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 5:30 -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.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).
Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).
Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the “discipline” of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: St. Monica

YEARS OF MERCY——
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
This Jubilee Year of Mercy and Pope Francis’ ministry have renewed our understanding that the Church’s heart is open wide to all, and the heart of the gospel is God’s mercy. Flooded with God’s mercy, our hearts should overflow as channels bringing to wounded and weary hearts Jesus’ healing mercy. For Jesus warns, our own salvation is not guaranteed by the Liturgy of the Word (“you taught in our streets”) nor by the Eucharist (“we ate and drank in your company”) (Luke 13:26). People far from that banquet, “from the east and the west and from the north and the south ... will recline at table in the kingdom of God” (13:29). Rather, showing mercy is key to obtaining mercy ourselves (Matthew 5:7). So we should never dare ask what “someone” asked Jesus, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13:23). The crucial question is “Will I be saved?” And Jesus’ answer is another question: “Have you shown mercy to everyone, freely, gladly, no limits, no conditions, no exceptions?”

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Aug. 22
8:30 am ➤ Mima Bella
5:30 pm ➤ Susan Balish
8:30 pm ➤ John & Pat Hennessey
Tues./Aug. 23
8:30 am ➤ Maria Corazon La Rosa
7:00 pm ➤ Donald Tracy
Wed./Aug. 24
8:30 am ➤ Mary Gallichio
10:00 am ➤ Benjamin Arredondo
Thurs./Aug. 25
6:30 am ➤ Jesse Guzman
8:30 am ➤ Mary Ellen Pierce
Fri./Aug. 26
8:30 am ➤ Mike Hergenrother
7:00 pm ➤ Tom Hackett
Sat./Aug. 27
5:30 pm ➤ Salim Curet
1:00 pm ➤ Linda Price
Sun./Aug. 28
7:00 am ➤ Joseph Park
9:00 am ➤ Jose Solis Martinez
11:00 am ➤ Teresa Parisi
1:00 pm ➤ Patrick Winslow
5:30 pm ➤ Lou Houck

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., AUG. 24.

2016 Stewardship Renewal
Stewardship is not something new, but it does require constant renewal. Each year we pause as a parish to consider how we are doing on our stewardship journeys — both as individuals, and collectively as a parish. This month, every registered family of St. Martha will receive a Stewardship Renewal Package in the mail. Enclosed in the 2016 Stewardship Guidebook and this weekends bulletin is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant this year goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out each day in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Please keep this covenant close by over the next year to help you remember the commitment made between you and God. Additional copies will be available in the parish office, on the parish website and in the Narthex.

This year’s Renewal also consists of three different weekends designed to learn more about parish ministries. You will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

August 20 & 21: Faith Formation and Liturgy Ministries
September 24 & 25: Community Life Ministries
October 22 & 23: Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see last page of the bulletin under Stewardship — Time, Talent and Treasure)
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to reflect on how we are called to become disciples in the kingdom and how we are to deal with suffering and obstacles which come our way because we say “Yes” to God. It is similar to the centuries old question about why does God allow bad things to happen to the good people, especially to those God calls to serve. One of my priest classmates experienced great physical and mental suffering in his life from practically the beginning of his first pastoral assignment. A few months before he died in 2005, he wrote, “Unwarranted suffering, undeserved crosses have, I’m sure, been laid on the shoulders of every human being in one way or another. Physical disease or handicaps, mental or emotional suffering, anxiety, loneliness, boredom … always bring with them the question, ‘Why?’” He pointed out that early on in the Old Testament some thought that hardship in life was sent as a punishment, either for one’s own sins or for those of one’s family. Later the authors of Sacred Scripture began to stress the notion that God sends suffering as a way to test the faith and loyalty of his people. We encounter this teaching in our second reading for today’s liturgy that comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. The following advice is given, “Endure your trials as discipline … At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it.”

My classmate had a very difficult life and struggled mightily for 38 years of priestly ministry. He was never able to join us for our class reunions which we organized every five years. He found it quite demanding to do simple parish ministry. However, he did become a much-loved homilist, chaplain, and spiritual director for hundreds of people in his faith community in North Dakota. (His written reflections are frequently the source for my weekly bulletin message.) He once wrote about his own personal discovery that in the Gospels Jesus shows us how to embrace suffering as redemptive. Today’s Gospel account describes this insight in terms of entering God’s kingdom by the “narrow gate.” Demands will be made on all of us who hope for a place in the kingdom. These demands may prove very burdensome and may require of us much patience, perseverance, and humility. Jesus does not promise to remove these demands from our lives, only that he will walk with us in our trials. He teaches us that if discipline is to have meaning for us and be redemptive, it must become something we embrace for the sake of the kingdom. It must become self-discipline. My classmate concluded his reflections by stating, “Suffering is never explained by asking, ‘Where does it come from?’ or ‘Why me?’” Rather it is explained by asking, ‘What do I do with it?’” Let us pray that the Lord will teach us to carry our cross through the narrow gate into the company of our heavenly Father.

Fr. Chester Borski

“‘We grew so much closer to God and to each other. Praying together is wonderful!’

St. Martha Church Couple Prayer Series

Couple Prayer is a weekly series on prayer for married or engaged couples. Experience first-hand how you can share Couple Prayer with your spouse in ways that will dramatically enhance your faith, your marriage, and the faith and well-being of your entire family.

Where: St. Martha, Faith Formation Campus, (Woodland Hills Drive) in the FLC

When: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Tuesdays, beginning September 13, 2016

(Six Sessions: September 13, 20, 27 and October 4, 11, 18)

For: Married or engaged couples

To register: Send an e-mail to franp@stmartha.com

Please include both husband/wife names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Babysitting is available upon request. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring child care.

For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, August 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.)
**VIRTUS WORKSHOP: 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 info, contact Ana Luisa Rodriguez or Michelle Campisi at 281-358-1959 x212.

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**ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM**

will resume meetings on Tuesday, September 6, from 7-9 p.m., through November 8, 2016. All who are grieving the loss of loved ones are welcome. The grief program meets in Room 3 at the Woodland Hills Campus. To sign up or for more information, call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com. Next future grief program is scheduled for January, 2017.

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**Northeast Catholic Singles, A Ministry for Singles Ages 40 and Up**, will gather on Wed., August 24, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 P.M. at Jason’s Deli, 1275 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmon4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

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**Young at Heart Luncheon** -
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 future bulletins for information on the September luncheons.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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. Remaining August Dates: 8/23, 30/2016
September Dates: 9/6, 13, 20, 27/2016

**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.

**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.**

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**Catholics Returning Home**

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

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**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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 either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: 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 either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com.
**PROJECT RACHEL**

Project Rachel will be starting our fall group discussions on abortion on **September 22**. Please call for more information on place and time: Bonnie Develle at 713-435-9215 or develle@comcast.net.

*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.*

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**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.

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**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 your 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.

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**Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.**

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**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

**MARTHA’S QUILTERS:** As a tangible reminder of God’s love during times of illness, Martha’s Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts and afghans to St. Martha parishioners who are ill or undergoing surgery or other medical treatment. To request a quilt or a crocheted afghan, be placed on our prayer list, or to make a donation, please contact Michelle Lowe at mmleau@gmail.com, 713-294-8779, or Betty Rucka at bettyrucka@rocketmail.com, 281-973-1540.

**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.

**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/YASTM/ 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.
Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Course: From Mon., September 12 to Mon., November 7 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 THIS FALL FOR LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
AS WE EXPLORE “JEREMIAH”

With the exile of many in Judah on the horizon, the prophet Jeremiah spoke on God’s behalf using words and symbolic actions to condemn rampant idolatry in Judah. His prophetic ministry was misunderstood and his subsequent arrest was the source of personal anguish for this prophet who announced a new covenant written on the hearts of God’s people.

Monday Mornings

Session Dates: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5
Time: 9:15 – 10:45am – Family Life Center – Woodland Hills Campus
Fee: $15.00 for study set – paid at first session - Babysitting will be available.
Registration: Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603, or edithkb@kingwoodcable.net
Questions: Carla Lewton, 281-358-1959, ext. 213, 281-713-8968, or carlal@stmartha.com

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 at Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble
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 Clay, 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.

PARENTS, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice?

Vocation Corner
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.

For more information, please visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org

Parenting/Youth

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.

CATECHESIS CORNER . . .

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 this weekend.
Visit to www.Stmartha.com for more information on registration and to volunteer.
Sign Up soon!!!

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.

Parish Festival News

Important Information Regarding Festival Baskets

Please submit the following 4 pieces of information about your basket donation by September 27, 2016 to smfestivalliveauc@gmail.com for Live Auction items and smfestivalsilentau@gmail.com for Silent Auction items. Please separate out each piece of information as shown below so that we can copy/paste as needed for our auction bid sheets, etc. See example.

Please do this as soon as possible. If you have any questions at all, please contact Tom Gallagher at smparishfestival@gmail.com.

Thank you so much!
• A short name for the basket (about 3-5 words)
• List of key items included in the basket
• Retail or fair market value for all the basket and its contents
• Name of ministry

Example:
• Christmas Cheer
• Christmas ornaments, decorated stockings, hot cocoa, ribbons
• $55.00
• Mother Teresa Ministry

Información Importante Sobre la Canasta del Festival

Favor de enviar los 4 datos de información acerca de su donativo de canasta para el 27 de Septiembre, 2016 a smfestivalliveauction@gmail.com para los artículos de la Subasta en vivo y a smfestivalsilentau@gmail.com para los artículos de la subasta silenciosa. Favor de separar cada parte de la información como se muestra abajo para que nos sea posible copiar/pegar los datos como se requiere para los diferentes materiales de las subastas. Ver ejemplo:

Les pedimos hacer esto lo más pronto posible, Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte a Tom Gallagher en smparishfestival@gmail.com

Muchas gracias!
• Asignar un nombre pequeño a la canasta (máximo 3-5 palabras)
• Listado de los artículos incluidos en la canasta
• Valor de Mercado de a canasta y sus contenidos
• Nombre del ministerio

Ejemplo:
• Alegría de Navidad
• Adornos de navidad, calzetas decoradas, chocolate caliente, listones
• $55.00
• Ministerio Madre Teresa
Couples Potluck
September marks the beginning of Couples Potluck Dinners. Couples from St. Martha get together one Saturday a month to relax, enjoy the company and the food.

Each couple hosts one dinner per year. This year, the first get-together will be held on Saturday, September 10, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call Leida at 713-560-4286.

Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
Due to the Labor Day Holiday, Monica’s Hope will meet on the 2nd Monday, September 12, in Room 3.

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 Mon., Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., in Room 3 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

THE CORNERSTONE
Catholic Scripture Study

The Book of Exodus – “A Pilgrimage of Faith”

❖ The exodus event is ancient, yet always new. Join us as we listen to God’s voice speaking to us through the ages.
❖ See how this book sets the foundations of salvation and points forward to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
❖ The Cornerstone is a Catholic Bible study group that leads you on a “faith journey” that can transform your heart and mind.

When: Ladies’ groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
Ladies’ groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - 12 Noon
(Childcare available Wednesday class only)

Ladies’ groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish – Tues. 7:00 – 9:00 PM

All Are Welcome
Classes begin & Visitor’s Day— for inquiries:
Day class: September 14th
Evening class: September 20th

Where: Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
Evening class – Adult Faith Formation classroom 2

To Register or questions Contact:
English: Ray Baudier
(281) 487-8321 or rayban@uddenlink.net
Spanish speakers: Zuri Jackson
(281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

For Survivors of Abuse— Maria Goretti Network (MGN)
A peer to peer 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.

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.

Men’s ACTS Retreat
October 20-23, 2016
Registration for the March Men’s English ACTS Retreat will be held in the Narthex following all Masses beginning August 27-28.
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, John Ehrman, at 281-450-5014.
St. Martha’s Catholic Church
2016-2017 Family Stewardship Covenant
Covenant between God and

(Write your name(s) here)

Whereas I acknowledge that God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom and the source of all that I have and I am and ever will be.

Whereas I acknowledge that God has uniquely given me: myself, my body, my intellect, my talents, my material goods, and the time to use these gifts to extend His kingdom.

In response to and acceptance of God’s many and varied gifts I recognize and am grateful to God. Prayerfully remembering that God calls me to keep my life in balance, I respond by committing to nurture and share these gifts in the following manner:

To God:
- Create a time for individual prayer.
- Regularly read the Bible.
- Create an environment and commit to meditating daily for ___ (fill in a number) minutes.
- Other: ________________________

To Family:
- Spend undistracted time with one member of the family regularly.
- Reserve time for weekly family conversation.
- Create time for prayer as a family.
- Give time to those taking care of a family member.
- Help those who help others (for example, those caring for persons with long term illnesses or disabilities)
- Use time in the making of an extended family.
- Enliven time by creating good, nourishing memories for the younger family members (create family traditions.)
- Have at least ___ (fill in number) family meals each week.
- Other: ________________________

To Community:
- Visit the sick and the elderly in person and by phone.
- Work to improve the safety of the community.
- Respond to cries for human need and misery.
- Work to protect the environment of the community.
- Work to improve the quality of life for disabled persons.
- Respond to the plight of the homeless.
- Work to remove discrimination, prejudice, racism, and sexism (starting with yourself).
- Respond to the presence of the hungry in the community.
- Visit and assist the grief-stricken.
- Visit a homebound individual once a month.
- Visit and stay with an individual needing constant care in order to give the primary caregiver a respite.

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Stewardship Renewal 2016
Please keep this covenant close by over the next year to help you remember the commitment made between you and God.

☐ Commit to support the charities of your choice by donating ___% of your income.
☐ Other: __________________________

To St. Martha’s:
☐ Pray for the parishioners in the bulletin “Pray For” list.
☐ Pray for the pastor.
☐ Pray for the staff.
☐ Pray for the ministries.
☐ Pray for the finances.
☐ Commit to at least one activity at the parish.
☐ Join at least one new ministry over the next year.
☐ Commit to financially support your parish by donating ___% of your income.
☐ Commit to financially support the Counting Our Blessings Campaign by donating ___% of your income.
☐ Other: __________________________

To Catholic Church:
☐ Resolve to become one in mind and heart with Pope Francis.
☐ Fast for the success of Pope Francis’ work.
☐ Sacrifice for the growth of the Church in the Third World.
☐ Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
☐ Reserve time for Eucharistic Adoration.
☐ Resolve to become one in mind and heart with Cardinal DiNardo.
☐ Fast for the success of Cardinal DiNardo’s work.
☐ Sacrifice for the growth of the Church in our archdiocese.
☐ Pray for peace throughout the world.
☐ Pray for the men and women who are working to protect us here, at home and abroad.
☐ Devote time to causes and activities that increase respect for life.
☐ Commit to financially support DSF and other Archdiocesan special collections by donating _____% of your income.
☐ Other: __________________________

Please keep this list close at hand to help you remember the commitment made between you and God.
Additional copies of this covenant are available in the parish office, parish website and in the Narthex on the welcome kiosk.

Touched by the love of Jesus we embrace and encourage community through the sharing of gifts and talents.
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

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)

El libro del Éxodo - "Un peregrinaje de fe"

- El Éxodo es un suceso antiguo, pero a la vez siempre nuevo. Únete a nosotros para escuchar la voz de Dios que nos habla a través del tiempo
- Descubre cómo este libro sienta las bases del plan de salvación y apunta hacia el Evangelio de Jesucristo
- Cornerstone es un estudio de Biblia católico que te lleva por un camino de fe que puede transformar tu corazón y tu mente.

Cuándo:
- Grupos de damas en español – Miércoles de 9:45 AM a 12 del mediodía
- Grupos de damas en inglés – Miércoles de 9:45 AM a 12 del mediodía
- Grupo de damas y caballeros en español – Martes de 7 a 9 PM
- Grupo de damas en inglés – Martes de 7 a 9 PM
- Grupo de caballeros en inglés – Martes de 7 a 9 PM

¡Todos están bienvenidos!

Inicio de clases y Día de Visitantes:
- Clase de los miércoles: 14 de septiembre
- Clase de los martes: 20 de Septiembre

Dónde:
- Clase de los miércoles: Salón de Actividades del Centro de Formación Religiosa
- Clase de los martes: Salón #2 del Centro de Formación Religiosa

Para inscripciones o preguntas contactar a:
- Para español: Zuri Jackson (281)733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com
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