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): ....
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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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015

This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

Mark 12:43
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
Francine Puglia  281.358.6637

ACTS RETREAT
Willie Chesnut  ACTSCore@StMartha-ACTS.org

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
Nancy Landvogt  281.358.6637 x202 (Funerals)

NEWCOMERS/WELCOMING/HOSPITALITY
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Brian & Mary Anne Sokol  281.642.3821
Kevin & Michelle Campisi  281.361.4201
Ana Luisa Rodriguez  281.358.1959 x269

Www.stmartha.com, Click on Ministries,
Sherry Hundl  yellowrose716@live.com

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Gloria Gamez  mornglor@yahoo.com

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COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES CONT.
COMMUNICATION TO THE SICK
Hospital Visit
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Nancy Landvogt  281.358.6637 x202 (Funerals)
Pat Timpanaro  281.361.9338
Hispanic Communion to the Sick
Amelia Murphy  713.865.6946
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Pam Rockwell  281.358.1959 x230

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF LITURGY
Mariel Parra  281.358.6637 x280
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Rhonda Soto  281.358.6637
LITURGY COORDINATOR FOR LIFETEEN
Joy Ehrman  281.358.1959 x251
ALTAR SERVERS
Mariel Parra  281.358.6637 x280
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CANTORS
281.358.6637
CHILDREN'S ADORATION
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR
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SECRETARIAT
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OUTREACH MINISTRIES
SOCIAL SERVICES
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SUNDAY NURSERY
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Nancy Karpinski  713.594-4430
YOUTH AT HEART LUNCHEON TRANSPORT,
Domenica Seitz  713.899-1016

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CORNERSTONE BIBLE STUDY
Pam Rockwell  281.358.1959 x230

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Ana Leija  281.713.8915
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR (EDGE)
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HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR (LIFE TEEN)
Laura Gallardo  281.358.1959 x252

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Sheila Yepsen  281.358.5585
MARIA GORETTI NETWORK
Shannon Doeltz  713.775.9213
MARTHA'S KITCHEN
Sr. Maria Elena  713.224.252
MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY
Paola Lam  832-229-1991
PRO-LIFE (GABRIEL PROJECT)
713.225.5826

PROJECT RACHEL
Bonnie Develle  713.516.8641
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
Marie Burk  281.361.3650
ST. JOSEPH HELPERS
Bill Beck  281.360.7023
ST. MARTHA BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND
Bob Simpson  713.410.2844
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
281.358.6636
SECOND FAMILY MINISTRY
Peggy Wehe  281.360.3244
SOCIAL JUSTICE
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Courtney Waguespack  281.358.5523 x326
REGISTRAR
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Jaime Gomez  281.973.1857
VOCAIONES Y CÁLIZ DE VOCACIONES
Tony Lasalle  646.489.1554

For the weekend of Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $2,795,000
Year To Date: $48,646
Holy Day-All Saints $9,520
Sunday Collection $2,795,000
Weekly Budget $2,795,000
Year To Date: $48,646
Monthly Payment Required $6,494
Total Debt $12,930,838

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Administrative Min.
Teresa Miller  281.713.8957
Facility Manager
Steve Teets  281.358.6637 x254

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Facility Manager
Youna Borys  832.259.1848

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Recap for September 2015
Contributions to reduce the debt $120,220
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Over (short) $9,520

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel account for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time presents us with the well-known story of “the widow’s mite.” Observing people put money into the temple treasury, Jesus comments on the gift of the poor widow who “put in two small coins worth a few cents.” While the amount she contributes is practically meaningless in terms of buying power, her gift is worth more than all the others put together, some of whom put in large sums. These people have given from what might be called their disposable income. The widow “contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” She seems to have been totally unaware of herself and her poverty. She certainly was not concerned about making a public display of her gift. Her contribution to the treasury reflected her sincere desire to serve God and others. As Jesus interprets her action, it was not self-serving at all. It sprang from and revealed the generous heart of an authentic disciple.

The evangelist Mark uses this beautiful story to introduce what is about to follow in his Gospel, namely the account of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. Like the widow Jesus will soon offer all that he possesses for our sake. Jesus will in fact give the gift of himself on the cross. Throughout the centuries religious thinkers and teachers have interpreted Jesus’ death in a variety of ways. At one level he was executed by the Romans because he was perceived as a revolutionary and thus a threat to their control over that part of their empire. At another level Jesus was crucified because of his fidelity to the mission given to him by his Father. While Jesus saw himself as fulfilling the will of his Father, the religious establishment of his day viewed him as performing a blasphemous act against the most sacred traditions of Israel. However, from the perspective of faith the tradition of the Catholic Church has interpreted the death of Jesus as a sacrifice. By reflecting on the Gospel accounts as well as the writings of the Apostle Paul, the early Church would conclude that the death of Jesus on the cross is the unique and perfect sacrifice that achieved once and for all the definitive reconciliation between God and humankind. We see the basis for this interpretation in today’s second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. The text emphasizes the eternal and definitive nature of Jesus’ sacrifice. Not only has Jesus bestowed upon us the gift of salvation, he remains forever in the presence of God interceding for us that we might come to embrace this gift. In fact this gift continues to be made present to us each time we celebrate the Eucharist, described by the Church as “the unbloody sacrifice of the Cross.” By actively participating in the Church’s sacred liturgy, we are in communion with the Lord Jesus and we learn to give generously of ourselves so that others may come to know and treasure this great gift of salvation as well.

Fr. Chester Borski

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!!

Vocation Awareness Week!

FAMILY LIFE can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life in Christ. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Our own seminarian Michael Applegate will share his vocation story with us this weekend. JOIN US in the Narthex after all Masses to talk with several men and women who have answered the call to the priesthood and religious life. We are blessed to welcome them and to hear their vocation stories.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:
The Book of Remembrance will be in the back of the Church for you to write in names of family members or friends who have died.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, November 26th: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Please note... The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
Today’s Readings

First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at the expense of those who are in need (Matthew 23:5).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:1-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday: St. Leo the Great
Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Thursday: St. Josaphat
Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Stewardship Thought of the Week

That when we give our financial support to our parish, we give from our “first fruits” and not what from what is “left over”?

Mass Intentions

Mon./Nov. 9
8:30 am †Mary Murphy
5:30 pm †Eunice Walker

Tues./Nov. 10
8:30 am †Katherine Spensieri
7:00 pm †Joyce Renyi

Wed./Nov. 11
8:30 am †Raul Lopez Hernandez
10:00 am †George Brown

Thurs./Nov. 12
6:30 am †Joyce Renyi
8:30 am †Kristine Kirsch

Fri./Nov. 13
8:30 am †Mario Del Rosario

Sat./Nov. 14
5:30 pm †Mary Diane Smithy

Sun./Nov. 15
7:00 am †Mary Ann Brown
9:00 am †Sylvia Mancin
11:00 am †Remedios Majul
1:00 pm †Rene Albarran
5:30 pm †Barbara Mason

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

† Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers †

Ligia Ramos (sister of Flor Gonzales)
Mary Martin (mother of Dorothy Tavares and grandmother of Denise O’Leary)
Milagros Tria Tiron Manlongat (sister of Pat Nasser and mother of George Manlongat)
Elizabeth Dean
Richard Gaffney (husband of Virginia Gaffney)
Gina Weinzapfel (wife of David Weinzapfel)
Lucia Kratz
Mary Tierney


(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 note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11.

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING – will be held on Monday, November 30, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in Room 3 of the Family Life Center (turn left after you go through the first set of double doors – by the soft drink machine). These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much appreciated ministry.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Communion to the Sick training.

Please call or email Angela Wemyss at 281-361-9720 - angelawemyss@hotmail.com or Pat Timpanaro at 281-361-9388 - patimpanaro@embarqmail.com by November 23, to register for this training or if you have any questions.

YOUNG 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 Domenica 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.

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.

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. Remaining Series Dates: Nov. 8 & 15. 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: 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.

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@stmarthaacs.org or 281-358-5523 ext. 314.
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

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
- Verbatims

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 Dcn. Gerald DuPont: gerald@gwdupont.com (281-703-0227) or contact Sarah Clark (281-361-8832).

Enrollment for this course is limited to 25 persons

YASm wants to hear from you! E-mail us your ideas and join us on Facebook.
Join our newsletter to find out about exciting events we are planning. Including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and some fun spiritual and social outings.

Arise/Bible Study- All Thursdays in November Young Adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture study and snacks. The evening will begin with a social meet and greet and transition to a scripture study. We will meet on the St. Martha’s Woodland Hill campus in the Borski Activity Room. It is on the second floor of the school building. Please park in the school lot: 2411 Oak Shores Dr, Kingwood, TX 77339. Please follow signs posted or contact Matt 718-887-6837 or Brian 713-340-4211.

Young Adult Dinner- On November 9th, join us for a night of dinner, fellowship and scripture study. E-mail youngadults@stmartha.com for more information.

Matthew Kelley- On November 14th, join us as we take a mini-trip to Beaumont to see Matthew Kelley give a talk on living with passion and purpose. We will be carpooling to this event. Stay tuned for additional events including volunteering, and Christmas events.

For more information about these events please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com.

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, November 23rd
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

Father Richard Goodin, from Holy Family Parish of Galveston and Bolivar, will speak to us about “Helping people become aware of their calling.”

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

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.
Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha Catholic School Scoops
The saints came marching in at SMCS! To celebrate All Saints’ Day, SMCS students chose a saint to honor who has been recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. Our younger students learned about the saints’ lives and dressed in costume to represent their chosen saint in a special procession at the school. Older students also researched saints and presented reports to share the information with their classmates. Everyone celebrated this holy day knowing that while our canonized saints are most recognized, we can all be saints when we attain heaven!!

SMCS Chess team needs your help! If you would like share your love of chess with our students, 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.

Game Day
With Dodgeball
Saturday, November 14
[1:00 – 4:00 pm]
Meet in the Youth Center
Cost: Absolutely FREE!

Bring your friends and join the EDGE team for an afternoon of games, dodgeball, and much more!
Lisa Hartsfield: lisah@stmartha.com

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 morgnglor@yahoo.com

Family Mass Greeters Needed!!! Elementary-age children are needed as greeters at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact Casey Levy, caseleyvy@me.com, or 985-703-0090, for more information or to sign up.

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 Shining 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 3 pm to 5 pm. 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 at 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.

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Family Mass Greeters
Needed!!!

Elementary-age children are needed as greeters at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Please contact Casey Levy, caseleyvy@me.com, or 985-703-0090, for more information or to sign up.

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 Shining 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 3 pm to 5 pm. 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 at 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.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells us: “I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on.”

Ask yourself “Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag so that those who are suffering will be able to know God’s love and care. Family Challenge donations will be accepted through November 15. Thank you for your contribution.

“Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other.”—— St. Vincent de Paul

STEWARDSHIP — A WAY OF LIFE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE: Despite the bad weather, we still had a total of 51 donors who gave a total of 64 units. Thank you to all who gave the gift of life. Our next Blood Drive will take place in January.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of October, we had 1,314 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 429 visitors. Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

GABRIEL PROJECT: The Gabriel Project Ministry helps mothers through crisis pregnancies. We are working with four new mothers that have contacted us for help. We are helping them spiritually and emotionally through difficult times. We make sure the mothers and their babies have what is needed to bring their babies home. Please pray for our mothers and babies that God will watch over them and guide them. A special prayer is needed for a baby girl that was born a few weeks ago who is still in the hospital that she can come home soon.

Thank you everyone that showed an interested in the Gabriel Project Ministry last weekend. You should of received an e-mail from me this week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Janice Rumbley at jrumbley@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus
Annual Fried Turkey Sale
Thursday, November 26
$50 each

Orders will taken after Masses on the weekends of 11/7-8, 11/14-15 and 11/21-22

Davis Haines:
davishii@gmail.com
281-660-5665

or

Daryl Hodges:
james.hodges@uhsink.com
281-799-5093

The Serra Club Northeast of Houston

You are invited to join together in prayer 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 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
Also: Every second Friday of the month after the 8:30 a.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!
During this season of giving we would like to express our thanks to the cloistered Carmelite Nuns in New Caney. These loving sisters support themselves by making altar bread and embroidering altar garments. We are in their prayers, and the sisters continue to be a special part of our parish. We would like to show our support and express our thanks by donating items to their pantry.

You may drop off your contribution before or after Mass on **November 21st and 22nd**. Items the sisters use are listed below, or in place of actual items, Gift Cards from H.E.B., Kroger’s, Randall’s, Sam’s or Wal-Mart, are welcomed and most helpful.

Thank you very much for your generosity. May God bless and reward you!

### Canned Goods
- salmon
- sardines
- tuna
- chicken breast (chunks)
- soups: cream of chicken/chicken with rice
- broths: chicken/beef, Swanson brand
- diced tomatoes

### Dry Goods
- Special K (original)
- Fiber One (original)
- Cheerios
- Raisin Bran, Lg. boxes
- All Purpose flour, white
- Folger’s instant coffee, reg.
- sugars: (white, granulated and powdered)

### Oils for Baking/Cooking
- Mazola
- Olive oil

### Paper Goods
- paper towels
- napkins
- tissues
- foil
- wax paper

### Juices
- Cranapple
- Cranberry, reg. & light
- Grape
- Prune
- Raspberry

### Misc.
- black & green olives
- honey
- salad vinegar
- Caffeine-free Herbal Teas
- baking chocolates: powdered & chips
- Listerine
- Crest toothpaste
- Dove soap
- Dawn (blue) or Palmolive, dish detergents
- Laundry Detergents: Tide, Oxi Clean, ALL or Arm & Hammer both without bleach or softener
- Freezer Ziploc bags (all sizes)

### Specific Items for Dietary Needs
- Hellmann’s Mayonnaise w/Olive Oil
- Old Fashioned Regular Oats

**NO instant potatoes or pastas, please.**
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.

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.

Stewardship Renewal Signups
Than you to all who signed up for ministries during our 2015 Stewardship Renewal. If you have not heard from someone in a ministry that you signed up for, it is possible that we could have misread your information or had some other difficulty in reaching you. If no one has contacted you, please call Jodi at the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com. Thank you.
El Evangelio de hoy nos narra cuando Jesús estaba viendo, junto con sus discípulos a la gente que depositaba sus ofrendas en las alcancías del templo y vio como una viuda pobre depositó dos moneditas de poco valor. Jesús les dijo: “Yo les aseguro que esa pobre viuda ha echado en la alcancía más que todos. Porque los demás han echado de lo que les sobraba; pero ésta, en su pobreza, ha echado todo lo que tenía para vivir”. Esta narración nos recuerda el que nada es nuestro, sino que Dios nos lo ha dado para que le sirvamos. Somos administradores de todo lo que Dios nos ha dado, nuestros cuerpos, lo material y nuestro tiempo y todo lo tenemos que poner a su servicio. La Madre Teresa de Calcuta lo decía muy bien: “Hay que dar hasta que duele”. A eso estamos llamados, a poner nuestra vida, con todo lo que Dios nos ha regalado, al servicio de Dios y de nuestros semejantes. Seamos generosos, no solamente con lo material, sino también con nuestro tiempo y nuestros talentos. Hay muchas necesidades en el mundo actual y se necesitan muchas manos para poder ayudar.

Compromiso de la semana: Me propondré ayudar de forma más generosa a la Iglesia y a mis semejantes con mis talentos, mi tiempo y mis bienes materiales.

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

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

32º domingo de tiempo ordinario:
Para que cuando proporcionemos nuestro apoyo financiero a nuestra parroquia, demos de nuestros "primeros frutos" y no lo que nos "sobra". Les aseguro que esta viuda pobre ha echado en el tesoro más que todos los demás. Éstos dieron de lo que les sobraba; pero ella, de su pobreza, echó todo lo que tenía, todo su sustento.” (Marcos 12:43-44)

Jesús va directo al grano - somos llamados a dar dinero para apoyar la misión de la Iglesia, sin importar nuestras circunstancias. ¡Ninguna donación es muy pequeña o insignificante! El dar dinero para apoyar la misión de nuestras parroquias locales es parte de la fe, así como orar y participar en los ministerios de la parroquia. Cuando hace una ofrenda monetaria, ¿viene de sus "primeros frutos" o viene de lo que "sobra"?
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 favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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

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.

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.


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 aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesus. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesus le dejo a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia 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@stmartha.co
Participa en el RICA en Español.

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

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 favor de hacerlo antes del día 10 de noviembre. Para mas 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 mariagorettiespanol@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: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

CANTO A LA VIRGEN CON CENA Y CONCIERTO