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

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

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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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

John 6:53
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Tony Lasalle 646.489.1554

For the weekend of Aug. 8 & 9 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 45,827
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 55,492
Holy Days-Assumption $ 1,015
Over/(short): $ (30,283)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 432,306
Sunday Collection $ 422,128
Over/(short): $ (10,178)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 23,822
Martha’s Kitchen $ 7,828
2015 DSF Payments to Date $ 13,223,128
Demand $ 258,877
DSF Payments to Date $ 295,000
Over/(short): $ (18,829)

Recap for June 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt: $ 71,871
Payments to reduce the debt: $ 90,700
Over/(short): $ (18,829)
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Gospel text chosen for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time is taken from John 6:51-58 and makes a most radical assertion: “For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.” From this and similar Scriptural texts the Church came to speak of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. An appreciation of this concept is crucial in understanding why we Catholics value so profoundly the gift of the Eucharist. The foundation for the Church’s teaching about the real presence is based upon the very words of Jesus at the Last Supper as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and I Corinthians 11 as well as chapter 6 of John’s Gospel. In essence we believe that Jesus meant what he said when he uttered the words, “This is my body … This is my blood.” For the Jewish people of the time “body” meant the person and “blood” signified the source of life which was identifiable with the person. Thus, Jesus was saying over the bread and the cup, “This is myself” given as real food and drink for the journey of life. We believe that the bread and wine become the very person of Jesus Christ. The Church embraced this teaching from the very beginning but searched for a way to explain this mystery. Eventually the theological term “transubstantiation” found general acceptance in our Catholic tradition. It means that the “substance” of the bread and wine becomes the “substance” of Christ’s body and blood, while the “appearances” of bread and wine remain the same. When the priest says the words of consecration over the bread and wine during the Mass, these elements still retain the appearance and taste of bread and wine, but the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. (I encourage you to read #1373 - #1381 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church for a more complete explanation of the real presence.)

Jesus goes on to say, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” The person who “feeds” on Jesus in the Eucharist has communion with God, i.e. a life with divinity itself! We say that when we attend Mass, we receive “communion.” However, we frequently overlook the implications of what we are actually saying. When we reflect more in depth on the message of the New Testament, we see that life itself is seen as a feast to which the Lord invites us. At the Incarnation Jesus, the God-made-man, fully entered the “banquet of life” prepared by the Father for the children of the kingdom. Jesus as Son fulfilled the will of his Father in everything, even when it meant drinking the chalice of suffering and death. Jesus entirely accepted the mission entrusted to him by his Father. He fully entered into communion with humanity and ate the bread of humanity’s pain and struggle as well as triumph and glory. Jesus drank the cup of sorrows and the cup of joy. He gave himself totally to humanity by dying on the cross. The Father accepted the total gift offered by his Son and raised him through the resurrection. We, as disciples of Jesus, are invited to enter this banquet of life and feast on His life. That is the awesome gift that is ours each time we celebrate the Eucharist!

Fr. Chester Borski

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)
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

**Second Reading** — Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** — Jesus says, “I am the living bread. . . whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever” (John 6:51-58).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wednesday:** St. John Eudes

**Thursday:** St. Bernard

**Friday:** St. Pius X

**Saturday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

That we make wise choices in how we live as God’s stewards and have the courage to turn away from foolish wants.

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise…” (Ephesians 5:15)

A wise person recognizes that all we have comes from God. A wise person thanks God every day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Mary Matthews Markovich
Michael J. Hughes (husband of Susan Hughes)
Colette Victoria Zanca
Jean Guide
John Alba
Irene Glanz (mother of Jeanne Simonetti)


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

**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**.

**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.

**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 jehlig@gmail.com for more information. Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.

**SPONSORS NEEDED FOR RCIA PROCESS**
Would you enjoy sharing your love of Christ with someone who is considering the Catholic faith? Sponsors do not teach the material. Sponsors are mentors who will introduce the participant to parish life and accompany them on their journey as a friend. Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha’s Parish.

Please call for more information: RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197.

**YASTM**
Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com
PRAYER SERVICE - FELLOWSHIP - FRIENDS - SPORTS - SPIRITUALITY

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 713-887-6837 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.

**July 22 - August 3, 2016**
We are going on a pilgrimage to see Pope Francis! Prague, Poland and Vienna
Ages 17 (Senior in HS by 2016) to 40+
If you would be interested in learning more about this opportunity please contact Shannon Deitz shannonmdeitz@gmail.com ASAP
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

"We grew so much closer to God and to each other. Praying together is wonderful!"

**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**

**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: 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.

**CANCARE**

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

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Explore a bit! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, August 19, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at RC’s Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepe.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmoon4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknotes on St. Martha’s website.

**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.

**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.
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

Adult Opportunities

FR. BORSKI WANTS YOU
OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER
FF is looking for adults and teens to share their love of Christ with the children of CCE. Join our team! Call 281-713-8969. Volunteers are an important part of the ministry!

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE!

Parenting/Youth Events

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.

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

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.

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.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
El texto evangélico escogido para la 20a Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se ha tomado de Juan 6: 51-58 y hace una afirmación más radical: "Porque mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida". A partir de este y textos de las Escrituras similares la Iglesia llegó a hablar de la presencia real de Jesús en la Eucaristía. Una apreciación de este concepto es crucial para entender por qué los católicos valoran tan profundamente el don de la Eucaristía. La fundación para la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la presencia real se basa en las mismas palabras de Jesús en la Última Cena como se registra en Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y I Corintios 11, así como el capítulo 6 del Evangelio de Juan. En esencia creemos que Jesús quiso decir lo que dijo cuando pronunció las palabras: "Esto es mi cuerpo... Esta es mi sangre". Para el pueblo judío de ese tiempo el "cuerpo" significaba la persona y la "sangre" significó el origen de la vida que era identificable con la persona. Por lo tanto, Jesús estaba diciendo sobre el pan y la copa, "Este soy yo mismo" dado como verdadera comida y bebida para el viaje de la vida. Creemos que el pan y el vino se convierten en la persona misma de Jesucristo. La Iglesia adoptó esta enseñanza desde el principio, pero buscó una manera de explicar este misterio. Finalmente, el término teológico "transubstanciación" encontró aceptación general en nuestra tradición católica. Quiere decir que la "sustancia" del pan y el vino se convierte en la "sustancia" del cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, mientras que las "apariciones" del pan y del vino siguen siendo las mismas. Cuando el sacerdote dice las palabras de la consagración sobre el pan y el vino durante la misa, estos elementos todavía conservan el aspecto y el sabor del pan y el vino, pero el pan y el vino se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. (Los animo a leer los párrafos 1373 - 1381 del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica para una explicación más completa de la presencia real).

Jesús continúa diciendo: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él". La persona que se "alimenta" en Jesús en la Eucaristía tiene comunión con Dios, es decir, una vida con la divinidad misma! Decimos que cuando asistimos a misa, recibimos la "comunión". Sin embargo, con frecuencia pasamos por alto las implicaciones de lo que en realidad estamos diciendo. Cuando reflexionamos más en profundidad en el mensaje del Nuevo Testamento, vemos que la vida misma es vista como una fiesta a la que el Señor nos invita. En la Encarnación de Jesús, el Dios hecho hombre, totalmente entró en el "banquete de la vida", preparado por el Padre para los hijos del reino. Jesús como Hijo cumplió la voluntad de su Padre que está en todo, incluso cuando significaba beber el cálices del sufrimiento y de la muerte. Jesús aceptó totalmente la misión confiada a él por su padre. Él entró en plena comunión con la humanidad y se comió el pan del dolor de la humanidad y la lucha, así como el triunfo y la gloria. Jesús bebió la copa de los dolores y la copa de alegría. Se entregó totalmente a la humanidad al morir en la cruz. El Padre aceptó la entrega total ofrecido por su Hijo y lo levantó por la resurrección. Nosotros, como discípulos de Jesús, estamos invitados a participar en este banquete de la vida y la fiesta en su vida. Ese es el regalo impresionante que es nuestro cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía!

Padre Chester Borski

20º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El mensaje más importante de las lecturas de hoy es que Jesús nos hizo esta promesa: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna y yo lo resucitaré el último día." A través de la Eucaristía, comemos esa carne y bebemos esa sangre. Es por eso que el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice que la Eucaristía es la fuente y la cima de la vida Cristiana. Es la fuente, porque de ahí obtenemos las gracias y la fuerza para seguir a Jesús y aguantar los ataques del demonio, que nos tienta y motiva a pecar. Y es la cima, porque es en la Eucaristía en donde estamos más cerca de Jesús en esta vida. Si nuestra misión es llegar a compartir la vida eterna con Dios, compartir Su Cuerpo y Sangre, es compartir la vida de Dios en esta vida. Cuando estamos cerca de la Eucaristía, estamos cerca de Dios. Si estamos en pecado, confesémonos para poder tomar de esa carne y esa sangre, que nos prometen la vida eterna. Compromiso de la semana: Me confesaré para poder asistir a la Eucaristía.

Catecismo:
Las inscripciones del Catecismo 2015-2016 comenzaron 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

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

Ministerio Legión de María:
Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

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 edufe 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

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.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejo para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es facil, 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@stmarth.co
Participa en el RICA en Español.
THE ST. MARTHA ADULT CHOIR NEEDS YOU! YES, YOU!

Do you find yourself singing in the shower? Or singing along with music on the radio? Have you sung in a choir in the past and do you miss that feeling inside that music gives you? All voices are welcome so come join our choir family as we begin the choir year. The choir rehearses every Thursday from 7-9 PM and sings at the 11 AM Mass every Sunday. First rehearsal: Thursday, August 27, and we will sing at Mass on Sunday, August 30. Contact Dr. Rick Lopez at rickl@stmartha.com so that music can be made ready for you.

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

Share your faith with incoming Catholics at St. Martha’s! Help us feed hearts, minds, souls, and stomachs to those on their faith journey through RCIA. We are looking for individuals or ministries to prepare or donate a meal or meals to RCIA. For more information on how you can help, please contact Nancy Ragland at Nancyrag5@gmail.com or (281) 460-7004.
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.

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!

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.

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.

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 Annullment
- 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!

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, August 24th
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

Larry Massey, Governor of Serra District 10, will talk to us about how Serrans can change the world!

Also, Father David Angelino will share with us what he will be doing in Rome next year.

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

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the DOWNY 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.

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.

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 newlyweds, 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 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.

After your summer travels, take a spiritual journey together with your 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.