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 Kleinguest, 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

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.

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ONE OF THE LEVITES, REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED, RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD IN A LOUD VOICE.
LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2016 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).
Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).
Second Reading — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).
Gospel — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

READING FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:4-7; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4; 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2; 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Columbus Day
Tuesday: St. John XXIII; Yom Kippur
Wednesday: St. Callistus I
Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
Jubilee of Marian Devotion
This weekend, the jubilee honors Mary under the title Pope Francis suggests, “Mother of Mercy.” Recall the Good Samaritan Gospel. Priest and Levite saw suffering but showed no mercy. Recall the rich man, who never saw Lazarus right before his eyes, and showed no mercy. Today, Jesus sees ten lepers from afar and shows extraordinary mercy. Mary’s entire life, declares Francis, was modeled on Jesus, “Mercy-Made-Flesh.” Indeed, standing at the cross, Mary saw Jesus’ mercy take flesh when Jesus showed mercy to the executioners. So Pope Francis recommends we frequently pray the Salve Regina, Hail, Holy Queen, asking her to ever look upon us with mercy, so that we might be worthy to gaze upon the face of her mercurial Son Jesus. May we do so not only in eternity, but here and now, opening our eyes to see Jesus in others, and our hearts to serve Jesus in others by loving deeds of unconditional mercy.


MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Oct. 10
8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

Tues./Oct. 11
8:30 AM †Emily Krug
7:00 PM †Gwendolyn & Rizalito Ilagan

Wed./Oct. 12
8:30 AM †Robert Affleck
10:00 AM †Donald Hogan

Thurs./Oct. 13
6:30 AM †Karen Warfield
8:30 AM †Ruth Klimas

Fri./Oct. 14
8:30 AM Anthony & Charlotte Priesol

Sat./Oct. 15
5:30 PM †Gilbert Ybarbo

Sun./Oct. 16
7:00 AM †Mary Murphy
9:00 AM †Dr. John D. Barone
11:00 AM †Sylvia Mancin
1:00 PM †Essie Guzman
5:30 PM †Vivian McCabe

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERs
Harold “Rick” Fahrenthold (husband of Margaret Fahrenthold)
Raymond Baudier, Sr.
Rodney Gullo
Chloe Belleville (sister of Sarah Clark)
Patricio Sepulveda

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

Mass Intention:
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.

Holy Matrimony
Andrew Lange & Kristina Pavadowski—Oct. 1
Stephen Shuffield & Clotilde Mizili — Oct. 15
Matthew Stano & Maria Ceballos—Oct. 22

2016 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL
THANK YOU!!!!! To the ministry representatives who were present after each Mass, to the parishioners who visited the tables in the Narthex, to the Knights of Columbus who served refreshments, and to all who have taken the time to fill out their Stewardship Covenant, THANK YOU for your generous participation in this years Stewardship Renewal.

Final Weekend - Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on Oct. 22 & 23 (Outreach Ministries and St. Martha Catholic School)
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Gospel text (Luke 17: 11-19) that is proclaimed for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time is packed with meaning for us. The first point that is being made is about the importance of the prayer of gratitude. It is a simple story of ten lepers who seek out Christ’s help and he freely gave it. But once their expressed needs are met, all but one quickly forget to return to the source of their healing and say “Thank you.” However, there is much more to this story. The one leper who came back did so moved, not only by gratitude, but by a deep sense of faith and trust in God. He was different from the other nine not simply because he had better manners but because he became aware that he had not only been cured physically but he had been welcomed into the community of the saved: the Body of Christ. In this account leprosy is a symbol for the state of sin, the spiritual disease of our souls. It is out of an awareness of his isolation because of his disease that the leper first approaches Jesus for help. So many times this is the necessary starting point for our conversion, our spiritual healing. We are painfully aware of our isolation and insufficiency as human beings. We realize that we are deeply wounded and in need of God’s healing. We struggle to find the courage to call out as did the lepers, “Lord, have pity on us.”

On a deeper level Jesus is speaking to us about the necessity of the community of faith, the Church, in helping people to experience the gift of divine healing. After the lepers had been cured, Jesus bid them to follow the Mosaic law, “go and show yourselves to the priests.” While the one leper was in the process of fulfilling this command, he became aware of his healing and was moved to thank God. Today many attempt to discover healing and salvation on their own without the benefit and help of the community of faith. I am not sure if the number approaches 90% but at times it seems that way. The disease of sin can so isolate us from the reality of God’s grace that we begin to live solely for ourselves and seek out our own pleasure. We accept the pervasive philosophy of life of the so-called “me generation” and we see no need to reach out to others. But when we are hurting and experience the devastating effects of illness and disease (whether spiritual or physical), we realize how difficult it is to heal ourselves and even to ask for the saving help we need. Gathering each Sunday for the celebration of the Eucharist with our fellow believers is a powerful and necessary way of saying “Thank you” to God. At the same time it is a call to each of us to reach out to others and help them to experience the healing compassion of God in their lives. In a couple of weeks, we will be given the opportunity to serve in our many parish outreach ministries, including providing healing ministry to those who are sick or homebound. Ask God in prayer to guide you in signing up to help others experience the healing mercy of the Lord Jesus.

Fr. Chester Borski

It is not too late to sign up for the Children’s Choir (rehearsals are Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM) and our 11 AM choir (rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-9 PM). Please feel free to contact Daniel Knaggs (11 AM Choir Director and Interim Children’s Choir Director) at danielk@stmartha.com with any questions!

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The 4th and final Parish Blood Drive for 2016, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23rd, from 8:00 AM until 1:45 PM at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass on Oct. 8, 9 and Oct. 15, 16 to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

You may schedule an appointment by emailing bobbymac14@gmail.com or call Bobby McAndrews at 281-650-9533. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (Please enter the sponsor code 1220.)

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING**

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick will be held on Monday, Oct. 17, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM in Room 3 of the Family Life Center (turn left after you go through the first set of double doors – by the soft drink machine). These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much-appreciated ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE: You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Communion to the Sick training.**

To register or if you have any questions, please email Angela Wemyss at angelawemyss@hotmail.com or call at 281-361-9720 by Monday, Oct. 10, so that we may have a sufficient number of books and supplies.

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Breast Cancer Awareness**

Young at Heart-ers - Most of us, at one time or another, have known someone who had/had breast cancer. Let's celebrate their life and all wear PINK, men too! Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**PROJECT RACHEL**

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.

Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

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**ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM**

*Tuesdays evenings from 7-9 PM 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.

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Explore a bit! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, to talk/drink/eat at 7:00 PM at RC’s Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more information, 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 either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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**Annual Msgr. William D. Steele Lecture**

“Politics, Faith & the 2016 Elections: Faithful Citizenship and the Catholic Vote”

Deacon Larry Vaclavik

Thursday • Oct. 13, 2016 • 7 PM

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.

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**Men’s ACTS Retreat- Oct. 20-23 , 2016**

Registration for the Oct. 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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
Sunday Mornings: 10:45 – 11:45 AM
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: 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. Oct. Dates: 11, 18 & 25

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

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on You Tube.

Click the You Tube icon on the website home page to view.

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**THE FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY IS NO LONGER TAKING BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS, THE SHELVES ARE OVERFLOWING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

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**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 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 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 1:00 PM—3:00 PM. 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

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**North American Congress on Mercy**
Oct. 21-22, 2016
Prince of Peace Catholic Community
19222 Tomball Parkway
Houston, TX 77070

Come for this special two-day event coming at the close of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, offering:

♦ Spiritually enriching presentations from inspiring, well-known speakers and powerful witnesses to God’s love and mercy
♦ Holy Mass
♦ Confession
♦ Uplifting sacred music

For more information and registration: MercyCongress.org, nacom@marian.org, or call 413-298-1303.

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**Rosary after Daily Mass:** A group of parishioners gathers after the 8:30 AM 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.

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**Bible Study** – We have transitioned from Thur. meetings to Mon. meetings 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 front 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).

**Galveston trip-Oct. 9th**
We will be taking a trip to Galveston as a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica. Pope Francis extended a temporal privilege allowing Catholics to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy by passing through a designated Holy Door during the Year of Mercy. We will stay for mass at the cathedral, and then go to the beach for a picnic lunch. If the weather is bad, we will go on a tour of the Bishop's palace in lieu of the beach. Mass is at 12:10 PM

**Parish Wars-Oct. 22nd, 9 AM—4 PM**
Get your sneakers ready!! JP2, the young adult group in The Woodlands, is hosting their annual parish wars! It is a fun filled day filled with sporting events where we compete with other young adults from around the diocese. Let's show our St. Martha's pride and take home the prize. There is usually a nominal fee. More information to come, but save the date.

Each parish will be competing with each other in 4 different sports, which consists of volleyball, dodge ball, ultimate frisbee, and kickball.

**Monthly dinner**-This month, we will be doing a "Murder Mystery" style dinner. More details to follow!

Please subscribe to our e-mail list via flocknote: new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASMTYoungAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASMT/ 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 at 718-887-6837.
**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**

**Collegian Moms Prayer Group:**
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Oct. 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM 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.

**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.

**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction**
- 2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 AM
Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

**Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**
Monday, Oct. 24, 2016
6:30 PM Social, 7:00 to 8:30 PM Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
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 October will be Daniel Kidd, Executive Director and CEO of the Shalom Center
Daniel’s topic is: How the Laity Can Promote Justice for Priests and Religious Today
RSVP: Diddy Muck
muck@kingwoodcable.net
281-615-2015

Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

**HOLINESS** is a challenge for all of us, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners — and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

**Chalice for Vocations:**
Please join the **GAUTREAU 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.
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 stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.
New Choral Scholarship Opportunity!

St. Martha’s is launching a brand new Choral Scholars Program for the 11 AM Choir. This program will award a scholarship to a limited number of high school students, college students, and recent graduates to be trained in choral singing skills (and cantoring, if desired). All such students/recent grads are welcome to audition—it is not necessary to already feel “qualified”, but rather to be open to learning!

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights 7-9 PM and on Sundays mornings an hour before Mass (10 AM). Over the next few weeks, prospective scholars may come and sing for the Director of Music after the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses (a relaxed, informal audition).

Please forward any questions to Daniel Knaggs at danielk@stmartha.com.

Walk for the Poor

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Martha Conference

Making Every Mile Count!! On Oct. 1st the Walk for the Poor was held here at St. Martha’s to raise awareness of those in need and to help with works of mercy. We had a total of 65 walkers!! – including 2 teams from St. Martha’s Catholic School children and parents! We raised funds to help those in need and those from the spring floods, so they can get furniture and household items for their homes as they return to permanent housing.

You can help us raise the funds needed. Make a donation to the SVdP- St. Martha Conference either by making a cash/check donation by dropping it an envelope (SVdP Walk on the front) and putting in the weekend mass collection. Checks should be payable to “SVdP – St. Martha”. OR you can go online to the www.fopwalk.org and sign up to make a donation to the Conference here at St. Martha. This is an easy way to put donation on a credit card and then print your receipt for tax purposes. The website will be open until Oct. 30th to take your donation – so don’t delay – make your donation today!

Thanks again to our parish for helping our brothers and sisters in their time of need! May God shower His blessings upon you! St. Vincent de Paul – Pray for us! Blessed Frederick Ozanam—Pray for us!

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, Oct. 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

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!

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: stmathamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.
**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:** Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of September, we had 1,118 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 1,720 visitors pray for varying amounts of time. It is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge 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 pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer.

**St. Vincent de Paul—St. Martha Conference:** Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron St. Vincent de Paul. The St. Martha Conference of the Society is a parish based, volunteer, direct-aid organization that helps people in need get back on their feet. We provide short-term financial, material, and emotional support and work person-to-person through advocacy, education and referral efforts to break cycles of poverty, empower people and promote self-sufficiency. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

**About Us:** St. Martha Conference was established in 2005 and currently has office hours by appointment at the Woodland Hills Campus from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Tuesday and Thursday. At this time members visit with people in need of financial assistance with utilities (once every 12 months), rent (once every 24 months), prescription assistance and other expenses. Emergency food assistance is also available. We work to assist people in our community and surrounding areas of Humble, New Caney and Porter.

For Friends In Need who are unable to visit our office because of transportation or medical issues, members “Home Visit” those in need in their homes to help with financial assistance, furniture, spiritual support and other needs. The Conference also provides “In-Kind” Services including donated furniture, clothing, household items and emergency gasoline vouchers. A Christmas assistance program provides gifts and food for families in need.

We are staffed by 40+ volunteers who interview clients, answer the telephone when we are not open, schedule appointments, do Home Visits and grocery shop for emergency food bags. All of this financial assistance is made possible, in large part, by the generous contributions of St. Martha parishioners. If you want to become involved with our Conference as a member or volunteer, please call 281-359-4021 or visit with us on Stewardship Sunday (Oct. 22 & 23).

**Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:**
Every 1st Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Sat., Nov. 5.

**ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT ST. MARTHA**

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the *Second Family Ministry* has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.

Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your *Second Family Care Team* at St. Martha phone Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.
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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

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 of us, 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 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:

- Monday: 1-2 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM
- Miércoles: 1-2 AM
- Jueves: 1-2 AM
- Viernes: 1-2 AM / 6-7 PM
- Saturday AM: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 9-10 AM
- Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
- Sunday: 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Carmen Ongado at 832-767-8826 or at carmenongado@yahoo.com.

If you need a substitute, please call of our division leaders:

- Robyn Laumbach for Midnights to 6AM - ( 281-360-7897 )
- Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon - ( 281-361-7127 )
- Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM - ( 281-360-1258 )
- Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight - ( 281-435-1439 )

CANCARE

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.

IN GOD’S IMAGE

DISABILITY

CONFERENCE

A conference for priests, deacons, seminarians, catechetical leaders, catechists, principals, teachers, pastoral and social justice ministers, families, friends and care providers of children and adults with disabilities, and all who have a heart for disability ministry.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, University of St. Thomas, Jerabeck Center, Scanlan Room, 4000 Mt. Vernon, Houston, TX 77006. $30/person by Oct. 31 (includes lunch).

Register: archgh.event.com/InGodsImage2016

BEAR WOZNICK

OF DEEP ADVENTURE MINISTRIES

IN ASSOCIATION WITH EWTN PRESENTS

St. Martha’s Parish

MEN’S RALLY

DeepAdventure.com/LRH

EWTN & Deep Adventure Ministries Reality TV Show

Bring your family & friends to the Men’s Rally to be part of the filming of a men’s motorcycle based reality TV show. Witness true masculine spirituality as Bear Woznick (best-selling author & world surf champ) & posse share personal testimonies & 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.

$50 DOOR | $20 UNDER 21

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Ministerio Hispano

El banco de Comidas de Houston (HAAM) estará donando comida el día Miércoles 16 de Noviembre de 11:00 AM—1:00 PM en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Martha 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365 Por orden de llegada Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor de llamar a Alejandra al 832-860-4860

Ministerio Legión de María:

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

ALMUERZO “JÓVENES DE CÓR AZON”
Consciencia sobre Cáncer de la Mama
Jóvenes de corazón - La mayoría de nosotros, en un momento u otro, ha conocido a alguien que tuvo o tiene cáncer de la mama. Celebremos las vidas de ellos portando todos algo color de RO- SA, incluso los señores! Únase a nosotros para una convivencia incluyendo juego de bingo y un almuerzo en el Centro de Vida Familiar de Santa Marta el miércoles, 12 de octubre. Bingo comienza a las 11 horas, seguido por un almuerzo y la convivencia termina a las 2 p.m. Traiga un consigó y únanse a la diversión! Nos reunimos el 2, 4 y 5 miércoles de cada mes. Si requieren transporte, comuníquese con Domenica Seitz al teléfono 713-899-1016. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Nancy Karpinski al teléfono 713-594-4430.

XX Congreso Arquidiocesano de la Renovación Católica Carismática Hispana Galveston-Houston

“MISERICORDIOSOS COMO EL PADRE”
14,15 Y 16 DE OCTUBRE 2016
RUMBO AL Jubileo de ORO DE LA RCC

Padre
John Mario Montoya
Congregación de Jesús y María P.P. fundada en Ciudad de México, México

María Alberto Pérez
Canta - Harp, compositor
Los Angeles, CA

Hna. Evangelina Tojil y Hna. Martha Alicia Friénd
Fundadoras de la Comunidad Fiel Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Texas

Irén Mallina y su Banda Abbá Pedro
Ministro de ¡Abba! Adoración
Centro de Vida Familiar

Entrada General $15
Habrá venta de comida

Viernes 14 de Octubre 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Gran Apertura - Alabanzas - Eucaristía 8pm

Sábado 15 de Octubre 8:30am - 8:00pm Pueblos abierta a las 7:30am
Alabanzas - Conferencias - Eucaristía 10am - 12am Santa
También el Sábado (congreso de Niños de 5-11 años) de 8:30am - 6pm
Costo por niño: $10 (SOLO LIMITADO). Incluye Meriendas y Comida

Domingo 16 de Octubre 1:30pm - 7:30pm Pueblos abierta a las 1pm
Alabanzas - Conferencias - Eucaristía 6pm
Taller para Mini Ninos de Musica, Animadores de Alumbrado y Saliers:
“Ministros antes que Músicos” inspirado por María Alberto Pérez
Pal - 12:00pm - Salón 205-FL (2do Piso) GRATIS

Centro Católico Carismático
FHQ DIONE BLDG HOUSTON, TX, 77023
Información: 713-826-9977

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora ?”
Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros. El siempre esperó pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y lo acompañemos. En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitadas de adoradores en este momento. Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a la tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

Se necesitan Adoradores, Co-adoradores y substitutos en las siguientes horas:

- Lunes: 1:2 AM / PM  1:2 / 5:6 PM
- Martes: 2-3 AM
- Miércoles: 1-2 AM
- Jueves: 1-2 AM
- Viernes: 1-2 AM / PM  6-7
- Sábado AM: 1-2 AM / AM  3-4 / 9-10 AM
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Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a:

Carmen Ogando - 832-767-8826
carmenogando@yahoo.com
Coordinadora
For the weekend of Oct. 1 & 2
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 48,273
Over/(Under) $ (22,761)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 71,034

Current Loan Debt: $ 11,233,009