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 Kleingeltl, 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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
November 15, 2015

The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

Daniel 12:3
# St. Martha Catholic Parish
## Annual Stewardship Report
### Fiscal Year 2015

### Area of Ministry

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<th>Income</th>
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<td>General Parish and Administration</td>
<td>$5,175,276</td>
<td>$3,940,171</td>
<td>2 Campuses; 75 employees</td>
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<td>School</td>
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<td>50 Staff; 475 Students</td>
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<td>$359,114</td>
<td>65,056 meals served</td>
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<td>Nursery and Mothers Day Out</td>
<td>$65,705</td>
<td>$108,622</td>
<td>45 Students MDO; Nursery is open for 4 masses each Sunday</td>
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**Total** $9,018,219 $8,570,403

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<td>$1,015,347</td>
<td>Other expenses $2,034,301</td>
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If you have questions, please e-mail Theresa Miller at theresam@stmartha.com
To the parish family of St. Martha, 
The Scriptural readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time reflect a sense of heightened expec-
tation and a feeling of some catastrophic event about to happen. While some may experience
great fear and feel overwhelmed and powerless before these impending happenings, people of faith are
called to consider what it means to be a people of hope in a world beset by war, chaos, senseless violence,
and unspeakable brutality. The further we journey in life and the more we reflect on our experience through
the years, the more keenly aware we become of the fact that our human lives are so fragile and very incom-
plete. God’s plan for us is far from being fulfilled and is certainly not understood by us in a world of conflicting
ideologies. We realize that there is a great deal more yet to come in the life of each of us and that “great
deal more” will not be of our own making. Gradually through living life as best we can with some success
and some failure, we come to know deep within ourselves that the destiny of this world is in the hands of
God and it will be brought to completion and fulfillment on God’s timetable and not on ours. In today’s Gos-
pel account Jesus reminds us that the day and the hour when all of this will take place is not ours to know.
However, it is enough for us to know that it will indeed take place and when it does, it will be under the con-
trol of a loving God. That realization in faith should be enough for us to learn to wait in hope.

This final fullness of the Father’s plan or design for the world is a theme which is highlighted by the Scrip-
tural authors. They speak frequently of the “Day of the Lord,” the end of the world, the end times, the Last
Judgment, etc. These great events are described through various images used in the Bible. Sometimes the
images are of the great power found in nature through the movement of heavenly and terrestrial bodies such
as the description we find in today’s Gospel reading. Sometimes the images speak of war and the conquer-
ing might of military leaders such as in the first reading from the Book of Daniel. At other times the images
are from an agricultural setting, such as the parables in Matthew’s Gospel picturing the final gathering of the
harvest into a barn. Others, like John in the Book of Revelation, speak of the “new Jerusalem,” a perfect so-
ciety of human beings in harmonious relationship with one another and with God. Thus, there is a wealth of
images presented for our reflection. All of them contain the truth of faith that God is in control of his creation.
However, none of the images give us exact details about when, where, and how these events will
come about. For the literal minded influenced by the precision of technology, these images may
create a certain amount of worry and fear. For people of faith who have learned to trust in God’s
providential care, these images serve as a reminder that there is always more to come in life if
we learn to wait in patient expectation.

Fr. Chester Borski

CCHD Collection
Next weekend we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Devel-
opment (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of
those in need will not improve until the sys-
tems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded
community groups that create lasting change. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dig-
ity. Give to the CCHD Collection.

Knights of Columbus
Annual Fried Turkey Sale
Thursday, Nov. 26, $50 each
Orders will be taken after Masses on the weekends of
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

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.
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28 (or for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcdn, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we continue to develop and nurture our gifts and give back with increase.

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” (Mark 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Nov. 16
8:30 am †Pauline & Benny Pennucci

Tues./Nov. 17
8:30 am †Rosalie Dill
7:00 pm Teresa Guzman

Wed./Nov. 18
8:30 am †Patricia Lopez de Rodriguez
10:00 am †Eugene “Bucky” Hogwood

Thurs./Nov. 19
6:30 am †Manuel Mojica
8:30 am †Fernando Cuadra

Fri./Nov. 20
8:30 am †Kathleen McCravy

Sat./Nov. 21
5:30 pm †Merilyn Deane

Sun./Nov. 22
7:00 am †Jorge Muller
9:00 am †Jesse Guzman
11:00 am †Teresa Parissi
1:00 pm †Miguel Angel Alanis
5:30 pm †Frances de Launay

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

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)
Elizabeth Dean
Richard Gaffney (husband of Virginia Gaffney)
Gina Weinzapfel (wife of David Weinzapfel)
Lucia Kratz
Mary Tierney
Paul Latz (husband of Christine Latz and father of Julia Gilligan)


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
**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 281-361-9338 - pattimpanaro@embarqmail.com by November 23, to register for this training or if you have any questions.

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - NO LUNCHEON ON Wednesday, November 25th.** Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you in December.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

**Join us!** NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, November 18, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’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. **Remaining Series Dates:** Nov. 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. Remaining November date: 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 **YouTube**. Click the **YouTube** icon on the website home page to view.

**YASTM wants to hear from you!** E-mail us your ideas and join us on Facebook.

Join our newsletter to find out about exciting events we are planning. Including volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and some fun spiritual and social outings.

**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.

For more information about these events please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. www.facebook.com/groups/YASTM/

**St. Martha’s Men’s Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center**

January 8-10, 2016

Start the New Year with a relaxing Retreat Weekend

Retreat Theme “Mercy: A Glimpse into the Heart of God”

In keeping with this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, we are invited to gaze upon Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's Mercy.

"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" Luke 6:36

For more information contact Bruce Farmer:
At 281-360-4047
Or to register, please visit the website www.passionist.org/holyname

**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

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
SHARING SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 12 & 13

Each year during Advent our parish makes a special effort to share our blessings with other parishes in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Through our annual Sharing Sunday we are able to help local parishes distribute food and gifts to needy families. Gifts are needed for children, adults, and senior citizens. Please wrap and tag these gifts with the age and gender of the recipient (for example, boy age 10-12). Grocery items are also needed but do not need to be wrapped. Take time to discuss with your family ways that your Christmas can be shared with other families.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Through the St. Martha Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, our church assists many families during the Christmas season. This year, we’d like to again give our parishioners the opportunity to adopt one of these families from our area. This will be done in coordination with SVDP volunteers the week before Sharing Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Alice Jones at 713-410-6844, or by e-mail at jjones@kingwoodcable.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

A Vocation is an adventure that God has planned for you!
- Fr. Richard McNeillie

Who doesn’t like an adventure? If God planned it, we can trust that it is where we will find happiness and fulfillment in this life.

PRAYER FOR MY VOCATION

Heavenly Father, You have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I want to do my part in your plan. Help me to see the signs that You give me. Open my heart to respond to You. Grant me the courage to follow your call. Give me the strength to serve You and your people with generosity and love. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars!!!!
Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops

Presidential presentations at SMCS! 5th grade students honored our U.S. presidents in our annual Hall of Presidents Showcase presented for their fellow students and school families. Each student researched one president and created a poster about the president’s life, accomplishments and contributions to our country. For the presentation, students presented their research, posters and items that represented different aspects of the president’s life. The students enjoyed being president for a day and learning about our US presidents through all time periods in our history.

SMCS students celebrated our U.S Veterans and active military at a school Mass where our brave military men and women received a special blessing and were honored by the singing of US military anthems. Students were privileged to be in the presence of so many heroes who selflessly serve or have served to protect our country and freedom worldwide. Following the Mass and program, the veterans, active military personnel and their guests were honored at a reception in the school. SMCS salutes and gives thanks for the sacrifices made by those who are willing to lay down their lives for others.

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.

Children’s Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—10 a.m. in the Chapel

Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it’s all about. Contact Annette Salazar at asalazar77339@yahoo.com or 281-358-1492 if you have any questions.

EDGE NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to the newsletter e-mailed monthly with Edge event updates, please send an e-mail to Lisa Hartsfield at: lisah@stmartha.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

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 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.
Donations for the Carmelite Nuns

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.**

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**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DECEMBER 8TH**
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Mass times:**
- December 7 (Vigil): 7:30 p.m.
- December 8: 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.

School Mass (Woodland Hills Campus) — 8:30 a.m.
Please Note: The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 8th.
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:
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.

Martha’s Kitchen pauses in this beautiful season of Thanksgiving to count our many blessings throughout this past year. The generosity of parishioners and community to our ministry continues and we are most grateful for your loyal support. As you gather your loved ones together to thank God for his grace in our lives, please remember those less fortunate who struggle to meet basic nutrition daily. May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving! Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27.

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.

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!

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 Christmas decor, jewelry, lotion, games, puzzles, candy, 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 INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS
COLOMBIA 2016

Join us to learn more about these exciting opportunities. We expect to have two trip options:

Summer 2016 Cartagena
Fall 2016 Bogota

We will share more details about each trip, including team size, cost, typical itinerary, what to expect, some background and pictures of beautiful Colombia, more about CDA, our partner organization in Colombia, how to sign up and also answer any other questions you may have.

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SPECIAL BULLETIN DEADLINE:
The deadline to submit information for the Nov. 29th bulletin is Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at 11:00 a.m. Please submit your information to Jodi at jodis@stmartha.com.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el 33º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario reflejan un sentido de expectativa mayor y una sensación de algún evento catastrófico a punto de suceder. Mientras que algunos pueden experimentar un gran temor y se sienten abrumados e impotentes ante estos acontecimientos inminentes, las personas de fe están llamadas a considerar lo que significa ser un **pueblo de esperanza** en un mundo acosado por la guerra, el caos, la violencia sin sentido, y la brutalidad indescriptible. Mientras que avanzamos en nuestro viaje de la vida y cuanto más reflexionamos sobre nuestra experiencia a través de los años, más conscientes nos volvemos al hecho de que nuestras vidas humanas son tan frágiles y muy incompletas. El plan de Dios para nosotros está lejos de cumplirse y, ciertamente, no es entendido en un mundo de ideologías en conflicto. Nos damos cuenta de que hay mucho más por venir en la vida de cada uno de nosotros y que "mucho más" no va a ser de nuestra propia creación. Poco a poco, a través de la vida lo mejor que podamos vivir con cierto éxito y algunos fallos, llegamos a conocer lo profundo de nosotros mismos que el destino de este mundo está en las manos de Dios y que serán llevado ante la realización y cumplimiento del horario de Dios y no en el nuestro. En el relato del Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos recuerda que el día y la hora en que todo esto se llevará a cabo no es de nuestro saber. Sin embargo, es suficiente para nosotros saber que será de hecho tener lugar y cuando lo pase, será bajo el control de un Dios amoroso. Esta realización en la fe debería ser suficiente para que aprendamos a esperar en la esperanza.

Esta plenitud definitiva del plan o diseño de padre para el mundo es un tema que es destacada por los autores bíblicos. Ellos hablan con frecuencia del "Día del Señor", el fin del mundo, los últimos tiempos, el Juicio Final, etc. Estos grandes acontecimientos se describen a través de diversas imágenes utilizadas en la Biblia. A veces las imágenes son de gran poder que se encuentran en la naturaleza a través del movimiento de los cuerpos celestes y terrestres, tales como la descripción que encontramos en la lectura del Evangelio de hoy. A veces las imágenes hablan de la guerra y el poder conquistador de líderes militares, tales como en la primera lectura, tomada del libro de Daniel. En otras ocasiones, las imágenes son de un entorno agrícola, como las parábolas en el Evangelio de Mateo describiendo la reunión final de la cosecha en un granero. Otros, como Juan en el libro del Apocalipsis, hablan de la "nueva Jerusalén", una sociedad perfecta de los seres humanos en relación armónica con los otros y con Dios. Por lo tanto, hay una gran cantidad de imágenes que se presentan para nuestra reflexión.Todos ellos contienen la verdad de la fe que Dios está en control de su creación. Sin embargo, ninguna de las imágenes nos da detalles exactos acerca de cuándo, dónde y cómo estos acontecimientos vendrán. Para la mente literal influenciada por la precisión de la tecnología, estas imágenes pueden crear un cierto grado de preocupación y miedo. Para las personas de fe que han aprendido a confiar en el cuidado providencial de Dios, estas imágenes sirven como un recordatorio de que siempre hay más por venir en la vida si aprendemos a esperar pacientemente.

_Padre Chester Borski_

RETIRIO DE HOMBRES ACTS
28 al 31 de Enero, 2016

Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español. Estaremos a sus órdenes en el Nartex después de la misa del 1pm los Domingos a partir del 15 de Noviembre.

El retiro de ACTS es una experiencia de 3 días y 3 noches que se enfoca en la Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio. Desde que iniciamos ACTS en Sta. Martha, Dios ha hecho cosas muy buenas en nuestra Parroquia.

Para registrarse, hay que presentarse en el Nartex después de la misa en Español y dejar un depósito de $50 al momento de llenar la solicitud. El costo completo del Retiro es de $190. Por favor no deje pasar esta oportunidad, si necesita alguna ayuda con el costo del retiro, podemos platicarlo. Para preguntas, contactar al director del Retiro, Javier Galvez al 832-515-1850 o a ACTSMS6@gmail.com
Ministerio Hispano

33º Domingo Ordinario
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Las lecturas del día de hoy nos hablan del final de los tiempos. Todos los que creemos en Dios sabemos que el Universo fue creado por Él en el principio de los tiempos y, que también, dejará de existir en el final de los tiempos. Esto nos recuerda que estamos de paso por este mundo y que algún día moriremos y tendremos nuestro juicio personal, antes del juicio al final de los tiempos. El saber que un día moriremos no nos debe poner tristes; los Católicos debemos vivir con la frente en alto, con la mirada puesta en el cielo, que es nuestro último destino. Este conocimiento nos debe ayudar a poner las cosas en la perspectiva de Dios, de la eternidad; todo lo que hagamos en este mundo afectará nuestra vida eterna y es por eso que es importante reconocerlo. Las virtudes de la fe, la esperanza y la caridad nos ayudan a creer en Dios, a esperar sus promesas de una vida futura y a amarlo a Él y a nuestros semejantes, como Él mismo nos lo pidió. Compromiso de la semana: Reflexionaré sobre lo que Dios quiere que cambie para poder llegar a estar con Él en el Cielo.

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

PARA VICTIMAS DE ABUSO
María Goretti Network en Español
En Septiembre próximo comenzará en St. Martha un grupo de apoyo conformado por hombres y mujeres que hayan sido abusados en algún momento de su vida y que buscan sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llame al teléfono 281-389-1210 o 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 al: monaguillos@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 registrarse y dejar a sus hijos.

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.

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

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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesús nos dejo para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesús. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesús le dejo a su Iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayudalo y pasale este anuncio, 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

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

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For the weekend of Nov. 7 & 8 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $ 72,051
Sunday Collection  $ 50,973
Over/(Under)  (21,078)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 722,051
Sunday Collection  $ 72,051
Over/(Under)  (21,078)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 6,731
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 5,027
Namibia Mission  $ 523

2015 DSF Goal  $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date  $ 131,657

Current Loan Debt:  $ 12,833,838