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 8:30 -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 Lord God said to Abram, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be."
Genesis 15:5

February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent
Today’s Readings

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17—4:1).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 13:1-4, 6 -8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

Jubilee Year of Mercy — Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus’ transfiguration bear the Greek title Metamorphosis, a technical term also for nature’s springtime transformation. Fittingly, this Jubilee Year of Mercy coincides with the Lectionary’s Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus’ “exodus” that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel’s exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus’ exodus liberates from sin’s living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent’s prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah’s challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus’ life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. “If you remove your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. “If you remove your midst oppression, and malicious speech... then light shall rise for you in the darkness... you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails” (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

Mass Intentions

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Holy Week Schedule

Anointing of the Sick Mass:

Wednesday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday Mass, March 24: 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday, March 25: 3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. 7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Easter Vigil, March 26: 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday, March 27: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Masses in the Activity Center at the Woodland Hills Campus
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent remind us that God has entered into a **covenant** with us and desires that we ground our vision of life in that special relationship. Thus, Lent invites us to take an honest look at how we live and view life. From that perspective we are asked to make some critical decisions about how we may need to change and be converted to God’s way, i.e. the way of the kingdom revealed in Christ Jesus. Without reflection on kingdom values and a firm decision to change, we can easily live very superficially and not much differently from our secular contemporaries. This call to look deeply into our lives with the assistance of God’s grace is not easy for us to do. Frequently we resist the call and try to postpone our response. However, the call persists as we listen to the Word of God throughout the season of Lent. That is why Lent lasts for forty days! The content and quality of our whole lives – spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, relationally, and even physically – need to be submitted humbly before God to see if we are in fact living according to the covenant. While this can be quite challenging, it is of utmost importance that we seek God’s grace as we enter on this Lenten journey. What makes the difference in our journey is the intensity with which we embrace a much overlooked kingdom value: the virtue of Christian hope. This virtue is no whimsical dream, but a deep conviction of faith that the God of the covenant who promised long ago to fulfill the deepest desires of the human heart, continues to do so here and now when we open ourselves to His promises.

People of hope recognize the transforming power of God in their lives but they also recognize that it is up to them to clear the way for that transformation. It would be foolish on our part to hope for the transformation of our world but refuse to allow God to enlighten us to see the world from the perspective of the kingdom as revealed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To come to see in this way demands the special grace to get beneath the surface of our lives and recognize the presence of the God of the covenant in the happenings and events around us. Today’s Gospel is an account of how Peter, James, and John came to get a glimpse of the kingdom. The story of the Transfiguration was that special moment in which these three disciples were given a chance to see beneath the surface of the life of Jesus and also of their lives as well. What may have appeared as the futile preaching of an insignificant wandering rabbi who was in trouble with the law and would soon be arrested and executed as a criminal – beneath all this was the presence of the very Son of God offering the gift of eternal salvation to those desiring to live according to the covenant. From this experience of the Transfiguration came a glimpse of how the kingdom could take root in the lives of these frightened disciples. The season of Lent provides us present day disciples a glimpse of how we might live out our baptismal covenant by realizing, that beneath the surface of ordinary life, God’s grace is a work building the kingdom when we allow our vision of life to be shaped by the Gospel.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, February 27 & 28, 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.)*

**Monica's Hope for March:**

Due to the Parish Mission and Spring Break, we will not meet in March. We STRONGLY encourage you to join us for the Parish Mission. Please call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 if you’d like to talk before April!

**LOST AND FOUND** – We have many items in the lost and found box in the Parish Office. If you have lost something, please come by and look. **ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED FEBRUARY 29, 2016.**

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During this solemn and holy season of Lent, let us make a conscious effort to recommit ourselves to the three pillars of lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Supporting St. Martha Catholic Church through Faith Direct is a great way for us as a parish to observe consistent almsgiving. Please enroll today! Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our Church Code TX497 to sign up. Thank you and God bless.
GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one’s own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful.

Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
For the Year of Mercy there will be a Day of Reconciliation held in the church on Friday, March 4, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. and from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. There is also a penance service at St. Mary Magdalene on Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR TIMES FOR SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

EASTER FLOWERS
Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided.
The names will be published in an insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Palm Sunday, March 20.

PARISH MISSION
Location: St. Martha Catholic Church

Monday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.:
Parish Mission talk on Forgiveness

Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.:
Intergenerational Healing Mass (Bilingual)

We highly recommend making a good confession before the healing mass.

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.:
Adoration and Worship (Bilingual)

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.:
Parish Mission talk on Forgiveness (Spanish)

Presenter: Fr. Francis Frankovich
Fr. Francis is the Associate Director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, a Companion of the Cross and priest of 47 years. He has written several books on forgiveness, including “Forgiving From The Heart” and has worked extensively in ministries of healing and deliverance. Fr. Francis has been in Houston for more than 15 years, and is currently the director of Hispanic ministries at the Center.

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

Knights of Columbus Council 12320 & St. Martha’s Catholic Church Annual Fish Fry

Friday Nights
Feb. 26, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, and Mar. 18

Serving from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.
Location: Family Life Center

ADULT DINNER $10.00  CHILD’S DINNER $3.00

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.
Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee
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

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!

Men's ACTS Retreat
March 31 – April 3, 2016

Registration for the March Men's English ACTS Retreat will be held in the Narthex following all Masses through March 13th. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis and must include a non-refundable $50 deposit. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat. If you have questions you can contact the retreat director, Kevin McKee, at 713-208-4185 or smccactsms18@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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. 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. Remaining February date: 23. March dates: 1, 8, 22, 29.

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.

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:
www.stmarthaaff.com

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, gathers on Wed., Feb. 24, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 p.m. at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmonm4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Valentine's Celebration

Young at Heart-ers - Come celebrate Valentine's with all your friends on Wednesday, February 24. 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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

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.

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

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.

Young Adults

Arise: Thursdays in Feb., 7-9 pm- We will be continuing our scripture series. Young adults will gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, scripture, study, and snacks. We will be going through the new season of Arise for the Lenten season. We'll read scripture, have discussions and prayer. 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 77339. Turn down Oak Shores Drive from Woodland Hills Drive into the parking lot near the basketball court. Follow signs posted or contact Brian, 713-340-4211 or Matt, 718-887-6837.

Mass and Lunch Feb. 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.

Monthly Dinner- Feb. 22, 7-9 pm: We will hold our monthly dinner and gather for a night of delicious food, friendship and prayer. Please consult the Facebook page for further details.

YCP Executive Speaker Series Feb. 23: The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tues., Feb. 23, from 7-9 pm at St. Theresa Memorial Park for its Executive Speaker Series. There will be free wine, beer, and appetizers, and is open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Roxann Neumann, Senior Vice President at Silver Eagle Distributors and Jean Becker, chief of staff to former President George H.W. Bush, will be speaking. ycpHouston.org. Please let us know if you would be interested in carpooling to this event.

YAStM at Young adult and Campus Ministry Day:
Sat., Feb. 27, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, St. Pius X High School 811 W. Donovan St. Houston, TX, 77091. Join us for day of workshops, music, fun, prayer and Eucharist for all young adults ages 18-35. It will be organized by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. We have three FREE tickets left. Please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt, 718-887-6837.

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 newly wed, 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 Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Donna and Kevin O’Kelley. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.
St. Martha School Scoops

THANK YOU to our SMCS Beta Club members and our GENEROUS parishioners for their support of the Souper Bowl of Caring annual efforts to fight hunger. Our Beta members and parent volunteers collected donations after every St. Martha parish Mass on Super Bowl Sunday weekend. Our generous parishioners contributed $1,400 which was donated to Martha’s Kitchen. In addition our Beta members asked shoppers at the Kingwood Kroger to purchase bags of food to be donated to Martha’s Kitchen and St. Rose of Lima food pantry, which also supports those in need. The shoppers, many who are SMCC parishioners, purchased 311 bags of food to support these worthy organizations!

Thank you to our Beta members, parent volunteers, parishioners and the Kingwood Kroger for working together to bless our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering from hunger!

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.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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.

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.

Vocations Corner

JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” (Mt. 9:38) This Lent, consider praying for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers who serve our community.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the BAKER 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.

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, February 22, 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
Author and Founder of the Ruth Institute, Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, will speak to us about how strong family life promotes religious vocations.

RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015

Knights of Columbus Council #12320

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible
One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or on line from Marty Krupp - martybk@gmail.com

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 29, 2016
“HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER”
2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
Thank you for answering the call to express God’s love and compassion through your commitment to this year’s Diocesan Services Fund. Catholics throughout our Archdiocesan Community are uniting in faith, sharing their blessings and giving gifts in Christ’s name. If you have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time; each gift helps. With every parishioner’s meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of $305,000 and provide hope and help for those among us who are most in need. If you prefer to donate online, visit www.archgh.org/dsf.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
February 10th - March 20th
Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting
Will you not watch one hour with me? Mt 26:40
Please join in the international 40 Days for Life effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of the largest late-term abortion mill in the Western Hemisphere:
St. Martha’s is invited to stand in prayer on the sidewalk
Where: Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
When: Friday, March 18th, 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sign up for your hour, and then spread the word about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at an abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed, pregnant women choose life for their babies instead.
Carpool information and Signups available after all Masses, the weekend of March 12th and 13th in the Narthex. Carpools are available as follows:
MaryAnne, 281-615-0927, maryannehoward@cebridge.net, 5:45 AM -11:00 AM
Terice, 281-798-4477, terice.richards@gmail.com, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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.

Sister Ann Marie
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

For Survivors of Abuse—Maria Goretti Network (MGN)
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

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.

HAAM will be hosting a Food Fair on Thursday, March 2nd, from 11 am to 1 pm in the church parking lot. It will be first-come first-served basis.

Wanted: Baby Bottles Empty or Filled
Thank you to all of the parishioners who so generously donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang! We will continue to collect bottles through the month of February. We are still missing 800 bottles and they are expensive to replace. Please return your bottle, filled or empty. Thank you so much for your donations and generosity!
ALL RECEPTION INVITATIONS
HAVE BEEN MAILED!

Every household registered with the parish should have received an invitation to attend a Campaign Reception from Msgr. Borski. If you have not, please contact the Campaign Office at (281) 358-6637. Campaign receptions will continue through March 10th. If you are unable to attend on the dates you’ve been invited, please call the campaign office and we will provide you with alternative dates.

Thank you to those who have already responded to the invitation! We appreciate it!

Don’t Forget to RSVP!
Every Parishioner is Invited to Attend a Reception for Counting Our Blessings!

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND A CAMPAIGN RECEPTION!!!

We ask everyone to make a special effort to join with your fellow parishioners in attending one of the Campaign Receptions. At our receptions, you will learn about our proposed plans and you will be able to ask any questions that you may have regarding our goals. All families will be able to pick up their personalized campaign materials and learn how they may offer their support. You will not be asked to make a decision about your participation in the Campaign at this meeting. The presentation should last approximately one hour. Please send your reply card now to assure the date you want. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
SE HAN ENVIADO TODO LAS INVITACIONES PARA LAS RECEPCIONES!

Todos los hogares registrados en la parroquia deben haber recibido una invitación de Msgr. Borski para asistir a una Recepción de la Campaña. Si usted no la ha recibido, favor de llamar a la Oficina de Campaña al (281) 358-6637. Las recepciones de la Campaña continuarán hasta Marzo 10. Si no le es posible asistir a una de las fechas a las que fue invitado, le pedimos que se comunique con la oficina de Campaña y se le proporcionarán fechas alternativas.

Gracias a todos los que ya han respondido a la invitación! Realmente lo apreciamos!

LE PEDIMOS HAGA UN ESFUERZO POR ASISTIR A ALGUNA RECEPCION!!!

Les pedimos a todos que hagan un esfuerzo especial por acompañar a otros parroquianos asistiendo a una de las Recepciones de la Campaña. Durante estas recepciones, usted podrá entender los planes propuestos, así como hacer preguntas concernientes a nuestras metas. Todas las familias recibirán su material personalizado de la Campaña y entender como pueden apoyarnos. No se pedirá a nadie que tome decisiones durante su participación en estas juntas. La presentación dura aproximadamente una hora. Favor de confirmar su asistencia lo más pronto posible para asegurar su lugar en la fecha deseada. Le agradecemos su apoyo en esta tarea!

Si tiene preguntas, favor de llamar a la oficina de Campaña al 281-358-6637
O escribir a campaign@stmartha.com
Evangelio.

Nuestro tema para este domingo es la relación especial que tenemos con él en nuestra visión de la vida que se forma por el pacto con nosotros y deseamos que basemos nuestra visión de la vida en esa relación especial. Por lo tanto, Cuaresma nos invita a tomar una mirada honesta a la forma en que vivimos y la visión de la vida. Desde este punto de vista, nos pide que tomemos algunas decisiones críticas sobre cómo es posible que tengamos que cambiar y convertirnos a la manera de Dios, es decir, el camino del reino revelado en Cristo Jesús. Sin reflexión sobre los valores del reino y la firme decisión de cambiar, podemos vivir fácilmente de manera muy superficial y no muy diferente de nuestros contemporáneos seculares. Este llamado a profundizar en nuestras vidas nos pide que busquemos la gracia de Dios a medida que entramos en este camino cuaresmal. Lo que hace la diferencia en nuestro viaje es la intensidad con la que entramos en un reino con un valor muy pasado por alto: la virtud de la esperanza cristiana. Esta virtud no es un sueño caprichoso, sino una profunda convicción de fe que el Dios de la alianza prometió hace mucho tiempo cumplirnos con los deseos más profundos del corazón humano, siguiendo haciéndolo aquí y ahora, cuando nos abrimos a sus promesas.

La gente de esperanza reconoce el poder transformador de Dios en sus vidas, pero también reconocen que son ellos los que tienen que despejar el camino para esa transformación. Sería tonto de nuestra parte esperar la transformación de nuestro mundo, y negarnos a permitir que Dios nos ilumine para ver el mundo desde la perspectiva del reino según lo revelado por medio del Evangelio de Jesús. Para llegar a ver de esta manera se exige la gracia especial para conseguir debajo de la superficie de nuestras vidas, y reconocer la presencia del Dios de la Alianza en los sucesos y acontecimientos que nos rodean. El Evangelio de hoy es una explicación de cómo Pedro, Santiago y Juan llegaron a obtener una visión del reino. La historia de la transfiguración, fue ese momento especial, en el que se les dio la oportunidad de ver bajo la superficie de la vida de Jesús y también de sus vidas. Lo que puede haber aparecido como la predicación inútil de un rabino errante insignificante que estaba en problemas con la ley y pronto sería arrestado y ejecutado como un criminal - por debajo de todo esto fue el momento de la transfiguración, fue ese momento especial que nos dejó vivir de acuerdo a lo que Dios nos manda. Seamos misericordiosos con ellos.

Compromiso de la semana: Rezaré por las personas que están en prisiones y centros de detención.

**PARA TODO VICTIMA DE ABUSO**

La sexta obra de misericordia corporal es: Socorrer a los presos. La privación de nuestra libertad es uno de los castigos más severos que existe. La sociedad es corresponsable en muchos de los crímenes. Uno de los ministerios menos acudidos es el de visitar a los presos en cárcel y centros de detención, se necesitan más voluntarios para poderlo hacer bien. Aún si no los pudes visitar, todos podemos rezar por ellos, por su conversión y por sus familias y víctimas. Jesús le dijo a San Faustina: “Mientras más grande sea el pecador, mayor derecho tiene para Mi Misericordia”. La oración es un muy poderosa y todos la podemos usar. También es muy importante el ayudar a nuestros hermanos, que aunque no están físicamente, pueden sentirse la misma cosa en su corazón.

**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. Verónica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co