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

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

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

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.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lying at the rich man’s door was a poor man named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20
Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 5:1-14; 1 Cor 1:28-31; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVATIONS

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul
Wednesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenecianus
Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Friday: St. Jerome
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Amos castigates religious people who, “comfortably complacent” (6:1, 5), ignore the unfolding collapse of culture, nation, religion (6:6). In Jesus’ parable, such complacency becomes the rich man’s undoing. He neither hurt nor harmed Lazarus, neither denied him leftovers nor ordered him removed. That is Jesus’ devastating point. The rich man did nothing wrong to Lazarus; he just did nothing at all good for him. Only in death, separated by “a great chasm” (Luke 16:26), could the rich man finally see Lazarus, whom he had failed to see in life, right before his eyes. Like the rich man’s “five brothers still in my father’s house” (16:27-28), we who are alive in the Church still have time to see that same Someone, Jesus, lying neglected right at our door—and time to do something. Who, specifically, concretely, practically, is Lazarus in my life? What can I do for that Jesus-in-the-flesh during this Jubilee Year of Mercy?

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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.

† 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)
Harold “Rick” Fahrenthold (husband of Margaret Fahrenthold)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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

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)
To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Scripture readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time present a challenging demand upon us who would want to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. There seems to be two groups of people that usually draw the ire and criticism of Jesus in his Gospel teaching. The first group is the self-righteous people like the Pharisees who are more concerned about their public image and how they are perceived by others than about principle and substance. The Lord frequently called them “hypocrites,” a very harsh description of someone, especially if we know the term is addressed toward us and our behavior. The other group that comes under frequent judgment from Jesus is the comfortable and the well-off who distance themselves from the suffering and misery of their fellow human beings. The prophet Amos calls them “the complacent.” (It is important to note that Jesus begins the Beatitudes, the very heart of his Gospel message, with the clear teaching: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.”) In most of the parables of Jesus, one or the other of these two groups is cast as the villain in the story. In today’s Gospel account both groups are mentioned and, since the Gospel is always addressed to us listeners, we are doubly challenged to open our hearts to the saving message of Jesus Christ and seek to be transformed by the power of the Word.

At the same time we are cautioned not to become overly simplistic about this teaching. The Scriptures give conflicting messages at times about material prosperity. It can be a great blessing from God and lead to humble gratitude and generosity. However, it can also become a curse that causes people to forget about their need for God and their responsibilities toward their neighbors. Jesus did not scorn every rich person he met. In fact he befriended a number of rather wealthy individuals and even dined with them. Thus, the Gospel does not set up a clear opposition between the rich and the poor in terms of good and bad. Ultimately there is nothing particularly evil or good about being rich and comfortable. What Jesus is teaching us is that while the goods of the world are not evil in themselves, they can be quite risky to those who possess them. Wealth can be very deceptive because it can possess us and our imagination and can influence our way of viewing life. The sin of the rich man in today’s Gospel is not that he was rich but that he allowed himself to become insensitive to the pain and suffering of the poor man, who by God’s design was part of his life as neighbor and brother. The illusion of self-sufficiency or the sense of radical independence from others is a dangerous attitude for anyone but especially for those of us who desire to be disciples of Jesus. Unfortunately many of us give in to this attitude at some point in our lives and fail to recognize our radical need for conversion of heart. Let us call out in prayer: “Come, Lord Jesus, and teach us each day how to follow in your footsteps!”

Fr. Chester Borski

FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA’S
4301 Woodridge Pkwy.
November 16, 2016
11 A.M.—1 P.M.
Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF HOMESCHOOLERS!!
The annual “Back to School Mass” will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. All are Welcome.

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

Please Welcome Seminarian David Michael Moses!!!
David Michael Moses grew up in Nassau Bay, Texas, the fifth of six children. He graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a degree in the Humanities (Pre-Law) when he was 18 years-old. He was then accepted to the University of Houston Law School, but ultimately felt called to enter the seminary for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. After studying philosophy at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas for two years, he returned to Houston to continue his formation in Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary. In addition to his studies and his spiritual formation, David Michael has had just enough time to develop his songwriting. Since 2012, he has performed a series of “Concerts for Life” that have collectively raised $225,000 for local crisis pregnancy groups. David Michael is now 22 years-old and in his fifth year of seminary formation, known as the “pastoral year,” in which he has the opportunity to spend a year at St. Martha’s to discern his call and to learn more about parish life.
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 email carlal@stmartha.com.

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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.

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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 email lauriecardella@outlook.com. Next future grief program is scheduled for January, 2017.

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CATHOLIC SINGLES

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, on Wednesday, September 28, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 pm at Brooklyn’s Pizza, 9467 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (near Walmart). On Saturday, October 1, join us for 5:30 pm Mass at St. Martha's, meal afterwards at Oriental Gardens, 1528 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 pm. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybomom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**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 smarthabetweensh@yahoo.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

St. Martha Rosary Guild

**Urgent!**
We need your help making rosaries. Please come by and we will teach you how to make a rosary. We meet every Wednesday from 11:30am- 3:00pm, at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2. We break for lunch at noon and pray a decade of the rosary. You are also welcome to join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month. Room 2 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Hope to see you there! For more info contact Gilda Womack, our Coordinator at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com.
Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

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.

**Teams of Our Lady—A movement of conjugal spirituality**
Please join us for a 45 minute Information Meeting TODAY,
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.

**Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.**
Teams of Our Lady USA
**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.

**DeepAdventure.com/LRH**
**OCT 22 | 8AM - 12PM**
**EWTN & Deep Adventure Ministries Reality TV Show**
Bring your family & friends to the Men’s Rally to be part of the filming of a new motorcycle based reality TV show. Witness true masculine spirituality as Bear Woznick (best-selling author & world suit champ) & posse share personal testimony & challenge you to go deeper with God. Ride your hog if you have one. After the rally we invite you to roll thunder with us for a ways toward THE BIG BEND as we begin our LONG RIDE HOME:

**ROLLING THUNDER**

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

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!

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 28, Oct. 12, 19, 26, & 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. Remaining Sept. Date: 27. Oct. Dates: 4, 11, 18 & 25
St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaaff.com Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, schedules, important links, music, and more… check it out! Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube. Click the YouTube icon on the website home page to view.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - AFF Information Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join.

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.

YAS TM
Young Adults of St. Martha
younadults@stmartha.com

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 ycpHouston.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.

Rosary after Daily Mass:

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., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m., in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

THE 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.
Vocations Corner

Beatitudes for Nurturing Church Vocations in the Family

Blessed are the children of parents who...
1. Witness love for their spouse, their children, their neighbor, and the world.
2. Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of their lives.
3. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
4. Lead their family in prayer.
5. Speak positively about priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.
6. Participate in the lay ministries and activities of their parish and community.
7. Invite a deacon, brother, sister or priest to their home.
8. Encourage their children to consider priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage.

Beatitudes by National Religious Vocation Conference/Photo by Two-Eleven Photography

Parenting/Youth

MOTHER’S DAY OUT
MDO has limited openings!!! Please contact Patty at 281-358-1959, ext. 250 or e-mail pattyj@stmartha.com for more information.

Parenting/Youth

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.

CATECHESIS CORNER...

Part Time Job:
Hall Monitor, unlock doors for Catechists. Includes monitoring building during CCE class times, ensure children cross at crossing safely, lock up after Catechists. Sunday morning 9:30-12:00, Monday evening 4:30-7:00 and Wednesday evening 5:30-8:00. Total of about 9-10 hours a week.

Perfect for an in town college student. Must be 18 or older & VIRTUS trained.
Call Carla at 281-358-1959 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com.
Or visit the Faith Formation office to apply.

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the BENVEGNU 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.

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.
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:

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

Pray for those who are pregnant and contemplating an abortion. Pray for the healthcare workers who perform and aid in abortions. Pray for those who work tirelessly defending life.

Please visit our table in the Narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com.

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

MARCH OF THE SURVIVING YOUTH 2016

When: Saturday October 8th, 8:30 am to 12:30 noon.
Where: Downtown Houston, Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd., 77073.


What: Fun, exciting, spirit filled morning of praise and prayer with dynamic speaker Fr. Ryan Higdon from Texas A&M, music by talented seminarian David Michael Moses, and featuring Master of Ceremonies Dunn Estacio.

Details: Indoors -8:30 am Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, followed by light refreshments, speaker & musician. Outdoors – A prayerful procession to Planned Parenthood with a Jericho March!

For more info or to volunteer contact: Mary Pinedo, The Cool President at 832-729-5212, thecoolyouthgroup@gmail.com.
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, 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

St. Martha’s and the Knights of Columbus present our Fourth Annual Wine Tasting Dinner
Saturday November 5th, 2016
at the Family Life Center
Woodland Hills Drive
For ticket information and purchase, call 281-225-4029
rdwrbleskus@yahoo.com or Bill Blum at 713-249-8209

Menu for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting Dinner
Amuse Bouche
Chicken or Mushroom Frited Revolli
Toasted Baguette Points with Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese and Dill
Paired with Alan Christopher French Brut Champagne, NV
Salad
Red and Roasted with Gorgonzola, Pancetta and Peaches dressed with Balsamic Vinagrette
Paired with Mounts 2013 Volgrier, Dry Creek Valley, CA
Soup
Creamy Potato pureed with celery, onion, ham and dill
Paired with Hartenberg 2014 Chardonnay “Estate” Stellenbosch, S. Africa
Entrée
Braised Short Ribs and au jus over Creamy Polenta with Roasted Mushrooms and Onions
Paired with Wonderland 2014 Pinot Noir, Edna Valley, CA
Dessert
Mousse au Chocolat infused with expresso and dark rum, topped with Raspberry sauce

Doors open at 6:30 – Dinner served

VIRTUS WORKSHOP
St. Martha will be offering the following workshop 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.

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

**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!!

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.
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 Or- gando 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.

Call for Festival Volunteers!
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, all under the direction of the Holy Spirit!
The next Volunteer Sign Up Campaign will be conducted following every Mass the weekend of September 24-25.
If you would like to sign up before then, send an email to smparishfestivalvolunteers@gmail.com OR
You can now sign up through SignUpGenius at: http://goo.gl/xKfZdP

Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture
“Politics, Faith & the 2016 Elections: Faithful Citizenship and the Catholic Vote”
Deacon Larry Vaclavik
MATS, MA Philosophy
Thursday • Oct. 13, 2016 • 7 p.m.
St. Mary’s Seminary
Free and open to the public
Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Auditorium • 9845 Memorial Drive
Deacon Vaclavik, adjunct lecturer in moral theology at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology, will discuss the key themes from the quadrennial statement, ‘Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States.’ There will be time for discussion and questions from the audience.
For more information, contact Cathy Irantalab at cathy.irantalab@smseminary.com or 713-686-4345.

Please join us for a procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary at 6 pm on October 7, 2016. Everyone welcome!

First Friday Adoration
Noche de Adoracion
Friday • October 7, 2016
7:15 PM
St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Pkwy
Porter, Tx 77365
Adoration-Passion-Spirit

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend 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 join us for a procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary at 6 pm on October 7, 2016. Everyone welcome!
Para la familia de la parroquía de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas de las Escritura para el 26° Domingo del tiempo ordinario presentan una demanda exigente sobre nosotros a los que les gustaría ser fieles discípulos de Jesucristo. Parece que hay dos grupos de personas que por lo general atraen la ira y la crítica de Jesús en su enseñanza del Evangelio. El primer grupo es el de santurrones, como los fariseos, que están más preocupados por su imagen pública y la forma en que son percibidos por los demás que por principio y sustancia. El Señor con frecuencia los llamó "hipócritas", una descripción muy dura de alguien, sobre todo si conocemos el término dirigió hacia nosotros y nuestro comportamiento. El otro grupo que esta bajo el juicio frecuente de Jesús son los cómodos y los acomodados que suelen distanciarse del sufrimiento y la miseria de los demás seres humanos. El profeta Amos les llama "la complacencia". (Es importante notar que Jesús comienza las Bienaventuranzas, el corazón de su mensaje Evangélico, con la clara enseñanza: "Bienaventurados vosotros los pobres, porque el Reino de Dios es suyo"), en la mayoría de las parábolas de Jesús, uno u otro de estos dos grupos se presentan como el malo de la historia. En el Evangelio de hoy se mencionan representantes de ambos grupos y, puesto que el Evangelio siempre se dirige a nosotros los oyentes, tenemos el reto doble de abrir nuestro corazón al mensaje de salvación de Jesucristo y tratar de ser transformados por el poder de la Palabra.

Al mismo tiempo, se nos advierte de no llegar a ser excesivamente simplista acerca de esta enseñanza. Las Escrituras dan mensajes contradictorios, a veces sobre la prosperidad material. Puede ser una gran bendición de Dios y que lleva a la humilde gratitud y generosidad. Sin embargo, también puede convertirse en una maldición que hace que la gente se olvide de su necesidad de Dios y de sus responsabilidades hacia sus vecinos. Jesús no desprecia a cada persona rica que se encontraba. De hecho, se hizo amigo de un número de individuos ricos e incluso cenó con ellos. Por lo tanto, el Evangelio no establece una clara oposición entre los ricos y la pobres en términos de buenos y malos. En última instancia no hay nada particularmente malo o bueno en ser rico y confortable. Lo que Jesús nos está enseñando es que mientras que los bienes de la tierra no son malos en sí mismos, pueden ser muy arriesgados para los que los poseen. La riqueza puede ser muy engañosa, ya que nuestra imaginación puede poseernos y puede influir en nuestra forma de ver la vida. El pecado del hombre Rico en el Evangelio de hoy no es que él era Rico, sino que se volvió insensible al dolor y el sufrimiento del pobre hombre, que por designio de Dios era parte de su vida como su hermano y vecino. La ilusión de la autosuficiencia o el sentido de la independencia radical con respecto a los demás es una actitud peligrosa para cualquiera, pero especialmente para aquellos de nosotros que desean ser discípulos de Jesús. Por desgracia, muchos de nosotros cedemos a esta actitud en algún momento de nuestras vidas y fallamos en reconocer nuestra necesidad radical de la conversión del corazón. Llamemos a cabo en la oración: "¡Ven, Señor Jesús, y enseñanos cada día cómo seguir tus pasos!"

Padre Chester Borski
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

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For the weekend of Sept. 17 & 18 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

- Catholic University $ 1,446
- Martha's Kitchen $ 8,257
- Capital Campaign $ 52,098
- Special collections:
  - Sunday Collection $ 822,497
  - Weekly Budget $ 852,408
- Year To Date:
  - Over/(Under) $ 38,295

- Faith Direct Offertory $ 63,408
- Sunday Collection $ 45,921

- Gifts of treasure resulted in:
  - Maria Goretti Network $ 11,233,009