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 Kleinguehl, 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): ....
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: ........ 8:30 AM & 3:00 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 LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.
LUKE 17:15

October 9, 2016 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading — As long as Moses’ hands were kept uplifted, Joshua and his men had the better part of the battle with Amalek (Exodus 17:8-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon./Oct. 17
8:30 AM †Jack McKenzie

Tues./Oct. 18
8:30 AM †Fr. John Mark Coffey
7:00 PM †Brian Felker

Wed./Oct. 19
8:30 AM †Pedro Montesillo Sr.
10:00 AM Leone Smith

Thurs./Oct. 20
6:30 AM †Teresa Guzman
8:30 AM †Pauline Pennucci

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

Rodney Gullo
Chloe Belleville (sister of Sarah Clark)
Patricio Sepulveda
Raul Diaz (father of Adriana Martinez, Francisco Diaz, and Ricardo Diaz, brother of Teresa Guzman, Connie Moreno, Gracila Ruiz and Marcelo Diaz)
Jeanette Farina (sister of Denise Caruselle)


JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Though Jesus told today’s parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn’t changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society’s perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the “peripheries” by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, “pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus’ perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, mercy. Thus, when Jesus asks, “Will not God secure the rights of [God’s] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?” (18:7). We respond by making God’s liberating work for others our own. “[W]hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (18:8). Yes, we respond—and mercy!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Tuesday: St. Luke
Wednesday: St. John of Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Thursday: St. Paul of the Cross
Saturday: St. John Paul II

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

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., OCT. 19

2016 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Final Weekend - Oct. 22 & 23

Outreach Ministries and St. Martha Catholic School

Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass the weekend of Oct. 22 and 23 to learn more about the Outreach Ministries and St. Martha Catholic School. Ministry leaders will be available to answer questions and you will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,
The Gospel passage for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is taken from Luke 18: 1-8 and is another of the teachings of Jesus done through a story or parable. Jesus is a master story-teller and usually makes only one point in the teaching. In today’s account the simple point is announced in the first line: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.” While the parable draws on various images, attitudes, and characters (e.g. the dishonest judge), one central teaching is being communicated. Jesus urges us to persevere in prayer, not because we will eventually get our way with God, but that we will grow in our acceptance of God’s will. It is a matter of faith and trust in God. To be a true believer means to be a persistent believer. Persistence and perseverance in prayer will bring us closer to God’s view of the world. Mature faith is learning to see others and ourselves through God’s eyes.

What is more important is our coming to understand that God’s view of the world (we call this the “Kingdom of God”) is the heart of the “good news” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more persistent in all of human history than the story of God’s love for us. The whole of the Bible is a clear testimony to this truth. Even when we human beings have been forgetful of God or have chosen to go against the love of God through our sinful choices. God has not given up on us. God’s love has always been and will forever be persistent and constant. God’s love does not depend on what we do or how we respond. And the parable teaches us that we must grow into this type of attitude through prayer. To become a person of faith means that we learn to see the world as God sees it and that we learn to act towards the world and people in the world as God does. Faith without constancy and persistence is really no faith at all or at most it is very superficial. A constancy of attitude like God’s does not depend on how we are treated by others or what happens to us in life. Rather such an attitude of faith depends on a decision we make as to what view of life we embrace. If we persist in trying to see the world as God sees it, our persistence will lead us to become people of faith, disciples and friends of Jesus. It is learning to pray always without becoming weary.

Fr. Chester Borski

Second Family Ministry celebrating 12 Years of Service.
In October of 2004 St. Martha Second Family Ministry was begun with the help of Interfaith Care Partners of Houston to offer help to families caring for a loved one in their home in the parish and in Kingwood. In those 12 years 163 volunteers have spent over 30,138 hours serving 158 Care Partners and their families.

Please help spread the word about this parish ministry. 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 or visit the 2nd Family Ministry table at the Stewardship Renewal Weekend on Oct. 22 & 23.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND
Next weekend, Oct. 22 & 23, 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.)

Pray and give generously
World Mission Sunday
October 23, 2016
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
a Pontifical Mission Society
**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON**

Young at Heart-ers - Watch out - ghosts & goblins may be roaming the area!!!

Come to St. Martha's Family Life Center in your best Halloween get-up on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center!!! 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 second, fourth and fifth 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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**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 Jan., 2017.

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

*Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Oct. 19, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 PM at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.*

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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.
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 illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.  
http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org/#about

**Sunday Dates:** Oct. 16, 23, 30, & Nov. 6.  
**Wednesday Dates:** Oct. 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:** 18 & 25

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

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing.

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

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**YAS†M**

**Young Adults of St. Martha**  
youngadults@stmartha.com

**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 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, dodgeball, ultimate frisbee, and kickball.

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 at 718-887-6837.**

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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 three day/three 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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**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.
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.

St. Martha Catholic School

St. Martha School Scoops
St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also offer the following extracurricular activities: School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, athletics program, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, Student Council, National Jr. Beta Club, Student Ambassadors Club and other family and student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

We Transform the World!

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.

Vocations Corner

Celebrate!
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Oct. 30, 2016
Each year we set aside a Sunday in October to celebrate and show appreciation to the priests in our lives. This year, consider a note of thanks, a phone call, or a prayer for the intentions of our parish and local priests. To read “Priest Hero” stories, download cards for priests, and find “cool” ideas for children go to www.priestsunday.org.

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.

Chalice for Vocations:
Please join the HOLDEN 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.
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!

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**BEAR WOZNICK OF DEEP ADVENTURE MINISTRIES**

**IN ASSOCIATION WITH**

**EWTN**

**PRESENTS**

★★★ St. Martha's Parish ★★★

**MEN'S RALLY**

In the Family Life Center on the Faith Formation Campus

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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 surf 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**

St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Dr.)
**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.

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**Walk for the Poor**

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

Making Every Mile Count!! On Oct. 1 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. 30 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!

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**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!

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**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

call 713-775-9213.
**Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:**
Every first Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Sat., Nov. 5.

**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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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**
The fourth 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. 15 and 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.**

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Fall into eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Martha Catholic Church. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX497

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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“**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
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,
Jerabek Center,
Scanlan Room, 4000 Mt. Vernon,
Houston, TX 77006.
$30/person by Oct. 31 (includes lunch).
Register: archgh.cvent.com/
InGodsImage2016

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 ADORESS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Monday: 1-2 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM
Miércoles: 1-2 AM
Viernes: 1-2 AM / 5-7 PM
Saturday AM: 1-2 AM / 3-4AM / 9-10 AM
Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3PM / 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 Ogando at 832-767-8526 or at
camrenogando@yahoo.com.

If you need a substitute, please call our division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM - (281-369-7897)
Karen Ehlers for 6AM to Noon - (281-351-7127)
Annunciate Hopkins for Noon to 6PM - (281-360-1258)
Beth Backham for 6PM to Midnight - (281-435-1439)

Parish Festival
Thank You
We hope everyone who attended our Parish Festival on October 8 had a
great time! There was a peace all around and no doubt the Holy Spirit
was with us all day long! Thank you to everyone in attendance!

A special thank you goes out to all the Committee members who along
with the Holy Spirit brought this wonderful day of fellowship and
community building to the St. Martha Catholic Community.

The names of the Festival Committee members are:
Cameron Arencueax, Juanita Baker, Carol Bateman, David Bellah,
Father Chester Borski, Sylvia Brown, Jimi Carlson, Marcela Chamoun,
Margot Charles, Willie Chesnut, Chris Childress, Janice Cravens, Kent
Daigre, Amber Davis, Melva DeBoise, Tom DeBoise, Diane Ehlers, John
Ehlers, Karen Ehlig, John Ehman, Joy Ehman, Shannon Elliott,
Gary Estes, Tom Gallagher, Carolina Galvan, Milton Giraldo, Gene
Goll, Davis Haines, Brandon Hartman, Debbie Hartman, Julie Heppler,
Nancy Heppler, Darryl Hodges, Annunciate Hopkins, John Hottovy,
Sherry Hundl, Jody Jeansson, Mark Jeansson, Laverne Kasprzak,
Tom Kennedy, Julio Lago, Yasmín Lago, Robyn Laumbach, Patricia
Lopez, Lynn Lucas, Mona Maher, Theresa Miller, Cindy Mosby, Olga
Najar, Linda O’Toole, David Petrunic, Teresa Piraino, Laura Pogue,
Alan Raymond, Stephen Richards, Terrie Richards, Rachel Rivas,
Barry Robichaux, Emma Rocha, Luis Rodriguez, Donna Rubej,
Leonard Sarman, Stan Sarman, Daniel Scaramuzi, Elva Sobczak,
Steve Teets, Jerry Tilson, Eduardo Valladares, Gilda Womack, Mark
Zylker

In the next couple bulletins we will list and thank all the Festival
Sponsors & Donors, all the Silent & Live Auction Winners, as well as to
report the final financial results and Ministry distribution numbers.
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

ALMUERZO “JÓVENES DE CORAZÓN”

Jóvenes de corazón - Cuidado - fantasmas y duendes pueden estar deambulando por el área!!! Ven- ga al Centro de Vida Familiar de Santa Marta en su mejor disfraz de Halloween el miércoles, 26 de octubre y únase a nosotros para una convivencia, bingo y almuerzo en el Centro de Vida Familiar de Santa Marta!!! Bingo comienza a las 11 horas, seguido por el almuerzo, la convivencia termina a las 2 PM Traiga un amigo y únase a la diver- sión! Nos reunimos el 2º, 4º y 5º miércoles de cada mes. Si requiere de transporte, comuníquese con Do- menica Seitz al teléfono 713-899-1016. Si tiene algu- na pregunta, por favor llame a Nancy Karpinski al teléfono 713-594-4430.

Ministerio Hispano

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El pasaje del Evangelio para el domingo 29vo del tiempo ordinario se toma de Lucas 18: 1-8 y es otra de las enseñanzas de Jesús que hace a través de una historia o parábola. Jesús es un contador de historias y por lo general hace sólo un punto en la enseñanza. En el relato de hoy, el simple punto se anunció en la primera línea: “Jesús les dijo a sus discípulos una parábola sobre la necesidad de que ellos deben orar siempre y no desfallecer”. Mientras que la parábola se basa en varias imágenes, actitudes y caracteres (por ejemplo, el juez deshonesto), que se comunica una enseñanza central. Jesús nos insta a perseverar en la oración, no porque eventualmente tengamos lo que queremos en nuestro camino con Dios, sino que vamos a creer en nuestra aceptación de la voluntad de Dios. Es una cuestión de fe y confianza en Dios. Ser un verdadero creyente significa ser un creyente persistente. La persistencia y perseverancia en la oración nos acercarán a la visión del mundo de Dios. La fe madura es aprender a ver a los demás y a nosotros mismos a través de los ojos de Dios.

Lo que es más importante es nuestro camino y llegar a entender la visión del mundo de Dios ( Esto se denomina el "Reino de Dios") es el corazón de la "buena nueva" del Evangelio de Jesucristo. No hay nada más persistentes en toda la historia humana que la historia de amor de Dios por nosotros. La totalidad de la Biblia es un claro testimonio de esta verdad. Aun cuando nosotros, los seres humanos, nos hayamos olvidado de Dios u optado por ir en contra del amor de Dios a través de nuestras decisiones pecaminosas. Dios no ha renunciado a nosotros. El amor de Dios siempre ha sido y siempre será persistente y constante. El amor de Dios no depende de lo que hacemos o cómo respondemos. Y la parábola nos enseña que debemos crecer en este tipo de actitud a través de la oración. Para llegar a ser una persona de fe, significa que aprendemos a ver el mundo como Dios lo ve y como se aprende a actuar hacia el mundo y la gente en el mundo como Dios lo hace. La fe sin la constancia y persistencia no es realmente fe o como mucho es muy superficial. Una constancia de la actitud, como la de Dios, no depende de la forma en que somos tratados por otros o lo que nos sucede en la vida. Más bien una actitud de fe depende de una decisión que tomamos en cuanto a qué visión de la vida que abrazamos. Si persistimos en tratar de ver el mundo como Dios lo ve, nuestra persis- tencia nos llevará a ser personas de fe, discípulos y amigos de Jesús. Es aprender a orar siempre y no desfa- llecer.

Padre Chester Borski

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA

“¿No pudiste ver conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”

Nuestra parroquia está 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. Siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos. En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitados de adoradores en este momento.

Te invitamos a que participes en este here os ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu 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:

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Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a:

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Coordinadora
For the weekend of Oct. & 9
your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 39,752
Over/(Under) $ (31,282)

Year To Date:
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