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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ........ 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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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

January 24, 2016

Luke 4:18
in a spirit of joy!

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Mercy, Pope Francis challenges us to 

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freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim 

captives, recovery of sight to the blind, 

to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to 

As the body with its 

life (Psalm 19).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and 

Second Reading — As the body with its 

many parts is still one body, so it is with 

Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel — While attending worship in the 

Nazarene synagogue, Jesus reads from the 

prophet Isaiah. Jesus' mission then, 

anointed mission to fulfill the promises of 

in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-

When he announced this 

Jubilee Year of Mercy: 

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When he announced this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis highlighted today’s 

Gospel episode, in which Jesus proclaims in his hometown synagogue his Spirit-

anointed mission to fulfill the promises of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus’ mission then, 

says Pope Francis, is our mission now as Jesus’ disciples this Jubilee Year of Mercy: 

to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to 

captives, recovery of sight to the blind, 

freedom to the oppressed, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, a year of 

God’s mercy. Pope Francis challenges us to 

translate Jesus’ mission to contemporary 

needs: to console by word and deed those 

materially or spiritually poor, to liberate 

those bound by modern society’s new 

forms of slavery, to open the eyes of those 

blinded by their own self-interest, and to 

restore human dignity to all those from 

whom it has been stolen. To act with mercy in a spirit of joy!

— Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
The Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the concept of mission. The Gospel reading from St. Luke describes the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus and his understanding of the mission given him by his Father. In contemporary language we could say that this is the “vision statement” of Jesus’ life and ministry. Jesus quotes from the prophet Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” He goes on to say that he has been sent by his Father to proclaim freedom to those held in captivity, sight to those who are blind, compassion to those who are oppressed, and to establish a jubilee year in which people will be released from their debts. All of this is being done so that people can serve God and their neighbor with generous hearts. Those who had prayerfully studied the Hebrew Scriptures would have recognized that these were the signs foretold by the prophets which indicated that the Messiah had indeed come. This was good news! And more amazingly Jesus boldly states, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” In other words Jesus tells us that each time we listen attentively to the Word of God, humbly embrace the message in our hearts, and try to live it out, the Gospel is indeed being fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is taking root in our world. This happens through us human beings called by God to be messengers of his Word. Isn’t this what takes place each Sunday when we gather to hear God’s Word proclaimed, celebrate the divine mysteries in the Eucharist, and are sent forth into the world to announce the presence of the Kingdom by the witness of our lives?

Our second reading comes from I Corinthians 12 and St. Paul reminds us that this mission of Jesus has now become the mission of the Church. Through Baptism Jesus Christ takes possession of our lives, calls us to become one body and share in his life, and entrusts us with the mission of bringing “glad tidings to the poor.” At the same time this beautiful text challenges us to work tirelessly for unity of the Body of Christ by humbly utilizing our individual gifts or charisms to further this apostolic mission. While the unity of the Body of Christ is stressed by St. Paul, the variety of gifts is seen as the means to make this unity a reality. It is precisely because each person is different from others that that person is capable of enriching the life of the community by sharing spiritual gifts that others do not possess. Each of us has been sent by God, sent with real spiritual gifts, to meet the real needs of real people. While our lives and our gifts can seem to be fairly meager at times, we are assured by God that what we have to offer is what is needed by others. This is the way that most people come to experience the love of God and His abundant grace poured out through the Spirit. The Scripture readings for this Sunday also help us appreciate the meaning of our own parish “vision statement” --- Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Fr. Chester Borski
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Super Bowl Party!!!**

Young at Heart-ers - The Super Bowl is coming soon! Pick your favorite team and let’s have a Young at Heart "Super Bowl Party" with all the fixins!!!! Wear the team colors of your choice or just come along for the fun on Wednesday, January 27. 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 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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 date: 26

**ADULT CONFESSIONAL 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, 281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

**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!*

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**Teams of Our Lady USA-A movement of conjugal spirituality**

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

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

If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sun., Jan. 24, at 3:00 PM at the home of Donna and Kevin O’Kelley. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or email dvokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

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**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**

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wednesday, January 27, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.
**SURFSIDE BEACH RETREAT**

February 12-14, 2016

All Juniors & Seniors in High School are invited to our annual Surfside Beach Retreat! This amazing weekend of prayer and fun at the beach will be a time for you to deepen your faith, and to take a step back from the stress and worry you face each day.

Registrations are due February 8. Spots are limited, so be sure to reserve yours soon!

Forms are available in the Youth Center or Parish Office. Please contact Laura Gallardo for more information: laurag@stmartha.com or 281.258.1959 ext. 252.

**ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY**

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM

Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter.

**Young Adults**

On Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m., the Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals invites you to join them for their Executive Speaker Series featuring Timothy D. Belton, founder, President and CEO of ZeoGas LLC. Free beer, wine and appetizers will be provided. For more information visit ycp Houston.org or check out the YCP Houston Facebook page. If you would be interested in carpooling from Kingwood for this event please contact youngadults@stmartha.com.

**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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**St. Martha School Scoops**

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

February 20th 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 * 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.
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”

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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the TALIENTE 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 kareae@att.net to schedule a week.

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

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

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.

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.

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, February 1, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.
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

**Session Dates:** Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29, Mar. 7, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2016

**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

**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, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**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. 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.
Tickets on sale now!!

$60 per person. Call Emma at the parish office for more details, 281-358-6637.

Did You Know?
Did you know?? The Rosary Guild has been making rosaries for 18 years here at St. Martha?
Did you know?? We supply over 8000 rosaries a year to ministries both in and out of our parish?
We provide rosaries to the ACT's Retreat, Eucharistic Ministers, the Texas Prison System, Legion of Mary, Quilting Guild and they are left in our Chapel for any and all to take.

Did you know we are in need of people to help make the Rosaries? We are!
Did you know you don't have to be a crafty person to learn how to make Rosaries? We provide you all the supplies and instructions on how to make them.
Did you know we meet every month? We meet on the second Sunday of every month at the old campus in the room next to the Library.
Did you know we would love to have you come to share fellowship, the love of our Blessed Mother and learn how to make the symbol of that love?? We Would!
All Are Welcome!

Rosary Guild Facts and Figures:

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 laurie@kingwoodcable.com.

St. John of the Cross Food Drive This Weekend
This 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.)

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 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)3386637

Cost $60 per person

Tickets now on sale!

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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 this weekend.

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: stmthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

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.
Thank You To All Our 755 Volunteers!!!

We are grateful to the 755 parishioners who answered our call and who volunteered their time to help with the campaign. A few weeks ago, Msgr. Borski asked everyone to consider giving some of their time and talent over the next few months to assist us as we reach out to every single one of our parishioners. All volunteers will be contacted with more information. Again, thank you for sharing the gift of your time.

If you did not have an opportunity to fill out a volunteer card, there are still cards available in the back of the church or you can contact the campaign office.

Campaign Prayer

Lord, You are our God. Thank You, Father, for giving us this beautiful house of worship that will remain for our children and our children’s children; a place for them to learn about You, to pray to You, to hear Your voice and answer Your call.

Holy Spirit teach us to be generous in completing the challenge before us. Remind us that as we sow generously, we reap generously. Imprint on our hearts that you love and take pleasure in the cheerful giver.

We ask these things through our Savior Jesus Christ, Who is Lord now and forever. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus, pray for us.

Campaign Receptions

We will be hosting a series of receptions to share with you the status of our finances and to discuss our next steps in continuing to advance our mission of faith. This is also your opportunity to learn firsthand about the campaign, ask questions, receive your campaign materials and meet with your fellow parishioners.

These receptions are intended to be informational and fun, providing a wonderful opportunity to gather with your fellow parishioners to talk about the future of our parish.

Every family at St. Martha’s will be mailed an invitation over the next few weeks to attend a Counting Our Blessings Campaign Reception. Receptions will take place during the months of January, February & March. Invitations will continue to be mailed over the coming weeks. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can plan for your attendance. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
Gracias a nuestros 755 Voluntarios!!!

Les agradecemos a los 755 parroquianos quienes contestaron a nuestro pedido de voluntarios y van a donar su tiempo para ayudar con la Campaña. Hace algunas semanas, Msgr. Borski nos pidió a todos que consideráramos donar parte de nuestro tiempo y talentos durante los siguientes meses para llegar a cada uno de los miembros de la parroquia. Todos los voluntarios van a ser contactados para mayor información. Nuevamente, les agradecemos por compartir su tiempo.

Si usted no tuvo oportunidad de llenar una de las tarjetas de voluntarios, puede encontrar tarjetas disponibles en la parte posterior de la iglesia o puede contactar a la oficina de la Campaña.

Oración de la Campaña

Señor, Tu eres Dios. Gracias, Padre, por darnos esta hermosa casa de oración que permanecerá aquí para nuestros hijos y los hijos de ellos; un lugar para que ellos aprendan de Ti, para rezarte, para escuchar Tu voz y poder responder a Tu llamado.

Espíritu Santo enséñanos a responder a este reto de una forma generosa. Recuérdanos que lo que generosamente sembramos, en abundancia cosecharemos. Marca en nuestros corazones que Tu amas y Te regocijas en aquel que da con alegría y de forma generosa.

Te lo pedimos en nombre de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, Quien es Dios ahora y por siempre.

Amén.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.
Santos Marta, María y Lázaro, rueguen por nosotros.

Recepciones de la Campaña

Estaremos invitando a una serie de recepciones para compartir con ustedes nuestras finanzas y discutir sobre los pasos a seguir para continuar con el avance en nuestra misión de Fe. Es también una oportunidad para ustedes de conocer información de primera mano sobre la Campana, hacer preguntas, recibir materiales sobre la campaña y encontrarse con otros miembros de la parroquia.

El propósito de estas recepciones es de informar y divertir, brindando una maravillosa oportunidad de reunirse con miembros de su comunidad y hablar acerca del futuro de nuestra parroquia.

Todas las familias de St. Martha recibirán una invitación durante las siguientes semanas para asistir a una Recepción de la Campaña Contando Nuestras Bendiciones. Las recepciones se realizarán durante los meses de Enero, Febrero y Marzo. Las invitaciones se enviarán por correo durante las siguientes semanas. Favor de reservar su lugar tan pronto les sea posible. Esperamos verlos allí!
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el 3er domingo de tiempo ordinario se enfocan en el concepto de la misión. La lectura del Evangelio de San Lucas describe el inicio del ministerio público de Jesús y de su comprensión de la misión que le había dado su Padre. En lenguaje contemporáneo, podríamos decir que esta es la "declaración de visión" de la vida y ministerio de Jesús. Jesús cita del profeta Isaías: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, por cuanto me ha ungido para dar buenas nuevas a los pobres". Él nos dice que ha sido enviado por su Padre para proclamar la libertad a los detenidos en cautiverio, vista a los ciegos, compasión a los oprimidos, y para establecer un año jubilar en el que las personas se liberen de sus deudas. Todo esto se está haciendo para que la gente pueda servir a Dios y al prójimo con corazón generoso. Los que habían estudiado en oración las Escrituras Hebreas habría reconocido que estas fueron las señales predichas por los profetas que indican que el Mesías de hecho había llegado. Esta fue una buena noticia! Y más asombroso Jesús afirma audazmente: "Hoy esta Escritura se cumple en su audiencia". En otras palabras, Jesús nos dice que cada vez que escuchamos con atención a la Palabra de Dios, abrazamos humildemente el mensaje en nuestros corazones, y tratamos de vivirlo a cabo, y el Evangelio en efecto se ha cumplido y el Reino de Dios está echando raíces en nuestro mundo. Esto sucede a través de nosotros los seres humanos llamados por Dios a ser mensajeros de su Palabra. ¿No es esto lo que tiene lugar cada domingo, cuando nos reunimos para escuchar la Palabra de Dios proclamada, celebramos los divinos misterios de la Eucaristía, y nos envían al mundo para anunciar la presencia del Reino con el testimonio de nuestra vida?

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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

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Tony Melendez en concierto

Misericordia y Esperanza

Feb. 6, 2016
7:00 P.M.
Entrada gratis

St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, TX 77365

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL EMMA (281)358-6657 OR MILTON (832)573-5133

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3º Domingo Ordinario

Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La segunda obra de misericordia es: Dar de beber al sediento. El agua es vida dice el dicho y es muy cierto. Miles de gente pierden la vida todos los días por falta de agua potable. Es algo que la mayoría de nosotros que tenemos agua corriente en nuestras casas no alcanzamos a comprender. Una persona puede sobrevivir varios días sin comer pero no puede sobrevivir varios días sin tomar agua. Dar de beber al sediento implica más que solo estar pendiente de gente que tenga sed; implica estar pendiente de resolver los problemas que genera la pobreza en el mundo. Todos los seres humanos tenemos la misma dignidad de seres creados por Dios por amor y, por lo tanto, tenemos los mismos derechos de tener lo suficiente para subsistir y progresar. Dar de beber al sediento nos obliga a estar atentos de las necesidades físicas de los demás y a ayudar, en lo que podamos, a resolverlas. Hay muchas formas en las que podemos ayudar: Cooperar con nuestra ayuda económica a “Catholic Charities” que busca ayudar a todas esas gentes; ayudar a educar a la gente pobre para que pueda progresar y salir de la pobreza. Lo importante es no ser indiferente y saber que en algo podemos ayudar. Compromiso de la semana: Trataré de ayudar a alguna persona pobre para que pueda progresar.
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your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget   $ 72,051
Sunday Collection   $ 43,016
Over(under)   $ (29,035)
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget   $ 2,069,479
Sunday Collection   $ 2,241,988
Over(under)   $ 152,509
Special Collections:
Capital Campaign   $ 7,568
Martha’s Kitchen   $ 2,800
Latin America   $ 130
Current Loan Debt:   $ 12,358,074