Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church  
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla  
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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 5:30 -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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Third Sunday  
OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 13, 2015

Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.  
Luke 3:11
First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 17-20, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 14-15, 24-25a; Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

“We have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Jubilee Year of Mercy last Tuesday because December 8 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. That council, Pope Francis reminds us, inaugurated a new phase in the Church’s history. The Spirit called the Church to tear down the walls that for far too long had made it a fortress, and to proclaim the gospel in a new, more accessible way. Pope Francis quotes Saint John XXIII in declaring the Church’s preference for “the medicine of mercy,” and Blessed Paul VI in proposing the Good Samaritan as our model for discipleship (Misericordiae Vultus, 4). Pope Francis adds that God’s mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel,” and that mercy “must penetrate the heart and mind” of every disciple (MV, 12). Three times today’s Gospel asks, “What should I do?” Pope Francis would say: imitate Jesus, who came not wielding the fiery judgment that John the Baptist had threatened, but instead imparting healing, compassion, forgiveness—mercy!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent signal an urgency in our preparation for the birth of the Savior. The message we have heard from John the Baptist throughout the season of Advent has called us to acts of heroic virtue and generous outreach to others. The Scriptural images that the prophet uses, e.g. “level mountains, fill in the valleys, make straight the highways,” literally challenge us to help change the world around us. At first these challenges sound so attractive and summon us to get started immediately on an adventure of witnessing to our faith. However, as soon as we try to respond to the Baptist’s call to action, we realize the enormity of the task and the fact that we must do this consistently on a regular basis. Thus, in this weekend’s Gospel account some of the people ask John, “What are we to do?” John the Baptist’s response takes the luster off their previous excitement. In effect he says to one inquirer, “Share your wealth.” To the tax collector he says, “Charge only what the law allows; let justice and fairness guide your actions.” To soldiers the Baptist cautions, “Do not misuse your authority. Treat people with respect. Be content with your role in life.” I am sure that each of us can easily imagine ourselves in the Gospel account and how the demands would cause us to squirm to some extent.

If we are to respond to the Advent call to “prepare the way of the Lord,” we need look no further than our daily lives and the many small, unexciting, and sometimes even irritating challenges that face us each and every day of our lives. It is by meeting these demands again and again with patience, with justice, and with love that we make ready the way of the Lord. This past week provided an insight into how this type of Gospel response can be lived out. We celebrated two wonderful Marian feasts that capture the themes of Advent in a marvelous way: the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the Gospel passage for one of those feasts we heard Mary described as “full of grace.” And indeed she was! Her greatness originated in God’s call to her and her response: “May it be done to me according to Your word.” There is a greatness in our lives too when we realize God’s gracious call to us through Baptism and we try to respond generously to that call. The mission of changing the world is a real one and comes from Jesus Christ himself. The adventurous imagery used in the Gospel is not deceptive. It envisions a real world that is truly possible when we allow God’s grace to permeate our whole lives. The way of the Lord can be closed off only if we refuse God’s invitation to become part of His wonderful adventure of transforming everything human. In essence this is what the feast of Christmas is really all about.

Fr. Chester Borski
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Marriage and A New Way to Love
Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. A NEW WAY TO LOVE – is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God’s purpose for your marriage. You will also learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively. It will start Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills). It is a great gift to give your spouse whether you are engaged to be married, married six months or 60 years.

Registration is required. For questions or registration, e-mail Francine at franp@stmartha.com. Childcare may be requested with your registration. To cover the cost of the participant manuals, $40.00 will be collected at the first session for each couple ($20.00 per person).

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.

Merry Christmas - Young at Heart-ers!
We would like to wish all of our Young at Heart-ers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We loved having you with us for 2015 and look forward to seeing you again in 2016. There will NOT be a luncheon on Wednesday, December 23rd. Check the bulletin for our 1st luncheon in January, 2016.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gatherings on Wednesday, December 16, to talk/eat-drink at 7:00 P.M. at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, AND WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.
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 December Dates: 15 & 22.
January Dates: 1/5, 12, 19, 26, 2016
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.
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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/holynome

The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's for its Executive Speaker Series and Christmas Party. There will be free wine, beer, and appetizers at this free event, open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Mr. Shawn Carney, co-founder & campaign director of 40 Days for Life, will be speaking. If you would be interested in carpooling to this event please let us know. Please email youngadults@stmartha.com or call Matt Cooke (718-887-6837) or Brian Summers (713-340-4211) for address details and more information. We hope to see you there!
St. Martha School Scoops

SMCS Beta Club students paid their respects to our country’s fallen heroes by laying wreaths in Houston National Cemetery for the annual “Wreaths Across America” event on December 12. Wreaths were laid upon headstones by thousands of volunteers at the event. Thank you, Beta students, for honoring and thanking our military veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Thank you to our SMCS families for your generous support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society with the many gift cards and necessary household items you donated for our Advent service project. Because of your kindness, we were able to bless over 30 families with beautiful student-decorated boxes filled with items needed by families in need plus gift cards to help provide them with a wonderful Christmas dinner. May God bless you for your great generosity!

Want to give your children a special gift for life this Christmas? Let SMCS help you give the gift of a Catholic education that will benefit your child throughout life! Please contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523 for information on registration for the 2016-2017 school year or limited openings for spring 2016.

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

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

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

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, 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

To subscribe to the newsletter e-mailed monthly with Edge event updates, please send an e-mail to Lisa Hartsfield at: lisah@stmartha.com
CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME BEGINS SOON!!!

Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics, of any age, to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. Watch future bulletins for more information or contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the MOORE 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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

While making your Christmas list this year, please consider a special gift to St. Martha’s debt reduction. At all Masses this Christmas, there will be a second collection to aid in the reduction of the principal owed on our beautiful new church. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Catholics Returning Home sends wishes for a blessed Advent Season and Merry Christmas to parishioners and clergy. We are praying for all of you and your families during this beautiful season and wish you a healthy and happy 2016! We are so grateful for your continued support and prayers. Merry Christmas, Sr. Maria Elena & Sr. Julie Note: Martha’s Kitchen will close on Monday, December 21 after our Christmas party for the guests and children and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016.
MONSIGNOR BORSKI TO BE HONORED

The Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence will be honoring Monsignor Borski at the Humanitarian Award Dinner on Friday, February 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 at the Omni Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd., San Antonio.

Monsignor Borski is being honored for his spirit of generosity through his years of service by encouraging and preparing lay ecclesial ministers to enable grass-roots people to value and share their gifts with the Church. Monsignor Borski held the position of Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education for four years and Rector of St. Mary’s Seminary for nineteen years. Monsignor has inspired the St. Martha community to reach out to parishioners and our communities through the 100 + dynamic ministries available at St. Martha.

Come join us at the dinner – tickets are available for $100 apiece or $1,000 for a table of 10. Watch future bulletins for more information on how you can reserve your spot. If you are unable to attend, your generous donations will show support for our Pastor.

The funds will benefit the Order of Sisters of The Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence (two of their members manage Martha’s Kitchen) and the other sisters have been working at the diocesan and parish levels in religious and academic education, hospital and prison chaplaincy and social services for over 83 years.

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE

Fruits of Your Labor…

MONICA’S HOPE: Two years ago, a couple from St. Martha's parish realized a need for support for family members of troubled children of ALL ages and formed Monica's Hope. St. Monica, who prayed tirelessly for the conversion of her son, is our patron. God heard her prayers and her son, St. Augustine, became a great Saint and Doctor of the church. He hears our prayers, too. Over time we have witnessed so many positive changes in our lives and those of our children.

All are welcome as we pray for our children and each other, study scripture and spiritual writings, and accompany one another on our journeys in/with Christ's love and mercy. We gather the first Monday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the library at the Woodland Hills campus.

GABRIEL PROJECT: The Gabriel Project Ministry helps mothers through crisis pregnancies. We are currently working with two mothers that have contacted us and we are helping them emotionally and spiritually. They are both due any day and we assure them that they will have what they need to bring their babies home. Please pray for the moms and their babies. Our one mother is going through extreme difficult times as her 17 year old son Christian was in car accident and has sever spinal injuries. Please keep Christian in your prayers that God will watch over him and guide him and his family during this difficult time.

We are pleased to announce the birth of two new babies. One precious boy and one beautiful girl. Please continue to pray for our mothers and the babies all over the world.

The Gabriel Project Ministry wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Enclosed in your envelopes for December is a special envelope marked “Special Offering for Christmas Flowers.” All donations in these envelopes will be dedicated to the purchase of the flowers and greens used in the Church. There is a place on the back of the envelope for you to indicate in whose memory you would like the donation to be. Deadline to turn envelopes in is Sunday, December 13.
Blanket Drive for the Homeless

FSHS (Kingwood High School Catholic Club) is collecting new or gently used blankets and/or sleeping bags as a part of their community outreach program. The collected donations will be distributed to the homeless people of Houston at Martha’s Kitchen. Anyone who donates a blanket will receive a free St. Martha Christmas ornament. Collection containers are located at the Youth Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. For more information (or to pick up your ornament), please contact Marcelle Chamoun, 713-409-2779, marcelle1009@icloud.com

“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!”

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.

THE 2016 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!
Sunday Missal - $2.00/Calendar - $1.00
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

Women’s ACTS Retreat -- February 11-14, 2016

Searching for the perfect gift for your wife, sister or daughter? It’s right here – the next Women’s ACTS Retreat!! It’ll be a weekend she will always cherish!

An ACTS retreat is a 3 day/ 3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service (ACTS) presented by parishioners of St. Martha. It will be a wonderful weekend to spend with God while focusing on your faith journey.

Registration will be held in the Narthex after all masses beginning on December 19 & 20. Registration is limited and is on a first-come basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. Total cost is $190, but don’t let that stand in the way of your attending the best weekend retreat of the year! If you have any questions, contact the retreat director, Fran McConnell, at 832-248-0103 or mcconnell6@comcast.net.

Jubilee Year of Mercy:
Dec. 8, 2015—Nov. 20, 2016

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great new app from Our Sunday Visitor! 365 Days to Mercy is designed to accompany you on your spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The app includes daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis’ tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more. Go to your app store and search “365 Days to Mercy” and install it today! Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.

Please welcome those who entered the Church through Baptism at the Christ the King Service on Sunday, November 22nd, 2014

Yailin Carbajal and Tony Garza.

Those who enter into Full Communion through Eucharist and Confirmation

Andrew Ebersbaker, Brandy Recio, Jacqueline Silva, Jessica Snider, Guadalupe Gamez and Leticia de Los Santos
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our chapel twenty-four hours every 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 the hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is ever really “filled” because people have schedules that change. Parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not they are other adorers already scheduled for that time. Both regular adorers and substitutes are always needed. Even if you are unable to commit to a regular hour each week, 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
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 AM
- Thursday: 1-2 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 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com.

If you need a substitute for your holy hour, please call your appropriate division leader listed below:
- Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6AM
- Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6AM-Noon
- Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6PM
- Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6PM-Midnight

Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage?
Think again.

Teams of Our Lady USA
A movement of conjugal spirituality

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful.

If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM at the home of Mary Anne and Brian Sokol (in Hunters Ridge) contact Mary Anne Sokol @ 281-642-3821 or e-mail mas1976@live.com for more information and to reserve a spot.
Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español. Estaremos a sus órdenes en el Nartex después de la misa del la 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 inciamos 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

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Iglesia Católica de Santa Marta

Bautizados en Jesucristo, adoramos como uno y alcanzamos a todos

Cena y Baile de Gala
San Valentín

2016

Fecha: Febrero 20 de 2016
Hora: 7:30pm a 11:30pm
Lugar: Kingwood Country Club
1700 Lake Kingwood Trail,
Kingwood TX 77339
Informes: Emma Rocha (281)3586637

Separe la fecha
Feb. 20, 2016

Costo $120 por pareja

Orquesta Mango Punch
Ministerio Hispano

3° Domingo de Adviento
Reflexión sobre las lecturas

El pasado 8 de Diciembre acaba de comenzar el Año Jubileo de la Misericordia ordenado por el Papa Francisco. Uno de los objetivos que el Papa quiere que hagamos es el practicar las Obras de Misericordia. Las lecturas de hoy nos ayudan a ver cómo debe ser nuestra misericordia con nuestro prójimo. En su carta a los Filipenses, el apóstol San Pablo nos dice que nuestra benevolencia debe ser conocida por todos. Los Cristianos estamos llamados a amar a nuestro prójimo y a demostrar ese amor con hechos. Esa es la mejor forma en que podemos Evangelizar a los demás, mostrándoles con nuestro ejemplo cómo debe ser ese amor. Cuando le preguntan a Juan el Bautista que ¿qué deben hacer?, Juan les dice que si tienen dos túnicas, den una al que no tiene ninguna y que quien tenga comida que haga lo mismo. Estamos llamados a compartir lo que tenemos con los pobres y hacerlo por amor a ellos. Aprovechamos este Año de la Misericordia para ser generosos con todos los que lo necesiten.

Compromiso de la semana: ayudaré a los pobres con comida y/o ropa para que no sufran hambre ni frío en esta temporada.

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

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.

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—

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 bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesús le dejó a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.

Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica, Ayudalo y pasale este anuncio, 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.

Convalidación de Matrimonios:
¿Te falta el Sacramento de Matrimonio? ¿Necesitas ayuda emocional o espiritual en tu Matrimonio? Para más información llame al Sr. Rubén o Sra. Janett Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o puedes comunicarte por email: matrimonios@stmartha.co

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.
COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE
Francine Puglia  281.713.8954

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For the weekend of Dec. & 5 & 6 your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 72,051
Sunday Collection $ 56,510
Over/(Under) $ (15,541)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,657,173
Sunday Collection $ 1,509,024
Over/(Under) $ (58,149)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 12,941
Martha’s Kitchen $ 19,531
Prest Retirement $ 515

2015 DSF Goal $ 295,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 326,205

Current Loan Debt: $ 12,584,649