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 Kleingeltl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, and Mr. John Schuster

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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Be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding.

Luke 12:35

August 7, 2016

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God’s promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

**Psalm** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Because of his faithful obedience to God’s call, Abraham’s descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Gospel** — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

*READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2 -4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Dominic

**Tuesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

**Wednesday:** St. Lawrence

**Thursday:** St. Clare

**Friday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**Saturday:** Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Aug. 8** 8:30 am †Ben Russotto

**Tues./Aug. 9** 8:30 am †Esteven Napalit 7:00 pm †Fernando Cuadra (Fr. Xavier Bilavendiran will be joining us for the 7 pm Mass and Adoration)

**Wed./Aug. 10** 8:30 am Teresa Guzman 10:00 am Ricardo Gonzales

**Thurs./Aug. 11** 6:30 am †Theresa Louise Moore 8:30 am †Louis Booth

**Fri./Aug. 12** 8:30 am †Donal Fitzpatrick

**Sat./Aug. 13** 5:30 pm †George Calongne

**Sun./Aug. 14** 7:00 am †Steve McMichael 9:00 am †Kristi Gabler Algood 11:00 am †Jimmy McAndrews 1:00 pm †Hipolita Martinez 5:30 pm †Karen Warfield

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

James McPhearson, Sr.
Ronnie May (husband of Claire May, father of Camille Morrison, Dorothy Alspaugh, Rhonda Kelly and Ron May)
Elvia Holguin
Herman Charles Jenny
Angel Fernandez (brother of Fernando Fernandez)
Leslie Sanders
Joey Slivinski


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

**Year of Mercy—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Last Sunday’s “Parable of the rich fool” delivered a compelling reason to do the right thing—now: “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you” (Luke 12:20). Today, Jesus warns us: “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (12:40). Though we do not know when our Master will come, we do know what our Master expects to find. Jesus expects us to be vigilant (12:37) and diligent (12:42) in our work for the kingdom, but also filled with reverent mercy toward our fellow servants and ourselves. Hopefully, Jesus’ warning not to get drunk and beat each other up (12:45) does not apply to us literally! But what changes do I need to make, right now, so that the many people outside “the Master’s house” will want to come inside to experience the healing comfort of Jesus’ own mercy in the compassion of Jesus’ modern-day disciples?

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text chosen for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time describes an experience that the early Christians must have faced once Jesus ascended into heaven. They had to discover what it means to be Church, the Body of Christ, here on earth and how they were to fulfill the mission that Jesus left them. It is an experience that all of us have to face as well when we realize that we are called to be “intentional disciples” of the Lord Jesus in our world today. By the time that Luke wrote his Gospel, the Church was encountering the challenge of living with what seemed to be the absence of Christ and the lack of his clear guiding presence in the world. The disciples had to learn patience like “servants who await their master’s return from a wedding.” Luke points out the enormity of the challenge in the second part of the parable. In face of what seems to be the Lord’s ongoing absence and his reluctance to show tangible signs that the Father’s Kingdom was taking root in the world, many followers of Christ gave in to the temptation to build their own kingdoms. All of us face similar challenges in our lives as well. Many of us reach a point when we wonder if this world that we live in is really capable of being changed by Gospel values. And if we accept the view that the world is being taken over by evil forces and materialistic ideologies, we begin to wonder if Christ is only marginally involved in our world and in our lives. We are tempted to choose the path of brute power and unethical political strategies in an effort to make a world for ourselves that we think will provide us with a safe environment and economic security. When we stop to look at our proposed “kingdoms” that we want to construct for ourselves, we realize that these do not correspond very well to the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed.

However, there is also a much more subtle temptation that some of us modern day Church-goers fall for. While we pride ourselves in not buying into the values of the secular world around us, unfortunately we buy into our own design for what the Kingdom of God should be like, for what the Church should be about. When Christ seems exceedingly slow in bringing about the Kingdom of his Father (a Kingdom of love, justice, and peace), we in our impatience rush to try out our own approach. We usually set out to build a church that tends to exclude those who make us uncomfortable, e.g. those from different backgrounds, the marginalized who require special attention, etc. In other words, when we stop to examine our plans for building the Kingdom of God, we usually overlook those teachings of Jesus Christ that we find difficult to embrace. We tend to forget the role of the cross in our lives and our need for God’s grace each day of faith journey. (It seems to me that this is precisely the role that Pope Francis has chosen to exercise in the Church by highlighting the attitude and example of Jesus that we must give witness to as disciples of the Lord.) There is a saying that if we want God to really have a big laugh, we simply have to tell him our plans for His world.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Monday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption, normally a Holy Day of Obligation. This year the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed since the feast day falls on a Monday. You are, however, invited to celebrate this feast at one of the following Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 15.

**INFIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The annual Infirm Priests Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests. **This year the Infirm Priests Collection is August 13 and 14.** Please be as generous as you can in this important need.

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**VIRTUS WORKSHOPS**

St. Martha will be offering the following workshops in English:

**Protecting God’s Children:**

- Tues., August 16, 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

**Keeping the Promise Alive (Refresher):**

- Wed., August 31, 6:30 p.m. in the FLC

You must pre-register online at www.virtusonline.org. You must arrive at least 30 minutes early. No walk-ins and no children allowed.

For more information, please contact Ana Luisa Rodriguez or Michelle Campisi at 281-358-1959 x212.

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**Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change? We Can Help!**

Saturday Work Shop: August 13
9 am to Noon
Room 2 at Woodland Hills Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Dr

We also meet every Friday in Room 2, 9:15 am - Noon
PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The 3rd Parish Blood Drive for 2016, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, August 14th, from 8:00 am until 1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on August 6 & 7 to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate.

Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

You may schedule an appointment by e-mailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.)

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, AUGUST 15, FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, WITH REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, 9:00AM TO 4:00PM.

Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study
9:30 – 10:45 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2
Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome.

August Dates: 9, 16, 23, & 30.
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.

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THE FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY IS NO LONGER TAKING BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS, THE SHELVES ARE OVERFLOWING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Course: From Mon., Sept. 12th to Mon., Nov 7th the Financial Planning Committee will be offering Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. There is no charge for the course other than the course materials which should be purchased directly from Dave Ramsey.

Information about the class, registration and purchase of the course material can be done at the following link: http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1021340. For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or e-mail Patty at pattyschulze63@gmail.com.

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, gathers on Wednesday, August 10, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:
* Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
* Stories of Faith and Catholicism, Continued Sharing
* The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
* Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
* Explanation/Walk through of the Mass, Q&A
* The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A

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

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - SUMMER VACATION

The Young at Heart Luncheons held at St. Martha's on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will resume on Wednesday, September 14. Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.
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 develle@comcast.net.

Women's Familia
Mother of Young Children, working in the home or outside of the home…finally…something just for you! Want an opportunity to grow in solid friendships with other moms just like you, delve more deeply into who you are as a woman, wife and mother in the light of your faith and equip yourself with practical tools that can be applied right away: Call Christiana Chavez at 713-303-1749 or miller_christiana@hotmail.com to learn more.
Meetings are held on the 2nd/4th Monday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the FLC with babysitting provided. The cost for the Familia book is $35; partial scholarships are available.

Men's Familia
Do you want to be a better man…for your wife, for your children, for yourself? Make your family GREAT – Experience friendship with other Catholic men as you explore principles to help you make decisions at work, as a husband, father and leader of your family.
The Men's Familia team will meet monthly from September – April, day of the week, time and location TBD. The cost for the book is $45; partial scholarships are available. Contact John Ehlig at jjehlig@gmail.com for more information.

Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.

Day Trip To Galveston: Sunday, August 14th. We will be taking a trip to Galveston as a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Pope Francis extended a temporal privilege allowing Catholics to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy by passing through a designated Holy Door during the Year of Mercy. We will stay for Mass at the cathedral and then go to the beach for a picnic lunch. We are still in the planning stages of this event. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot. Please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com for more information.

Archdiocesan Family Life Ministry Events For Fall
Ministry to the Widowed: The Harvesting Our Tears program, an eight week support group for the widowed meets every second Thursday of the month from September 8, 2016 – May 11, 2017. St. Dominic Center Morkovsky Hall Building, Room 202, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021. To register: Call Elsa Aguilera at 713-741-8708 or at eaguilera@archgh.org

Retrouvaille: Next rediscovery weekend for marriages in crisis is October 14, 15, & 16 in Houston, Texas. Register at: http://www.retrouvaille.org

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.

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Bible Study – Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church. We are currently studying the Book of Revelations. We are an informal group and encourage all to join. No prior Bible study experience is necessary! We will be meeting in the parlor, which is located in the rear of the church (when you enter the main doors, take the hall on your left-it is the first door on the left hand side). Please subscribe to our e-mail list via Flocknote new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YAStMYoungAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASLM/ or www.stmartha.com/yastm to stay informed of upcoming events.
For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt 718-887-6837.

St. Martha Rosary Guild
We need help making rosaries. Please come by and help us every Wednesday from 10:00am-2:30pm, at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2, and bring your lunch or join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month, Room 2, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. See you there! For more info contact Janice Cravens 832-713-0556, jlcrcp@yahoo.com or Gilda Womack at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com. Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

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For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt 718-887-6837.
**One of the Best Kept Secrets at St. Martha**

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.

Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha phone Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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**Rosary after Daily Mass**

A group of parishioners gathers after the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass, when able, to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join them in the back of the church in front of the Mary statue to pray the rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

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**Vocation Corner**

**Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**

**Monday, August 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.

Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Our guest speaker for August will be Bill Clary, Governor of Serra USA District 10 who will speak about vocation activities in Houston.

RSVP: Diddy Muck

muck@kingwoodcable.net

281-615-2015

Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

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**Did You Know?**

Our priests and religious bring their unique gifts and talents to the service of the Lord, even as they live their calling. JOIN our own seminarist, David Michael Moses in concert on August 11th. You will enjoy an excellent evening of music and it’s free to you! For more info:

concertforlife2016@gmail.com

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**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**

**September 15 - 18, 2016**

Registration for the September Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. 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’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50.00. The cost of the retreat is $190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat director, Stacie Eakin, at 713-898-1335 or saeakin0409@icloud.com. God Bless!

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**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction**

- **2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 - 8:30p.m.**
  (Fr. Xavier Bilavendiran will be joining us for the 7 pm Mass and Adoration on Tues., Aug. 9th)
- **2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**
  Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston
Limited Openings for the 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org.

IF YOU ARE A PASSIONATE AND FAITH-FILLED EDUCATOR, ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

- Kindergarten Teacher
- Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Part-time Middle School Spanish Teacher
- Substitute Teachers

For more information, please visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org or contact Principal Mrs. Tina Lewis at 281-358-5523.

Parenting/Youth

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 8, 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? E-mail Gloria Gámez at mornglor@yahoo.com

CCE, LIFETEEN & SACRAMENT

Registration has begun!!!
Please stop by the Faith Formation Office during regular office hours or visit the CCE table after one of the English Masses the weekend of August 20th and 21st.
Visit to www.Stmartha.com for more information on registration and to volunteer. Sign Up soon!!!

Parents of High-Schoolers—support our high school students with the power of your prayers. Sign up to be given one prayer day a month to pray for the parish’s high schoolers and help us cover them in prayer. There are no meetings to attend and your prayers are offered privately in whatever method of prayer you prefer. For more information or to be given a day on our high school Prayer Quilt, email Lori DiSorbo at lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24TH
For any child entering 6th grade or higher who is interested in becoming an altar server we will be hosting our yearly training on Saturday, September 24th. For those new to altar serving at SMCC please be sure to sign up for training during the Ministry Fair in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekend of August 20/21. We will send out more detailed information to those who sign up during the Ministry Fair. On September 24th, training will be held in the main church beginning at 9:00 a.m. for new servers. For those who have served at SMCC in the past, recertification will start at Noon. Pizza lunch will be served for all in attendance. Contact Jennifer Farace at jfarace@embarqmail.com with questions.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!!!
Children’s Liturgy is looking for a few talented parishioners! Currently we are seeking:
- A painter to create a custom design and decorate our Ambo for the 3rd to 5th graders.
- We are also looking to create two banners - can be painted, sewn, quilted – to guide our little ones to their respective rooms from the main church during mass.
If you would like to share your time, talent and treasure for the Children’s Liturgy, please contact Jaclyn Dement at 713-851-6751 or Mary Anne Sokol at 281-642-3821.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays– 9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter.
Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizen
In the words of Pope Francis, “progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality.” The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity.

Subsidiarity
It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities -- in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.

The human person is not only sacred but also social. Full human development takes place in relationship with others. The family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted. Respect for the family should be reflected in every policy and program. It is important to uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to choose their children’s education.

How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects the common good and the capacity of individuals to develop their full potential. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate actively in shaping society and to promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.

Questions for your consideration:
♦ What is our definition of marriage?
♦ Are economic policies designed to prioritize the poor?
♦ Is Catholic Education a necessary expense in our lives?
♦ What decisions should be left to federal authorities and what decisions should be left to local authorities or the community?
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“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. However, 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.

OPEN HOUR:  TUESDAY 1-2AM

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Sunday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, Monday: 5-6 PM, 10-11 PM. Tuesday: 2-3AM, 7-8 AM. Wednesday: 1-2AM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 9-10 AM, Noon-1 PM, 7-8 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.

Banns of Marriage

The Parish of San Francisco in San Miguel Ayende, Guanajuato has requested that we announce the Banns of Marriage for Alejandro Garcia Perez and Andrea Alejandra Natera Escobar, who will be married October 8, 2016. If any persons know of a serious reason why this couple should not be married please call the parish office at 281-358-6637.

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.

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.
Formando Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles

En palabras del papa Francisco, “para avanzar en esta construcción de un pueblo en paz, justicia y fraternidad, hay cuatro principios relacionados con tensiones propias de toda realidad social.” Los cuatro principios son la dignidad de la persona humana, el bien común, la subsidiariedad y la solidaridad. A continuación un extracto del documento del USCCB El Reto de Formar la Conciencia para ser Ciudadanos Fieles

Subsidiaridad
Es imposible promover la dignidad de la persona si no se cuidan la familia, los grupos, las asociaciones, las realidades territoriales locales, en definitiva, aquellas expresiones agregativas de tipo económico, social, cultural, deportivo, recreativo, profesional, político, a las que las personas dan vida espontáneamente y que hacen posible su efectivo crecimiento social. La persona humana no es sólo sagrada, sino también social. El desarrollo humano pleno se lleva a cabo en relación con los demás. La familia —basada en el matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer— es la primera y fundamental unidad de la sociedad y es un santuario para la creación y crianza de los niños. Debería ser defendida y fortalecida, y no redefinida, socavada o distorsionada aún más. El respeto a la esencia del matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer— es la primera y fundamental unidad de la sociedad y es un santuario para la creación y crianza de los niños. La familia debería ser defendida y fortalecida, y no redefinida, socavada o distorsionada aún más. El respeto a la esencia del matrimonio entre un hombre y una mujer— es la primera y fundamental unidad de la sociedad y es un santuario para la creación y crianza de los niños. La forma en que organizamos nuestra sociedad —en las áreas económica, política y legislativa— afecta directamente el bien común y la capacidad de los individuos de desarrollar su potencial pleno. Cada persona y asociación tiene el derecho y la obligación de participar activamente en la formación de la sociedad y de promover el bienestar de todas las personas, especialmente de los pobres y los vulnerables. El principio de subsidiaridad nos recuerda que las instituciones más grandes de un país no deberían abrumar o interferir con las instituciones que son más pequeñas o tienen carácter local. Sin embargo, las instituciones más grandes tienen responsabilidades esenciales cuando las instituciones locales no pueden adecuadamente proteger la dignidad humana, responder a las necesidades humanas y promover el bien común.

Preguntas para reflexionar:
¿Cuál es nuestra definición de matrimonio? ¿Están las políticas económicas diseñadas ara darle prioridad al pobre? ¿Son los gastos de una Educación Católica necesarios en nuestra vida? ¿Cuáles decisiones deben ser dejadas al gobierno federal y cuales decisiones deben ser dejadas a las autoridades locales o a la comunidad?

Mensaje del Pastor

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El texto del Evangelio elegido para el domingo 19 del tiempo ordinario describe una experiencia que los cristianos primitivos enfrentaron una vez que Jesús ascendió al cielo. Tuvieron que descubrir lo que significa ser Iglesia, el cuerpo de Cristo, aquí en la tierra y cómo debían cumplir la misión que Jesús les había dejado. Es una experiencia que todos tenemos que enfrentar, cuando nos damos cuenta de que estamos llamados a ser "discípulos intelectuales" del Señor Jesús en el mundo de hoy. En el momento en que Lucas escribió su Evangelio, la Iglesia se enfrentaba al reto de vivir con lo que parecía ser la ausencia de Cristo y de la falta de su presencia clara guía en el mundo. Los discípulos tuvieron que aprender a ser pacientes como "sirvientes que esperan el regreso de su amo de una boda". Lucas señala lo enorme del desafío en la segunda parte de la parábola. En contra de lo que parece ser la ausencia permanente del Señor y su renuencia a dar señales tangibles de que el Reino del Padre se fue consolidando en el mundo, muchos seguidores de Cristo cedieron a la tentación de construir sus propios reinos. Todos nosotros también enfrentamos desafíos similares en nuestras vidas. Muchos de nosotros llegamos a un punto en que nos preguntamos si este mundo en el que vivimos es realmente capaz de ser cambiado por los valores del Evangelio. Y si aceptamos la idea de que el mundo está siendo tomado por las fuerzas del mal y las ideologías materialistas, comenzamos a preguntarnos si Cristo sólo está implicado marginalmente en nuestro mundo y en nuestras vidas. Estamos tentados a elegir el camino de la energía bruta y estrategias políticas, contrarias a la ética, en un esfuerzo por hacer un mundo para nosotros que creemos que nos proporcionará un ambiente y economía seguros. Cuando nos detenemos a mirar a nuestros propuestos "reinos" que queremos construir, y nos damos cuenta de que éstas no corresponden muy bien con el Reino de Dios que Jesús proclamó.

Sin embargo, también hay una tentación mucho más sutil que algunos de nosotros, iglesia de hoy en caemos. Si bien, nos enorgullecemos de no comprar los valores del mundo secular que nos rodea, por desgracia, compramos nuestro propio diseño por lo que el Reino de Dios y la iglesia deben ser. Cuando Cristo parece excesivamente lento en traer el reino de su Padre (un reino de amor, justicia y paz), y en nuestra prisa por la impaciencia de probar nuestro propio enfoque. Por lo general, proponemos construir una iglesia que tiende a excluir a los que nos incomodan, por ejemplo, los procedentes de diferentes orígenes, los marginados que requieren atención especial, etc. En otras palabras, cuando nos detenemos a examinar nuestros planes para la construcción del Reino de Dios, que por lo general dan a esas enseñanzas de Jesucristo que encontramos difícil de asumir. Tenemos la tendencia a olvidar el papel de la cruz en nuestras vidas y nuestra necesidad de la gracia de Dios cada día en el camino de fe. (Me parece que este es precisamente el papel que el Papa Francisco ha decidido ejercer en la Iglesia, poniendo de relieve la actitud y el ejemplo de Jesús que debemos dar testimonio como discípulos del Señor.) Hay un dicho que dice si queremos que Dios tenga realmente una gran carcajada, simplemente tenemos que decirle nuestros planes para su mundo.

Padre Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

Inscripciones para el Catecismo en Español comenzarán a partir del 2 de Agosto en la Oficina del Catecismo de lunes a jueves de 9 AM a 3 PM. Los cupos son limitados.

ENTRENAMIENTO PARA MONAGUILLOS
24 DE SEPTIEMBRE

El sábado 24 de septiembre estaremos realizando nuestro entrenamiento anual para todos los jóvenes (de 6to grado en adelante) interesados en servir como monaguillos. Los nuevos monaguillos que deseen servir en Santa Marta, por favor asegúrense de inscribirse para el entrenamiento durante la Feria de Ministerios, en el atrio de la iglesia, después de todas las misas del fin de semana del 20 y 21 agosto. Enviaremos información más detallada a los que se inscriban durante la Feria de Ministerios. El entrenamiento del 24 de septiembre se llevará a cabo en la iglesia a partir de las 9 a.m. para los nuevos servidores. Para aquellos que ya han servido en Santa Marta, la recertificación comenzará al mediodía. Serviremos almuerzo (pizza) a todos los asistentes. Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Carmen Pastora (carmen.past@hotmail.com)

ENTRENAMIENTO DE VIRTUS
St. Martha estará ofreciendo el taller: “Protegiendo los Niños de Dios” el miércoles, 10 de Agosto a las 6:30 p.m. en el Family Life Center.
Deben de registrarse en línea antes de asistir a este taller ya que no se permitirá a nadie que no esté pre-inscrito.

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.

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

Boletos ya disponibles para la Rifa del Festival de la Parroquia

Los boletos para la rifa del Festival de la Parroquia ya están disponibles para su distribución y venta. También se estarán repartiendo después de cada Misa durante los fines de semana de Ago. 13-14, Ago. 27-28 y Sep. 10-11.
Se destinará $1 de cada boleto de rifa vendido para el Ministerio de su preferencia. Tan sólo necesita anotar el nombre del Ministerio escogido en la parte posterior del talón del boleto. Está en una forma excelente de recolectar fondos para los diferentes Ministerios y poder seguir trabajando en sus objetivos y obras de Dios.
Hay 4 premios que pueden ser tanto para damas como para caballeros (Ver descripción abajo). La rifa se realizará el 8 de Octubre en el Festival. Los ganadores no necesitan estar presentes durante la rifa para recibir su premio.

1er Premio: Paquete de iPhone 6s Plus y un Reloj Apple, con valor de $1,398.
2o Premio: 4 Boletos y 4 Playeras para el Partido de Football de LSU Tigers vs Texas A&M en el Campo Kyle en College Station en Noviembre 24, con valor de $1026.
3er Premio: Estancia de 2 noches y 2 cenas en el Messina Hot Winery & Resort Villa Bed & Breakfast, con valor de $900.
4o Premio: Grill de carbón grande marca Kamado Pro Ceramic de Home Depot, con valor de $699.

El costo de cada boleto es de $5 o también 11 boletos por $50. Todo el dinero recaudado se usará para pagar los premios y amortizar la deuda de la Iglesia.

Ministerio Legion 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 e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co
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For the weekend of July 30 & 31
your gifts of treasure resulted in:
Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 44,111
Over(Under) (26,923)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 355,170
Sunday Collection $ 71,034
Over(Under) (26,923)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 12,489
Martha’s Kitchen $ 1,996
2016 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 268,936

Current Loan Debt: $ 11,420,808