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
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguel, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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): 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 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

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.
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Pastor Pastor 832.514.7814/832.633.0145

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VOCACIONES Y CALZÍ DE VOCACIONES
Tony Lasalle 646.489.1554

For the weekend of Oct. 10 & 11 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 45,378
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 51,748
Over/(Under) $ 28,075

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,080,765
Sunday Collection $ 1,034,530
Over/(Under) $ (4,235)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 13,280
Martha’s Kitchen $ 8,363

2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 298,217

Current Loan Debt: $ 12,969,551

Recap for August 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt $122,463
Payments to reduce the debt $ 80,700
Over/(short) $ 31,763
MESSAGE FROM DANIEL CARDINAL DINARDO: I write to express my gratitude to you and St. Martha Catholic Church on the occasion of completing a successful and prayerful Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2015. The realization of this goal is a testament to your parishioners’ charitable and committed support for the numerous ministries that depend on this vital fund.

As the population of this region continues to grow, the ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continue to touch the lives of those in need. In this recent accomplishment, your parish has demonstrated that it is indeed “rich in good works... ready to share... thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future (1 Timothy 6:18-19).” Your prayers and support are outward signs of the good work being done at the parish and your desire to foster and maintain a good foundation for DSF ministries in our archdiocese.

**Important Information Regarding Donations to St. Martha:** When making out your checks to St. Martha whether it is for your contribution or to pay fees or registrations, please make your checks payable to ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH. Please indicate in the memo line where the check is to be applied. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Joseph Hund, OFM, will be visiting our parish next weekend, Oct. 24 & 25, to speak at all Masses on behalf of Franciscan Missions. Fr. Joseph Hund was born in Detroit, Michigan, the third oldest of 3 brothers and 4 sisters; his mother Rachel, turning 97 years on September 6, is still strong.

Fr. Joseph joined the Franciscan Order in the Province of Cincinnati, Ohio. After solemn profession of vows, he dedicated his life as a Franciscan foreign missionary in various countries of the world.

He served 21 years in the Philippines and 3 years in Malawi & Tanzania and 6 years in Jamaica. Recently he has completed 5 ½ years in Namibia (located in Southwest Africa).

In June of this year, Fr. Joseph joyfully accepted his assignment as Parochial Vicar, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Lafayette, LA.

Today, is World Mission Sunday! In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need.

Go out to the whole world through your gift in today’s collection!

Fr. Chester Borski

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**From the Pastor**

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (which the Church designates as Mission Sunday) comes from Mark 10: 35-45 and is a clear example of our universal call to service in the Church. Another word for service is ministry which describes the key work of any parish involved in missionary activity. While it is true that certain ministerial functions and roles are reserved to the ordained, these exist and have meaning against the backdrop of the baptismal call to ministry given to each one of us. When we are baptized, we are immersed into the very life of God (called “grace”) and at the same time we are called to a life of service. That is what Jesus is teaching in today’s Gospel account when he says to the apostles, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.” Later in this instruction to the apostles, as they worry about places of honor in heaven, Jesus reminds them that the greatest among them must be a servant of all. That is the way of the Master: “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” When we remember this teaching of Jesus and put it into practice, we will likely not give in to the temptation about worrying who will have the higher place of honor in the Kingdom.

In his message on Mission Sunday 2015 Pope Francis points out that this celebration takes place within the context of the Year of Consecrated Life. For if every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift, the Pope emphasizes that this is especially true for religious men and women who consecrate their lives in service to God’s Kingdom. “The missionary dimension, which belongs to the very nature of the Church, is also intrinsic to all forms of consecrated life, and cannot be neglected. Being a missionary is not about proselytizing or mere strategy; mission is part of the ‘grammar’ of faith. Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people. When we pray before Jesus crucified, we see the depth of his love which gives dignity and sustains us. At the same time, we realize that the love flowing from Jesus’ pierced heart expands to embrace the People of God and all humanity.” Pope Francis’ message is addressed to all of us. Since Christ’s entire existence had a missionary character, so too should all of us who choose to be intentional disciples of the Master who gave “his life as an offering for sin” and set us free to serve God and one another.

Fr. Chester Borski
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-49

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

**Monday:** Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions

**Tuesday:** St. Paul of the Cross

**Thursday:** St. John Paul II

**Friday:** St. John of Capistrano

**Saturday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

That we may change our attitude of wanting more to being grateful and sharing more generously.

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Gospel** — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

**FIRST READING**

— Lord, let your mercy have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**

- Sharon Laine, Hertz Family, Elizabeth Dean

**Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex.**

To add a loved one’s name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
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. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 2, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegert ar at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, email kcubik@mac.com.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Halloween
Young at Heart-s - Watch out - ghosts & goblins may be roaming the area!!! Come to St. Martha's Family Life Center in your best Halloween get-up on Wednesday, October 28 and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. !!! Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. 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, e-mail nancy1@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, October 21, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 P.M. at Lenny's Sub Shop, 8790 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (between Townsen and Kenswick). 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 on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

Please join in the international 40 Days for Life effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of the largest late-term abortion mill in the Western Hemisphere: Planned Parenthood,
4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
St. Martha's parishioners will stand in prayer outside Planned Parenthood on Friday, October 23rd, 2015, from 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM.
Carpool information and Signups available after all Masses, the weekend of October 17th and 18th in the Narthex. Carpools are available as follows::
MaryAnne, 281-615-0927, maryannehoward@cebridge.net
5:45 AM -11:00 AM
Terice, 281-798-4477, terice.richards@gmail.com
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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!

Commutation 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.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES
Technology Teacher: SMCS is seeking to hire a degreed teacher to work full-time with students from Kindergarten through 8th grade on typing, spreadsheets, graphing and multi-media skills. There will be other duties as assigned. Please e-mail Mrs. Tina Lewis at principal@stmarthacs.org or call the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

Is "checkmate" your favorite phrase? If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are seeking a coach for our 3rd-8th grades chess team and chess club. Practices are held two days a week after school, and the team will participate in tournaments throughout the school year. For more information please contact Mr. David Norman at normand@stmarthacs.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Sunday Mornings: “Mystery of God” – While the children are in CCE, come join us for a film series and study program where Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us what we mean by “God”, “Who God Is” and “Why He Matters”. All are welcome. Series Dates: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 2015. Faith Formation Center – Room 2 – 10:40 to 11:45 am
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. October Dates: Oct. 20 & 27
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.
SHINE Catholic Work Camp 2016
High School/College Students (going into 9th grade up to age 20)
Lake Charles, LA, June 20 – June 25th
Cost: $375.00
SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of SHINE is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. The Shine staff has a passion for leading teens and for serving God’s people.
Please attend the information meeting prior to signing up for SHINE on November 11th at 6:30 pm in the Activity center. We will explain the details of Shine camp and the process of registration. It is important to be informed prior to registering!
Registration will be on Sunday, November 15th from 3pm to 5pm. A $200.00 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration. All paperwork must be signed (those under 18 need a parent’s signature) and the full deposit turned in to be considered as registered. Forms will be available on-line on St. Martha’s website, in the Youth Center, or via e-mail (address below). It is on a first-come first-served basis and spots are limited. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please consider attending one of these spirit filled weeks, empowering others to serve. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Sylvia Brown at 832-445-7646 or e-mail at sylvia.brown03@gmail.com.

Service Project at Casa Juan Diego
Saturday, November 21, 2015
Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)
Casa Juan Diego (CJD) was founded in 1980 and is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality serving immigrants, refugees, and the poor. We have scheduled a day of service on Saturday, November 21, 2015, to support their efforts. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare ourselves for Pope Francis’ Jubilee of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, through hands-on engagement. The following are the details:
Starting Now: Collection of items most needed by CJD (lists available).
Friday, Nov. 20:
7:00-9:00pm Orientation: “Welcoming the Stranger Among Us,” an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (Woodland Hills Campus, Room 3)
Saturday Nov. 21:
7:30 am Meet at the Woodland Hills Campus; depart for CJD
9:00-12:00 pm Various projects at CJD
3:30 pm Return to Woodlands Hills Campus
For more information, contact Marcelle Chamoun-Farah (marcelle1009@icloud.com), Fernanda Lago (FerLago507@gmail.com) or Michael Mosby (MichaelMosby1957@gmail.com). Please register in advance so we can coordinate transportation. Permission slips are required.
This Service Project is open to all high school youth, regardless of school or grade level. Confirmation hours are available if pre-approved by Ana Leija.
Please also mark your calendar for the FSHS Annual Lenten Retreat, February 26-27, 2016.
**Outreach**

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:** Please join the **WARD 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.

**You are invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Dinner and 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, October 26th
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

*Our Guest speaker will be Daniel Kidd, Executive Director of the Shalom Center, a Residential Renewal and Treatment Center for Clergy and Men and Women Religious.

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

**Martha's Kitchen**

**A Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at Martha’s Kitchen on Monday, October 26 at 10 AM by Father Richard for our ministry’s **twenty-third anniversary**. Martha’s Kitchen sends our most sincere gratitude for all of the support we have received from parishioners and clergy over the past twenty-three years. Martha’s Kitchen is in need of volunteers to assist at the tables for the Ministry Fair before and after Masses on October 24 and 25. Please sign up at Martha’s Kitchen or call Carol Anne Voltmann at 281-361-6117 to volunteer.

**Gabriel Project:** A special thank you to all the families and their children that joined St. Martha’s community for the annual **Life Chain Sunday**. On October 4th we stood on Kingwood Drive and Lake Houston Parkway in silent witness for life as we prayed for the unborn and their mothers. Our mothers had choices to make and they chose to give the gift of life to their baby.

The Gabriel Project Ministry helps mothers through crisis pregnancies. We are working with three new mothers that have contacted us for help. We help our mothers both spiritually and emotionally and through difficult times. We make sure the mothers have what is needed when they bring their babies home. Please pray for all our moms and their babies and special prayer for a baby girl that was born a few weeks ago who is still in the hospital.

Outreach Ministries sign up is October 24th & 25th. The Gabriel Project will have a table at the fair and after Masses on October 24 and 25. Please sign up at Martha’s Kitchen or call Carol Anne Voltmann at 281-361-6117 to volunteer.

**Vocations Corner**

**Celebrate Priesthood Sunday!**

**October 25, 2015**

This day is set aside to celebrate and extend our thanks and prayers to the priests who serve our Archdiocese in so many ways. We invite you to give the priests you know a simple thank you, or offer a spiritual bouquet (the offering of Rosaries, Masses or Holy Hours). To read stories, download cards and find “cool” ideas for children go to www.priestSunday.org.

*Your prayers for our priests are so greatly appreciated. Their lives are poured out in service to our church every day. Thanks be to God for our priests!* 

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**Prayer for Priests**

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priest who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen

*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*
2015 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 this month to meet with representatives from our Outreach and Administrative ministries to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

October 24 & 25:
Outreach & Administrative Ministries
(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the second page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)

Calling All Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel!
On Wednesday, November 11, our St. Martha Catholic School community will honor veterans and active duty military personnel. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. at the Faith Formation Campus followed by a reception for veterans, active military personnel and family members. We invite our veterans to come dressed in military uniform if they so choose. If you are interested participating in the program, having a loved one honored at the program or attending as a guest, please RSVP to Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthas.org or 281-358-5523 ext. 314.

Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture
“An Eyewitness View of the Synod on the Family”
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Cardinal DiNardo will share his insights from the synod and its ramifications for the future of the family. Aided by dialogue partners Fr. Leon Strieder and Fr. Lawrence Joziak, there will be time for great discussion and questions from the audience.
Thursday • Oct. 29, 2015 • 7 p.m.
St. Mary’s Seminary
Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Auditorium • 9845 Memorial Drive
Free and open to the public
For more information, contact Cathy Irantalab at cathy.irantalab@smseminary.com

St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office.
$5.00 each. For more information call: 281-358-6637

Bereavement Mini-Retreat
Live Again – Reclaiming our Lives; Remembering our Love
St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479
Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. Laurence School dining hall
If you are grieving the death of a loved one, recent or many years past, please join us for this retreat. To register please contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 or call Agnes Fernandes at 281-933-3721.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, Oct. 24 & 25, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass Celebrations
The 2015 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Masses honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) or silver (25th) Anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on: Golden - 50 Years of Marriage—Sunday, December 20, 2015 and Silver - 25 years of Marriage—Sunday, November 29, 2015, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition. Couples wishing to participate are asked to register on line by visiting www.familylifeministryhouston.org. Please fill out all the information requested and make sure that the name of each couple is typed exactly as they wish them to appear on their recognition.
Deadline for registrations varied, we encourage you to read all the information attentively. Registration will not be processed if the information about the Catholic Wedding cannot be verified and/or if the fee of $25 dollars per couple is not received; financial help is available. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of 6 family members or friends to the Mass.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA’S PARISH
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. 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 robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: 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 either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com.
Cherishing Life Through the Way of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the coming year starting December 9 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. More than just a spiritual value, mercy is a lens through which we can view the Church’s teachings on life issues. In this evening with Deacon Larry Vaclavik, we will explore the centrality of mercy to such important life issues as capital punishment, abortion, assisted suicide. The way of mercy can provide a path for following Christ in the face of life’s most difficult challenges. Join us for an engaging, entertaining and enlightening evening.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7-9pm
Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339
Presented by Deacon Larry Vaclavik
Adjunct Lecturer
University of St. Thomas—Graduate School of Theology
Deacon Larry Vaclavik is the Adjunct Lecturer in moral theology at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology. He has both an M.A. in philosophy from The Catholic University of America and an M.A in Theological Studies from the University of St. Thomas. Deacon Larry frequently lectures on basic morals and virtues, medical morality/bioethics, Catholic social doctrine, spirituality and philosophy. He is also Managing Principal of Dini Spheris, a non-profit fundraising consultancy.

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, 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
The 4th and final Parish Blood Drive for 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.
The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass this weekend, October 17 and 18, to assist you with an appointment to donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.
You may schedule an appointment by emailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.)
The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.
Thank you 2015
St. Martha Parish Festival Sponsors & Donors!

Congratulations to all our Live Auction Winners!
Catalina Garcia * Tasha Peoples * Anne Mikula * Claudia Manley * Vinny McConnell * Doug Rees * Carlos Paz
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Congratulations to all our Silent Auction Winners!
Chris Arnold * Arty Bommier * Joan Barnes * Jeff Hemihill * Valery Blancard * Arlene Boix * M Brandon * Melissa Buchan
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Thank you to our Fall Market Vendors!
Myra Bruns * Debra Dixon * Michael Schmidt * Robert McDonald * Lela Querbin * Diana Amores * JoAnna G. Loup
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Thank you to all our Volunteers!
If you would like to be on the 2016 Parish Festival Planning Committee, please contact Tom Gallagher at 713-364-9780 or smparishfestival@gmail.com NOW!

We have strived to include all applicable names for every category shown. We apologize if we have overlooked anyone. Please know that your support is greatly appreciated!
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

La lectura del Evangelio para el 29o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (el que la Iglesia designa como día de la Jornada Misionera) viene de Marcos 10: 35-45 y es un claro ejemplo de nuestra vocación universal al servicio en la Iglesia. Otra palabra para servicio es el ministerio que describe la obra clave de cualquier parroquia involucrada en la actividad misionera. Si bien es cierto que ciertas funciones ministeriales y roles están reservadas a los ordenados, éstos existen y tienen significado en el contexto de la llamada bautismal al ministerio dado a cada uno de nosotros. Cuando somos bautizados, estamos inmersos en la vida misma de Dios (llamada "gracia") y al mismo tiempo estamos llamados a una vida de servicio. Eso es lo que Jesús está enseñando en las lecturas del Evangelio de hoy cuando dice a los apóstoles, "De la copa que yo bebo, ustedes van a beber, y el bautismo con que yo soy bautizado, ustedes serán bautizados". Más adelante en esta instrucción a los apóstoles, ya que se preocupan por los lugares de honor en el cielo, Jesús les recuerda que el más grande entre ellos debe ser un servidor de todos. Ese es el camino del Maestro: "Porque el Hijo del Hombre no vino para ser servido, sino para servir y dar su vida en rescate por muchos". Cuando recordamos esta enseñanza de Jesús y la ponemos en práctica, lo haremos probablemente sin ceder a la tentación de preocuparnos acerca de quién tendrá el lugar más alto de honor en el Reino.

En su mensaje de la Jornada Misionera 2015 el Papa Francisco señaló que esta celebración se lleva a cabo en el contexto del Año de la Vida Consagrada. Porque si todo bautizado está llamado a dar testimonio del Señor Jesús al proclamar la fe recibida como un regalo, el Papa subraya que esto es especialmente cierto para los hombres y mujeres religiosos que consagran su vida al servicio del Reino de Dios. "La dimensión misionera, que pertenece a la naturaleza misma de la Iglesia, también es intrínseca a todas las formas de vida consagrada, y no puede ser descuidado. Ser misionero no se trata de proselitismo o de una estrategia; La misión es parte de la "gramática" de la fe. La misión es la pasión por Jesús y al mismo tiempo una pasión por su pueblo. Cuando oramos ante Jesús crucificado, vemos la profundidad de su amor que nos da dignidad y nos sostiene. Al mismo tiempo, nos damos cuenta de que el amor que fluye del “corazón de Jesús traspasado que se expande para abrazar al Pueblo de Dios y a toda la humanidad”. EL mensaje del Papa Francisco está dirigido a todos nosotros. Toda la existencia de Cristo tenía un carácter misionero, también la tienen todos los que optan por ser discípulos intencionales del Maestro que dio "su vida como una ofrenda por el pecado" y nos hizo libres para servir a Dios y a los demás.

**Padre Chester Borski**

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**29º Domingo Ordinario**

**Reflexión sobre las lecturas:**
San Pablo, en su carta a los Hebreos nos invita a acercarnos a Dios para recibir su misericordia, a través de la reconciliación y la oración; para hallar la Gracia, a través de la Eucaristía y otras devociones; y para obtener su ayuda en el momento oportuno, a través del Espíritu Santo que nos guía en esos momentos. Acerquémonos siempre a Dios. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús les dice a sus discípulos: "El que quiera ser grande entre ustedes que sea su servidor, y el que quiera ser el primero, que sea el esclavo de todos, así como el Hijo del hombre, que no ha venido a que lo sirvan, sino a servir y a dar su vida por la redención de todos". Todos estamos llamados a servir a los demás y en la medida en que lo hagamos seremos los más grandes en el cielo. Tenemos que aprender que la misión a la que estamos llamados los Católicos es a imitar a Jesús y, El nos puso el ejemplo de una vida de servicio a los demás, a pesar de ser el Hijo de Dios, fue servidor de todos hasta Su muerte en la cruz.

**Compromiso de la semana:** Serviré a los miembros de mi familia esta semana sin esperar nada a cambio.

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

**Convalidación de Matrimonios:**
¿Te falta el Sacramento de Matrimonio? ¿Necesitas ayuda emocional o espiritual en tu Matrimonio? Para más información llama al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: 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: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co
La Iglesia de Santa Martha ofrecerá el Programa de VIRTUS: “MANTeniendo la Promesa Viva” el 10 de noviembre, 2015 en el FLC en español. Favor de llegar a las 5:30 p.m. Cupo limitado. NO se permiten menores de 18 años de edad.

Para inscribirse visite www.virtus.org y favorable de hacerlo antes del día 10 de noviembre. Para más información favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Virtus de Santa Martha Ana Luisa Rodriguez, 281-358-1959 x269.

**PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO**

Maria 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 envíe un e-mail a mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le informaremos el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

**Monaguillos:** Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

**Ministerio Legion de Maria:**

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 (281.729.9843) o por email: legionemaritica@stmartha.co.

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.

**Proyecto de Servicio en Casa Juan Diego**

Sábado, 21 de Noviembre, 2015

Sponsored by FSHS Club (Kingwood High School Catholic Club)

Casa Juan Diego (CJD) fue fundada en 1980 y es una Casa de Hospitalidad con colaboradores católicos para ayudar a inmigrantes, refugiados y gente pobre. Hemos acordado un día de servicio y apoyo de nuestros jóvenes para el Sábado 21 de noviembre, 2015. Esta es una oportunidad perfecta para prepararnos para el año del Jubileo de la Misericordia anunciado por el Papa Francisco, el cual comenzará el 8 de Diciembre del 2015. A continuación los detalles:

**Desde ahora:** Colecta de artículos necesitados en CJS (listas disponibles)

**Viernes, Nov. 20:**

7:00-9:00pm Orientación: “Dando la Bienvenida al desconocido entre nosotros “. Una introducción a las enseñanzas sociales y católicas, así como actividades a realizar al día siguiente.

(Woodland Hills Campus, Room No. 3)

**Sábado Nov. 21:**

7:30 am Llegar al Woodland Hills Campus; salida a CJD
9:00-12:00pm Realizar varios proyectos en CJD

Se proporcionará lunch a los asistentes antes del regreso 3:30pm Llegada de regreso al Woodlands Hills Campus

Para mayor informacion, contactar a Marcelle Chamoun-Farah (marcell1009@icloud.com), Fernanda Lago (FerLago507@gmail.com) o Michael Mosby (MichaelMosby1957@gmail.com). Favor de inscribirse lo mas pronto posible ya que el espacio es limitado y necesitamos coordinar el transporte. Se requieren las hojas de permiso para asistir. Los chaperones son bienvenidos y necesitan tener certificado de Virtus.

Este Proyecto de Servicio esta abierto a todos los jóvenes en high school, sin importar la Escuela a la que asistan o el grado. Las horas del Proyecto cuentan para Confirmación con la pre-aprobación de Ana Leija. Favor de incluir en sus agendas el Retiro Anual de Cuaresma para jóvenes, Febrero 26-27, 2016.

**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 estan aqui en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si esté 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 Catolica? 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.