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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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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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MOTHER'S DAY OUT
MONICA'S HOPE

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For the weekend of July 25 & 26
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scriptures selected for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us that we all need spiritual food for the journey of life. As we continue our reflections on John 6, we see that the evangelist describes Jesus as “the bread of life.” In the Book of Exodus (our first reading) that divine sustenance is described in the sixteenth chapter in the story about the gift of manna. Initially the people were confused about what this manna might be (the expression “What is this?” is actually the Hebrew origin of the word). Perhaps manna was similar to a natural substance that is still found in the Sinai desert but Moses clearly asserts that it is a gift from above, i.e. a gift from God. In the text from the Gospel of John this manna is seen as a type of the Blessed Sacrament which Jesus will give to the Church: “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” Elsewhere in the Scriptures we are reminded often that we need the grace of God if we are to become the people of God. “Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 127).

Each of the Scripture readings for this Sunday tell us why we need the gift of the Eucharist if we are to experience spiritual growth as individuals and unity as the people of God. We are told that left to their own strength, “the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.” The crowd which witnessed the multiplication of five loaves and two fish missed the significance of the event. Jesus had to challenge their faith: “You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.” The history of the Church is filled with sad accounts of how the followers of Jesus have tried to establish their own kingdoms and have created division and brokenness instead. Pope St. John Paul II urged Catholics to practice a “spirituality of communion” in all of our efforts and ministry. He stated: “The seeds of disunity, which daily experience shows to be so deeply rooted in humanity as a result of sin, are countered by the unifying power of the body of Christ. The Eucharist, precisely by building up the Church, creates human community.” Let us pray fervently that through the way we celebrate Eucharist, we may grow into the unity that Christ Jesus desires for all of his people. “Give us this day our daily bread!”

Fr. Chester Borski

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!
Friday, August 7, 7:00 – 10:00 PM
St. Martha’s Family Life Center
FREE PIZZA and GREAT MUSIC!!
GREAT PIZZA and FREE MUSIC!!

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Saturday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption. Since this feast falls on Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. However, we will offer Mass as follows:
Saturday, August 15th
at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change?
We can help!

Saturday Workshop
St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Saturday, August 8 from 9 am to Noon
Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond will be holding workshops on the second Saturday of each month starting August 8. Come see us on Saturday, August 8th to update your skills at résumé writing, networking and interviewing. Come, learn and participate!!
Today's Readings

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God’s way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Friday:Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
Saturday: St. Dominic

Stewardship Thought of the Week

That we recognize the difference between what we need and what we want and trust that God has provided us with enough to share.

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” (Exodus 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls us to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

 MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Aug. 3
8:30 am †Kevin Briones

Tues./Aug. 4
8:30 am †Guido Michelini
7:00 pm †George Brown

Wed./Aug. 5
8:30 am †Stephen McDaniel
10:00 am Philip & Christina Pieknik

Thurs./Aug. 6
6:30 am †Richard Bernal
8:30 am †Flip Rodine

Fri./Aug. 7
8:30 am †Hugh Evans

Sat./Aug. 8
5:30 pm †Olga Zanchelli

Sun./Aug. 9
7:00 am †Ben Russotto
9:00 am †James Bradshaw
11:00 am †Lilia Ahat
1:00 pm †Lorenzo Suarez
5:30 pm Mr. & Mrs. Alex Sagebien

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

Jimmy McAndrews
Lynn Trunfio (sister of Neil Connelly)
Latifa Ring (aunt of Tracie Kamenoff)
Gloria Long (mother of Mimi Whitfield)
Mary Matthews Markovich
Michael J. Hughes (husband of Susan Hughes)


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
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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 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.

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

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, August 5, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pei Wei, 702 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. 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.

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**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

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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 **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.

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**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.

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**Project Rachel:** Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281 -812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

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**Communion to the Sick:** If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.

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**The Rosary Guild will meet on August 9th, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Room 2 at the Faith Formation Campus.**

**For information please call JoAnna Loup at 281-361-0391 or e-mail jloup3@yahoo.com.**

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**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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

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 an Information Meeting on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 AM or Sunday, August 23 at 3 PM at the home of Mary Anne 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.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
The 3rd Parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, August 9th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each Mass this weekend to assist you with an appointment to donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. You may schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.) The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

Can you help???
A parishioner, from the Bear Branch subdivision, needs a ride each week to attend the 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Mass (starting in September). If you regularly attend this Mass and would like to help, please contact Greta Verhalen at 832-264-7755.

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.

Women’s Familia
Mother of Young Children, working in the home or outside of the home…finally…something just for you! Want an opportunity to grow in solid friendships with other moms just like you, delve more deeply into who you are as a woman, wife and mother in the light of your faith and equip yourself with practical tools that can be applied right away: Call Christiana Chavez at 713-303-1749 or miller_christiana@hotmail.com to learn more. You have two choices: Year 1 on the 2nd/4th Monday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 in the FLC with babysitting provided OR the 2nd/4th Saturday, time and location TBD. The cost for the Familia book is $35; partial scholarships are available. 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? Make your family GREAT – Experience friendship with other Catholic men as your 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 September – 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 information. Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.
**Parenting/Youth Events**

**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.

**Collegian Moms Prayer Group**
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will resume its monthly meeting on Monday, August 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

**Parents of High-Schoolers**
Join your prayers with other parents of the parish praying for our high school youth. Adopt one day a month to pray privately (no meetings to attend) and together we will “cover” our students in prayer every day of the school year. To be given a day, contact Lori Disorbo, lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

**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

**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

**Ministerio Hispano**

**Catecismo:**
Las inscripciones del Catecismo 2015-2016 comenzarán a partir del 4 de agosto de 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. en la Oficina del Catecismo localizado en 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood, TX 77339

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.
En la reflexión sobre las lecturas, San Pablo en su carta a los Efesios nos habla de nuestro viejo yo, corrompido por los deseos de placer. Nosotros, seres humanos, fuimos creados para ser felices y buscamos la felicidad por todos lados. El problema es que confundimos la verdadera felicidad con el placer y son diferentes, el placer es algo temporal, que dura poco tiempo, en cambio la verdadera felicidad es duradera. El placer lo encontramos en el pan que nos ofrece el mundo pero la verdadera felicidad la encontramos en el Pan de Dios que, como nos dijo Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy: "es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo". Ese Pan de Dios es Jesús mismo y lo recibimos cada vez que tomamos la Eucaristía. Jesús nos confirmó: "Yo soy el pan de la vida. El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed". Solo cerca de Jesús y asistiendo a la Eucaristía podremos revestirnos del nuevo yo, del que nos habla San Pablo.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en las cosas que tengo que cambiar en mi vida para poder revestirme del nuevo yo que nos habla San Pablo.

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

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.

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.

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 eduque 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 llevarían 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.
- Acérrumense, pregunta y participen. 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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesus. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesus le dejo a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayudalo y pasale este anuncio, invítalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.
Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos. Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6.30-9.00 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.

Comunícate con Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857)
sacramentos@stmartha.co
Participa en el RICA en Español.
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

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 ADO-
ERS ARE NEEDED ON FRIDAY 7-8 PM!

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:
- Sunday: 1-2 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
- Monday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM
- Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 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
- Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 pm for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!

The Serra Club Northeast of Houston

You are invited to join together in prayer once a month to pray for vocations and implore Our Lord to send laborers into the vineyard.

Where: St. Martha Catholic Church
When: Every second Tuesday of the month beginning September 8 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

The intent is to focus our prayer for vocations one special night a month. This Holy Hour will include Exposition and Benediction with a special monstrance blessed by Saint John Paul II for the sole purpose of uniting us in prayer for vocations.

All are invited as we embark upon this tremendous opportunity to ask the Lord of the Harvest to provide the vocations needed to serve His Church!

The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few!

St. Martha’s Knights of Columbus Council #12320
3rd Annual Wine Tasting
November 7th, 2015

A casual evening with seven rounds of wine served with pairings of food at St. Martha’s Family Life Center, 3702 Woodland Hills. The tables seat 8. The cost per table is $350. or $45. per seat if bought individually. Tickets sell quickly. All ticket sales are on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited. Tables and tickets must be paid for in advance. This year some celebrity tables will be available priced from $500. to $5,000. We will be having a phenomenal Silent Auction and a Cork Pull.

We are seeking Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for various activities such as Printing, Wine Glasses, Decorations, Cork Pull, etc.

Contact Cheryl Johnson for Sponsor information at: cj@cjspromotions.com

A REALLY GREAT EVENING Guest singer, Pamela Saxon
Ticket Sales: Cheryl Johnson: cj@cjspromotions.com
Seating chart available at: www.kofc12320.org

Men’s ACTS Retreat
September 10-13, 2015

Registration for the September Men’s ACTS Retreat is now open. The ACTS Retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by the parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending.

Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!!

For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact the retreat director, Kevin Campisi at stmarthamensacts.m17@gmail.com or you can call 713-560-7411.
Divorced. Catholic. Now What?

Navigating Your Life After Divorce
This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a Spiritual Director and a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- Healing
- Anger
- Divorce and Annulment
- Helping Children Cope
- Forgiveness
- Gratitude
- Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong!
Yes, we can be divorced and still Catholic.

August 26 – November 11, 2015, Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact:
Francine Puglia 281.358.6637 franp@stmartha.com
Vicki Rück 713.927.8815 vickiruck@suddenlink.net

* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

INFRM PRIESTS COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
The annual Infirm Priests Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests. This year the Infirm Priests Collection is August 8 and 9. Please be as generous as you can in this important need.

HAAM FOOD FAIR
HAAM will be hosting a Food Fair on Thursday, August 27, from 11 am to 1 pm in the church parking lot. It will be first-come first-served basis.

“We’re looking for a few good men to lead the way. Annunciation Catholic Church, Downtown next to Minute Maid Park, and KSHJ 1430 AM (Catholic Radio) are hosting a monthly Holy Hour just for men. The Holy Hour will take place on the second Wednesday of every month, starting August 12th. Adoration and confession at 5:30 am with an optional daily Mass at 6:30 am. There is free parking in the Church lot (corner of Texas and Jackson), and/or on the street till 7 am. Join your Brothers from all over Houston, what a great way to start your day. For more information, or to RSVP, visit http://annunciationcc.org and look under announcements, or by calling Joe McClane at 832-786-4500x2.”

SAVE THE DATE!!!
St. Martha’s Parish Festival
Oct. 3, 2015

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the RECENDEZ 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.

ARISE Together in Christ is the new approach to Catholic spiritual renewal that is spreading throughout the diocese.

ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, a stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and with others through prayer and the Scriptures in a small-group setting.

Learn more about ARISE at the Family Faith Night on Friday, August 7, 7:00 – 10:00 PM in the Family Life Center.
### Stewardship Prayer for August

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