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

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

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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 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.
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 7:9-7
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:1-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: St. Januarius
Tuesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions
Wednesday: St. Matthew
Friday: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

YEAR OF MERCY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mercy is one thing, malpractice quite another. Why, then, does the defrauded master in Jesus’ parable praise the devious steward? Jesus shows by example how to sanctify material goods: by placing all our resources, indeed our very selves, at the service of others. No matter how costly such service, or how minimal the return, such charity is the wisest investment, yielding a reward that is literally out of this world. For Amos and Jesus, authentic worship of God demands practical charity toward our neighbor. Paul, too, declares that the only worship acceptable to God is offered by a community rich in charity. Liturgy must be matched to life, “lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument” (1 Timothy 2:8). This Jubilee Year of Mercy challenges us to live as “children of light,” as devoted to self-sacrificing service as “the children of this world” (Luke 16:8) are to serving themselves, as enthusiastic for God’s kingdom of justice as we are about less-enduring treasures.
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‡ PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS‡

Jeff Timpanaro (son of Ronald and Pat Timpanaro)
John “Jack” Sexton (husband of Kathleen Sexton, father of John and Cindy Sexton, and grandfather of Sarah, Ellie and Will Sexton)
Lisa Warner
Ferenc Bosze (husband of Cynthia Bosze)


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.

MILITARY

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS

This 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.

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)
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Gospel passage chosen for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time comes from Luke 16 and in the account Jesus seems to praise a person who was consciously being dishonest and deceptive with his employer. However, the point of the teaching of Jesus is really quite simple. The manager or steward who had been reported as squandering the property of his employer set about taking care of his future once he learned he was being fired. The steward knew what he wanted and needed and he established a clear course of action for himself. He marshaled his personal resources and abilities to achieve his goal. He did not throw up his hands in despair and let life just happen to him. Rather he envisioned a livable future and decided to make this happen for himself with the talents and resources at his disposal. Thus, Jesus is not praising the steward’s dishonesty and deception but rather the conscious appraisal of his situation in life and his decision to assume responsibility for the direction he was to take in the future. He chose to realign his limited resources in accordance with a practical vision. There is a biblical word that Jesus utilizes to sum up the meaning of this parable for us: stewardship. The word simply means to make the best possible use of what one has been given.

As many of you may realize, we at St. Martha parish have chosen to make stewardship the organizing principle of all our ministry and pastoral activities. All members of our parish family are invited and strongly encouraged to become actively engaged in the life of our parish community. Each is asked to make stewardship a personal way of life and thus choose to live out his or her baptismal commitment in service to God and to others. Those who do so will soon discover to their amazement how much joy and happiness this brings to their lives. We have, as individuals and as a faith community, an incredible amount of talents, skills, abilities, material resources, time, and energy. Stewardship happens when we recognize in humility that these gifts come from God and are meant to be shared with others and so build up God’s Kingdom here on earth. (Next weekend you will have the opportunity to sign up for ministries that support community life: Caring Cooks, Parish Festival, Grief Ministry, Welcome Ministry, Rosary Guild, Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, Sponsor Couples, service to our senior citizens, etc.) Stewardship is a good word; it is a biblical word; it is the concept Jesus uses in the Gospel today to remind us of who we are called to become: true disciples of Jesus Christ who carry on the mission the Lord received from his heavenly Father. We are also reminded that all of us will one day be given a similar request as that put to the unjust steward: “Prepare a full account of your stewardship.” Hopefully we will also hear the Lord say to us on that judgment day: “Well done, good and faithful steward. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.”

Fr. Chester Borski

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.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, September 24 & 25, 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
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.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**Divorced. Catholic. Now What? Navigating Your Life After Divorce.**

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  e.dukes@hotmail.com
- Vicki Ruck  713-927-8815  vickiruck@suddenlink.net
*Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!*

**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.

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.

**Young at Heart Luncheon - Football Frenzy**

Autumn leaves are falling and football season is upon us. Wear your favorite college or pro football colors as we prepare for the upcoming football season. Our "Young at Heart Luncheon", for those of us 55+, meets on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Come join us at St. Martha’s Family Life Center, Woodland Hills Campus on Wednesday, September 28. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**Men’s ACTS Retreat - October 20-23, 2016**

Registration for the October 20-23 Men’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. 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 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 lauriecardella@outlook.com. Next future grief program is scheduled for January, 2017.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

*Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+, on Wednesday, September 21, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 P.M. at Zachary’s Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. On Saturday, September 24, the Catholic Daughters at St. Mary Magdalene have their annual Spaghetti Dinner, Auction and Dance. Join us if you can after 5:30 P.M. Mass. For more info, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmbmom@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.*
Out of work? Looking for a change?
We can help!
Meetings every Friday from 9:15 am to noon in Room 2 on St. Martha’s Woodland Hills campus.

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.
- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.
Questions? E-mail smarthabetweensjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

St. Martha’s 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 Gilda Womack at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com.
Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

Caring Cooks
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 dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

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.
“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
A healthy marriage blesses couples and everyone around them. Your family deserves your love and happiness! Renew the relationship with your spouse in a intimate and spiritual setting. The next two scheduled weekends this year will be Oct. 14 - 16 & Nov. 4 - 6.
Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**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 Alzheimers 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.

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
**Sunday Mornings 10:45 – 11:45am/Wednesday Evenings: 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 illumines 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: 20 & 27

**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 **You Tube**. Click the **You Tube** 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 YOU DONATIONS.**

**For Survivors of Abuse—Maria Goretti Network (MGN)**
A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

**Bible Study:** We will be transitioning from Thursday meetings to Monday Meetings (Mondays at 7 pm in the Main Church). We are an informal group and encourage all to join. We are currently watching the Catholicism series. 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 Speaker Series:** The Houston chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather at Co Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 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. The Speaker will be Mary Caprio.

For more information, visit ycp Houston.org or visit the YCP Houston Facebook page.

**Upcoming October events:** Trip to Galveston, Murder Mystery Dinner, After Mass Dinner and Social. 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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS**
Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. Cards are $3.00 per person/$4.00 per couple/ $10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25.00 for perpetual remembrances.

All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

**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!
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.

Parenting/Youth

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING—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.

Vocations Corner

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 e-mail vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for upcoming events this semester.

♦ Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Discover the Road Less Traveled: 6:30pm. For men ages 18-35.
♦ Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled: 6:30pm. For women ages 18-35.
♦ 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.

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.

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.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Easter.
**Join with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 40 days of prayer, penance and fasting**

**September 28th - November 6th, 2016**

**40 Days for Life**

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:

**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

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**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
- 1st & 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

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**St. Martha Catholic Church**

**Save the Date! 29th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 2nd, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Town Center: West Lake Houston Parkway and Kingwood Dr.**

On the first Sunday of October in 1,900 locations across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people will gather beside main streets.

They will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

They will stand in honor of the 56 million lives who have been lost to abortion.

Please join our St. Martha community in October for the annual Life Chain.

You never know whose life you will change just by standing for life! Be a voice for the voiceless!

Additional information is on http://NationalLifeChain.org or Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com

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Pray for those who have had an abortion, that they seek peace in reconciliation.

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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” Mark 14:37
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever "filled" because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer. Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

**Second adorers are needed for the following hours:**
Sunday: 3-4PM. Monday: Midnight-1AM, 1-2AM, 5-6PM, 10-11PM. Tuesday: 2-3AM, 7-8AM. Wednesday: 1-2AM, 5-6PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7PM. Saturday: 1-2AM, 3-4AM, 9-10AM, Noon-1PM, 1-2pm, 7-8PM, 8-9PM.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Carmen Orando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.

Banns of Marriage: The Parish of 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 W. Lonergan, who will be married January 7, 2017. If anyone knows of a serious reason why this couple should not be married please call the parish office at 281-358-6637.

Make Every Mile Count!!
FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK - SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
St. Martha Conference-Kingwood
**WHAT:** 5K - WALK For the POOR-- National Walk by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 1st at 9 a.m. Check-in at 7:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** St. Martha’s Catholic Church – 4301 Woodridge Pkwy (just off Northpark Dr.)

**9th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will help neighbors in need in the Humble/Kingwood/Porter/New Caney/Splendora areas. The funds raised will benefit the people in our communities and/or conferences you select. So you could even select a conference in Louisiana to receive your donation.**

**Monies raised are applied to a wide range of assistance to those in need or living in poverty; including: housing assistance, utility assistance, disaster relief, job training/placement, food pantries, clothing, transportation for medical or job needs, care for the elderly and medicine.**

Many people are suffering from the floods in April and May and they need help.

**Walkers are encouraged to make a personal monetary donation and collect pledges from supporters – friends & family.**

**The website (www.fopwalk.org) offers more details and you can sign up as a walker and/or find a conference to donate to.**

**For information – Fran 832-248-0103 or Bob 281-358-6636 or svdp@stmartha.com.**

The Friends of the Poor* Walk is a fun way for our community to become a friend of the poor, to get others to join in the spirit of giving, and to show the poor in our community that we really care about them.

Come on out, walk a mile in someone else’s shoes, and/or become a friend of the poor.
You will find out how good it feels to give back. REGISTER OR DONATE TODAY!!
St. Martha is an affiliated faith-based member of CanCare. CanCare is a network of trained volunteers including cancer survivors, family members of cancer survivors and medical professionals who provide emotional support to others facing cancer. If you (or someone close to you) have been diagnosed with cancer and would like to talk to someone, CanCare can match you with a cancer survivor or caregiver for one-on-one emotional support. Founded in 1990, CanCare is now partnered with over 100 congregations of varied faiths, hospitals and corporations. All services are confidential and without charge. You may visit the website at www.cancare.org, or call CanCare direct at 713-461-0028 (please mention you are a member of St. Martha Catholic Church). For more details contact the St. Martha CanCare coordinator, Roger Schuelke, at 281-358-8060.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,
El pasaje del Evangelio elegido para el 25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario viene de Lucas 16 y en el que nos cuenta de Jesús parece alabar a una persona que estaba consciente de ser deshonesto y engañoso con su empleador. Sin embargo, el punto de la enseñanza de Jesús es realmente muy simple. El gerente o administrador que había sido reportado como despilfarrador de los bienes de su empleador se dedicó a cuidar de su futuro una vez que se enteró de que iba a ser despedido. El gerente sabía lo que quería y necesitaba, y él estableció un curso de acción claro para él. El calculó sus recursos personales y habilidades para lograr su objetivo. No lanzó sus manos en desesperación ni dejar que la vida acabara de pasar para él. Más bien, él imaginó un futuro viable y decidió que esto sucediera por sí mismo con los talentos y los recursos a su disposición. Por lo tanto, Jesús no está elogiando la deshonestidad y el engaño del gerente, sino la valoración consciente de su situación en la vida y su decisión de asumir la responsabilidad de la dirección que iba a tomar en el futuro. Eligió realinear sus limitados recursos de acuerdo con una visión práctica. Hay una palabra bíblica que Jesús utiliza para resumir el significado de esta parábola para nosotros: stewardship. La palabra significa simplemente hacer el mejor uso posible de lo que a uno le ha sido dado.

Como muchos de ustedes pueden darse cuenta, en la parroquia de Santa Marta hemos optado por hacer del stewardship el principio organizador de todo nuestro ministerio y actividades pastorales. Todos los miembros de nuestra familia parroquial están invitados a que participar activamente en la vida de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Cada uno se le pregunta que haga del el stewardship una forma de vida personal y por lo tanto opta por vivir su compromiso bautismal en el servicio a Dios y a los demás. Aquellos que lo hacen pronto descubrirán con asombro la cantidad de alegría y felicidad que esto traen a sus vidas. Tenemos, como individuos y como comunidad de fe, una increíble cantidad de talentos, habilidades, capacidades, recursos materiales, tiempo y energía. El stewardship sucede cuando reconocemos con humildad que estos dones vienen de Dios y tienen el propósito de ser compartidos con otros y así construir el Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. (Próximo fin de semana tendrá la oportunidad de inscribirse para los ministerios que apoyan la vida comunitaria: Rosario Gremio, Hijas Católicas, los Caballeros de Colón, Patrocinador de Parejas, el servicio a nuestros ancianos, etc.) El stewardship en una buena palabra; es una palabra bíblica, es el concepto que Jesús usa en el Evangelio de hoy y nos recuerdan que estamos llamados a ser: verdaderos discípulos de Jesucristo, que llevan la misión que el Señor recibió de su Padre celestial. También se nos recuerda que todos nosotros algún día se dará una solicitud similar a la que puso al gerente infiel: “Preparar un informe completo de su stewardship” Esperemos que también vamos a escuchar al Señor que nos dice en ese día del juicio: “bien hecho, buen y fiel gerente. Heredad el reino preparado para vosotros desde la fundación del mundo”.

Fr. Chester Borski
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

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For the weekend of Sept. 10 & 11 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $71,034
Sunday Collection $43,407
Over(Under) $(26,627)

Year To Date:
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Special Collections:
Capital Campaign $11,274,064
CANCARE $305,000

Current Loan Debt: $11,274,064