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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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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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I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20

Fifth Sunday of Lent
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings were used on Sunday)

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a


SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Thursday: St. Patrick

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Spring begins

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy’s theme, took place the last time today’s Gospel about Jesus’ encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. “Jesus’ attitude is striking,” Francis declared. “We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: ‘Neither do I condemn you’” (John 8:11). Francis continued: “God’s face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God’s patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God’s] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us ... understands us ... waits for us ... does not tire of forgiving us” if we return “with a contrite heart” (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus’ raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those “raised” from the death of sin, Jesus defines the community’s “mission of mercy” — “Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).

Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PRIEST AND A RABBI EXCHANGE PULPITS?

BRIDGES ARE BUILT!

“Honoring Nostra Aetate: The 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II - A story for our times”

Rabbi Dan Gordon and Msgr. Borski exchanged pulpits during the month of February. Rabbi Dan’s talk is available on our parish website. To listen go to: http://www.stmarthaaff.com/recent-additions-t-192.html

When you go to the link you can click on mp3 or audio player to listen.

Rabbi Dan Gordon has been the rabbinic spiritual leader of Temple Beth Torah in Humble since 1998. He has been involved with Jewish education for twenty-five years in a variety of capacities, including camp director, youth director and religious school principal. He also has an international reputation as a storyteller and folklorist, having toured throughout the U.S., Israel and Australia. In addition to his work with Temple Beth Torah, he teaches Jewish adult education classes in Houston, leads storytelling workshops for educators and serves as a chaplain to four Texas prisons.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

Perhaps some of us grew up with an image of God as a stern judge who keeps an account of all human wrongdoing and who punishes sinners according to an exact scale of divine justice. However, that is not the picture God paints of Himself in the Gospel text from John 8 that is used for this 5th Sunday in Lent. Here God’s self-portrait displayed through the story told about Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is one of unconditional forgiveness offered to anyone, anytime, anyplace. God’s gift of mercy is truly without limit! But there is in this consoling image of God a real challenge that goes to the heart of our vocation as Christian disciples. The heavenly banquet table will be filled not only with those who have been forgiven through God’s mercy but also with those who have offered forgiveness to their brothers and sisters and have made this kindness a reality in their daily lives. The Father’s mercy is given not only to save us but also to teach us how we are to live. As we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, asking and granting forgiveness are part of the same act of divine mercy. We cannot hope to receive the gift of forgiveness if we are unwilling to extend it to others. This is one of the principal messages of Pope Francis’ extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The gift of mercy or forgiveness is basically an attitude of faith formed by some rather fundamental elements. At its core is the realization that God created us human beings as he truly desired us to be --- in his own image and likeness. God bestowed upon us a genuine goodness far beyond our own ability to perceive and understand. Thus, if we accepted and believed this about how God chose to create us human beings, it should become practically impossible for us to condemn another person. It is important to note here the distinct difference between the concepts of condemning and judging. If a human act is wrong, as Christians we must judge and name it as such. However, we make such judgments about behavior and acts, not about people. In the Gospel text for today Jesus in essence said to the woman, “What you have done is evil.” He did not say, “You are evil.” This teaching of Jesus about his Father’s compassion is dramatically opposed to the approach of the Pharisees. They wanted to put an end to the life of the woman. Jesus wanted to put an end to the act of adultery. As faithful followers of Jesus, we are to have a persistent and joyful eagerness to see realized in ourselves and in others all of the goodness of which we are capable. We grow in this divine goodness and mercy by learning to forgive and accept others as God has treated us. In deep humility and sincere contrition may each of us come to see ourselves in this great story of divine mercy and may we learn to be “merciful like the Father.”

Fr. Chester Borski

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Your help is needed on Friday, March 18th, immediately following the 8:30 am Daily Mass. The palms to be blessed at the Palm Sunday Masses need to be prepared. Help is needed by both men and women. Please meet by the relief of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and Jesus. Be sure to bring scissors! For more information, please call Mariel at 281-358-6637 or e-mail marielp@stmartha.com

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.
(No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Mass)
“So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?” Matthew 26:40
We will be in prayer following the 7:30 p.m. Mass (Church closes at midnight)
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
(No 8:30 a.m. Mass. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)
Easter Vigil, March 26: 8:30 p.m.
(No 5:30 p.m. Mass today)
Easter Sunday, March 27: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass).
Overflow Masses will be held in the Activity Center on the Faith Formation Campus at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
(Chapel opens after 1:00 p.m. Mass. No 5:30 p.m. Lifeteen Mass and No Sunday Nursery)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 22, and no Reconciliation on Saturday, March 26.
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.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRI., MARCH 18 AND WILL RE-OPEN MON., MARCH 21 AT 9:00 AM.
Sunday Mornings: Video Series “An opportunity to learn while your children are learning”
A video series by Father Robert Barron – “Conversion”
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: Mar. 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. March dates: 22 & 29.
St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaaff.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, Powerpoints, schedules, important links, music, and more…check it out!
Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube.
Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - AFF Information
Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Explore a bit! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, March 16, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at RC’s Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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 smeccaetsm18@gmail.com.

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, April 4, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, email marciaaeg@aol.com. Or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

Vocations Corner

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the DICKSON 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.

Beattitudes for Nurturing Church Vocations in the Family

Blessed are the children of parents who...
- Witness love for their spouse, their children, their neighbor, and the world.
- Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of their lives.
- Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Lead their family in prayer.
- Speak positively about priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.
- Participate in the lay ministries and activities of their parish and community.
- Invite a deacon, brother, sister or priest to their home.
- Encourage their children to consider priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage.

Beattitudes by National Religious Vocation Conference/Photo by Two-Eleven Photography

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, March 28, 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
Mrs. Ann Timpe-Brennan, mother of a Dominican Sister of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist order, will speak to us about supporting your child’s vocation.
RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - St. Patrick’s Day
Top of the morning to ya! It's no "blarney", wear your "green", find your "lucky shamrock" and join us on Wednesday, March 23 at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 p.m. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 ext. 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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.

The ROSARY GUILD is always looking for people to come share fellowship and learn how to make Rosaries to give to various Missions, Curias and any who would like them. We meet on the second Sunday of every month at the Woodland Hills campus in Room 2. You can find more out about us at http://www.marianiterosaryguild.org or Contact me Janice Cravens at 832-713-0556.

THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rager 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help. “For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35
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 pattyj@stmartha.com or call the MDO office at 281-713-8970.

St. Martha School Scoops

THANK YOU to our SMCS families, friends and parish community for their support of the 11th Annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Walk/Run! The event was a wonderful success for our school and Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Fr. Richard did a great job motivating and leading our SMCS Crusaders for Christ and placed 2nd in his age division. Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator Lisa Hartsfield also represented the SMCS team and placed 2nd in her age division. Congratulations as well to ALL our SMCS Crusaders for Christ team members who participated in this fun event and demonstrated Crusader commitment, spirit and pride!

This fundraising event was a great financial success for SMCS as funds were raised through SFS registrations and donations to help fill the gap between tuition charged and the cost to educate our students. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our school families, parishioners and community who continue to support us in the mission of SMCS.

Mark your calendars and join us on February 18, 2017, for the 12th annual Steps for Students event!

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.

Pro-Life Corner

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 this weekend, March 12 and 13, 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

Prolife Translations

If you can help translate English Prolife articles into Spanish, your assistance is needed. These articles promote the sanctity of life. Please call Raul Melchor at 713-492-998.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group: The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? Email Gloria Gamez at mornglor@yahoo.com
An invitation to You, a family member, friend or neighbor

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for YOU! Please join us for informal listening/discussion sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics.

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Church and the community at St. Martha. Next session starts on April 5 – May 10, 2016, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the 3702 Woodland Hills campus, Room 2. We would love to meet you there!

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact:

Carla Lewton carlal@stmartha.com 281-713-8968
Vicki Rück vickiruck@suddenlink.net 713-927-8815

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE

Fruits of Your Labor…

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of February, we had 1,086 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 596 visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.

GABRIEL PROJECT AND BIRTHRIGHT OF HUMBLE: The Gabriel Project of St. Martha's and Birthright of Humble help mothers emotionally and spiritually who contact us for help. This past January our Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser has raised over $23,000.00 to help our mothers and their babies who find them self in a crisis pregnancy. The generosity of our parishioners has given our ministries the resources and support needed to make sure our mothers have what is necessary to help them make the right decisions and what is needed to bring their babies home.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl. We ask for continued prayers for all our mothers and their babies that God will watch over them.

A special thank you again to all our parishioners at St. Martha's for their financial support for a successful Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser.

YASTM - YOUNG ADULTS IN ACTION: The Young Adults of St. Martha have been very busy over the past several months. We have held Bible studies, hosted dinners, formed new friendships, grown in our spiritual life and served the community. Most recently we decorated diabetic socks for seniors. We used "puff" fabric paint to create unique non-skid design on the bottom of these socks. We met with some of the residents at Oakmont Nursing home in Humble to distribute our creations. It was a truly wonderful experience to see the joy on their faces when we told them the socks were for them. We had the opportunity to even meet with a few of the residents’ families, who were very grateful. We hope to visit other nursing homes in the future and have more moving experiences. We also attended Young Adult and Campus Ministry day which was hosted by the Archdiocese. This day of prayer, spiritual talks and worship allowed the group to network with other young adults in the diocese.

Our community of young adults here at St. Martha continues to grow and we hope you can be a part of it.

We are open to all ages 18 to 35ish. E-mail us at youngadults@stmartha.com to find out more information and get involved.

We appreciate your prayers as we continue to grow.
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA PARISH

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

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him. Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. Please note that no hour is really ever “filled” because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

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. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 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 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 281-345-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

CANCARE

St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS

Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. Cards are $3.00 per person/$4.00 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25.00 for perpetual remembrances. All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

YCP Executive Speaker Series

March 29th

Join us on Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne’s for our Executive Speaker Series. There will be free wine, beer, and appetizers at this free event, open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s. Mr. Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture, will be speaking. Dress for this event is business professional. We hope to see you there! Mass will be offered at 6:15 p.m. before the event begins.

WHEN: Mass at 6:15 p.m. | Executive Speaker Series at 7 p.m.
WHERE: St. Anne’s | 2120 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77098

Arise: Thursdays in March 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. Follow signs posted or contact Brian 713-340-4211 or Matt 718-887-6837.

Monthly Dinner: March 14th, 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.

For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt : 718-887-6837

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 pm for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!
Join Us for the Last Week of Receptions!

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET ATTENDED A RECEPTION, PLEASE PLAN TO DO SO TODAY AFTER MASS…

Saturday, March 12th, After the 5:30 pm Mass, In the Church  
Sunday, March 13th, After the 7:00 am Mass, In the Church  
Sunday, March 13th, After the 9:00 am Mass, In the Church  
Sunday, March 13th, After the 11:00 am Mass, In the Church  
Sunday, March 13th, During the 1:00 pm Mass, In the Church  
Sunday, March 13th, After the 5:30 pm Mass, In the Church

You are not asked to make your pledge during the reception, but to take the information home and prayerfully consider what you can do for the campaign. Even if you have not RSVP’d, you and your family are invited to attend a reception. If you have not already done so, please take this opportunity to come and hear about our campaign.

Every family who attends a reception will receive their personalized campaign materials. Help save us money (on postage) by picking up your campaign materials today!

If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637 or at campaign@stmartha.com
Asistan a la última semana de Recepciones!

SI USTED NO HA ASISTIDO A UNA RECEPCION, POR FAVOR HAGALO HOY DESPUÉS DE MISA...

Sábado, Marzo 12, después de Misa de 5:30 pm, en la Iglesia
Domingo, Marzo 13, después de Misa de 7:00 am, en la Iglesia
Domingo, Marzo 13, después de Misa de 9:00 am, en la Iglesia
Domingo, Marzo 13, después de Misa de 11:00 am, en la Iglesia
Domingo, Marzo 13, después de Misa de 1:00 pm, en la Iglesia
Domingo, Marzo 13, después de Misa de 5:30 pm, en la Iglesia

No se le pedirá que haga ningún compromiso durante la recepción, solo se le pedirá llevarse la información a casa y considerar por medio de la oración lo que puede aportar a la Campaña. Aunque no haya confirmado su asistencia, usted y su familia están invitados a la recepción. Si aún no le ha sido posible asistir, le pedimos que aproveche la oportunidad y asista ahora y conozca nuestra Campaña.

Todas las familias que asistan a una recepción podrán recibir materiales personalizados de la Campaña. Por favor ayúdenos a ahorrar dinero (en timbres postales) recogiendo sus materiales hoy!

Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame a la oficina de Campaña al 281-358-6637 o escriba a campaign@stmartha.com
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
Tal vez algunos de nosotros crecimos con una imagen de Dios como un juez severo que mantie- ne una carta de toda maldad humana y que castiga a los pecadores de acuerdo con una escala exacta de justicia divina. Sin embargo, esa no es la imagen de Dios que nos pinta de sí mismo en el texto del Evangelio de Juan 8 que se utiliza para este quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Aquí el autorretrato de Dios que se muestra a través de la historia que cuentan acerca de Jesús y la mujer sorprendida en adulterio es uno de perdón incondicional ofrecido a cualquier persona, en cualquier momento y en cualquier lugar. ¡El don de la misericordia de Dios es verdaderamente sin límite! Pero hay en esta imagen consoladora de Dios un verdadero desafío que va al corazón de nuestra vocación como discípulos cristianos. La mesa del banquete celestial estará llena no sólo con aquellos que han sido perdonados por la misericordia de Dios, sino también con aquellos que han ofrecido el perdón a sus hermanos y hermanas y han hecho esta bondad en una realidad en su vida diaria. La misericordia del Padre se da no sólo para salvarnos, sino también para enseñarnos cómo hemos de vivir. Como rezamos en la oración del Señor, pedir y conceder el perdón forman parte del mismo acto de la misericordia divina. No podemos esperar recibir el don del perdón si no estamos dispuestos a extenderlo a otros. Este es uno de los principales mensajes del Papa Francisco en el extraordinario Año Jubilar de la Misericordia.

El don de piedad o perdón es básicamente una actitud de fe formado por algunos de los elementos más fundamentales. En su esencia es la comprensión de que Dios nos creó a los seres humanos como realmente nos deseaba ser — a su imagen y semejanza. Dios nos concedió una bondad genuina mucho más allá de nuestra propia capacidad de percibir y entender. Por lo tanto, si aceptamos y creemos esto acerca de cómo Dios escogió para crear seres humanos, debe ser prácticamente imposible para nosotros condenar a otra persona. Es importante señalar aquí la clara diferencia entre los conceptos de condonar y juzgar. Si un acto humano está mal, como cristianos debemos juzgar y nombrarlo como tal. Sin embargo, hacemos tales juicios sobre el comportamiento y los actos, no sobre las personas. En el texto del Evangelio de hoy Jesús en esencia dijo a la mujer: “Lo que has hecho es malo”. No dijo, “Usted es malo”. Esta enseñanza de Jesús sobre la compasión de su Padre es radicalmente opuesta al enfoque de los fariseos. Ellos querían poner fin a la vida de la mujer. Jesús quiso poner fin al acto de adulterio. Como fieles seguidores de Jesús, vamos a tener un afán persistente y alegre de ver realizado en nosotros y en los demás toda la bondad de la que so- mos capaces. Crecemos en esta bondad y misericordia divina, aprendiendo a perdonar y aceptar a los demás como Dios nos ha tratado. En profunda humildad y contrición sincera cada uno de noso- tros debemos venir a vernos en esta gran historia de la misericordia divina y poder aprender a ser "misericordiosos como el Padre."

Padre Chester Borski

INSCRIPCIÓN DEL RETIRO DE ACTS
EN ESPAÑOL PARA DAMAS.
Las siglas de ACTS representan Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio.
Las invitamos a que no se pierdan de esta oportunidad para vivir una experiencia de fe muy especial.
El retiro será del 5 al 8 de Mayo de 2016
Las inscripciones tendrán lugar el 13 de Marzo después de la Misa de Español.
Para inscribirse necesitan dar un depósito de $50.00.
Si tiene preguntas favor comunicarse con
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5º Domingo de Cuaresma
El primer objetivo que el Papa Francisco quiere para este año de la Misericordia es que experimentemos la Misericordia de Dios a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Para hacer una buena Reconciliación tenemos que, primero hacer un buen y completo examen de conciencia. Revisar nuestras acciones, palabras, pensamientos a la luz de los Diez Mandamientos de Dios, los Cinco Mandamientos de la Iglesia y los Siete Pecados Capitales. También tenemos que reconocer todo el bien que no hemos hecho y que pudimos haber hecho, los pecados de omisión. Después es muy importante tener un corazón verdaderamente arrepentido del dolor que hemos causado con nuestro pecado y tener una intención firme de no volver a pecar. Antes de poder ir a confesarnos, tenemos que perdonar a todas aquellas personas que nos han ofendido. Jesús fue muy claro cuando nos enseñó la Oración del Padre Nuestro en el Evangelio de San Mateo, que si no perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, nuestro Padre no nos perdonará nuestros pecados. Es por eso que es vital el perdonar antes de ser perdonados. Ya después de estos pasos, podemos ir a confesar nuestros pecados con un Sacerdote y cumplir la penitencia para obtener el perdón de nuestros pecados.
Compromiso de la semana: Haré un buen examen de conciencia y cumpliré con los pasos para hacer una buena Reconciliación esta semana.