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.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Scripture readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight the fact that there exist critical moments in which we must make a decision about the direction we take in life: do we commit to discipleship and follow the way of God or not? In the first reading Joshua gathers the people of Israel together at Shechem and poses a challenge: “Decide today whom you will serve.” Then Joshua responds, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” The people likewise renewed their allegiance to the covenant forged with them by God on Mt. Sinai and thus continued their journey of faith. The Gospel account today (which concludes five Sundays of listening to John 6) presents the disciples of Jesus at a similar crossroads moment in their journey towards authentic discipleship. They had listened at some length to Jesus’ teaching about a fulfilled life that was to be found in the practice of loving God and neighbor. Jesus told them that such a life was possible here on earth because of the special relationship that he had come to establish between God and his people. This relationship was not only symbolized but actually brought into being in the Eucharist which Jesus called the Bread of Life. Jesus further elaborated about this great gift that he was offering: “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world … Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” Once Jesus proclaimed this mystery of faith, he respectfully left it up to those following him to make a decision. Some found it too difficult and walked away. When those remaining were asked if they too wanted to leave, Peter answered for himself and for the Church: “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Hopefully we have come to realize that the gift of the Eucharist is not just about white dresses or ties, beautiful new rosaries, and blessed prayer books at the moment of our First Communion. Eucharist is about an adult way of life that fully engages us in embracing the mission that Jesus hands on to the Church. In fact the name that we commonly use for the Eucharist is “the Mass” which is derived from the Latin phrase: “Ite, missa est.” It does not mean: “Go and thank God the Mass is over!” It means rather: “Go forth. You are sent.” We are sent as missionary disciples to bring the Eucharist (the Bread of Life) to a world hungering for real food that satisfies. This weekend is one of three times set aside in our parish for “stewardship renewal.” You are invited to visit the tables in the narthex to learn about various parish ministries and how you might serve the Lord. Today we will feature faith formation and liturgical ministries. On Sept. 26&27 you can learn about community life and on Oct 24&25 you can visit the displays for our school, administrative ministries, and pastoral outreach. Pope St. John Paul II reminded us that “the Eucharist builds the Church.” Help us to build our parish community of faith by signing up to share your talents in service of God’s kingdom.

Fr. Chester Borski

Parish Festival Raffle Tickets are available for pickup after Mass this weekend!!!

Three exciting prizes (described below) targeted for women and men alike will be raffled off at our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 18 years of age are not eligible to win.

- 1st Prize - $2500 Travel Voucher from Kings Crossing Travel
- 2nd Prize - 4 Houston Texans Football Tickets vs. Tennessee Titans, November 1, 2015, includes parking pass and 4 Jerseys
- 3rd Prize - Medium Green Egg Outdoor Grill, w/nest, side tables and plate setter

Cost is $5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for prizes and church debt reduction. If you have any questions, please contact John Hottovy, Raffle Ticket Coordinator at 281-359-0543.

When purchasing/turning in your raffle tickets, you may optionally designate $1.00 of each ticket purchased to go to the St. Martha Ministry of your choice. Note the name of the Ministry on the back of the ticket stub. This is a great way for Ministries to raise funds to do more of the Lord’s work that you feel passionate about.

Raffle tickets can be picked up in the church office during normal business hours or in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

- August 22-23
- August 29-30
- September 19-20

You may then take them home, fill out information on ticket stub, include cash or check (made payable to St. Martha Church) and drop them off at the church office or enclose them in a small white, sealed envelope marked—Raffle Tickets, and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass prior to September 28th. Please return any unsold raffle tickets to the church office prior to the Festival.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Stop by the Faith Formation table this weekend for more information on being a small group leader with ARISE!
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-33]).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK
That we experience the joy in serving God and others.

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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
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.

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.

Welcome Back!

Couples Pot-Luck
September marks the beginning of Couples Pot-Luck Dinners. Couples from St. Martha get together one Saturday a month to relax, enjoy the company and the food. Each couple hosts one dinner per year. This year, the first get-together will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call Leida at 713-560-4286.

Young at Heart Luncheon - Welcome Back!
Summer is over, school has started, and it's TIME for those who are "Young at Heart" to get together again. For those of us 55+, we meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Our first get together for the Fall will be on Wednesday, September 9 at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. For those interested - bridge, dominoes and/or cards are played after lunch. If you are new to our community, try us out. If you've been before, we welcome you back. Bring a friend and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, email nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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!

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.

RCIA

Adult Organizations and Opportunities
**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 Date: 25th

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**

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, August 26, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Ubertito Mexican Grill (formerly Mission Burrito), 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. 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.

**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.

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

**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
ATTENTION PARENTS OF HOMESCHOOLERS!!
The annual “Back to School Mass” will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. All are Welcome.

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.

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

CCE registration continues this weekend in the Narthex after English Masses & in the FF Office during the week!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
FF is looking for adults that want to share their love of Christ with the children of CCE! Join the team of Catechists!! Call 281-713-8969 or stop by Registration! Volunteers are an important part of the ministry!
Catechist in-service will be on Saturday, Sept. 12 in the FLC from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Young Adult Opportunities

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.

CCE

In teaching us about and making us feel at home with the human Jesus, Luke also shows us how to be intimate with the divine Christ.

**When:** Ladies’ groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
Ladies’ groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
(Childcare available Wednesday class only)
Ladies’ groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish –Tues. 7:00 – 9:00 PM

All Are Welcome

**Visitor's Day for inquiries:**
Day class: September 16th
Evening class: September 22nd

**Where:**
Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
Evening class – Adult Faith Formation classroom 2

**To Register or questions Contact:**

**English:** Ray Baudier
(281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net

**Spanish speakers:** Zuri Jackson
(281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

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El Evangelio de Lucas - “El Rostro Humano de Jesús”

Enseñándonos al Jesús humano y haciéndonos sentir cercanos a El, Lucas también muestra cómo llegar a la intimidad con el Cristo divino.

**Cuándo:** Grupos de damas en español – Miércoles de 9:45 AM a 12 del mediodía
Grupos de damas en inglés – Miércoles de 9:45 AM a 12 del mediodía
(Cuidado de niños disponible sólo para las clases de los miércoles)
Grupo de damas y caballeros en español – Martes de 7 a 9 PM
Grupo de damas en inglés – Martes de 7 a 9 PM
Grupo de caballeros en inglés – Martes de 7 a 9 PM

Todos están bienvenidos

**Día inicial para todos los interesados:**
Clase del día: 16 de septiembre
Clase de la noche: 22 de Septiembre

**Dónde:** Clase del día – Centro de Actividades – Local de Formación Religiosa
Clase de la noche – Salón 2 del local de Formación Religiosa

**Para inscripciones o preguntas contactar a:**

**Para español:** Zuri Jackson
(281) 733-7571 o zurijackson@msn.com

**Para inglés:** Ray Baudier
(281) 467-8321 o raybau@suddenlink.net
**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!*

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**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.

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**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)*

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**Save the Date! 28th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 4, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Town Center: West Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood Dr.**

On the first Sunday of October in 1,900 locations across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets. They will pray silently and hold professionally-printed signs provided at the site. They will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. They will stand in honor of the 56 million lives who have been lost to abortion. Every year young women report deciding not to have an abortion after reading the signs and seeing the people praying.

"I was driving by the Life Chain and considered it a sign from God that I should not abort my twins." "I'm so glad you were here ten years ago because I decided not to abort my baby." "Thank you for being here."

These are lives impacted by the Life Chain.

Please join our St. Martha community in October for the annual Life Chain. You never know whose life you will change just by standing for life! Be a voice for the voiceless! Additional information is on [http://NationalLifeChain.org](http://NationalLifeChain.org) or Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com
You are cordially invited
to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s
Monthly Meeting

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

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

**Teams of Our Lady USA** — A movement of conjugal spirituality.
There will be a **Teams of Our Lady 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.

**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.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynfly@mbaqmail.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 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**
Please join the PERDUE FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas bíblicas para el Domingo 21 del Tiempo Ordinario destacan el hecho de que existen momentos críticos en los que tenemos que decidir acerca de la dirección que tomamos en la vida: **Nos comprometemos al discipulado y seguir el camino de Dios o no?**

En la primera lectura Joshua reúne el pueblo de Israel junto a Siquem y les plantea un reto: "Decide hoy a quién serviréis". Entonces Josué respondió: "En cuanto a mí y a mi casa, serviremos al Señor". El pueblo igualmente renovó su lealtad a la alianza forjada con ellos por Dios en el monte Sinaí y así continuaron su camino de fe. El relato evangélico de hoy (que concluye cinco domingos de escuchar a Juan 6) presenta a los discípulos de Jesús en un momento de encrucijada similar en su camino hacia el auténtico discipulado.

Habían escuchado con cierta extensión de la enseñanza de Jesús acerca de una vida plena que se encontraba en la práctica aquí en la tierra debido a la relación especial que él había venido a establecer entre Dios y su pueblo. Esta relación no sólo fue simbolizada sino que en realidad trajo a la existencia en la Eucaristía que Jesús llamó el **Pan de Vida**. Jesús elaboró más sobre este gran regalo que le estaba ofreciendo: "El pan que yo daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo... El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, tiene vida eterna". Una vez que Jesús proclamó este misterio de fe, respetuosamente dejó a los que le seguían para que tomaran una decisión. Algunos lo encontraron demasiado difícil y se alejaron. Cuando a los que quedan se les preguntó si ellos también querían irse, Pedro respondió por sí mismo y por la Iglesia: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna".

Esperemos que nos hemos dado cuenta de que el don de la Eucaristía no es sólo acerca de vestidos blancos o lazos, hermosos nuevos rosarios y libros de oración benditos en el momento de nuestra primera comunión. **Eucaristía se trata de una forma de vida adulta** que nos compromete plenamente en abrazar la misión que Jesús entrega a la Iglesia. De hecho, el nombre que comúnmente usamos para la Eucaristía es "la Misa", que se deriva de la frase en latín: "Ite, missa est". Esto no quiere decir: "¡Ve y gracias a Dios la misa ha terminado" Significa más bien: "Sal afuera. Eres enviado". Somos enviados como discípulos misioneros para llevar la Eucaristía (el Pan de Vida) para un mundo hambriento de comida real que satisface. Este fin de semana es una de las tres veces que se llevara a cabo en nuestra parroquia para la renovación de compromiso. Usted está invitado a visitar las mesas en el nártex para aprender sobre diversos ministerios parroquiales y cómo puede servir al Señor. Hoy vamos a ofrecer formación en la fe y los ministerios litúrgicos. El 26 de septiembre y 27 se puede aprender sobre la vida comunitaria y el 25 y 24 de octubre se puede visitar la mesa de nuestra escuela, los ministerios administrativos y pastoral. Papa San Juan Pablo II nos recordó que "la Eucaristía edifica la Iglesia". Ayúdanos a construir nuestra comunidad parroquial de la fe mediante la firma de compartir sus talentos al servicio del reino de Dios.

**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.

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**21º Domingo Ordinario**

**Reflexión sobre las lecturas:**

En el Evangelio de hoy reflexionamos sobre las palabras que Pedro le respondió a Jesús cuando Él les preguntó que si ellos también querían dejarlo después de que mucha gente se alejó de Él cuando les dijo que tendrían que comer su cuerpo y sangre para salvarse; Pedro le contestó: "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna; y nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios." Esta es la fe a la que estamos llamados a profesar, sabiendo que Jesús es el Santo de Dios, el Hijo mismo de Dios nuestro creador y que no hay nadie más a quien podamos ir que nos dé la promesa de la vida eterna y la resurrección. La fe de Pedro no tenía dudas: "Creemos y sabemos". Pedro estaba seguro de quien era Jesús. Jesús es la respuesta a nuestras inquietudes y problemas, y es el motivo de nuestra existencia. Nuestra fe debe ser tan sólida como la de Pedro. Pedro nos dá un ejemplo perfecto de nuestra naturaleza humana: A pesar de que Pedro había presenciado la Transfiguración de Jesús y estaba seguro de que era el Hijo de Dios, Pedro lo negó tres veces la noche de su captura, pero después se arrepintió y trabajó incansablemente para extender el Pueblo de Dios, hasta morir crucificado como Jesús.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré sobre cuándo me crucifiqué a mí mismo y cuándo Dios me llenó de vida. Aquí está mi compromiso:

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

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**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
Ministerio Hispano

Ministerio Sagrada Familia
Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas

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Para cualquier información Favor comuníquese con Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co

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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús nos dejo para poder seguirlo por el camíno 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 Jesús. 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 Jesús 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.
Comunicate con Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857) sacramentos@stmarth.co
Participa en el RICA en Español.

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.

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 email al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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La guardería para niños de 2 a 4 años está disponible para la misa de 1 pm en español. Les recomendamos llegar unos minutos antes para registrar y dejar a sus hijos.