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 10:30 -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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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

The Epiphany of the Lord
Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:1-2

JANUARY 3, 2016
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas

Jubilee Year of Mercy -The Epiphany of the Lord

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Epiphany celebrates God’s mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God’s covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could “recalculate” their quest with the help of God’s own “GPS,” the Jewish scriptures. How challenging and humbling for the magi invite us to “recalculate” our life’s journey during this Jubilee Year—to follow the star of God’s mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become “guiding stars” leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

One of the great aspects of Christianity is its “incarnational dimension,” its public visibility brought about because the Son of God took on human flesh and walked this earth. From the very beginning the Christian faith has been practiced openly and in full view of the rest of the world. Even during times of persecution the followers of Jesus have gathered as a public assembly to give worship to God. Certainly there have been times when Christians have had to meet in homes and in places unknown to the authorities who sought to arrest them, but they did gather on a regular basis and they invited others to join them in their worship and in living the way of Christ. Many would suffer martyrdom because of the public profession of their Christian faith. There is nothing secretive about Christianity’s creed and the world never has had to guess what Christians stand for, what their faith is all about, and who it is they believe in. This essential dimension of Christianity is reflected in this great Feast of the Epiphany. The word “epiphany” means to make manifest or obvious, to show forth, or to set in the light. This meaning is revealed in the wonderful story of the Magi who come in search of the Savior and are led by a star. The Wise Men are eloquent symbols of humanity itself in search of the truth and longing for the gift of God’s grace that makes visible God’s love for all people. The account from the Gospel of Matthew reveals that it is Jesus Christ who can satisfy our deepest need to know the truth. And Jesus does not hide himself or the gift he offers to us. His message and his life are open to every man, woman, and child on earth. This truth is highlighted by the fact that the Magi were pagan foreigners and they did not belong to the chosen people of Israel.

There is another symbol in the Epiphany story. It is that of Herod, an anti-hero who represents humanity at its worst. He manifests the kingdom of darkness that is in the world trying to block out the brilliance of the light made manifest in the newborn Savior. There will always exist those who put up barriers to the path of others seeking God. Sometimes it is the powerful of the world (like Herod) who try to snuff out humanity itself and the light of faith which reveals the path of love, peace, and justice which are to walk. Several generations ago it was Adolf Hitler and similar brutal tyrants. Today it is personified in ISIS and other groups who have no respect or regard for human beings. Sadly it can also be Christians like ourselves who become obstacles by the way we live our lives in opposition to Gospel values. Any time we say or do anything that makes it more difficult for others to recognize and understand the truth of the Gospel, we are playing out the role of Herod and his imitators. Any time we do nothing or fail to contribute to the building up of God’s Kingdom in our family and parish community, we are diminishing the light of Christ in our world. Christianity is a revelation of a way of life that speaks openly and honestly to the deepest questions, needs, and desires of humanity. And the Church carries out this universal mission with equal intensity to everyone and in every age. Epiphany reminds us that we do this by allowing our whole lives to become the star of Bethlehem drawing others to Jesus Christ.

Fr. Chester Borski

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.

HOLIDAYS FOR CCE

There will be NO CCE classes (K-8th) on the following dates: Sunday: January 3 and Wednesday: January 6

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Presentation of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m.

More information coming soon!!

Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

Don’t suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 4, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, email marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.
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).

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 elizabeth2@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
THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 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 Scripture led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. 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 You Tube. Click the You Tube icon on the website home page to view.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy New Year!!!
Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! How about making the Young at Heart Luncheon one of your New Year's Resolutions. If you haven't joined us yet, come check it out. It really is a lot of fun. Continue your New Year's celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2016 on Wednesday, January 13. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281 358-6637 ext. 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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

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
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.

Parenting/Youth

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, January 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com

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

Just show up and have fun
Drinks, Snacks, and Awards

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 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.

PRAYER is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations. Are you able to commit to praying for vocations in 2016?

“Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen.”

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.

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.

St. Martha Catholic Church

Valentine’s Gala 2016

Date: February 20, 2016
Time: 7:30pm - 11:30pm
Location: Kingwood Country Club
1700 Lake Kingwood Trail,
Kingwood TX 77339
Info: Emma Rocha (281)358-6637

Cost $120 per couple
Featuring Mango Punch

Save The Date
Feb. 20, 2016
Women’s ACTS Retreat -- February 11-14, 2016

Make your Valentine very happy!!! Give her the gift of the ACTS Retreat February 11-14 and she will love you for it! These are great gifts for your wife, mother, sister or daughter. Valentine gifts are available after every weekend mass. The weekend will be a way to further a personal faith journey and make 2016 the best year.

We focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service (ACTS) for a 3 day/3 night retreat. Sign-up after any weekend mass in the Narthex in January. Registration must include a $50 non-refundable deposit. (Cost is $190.) Any questions or concerns, please contact the retreat director, Fran McConnell, at 832-248-0103 or mcconnell6@comcast.net.

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!

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.

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.

St. Martha Catholic School
Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Open House
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
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Kingwood, Texas 77339

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

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!
ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS

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 didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed. Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha please call Peggy Wehe at 281-546-9884 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for KC Curtis

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that KC Curtis 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, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep KC in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for Diego Montiel

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Diego Montiel 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, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Diego in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for Ruben Manosalva

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Ruben Manosalva 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, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Ruben in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for Miguel Perez

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, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Miguel in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

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 there 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:

- Saturday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM.
- 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
- Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127
- Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439
- Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127
- Annunciat Hopkins at 281-360-1258
- Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127
- Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439
Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.

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Mary, Mother of God Mass times: 9 am, 11 am, & 1 pm (Bi-lingual Mass)
Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Martha’s Kitchen Closed

8:30 am Pro-life Mass

1-3 pm KofC Free throw competition
6-9 pm EDGE Social, FLC

Each year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta.

Uno de los grandes aspectos del cristianismo es su "dimensión de encarnación", su visibilidad pública provocada porque el Hijo de Dios tomó forma humana y caminó en esta tierra. Desde el principio de la fe cristiana, la dimensión de encarnación ha sido una característica fundamental del cristianismo. Esta dimensión se refleja en la gran fiesta de la Epifanía.

La palabra "epifanía" significa hacer manifiesto o evidente, para manifestar, o para establecerse a la luz. Este significado se revela en la maravillosa historia de los Reyes Magos que vienen en busca del Salvador guiados por una estrella. Los Reyes Magos son símbolos elocuentes de la propia humanidad en la búsqueda de la verdad y la nostalgia por el don de la gracia de Dios que hace visible el amor de Dios para todas las personas. El relato del Evangelio de Mateo revela que es Jesucristo, el que puede satisfacer nuestra necesidad más profunda de conocer la verdad. Y Jesús no se oculta a sí mismo o el regalo que nos ofrece. Su mensaje y vida están abiertos a cada hombre, mujer y niño en la Tierra. Esta verdad se destaca por el hecho de que los Reyes Magos eran extranjeros paganos y ellos no pertenecían al pueblo elegido de Israel.

Hay otro símbolo en la historia de la Epifanía. Es la de Herodes, un anti-héroe que representa a la humanidad en su peor momento. Él se manifiesta en el reino de la oscuridad que hay en el mundo, tratando de bloquear el brillo de la luz que se manifiesta en el nacimiento del nuevo salvador. Siempre existirán aquellos que ponen barreras a la senda de otros que buscan a Dios. A veces es el poderoso del mundo (como Herodes) que trata de apagar la humanidad misma y la luz de la fe que revela el camino del amor, la paz y la justicia que son el camino. Hace varias generaciones fue Adolf Hitler y tiranos brutales similares. Hoy en día se personifica en ISIS y otros grupos que no tienen respeto ni consideración para los seres humanos. Lamentablemente, también puede ser cristianos como nosotros que se convierten en obstáculos de la forma como vivimos nuestras vidas en oposición a los valores del Evangelio. Cada vez que decimos o hacemos cualquier cosa que hace que sea más difícil para los demás reconocer y comprender la verdad del Evangelio, y que está jugando el papel de Herodes y sus imitadores. Cada vez que no hacemos nada o dejamos de contribuir a la edificación del Reino de Dios en nuestra familia y comunidad parroquial, estamos disminuyendo la luz de Cristo en nuestro mundo. El cristianismo es una revelación de un modo de vida que habla abierta y honestamente a las preguntas más profundas, necesidades y deseos de la humanidad. Y la Iglesia lleva a cabo esta misión universal con la misma intensidad para todos y en todas las épocas. Epifanía nos recuerda que hacemos esto al permitir que toda nuestra vida se convierta en la estrella de Belén guiando a otros a Jesucristo.

Padre Chester Borski

RETIRIO DE HOMBRES
ACTS
28 al 31 de Enero, 2016
Ya están abiertas las inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español. Estaremos a sus órdenes en el Nartex después de la misa del 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 depósito de $50 al momento de llenar la solicitud. El costo completo del Retiro es de $190. Por favor no deje pasar esta oportunidad, si necesita alguna ayuda con el costo del retiro, podemos platicarlo. Para preguntas, contactar al director del Retiro, Javier Galvez al 832-515-1850 o a ACTSMS6@gmail.com
Ministerio Hispano

Solemnidad de la Epifanía
Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:
El segundo objetivo que el Papa Francisco tiene para nosotros en este año de la Misericordia es que hagamos peregrinaciones hacia las Iglesias en donde se abrieron las Puertas Santas. En nuestra Arquidiócesis, se abrieron Puertas Santas en la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón en el centro de Houston y en la Basílica Catedral de Santa María en Galveston. Al atravesar las Puertas Santas podemos obtener Indulgencias por nuestros pecados y por las almas en el Purgatorio. Para poder obtener la Indulgencia, tenemos que estar en Gracia con Dios y haber hecho una buena Reconciliación con un Sacerdote; recibir la Comunión antes o después de haber pasado la Puerta Santa; orar por las intenciones del Papa; y en este año de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco nos pide dos cosas más: Rezar un Credo y hacer una Obra de Misericordia con nuestro prójimo. Si tienen más preguntas sobre que son las Indulgencias y cómo obtenerlas, no duden en preguntárselo a alguno de nuestros Sacerdotes o Diáconos. Durante las próximas reflexiones iremos meditando cada una de las Obras Corporales y Espirituales de Misericordia.
Compromiso de la semana: Me prepararé para hacer una peregrinación a alguna de las Puertas Santas para obtener una Indulgencia por mí o por el alma de algún ser querido que pudiera estar en el Purgatorio.

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

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

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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios, herramientas, gracias que Jesus nos dejo para poder seguirlo por el camino de nuestra vida diaria, que no siempre es facil, por eso nos invita a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirle hacia la vida eterna. Estas ayudas-sacramentos están aquí en la Iglesia y son para todos a nadie se les pueden negar si están dispuestos a seguir a Jesus. Pero muchos de nosotros solo nos bautizaron y no tenemos todos nuestros Sacramentos de iniciación que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía; por tal razón no participamos de estas ayudas que nuestro Señor Jesus le dejo a su iglesia por medio de su sacrificio en la cruz.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que quiere unirse a nuestra Iglesia Católica? Ayudalo y pasale este anuncio, invitalo a participar en el proceso del RICA.
Este proceso es para Católicos y No Católicos que tienen muchas preguntas o dudas y quieren entender nuestra fe o completar sus sacramentos. Ven y participa con nosotros. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6:30-9:00 p.m. comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática.
Comunícate con Jaime Gómez (281-973-1857) sacramentos@stmartha.co

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.

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPANOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO
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 281-389-1210 o enviar un email a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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

Cristo es nuestra Gracia, viva, grande y presente en nuestro medio.

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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, One God forever and ever. Amen.