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 Kleinguetl, 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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Solemnity of All Saints

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:2

November 1, 2015
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to celebrate and give thanks for all the holy men and women and children who have gone before us and have given us an example of how to respond to God’s call and live as true disciples of the Lord. As part of the “communion of saints” they now enjoy eternal life with God. The Second Vatican Council pointed out that all the baptized are called to holiness. Becoming a saint does not require martyrdom or a strict penitential life or even extraordinary spiritual gifts. As St. Thérèse the Little Flower taught us so beautifully and simply, it is about doing the little things in life out of love. Becoming a saint is something that is open to all of us within the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives. For the great majority of us this will include marriage and family life as well as how we practice our faith at work and in the neighborhood where we live. Thus, this great feast of All Saints is really our feast day and it reminds us to reflect often on the meaning of our baptism and on how we use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure in service of God and of our brothers and sisters.

The beautiful Gospel text today, known as the “Sermon on the Mount,” gives us the blueprint of how to become saints through fidelity to our baptismal commitment. The “beatitudes” begin the Sermon and suggest the main thrust of what Christian holiness is all about. Various spiritual attitudes are declared “blessed” and those people so described find themselves filled with grace and goodness. Although the Sermon teaches that such blessedness will come to fulfillment only at the end of time, it also suggests that those who embrace the way of Jesus will experience this joy even in this life. Some people have maintained that the “Sermon on the Mount” is an impossible moral ideal. Who can be so loving and forgiving, so humble and accepting of rejection, and so committed to the struggle for peace and justice in our world? There is some truth to their view because the attitudes praised by the beatitudes are not virtues that we can easily foster on our own. However, the Sermon and the beatitudes are inseparable from the whole context of Jesus’ preaching of the Kingdom, his ministry and the way he lived his life. Jesus, who calls us to follow daily in his footsteps, also promises to be with us through the gift of grace. “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are!” (I John 3:1) The saints are those who truly believed in their baptismal call and chose to surrender themselves in service to the way of the Kingdom described in the beatitudes. The saints are witnesses and examples of faith for us to imitate in our lives. They are our Christian heroes.

Fr. Chester Borski

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Saturday, Nov. 7.

2015 Stewardship Renewal
THANK YOU!!!!! 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.

NOVEMBER 2 -
ALL SOULS DAY
Mass times:
8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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. Veterans, active military personnel and their guests are invited to join us at 8 a.m. in the Activity Center located on the Faith Formation campus. There will be a presentation of the colors by the Kingwood Park High School Color Guard at 8:10 a.m. The school Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by a short presentation by our students to honor our veterans and active military personnel. A reception for veterans, active military personnel and guests will be held in the Borski Activity Center after the program. We invite our military guests to come dressed in military uniform for this special event 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@stmarthacs.org or 281-358-5523 ext. 314.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — John’s vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God’s love, we may be called God’s children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-6 or 11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)

Tuesday: Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres

Wednesday: St. Charles Borromeo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we increase our trust in God, putting Him first in all things.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)“Poor in spirit” is confusing for many of us. It simply means to place your trust in God, putting His will first and being strong in faith. As we celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints Day, remember, we, too are called to be saints. Dialing down our own pride and ego and turning up the humility will help us on our path to sainthood.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Karen Warfield (wife of David Warfield)
Jack Throop (husband of Joanne Throop)
Robert Affleck (husband of Mary Ann Affleck)
Ligia Ramos (sister of Flor Gonzales)
Mary Martin (mother of Dorothy Tavares and grandmother of Denise O’Leary)
Milagros Tria Tirona Manlongat (sister of Pat Nasser and mother of George Manlongat)


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

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
Interfaith Care Partners
2nd Family Team Meeting
Interfaith Care Partners 2nd Family
Ministry will meet on Tues., November 10th, at 7 pm in FLC Room 6 on the Woodland Hills Campus. All existing ministry members are encouraged to attend as well as new members who signed up during the Stewardship Renewal. 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 care for 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 someone in need of help from a Second Family Care Team you are invited to the meeting or to call Peggy Wehe 281-360-3244 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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 Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Spread your wings! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, November 4, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 pm at Schlotzsky's Deli, 9781 FM 1960 Bypass West in Humble. On Saturday, November 7, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Martha's, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy.; meal afterwards at Los Cucos Mexican Café at 23730 Hwy. 59 in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. 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.

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: 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. November dates: 3, 10, 17. 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 You Tube. Click the You Tube 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.

YOU NG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Celebrate Veterans Day & Thanksgiving
Young at Heart-ers - Thanksgiving is coming soon and what better way to celebrate than with a heartfelt thanks to all of our Veterans. If any of the Veterans would like to bring some of their memorabilia, please do so. We would love for you to share it with us. Join us for fellowship, bingo and Thanksgiving lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, November 11. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. For those of you interested - bridge, dominoes and/or cards will be played after lunch. If you don't know how to play, someone will teach you. 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 Dominica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change? We can help!
Saturday Workshop
St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Saturday, November 14, from 9 am to Noon
Room 2 on the Woodland Hills 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 starting. Come see us to update your skills at résumé writing, networking and interviewing!!
Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops

Student Council sponsored Red Ribbon Week at SMCS encouraging our students to Celebrate not just for a week, but for Life! Students had fun participating in silly hair, special dress and treat days to bring attention to the need for us all to stand strong and united in friendship against bullying and drugs!

SMCS Chess team brought home 1st and 3rd place team trophies from their first tournament of the year at Chávez High School. The team captured third place overall in the elementary division and first place in the middle school division! Individual team members earned 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th place in their respective divisions. If you would like to be a part of this successful team's experience, 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.

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also offer the following extracurricular activities: School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, athletics program, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, Student Council, National Jr. BETA Club, Student Ambassadors Club and other family and student activities.

The school has limited openings for students for the 2015-2016 school year. Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group: The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, November 9th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at morgglor@yahoo.com

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 the 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.

Vocation Corner

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

A vocation is a calling or summoning. The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, which is a verb that means ‘to call.’ It is God’s invitation to love and serve him and his Church in a particular way of life. It is a call to live on earth in a way that will impact eternity!

Our primary vocation is to become holy. Our first goal as Catholics should be to live a holy life. How we carry out in the world is our particular vocation. Women live this particular vocation through holy marriage, single life in Christ, or the religious life of a nun or sister. Men live this particular vocation through holy marriage, single life in Christ, the religious order life of a priest or brother, or as a priest or deacon through Holy Orders.

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated November 1-8, 2015. The church has a responsibility to create an atmosphere that fosters a love for God and an openness to hear his call to our particular vocation in life. Let us pray this week that our young men and women will be open to hear God’s call to their particular vocation. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.

Join us in the Narthex after the Masses next week as we host several men and women who have answered calls to the religious life and Holy Orders. Our own seminarian Michael Applegate will be on hand to tell his vocation story during all Masses next weekend.
Pastoral Care Hospital Ministry
An Opportunity for Deacons & Lay People to Provide Pastoral Care
16-Week Training Course to be held at the St. Mary Seminary on Thursdays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, January 14th through May 12th, 2016.

Four-fold Purpose
1. To bring the Presence of the Church to the Sick and the Dying
2. To provide basic skills of pastoral and sacramental care
3. To understand the Patient in a context of Health Care Facilities
4. To understand how to care for one’s self as a Pastoral Care Minister

Topics to be included:
♦ Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying
♦ The Pastoral and Sacramental Visit
♦ The Pastoral Conversation
♦ The Fine Art of Listening
♦ Patient Identity
♦ Family Dynamics
♦ Suffering
♦ Loss and Grief
♦ Morals and Ethics
♦ Caring for Self
♦ Verbatim

Three to Four (3-4) Hours per week of Patient Visitation in Hospital
If interested, please contact Office of Diaconate at e-mail: deaconoffice@archgh.org (713-686-4345 ext 229) or Den. Gerald DuPont: gerald@gwdupont.com (281-703-0227) or contact Sarah Clark (281-361-8832). Enrollment for this course is limited to 25 persons

2015 Parish Festival Results
The Parish Festival and Fall Market was a smashing success! God blessed us with stellar weather and the Holy Spirit orchestrated an outstanding day of Fellowship and Community Building for our Parish Community! The financial results for the Festival are as follows:

Total Gross Proceeds from Festival $106,097
Total Activity Area Expenses ($15,785)
Total Net Proceeds for Activity Areas before Ministry Distribution $90,312

Total Other Expenses ($29,441)
Net Proceeds for Festival before Ministry Distributions $60,872
Total Distribution to Ministries $29,143
Net Proceeds to Capital Campaign $31,729

“Little Laz” Wants You on the 2016 Planning Committee!
Did you enjoy the 2015 Parish Festival? Wouldn’t it be fun to help plan the 2016 Parish Festival? If you are interested in helping on the 2016 Parish Festival Planning Committee, please contact Tom Gallagher at 713-364-9780 or smparishfestival@gmail.com. Mark your calendars for the 2016 Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2016! Join us in planning an even better Parish Festival in 2016!

Family Mass Greeters Needed!!!
Elementary-age children are needed as greeters at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact Casey Levy, caseylevy@me.com, or 985-703-0090, for more information or to sign up.
(Family Mass Greeters welcome families as they come to worship and pass out collection envelopes for all children attending before Mass as well as Children’s Bulletins for all children at the end of Mass.)
YAS dime
Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com
PRAYER SERVICE FRIENDSHIP SPORTS SPIRITUALITY

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection – November 7-8, 2015

The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses next weekend, November 7th and 8th. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming holiday months. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength…and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

In the Third Quarter (July, August, September), through your gifts, St. Martha Conference was able to bring God’s love and mercy to 323 families, providing $15,998 in utility bills, $15,393 in rent assistance, $1,970 for food and other bills. Assistance for the quarter totaled $33,361 and as a result our funds and resources are critically depleted.

We would like to issue a Family Challenge to our parish. We are a large parish and we need 300 families to step up and take our challenge to donate $100 or more to St. Martha’s Conference, St. Vincent de Paul. For some of us $100 is a sizeable amount, but for others it is just an evening out. Your donation will help families in need over the next few months. For the challenge we will accept donations through Nov. 15th. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

Family Challenge
St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection – Nov. 7th and 8th
Need 300 Families to donate $100 to continue the mission of charity to the needy in our area

Challenge Accepted:
Name:
Address:

Checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul – St. Martha’s
Put in Black Bag Collection, drop by the Church Office or mail to 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. 77339
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

““To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete; it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus.” --Pope Francis
**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.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet**
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!

**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.

**Young at Heart Luncheon - Donation Requests**
The Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 9. As in years past, we are asking for your kind generosity in donating door prize gifts for our senior guests (men and women). We have been averaging 85-90 people and our Christmas luncheon is always our biggest! Here are a few donation ideas (not to exceed $10) - gift card to a restaurant or movie theater, home or office decorations, food basket (non-perishable), sports merchandise, picture frames, household items or lightweight tool set. Donations should not be wrapped and can be dropped off at Nancy Landvogt's office on the Faith Formation campus, Mon. - Wed., 9 am - 4 pm and Fri., 9 am - 4 pm. All donations are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Carol Bateman at carolb625@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!

**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., Sugarland, 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.

**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 online by visiting www.familylifehouston.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 registration varies, 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 PARISH
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.
Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.
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:
- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM
- Monday: 2-3 PM, 11 PM-Midnight
- Tuesday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM
- Thursday: 3-4 PM
- Friday: 1-2 AM
- Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.
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*Stewards give their first fruits to God—not in payment for gifts received, but in gratitude for gifts given. Stewards know that in order to receive a gift the giver must be acknowledged. To use the gift in the way the giver intended is the highest form of gratitude.*
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
La solemnidad de Todos los Santos nos invita a celebrar y dar gracias por todos los santos hombres, mujeres y niños que nos han precedido y nos han dado un ejemplo de cómo responder al llamado de Dios y vivir como verdaderos discípulos del Señor. Como parte de la "comunión de los santos" que ahora disfrutan de la vida eterna con Dios. El Concilio Vaticano II señaló que todos los bautizados están llamados a la santidad. Convertirse en un santo no requiere el martirio o una estricta vida penitencial o ni incluso extraordinarios dones espirituales. Como Santa Teresa la Pequeña Flor nos enseñó tan hermosamente y simplemente, que se trata es de hacer las pequeñas cosas de la vida por amor. Convertirse en un santo es algo que está abierto a todos nosotros en las circunstancias ordinarias de nuestra vida cotidiana. Para la gran mayoría de nosotros esto incluirá el matrimonio y la vida familiar, así como la forma en que practicamos nuestra fe en el trabajo y en el barrio donde vivimos. Por lo tanto, esta gran fiesta de Todos los Santos es realmente nuestra fiesta y nos recuerda a reflexionar a menudo sobre el significado de nuestro bautismo y en la forma en que usamos nuestros dones de tiempo, talento y tesoro en el servicio de Dios y de nuestros hermanas y hermanos.

El hermoso texto del Evangelio de hoy, conocido como el "Sermón de la Montaña". Nos da el plan de cómo llegar a ser santos a través de la fidelidad a nuestro compromiso bautismal. Los "bienaventuranzas" comienzan el Sermón y sugieren la idea central de lo que la santidad cristiana se trata. Diversas actitudes espirituales se declararon "benedicidas" y esa gente que describen se encuentran llenos de gracia y bondad. Aunque el Sermón enseña que tal bendición vendrá a plenitud sólo al final de los tiempos, sino que también sugiere que aquellos que abrazan el camino de Jesús experimentarán esta alegría incluso en esta vida. Algunas personas han sostenido que el "Sermón del Monte" Es un ideal moral imposible. ¿Quién puede ser tan amoroso y perdonador, tan humilde y aceptar el rechazo y tan comprometido con la lucha por la paz y la justicia en nuestro mundo? Hay algo de verdad en su punto de vista, porque las actitudes bien recibidas por las bienaventuranzas no son virtudes que podemos fomentar fácilmente por nuestra cuenta. Sin embargo, el sermón y las bienaventuranzas son inseparables de todo el contexto de la predicación del Reino, su ministerio y la forma en que vivió su vida de Jesús. Jesús, que nos llama a seguirlo a diario en sus pasos, también promete estar con nosotros a través del don de la gracia. "Mirad qué amor del Padre nos ha dado para que seamos llamados hijos de Dios. Sin embargo, por lo que son" (I Juan 3: 1)! Los santos son aquellos que verdaderamente creen en su llamado bautismal y optan por entregarse al servicio de la forma en que el Reino se describe en las bienaventuranzas. Los santos son los testigos y ejemplos de fe para nosotros e imitarlos en nuestras vidas. Son nuestros héroes cristianos.

Padre Chester Borski

Todos los Santos
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
El Evangelio de hoy nos habla de las Bienaventuranzas. Jesús comenzó el Sermón de la Montaña en el Evangelio de San Mateo con ellas. En las Bienaventuranzas, Jesús nos propone la actitud a la que todo Cristiano debe aspirar en la búsqueda de su santidad. Todos estamos llamados a ser santos y, para serlo, tenemos que imitar a Jesús: Pobres de Espíritu son los que ponen a Dios en primer lugar en sus vidas y no a las cosas materiales o a ellos mismos, los que lloran son los que ofrecen sus sufrimientos por los demás, los sufridos son los que están dispuestos a dar su vida por los demás a pesar del sufrimiento que ven con ello, los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia son los que no se quedan indiferentes ante las injusticias en este mundo y pelean por que se haga justicia, los misericordiosos son los que demuestran su amor y misericordia con los más necesitados y hacen todo lo que pueden por ayudarlos, los limpios de corazón son los que evitan pensamientos e imágenes impuras y mantienen sus pensamientos en Dios, los que trabajan por la paz están continuamente buscando que todos los hombres vivan en armonía y los que son perseguidos por causa de la justicia son los valientes que hablan de la Buena Nueva de Jesús sin miedo y tratando de salvar a cuantos se encuentran en el camino. Esta es la receta para la felicidad en este mundo. Bienaventurados, o sea dichosos, seremos cuando tengamos estas actitudes de santidad.

Compromiso de la semana: Meditaré en las Bienaventuranzas y en qué actitudes debo cambiar en mi vida para seguirlos.

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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.
Está interesado en 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.

Las Misas de Celebración de Aniversarios en honor a las parejas que celebran sus bodas de Oro (50th) y de Plata (25) y que contrajeron matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica; se llevarán a cabo: Bodas de Oro el día domingo 20 de diciembre. Bodas de Plata el día domingo 29 de noviembre. Las dos ceremonias tendrán lugar en la Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón a las 3:00 de la tarde. Todas las parejas inscritas con antelación y que asistan, o no, a la ceremonia, recibirán un reconocimiento especial firmado por su Eminencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo.

La pareja que desee participar en esta ceremonia, deberá inscribirse electrónicamente en el siguiente sitio del internet: www.familylifeministryhouston.org Por favor no deje ningún espacio en blanco en la forma de inscripción e igualmente asegúrese de escribir el nombre de la pareja de la forma como quiere que aparezcan en las publicaciones impresas. Después de terminado el plazo de inscripción, la Oficina del Ministerio de Vida Familiar de la Arquidiócesis no recibirá ninguna inscripción adicional. Ninguna inscripción se confirmará si no se puede verificar la información de la boda católica y/o si no se recibe el valor de la inscripción de $25 dólares por pareja. Ayuda financiera disponible para aquellas parejas que cualifiquen. Podrá asistir con 6 familiares o amigos, máximo.

El RITO DE INICACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús 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 les puede 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 dejó 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. Comunícate con Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857) sacramentos@stmartha.co

Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: matrimonios@stmartha.co