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 Kleinguehl, 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: ................................6:30 AM & 8:30 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.
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
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NEWCOMERS/WELCOMING/HOSPITALITY
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Marion and Chris Dickson 713.516.7097

ANA LUISA RODRIGUEZ  281.358.6637 x269

Www.stmartha.com, Click on Ministries,
MOM’S COLLEGIAN PRAYER GROUP
Nick & Joanna Landry    281.324.1231

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Nancy Karpinski 713-594-4430
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON TRANSPORT.
Domenica Seitz 713.899.1016

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BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY
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CORNERSTONE BIBLE STUDY
Pam Rockwell 281.358.1959x230

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RCIA@stmartha.com

YASTM – Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com

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Lisa Hartsfield 281.358.1959x241

HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR (LIFE TEEN)
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Maril Parra 281.358.6637x280

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Rhonda Szoke 281.358.6637

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281.358.6637

CANTORS
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CHILDREN’S ADORATION
Annette Salazar 281.358.1492

CHILDREN’S CHOIR
281.358.6637

COMMUNION TO THE SICK
Hospital Visit
Angela Wemyss 281.358.9720

Nursing Home & Homebound
Pat Timpanaro 281.361.9338

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ST. CHRISTOPHERS
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MARIA GORETTI NETWORK
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MARTHA’S KITCHEN
Sr. Maria Elena 713.224.2522

MOTHER TERESA MINISTRY
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713.225.5826

PROJECT RACHEL
Bonnie Deville 713.361.8641

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Marie Burr 281.361.3650

ST. JOSEPH HELPERS
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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REGISTRAR
Jodie Richter 281.358.5523x314

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JOVENES Y SACRAMENTOS
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Veronica Reyes 832.729.9843

MARÍA GORETTI NETWORK EN ESPAÑOL
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MATRIMONIOS Y SAGRADA FAMILIA
Janett o Ruben Manosalva 281.706.5068

MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS
DE LA EUCARISTÍA
Juan Ruso 954.439.1127

MONAGUILLOS
Pastor Pastora 832.514.5741/832.633.0145

RICA
Jóvenes y Sacramentos
281.973.1857

VOCACIONES Y CÍA DE VOCACIONES
Tony Lasalle 646.489.1554

For the weekend of Nov. 14 & 15 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

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From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the closing of the liturgical year for the Church. The Scripture readings selected for this great feast present us with an image that sums up the history of our salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (the Paschal Mystery). In the reading from the Book of Daniel we hear of a vision of “one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven.” This apocalyptic figure approaches the “Ancient One,” the Hebrew title for God. Thus, this Son of Man, a title that Jesus would use specifically for himself, receives from God power and dominion over all creation. In the second reading John the Evangelist identifies Jesus as the person “coming on the clouds of heaven” and goes on to describe Jesus as “the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” At the time these passages were written, it was easier for people to relate to the image of king than it is for us today. However, that fact may also help to underscore the real nature of Christ’s kingship. In the Gospel passage from John we see that Jesus responds to Pilate by telling him, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” In other words, Jesus is unlike all other kings and earthly rulers. All the usual trappings of power, prestige, authority, control, etc. are worthless in the kingdom inaugurated through the person of Jesus Christ. His is a kingdom of compassion, self-sacrificing love, generous service, and surrender to the grace of God.

While Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God is among us now, it is not fully realized in our earthly institutions and societies, not even in the Church. Tradition reminds us that the Church is a special sign and bearer of the good news of the kingdom, but it too is in need of continuous renewal and conversion. The fact that it is difficult at times to recognize the presence of God’s kingdom does not mean that it does not exist. The kingdom does exist and it continues to grow through the efforts of people of faith like you and me. Living our baptismal vocation forms the essence of our participation in the building up of the kingdom here on earth. Thus, fidelity to our family responsibilities, giving witness to God in the marketplace, sharing our time, talent, and treasure within the parish community are all part of our commitment to the kingdom. The Gospel reminds us that the kingdom grows almost unnoticed like the mustard seed when disciples of Jesus strive to live the truth of the Gospel and translate its meaning to others even in the face of opposition and rejection. The reign of Jesus Christ in our daily lives and in the world is the ultimate truth of all human life and encourages us to look forward in hope to its full realization in heaven. It is in the context of this feast of Christ the King that our annual stewardship report is being presented this year. Hopefully all of us can appreciate how we have an important role in helping the kingdom take root in our parish family and in our community.

Fr. Chester Borski

Food Drive for the Carmelite

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 THIS WEEKEND, November 21st and 22nd.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Annual Fried Turkey Sale

Thursday, Nov. 26, $50 each

Orders will be taken after Masses this weekend.

Davis Haines: davishii@gmail.com, 281-660-5665 or
Daryl Hodges: james.hodges@uhsinc.com, 281-799-5093

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Tuesday: St. Andrew Dung-Lạc and Companions
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we help build God’s kingdom on earth, but also invest our gifts in God’s eternal kingdom.

“The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty,” (Psalm 93).

“How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?”

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Nov. 23
8:30 am †Theodore Bella
5:30 pm †Alice Anne Spartz
Tues./Nov. 24
8:30 am †James Bradshaw
7:00 pm †Patricia Cullen
6:00 pm †Stephen & Myrtle Labbé
Wed./Nov. 25
8:30 am †Bill Walvoord
10:00 am †Walter Foley
11:00 am †Maria del Consuelo Clark
Thurs./Nov. 26/Thanksgiving Day
Mass times: 8:30 am & 10:00 am
1:00 pm †Rosy Galvez
5:30 pm †Allen Schambough
Fri./Nov. 27
8:30 am †Gilbert Ybarbo

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

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


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
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 - patimpanaro@embarqmail.com by November 23, to register for this training or if you have any questions.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, will have its next event on Wednesday, December 2, when we gather to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 pm at Jason’s Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, December 5, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at China River, 9606 FM 1960 West in Humble. 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 peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15 – 10:30 am
Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. December Dates: 12/1, 15, 22, 2015
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 - AFF Information
Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

CANCARE
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

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/holynamex

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 email: 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.

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

Happy Thanksgiving
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

Vocations Corner

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the CHRISTY FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

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!

Your Talents and Your Vocation

CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

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Mark Your Calendars!!!

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DECEMBER 8TH (Holy Day of Obligation)

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.

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.
Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us Saturday, Dec. 5.
St. Martha School Scoops

The students, families and staff of St. Martha Catholic School wish you all a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday. We give thanks for the blessing of Catholic education and for all our generous SMCS families, parishioners and community donors whose contributions make it possible to continue our mission to educate young people in mind, heart and spirit.

SMCS Chess team needs your help! If you would like to 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.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, December 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Room 7 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 mornglor@yahoo.com

Mission Trips

St Martha International Mission Trips
Colombia 2016

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

Summer 2016 Cartagena
Fall 2016 Bogota

Information Sessions
Dec 1 7:00-8 pm
or
Dec 5 3:30-4:30 pm
Family Life Center
Woodland Hills Campus

Sign Up Day
Dec 13 3-5 pm
Main Church (Narthex)
* First-come basis, spots limited, $200 non-refundable deposit at sign-up

For questions, please contact Terry Stierman: terry.stierman@conviventia.org
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.

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.

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.

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!

St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office.
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Young at Heart Christmas Requests

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Young at Heart Christmas 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!

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.

CCHD Collection

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems 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 dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.
St. Martha Catholic Parish
Annual Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year 2015

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Total                           | $9,018,219 | $8,570,403        |

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If you have questions, please e-mail Theresa Miller at theresam@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

La solemnidad de Cristo Rey marca el cierre del año litúrgico de la Iglesia. Las lecturas bíblicas seleccionadas para esta gran fiesta nos presentan una imagen que resume la historia de nuestra salvación a través de la vida, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo (el Misterio Pascual). En la lectura del libro de Daniel, escuchamos una visión de "uno semejante al Hijo del Hombre viniendo sobre las nubes del cielo". Esta figura apocalíptica acerca del "Anciano", el título hebreo para Dios. Por lo tanto, este Hijo del Hombre, un título que Jesúus usaría específicamente para él, recibe de Dios el poder y el dominio sobre toda la creación. En la segunda lectura Juan Evangelista identifica a Jesús como la persona "viniendo sobre las nubes del cielo" y pasa a describir a Jesús como "el Alfa y el Omega, el que es y que era y el que ha de venir, el Todopoderoso". En el momento en que estos pasajes fueron escritos, era más fácil para que las personas se relacionaran con la imagen del rey de lo que es para nosotros hoy. Sin embargo, este hecho también puede ayudar a poner en relieve la naturaleza real de la realeza de Cristo. En el pasaje del Evangelio de Juan vemos que Jesús responde a Pilatos diciéndole: "Mi reino no es de este mundo". En otras palabras, Jesús es diferente a todos los otros reyes y gobernantes terrenales. Todas las trampas habituales de poder, prestigio, autoridad, control, etc. no valen nada en el reino inaugurado a través de la persona de Jesucristo. El suyo es un reino de compasión, amor abnegado, generoso servicio y entrega a la gracia de Dios.

Mientras que Jesús proclama que el reino de Dios está entre nosotros ahora, no se realiza plenamente en nuestras instituciones y sociedades terrenales, ni siquiera en la Iglesia. La tradición nos recuerda que la Iglesia es un signo especial y portador de la buena nueva del reino, pero también lo es en la necesidad de renovación continua y conversión. El hecho de que es difícil a veces el reconocer la presencia del reino de Dios no significa que no exista. El reino existe y sigue creciendo gracias al esfuerzo de la gente de fe, como tú y yo. Vivir nuestra vocación bautismal forma la esencia de nuestra participación en la edificación del reino aquí en la tierra. Por lo tanto, la fidelidad a nuestras responsabilidades familiares, dando testimonio de Dios en el mercado, compartiendo nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial, son parte de nuestro compromiso con el reino. El Evangelio nos recuerda que el reino crece casi desapercibido como la semilla de mostaza, cuando los discípulos de Jesús se esfuerzan por vivir la verdad del Evangelio y traducir su significado a los demás, incluso en la cara de la oposición y el rechazo. El reinado de Jesucristo en nuestra vida cotidiana y en el mundo es la última verdad de toda vida humana y nos anima a mirar hacia adelante con esperanza a su plena realización en el cielo. Es en el contexto de esta fiesta de Cristo Rey que se presenta nuestro informe anual del "stewardship" de este año. Esperemos que todos podamos apreciar que tenemos un papel importante para ayudar a arraigar las raíces del reino en nuestra familia parroquial y en nuestra comunidad.

Padre Chester Borski
Cristo Rey
Reflexión sobre las lecturas:
Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan sobre la condición real de Jesús: Jesús es el Rey del Universo. Hoy celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey, con la cual termina este año litúrgico. Jesús es el Rey del Universo y reinará por los siglos de los siglos, por toda la eternidad. No nos podemos imaginar el amor infinito que Dios nos tiene, ya que nos creó, aún sabiendo que por habernos creado libres, lo traicionaríamos con nuestro pecado; y después, tendría que mandar a Jesús a la tierra para la redención de nuestros pecados a través de su muerte en la cruz. Jesús pagó por nuestros pecados, una deuda que Él no había adquirido, porque nosotros, los seres humanos, no podíamos pagarla. Esta celebración nos debe recordar nuestra condición de criaturas; fuimos creados por Dios, por su amor infinito. Pero también, fuimos salvados por Jesús, también por amor. Ante todo ese amor divino, no nos queda otra opción que corresponder a ese amor, con nuestro propio amor, con nuestra propia vida. Jesús es el Rey del Universo y debe ser también, el Rey de nuestros corazones. El Reino de Dios habita en nosotros mismos y Jesús debe ser el Rey que dicte nuestra forma de vida.
Compromiso de la semana: Me comprometeré a vivir mi vida con Jesús como el Rey de mi corazón.

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

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Cáliz de Vocaciones:
Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más Información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

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

PROJECTO 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 dejó para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es fácil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se le pueden negar si está dispuesto a seguir a Jesús. Pero muchos de nosotros solo bautizamos 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? Ayúdale 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.

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 registrar y dejar a sus hijos.

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