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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): .................. 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: .......................... 5:30 PM
Sunday: ................ 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español ............................. 1:00 PM
Life Teen: .............................. 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: ............................. 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ................ 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: ................ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: ................ 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ............................. 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:30 -7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church 10:30-11:45 AM
Church 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

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Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2, Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8, Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6, Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-10, Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21, Ps 96:1-2, 11-13, Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 1:19-28

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Monday:** The Holy Innocents

**Tuesday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket

**Wednesday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Thursday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I, New Year’s Eve

**Friday:** The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday, New Year’s Day

**Saturday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- **Mon./Dec. 28**
  - 8:30 am  †Fernando Cuadra
  - 8:30 am  †Pat O’Brien
  - 7:00 pm  †Andres Mendiola, Jr.

- **Tues./Dec. 29**
  - 8:30 am  †Graham Smith
  - 10:00 am  Julie & Bill Sala

- **Wed./Dec. 30**
  - 8:30 am  †Joyce Reny
  - 8:30 am  †Arvs Dalton

- **Thurs./Dec. 31**
  - 6:30 am  †Joyce Reny
  - 8:30 am  †Arvs Dalton

- **Sat./Jan. 2**
  - 8:30 am  Pro-Life Mass
  - 5:30 pm  †Emil Anderson

- **Sun./Jan. 3**
  - 7:00 pm  †Jackie Giacalone
  - 9:00 am  †Glenn Baker
  - 11:00 am  †Jimmie Massey
  - 1:00 pm  †Craig Gutkowski
  - 5:30 pm  †Emma Vargas

**Please note:** During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

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

Creighton Heslop
Priscilla Patricio (mother of Juliesta Patricio and Robert and Josefina Cunento)
Theresa Cernosek
Mary Lou McVay
Rufus Miller

From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Feast of the Holy Family was introduced into our liturgical calendar for the Sunday immediately following Christmas and it was done as an encouragement to Christian families. The real significance of this feast is that it challenges us to look beyond the family unit and see the wider implications of family in terms of faithful discipleship and mission. The word family is one of the richest words in our language. We use it to mean different things and realities, many kinds of relationships, many kinds of values and attitudes. In combination with other concepts the word becomes even more inclusive and rich: family name, family circle, extended family, church family, the human family, etc. It is in this widest sense of family that we can understand the thrust of the Scripture readings for today’s celebration. After careful reflection we can see that the emphasis is not so much on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Nazareth, as it is on the family of God and our mission in the world. We have become one family through the miracle of the Incarnation celebrated at Christmas. The Creator of all things became a creature (a human being) in order to unite us to each other in an intimate union of His grace and in a common mission of transforming the world into His Kingdom.

Is this a realistic hope in our day and in our time? It is certainly not easy to form a family today, and even less easy to bring up children with sound values and principles. It is certainly not easy to build a parish family in which all feel welcomed around the table of the Lord and all participate actively in promoting a common faith vision that is truly “catholic” in its outreach. It seems next to impossible to build a better world in which we can live in peace and harmony with people of other nations and religious traditions. But has it ever been easy? My parents grew up in the Great Depression and it certainly was not easy for them. My generation grew up scarred by the effects of several terrible wars: World War II, the Korean “conflict,” and the Vietnam war. This present generation is struggling to make sense out of 9/11, the escalating conflict with ISIS, and the growing number of terror attacks like those in Paris. Every generation has had to come to the realization that it is very difficult to live as a family united in love and respect for all. The early Church faced similar difficulties and these struggles are mentioned throughout the writings and epistles of the New Testament. An example of their struggles is reflected in our second reading today from the 1st Letter of St. John. Here the disciples are challenged to embrace the teaching of the Lord: “We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.” About ten years ago our parish pastoral council was motivated to adopt this Gospel mandate as a vision statement for our parish family of St. Martha: “Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.” On this feast of the Holy Family let us recommit ourselves to making this vision a reality in our lives.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)
December 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM
January 1: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Bi-lingual Mass)

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1st.

SPONSOR NEEDED FOR RCIA PROCESS
Would you enjoy sharing your love of Christ with someone who is considering the Catholic faith?
Sponsors are mentors who will introduce the participant to parish life and accompany them on their journey as a friend. Sponsors do not teach the material.
Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha’s Parish.
Please call for more information:
RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197
Or send us an email: RCIA@stmartha.com

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Saturday, Jan. 2
**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).

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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/holyname

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**Happy New Year—Young at Heart-ers!**
We would like to wish all of our Young at Heart-ers a Happy New Year. We loved having you with us for 2015 and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

Check the bulletin for our 1st luncheon in January, 2016.

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**The Rosary Guild** is looking for Crafty people to come share fellowship and help create Rosaries to be shared around our parish. We meet on the second Sunday of the month from 1-3 p.m. in Room 2.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, has its next event on Wednesday, January 6, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Schlotzsky’s Deli, 9781 FM 1960 Bypass West in Humble. On Saturday, January 9, join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martha’s, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy., meal afterwards at Taqueria Alma Latina at 24660 Hwy. 59 in Kingwood (on southbound side of freeway about 1 ½ miles north of Northpark). Meet in the narthex at 5:15 p.m. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths1@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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**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.
St. Martha School Scoops

The students, families and staff of St. Martha Catholic School thank our wonderful parishioners and community businesses whose generous donations in 2015 have supported our mission to educate our students in mind, heart and spirit.

May God bless you all with a new year filled with peace, love and joy!

Open House for Prospective Students and their Families
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 * 4 to 6 p.m.
2411 Oak Shores Drive * Faith Formation Campus
For more information contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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 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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR CCE
There will be NO CCE classes (K-8th) on the following dates:
Sundays: December 20-January 3
Wednesdays: December 16-January 6
Faith Formation Office will be closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SOCIAL
FRIENDS, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN!
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!
January 9, 2016
[6:00 – 9:00PM] in the FLC
COST: $6 if you pay by Thursday, January 7
$8 if you pay at the door (must have signed permission slip or an adult to sign)
Lisa Hartsfield: lisah@stmartha.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14
JUST SHOW UP AND HAVE FUN
Drinks, Snacks, and Awards
Contact: Mark Roseland Phone:281-782-3145 E-mail: markaroseland@gmail.com
Date of Competition: January 9, 2015
Location: St. Martha Activity Center
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Sponsored by: St. Martha Knights of Columbus Council # 12320
Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition. Age as of January 1, 2015. 9-14 years old
What is Catholics Returning Home?

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. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you.

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.

January 12 – February 16, 2016
Tuesday Evenings - 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Room #5 (Woodland Hills Campus)

The Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, support group format. The sessions are informational and formational. Topics of the six week sessions are:

- Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
- Further sharing and discussion
- The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
- Explanation of Reconciliation/Confession, Q&A
- Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact:
Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8968

* Babysitting is available upon request.
* All who choose to participate in this program will remain in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.
MONSIGNOR BORSKI TO BE HONORED

The Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence will be honoring Monsignor Borski at the Humanitarian Award Dinner on Friday, February 12th, 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 who 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.
Women’s ACTS Retreat – February 11-14, 2016
Don’t let the Holidays get you down!! Start the New Year off with a Resolution to grow closer to God. Sign-up for the next Women’s ACTS Retreat scheduled the second week of February. This will be a weekend that will make 2016 the best year for you and your family.
The ACTS Retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service (ACTS) presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited, so sign-up after any weekend Mass starting Jan 2/3rd. Registration must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let the financial part keep you from attending the best Women’s retreat of the year! If you have any questions, contact the retreat director, Fran McConnell, at 832-248-0103 or mcconnell6@comcast.net.

St. Martha Catholic School
Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Open House
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
4 to 6 p.m.
2411 Oak Shores Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339

For more information, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or visit www.stmarthacs.org.

St. Martha car decals for sale in the parish office. $5.00 each.
For more information call:
281-358-6637

Divorced. Catholic. Now What?
Navigating Your Life After Divorce
This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- Healing
- Anger
- Divorce and Annulment
- Helping Children Cope
- Forgiveness
- Gratitude
- Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and still Catholic.

February 17 – May 4, 2016, Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room (Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact: Vicki Rück, 713.927.8815, vickiruck@suddenlink.net

*Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

St. Martha’s Grief Support Group
St. Martha’s grief support group will resume on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 through March 15, 2016. We will meet from 7 pm to 9 pm on Tuesday evenings at the Woodland Hills Campus in Room 3 of the Family Life Center. All those who are experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one are welcome to join us. The new program, Walking Through Grief, consists of a DVD each week, followed by sharing. Attendees may come for any or all sessions. For registration or questions, please call or e-mail Laura at 281-360-2714 or laurie@kingwoodcable.com.
OCTOBER 2015

ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS
AT ST. MARTHA

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, please call Peggy Wehe at 281-546-9884 or e-mail work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

Parishioners are always invited to choose a time that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already scheduled to be there. Both regular adorers and substitutes are always needed. Even if you're unable to commit to a regular time, you are always welcome to drop by at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation. Lord at any time, please feel free to visit our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. 

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Miguel Perez will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 20, 2016 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation at St. Martha Parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia fue introducida en nuestro calendario litúrgico para el Domingo inmediatamente después de Navidad y fue hecho como un estímulo para las familias cristianas. El verdadero significado de esta fiesta es que nos desafía a mirar más allá de la unidad familiar y ver las implicaciones más amplias de la familia en términos de misión y discipulado fiel. La palabra *familia* es una de las palabras más ricas de nuestro idioma. La utilizamos para significar cosas diferentes y realidades, muchos tipos de relaciones, muchas clases de valores y actitudes. En combinación con otros conceptos de la palabra se vuelve aún más incluyente y rica: *apellido, círculo familiar, familia extendida, familia de la iglesia, la familia humana*, etc. Es en este sentido más amplio de la familia podemos entender el empuje de las lecturas de las Escrituras para la celebración de hoy. Después de una cuidadosa reflexión, podemos ver que el enfasis no está tanto en Jesús, María y José en Nazaret, ya que es en la familia de Dios y nuestra misión en el mundo. Nos hemos convertido en una familia a través del milagro de la Encarnación celebrada en Navidad. El Creador de todas las cosas se convirtió en una criatura (un ser humano) con el fin de unirnos entre sí en una unión íntima de su gracia y en la misión común de transformar el mundo en Su Reino.

¿Es esto una esperanza real en nuestros días y en nuestro tiempo? Ciertamente, no es fácil formar una familia hoy en día, y mucho menos fácil de criar a sus hijos con los valores y principios sólidos. Ciertamente, no es fácil construir una familia parroquial en la que todos se sientan bienvenidos en torno a la mesa del Señor, y todos participen activamente en la promoción de una visión común de fe que es verdaderamente "católico" en su alcance. Parece casi imposible construir un mundo mejor en el que podamos vivir en paz y armonía con las personas de otras naciones y tradiciones religiosas. ¿Pero no ha sido nunca fácil? Mis padres crecieron en la era de la Gran Depresión y ciertamente no fue fácil para ellos. Mi generación creció marcada por los efectos de varias guerras terribles: II Guerra Mundial, el "conflicto" de Corea y la guerra de Vietnam. Esta generación actual está luchando para dar sentido a 9/11, la escalada del conflicto con ISIS, y el creciente número de ataques terroristas como los de París. Cada generación ha tenido que llegar a la conclusión de que es muy difícil vivir como una familia unida en el amor y respeto para todos. La Iglesia primitiva se enfrentó a dificultades similares y estas luchas se mencionan a lo largo de los escritos y epístolas del Nuevo Testamento. Un ejemplo de su lucha se refleja en nuestra segunda lectura de hoy de la primera carta de San Juan. Aquí los discípulos tienen el reto de abrazar la enseñanza del Señor: "Debemos creer en el nombre de su Hijo, Jesucristo, y el amarnos unos a otros como él nos ha mandado". Hace unos diez años, nuestro consejo pastoral parroquial fue motivado para adoptar este mandato Evangélico como una declaración de la visión para nuestra familia parroquial de Santa Marta: "Bautizados en Cristo Jesús, adoramos como uno y llegamos a todos". En esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia dejemos nuestro compromiso de hacer de esta visión una realidad en nuestras vidas.

Padre Chester Borski

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**RETIRO 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 de 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 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 deposito 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**

**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)358-6637*

*Costo $120 por pareja*
*Orquesta Mango Punch*
*Separe la fecha Feb. 20, 2016*
**Ministerio Hispano**

**Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**

**Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:**
El primer objetivo que el Papa Francisco quiere para este año de la Misericordia es que experimentemos la Misericordia de Dios a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Para hacer una buena Reconciliación tenemos que, primero hacer un buen y completo examen de conciencia. Revisar nuestras acciones, palabras, pensamientos a la luz de los Diez Mandamientos de Dios, los Cinco Mandamientos de la Iglesia y los Siete Pecados Capitales. También tenemos que reconocer todo el bien que no hemos hecho y que pudimos haber hecho, los pecados de omisión. Después es muy importante tener un corazón verdaderamente arrepentido del dolor que hemos causado con nuestro pecado y tener una intención firme de no volver a pecar. Antes de poder ir a confesarnos, tenemos que perdonar a todas aquellas personas que nos han ofendido. Jesús fue muy claro cuando nos enseñó la Oración del Padre Nuestro en el Evangelio de San Mateo, que si no perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, nuestro Padre no nos perdonará nuestros pecados. Es por eso que es vital el perdonar antes de ser perdonados. Ya después de estos pasos, podemos ir a confesar nuestros pecados con un Sacerdote y cumplir la penitencia para obtener el perdón de nuestros pecados. Compromiso de la semana: Haré un buen examen de conciencia y cumpliré con los pasos para hacer una buena Reconciliación esta semana.

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

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**Cáliz de Vocaciones**

¿Estás interesado en tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en tu 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. Mayor información con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

**Proyecto Gabriel—**

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

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

Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayúdalo y pasále este anuncio, invítalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.

Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos. Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Sábados de 8:30 a 10:30 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.

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MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 728-392-1210 o enviar un e-mail a managoretti.espanol@gmail.com

Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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**Monaguillos:**

Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por e-mail al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

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**Convalidación de Matrimonios:**

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

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A STewardSHIP PRAYER
Gracious and Loving God, the old year has passed and a new year begun. We thank you for your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received. As we embrace a new year, breathe freely through us and renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose. Give us the grace to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us and to serve you with generous, compassionate and loving hearts. Bless our days ahead.

Give us the courage to be faithful. And show us how to proclaim the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.