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
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Parish Office hours:
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM En Español 1:00 PM
Life Teen: 5:30 PM Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church 10:30 - 11:45 AM
Church 4:30 - 5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).


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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

2016 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

THANK YOU!!!!! To the ministry representatives who were present at each Mass, to the parishioners who visited the tables in the Narthex, to the Reception Committee volunteers who served refreshments, and to all who have taken the time to fill out your Stewardship Covenant, THANK YOU for your generous participation in this years Stewardship Renewal. If you haven’t filled out your Stewardship Covenant, it’s not too late! Every family is asked to participate in our Stewardship Renewal. You will also have an opportunity on the following weekends to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass:

September 24 & 25: Community Life Ministries
October 22 & 23: Outreach, School, & Administration Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)
To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Scripture readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight a very important virtue --- humility --- especially during these days as we listen to the many comments from and about various candidates for political office. It is also an important stance for us to take as we strive to become faithful stewards of God’s gifts. The sage in the Book of Sirach advises, “Conduct your affairs with humility.” We are reminded how important it is to know our limitations and to learn to live within our means and capabilities. In the Gospel passage from St. Luke, Jesus sounds more like Emily Post than a prophet or a moral teacher. At a wedding banquet he advises his guests, “Do not recline at table in the place of honor … Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place.” Taken just on the surface, this teaching could seem like an exercise of social etiquette rather than true humility. However, in the Gospel parables Jesus consistently uses the image of the wedding banquet as a symbol of the gift of salvation. The invitation to the wedding feast is the call that the Lord extends to each of us to be saved and share in the work of building up the kingdom of God. The point of the parable is that no one, no matter how intelligent, virtuous, or talented, ever earns a place at the banquet table. A place in the kingdom of God is pure undeserved gift. In addition, all the distinctions that we might draw between people or groups on the basis of ability, merit, or appearance, are all utterly meaningless and foolish in the eyes of God. This Gospel reading illustrates the key to an authentic understanding of humility and becoming good stewards in the kingdom of God. We do not practice Christian humility by denying the truth of how God made us. Jesus was not telling his listeners to deny or stop developing their talents. Rather he was reminding them not to lose sight of their ultimate dependence on God, the giver of all good gifts.

Thus, humility is foundational for practicing Christian stewardship. The truth of the gift of creation is that we all are uniquely created by God with talents, intelligence, virtue, etc. If we have these gifts (and all of us do to one degree or another), and we do not acknowledge them, then we are not humble. Sadly we are in fact liars. If we have these gifts and do not use them in the service of others, then we are not only liars --- we are lazy and irresponsible. True humility demands that we recognize that we are creatures of God and we depend upon God completely for our happiness. Humility also demands that we learn to recognize our talents and put them to use in service of others. To “take the lowest place” at table means to be a humble servant of the Lord. As we renew our stewardship commitments during the next several months, it is important to remember that our time, talent, and treasure are all gifts from God. In humble gratitude let us generously make these gifts available to serve the needs of others.

Fr. Chester Borski

MISSION APPEAL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 3 & 4.
Annually each parish is asked to have a “mission appeal” weekend and to host a religious community which does missionary work in various areas of the world. This year St. Martha’s is privileged to have Fr. Bernard Owens, C.S.B. preach at all the Masses on Sept. 3rd & 4th and share with us the wonderful work of the Basilian Fathers. There will be a Second Collection taken up at all the Masses. Checks can be made out to the BASILIAN FATHERS MISSIONS.

Men's ACTS Retreat
October 20-23, 2016
Registration for the October 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.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Please join us Sat., Sept. 3.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
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FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 2016
7:15 PM
St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Pkwy
Porter, Tx 77365
ADORATION-PASSION-SPRIT

This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- Healing, Anger, Divorce and Annulment,
- Helping Children Cope, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and still Catholic.

September 7 – November 3, 2016
Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact:
Vicki Ruck 713-927-8815 vickiruck@suddenlink.net
* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

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: 2-3 AM, 7-8 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 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 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: 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 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com.

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

It emphasizes people living in good relationship with one another, as they make concrete application of the gospel to their life situations.

New small groups are forming in our parish again this Fall. Those Parishioners returning to the program do not need to re-register. Group leaders will be contacting you soon.

Sign-up Weekend – September 10 & 11, 2016
Registration cards will be available in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11.

Just complete the card and return it to the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or place in the box available in the Narthex.

The ARISE Six Week Fall Session will begin the week of October 2, and run through the week November 6, 2016.

Interested in being a small group facilitator or hosting a small group in your house? You don’t need to be a Bible scholar or teacher to lead a group – all it takes is a desire to meet new people and grow in your faith! Also, you don’t have to be both a host and a facilitator; we can pair host families with facilitators so you might want to offer your home as a meeting place.

For sign-up information contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com.

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/classes/1021340. For more information, please call Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or e-mail Patty at pattyschulze63@gmail.com.

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, 281-713-8968, or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com.
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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.

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 lauriec@icloud.com. Next future grief program is scheduled for January, 2017.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, will gather on Wednesday, August 31, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at McAlister’s Deli, 9477 FM 1960 (at Townsen) in Humble. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabets2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

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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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.

Couples Potluck
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St. Martha Rosary Guild
We would like to thank everyone for attending our First Annual Rosary Guild Reception and Workshop on June 18, 2016. We truly appreciate the support we received from those that attended and not only learned about our ministry, but actually learned how to make a rosary. We would also like to send out a “Thank You!” to those that helped make the reception & workshop a success by donating food, supplies and their time. Blessings to all!

Our Rosary Guild meets every Wednesday from 10:00am-2:30pm, at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2, so bring your lunch or join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month, Room 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact info: Janice Crawens 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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**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](mailto: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](mailto:franp@stmartha.com) or 281-358-6637.

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**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 281-338-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.

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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.

**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 jehlig@gmail.com for more information.

*Familia is a division of Cana Family Institute.*

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**Monthly Dinner** – Monday, Aug. 29th at 7pm. We will gather for a homemade meal with time for laughs, fellowship and prayer. This is a great way to get to know other young adults in the community. Please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com for more information on the location.

**YCP Speaker Series** - The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. at St. Theresa Memorial Park for its 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 McGrath, partner at Begala McGrath and spokesman for President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush, will be speaking. For more information, visit ycpHouston.org or visit the YCP Houston Facebook page.

**Bible Study** – Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Main 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).

**YCP Gala** - The Young Catholic Professionals 3rd Annual National Gala, “Encountering the Beauty of Faith,” will be a marvelous celebration of our growing national movement! Join supporters from cities across the country on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Oaks Tower at the Gallery. The program will include a keynote from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, dinner, dancing, wine pull and a live auction. For more information and to purchase tickets or a table, visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/gala2016.

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.
**CATECHESIS CORNER . . .**

**CCE, LIFETEEN & SACRAMENT**

*Registration has begun!!*

Please stop by the Faith Formation Office during regular office hours.

Visit to www.StMartha.com for more information on registration and to volunteer.

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**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*, e-mail Lori DiSorbo at lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

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**ALTERN 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. 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.

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**CONFIRMATION**

**First Year of Preparation:** If your teen is entering 9th grade or is beginning their first year of Confirmation preparation, please contact Ana Leija as soon as possible at analeija@stmartha.com to receive the necessary information!

**Second Year of Preparation:** If your teen is entering their second year of Confirmation preparation, there will be a mandatory meeting for parents and teens on **Wednesday, September 14** at 7:00pm in the Activity Center (the old church). A make-up meeting will be held **Sunday, September 18** at 3:00pm in the Family Life Center. If you are unable to attend either meeting, please contact Ana Leija as soon as possible at analeija@stmartha.com.

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**TOMORROW**

**Monday, AUGUST 29**

**[6:30-8:00PM]**

Bring ALL of your friends to the FLC for FREE pizza, prayer, and a whole night of FUN!

**EDGE FLOCKNOTE**

For messages on Edge updates and event details, subscribe to our Flocknote list at the Edge page on the St. Martha website, or e-mail to:

Lisa Hartsfield at: lisah@stmartha.com

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**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.
Little Rock Scripture Study—
Monday Mornings in the FLC

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: Beginning September 12, 2016 – Eleven Sessions
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: Call Edith Boschian, 281-358-7603, e-mail: edithkb@kingwoodcable.net
Questions: Call Carla Lewton, 281-358-1959, ext. 213 or 281-713-8968, e-mail: carlal@stmartha.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet—
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!

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.

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.
WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome new members to our growing staff. Please join us in welcoming them to St. Martha!

Daniel Knaggs—Director of Music
281-358-6637, ext. 210, danielk@stmartha.com

Daniel is from Michigan, where his parents live, and he is one of five children, all of which are currently living in different states (MI, OH, AR, NY, and TX). He came to Houston to pursue his doctorate in Music Composition at Rice University. His dissertation is a composition for full orchestra called Floodgates and it should be performed within a year at Rice (stay tuned for details). Daniel likes to compose (especially music for choir, organ, and orchestra), and he loves to be outdoors in nature, running, hiking, camping, fishing, etc. His bachelor’s degrees are from the University of Michigan (in Voice performance and Spanish), and his Master’s degree is from Bowling Green State University (in Music Composition). It is at BGSU that he met Fr. Richard McNeillie where they both were part of a Catholic Men’s Household together.

Daniel greatly looks forward to putting his passion and experience to the service of the Church. He wants to make a special appeal to St. Martha’s Parish to regularly hold up all of the music ministries here in prayer, and he wants to thank you all in advance for doing so.

One of his favorite scripture verses is about the Lord’s desire to enter into our hearts: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Rev. 3:20)

Olga Najar—Director of Social Services
281-713-8966, olgan@stmartha.com

Olga was born and raised in Juarez, Mexico. She graduated from the College of Medicine at University of Juarez and practiced family medicine 7 years before she got married and moved to the US. She has been married to Daniel Najar for 21 years and has two children, Amira and Daniel. Olga moved to the Kingwood area in 1999, and has been involved in various church ministries and volunteer work. Her hobbies are reading and running.

Olga’s goals as director are to support and continue growing all existing social services and outreach ministries at our church, identify needs in our community, and develop new ministries that can provide service to satisfy those needs. She feels blessed to be part of St. Martha and looks forward to working with this beautiful and faithful community.

Olga’s favorite scripture passage is: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:35-36)

Rosmary Cotte—Liturgy Assistant
281-358-6637, ext. 246, rosmaryc@stmartha.com

Rosmary was born in Caracas, Venezuela. She married Jorge Cotte in 1990 and has six children (five boys one girl). She has a degree in Computer Engineering. After living 17 years in Miami, Florida, she moved to Kingwood 8 and 1/2 years ago and has been a member of St. Martha since then. Rosemary loves to dance, pray and spend time with friends. She feels blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

One of her favorite Bible verses is: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

Annette Canales—Assistant to the Director of Community Life
281-358-6637, annettec@stmartha.com

Annette is a mother of two boys, Andrew and Aaron, and has been married to Arnold Canales for almost 20 years. She has been a member of St. Martha’s since 2007 and has volunteered in various ministries throughout the years including ACTS, TOOLS, Familia, Welcoming Ministry, CCE and confirmation. She has a profound love for her Catholic faith, Jesus and our Blessed Mother and hopes to grow spiritually in her service to this beautiful community at St. Martha's.

Annette’s favorite scripture verse of strength is: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall guide thy path.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

This 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.)

Vocations Corner

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?

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the Robichaux 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.

Important Information Regarding Festival Baskets

Please submit the following 4 pieces of information about your basket donation by September 27, 2016 to smfestivaliveauction@gmail.com for Live Auction items and smfestivalsilentauction@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

Favor de enviar los 4 datos de información acerca de su donativo de canasta para el 27 de Septiembre, 2016 a smfestivaliveauction@gmail.com para los artículos de la Subasta en vivo y a smfestivalsilentauction@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 la canasta y sus contenidos
- Nombre del ministerio

Ejemplo:
- Alegría de Navidad
- Adornos de navidad, calcetas decoradas, chocolate caliente, listones
- $55.00
- Ministerio Madre Teresa
Ministerio Hispano

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. 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 almorzar (pizza) a todos los asistentes. Para más información, por favor póngase en contacto con Carmen Pastora (carmen.past@hotmail.com).

Monaguillos:
Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

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

Ministerio Legión de María:
Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

 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 e-mail a mariagrettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

THE CORNERSTONE
Catholic Scripture Study

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
(Cuidado de niños disponible sólo para la clase de los miércoles)
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
Para inglés: Ray Baudier (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net
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