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): ....
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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CONFIRMATION
Ana Leija  281.713.8915
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR (EDGE)
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HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR (LIFE TEEN)
Laura Gallardo  281.358.1959x252

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DIRECTOR OF LITURGY
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FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 9 & 10 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $    $ 1,799,000
Over/(Under)  $    $ 194,700
Year To Date:
Week  18 Over/(Under)  $     $ 48,580
Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary $ 961
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 70,643

For the weekend of Jan. 9 & 10 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $ 72,051
Over/(Under)  $ 48,580
Year To Date:
Week  18 Over/(Under)  $ 48,580
Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary $ 961
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 70,643

For the weekend of Jan. 9 & 10 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget  $ 72,051
Over/(Under)  $ 19,131
Year To Date:
Week  18 Over/(Under)  $ 48,580
Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary $ 961
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 70,643

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us of the loving kindness and generosity of God manifested to us, his people. These readings are best understood in light of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the arrival of the Messiah, especially those from the prophet Isaiah. There are several sections from Isaiah that speak of a “suffering servant” who would come to bring God’s healing to the people and this servant is described as the beloved of God. In today’s reading the prophet tells us that “as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.” I wonder how often we reflect on this message that we are “God’s beloved people.” Do we fully accept the teaching from the sacred Scriptures that God delights in us? St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians emphasizes that God has poured out his Spirit upon us and filled us with all kinds of spiritual gifts which are to be used for the benefit of the whole community. All these blessings are showered upon us when we were baptized and were claimed by God to be his very own people. At the same time God’s word is reminding us that as his beloved people we are to be “signs” or manifestations of God’s saving love and mercy to the world.

The Gospel text about the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee marvelously recounts how this mystery of God’s gracious love unfolds in ordinary human life. St. John the Evangelist takes advantage of this wedding celebration to teach us that Jesus is the one who has come to give joy to our feasts, i.e. those moments when we take the opportunity to celebrate life and are graced with the ability to notice that God is the source of all life and joy. Jesus does this through the first of his great “signs” by turning the water into wine. (In the Gospel of John these “signs” are deeds of God which point to a deeper reality being revealed, similar to what the Church teaches about the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.) The wine served is now called “the good wine” and indicates that we are “the new people of God” being formed through the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Notice that in the story Mary is depicted as having a special role as the Mother of the Church. She knew that the people were lacking in joy and were without the spirit which fills the heart with grace and gratitude. That is why she is the one who asks Jesus to bring his wine to the feast, i.e. to start pouring out the Spirit upon the relationships of the people with God and with one another. We as the Church, as the people of God, are invited to participate in the wedding banquet of life where the good wine (i.e. the spirit of love and service) flows abundantly and generously through us and transforms our families, our parish community, and our world.

Fr. Chester Borski

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Bishops’ Fund for Latin America
Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Please be generous in the collection for the Church in Latin America next weekend.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, Jan. 23 & 24, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

The Disciple Maker Index Survey Opens this Week!
Please Read and Help!
Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. If you have your e-mail, the survey will be e-mailed to you the week of January 18th by DiscipleMakerIndex@measuring-success.com. If you don’t use e-mail, please use the generic survey link to complete the survey: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2334891/df06576fe3d3-Generic
You can also obtain a paper copy in the Narthex/Parish Office or by contacting Jodi at 281-358-6637.

The survey will only be available from the week of January 18 through Ash Wednesday, February 10, and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Msgr. Borski and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!
MASS INTENTIONS

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

James Flannigan (husband of Paula Flannigan)
Cheryl Mueller (sister of Frank Falleri, aunt of Matthew Falleri & Stephanie Gaskin)
Pat Reid
Al Angelino (father of Tom Angelino)

Fri./Jan. 22
8:30 am  †Felix “Phil” Borski

Sat./Jan. 23
5:30 pm  †Robert Mansfield

Sun./Jan. 24
7:00 am  †Theodore Bella
9:00 am  †Frank & Lilian Krchnak
11:00 am  †Teresa Parissi
1:00 pm  †Ruben Salazar
5:30 pm  †Eduardo Rocha

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother’s request (John 2:1-11).


READEINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-24; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21


CELEBRATING MSGR. BORSKI’S 75TH BIRTHDAY

Saturday, January 30th  6:30 til 9:00 PM  We’ll be serving Msgr’s delicious Jambalaya along with an assortment of meats, roast chicken, veggies and some wild game.

Adult meals $12.00 - Children’s meals $5.00
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 francp@stmartha.com. Childcare may be requested with your registration.

To cover the cost of the participant manuals, $40 will be collected at the first session for each couple ($20 per person).

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 a truly 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 Sun., Jan. 24, at 3:00 PM at the home of Donna and Kevin O’Kelley. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or email dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

The Adult Choir is in need of a new pianist/organist. If interested please contact Rhonda at 281-358-6637 or e-mail rhondas@stmartha.com.

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 Annullment * 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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, JANUARY 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF “MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY”. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 9:00 AM.

Sunday Mornings: Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”

A video series by Father Robert Barron – “Conversion”


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 January dates: 19 & 26

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Are you a baptized adult Catholic who has received first Eucharist, is presently practicing your faith, but was never confirmed?

If you have questions or are interested in signing up for Confirmation, please call the Faith Formation Office, 281-358-1959, Carla Lewton, ext. 213 or Joanie Nugent, ext. 264. There will be a one day retreat, Sat., Feb. 27, 12:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalene – Humble, followed by weekly classes held on Tuesday evenings beginning Mar. 31 through May 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on either Sat., May 14, or Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. The final date, time and location will be determined at a later date.

St. Martha’s Grief Support Group

St. Martha’s grief support group will be meeting on Tuesday evenings through March 15, 2016. We meet from 7 pm to 9 pm 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 laurier@kingwoodcable.com.

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 Parish. Please call for more information: RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197 or send us an e-mail: RCIA@stmartha.com

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Check us out! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, January 20, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Uberrito Mexican Grill (formerly Mission Burrito), 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplec.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybomom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.
**St. Martha School Scoops**

**11th Annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk**

February 20, 2016 * 8 a.m. * Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral

Join Father Richard and the families of St. Martha Catholic School as we participate in the 11th annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk on February 20, 2016. This wonderful, fun-filled event for children and adults of all ages raises awareness and financial support for Catholic education in Houston and directly benefits the students of our parish school.

We invite you to support the academic and religious programs of our school by joining or donating to our team at http://www.firstgiving.com/team/299696. For more information, please e-mail waguespackc@stmarthacs.org.

**Open House for Prospective Students and Their Families**

February 2, 2016 * 4-6 p.m. * 2411 Oak Shores Drive

Come learn about our religious, academic and extracurricular programs and tour our school facilities. For more information, please contact Registrar Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or call the school office 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.

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**Parenting/Youth**

**St. Pius X High School**

St. Pius X High School will administer the Catholic High School Entrance Exam (HSPT) on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Students should report to the school at 811 West Donovan at the entrance by the auditorium by 8:15 a.m.; the test will last until approximately 12:00 noon. The testing fee is $50.00. If you have not already done so, please register for the HSPT online at stpiux.org. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Eva Dix at 713-692-3581 or dixe@stpiux.org.

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**Young Adults of St. Martha**

**Bible Study**

**Thursdays in January, 7-9 PM**

Young adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture study and snacks. The evening will begin with a social meet and greet and transition to a scripture study. We will meet on the St. Martha Woodland Hills campus in the Borski Activity Room. It is on the second floor of the school building. Please park in the school lot: 2411 Oak Shores Dr, Kingwood, TX 77339. Please follow signs posted or contact Matt 718-887-6837 or Brian 713-340-4211.

Stay tuned for some exciting service and social events. New members are always welcome. Please contact us for more information: youngadults@stmartha.com.

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**Vocations Corner**

**On January 16, 2016, Mr. Gary Yepsen was installed in the ministry of Acolyte at St. Mary’s Seminary, Houston.**

An Acolyte is entrusted to assist the deacon and priest with the duties of the altar. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Yepsen and offer our continued prayers as he enters his final year of discernment, study and preparation toward his Diaconate Ordination in January 2017.

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the **WILLIAMS 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.

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**You are invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston’s Monthly Dinner and Meeting**

Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members. Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, our Club’s Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us:

Monday, January 25, 2016
6:30 pm Social
7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program

Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15.00 per person

**The Pastor of St. Leo the Great, Father Jose Carmen Hernandez, c.s., will talk to us about vocations.**

**RSVP:** Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015
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. On January 17th there will be additional sign-ups 2:30 – 4 pm at the Youth Center (Woodland Hills Campus). 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.

SAVE YOUR SPOT - HONOR MONSIGNOR BORSKI:
The Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence will honor Monsignor Borski at an award dinner:
Friday, February 12th, 2016 – Refreshments at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00, silent and live auctions to follow
Omni Colonnade Hotel – San Antonio
Get your seat for $100 or a table can be reserved for $1000 (10 people).
Please contact Mary Parramore @ (210) 432-0113 for your reservations.
If you are unable to attend, please consider donating at the address below:
Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence
St. Andrew’s Convent
2318 Castroville Road
San Antonio, TX 78237-3520
(210) 432-0113 - Mary A. Parramore
mainoffice@mcdp.org

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
The 1st Parish Blood Drive for 2016, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.
The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on Jan. 16/17, Jan. 23/24 to assist you with an appointment to donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.
You may schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.)
The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

ARISE Together in Christ is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. It emphasizes people living in good relationship with one another, as they make concrete application of the gospel to their life situations. New small groups are forming in our parish again this Spring. Those Parishioners returning to the program do not need to re-register. Group leaders will be contacting you soon.

Sign-up Weekend – January 30 & 31, 2016
Registration cards will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of January 30th and 31st. Just complete the card and return it to the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or place in the box available in the Narthex.
The ARISE Six Week Spring Session will begin the week of February 7, 2016 through February 13, 2016. Interested in being a small group facilitator or hosting a small group in your house? You don’t need to be a Bible scholar or teacher to lead a group – all it takes is a desire to meet new people and grow in your faith! Also, you don’t have to be both a host and a facilitator; we can pair host families with facilitators so you might want to offer your home as a meeting place.
For Sign-up information contact Carla Lewton at 281-713 8968 or carlal@stmartha.com.

Save the date! Ministry Day of Prayer.
Saturday, January 23, 2016
From 9 am to 1 pm in the Family Life Center
“Be merciful just like the Father is merciful”
Come and recharge your Spirit for this New Year.
We will have light breakfast and lunch.
Please RSVP to emmar@stmartha.com.

St. Martha’s Annual Bottle Distribution January 23rd and 24th
Bottle Return January 30th and 31st
All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble.
Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.
Please make all checks out to “The Gabriel Project”

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St. Martha’s Annual Bottle Distribution January 23rd and 24th
Bottle Return January 30th and 31st
All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble.
Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.
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SAVE YOUR SPOT - HONOR MONSIGNOR BORSKI:
The Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence will honor Monsignor Borski at an award dinner:
Friday, February 12th, 2016 – Refreshments at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00, silent and live auctions to follow
Omni Colonnade Hotel – San Antonio
Get your seat for $100 or a table can be reserved for $1000 (10 people).
Please contact Mary Parramore @ (210) 432-0113 for your reservations.
If you are unable to attend, please consider donating at the address below:
Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence
St. Andrew’s Convent
2318 Castroville Road
San Antonio, TX 78237-3520
(210) 432-0113 - Mary A. Parramore
mainoffice@mcdp.org

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
The 1st Parish Blood Drive for 2016, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.
The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on Jan. 16/17, Jan. 23/24 to assist you with an appointment to donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.
You may schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.)
The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

ARISE Together in Christ is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. It emphasizes people living in good relationship with one another, as they make concrete application of the gospel to their life situations. New small groups are forming in our parish again this Spring. Those Parishioners returning to the program do not need to re-register. Group leaders will be contacting you soon.

Sign-up Weekend – January 30 & 31, 2016
Registration cards will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of January 30th and 31st. Just complete the card and return it to the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or place in the box available in the Narthex.
The ARISE Six Week Spring Session will begin the week of February 7, 2016 through February 13, 2016. Interested in being a small group facilitator or hosting a small group in your house? You don’t need to be a Bible scholar or teacher to lead a group – all it takes is a desire to meet new people and grow in your faith! Also, you don’t have to be both a host and a facilitator; we can pair host families with facilitators so you might want to offer your home as a meeting place.
For Sign-up information contact Carla Lewton at 281-713 8968 or carlal@stmartha.com.

Save the date! Ministry Day of Prayer.
Saturday, January 23, 2016
From 9 am to 1 pm in the Family Life Center
“Be merciful just like the Father is merciful”
Come and recharge your Spirit for this New Year.
We will have light breakfast and lunch.
Please RSVP to emmar@stmartha.com.
The following are additional Christmas Flower Dedications not included on the Christmas flyer:

In Memory/Honor of: Gloria Rita, Vincent Philip Barbacane, Valenza and Connolly Family, Joyce E. Reny, Capt. Antonio De Ocampo, Lala Mijares, Chito De Ocampo, Cesar Vinco, Mel Arandia, Pokornowski Family, Konerza Family, Loy Patrick New, Schenyen Family, Felipe Vargas Morales, Consuelo Priego Vargas, Vincente Cortes Campos, Socorro Galindo Farfan, Jim Hebert, Alvin Hebert, Walt Lambert, Paul Dickson, Ramon Gutierrez, Elvira Valdez, Pedro Huerta, Eef Place, Alda Russo, Luis S. Russo, Petronia Franciso, Camdelaria Orellana, Josefinia Suarez, Nancy Slasberg, Frank Zaccardo, Jim Pettyjohn, Mr. & Mrs. Carmen DelMarco, Mr. & Mrs. F. Zaccardo, Mary Abata, Walt Dupuis, Pete Sanchez, Andy Sanchez, Frances Borres, Macario, Espinoza, Stan Symon, Joan McCann, Monica McCann, Jose & Emilia Reyna, Joe Reyna, Jr., Rufino Reyna, Ricardo Reyna, Bob & Marion Gerchow, John Trahan, Kyrie Lambert Moss, Denton & Thalia Wayne, Bradley Sherman, Mary Louise Cumella, Robert Swadley, Merilyn Deane, Marcelino A. Narcida Sr., Rosorito Umali, David Walters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Stiles Jr., Howard Cronenwett, Melva Cronenwett, Paul Cronenwett, Kathleen Hall, Carmen Caldwell, George McK. Curry, George and Blanch Curry, Lucille & Russell Detsenedetto, Mary Flynn Black, Kevin Flynn Black, Madeleine E. Black, Madeleine Hopkins Black, Catherine A. Jones, Arthur D. Smith, Mary Jane Jackson, Bobby Jackson, Marcelino & Guadalupe Moreno, Lydia Gutierrez, Rose Marie Elizarreeros, Eddie Olivares, Margaret Coranole, Damian Accardo, Dr. Fred George Leon II, Patricia Flynn, Robin Mullane, Carlos & Alizia Gonzalez, Irene Salazar, Elsa Ayala, Ana I. Guerra, Mr. & Mrs. L. F. Fitzgerald, Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Mason, Robert Stout, Gilbert Abata, Walt Dupuis, Pete Sanchez, Andy Sanchez, Frances Borres, Macario, Espinoza, Stan Symon, Joan McCann, Monica Claps, Connie & Ramon Manzo, Joseph “Chato” Martinez, Amy & Margaret Reideabach, Manuel Mosqueda, Armondo Aguirre, Vincente S.A. Benavente, Josefina P. Benavente, Lawrence D. Flauta, Magdalena F. Flauta, The Balishins, The Rueyks, The Charles Patronella, Mardi Richardson, Luis A. Tovar, Ezequiel Garza, Victor Tovar, Josefa J. Tovar, Jose H. Garza, Juan Jose Lupariello, Mr. & Mrs. J. Unrub, Mr. & Mrs. W. Burckhardt, Wanda & Ralph Bartels, Ida Galvan, Ev Mier, Earl Keeling, Charles Patronella, Mardi Richardson, Luis A. Tovar, Ezequiel Garza, Victor Tovar, Josefa J. Tovar, Jose H. Garza, Juan Jose Garcia, Stephen McDaniel, Evelyn Herbert, Francis Keegan, Janice Keegan, Kevin Keegan, Jeffery F. Rachal, Carroll & Evelyn Click, Sarahine Rachal, Linda Trammell & Chris Click, Allen, John Pierre & Ronald Rachal, Marcy Harris, John Collins

Donated by: Brad Gearhart, Ruth Grimm, Mark and Maggie Halleck, Kevin Heyl, Tim Hill, Julio Lago Canosa, Richard Savoie, Fred Bandini, Kevin Campisi, Dominick Capriotti, Gerald Culkin, Frank Damratoski, Robert Grab, Nancy Kaney, George Keogh, Kathryn Lewis, Henrik Mikuta, Art & Emma Rocha, Irene Storkan, Thomas Wilson, Dolores Quintero, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Reilly, Mary & Mary Carroll, William & Michelle Raley, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Henry, John & Pat Bush, Bernard & Pia Flynn, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stolarz, Mr. & Mrs. Stevens, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William Snider, Mr. & Mrs. Colby Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Guillette, Mr. & Mrs. Darin Tiedtke, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Moore, Alton & Cindy Heckman, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cowan, Mr. & Mrs. James Sterner, James & Heidi Guilfoyle, Mr. & Mrs. Angel Serrano, Mr. & Mrs. Dexter Brizuela, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cheatham, Charles Nizio

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 child, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

Little Rock Scripture Study
Monday Mornings - FLC
EXODUS
JOIN US THIS SPRING FOR LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY AS WE EXPLORE “THE BOOK OF EXODUS”
The Exodus is the central event of the Old Testament. Its themes of liberation, wilderness, Passover, covenant, and God’s dwelling are central for the whole Bible. It tells the story of God calling Moses to be the prophet through whom God will lead the people to freedom from slavery in Egypt and their struggles to learn faithfulness in the wilderness where God makes covenant with them. The 10 commandments form the ethical core of this covenant, while the instructions for building a tent of worship accentuate God’s intention to dwell in the midst of the people.

Monday Mornings: Beginning January 25 – Ten Sessions
Time: 9:15 – 10:15 am – Family Life Center – Woodland Hills Campus
Fee: $15.00 for study set – paid at first session - Babysitting will be available.
Registration: Call Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603
E-mail: edithkb@kingwoodcable.net
Questions: Call Carla Lewton, 281-358-1959, ext. 213 or 281-713-8968
E-mail: carlal@stmartha.com
EVERY PARISHIONER WILL BE INVITED TO A CAMPAIGN RECEPTION!

Over the course of the next few weeks, all parishioners of St. Martha will receive an invitation to attend one of a series of campaign receptions. At these receptions, Msgr. Borski and members of the Campaign Committee will be on hand to discuss the various needs of our parish and how we, as a parish family, will address these needs. This is your opportunity to learn firsthand about the campaign, ask questions, receive your campaign materials and meet with your fellow parishioners.

Because this is an important time in the life of our parish community and we have new information to share, we ask that all parishioners take the time to attend a reception. Invitations will continue to be mailed over the coming weeks. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can plan for your attendance. See you there!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO VOLUNTEER!

Last week, all parishioners of St. Martha are asked to volunteer their time and talents for the “Counting Our Blessings” Campaign. As outlined by Msgr. Borski, it will be necessary to personally contact as many members of our parish family as possible in order to make this campaign a success. If you can volunteer 5-10 hours of your time over the next few months, please fill out the form below and drop it in the weekend collection or return it to the Parish Office.

This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and help support our Campaign!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com

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VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP CARD

Count us in! If we can help with Campaign visitations, receptions & phone calling.

NAME(S) __________________________________________

ENVELOPE# __________________ PHONE# ________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________

CITY ___________________ ZIP ____________________

E-MAIL ____________________________________________
¡TODOS LOS PARROQUIANOS SERAN INVITADOS A UNA RECEPCION SOBRE LA CAMPAÑA!

Durante las siguientes semanas, todos los miembros de la Parroquia de St. Martha recibirán una invitación para asistir a una Recepción sobre la Campaña. En estas recepciones, Msgr. Borski y los miembros del Comité de Campaña estarán presentes para presentar las diferentes necesidades de la parroquia y explicar, como, siendo una sola familia en la parroquia, podemos resolver estos puntos. Esta es su oportunidad para conocer de primera mano toda la información concerniente a la campaína, hacer preguntas, recibir los materiales correspondientes y convivir con otros miembros de la parroquia.

Debido a que este es un momento crucial en la vida de nuestra parroquia y de nuestra comunidad, y ya que tenemos nueva información para compartir, les pedimos que se tomen el tiempo de asistir a una recepción. Las invitaciones comenzarán a llegar por correo en las próximas semanas. Favor de confirmar su asistencia tan pronto como sea posible para poder planear la reunión. Nos vemos allí!

¡NO ES DEMASIADO TARDE PARA SER UN VOLUNTARIO!

La semana pasada, se les pidió a todos los miembros de la parroquia de St. Martha que ofrecieran su tiempo y talentos para la Campaña “Contando Nuestras Bendiciones”. Msgr. Borski señaló la importancia de contactar personalmente al mayor número posible de los miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial para lograr un éxito en esta campaña. Si usted puede ser voluntario por 5-10 horas de su tiempo durante los siguientes meses, favor de llenar la forma adjunta en la parte inferior y devolvéndola en el colecto del fin de semana o entregándola en la Oficina de la parroquia.

Esta será una gran oportunidad para que conozca otros miembros de la parroquia y también apoye nuestra Campaña!

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, favor de contactar a la oficina de la campaña al 281-358-6637 o escribiendo a campaign@stmartha.com

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TARJETA PARA FIRMAR COMO VOLUNTARIO

Cuenten con nosotros! /Podemos ayudar con visitas de Campaña, recepciones & llamadas telefónicas.

NOMBRE (S) ____________________________________________________________

SOBRE# __________________ TELEFONO# ________________________________

DIRECCION __________________________________________________________

CIUDAD ___________________ ZIP _____________________________

E-MAIL ________________________________
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.

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.

Tickets on sale now!!
Tickets will be available in the Narthex after each Mass this weekend, Jan. 16 and 17. You can also purchase tickets in the parish office during regular business hours. $60 per person.

Los boletos estarán a la venta en el Nartex después de cada misa el fin de semana de enero 16 y 17. También puede comprarlos en la oficina parroquial en horas de trabajo. El costo es de $60.00 por persona.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation. Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM.
- Monday: 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight.
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM.
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-5 PM, 5-6 PM.
- Friday: 1-2 AM, 10-11 PM.
- Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, Noon-1 PM, 8-9 PM.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos recuerdan la bondad y generosidad de Dios manifiesta a nosotros, su pueblo. Estas lecturas se entienden mejor a la luz de las profecías del Antiguo Testamento acerca de la llegada del Mesías, en especial las del profeta Isaías. Hay varias secciones de Isaías que hablan de un "siervo sufriente" que vendría a traer sanación de Dios a la gente y que este servidor se describe como el amado de Dios. En las lecturas de hoy, el profeta nos dice que "como un novio se regocija en su novia, así tu Dios se regocijará en ti". Me pregunto con qué frecuencia reflexionamos sobre este mensaje que somos el "amado pueblo de Dios".

¿Aceptaremos plenamente la enseñanza de las Sagradas Escrituras que Dios se deleita en nosotros? St. Paul en su primera carta a los Corintios hace hincapié en que Dios ha derramado su Espíritu sobre nosotros y que nos llena de todo tipo de regalos espirituales que se van a utilizarse para el beneficio de toda la comunidad. Todas estas bendiciones llueven sobre nosotros cuando fuimos bautizados y reclamados por Dios para ser sus propias personas. Al mismo tiempo, la palabra de Dios nos recuerda que como su amado pueblo hemos de ser "signos" o manifestaciones de amor salvífico de Dios y la misericordia para el mundo.

En el texto del Evangelio acerca de la fiesta de bodas en Caná de Galilea narra maravillosamente cómo este misterio del amor misericordioso de Dios se desarrolla en la vida de la gente común. San Juan el Evangelista se aprovecha de esta celebración de la boda para enseñarnos que Jesús es el único que ha venido a dar alegría a nuestras fiestas, es decir, los momentos en que tomamos la oportunidad de celebrar la vida y estar agraciados con la capacidad de darse cuenta de que Dios es la fuente de toda vida y alegría. Jesús hace a través de la primera de sus grandes "señales" transformando el agua en vino. (En el Evangelio de Juan estas "señales" son obras de Dios, que apuntan a una realidad más profunda de ser reveladas, similar a lo que la Iglesia enseña sobre los sacramentos del Bautismo y de la Eucaristía). El vino servido ahora se llama "el buen vino" e indica que somos "el nuevo pueblo de Dios" que se forma a través de la efusión del Espíritu de Dios. Observe que en la historia se representa a María que tiene un papel especial como Madre de la Iglesia. Ella sabía que el pueblo carecía de alegría y no pudo contar con el espíritu que llena el corazón con la gracia y gratitud. Es por eso que es ella al que le pregunta a Jesús para que lleve su vino a la fiesta, es decir, para comenzar a derramar el Espíritu sobre las relaciones de los hombres con Dios y entre sí. Nosotros, como la Iglesia, como pueblo de Dios, estamos invitados a participar en el banquete de boda de la vida en donde el buen vino (es decir, el espíritu de amor y de servicio) fluye en abundancia y generosamente a través de nosotros y transforma nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad parroquial, y nuestro mundo.

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

Ministerio Hispano

Segundo Domingo Ordinario

Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La primera obra corporal de misericordia es: Dar de comer al hambriento. En el mundo que vivimos más de 800 millones de personas sufren hambre todos los días, y no solo es un problema en África, Latinoamérica y Asia, sino que también en Europa y en Estados Unidos hay gente que no tiene lo suficiente para comer. Comer es una necesidad básica que tenemos los hombres y, muchos de nosotros somos insensibles a ese problema ya que tenemos que comer todos los días. Hay muchas formas en las que podemos ayudar a los que sufren hambre: Adoptar un niño en una asociación como “Compassion International”, en donde por 38 dólares al mes dan de comer y cubren las necesidades básicas de un niño; apoyar los bancos de comida como el “Houston Food Bank”; participar en el ministerio de “Martha’s Kitchen” que da de comer a entre 300 y 500 personas todos los días en el centro de Houston; traer tarjetas de algún restaurante de comida rápida en nuestro automóvil y repartirlas a las gentes pobres que veamos. Lo importante es concientizarnos que hay gente con hambre y que cada uno de nosotros podemos ayudar a que, por lo menos una persona menos, pasen menos hambre cada día.

Compromiso de la semana: Si mi presupuesto me lo permite, adoptaré un niño en algún lugar pobre a través de “Compassion International”.

Fr. Chester Borski