891

OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.
PRO-LIFE (GABRIEL PROJECT)
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PROJECT RACHEL
Bennie Deville 281.812.8641

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
Marie Burks 281.361.3650

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL PK3-8TH
Tina Lewis 281.358.5523

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
YayaStM – Young Adults of St. Martha
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ST. MARY BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND
Bob Simpson 713.410.2844

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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SECOND FAMILY MINISTRY
Peggy Wehe 281.360.3244

SOCIAL JUSTICE
Bob Simpson 713.410.2844

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FORMACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA ADULTOS
Dcn. Alfredo Soto 281.713.9917

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JÓVENES Y SACRAMENTOS
Irene Soto 281.358.1959 x269

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Luis Valles 832.620.1888

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HOSPITALIDAD
Gustavo Zapata 832.247.9955

LECTORES
Cristina Gabas 281.796.9084

MISEROS EN ESPAÑOL
DE LA EUCARISTÍA
Juan Ruso 945.439.1127

MONAGUILLOS
Pastor Pastor 832.514.5741/832.633.0145

Jaime Gomez 281.973.1857

GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of July 4 & 5
Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 46,612
Over/(Under) $ (25,439)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 72,051
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Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 7,975
Martha’s Kitchen $ 5,372
For the weekend of July 11 & 12
Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 47,837
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 51,175
Over/(Under) $ 26,961

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 144,102
Sunday Collection $ 145,639
Over/(Under) $ 1,537

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 19,746
Martha’s Kitchen $ 8,210
Archdiocese SVdP $ 23,349
The Old Testament prophets frequently spoke of the promise of a "Messianic Age" that would come, a time when God would send his Messiah and establish the "kingdom of God." We have such an example in our first reading which comes from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah: "Behold, the days are coming when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely." Notice that the prophecy contrasts the way things are now with the way things will be when the Messiah arrives. Those who listened to these prophecies were called to pray and wait patiently for God to fulfill his promise. Then God acted upon this promise in a most dramatic way and sent His only Son as the Anointed One (the Messiah). With Jesus a new covenant was forged with humanity. The kingdom of justice and peace was not going to be just the handiwork of God but humanity itself was chosen by God to become the agent by which the kingdom would become reality. That is indeed a staggering challenge! It calls for fervent prayer, patient perseverance, profound humility, and ongoing fidelity to the call to discipleship that we receive through our Baptism, the event by which we were immersed into the life of the new covenant.

One of the obvious questions that we face daily is how do we help bring about this Messianic age or kingdom of God when we continue to be overwhelmed with world events, actions of fellow human beings, and our own shortcomings that are the antithesis to God's messianic kingdom. This is the issue that today's Gospel account addresses: finding balance in one's life between action and rest, between work and play, between service and prayer, between what is and what is yet to be with God's grace. Even Jesus had to say to the apostles from time to time, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Most of us, especially those very active and busy in trying to be agents of change in our community, do not do that very well in our culture. Too often the time we spend in rest, relaxation, and prayer is filled with our drivenness or anxiety that drains us of the energy we need to be workers in God's kingdom. There is also another temptation that pulls us down. Many of us want instant success and we want to see concrete results in our lifetime. But the fact remains that the world changes very slowly and every inhabitant matures at an imperceptible pace as well. Thus, our call to action in God's kingdom must be tempered and guided by a deep faith and trust in God's plan. Each must be open enough to the goodness of all created life and prudent enough to concentrate on accomplishing that which is possible, even if it does not seem like very much. That is the messianic role of each of God's servants and that is the way the kingdom will come about.

Fr. Chester Borski

NEW NURSERY HOURS STARTING SOON!!!!
BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015 THE CHURCH NURSERY WILL BE OPEN DURING THE 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M. MASSES

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www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10COE4BA8AA2EAB9-super/18009622

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First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

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

Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11, Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf
Saturday: St. James

Stewardship Thought of the Week

In today’s Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

Mass Intentions

Mon./July 20
8:30 am †Tommy Barnett
10:00 am †Richard Bernal
Thurs./July 22
8:30 am †Bill Walvoord
10:00 am †Richard Bernal
Thurs./July 23
6:30 am †Carlos Perea
8:30 am †Dr. John D. Barone

Fri./July 24
8:30 am †Kathleen McCrarry
9:00 am †Emmet Maciejewski
11:00 am †Teresa Parissi
1:00 pm †Jorge Muller
5:30 pm †Hiram George

† Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers †

William Brossart
Barbara Peck
Al Kriston
Hilda Peña (sister of Tom Sandoval)
Grand Keener (father of Theresa Welch)
George Calongne (husband of Gladys Calongne)


Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex.

To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage?
Think again.

Teams of Our Lady USA
A movement of conjugal spirituality

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.
A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful.
If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Saturday, July 25 at 3:00 PM, Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 AM and Sunday, August 23 at 3 PM at the home of Mary Anne and Brian Sokol (in Hunters Ridge) contact Mary Anne Sokol at 281-642-3821 or e-mail mas1976@live.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

Women’s Familia
Our Motherhood Series is based on St. John Paul II’s documents Mother of the Redeemer and The Dignity of Women. Through Familia you will grow in solid friendships with other Catholic moms, look more deeply into who you are as a woman, wife and mother in the light of our faith, and learn practical tools that can be applied right away in your family life.
Familia Year 1 day team will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 in the St. Martha FLC.
Babysitting is provided for the day team.
Another Familia Year 1 team will meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings of the month, location and time TBD.
The cost for the Familia book is $35; partial scholarships are available.
Please contact Christiana Chavez at 713-303-1749 or miller_christiana@hotmail.com for more info.
Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.

Men’s Familia
Do you want to be a better man….for your wife, for your children, for yourself?
The Familia Husbands and Fathers Series begins with “Men and Work,” an 8–session program where you will experience friendship with other Catholic men as you explore principles to help you make decisions at work, as a husband, father and leader of your family.
The Men’s Familia team will meet monthly from Sept – April. Day of the week, time and location TBD. The cost for the book is $35; partial scholarships are available.
Contact John Ehlig at jjehlig@gmail.com for more info.
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Married and engaged couples are excited and are registering to attend St. Martha’s Annual NFP class taught by parishioners Chris and Marion Dickson! If you are curious about this beautiful way to live out God’s call in marriage, please join us to learn more. Our first of three classes begins on Sunday, July 19th.

Important for you to know: this is not the rhythm method.
The Standard-Sympto Thermal Method, based on over 50 years of research primarily by Austrian doctor Dr. Josef Roetzer, is scientific and upholds the church’s sacred view of marriage and family. This method is safe and healthy, effective for planning a family (including for couples with low fertility), for postponing pregnancy, and is morally correct.
Details:
• The course consists of three classes, each taken in chronological order, and is on the Standard Sympto-Thermal Method type of NFP.
• Class dates for the course are the following Sundays from 2:00-4:00pm in Room 2 (next to the FLC at the Faith Formation Campus): July 19th, August 16th, and September 27th.
• The cost for the entire course is $70.00, which covers the cost of the course and materials. If there is an issue with the cost, please let us know.
• Registration with St. Martha Parishioners and Certified S.S.T. Instructors, Christopher and Marion Dickson, is completed through email, with SST Registration in the Subject Heading: dicksonfamily2001@gmail.com.
We welcome all who are interested, especially those preparing for marriage and those who are married, and are ready to learn more about this sacred and scientific offering of Natural Family Planning!
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.

For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637

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St. Martha Church
Couple Prayer Series

Couple Prayer is a weekly series on prayer for married or engaged couples. Experience first-hand how you can share Couple Prayer with your spouse in ways that will dramatically enhance your faith, your marriage, and the faith and well-being of your entire family.

Where: St. Martha, Faith Formation Campus, (Woodland Hills Drive) in the FLC
When: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, beginning September 1, 2015
(Six Sessions: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 6)
For: Married or engaged couples
To register: Send an e-mail to franp@stmartha.com
Please include both husband/wife’s names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Babysitting is available upon request. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring child care.

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Adult Faith Formation
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 20th THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 31st. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN, MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, 9:00AM – 4:00PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.
Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am
Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. August Dates: 4, 11, 18, & 25
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 YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

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NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, July 22, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Jason’s Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

MOTHER’S DAY OUT
Position available for the 2015-2016 school year.
For more information please contact Patty Jackson, 281-713-8970, pattyj@stmartha.com

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Course: From Mon., Sept. 14th to Mon., Nov 9th the Financial Planning Committee will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. There is no charge for the course other than the course materials which should be purchased directly from Dave Ramsey. Information about the class, registration and purchase of the course material can be done at the following link:
http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1000301
This link can also be found on the St. Martha’s Financial Committee web page at www.stmartha.com. For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION
The Senior Citizen Luncheons held at St. Martha on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will resume on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.
**EDGE NIGHT Extravaganza**

FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!

**Monday, July 27**

[6:30 PM – 12:00 AM]

At St. Martha’s Family Life Center (FLC)

Bring a snack to share, otherwise it’s FREE!

Come enjoy the **EDGE night experience** and then stay for **hours of more FUN**! There will be pizza, prayer, games and more games!

*Stop by the Faith Formation Office to fill out a permission form or email: Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com*

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**Young Adults/Parenting/Youth Events**

**Bible Study** - All Thursdays during July from 7 to 9 pm. Young adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture study and snacks. The evening will begin with a social meet and greet and transition to a scripture study. We will start our study in the Acts of the Apostles. We will meet on the St. Martha’s Faith Formation campus in the Borski Activity Room. It is on the second floor of the school building. Please park in the school lot: 2411 Oak Shores Dr, Kingwood, TX 77339. Please follow signs posted or contact Matt 718-887-6837 or Brian 713-340-4211.

**Calling all young adults!**

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**High School News**

We’re in the middle of a busy summer for High School Youth Ministry, and we want to keep you up-to-date with everything that’s going on! **If you are interested in receiving our weekly newsletter**, either scan the QR code or visit the website listed below to sign up:

http://eepurl.com/bsvc81

**Our summer activities include:**

- Summer Scripture Series: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm at the new church.
- Upper Room: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Youth Center (Woodland Hills Campus). This is our weekly youth group gathering with prayer, fellowship, games, food, and more!

Laura Gallardo: laurag@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 252

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**St. Martha’s CCE Corner**

**CCE & LIFETEEN**

Registration Begins Tuesday, August 4th

At the Faith Formation Office from 9 am—4 pm

& after all English Masses the weekend of August 22 & 23

Please consider sharing our Faith with the children of St. Martha!

Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

If interested in joining the team of catechists, sign up at Registration or e-mail: Pattyjost@stmartha.com

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**Mother’s Day Out** has an opening in the eighteen month old to two year old class for the 2015-2016 school year. If interested, please contact Patty Jackson at 281-713-8970.
STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR JULY

St. Martha

Just before Jesus’ final entry into Jerusalem, his close friends, Martha, her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, entertained Jesus at their home in Bethany (John 12:1-8). Martha “served,” while Mary anointed his feet. It is in the simple statement, “Martha served,” that we recognize Martha for her witness to stewardship. She isn’t a prolific evangelist, she doesn’t work miracles. She simply serves Jesus.

Jesus may have been a frequent visitor to Martha’s home and perhaps this is one of the reasons the Gospel of John reveals to us that “Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus” (11:5). This unique statement in the gospel informs us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha. And, as another one of Jesus’ visits to Martha’s home affirms, Martha continues to be concerned that Jesus be served. Like any good steward, hospitality was very important to Martha (Luke 10:38-42).

What is most revealing about Martha is on the occasion of the death of Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Martha takes an active role, going out to meet Jesus to let him know what happened to her brother while Mary stays at home. Jesus assures her that Lazarus will be raised from the dead.

With courage and conviction, Martha confesses her deep faith in Jesus Christ: “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” And then Jesus said to her: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” When he asked Martha if she believed this, she replied: “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” (John 11:24-27).

The feast of St. Martha, a witness to service who confessed her faith in Jesus, is July 29. She is the patron saint of homemakers, cooks, domestic workers, waiters and waitresses, and hotel employees.
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, **August 3**, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room 1 (Library). Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

**CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA'S PARISH**

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Mark 14:37

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

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

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

**OPEN HOUR:** FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON FRIDAY 7-8PM!

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, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 10-11 PM, 11 PM-Midnight. Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM. Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 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.

**Family Fun Night!!**

**Friday, August 7, 7:00 – 10:00 PM**
**St. Martha’s Family Life Center**
**FREE PIZZA and GREAT MUSIC!!!**
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Bring your entire family (or as many as you can fit in your car). Stay as little or as long as you like (but if you stay past 10 PM, you have to help clean up!). ACTS Musicians will provide live music throughout the evening (and these folks sound good!).

**Purpose:** (1) Provide an evening of family fun and social interaction in a Christian environment; (2) Modestly showcase ways family members can stay involved in the church and continue to grow in their faith. These will be organized into the four ACTS focus areas: A – Adoration, C – Community, T – Theology, S – Service. While the event is sponsored by the ACTS community, it is open to EVERYONE. Bring your relatives! Bring your friends! Bring your enemies and make them new friends!

While RSVP is not required, it would be helpful for us to know how much pizza to order. Please send a short e-mail to timhillacts@gmail.com with "Family Fun Night" in the subject line. Just let us know how many people you plan to bring.

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, July 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, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

Father Richard McNeillie, the recently assigned Parochial Vicar at St. Martha will be our guest speaker

RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
The ARISE prayer:

“Gracious God and Father, we enter into your presence realizing you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the cares and sufferings we carry in our hearts. You call us to holiness and we trust you to lead us together on our journey to be a renewed Church, for with you all things are possible. Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son. Liberate us from all that keeps us from you. Heal us from every form of sin and violence. Transform us to live your Word more profoundly. Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us. Enliven our parishes; reunite our families. May your Holy Spirit empower us to live as a community of love, freed to share in your work of recreating our world and restoring justice. We believe you are doing something new, calling us to arise together in Christ to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen”

ARISE together in Christ is coming to St. Martha this Fall! More information on July 29th at the celebration of the feast day of St. Martha! For more information contact Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento con frecuencia hablaron de la promesa de una “Era Mesiánica” que vendría un tiempo en que Dios enviaría a su Mesías y establecería el “reino de Dios”. Tenemos un ejemplo en nuestra primera lectura que viene del libro del profeta Jeremías: “He aquí, que vendrán los días cuando se levantare un niño legítimo a David; como rey reinará y gobernara sabiamente”. Nótese que la profecía contrasta como están las cosas ahora, con la forma en que las cosas van a ser cuando llegue el Mesías. Los que escucharon estas profecías fueron llamados a orar y esperar pacientemente a Dios para cumplir su promesa. Entonces Dios actuó sobre esta promesa de una manera más dramática y envió a su único Hijo como el Ungido (Mesías). Con Jesús una nueva alianza se forjó con la humanidad. El reino de la justicia y la paz no iba a ser la obra de Dios, sino la humanidad misma fue elegida por Dios para convertirse en el agente por el cual el reino se convertiría en realidad. Eso es sin duda un reto asombroso! Hace un llamamiento a la oración fervorosa, la perseverancia paciente, profunda humildad, y la fidelidad constante a la llamada al discipulado que recibimos a través de nuestro bautismo, el evento en que estábamos inmersos en la vida de la nueva alianza.

Una de las preguntas obvias a las que nos enfrentamos todos los días es cómo podemos ayudar a llevar a cabo esta era mesiánica o reino de Dios cuando seguimos siendo abrumados por los acontecimientos mundiales, las acciones de los demás seres humanos y nuestros propios defectos que son la antítesis del mesiánico Dios reino. Este es el tema del Evangelio que nos dirige hoy: encontrar el equilibrio en la vida de uno entre la acción y el descanso, entre el trabajo y el juego, entre el servicio y la oración, entre lo que es y lo que es todavía para estar con la gracia de Dios. Incluso Jesús tuvo que decir a los apóstoles de vez en cuando: “Venid vosotros aparte a un lugar desierto, y descansad un poco”. La mayoría de nosotros, especialmente los muy activos y ocupados en tratar de ser agentes de cambio en nuestra comunidad, no hagas eso muy bien en nuestra cultura. Con demasiada frecuencia, el tiempo que pasamos en el descanso, la relajación y la oración está llena de nuestra impulsividad o la ansiedad que nos drena de la energía que necesitamos para ser obreros en el reino de Dios. También hay otra tentación que nos tira hacia abajo. Muchos de nosotros queremos un éxito inmediato y queremos ver resultados concretos durante nuestra vida. Pero el hecho es que el mundo cambia muy lentamente y cada habitante se madura de una manera imperceptible también. Por lo tanto, nuestro llamado a la acción en el reino de Dios debe ser templado y guiado por una fe profunda y confianza en el plan de Dios. Cada uno debe ser lo suficientemente abierto a la bondad de toda vida creada y lo suficientemente prudente para concentrarse en el cumplimiento de lo que es posible, aunque no parezca ser mucho. Ese es el papel mesiánico de cada uno de los siervos de Dios y esa es la forma en que el reino vendrá sobre nosotros.

Padre Chester Borski

16º Domingo Ordinario

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

A veces parece que gran parte de nuestro mundo anda como “Ovejas sin pastor”; El racismo que siguen sintiendo gran número de personas, la apro- bación de los matrimonios entre personas homosexuales, las guerras, el terrorismo, la violencia y los valores mundanos del tiempo presente. Lo que el mundo necesita es a nuestro único Pastor: Jesucristo. El vino, como lo dijo Jeremías, a reunir a las ovejas. Y como no lo dijo San Pablo en su carta a los Efesios, a través de su muerte. Jesús, dio muerte al odio y vino a restablecer la paz en el mundo. Lo que necesitamos en el mundo actual es reconocer que tenemos un Pastor y seguir sus mandamientos. El nos acepta a todos tal y como somos, independientemente de nuestro color de piel o de nuestra edad o sexo. La Iglesia, siguiendo su ejemplo, acepta a todos, incluyendo a las personas con tendencias homosexuales. Lo que la Iglesia no acepta son las relaciones sexuales fuera de un matrimonio, sacramento válido entre un hombre y una mujer; esto incluye a las parejas viviendo en “unión libre”, a relaciones entre personas casadas y no casadas (adulterio) y relaciones entre personas del mismo sexo. Los tiempos actuales requieren que nos acerquemos más a Dios para entender su plan de salvación para cada uno de nosotros y para el mundo entero.

Compromiso de la semana: Rezaré por los problemas del mundo actual y le pediré a Jesús a que nos ayude a acercarnos a todas las ovejas a suredil.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co

A partir del domingo 2 de Agosto en la misa de Español, tendremos guardería para niños de 2 a 4 años de edad. Les recomendamos llegar unos minutos antes para registrar y dejar a sus hijos.
Ministerio Hispano

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.

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: comitecalizdevocaciones@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 deseen 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 sicológica 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 Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co