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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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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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Fifth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
February 7, 2016

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
“I lere I am,” I said; “send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:16-17, 18-19

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josefa Bakhita

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday

**Thursday:** Our Lady of Lourdes

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls us to share with everyone the tender compassion of God that we ourselves have experienced. In today’s Gospel, Luke uses a special Greek word conveying just such tenderness. In the other Gospels, Jesus calls the disciples to be "fishers," haleis, the same word that means catching fish with nets or hooks, to be killed and eaten. But Luke uses zogron, from zoe or "life," meaning "catch or gather people alive," as animal lovers capture without harming, rescue from "the wild" for a better life, and protect in aquarium or zoo, tenderly cared for by professionals committed to the creatures’ well-being. So in Luke’s vision—and Pope Francis, as well—we who have been "caught alive" by God’s mercy ourselves are to become "missionaries of mercy" during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, rescuing fellow sinners from danger and gathering them into Jesus’ community to enjoy fullness of life.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Feb. 8**

8:30 am †Fernando Cuadra

**Tues./Feb. 9**

8:30 am †Theresa & Charles Dury

7:00 pm †Peter Braun

**Wed./Feb. 10/Ash Wednesday**

6:30 am †Una Connolly

8:30 am Kelly Family

**Thurs./Feb.11**

7:00 am †Michael Vincent Mahalick

9:00 am †Connor Dodge

11:00 am †Val Depaula

1:00 pm †Hippolita Martinez

5:30 pm †Kendra Kirsch

**Fri./Feb. 12**

8:30 am †Mary Diane Smithy

**Sat./Feb. 13**

5:30 pm †Madeline Balasso

**Sun./Feb. 14**

7:00 am †Michael Vincent Mahalick

9:00 am †Connor Dodge

11:00 am †Val Depaula

1:00 pm †Hippolita Martinez

5:30 pm †Kendra Kirsch

*Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10.*

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

Leonard Boucher
Peter Lee, Jr. (father of Margie McGuffey)
Warren Kerrigan
Stan Gilmore


**ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 10**

*Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

**Mass times:**

8:30 a.m. School Mass (Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus)

10:00 a.m. (Church), 7:30 p.m. Bi-lingual Mass (Church)

**Distribution of Ashes:**

6:30 a.m. (Church), 12 noon (Church),

4:30 p.m. (Activity Center on Woodland Hills Campus)

**Parish Survey Closes This Wednesday!!!!**

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible for this year’s parish survey. Make your opinion count! If you have not received the email with the survey link, please go to the following link:

http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/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 through Ash Wednesday, February 10. Thank you for helping with this important project!
My dear friends in Christ,

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, called for a jubilee year: the Holy Year of Mercy, which began December 8. He asks that we live this holy year in the light of Jesus’s words in the Gospel of Luke: “Be merciful, just as your father is merciful.” Mercy is born from love. St. Paul reminds us that God is rich in mercy, and because of His great love for us, He saves us by grace. Indeed, God’s mercy is revealed in creation and in the gift of salvation.

Pope Francis gives us a beautiful image of the mercy of God by describing Jesus Christ as “the face of the Father’s mercy”. As we contemplate the face of mercy as revealed in Jesus Christ, we cannot fail to heed his words to recognize him in the face of the poor, the immigrant and those on the margins of society. Reaching out in love and mercy demands personal sacrifice and often entails challenges, particularly when we need to reach out to those we don’t know, but who desperately require our assistance.

Through the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) we are presented with a unique opportunity to extend our hand of kindness to the thousands of people who are served through the more than 60 programs that comprise DSF. I am pleased to tell you that DSF is now in its 50th year -- a half century of sharing and caring throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. It was started by Bishop Morkovsky in 1966 and further expanded to meet the needs of an ever-growing Archdiocese by Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza.

Recently you received our first DSF newsletter, which described in detail many of the ministries covered and sustained through DSF. It mentioned that the poor, the sick, the elderly, and those who are disabled or incarcerated are among those who are served through a variety of DSF programs. Funds from DSF also make it possible to prepare our young people for the sacraments, recruit our priests and others seeking to live the Consecrated Life and to offer life-long religious education to all parishioners.

Through our participation in acts of mercy, we stay connected with one another. The Diocesan Services Fund Program is a visible manifestation of our connectedness as members of this Local Church. On this 50th Anniversary of its founding, I would like to express my profound appreciation to all who have contributed to this program. I encourage you to proclaim the enduring mercy of God by considering a generous gift for this 2016 DSF appeal. With gratitude for your support and prayerful best wishes in the Lord, I remain

Your faithful Shepherd,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

“HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER”
2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Our 2016 Diocesan Services Fund begins this weekend in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. The thousands of people served by the ministries of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston need your compassion and generosity. Your kind gift to DSF enables us to reach out to people in this parish and throughout the entire Archdiocese through more than 60 important programs. All registered parishioners will receive a letter from our Archbishop, Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized pledge card, inviting you to hear Christ’s promise and that His Mercy Endures Forever. Pray about your DSF 2016 commitment, then complete the enclosed pledge card and return it via mail in the special envelope provided or bring it to Mass next weekend. If you prefer, you may go online at www.archgh.org/dsf to make your donation. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is $ 305,000.
Carta del Cardinal Di Nardo

“His Mercy Endures Forever”

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo,

Nuestro Santo Padre, El Papa Francisco, ha hecho un llamado para un año de jubileo: el Año Santo de Misericordia, que empezó el 8 de Diciembre. El pide que vivamos este año santo en el resplandor de las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de Lucas: “Sean misericordiosos, al igual que vuestro padre es misericordioso.” La misericordia nace del amor. San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios es rico en misericordia, y por Su gran amor por nosotros, El nos salva por la gracia celestial. Verdaderamente, la misericordia de Dios es revelada en la creación y en el regalo de la salvación.

El Papa Francisco nos confiere una bella imagen de la misericordia de Dios al describir a Jesucristo como “el rostro de la misericordia del Padre”. Al contemplar el rostro de la misericordia revelado en Jesucristo, no podemos dejar de apreciar sus palabras para reconocerlo en la cara del pobre, del inmigrante y en aquellos en las márgenes de la sociedad. Extender la mano con amor y misericordia requiere de un sacrificio personal y a menudo nos ocasiona retos, particularmente cuando necesitamos alcanzar a aquellos que no conocemos, pero que desesperadamente requieren de nuestra ayuda.

A través del Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF) se nos presenta una oportunidad única para extender una mano bondadosa a las miles de personas que reciben asistencia a través de los más de 60 programas que forman el DSF. Es un placer para mi decirles que el DSF se encuentra ahora en su quincuagésimo año -- medio siglo de compartir y asistir a través de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Fue iniciado por el Obispo Morkovsky en 1966 y desarrollado aun más por el Arzobispo Joseph Fiorenza para satisfacer las necesidades de una siempre creciente Arquidiócesis.

Recientemente ustedes recibieron nuestra primera circular del DSF, la cual describe detalladamente muchos de los ministerios incluidos y mantenidos por el DSF. La circular mencionó que los pobres, los enfermos, los ancianos, y aquellos que son minusválidos o están presos, se encuentran entre los recipients de servicios de una variedad de programas del DSF. Los fondos del DSF también hacen posible la preparación de nuestros jóvenes para los sacramentos, el reclutar a nuestros sacerdotes y a otros que buscan vivir la Vida Consagrada, y el ofrecer una educación religiosa a todos los feligreses a lo largo de sus vidas.

Mediante nuestra participación en actos misericordiosos, mantenemos nuestra unión con los demás. El Programa del Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos es una clara manifestación de nuestra unión como miembros de esta Iglesia Local. En este Cincuentavo Aniversario de su fundación, quisiera expresar mi profundo aprecio por todos aquellos que han contribuido a este programa. Les invito a proclamar la constante misericordia de Dios al considerar una generosa donación para este llamado del DSF en el 2016. Con gratitud por su apoyo y en oración por los mejores deseos en el Señor, quedo de ustedes

Su fiel Pastor en la fe,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Arzobispo de Galveston-Houston

“SU MISERICORDIA ES PARA SIEMPRE”
FONDO DE SERVICIOS DIOCESANOS 2016

Nuestro Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos del año 2016 comienza este fin de semana en cada parroquia de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Cristo nos llama a acercarnos a aquellos que se encuentran enfermos o necesitados, para bendecirles, servirles y mostrarles misericordia. Las miles de personas que reciben servicios de los ministerios de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston necesitan de su compasión y generosidad. Su amable contribución al DSF nos da los medios para ofrecer asistencia a las personas de esta parroquia, así como por toda la Arquidiócesis por conducto de más de 60 importantes programas. Esta semana, todos los feligreses registrados recibirán una carta de nuestro Arzobispo, el Cardinal DiNardo, adjunta a una tarjeta de compromiso personal, invitándoles a escuchar la promesa de Cristo y que Su Misericordia Es Para Siempre. Ore sobre su compromiso para el DSF del año 2016, después llene la tarjeta de compromiso incluida, y regrésela por correo en el sobre especial suministrado, o llévela a Misa el próximo fin de semana. Si usted prefiere, visite la página internet www.archgh.org/dsf para hacer su donación. Su generosidad le permitirá a nuestra comunidad Católica continuar con un gran número de programas y servicios vitales. La meta de nuestra parroquia este año es de $305,000.
CAMPAIGN RECEPTIONS CONTINUE!

The *Counting Our Blessings* campaign receptions continue and we are off to a growing success. Everyone at St. Martha’s will be mailed and invited to a campaign reception. 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.

*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 continue to be mailed over the next few weeks. Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can plan for your attendance.

**Attn: Campaign Volunteers:**

Due to the overwhelming amount of volunteers who have signed up, it is taking us a little longer to get back with you, but we will be contacting you very soon, as we will need your help!

As a parish community, it is important that each one of us think about how much God has blessed you in your life and how much you are willing to give back to St. Martha’s. The future of our parish relies on involvement from all parishioners! Volunteering your time, talent, and treasure are all ways to get involved.

- **Making phone calls**: Calling parish families who have not yet shown their involvement in the campaign in order to inform them and answer any questions they may have. **These are NOT solicitation calls.**

- **Receptions**: Helping with the set up and clean up for campaign receptions, as well as providing refreshments for parishioners who attend.

- **Preparing Mailings**: This task will entail preparing campaign materials, (i.e. stuffing, sealing, and organizing) into envelopes to be sent to parish households.

- **Home Visitations***: When a parish family does not attend a campaign reception and/or does not respond to the campaign, volunteers will follow up with a home visit to discuss the campaign and answer any questions they may have.

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
Las recepciones de la campaña Contando Nuestras Bendiciones continúan y hemos visto como han ido teniendo éxito. Todos seremos invitados a asistir a una de estas recepciones. Durante las cuales, Msgr. Borski y los miembros del Comité de Campaña estarán presentes para hablar de las diferentes necesidades de nuestra parroquia y presentar cuales son las alternativas para encontrar soluciones. Esta es su oportunidad para entender el contenido de la campana, hacer preguntas, recibir materiales al respecto y conocer otros miembros de la parroquia.

Este es un momento crucial en la vida de nuestra comunidad parroquial y tenemos nueva información para compartirlas, por lo que pedimos que todos los miembros de la parroquia asistan a una recepción.

Se continuara a enviar por correo las invitaciones durante las siguientes semanas. Favor de confirmar sus asistencia tan pronto como sea posible para planeación de las recepciones.

Atención: Voluntarios de la Campaña:

Gracias a la enorme cantidad de voluntarios que firmaron, nos ha tomado más tiempo para contactarles, pero muy pronto les llamaremos ya que necesitamos de su ayuda!

Como una comunidad parroquial, es importante que cada uno de nosotros piense como Dios nos ha bendecido durante nuestra vida y de que formar queremos retribuir a St. Martha. El futuro de nuestra parroquia depende del apoyo de todos sus miembros! Hay diferentes formas de participar, donando su tiempo, talentos y tesoros.

- **Haciendo llamadas telefónicas:** Llamando a las familias de la parroquia que aún no se han involucrado en la campaña para informarles de la misma y contestar preguntas que pudieran tener. **Estas NO son llamadas para pedir nada.**

- **Recepciones:** Ayudando en la preparación y limpieza posterior a todas las recepciones de la campaña, así como donar alimentos o bebidas para los miembros de la parroquia que asistan.

- **Preparando Correspondencia:** Esta tarea incluye preparar materiales de la campaña (por ejemplo llenado, sellado y organización) de los mismos en los sobres a enviarse a las casas de los parroquianos.

- **Visitantes a Hogares***: Cuando una familia no asiste a una recepción de campaña y/o no contesta nada hacia la campaña, los voluntarios darán seguimiento con una visita al hogar de estas familias para hablar sobre la campaña y contestar preguntas que pudieran tener.
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.

Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change?

We can help!

Saturday Workshop
St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Second Saturday of the Month
Starting at 9 am and ending by Noon
Room 2 on the Woodland Hills Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Next Session: February 13

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond will be holding workshops on the second Saturday of each month. Come see us to update your skills at résumé writing, networking and interviewing!!

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of drivers for the bread route that runs on Friday mornings. We pick up and take bread and pastries to needy families in the New Caney area trailer parks. If you are able to help one Friday a month, please contact Renée Stevens at 281-352-0102. Thank you so much for prayerfully considering this ministry.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The ARISE Six Week Spring Session will begin the week of February 7 through February 13. If you have completed a card but have not been contacted or for information, please call Carla Lewton – 281-713 8968 - carfal@stmartha.com.

Are you 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.

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

A video series by Father Robert Barron – “Conversion” Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! Woodland Hills Campus – Rm 2 from 10:45 – 11:45 am. Remaining Series Dates: Feb. 7, 14, 21, Mar. 6, 20, and Apr. 3

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. February dates: 9, 16, & 23.

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 Thursday 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 Sun., May 15, 2016. The final date, time and location will be determined at a later date.
TWO EVENTS:
A Workshop & Lecture on Muslim-Christian Relations

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center
4000 Mt. Vernon

Workshop (Registration: 9:30 a.m.)
for clergy, religious leaders, parish reps., and laity
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Public Lecture (Registration: 7:00 p.m.)
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public
Parking available for $5 in Moran Parking Center:
Graustark and West Alabama
For more information, contact
Jan Skelhot at 713-942-5071
RSVP to sthom.edu/MuslimChristianRelations

Guest Speaker
Dr. Sandra Toenies Keating

Devoted Friends or Satanic Foes?
Over the past fourteen centuries, Muslims and Christians have developed a complex relationship filled with contradictions. In this talk, Dr. Keating will give a brief overview of some of the defining moments of this history, along with their underlying theological motivations, contrasting with some of the contributions made by the Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council toward improving relations and overcoming long-standing tensions between the two religious communities.

Dr. Keating is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College in Rhode Island where she teaches courses in Catholic theology. Islam and world religions, and functions as Director for the Development of Western Civilization program. She has published numerous articles and a book on Muslim-Christian relations, focusing specifically in the early centuries of Islam. Dr. Keating was a member of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims from 2005-12, a member of the USCCB-Vatican dialogues and regularly participates in Catholic-Muslim dialogue, both in the United States and abroad. She also serves on several Boards of Directors, is a frequent lecturer on the topic of Muslim-Christian relations, and consults in the field. She lives with her husband and two teenage children in Providence, RI.

Co-Sponsored by The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs Commission and University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture.

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.

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@mdcp.org

St. Martha’s Grief Support Group
St. Martha’s grief support group will be meeting on Tuesday evenings through March 15. We meet from 7 - 9 pm at the Woodland Hills Campus in Rm. 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.

Annulments – what are the changes?
If you are interested in what the changes are or wonder if an annulment is something you should pursue, mark your calendar for March 1. St. Martha is hosting an information evening and has invited staff from the Office of the Tribunal to present the changes in the process of annulments and answer questions. Join us, March 1, 7:30 pm, in the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus: 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339.

Questions about the evening? E-mail Francine: franp@stmartha.com

We are planning some exciting events to help you prepare for the Lenten season! Please join us for the following events:

Bible Study/ Arise: Thursdays in February, 7-9 PM – We will be continuing our scripture series. 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 will then transition to a scripture study. We will meet on the St. Martha’s Woodland Hill 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. Please follow signs posted or contact Matt 718-887-6837 or Brian 713-340-4211.

Mass and Lunch: February 21st at 11 am Mass – Following the 11 am mass, we will visit a local eatery for a delicious lunch! To join us at mass, we sit towards the back at the right hand side of the church. After mass, we will meet in the narthex. For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt at 718-887-6837.

We encourage you to get involved and join in our activities! New members are always welcome! Please subscribe to our email list via flocknote new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASMyoungAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASm/ to stay informed of upcoming events.

Young Adults
Parenting/Youth

**Collegian Moms Prayer Group:**
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Mon., Feb. 8th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Rm. 1 of the FLC (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 morglor@yahoo.com

Mother’s Day Out Registration for the 2016-2017 school year has begun! The registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please contact Patty Jackson at pattij@stmartha.com or call the MDO office at 281-713-8970.

**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: lagallardo@stmartha.com or 281-258-1999 ext. 253

**St. Martha School Scoops**

11th Annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk
February 20* 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.

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.

**Thank You!!!**

Thank you for making Sharing Sunday a BIG SUCCESS!!!

Thank you for your support of St. Martha’s Annual Sharing Sunday! Because of your generosity we were able to help 14 parishes in the surrounding area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!

**The Season of Lent**

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church every Friday during Lent.

**Martha’s Kitchen**

Thank you to those who made our Christmas so special at Martha’s Kitchen. The children were so happy to visit with Santa and the sack lunches and goodie bags were most appreciated by our guests. Thank you to volunteers who helped in so many ways and being there to assemble lunches and distribute goodie bags. A special thank you to the parishioners of St. Martha Church for your loyal and continued support. May God Bless You!

Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Monday, February 12, in honor of Msgr. Borski’s Humanitarian Dinner.
**Vocations Corner**

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**
You are invited to join together in prayer to pray for vocations and implore Our Lord to send laborers into the vineyard.

*Where:* St. Martha Catholic Church  
*When:* Every second Tuesday of the month after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. (Feb. 9th)  
*Also:* Every second Friday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. (Feb. 12th)

The intent is to focus our prayer for vocations one special night a month. This Holy Hour will include Exposition and Benediction with a special monstrance blessed by Saint John Paul II for the sole purpose of uniting us in prayer for vocations.

All are invited as we embark upon this tremendous opportunity to ask the Lord of the Harvest to provide the vocations needed to serve His Church!

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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

**Proyecto Gabriel—**

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

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**5º Domingo Ordinario**

Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La cuarta obra de misericordia corporal es: Vestir al desnudo. La época de Invierno es cuando mayor necesidad hay de proveer ropa a los menos tienen, sobre todo para que no sufran del clima frío. Pero la ropa no es solamente para cubrirnos de la intemperie, la ropa ayuda a las personas en su autoestima. Aunque nuestra dignidad nos viene por ser hijos de Dios y todos somos igualmente dignos, a los seres humanos nos gusta tener una buena apariencia cuando estamos con los demás. La mayoría de la gente que yo conozco, compra ropa, no solo para protegerse del clima y proteger su desnudez, sino que lo hacen con el objetivo de verse bien y eso los hace sentir mejor. Tomemos esto en cuenta cuando demos ropa a la gente más necesitada. Compartamos ropa en condiciones en las que nosotros mismos la usaríamos, o aún mejor, compremos ropa nueva a esa gente que tanto lo necesita. Cuando vestimos a nuestro prójimo, estamos vistiendo a Jesús mismo.

Compromiso de la semana: Escombraré mi closet y donaré toda la ropa que pueda a la gente necesitada.

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**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the YEPSEN 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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**MINISTERIO HISPANO**

**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.

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“A Vocation is an adventure that God has planned for you!” - Fr. Richard McNeillie

Men and Women 18 and older - The Houston Vocations Office hosts monthly gatherings to assist you in learning about priestly and religious vocations.

- **Discover**, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm - “Discover the Road Less Traveled” is a monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary’s Seminary for single young adult men.

- **Women Seeking**, Feb. 11, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm - Gathering at various locations for women who are interested in learning more about religious life. Sisters from different religious communities will be present.

- **Descubre el Comino Recorrido**, Feb. 18, 7 – 9:30 pm - Reunión de discernimiento vocacional en español para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad para conocer más sobre la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas.

Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.
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