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Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9, 2015

THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.
John 6:51

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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP
For the weekend of Aug. 1 & 2
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 53,067
Holy Days-Assumption $ 30
Over/(Under) $ (18,954)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 360,255
Sunday Collection $ 321,279
Over/(Under) $ (38,976)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 10,062
Martha’s Kitchen $ 5,220
Infirm Priest Collection $ 280

2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 256,917

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Recap for June 2015
Current Loan Debt: $ 13,223,128

CONTRIBUTIONS TO REDUCE THE DEBT: $ 71,871
PAYMENTS TO REDUCE THE DEBT: $ 90,700
OVER/(SHORT): $ (18,829)
To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time we continue our reflection on the gift of the Eucharist in light of chapter 6 of the Gospel of John and the teaching of the Church. The Scripture readings for today impress on our mind why we need the Eucharist and why and how we can nurture our deep longing for communion with the Lord. The story about Elijah in the first reading (I Kings 19) describes the situation that many of us experience in life, especially those who are actively involved in the ministry and life of the Church. The great prophet had heroically carried out the command of God to confront the false prophets of Baal and he defeated them in a public display of his faith and confidence in the God of Israel. But the forces of evil struck back and Elijah had to flee for his life. In today’s account he finds himself distraught, weary, and spiritually worn out. Surprisingly he had lost touch with God. Utterly exhausted, he lay down to sleep but was awakened by an angel who bid him to get up, eat, and drink. He then “walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.” This mountain in the desert was where Israel encountered the God of the covenant. It was a sacred place and “holy ground.” Here Elijah sought communion and intimacy with God.

One of the distinctively Catholic teachings that flows from the discourse found in John 6 is our belief that the Lord Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist in a very special way. We Catholics believe that at the Last Supper when Jesus spoke the words, “This is my Body …. This is my Blood,” he meant exactly what he said. Through the doctrine of transubstantiation we believe that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, the very person of the Lord Jesus. Jesus nourishes the life we received when we were baptized and this is truly food for the journey of life. Jesus in today’s account from John goes on to emphasize, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” A further dimension of our Catholic belief concerning the Eucharist is what Pope Benedict XVI was fond of emphasizing: Jesus abides with us. Practical suggestion: as a way of nurturing your faith life, especially when you are feeling spiritually worn out, spend quiet time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Go a step further and sign up to be one of our “Eucharistic adorers”; call Robyn at 281-360-7897 and she can assist you. Join this important parish ministry and devote time to praying for the needs of the whole parish.

Fr. Chester Borski

Festival Coordinators and Vendors Needed
for St. Martha's Catholic Church Parish Festival and Fall Market
on Saturday, October 3rd from Noon to 8 pm
Rent a space and showcase your products or services. Space is limited.
For an application to participate in this year's Fall Market, contact:
stmarthafallmarket@gmail.com
If interested in helping as a Festival Coordinator please contact Tom Gallagher at 281-948-9241 or smparishfestival@gmail.com

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.
Reading for the week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jn 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Voligil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Saints and Special Observances
Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence
Tuesday: St. Clare
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship Thought of the Week

That we may find the strength and courage to make our own sacrifices to build up our Church.

“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” (1 Kings 19:7)

Jesus knew that the stewardship journey would be difficult, so He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.


If you would like to add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

Today’s Readings

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

Mass Intentions

Mon./Aug. 10
8:30 am †Kathleen McCrary
Tues./Aug. 11
8:30 am †Hugh Evans
7:00 pm †Lupe Sirman
Wed./Aug. 12
8:30 am †Donal Fitzpatrick
10:00 am †Charly Chua
Thurs./Aug. 13
6:30 am †Bill Beseda
8:30 am †Pauline & Benny Pennucci
†PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS†

Gloria Long (mother of Mimi Whitfield)
Mary Matthews Markovich
Michael J. Hughes (husband of Susan Hughes)
Colette Victoria Zanca
Jean Guide
John Alba


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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 FAITH FORMATION

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. Remaining August Dates: 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 YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Fly a little! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, August 12, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Schlotszky’s Deli, 9781 FM 1960 Bypass West 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.

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.

Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Notice! Date and place change due to Labor Day! Our next meeting will be September 14, 7:30-9:00 in Room 3 (FLC, Woodland Hills Campus). Don’t suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

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 lunches.

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

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, August 15 at 10:00 AM or 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.

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.

YASTM wants to hear from you! E-mail us your ideas and join us on Facebook.

Join our newsletter to find out about exciting events we are planning. Including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and some fun spiritual and social outings.

Bible Study- All Thursdays in August 7-9 p.m. 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 meet on the St. Martha’s Woodland Hill 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.

Young Catholic Professionals Executive speaker series Tuesday, August 25, at 7 p.m. The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday, August 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic community for its Executive Speaker Series. The event is free and is open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Mr. Anthony DeToto, Senior Vice President/Senior Relationship Officer at Sentinel Trust Company, will be speaking.

Young Catholic Professionals Networking Happy Hour Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. Join us for food, drinks, and networking from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at our Networking Happy Hour! All young adults in their 20s and 30s in any profession or industry are invited to this free event. We hope to see you there! El Big Bad 419 Travis St, Houston, Texas, 77002.

For more information about these events or if you would like to carpool please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com.

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 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 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 jehlig@gmail.com for more information. Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.
**CCE & LIFETEEN Registration has begun!!!**

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

**ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY**

Sundays - 9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM

Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter.

Ages: 12 months old through age 4.

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**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, lrlsorbo@gmail.com.

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**The Sacrament of CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process that traditionally begins freshman year but is open to all high school students.

- **FIRST YEAR – DISCIPLESHIP**
  All freshman (9th grade students) and any first year candidates must attend the mandatory Student and Parent Orientation Meeting Wednesday, August 19TH @ 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center (FLC)

- **SECOND YEAR – APOSTLESHIP**
  Candidates that have fulfilled the responsibilities of the first year should have received a letter sent out on June 1ST detailing the process for registration for this upcoming year. If you did not receive this letter then please visit the parish website for more information.

Derek Gallardo at derekg@stmartha.com or 281.713.8915
19º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Las lecturas de hoy de nuevo, como las de la semana pasada, nos hablan del Pan de Dios, Jesús, quien a través de la Eucaristía nos promete la Vida Eterna. Solo Jesús puede saciar ese deseo inscrito en los seres humanos de la eternidad.
San Pablo, en su carta a los Efesios, nos pide que desterramos de nosotros la aspereza, la ira, la indignación, los insultos, la maledicencia y toda clase de malicia, y nos pide que nos perdonemos los unos a los otros, como Dios nos perdonó, por medio de Cristo. El quinto mandamiento de la Ley de Dios nos dice: “No matarás” y muchos de nosotros lo interpretamos como no hacer daño físico a alguien, pero San Pablo, que conoce bien al ser humano, reconoce que podemos hacer mucho daño con nuestras palabras. Nuestras palabras pueden tener un efecto devastador en los demás. Si tratamos a los demás con insultos, ira, indignación o aspereza, les hacemos daño. La maledicencia, el hablar mal de los demás, es uno de los pecados más comunes que cometemos y, probablemente, uno de los que más daño hace a los demás.
Compromiso de la semana: Cuidaré mis palabras para no herir a nadie con lo que diga. Evitaré hablar mal de cualquier persona.

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

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
En este decimonoveno Domingo del TiempoOrdinario continuamos nuestra reflexión sobre el don de la Eucaristía a la luz del capítulo 6 del Evangelio de Juan y la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy imprimen en nuestra mente el por qué necesitamos la Eucaristía y por qué y cómo podemos nutrir nuestro profundo anhelo de comunión con el Señor. La historia de Elías en la primera lectura (I Reyes 19) describe la situación que muchos de nosotros experimentamos en la vida, sobre todo aquellos que están involucrados activamente en el ministerio y la vida de la Iglesia. El gran profeta había llevado a cabo heroicamente el mandamiento de Dios para hacer frente a los falsos profetas de Baal y los derrotó en una exposición pública de su fe y confianza en el Dios de Israel. Pero las fuerzas del mal contraatacaron y Elías tuvo que huir para salvar su vida. En el relato de hoy él se encuentra angustiado, cansado, y espiritualmente desgastado. Sorprendentemente él había perdido el contacto con Dios. Completamente agotado, se acostó a dormir, pero fue despertado por un ángel que le recomendó levantarse, comer y beber. A continuación, “caminó cuarenta días y cuarenta noches hasta el monte de Dios, Horeb”. Esta montaña en el desierto era donde Israel se encontró con el Dios de la Alianza. Era un lugar sagrado y “tierra santa”. Aquí Elías buscó la comunión e intimidad con Dios.
Una de las enseñanzas católicas distintivas que fluye desde el discurso se encuentra en Juan 6, es nuestra convicción de que el Señor Jesús está presente para nosotros en la Eucaristía de una manera muy especial. Los católicos creemos que en la Última Cena, cuando Jesús pronunció las palabras: "Esto es mi Cuerpo... Esta es mi Sangre", que quería decir exactamente lo que dijo. A través de la doctrina de la transubstanciación creemos que el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús, la persona misma del Señor Jesús. Jesús alimenta la vida que recibimos cuando fuimos bautizados y esto es verdaderamente el comienzo para el viaje de la vida. Jesús en el relato de hoy de Juan continúa enfatizando: "Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado del cielo; el que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre". Otra dimensión de nuestra creencia católica sobre la Eucaristía es lo que el Papa Benedicto XVI le gustaba enfatizar: Jesús permanece con nosotros. Una sugerencia práctica: como una forma de alimentar su vida de fe, sobre todo cuando usted se siente espiritualmente agotado, es pasar tiempo tranquilo en adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Si desea ir un paso más adelante y registrarse para ser uno de los nuestros "adoradores de la Eucaristía": Puede llame al 281-360-7897 y hablar con Robyn ella le puede ayudar. Únete a este ministerio parroquial tan importante y dedica tiempo a orar por las necesidades de toda la parroquia.

Padre Chester Borski

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

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
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 Stá. 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.
- 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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejó para poder seguirlo en 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, invitalo 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.
2015 Stewardship Renewal

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

Stewardship is not something new, but it does require constant renewal. Each year we pause as a parish to consider how we are doing on our stewardship journeys -- both as individuals, and collectively as a parish. This month, every registered family of St. Martha will receive a Stewardship Renewal Package in the mail. Enclosed in the 2015 Stewardship Guidebook is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant this year goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out each day in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Please keep this covenant close by over the next year to help you remember the commitment made between you and God. Additional copies will be available in the parish office, on the parish website and in the Narthex (on the ministry cart).

This year’s Renewal also consists of three different weekends designed to learn more about parish ministries. You will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

August 22 & 23: Faith Formation and Liturgy Ministries
September 26 & 27: Community Life Ministries
October 24 & 25: Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the second page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)
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 ADORERS 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, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

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 $5000. 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: cjcispromotions.com

A Really Great Evening Guest singer: Pamela Saxon
Ticket Sales: Cheryl Johnson: cjcispromotions.com
Seating chart available at: www.kofc12320.org

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!

INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION THIS 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.

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 smarthamensacts.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!

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. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the SEGUERA 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.

THANK YOU FROM HAAM!!!
Dear St. Martha’s Catholic Church,
Your friends at HAAM want to thank you all so much for your recent large donations of food to our pantry! We are very grateful for all you have done to help those less fortunate! God bless you all and keep safe!
Sincerely,
Millie Garrison Jane Christensen
-Executive Director -Food Pantry Director

ARISE
After your summer travels, take a spiritual journey together with our parish family!

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, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and with others through prayer and the Scriptures in a small-group setting.