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

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 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** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relent ed and did not punish the peo ple (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalm** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heav en when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-10).

**READINGs FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:11-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bc 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

**SAINTs AND SPECIAL OBservANCES**

**Sunday:** Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom

**Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Friday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

**Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

**YEAR OF MERCY**—

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When religious people complained that Jesus welcomed and ate with sinners, Jesus challenged them to change their image of God. Imagine God as a shepherd, abandoning ninety-nine obedient sheep to seek the stupid one who got lost. Imagine God as a distraught woman (could religious men imagine that?), losing something and turning the house upside down to find it. Imagine God as an unconditionally forgiving father granting an unworthy son an undeserved feast. Then Jesus added a character whom religious people might imagine, even recognize, all too well. The elder son stayed home; obeyed the father’s will; then exploded with rage and judgment and refused to join his brother’s welcome-home feast. This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* asks, which half of Jesus’ audience do I belong to? How do I imagine God? How can I become like the searching shepherd, the sweeping woman, the forgiving father? How else can I expect a welcome to Jesus’ feast of forgiveness? —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**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., SEPT. 14.

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

Wayne Petrus
Jimmie Apple (grandmother of Joe Apple)
Joseph Vanek
Jeff Timpanaro (son of Ronald and Pat Timpanaro)


Conrad Lare-Mendoza and Adela Aleman-Paz—Sept. 3 at 12:00 p.m.
William Eakin, III and Mallory Delaney—Sept. 3 at 3:00 p.m.
Drake McIntosh and Kathleen Woodruff—Sept. 17 at 3:00 p.m.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

Next weekend, Sept. 17 & 18, there will be a 2nd collection for the Louisiana flood victims. This collection will be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

URGENT!!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CARING COOKS MINISTRY!!!**

This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-360-6914 to sign up.

“Forgive us as we have forgiven others.” Matthew 25:35
My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write to you today to share my joy and gratitude for St. Martha’s Parish. It has come to my attention that one of your parishioners, Mrs. Patricia Walker Reid, has left the bulk of her estate to your parish. Mrs. Reid died on January 4, 2016, and may she have eternal rest. As the primary beneficiary of her Will, the Archdiocese was notified of her bequest as follows:

I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to DANIEL CARDINAL DiNARDO, and his successors in office, for the benefit of ST. MARTHA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Porter, Montgomery County, Texas, (or its successors or assigns) for the construction and furnishing of the Day Chapel which is planned to be part of the second phase of construction in St. Martha Parish’s Long Range Master Plan. If there are any funds from this gift remaining after the construction and furnishing of the Day Chapel, the remaining funds are to be directed to the then current capital campaign or debt reduction campaign.

Mrs. Reid was a parishioner of St. Martha’s for 27 years. During that time it is my understanding that she was a very active member and a committed volunteer of several of your ministries. Patricia left many friends at St. Martha’s and will be greatly missed. She has also left a legacy of generosity and dedicated service to God and to His Church.

As you will remember during my homily at the dedication of your new church in August of 2011, I stated there would not be any further construction for St. Martha’s until the very sizable debt was paid in full. During the past few years, I am very grateful to the Parishioners of St. Martha as you have faithfully contributed to the payment of this debt and have made amazing strides in reducing it. In light of Mrs. Reid’s most generous gift, it is my great pleasure to authorize St. Martha’s Parish to immediately begin planning for the construction of the new Day Chapel.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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cc: Monsignor Chester Borski

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.

Wednesday Evenings through Nov. 3 – 7:00 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)

For information and registration, please contact:
Liz Dukes 281-384-9929 lizdukes@hotmail.com
Vicki Ruck 713-927-8815 vickiruck@suddenlink.net

* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM
Tuesdays evenings from 7-9 p.m. through November 8.
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 lauricarcella@outlook.com.
Next future grief program is scheduled for January, 2017.

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 bdevelle@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.

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
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.

Day of Reflection on Bereavement
Thursday, September 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
On September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Holy Name Retreat Center will be offering a Day of Reflection on Bereavement.
Cost is $40 which includes breakfast pastries, coffee and lunch.
**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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**Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be 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.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up**, on Sunday, September 11, will attend 9:45 am Patriotic Rosary, then 10:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 3515 Trinity Drive in Mont Belvieu, Texas; meal afterwards at Antonio’s Italian Restaurant, 2727 Baker Road in Baytown. Contact Kathy Remkes at 281-389-3262 (cell) about carpool(s). On Wednesday, September 14, we gather to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 pm at Savvas Greek Cuisine & Grill, 6730 Atascocita Road in the Atascocita area. 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 St. Martha’s website.

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**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.

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**HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY!!!**

THE QUILT MINISTRY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 14TH BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER. THE GROUP, FOUNDED BY VALERIE HENDERSON, BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER 2002. OVER THE YEARS THE MEMBERS HAVE DESIGNED AND SEWN APPROXIMATELY 848 QUILTS AND AFGHANS THAT WERE GIVEN TO PARISHIONERS IN NEED. WE CONGRATULATE ALL MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT, AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS. BLESSINGS FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.

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Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again. Teams of Our Lady USA-A movement of conjugal spirituality

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful. If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokedelle@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

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

**Protecting God’s Children:**
Sat., October 1, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

**St. Martha Rosary Guild**
Urgent!
We need your help making rosaries. Please join us every 2nd Sunday of the month in Room 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm on the Woodland Hills Campus. Hope to see you there! For more info contact Janice Cravens, our Coordinator at 832-713-0556, jlercp@yahoo.com or Gilda Womack, our Co-Coordinator at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com.
Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
Sunday Mornings 10:45 – 11:45am/Wednesday Evening: 6:45 – 7:45 pm – Room 2 - Faith Formation Campus – While the children are in CCE.

**Fall Semester Faith Series:** Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church’s most influential people.

**Catholicism: The Pivotal Players** is a multi-part film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org/#about

Wednesday Dates: Sept 21, 28, Oct. 12, 19, 26, and Nov. 2.

**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. September Dates: 9/6, 13, 20, & 27

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:**
www.stmarthaff.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.

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat: Sept. 15 - 18**
Questions? Contact the retreat director, Stacie Eakin, at 713-898-1335 or saeakin0409@icloud.com.

**Upcoming Vocation Discernment Opportunities:**
Are you wondering if a Priestly or Religious Life is for you? Perhaps the thought has crossed your mind, but you’re not sure if you should take that thought seriously. The Houston Vocations office is ready to assist you in discerning whatever future God has planned for you.
Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for upcoming events this semester.
♦ Sept 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Discover the Road Less Traveled: 6:30pm. For men ages 18-35.
♦ Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled: 6:30pm. For women ages 18-35.
♦ Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido: 7:00pm Hombres y mujeres de edades 18-35.

**Serra Club Northeast of Houston**
Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, September 26, 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 September will be Father Trung Nguyen rector of St. Mary’s Seminary.
The Joys and Challenges of Formation to the Priesthood will be his informative and interesting talk
RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net or 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.

**Chalice for Vocations:**
Please join the Garland 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.
Collegian Moms Prayer Group: The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, September 12th, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Young Adults

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 Sat., Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Oaks Tower at the Galleria. 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/YASfMYongAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASfMYoungAdults/ 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.
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, 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

Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting September 28th - November 6th, 2016

Please join in the international 40 Days for Life effort of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. Consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours outside of the largest late-term abortion mill in the Western Hemisphere: St. Martha’s is invited to stand in prayer on the sidewalk
Where: Planned Parenthood, 4600 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX
When: Friday, October 28th from 6:30AM – 6:30PM.

Sign up for an hour, then spread the word about this important life-saving effort! When people are present in prayer at an abortion site, through the Grace of God, hearts are changed, pregnant women choose life for their babies instead.

Carpool information and Signups, please call Terice, 281-798-4477, terice.richards@gmail.com or MaryAnne, 281-615-0927, maryannehoward@cebridge.net.

“The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God.”

– POPE FRANCIS via VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE

St. Martha Catholic Church
2016 CAKE DECORATING CONTEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, WINNERS POSTED @ 1 PM

All children of the parish are invited to participate in a cake decorating contest, immediately before the St. Martha Festival & Market. The contest is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Martha.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in these categories:
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN
4th & 2ND GRADE
3RD – 5TH GRADE
6TH – 8TH GRADE
HIGH SCHOOL

CAKE DROP OFF
St. Martha Catholic Church, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX
10:30am – 11:30am (left-side circle)

Winners posted & prizes: CAKE WALK BOOTH at PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Please note that cake holder/platter will NOT be returned, since cakes will be given as prizes for CAKE WALK

QUESTIONS: 281-788-3351

Banns of Marriage

The Parish of Basílica Colegiata de Nuestra Señora de Guanajuato in Guanajuato City, Mexico has requested that we announce the Banns of Marriage for Alejandra del Rocio Rivas Cardona and William Ware Lonergan, who will be married January 7, 2017. If any persons know of a serious reason why this couple should not be married please call the parish office at 281-358-6637.
Blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. During our recent Ministry Fair we had over 30 new people come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring a statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to spend time with Him. It is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge "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. Free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation. 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. Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

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

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Carmen Organ- do at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7127 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.

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Stewartship—A Way of Life
Fruits of Your Labor...
GABRIEL PROJECT: The Gabriel Project helps mothers through crisis pregnancies. We are working with two mothers that have contacted us for help. We will give them guidance both spiritually and emotionally and make sure they have what is needed to bring their babies home. There is a special bond between the Gabriel Angels and our mothers. We are pleased to announce the birth of a precious baby boy and a beautiful baby girl at 6.3 oz. Please pray for our mothers and their babies that God will watch over them and all the babies in the world.

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St. Martha’s and the Knights of Columbus present our Fourteenth Annual Wine Tasting Dinner

Saturday November 5th 2016 at the Family Life Center, Woodland Hills Drive

5 COURSE DINNER AND WINE PAIRING
LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
Live Music

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Cheryl “CJ” Johnson 281-944-6128

Fall Care Giver Conference
The Fall 2016 Caregivers Conference will be held Saturday, September 24, from 8:30 AM to 2:20 PM at Christ the King Church, 3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood TX 77339. Among the workshops available: Managing Challenging Behaviors, Advocating for Your Loved One within the Medical System, Managing Stress While Caregiving, Elder Law, Stages of Alzheimer’s and more. You can register online at http://www.interfaithcarepartners.org/index.php/events/kingwood-caregiver-conference or contact Jadi Meyer, Christ the King 281-360-7936 or Becky Villarreal at Interfaith Care Partners 713-682-5995 for more information. Adult Respite Care is available.
Archdiocesan Blue Mass
Annual liturgy for those who protect and serve the people of Galveston-Houston.
Saturday, September 24, 5:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston. Presider: Bishop George Sheltz. Mass sponsored by the Office of Correctional Ministries. Questions? E-mail BlueMass@archgh.org or call 713-741-8745.

2016 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 and School
(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see the last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)

The St. Thomas Fund: All parishioners in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston are invited to participate in a special collection for the St. Thomas Fund on Sept. 10 & 11. The money collected provides scholarships to deserving students of the University of St. Thomas, Houston’s Catholic University. Please join us in supporting Catholic education! To learn more, go to www.stthom.edu/give or call 713-525-3100.

Parish Festival News

Festival Volunteer Sign up
& Raffle Ticket Return Reminder
We plan another wonderful day of Fellowship and Community Building on Saturday, October 8! In order to achieve this, we require the assistance of hundreds of Volunteers to work throughout the Festival.
The first Volunteer Sign Up Campaign will be conducted following every Mass the weekend of September 10-11. We will then conduct a second Volunteer Sign Up Campaign on the weekend of September 24-25.
Please remember to return any unsold raffle tickets in the collection basket so that we can sell them at the Festival. Thanks to all for your efforts!

Oportunidad de voluntariado en nuestro festival
Recordatorio para la devolución de boletos de rifa.
Estamos planeando otra maravillosa oportunidad para unificar y hacer comunidad el día sábado 8 de octubre. Para lograr esto necesitamos la ayuda de cientos de voluntarios que estén dispuestos a apoyar a nuestra parroquia durante el Festival de Otoño.
La primera oportunidad para registrarse como voluntario será el fin de semana del 10 y 11 de septiembre, en el cual tendremos toda la información de áreas y horarios donde se necesita su ayuda. Nuestra segunda oportunidad para registrarse como voluntario será el 24 y 25 de septiembre.
Además, les recordamos que por favor devuelva cualquier boleto de rifa NO VENDIDO en nuestra colecta dominical, y así tener la oportunidad de vender esos boletos durante nuestro festival.
¡Gracias por todo su apoyo!
Ministerio Hispano

“Jovenes de Corazón”, Bienvenidos!
El verano ha llegado a su fin y es tiempo para los “Jovenes de Corazon” de reunirse nuevamente. Nosotros de 55+ años no reunimos el 2do, 4to y 5to miércoles del mes para confraternización, bingo y almuerzo. Nuestra primera reunión del otoño será el miércoles 14 de septiembre de 2016 en el FLC de Santa Marta en el Woodland Hills Campus. El Bingo comienza a las 11:00 AM, seguido del almuerzo y la confraternización terminará a las 2:00 PM. Si es nuevo/a en nuestra comunidad, queremos invitarlo/a y si ha estado antes, bienvenidos nuevamente. Invite a un amigo/a y unase a la diversión. Si necesita transportación, comuníquese con Domenica Seitz al 713-899-1016. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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

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

Consulado Sobre Ruedas en Humble/Atascocita
El Consulado General de México en Houston, Texas, tiene el agrado de informar la próxima sede del Consulado Sobre Ruedas, que ofrecerá servicios de documentación a la comunidad mexicana, mediante la expedición de pasaportes, matrículas consulares y actas de nacimiento.

¿Dónde? En la iglesia Bautista “Nuevos Comienzos “ubicada en 9164 Will Clayton Parkway in Humble, TX 77338.

¿Cuándo? A partir del lunes 12 de Septiembre al jueves 15 de septiembre y lunes 19 de septiembre al viernes 23 de septiembre.

Horario: 9:30 am a 3:00 pm * El lunes 12 de Septiembre La atención comenzara a las 12:30 hrs.
* El jueves 15 de Septiembre La atención terminará a las 12:30 hrs.

¿Cómo? Haga su cita en el teléfono 1-877-639-4835 o en la página de internet https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas.webport

Costo por documento:
Pasaporte por 3 años $ 74.00 USD
Pasaporte por 6 años $101.00 USD
Pasaporte por 10 años $136.00 USD
Matrícula consular $27.00 USD
Acta de nacimiento $13.00 USD
Solo se aceptan pagos en efectivo
No se necesitan fotocopias ni fotografías para realizar estos trámites
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