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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
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 and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
Francine Puglia  281.713.8954

ACTS RETREAT
Willie Chesnut  ACTS_Core@StMartha-ACTS.org

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From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

To understand the message of the Gospel account for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, it may be helpful to recall a passage from the New Testament where Jesus is answering questions from a crowd that had gathered to listen to his teaching. One of the people asked the question that most of us have had at one time or another: “Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?” Behind this question is the need for us to be reassured about the “correct formula” or the “right way” to live in order to get to heaven. As we search the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels, we discover that he did not provide a list of detailed laws and strict regulations to observe. Instead Jesus gave a new kind of answer to this age-old question. He spoke of himself as being one with his Father and he frequently used the phrase “I am.” While this response may seem somewhat enigmatic, what Jesus was emphasizing was that authentic religion flowed from the heart, from one’s relationship with God. Thus, for Christians there was to be a new standard to use in judging “righteousness,” a biblical term which means a right relationship with God, with others, and with oneself. This standard was not something that could easily be codified in a set of laws and prescriptions. It was a standard that could only be lodged in the heart of the person. It originated from an action of God’s grace that flowed from the Word of God. Once welcomed into the heart, it would purify, transform, and renew people from within. Certainly there exist pride, anger, hate, lust, and any number of sinful attitudes in the interior of human beings and these are the source of evil in the world. However, no external law, religious ritual, or time-honored regulation can eliminate these from our lives. Only the transformation of the heart that comes from God’s grace can do that!

Certainly Jesus did not come to do away with the Law and the Ten Commandments that were so cherished by the people of Israel. Jesus was a practicing Jew and he faithfully followed these rituals and regulations. He spoke of fulfilling the Law and the Prophets by living from within. The Commandments tell us to worship God alone, to honor parents and the goods of others, not to kill or steal or bear false witness, etc. Such Commandments are necessary for the good order of society and most of the time it is not too difficult to observe them. But Jesus went further and called for authentic “habits of the heart” that would lead us to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. In a summary of this “New Law” Jesus gave us the Beatitudes and invited us to “be poor in spirit, to be meek and humble of heart, to be just and merciful, to be gentle and forgiving.” Keeping the Commandments is a necessary preparation for learning to live from the heart. While there will always exist some tension between law and grace, this is a healthy tension that should lead us to reflect on how we can internalize the values espoused by our sacred laws and rituals. It’s crucial that we heed the admonition of St. James in our second reading: let us become “doers of the word and not hearers only” and let us pray that our religion is indeed “pure and undefiled before God.”

Fr. Chester Borski

Final Call for Italy pilgrimage: There are a few spaces left for the December 4-11 pilgrimage to Rome for the Celebration of Vatican II's 50th Anniversary. Msgr. Borski will be our spiritual director as we visit St. Peter's Basilica, the catacombs, have an audience with Pope Francis and experience the opening of the doors to the Basilica for the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy. If you are interested, please contact Carla Lewton (carlal@stmartha.com; 281-713-8968) or Anne Comeaux at 713-582-9935. Mid-September is our last time for registrations.

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

Saturday Workshop
St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to Noon
Room 2 on the Faith Formation Campus
(3702 Woodland Hills Drive)

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond will be holding workshops on the second Saturday of each month. Come see us on Saturday, September 12th to update your skills at résumé writing, networking and interviewing. Come, learn and participate!!

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary: Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, September 5.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalm** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday:** St. Gregory the Great

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

That we may not only hear God’s word, but also learn to live it every day of our lives.

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (James 1:22)

What do you do to live God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Jean Guide
John Alba
Irene Glanz (mother of Jeanne Simonetti)
Consvelo Pena
Randy Yahner (brother of Debbie Damratoski)

Please remember their families in your prayers.

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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
There are many with troubled children of
Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community
7:30-9:00 in Room 3 (FLC, Woodland Hills Campus).

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

Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
(through November 11, 2015)
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!

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 kcubik@mac.com.

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.

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

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
gether 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, dominos 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.

Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family
Team Meeting
Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family Ministry will
meet on Tues., Sept. 8th at 7 pm in FLC Room 6. All existing
ministry member are encouraged to attend. Second
Family is always in need of new team members. Volunteers
only need to give 3 or 4 hours a month. This is the
first of only 3 meetings that will be held this year.
Second Family Care Team is a ministry that reaches out to
those who are living with long term or terminal
illnesses or seniors in need. If you would like to become
a member of a Second Family Care Circle or know some
one in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you
are invited to the meeting or call Peggy Wehe 281-360-
3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.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. September Dates: 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: [www.stmartha.com](http://www.stmartha.com)

Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more… check it out!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on [You Tube](http://www.youtube.com).
Click the [You Tube](http://www.youtube.com) icon on the website home page to view.

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

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 2, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, September 5, join us for 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at China Ko Chinese buffet, 5421 FM 1960 East (near Timber Forest Drive). Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybomom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:franp@stmartha.com) or 281-358-6637

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**Women’s Familia**

Mothers 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.

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**Can you help??**

A parishioner needs a ride to the YMCA every week (Mon., Wed., and Fri.). If you normally go to the YMCA on these days, the Homebound Errand Committee needs your help. For more information please call Greta Verhalen at 832-264-7755.

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**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
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.

CCE registration continues!

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! Volunteers are a important part of the ministry! Catechist in-service will be on Saturday, Sept. 12 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

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 29-30

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.
Little Rock Scripture Study
Monday Mornings - FLC
THE BOOK OF GENESIS

JOIN US THIS FALL FOR LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY AS WE EXPLORE THE BOOK OF GENESIS

“A study of the book of Genesis is an invitation not only to contemplate the creation story, but to remember with the Israelites their ancestors in faith.”

Monday Mornings: Beginning September 14, 2015 – Ten Sessions
Time: 9:15 – 10:15 am – Family Life Center – Woodland Hills Campus
Fee: $15.00 for study set – Babysitting will be available.
Registration: Call Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603
Email: edithkb@kingwoodcable.net
Questions: Contact Carla Lewton,
281-358-1959, ext. 213 or 281-713-8968
Email: carlal@stmartha.com

MARTHA’S KITCHEN NEWS
Please continue to support Martha’s Kitchen. Our numbers are increasing to almost 400 people per day.
Martha's Kitchen is praying for all school administrators, teachers and students as you begin the new school year. We are blessed to have so many wonderful contributors and volunteers that faithfully helped Martha's Kitchen during the busy month of August. If any parishioners would like to signup to volunteer at Martha's Kitchen, the signup will be the last weekend in October, Oct. 24 & 25.
Thank you and God bless,
Sr. María Elena Lopez & Sr. Julie Sandoval
(Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed on Labor Day, September 7.)

Join us as we learn and experience the caring, compassionate life of Christ in

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

Únete a nosotros para aprender y experimentar la vida compasiva de Cristo en
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 or zurijackson@msn.com
Para inglés: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net

SIGNUP SUNDAY IS COMING!
The weekend of September 12 and 13 will be signup Sunday for all ARISE small groups! If you are interested in hosting or facilitating a group, contact Carla Lewton: carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.

Men’s ACTS Retreat
September 10-13, 2015
For more information or to register for the retreat, please contact the retreat director, Kevin Campisi, at stmarthamensacts.ml7@gmail.com or you can call 713-560-7411.
Thank you!!!! To those who spoke at Mass, to the ministry representatives who were present after each Mass, to the parishioners who visited the tables in the Narthex, to the Knights of Columbus who served refreshments, and to all who have taken the time to fill out their Stewardship Covenant, thank you for your generous participation in this year's Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't filled out your Stewardship Covenant, it's not too late! Every family is asked to participate in our Stewardship Renewal. You will also have an opportunity on the following weekends to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

September 26 & 27: Community Life Ministries and 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)

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 materials 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.

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 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 or Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com

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!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Open Hour: First and Second Adorers are Needed on Friday 7-8 PM!

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

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@mbarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynfly@mbarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynfly@mbarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynfly@mbarqmail.com.

Chalice For Vocations: Please join the Boudreaux 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.
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<td>Stewardship Prayer for September: The month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast is September 15. All the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother are joined together with the passion and death of her son, Jesus Christ. And so we pray: Oh my Jesus, In your passion came true the prophecy of Simeon, that your mother would be pierced by a sword of immeasurable anguish and sorrow. Grant that as we who commemorate the memory of her grief, imitate her stewardship example and participate in a profound way in your redemptive work. Help us to embrace the journey of your passion, so that like Our Blessed Mother, your first and greatest disciple, we too may be brought from death to life by your cross and resurrection. We pray this to you, Christ, our Lord, Amen</td>
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Para entender el mensaje de la narración evangélica del 22avo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, puede ser útil recordar un pasaje del Nuevo Testamento donde Jesús está respondiendo a las preguntas de una multitud que se había congregado para escuchar sus enseñanzas. Una de las personas hizo la pregunta que la mayoría de nosotros hemos tenido en un momento u otro: "Maestro, ¿qué debo hacer para alcanzar la vida eterna?" Detrás de esta pregunta, se ve la necesidad de que estemos tranquilos acerca de la "fórmula correcta" o la manera "correcta" de vivir con el fin de llegar al cielo. Al buscar las enseñanzas de Jesús en los Evangelios, descubrimos que no dio una lista de leyes detalladas y estrictas regulaciones. En cambio Jesús dio un nuevo tipo de respuesta a esta pregunta histórica. Él habló de sí mismo como ser uno con su Padre y utilizó con frecuencia la frase "Yo soy". Si bien esta respuesta puede parecer un tanto enigmática, lo que Jesús estaba enfatizando era que la auténtica religión fluyó desde el corazón, desde la relación de uno con Dios. Por lo tanto, para los cristianos había que ser un nuevo estándar para utilizar en el juicio "la rectitud", un término bíblico que significa una buena relación con Dios, con los demás y con uno mismo. Esta norma no era algo que fácilmente podría ser codificado en un conjunto de leyes y prescripciones. Era una norma que sólo puede ser presentada en el corazón de la persona. Se originó a partir de una acción de la gracia de Dios que florecía de la Palabra de Divina. Una vez recibida en el corazón, purificaría, transformaría y renovaría a la gente por dentro. Ciertamente existen el orgullo, la ira, el odio, la lujuria, y cualquier número de actitudes pecaminosas en el interior de los seres humanos y estos son la fuente del mal en el mundo. Sin embargo, ninguna ley externa, ritual religioso, o la regulación de larga tradición pueden eliminar estos de nuestras vidas. Sólo la transformación del corazón que viene de la gracia de Dios puede hacerlo!

Ciertamente Jesús no vino a abolir la Ley y los Diez Mandamientos que fueron tan apreciados por el pueblo de Israel. Jesús era un Judío practicante y él siguió fielmente estos rituales y reglamentos. Habló de cumplir con la Ley y los Profetas al vivir desde dentro. Los mandamientos nos dicen que adoraremos a Dios solo, para honrar a los padres y los bienes de los demás, no para matar o robar o hacer falsos testimonio, etc. Estos mandamientos son necesarios para el buen orden de la sociedad y la mayoría de las veces no es demasiado difícil para seguirlos. Pero Jesús fue más allá y pidió "hábitos del corazón" auténticos que nos llevaría a amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. En un resumen de esta "Nueva Ley" Jesús nos dio las Bienaventuranzas y nos invitó a "ser pobre en espíritu, a ser mansos y humildes de corazón, para ser justos y misericordiosos, para ser suave y perdonar". Guardar los mandamientos es una preparación necesaria para aprender a vivir desde el corazón. Aunque siempre existirá cierta tensión entre la ley y la gracia, esto es una tensión saludable que nos debe llevar a reflexionar sobre cómo podemos interiorizar los valores defendidos por nuestras leyes y rituales sagrados. Es crucial que prestemos atención a la advertencia de Santiago en la segunda lectura: vamos a ser "hacedores de la palabra y no tan solamente oidores solamente" y oremos para que nuestra religión sea de hecho "pura y sin mácula delante de Dios."
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.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesus. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bañamos 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? Ayúdalo 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 participe 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.

PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO
María Goretti Network en Español
En Septiembre próximo comenzará en St. Martha un grupo de apoyo conformado por hombres y mujeres que hayan sido abusados en algún momento de su vida y que buscan sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llame al teléfono 281-389-1210 o envié un email a mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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

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

Ministerio
Sagrada Familia
Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas
Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministerio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Nazaret. Dirigido a las familias de nuestra parroquia que desean encontrar una iglesia que les dé soluciones, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les proporcione un lugar que les permita acobijarse, les eduque y les proteja.

Eso es en esencia lo que buscamos edificar en este nuevo ministerio. Estamos hablando de participar en una Iglesia que dé una respuesta viva y clara a las comunidades, que ayude a compensar sus necesidades, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo apoyo espiritual y emocional, sino un seguimiento constante a su situación.

En el MSF, queremos ofrecerles soluciones concretas, es decir, generar las respuestas a las problemáticas implementando actividades, programas, seminarios, talleres y retiros que serán impartidos de manera conjunta con otros ministerios de la parroquia y se llevarían a cabo durante todo el año.
El programa incluye:
- Preparación prematrimonial. Enriquecimiento y fortalecimiento a parejas constituidas.
- Planificación familiar natural para parejas católicas. Disciplina positiva para padres e hijos.
- Formación en nuestra fe católica. Crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual.
- 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