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

Senior Priest: Rev. Nick Pasadilla
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Deacons: Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleingueitl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, and Mr. John Schuster

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: ................. 8:30 AM
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.

4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365
281-358-6637 • fax 281-358-7973 • www.stmartha.com
**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday** — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Monday** — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday** — St. Cecilia

**Wednesday** — St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

**Thursday** — St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions; Thanksgiving Day

**Friday** — St. Catherine of Alexandria

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

Today Luke, evangelist and by tradition artist, sends us forth from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* with an unforgettable portrait of Christ the King. The setting for Jesus’ “royal portrait” is the cross. From this “throne,” the crucified “crown prince” welcomes by “eucharistic pardon” the kingdom of mercy’s first citizen, a fellow criminal. The “Good Thief” requests neither deliverance nor salvation, or even forgiveness: “Remember me ...” (Luke 23:42). “Today you will be with me,” King Jesus promises, “in paradise.” (23:43).

Paradise, even for non-believers, is an image of creation contentedly in harmony with self, fellow creatures, and Creator. Today, we “good thieves” beg Jesus to remember us. We promise to remember that, although Jesus’ kingdom will be fulfilled only when Jesus’ returns, that kingdom begins today in the paradise that will flower from this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. We disciples, having been embraced unconditionally and undeservedly by Jesus’ mercy, must now go forth to embrace all others, unconditionally, with that same unfailing mercy.

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**MASS TIMES**

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**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., NOV. 30

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**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

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**Book of Remembrance:** The Book of Remembrance will be in the back of the Church for you to write in names of family members or friends who have died.

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**Thanksgiving Day Mass Times**

**Thursday, Nov. 24:**

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

**Please note:** The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Solemnity of Christ the King which we celebrate this weekend is a rather recent addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 when he set forth the doctrine of the universal kingship of Christ. He did this to counteract the rise of communism and other atheistic movements in the world. Initially celebrated on the last Sunday of October, the feast of Christ the King is now celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. The Scriptural foundation for such teaching is contained throughout the New Testament but is seen most clearly in our second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. Christ is recognized as king by virtue of his birthright as the Son of God: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation.” We share in Christ’s kingship because he is our Redeemer: “(God) transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” As Christ the King, he rules over our entire lives because “He is the head of the body, the Church.” As we can discern from this reading from Colossians, Jesus Christ is the kind of king who shares all of his privileges and blessings with us, his followers.

However, it is in the Gospel of St. Luke where we discover the unique kingship of Christ: he is our Crucified King. This image strips from the notion of king all honor and glory which flow merely from the status of the office of king rather than from the exercise of servant leadership manifested in the life and ministry of Jesus. For the sake of his flock Jesus willingly endured the humiliation of the cross. Nailed to a tree, his outstretched arms embraced people from every corner of the world and from every walk of life. As head of the Church, Jesus became victim so that those who constitute his body could be spared the horrors brought about by the sins of humanity. And having conquered death by dying himself, Jesus entrusts to his disciples the power over death that he has won for them. Hanging on the cross as a convicted criminal, no scene could make it any clearer that Jesus Christ is a special kind of king. He reigns from the cross which is an instrument of torture, the strangest kind of throne. The crown he wears is thrust upon his head in ridicule. The robe which would cover his broken, beaten body is a gesture of mockery. And yet Jesus takes time to respond to the prayer of the repentant thief hanging next to him: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” We, his subjects and his followers, pray that we will hear these same words addressed to us one day as well!

Fr. Chester Borski

The 2017 Sunday Missals and Calendars Have Arrived!
Sunday Missal - $2  Calendar - $1
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus Annual Fried Turkey Sale

Knights of Columbus
Annual Fried Turkey Sale
Thursday 11/24

Davis Haines: davishii@gmail.com
281-660-5665
Daryl Hodges: james.hodges@uhvsinc.com
281-799-5093

$50.00 ea. avg.10-12 lbs
Pay & pick up 11/24 AM

Martha’s Kitchen sends prayers for a blessed and happy Thanksgiving to all at St. Martha’s Church.

Thank you for all of your donations and continuing to use your envelopes to support our ministry.

Friday volunteers are needed at Martha’s Kitchen. If you are interested, please call Sr. Maria Elena Lopez at 713-224-2522 for more information.

Martha’s Kitchen will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving. The kitchen will reopen on Monday, Nov. 28.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
The Faith Formation Office will be closed beginning Wednesday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen Monday, Nov. 27, at 9:00 AM.

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. November date: 29. December dates: 6 & 13
St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:
www.stmarthaaff.com
Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on YouTube.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK - AFF Information
Click the Facebook icon on the website home page and join
THE FAITH FORMATION LIBRARY IS NO LONGER TAKING BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO GENEROUS, THE SHELVES ARE OVERFLOWING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

Job Opening in the Faith Formation Office
The Faith Formation Office (located at 3702 Woodland Hills Drive) is currently accepting applications for a Receptionist/Adult Education Secretary position. This job is full time, 35 hours per week, Monday through Friday.
A detailed job description and application can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office. Applications will be taken through the end of the first week of December.
For more information, please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com.

The Bishop’s Palace Tour—Galveston, Texas
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016
8 AM to 6 PM
Cost: $35 per person*
Must be 50+ years old to attend
Limited number of seats remaining!
Come join fellow parishioners ages 50+ for a relaxing bus ride to Galveston for a tour of the Bishop’s Palace. The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM and return at 6 PM.
*Please note that meals are not included in the tour price.
Please register and pay for the tour at the parish office between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.
Watch the bulletin and parish Flocknotes for information on an additional upcoming tour to the George Bush Presidential Library in March!

ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM
The next grief program starts on Jan. 3, 2017. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM in Rm. 3 at the Woodland Hills Campus (Jan. 3 - Mar. 7). To sign up or for more information, call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail lauriecarnella@outlook.com.

CATHOLIC SINGLES
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, next gathers on Wednesday, Nov. 30, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 PM at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). On Saturday, Dec. 3, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Martha’s in Kingwood, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy.; meal afterwards at Los Cucos Mexican Café at 23730 Hwy. 59 in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex of the church at 5:15 PM. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybymom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

Sound System Ministry Volunteers Needed:
Sound board ministers aid us in our worship, especially by enhancing our hearing of both the proclaimed Word and the music in our liturgies. We are currently in need of additional volunteers to operate the sound board for our various Masses. Experience is a plus! Please contact Bill Phillips at wrphillips@eprod.com if you are interested in serving in this way! Thank you!
St. Martha Catholic School honored and thanked our country’s veterans on Nov. 11 with a special program and reception. Student Ambassadors welcomed guests and presented a boutonniere and a handwritten letter of thanks to each attending veteran. Twenty-eight veterans were in attendance that represented four of our military branches and included three World War II veterans. The Kingwood Park High School ROTC members presented the colors to begin the event and mesmerized the students and guests with impressive rifle drills. Students sang patriotic songs for the veterans, and a special video presentation paid tribute to those who sacrificed much to serve our country. A reception for the veterans and their guests was held after the program.

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We are committed and blessed to offer:

- A curriculum that builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment.
- Weekly Mass and periodic reconciliation throughout the school year.
- The involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities.
- Monthly service opportunities to help instill a heart for service in our students.
- Extracurricular activities including School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, National Jr. BETA Club, Yearbook Club, and Student Ambassadors. Our athletic program includes the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball.

LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
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.
Mark Your Calendars

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You to Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, Nov. 28, 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, TX

The cost for dinner is $15 per person.

Serra Clubs fosters and promotes 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.

Vocations Corner

"THE SECRET OF A VOCATION," Pope Benedict XVI told youth, "lies in the capacity and in the joy of distinguishing [God's] voice, of listening to and following His voice. But to do this, it is necessary to accustom our heart to recognize the Lord, to hear Him like a person who is near me and who loves me." Moments of "interior silence in the day-to-day routine" are essential, he said. "But once one has learned to hear this voice and to generously follow it, one fears nothing, he or she knows and feels that God is with him or her, and that He is a Friend, Father, and Brother."

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church
St. Martha Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Dec. 6, at 7:35 PM (following 7:00 PM Mass). Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members that you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For additional information about these relics visit http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com

HOLIDAY AND HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 24—THANKSGIVING DAY
Mass times: 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM

DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December 7 (Vigil): 7:30 PM
December 8: 6:30 AM, Noon and 7:30 PM.
School Mass - 8:30 AM (Woodland Hills Campus)

DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
6:30 PM Rosary and 7 PM Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
December 24 (Vigil): 4:00 PM (Children’s Choir),
7:00 PM (Lifeteen Band), Midnight (Church Choir).
December 25: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

Please note: NO 7:00 AM or 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, Dec. 25

JANUARY 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
December 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM
January 1: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish Mass),

Please note: NO 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, Jan. 1.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation-
Tuesdays: 6:30 to 7 PM
Saturdays: 10:30 - 11:45 AM and 4:30 - 5:20 PM

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent-
December 2: 7:00 - 8:30 AM and 6:00 - 9:00 PM
December 20: Parish Penance Service 6:30 PM

Please note: NO 7:00 PM Mass on Dec. 20

Christmas Flowers: Enclosed in your envelopes for December is a special envelope marked “Special Offering for Christmas Flowers.” All donations in these envelopes will be dedicated to the purchase of the flowers and greens used in the Church. There is a place on the back of the envelope for you to indicate in whose memory you would like the donation to be. The deadline to turn envelopes in is December 16. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin).
St. Martha Catholic Parish
Annual Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year 2016

If you have questions, please email Theresa Miller at theresam@stmartha.com

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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 or call 713-775-9213.

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!

Young at Heart Luncheon - Donation Requests
The Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14. As in years past, we are asking for your kind generosity in donating door prize gifts for our senior guests (men and women). We have been averaging 100-125 people and our Christmas luncheon is always our biggest! We are asking this year for donations of gift cards (not to exceed $10) to Walgreen’s, CVS, Kroger, Wal-Mart, HEB, Target, a restaurant, or movie theater. Donations can be dropped off at the main office near the church Monday-Friday 9 AM—4 PM or put in an envelope in the collection basket, clearly marked - YAH Luncheon Donation. All donations are greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, feel free to email Carol Bate man at carolb625@gmail.com. Thank you for generosity!

Hurting? Healing after abortion
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.

Each year during Advent our parish makes a special effort to share our blessings with other parishes in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Through our annual Sharing Sunday we are able to help local parishes distribute food and gifts to needy families. Gifts are needed for children, adults, and senior citizens. Please wrap and tag these gifts with the age and gender of the recipient (for example, boy age 10-12). Grocery items are also needed but do not need to be wrapped. Take time to discuss with your family ways that your Christmas can be shared with other families. If you need more information please send an email to Gelly Estes at gellymar@suddenlink.net.

SILENT RETREAT ON ST. IGNATIUS’S rules for discernment
Saturday, Dec. 3
[8:30 AM - 5:00 PM]
at Lake Houston Wilderness Park
25840 FM 1485, New Caney, TX 77357

Learn more about St. Ignatius’ Discernment of Spirits following Fr. Gallagher’s book “The Discernment of Spirits”, while spending time with God in silence. Conferences led by Fr. Richard.

$40.00 registration fee
Lunch and Fr. Gallagher’s book included.
To register, please call or stop by the Faith Formation office on the Woodland Hills campus (281.358.1959).
Space is limited; daily prayer life required.

For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.

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Join us to learn more about these exciting opportunities. We will have two trip options:

**Summer 2017 Cartagena**
June 10-17, 2017

**Fall 2017 Bogota**
Sept. 9-16, 2017

We will share details about each trip, including team size, cost, typical itinerary, what to expect, background and pictures of beautiful Colombia, more about Conviventia-CDA, our partner in Colombia, how to sign up and answer any other questions you may have.

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Have you noticed the new men on the altar in white vestments assisting the priests and deacons? These men are Instituted Acolytes. Below is information on the ministry of instituted acolyte taken from the Archdiocesan website and the Catholic Dictionary.

The ministry of instituted acolyte is a permanent institution. The instituted acolyte is appointed to assist the deacon and serve the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. He is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion serving only when sufficient ordinary ministers (priests and deacons) are not available. Instituted acolytes, as necessary, may also assist with the formation of other ministers who serve at the altar, such as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers. Because these ministers are dedicated to service at the altar, they should strive to learn all they can about public divine worship and strive to grasp its inner spiritual meaning. A primary responsibility of the acolyte, is to assist with the purification of vessels used in the distribution of Holy Communion. An acolyte may also be entrusted with publicly exposing the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration, but not with giving benediction. Men must be at least 21 years of age, fully initiated and living an exemplary Christian way of life, with no impediments to sacramental reception. Pastors determine the need for instituted acolytes in their parish.

The new acolytes at St. Martha are Art Rocha, Bob Murphy, Bruce Farmer, Charles Gardner, Gary Rabalais, Gustavo Zapata, John Hottovy, Julio Lago, Kevin Campisi, Kevin McKee, Phil Applegate and Tomas Rosa. Additionally, David Michael Moses is an acolyte as part of his seminary training and Gary Yepsen is an acolyte as part of his formation to become a Deacon. Please welcome our new acolytes when you see them.

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**St Martha International Mission Trips Colombia 2017**

**Information Sessions**
When: **Nov. 29** (Tue) 7 - 8 PM
Family Life Center

When: **Dec. 11** (Sun) 3 - 4 PM
Reception Parlor, left of Narthex in the church

**Sign Up Day**
When: **Dec. 11** (Sun) 4-5:30 PM
Where: Main Church (Narthex)

* First-come basis, spots limited, $200 non-refundable deposit at sign-up

For questions, please contact Terry Stierman:
terry.stierman@conviventia.org

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**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
- **Wednesday:** 1-2 AM
- **Friday:** 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 Ogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.

If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders:
- Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6 AM - (281-360-7897)
- Karen Ehlig for 6 AM to Noon - (281-361-7127)
- Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6 PM - (281-360-1258)
- Beth Beckham for 6 PM to Midnight - (281-435-1439)

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The Parish of Corpus Christi, Prelatura Cancun-Chetumal has requested that we announce the Banns of Marriage for Michael David Underwood and Mrs. Nicole Ariña Baker who will be married Feb. 11, 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.
Reliquias sagradas de los Santos: Tesoros de la Iglesia
La parroquia de Santa Marta presentará una enseñanza y una exposición de reliquias sagradas el 6 de diciembre del 2016 a las 7:35 PM (al terminar la misa de 7:00 PM). El Padre Carlos Martins de los Compañeros de Cristo estará aquí con su ministerio especial para enseñarnos acerca de estos santos objetos. Él nos traerá más de 150 reliquias, algunas de 2000 años de edad. Entre los tesoros estarán las reliquias de Santa María Goretti, Santa Teresa de Lisieux (“la florecita”), San Francisco de Asís, San Antonio de Padua, Santo Tomas de Aquino y Santa Faustina Kowalska. Además, estará presente un pedazo del velo de Nuestra Señora y una de las piezas más grandes que quedan de la Verdadera Cruz en el mundo. Aquellos que asistan podrán examinar y venerar cada reliquia. En la historia de la Iglesia muchos milagros y curaciones han ocurrido en presencia de reliquias y muchos han sido sanados a través de este ministerio. Por favor no pierda esta oportunidad. Lo exhortamos a traer sus artículos de devoción (rosarios, estampas, etc.) y fotos de sus amigos y familiares enfermos que usted podrá ponerlos en contacto con los relicarios como un medio de intercesión. Para información adicional acerca de estas reliquias visite: http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com

MARIAGORETTI NETWORK
ESPaÑOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO
MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.
Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

Santa Marta Viajes Misioneros Internacionales
Colombia 2017
Únase a nosotros para aprender más acerca de estas interesantes oportunidades para hacer misión. Existen dos oportunidades de viaje:
En el Verano del 2017 a la ciudad de Cartagena
En el Otoño del 2017 a la ciudad de Bogotá
Tendremos sesiones para dejarle saber los detalles acerca de cada viaje, cuantas personas por viaje, costo básico del itinerario, expectativas de la misión, fotografías de la bella Colombia y sus paisajes, información sobre nuestro socio en Colombia (Conviventia-CDA); así también información sobre cómo registrarse y responder cualquier pregunta que usted pueda tener.
**Sesiones Generales de información:**
**Martes 29 de noviembre, 2016** de 7 PM - 8 PM. En el salón del Family Life Center (FLC)
**Domingo 11 de diciembre, 2016** de 3:00 PM -4 PM. En el salón de las novias localizado a la izquierda de nártex de la iglesia nueva.
Favor de Registrarse el domingo 11 de diciembre, 2016 en el Nártex de la Iglesia de Santa Marta de 4:00 PM a 5:30 PM.
*Espacios limitados, puede reservar su espacio con un depósito de $ 200, el cual NO es rembolsable.
Si usted tiene preguntas o dudas envíe un correo electrónico a Terry Stierman: Terry.stierman@conviventia.org
Ministerio Hispano

Vigilia de Oración
Para
Acabar con la Pena de Muerte
7 de Diciembre a las 5:00 p.m.
Iglesia del Apostol Santo Tomas
323 16th St.
Huntsville, TX 77340
Para mas informes visite: www.archgh.org/respectlife/

Vigilia Pastoral 2017
DE JÓVENES ADULTOS
CENTRO CATÓLICO CARISMÁTICO
1949 Cullen Blvd.
Houston, TX 77023
SÁBADO 21 DE ENERO - DOMINGO 22
DE 7:00 P.M. A 6:30 A.M.
WWW.PASTORALJUVENILHISPANA.ORG

¡EL AMOR SIEMPRE DA VIDA!
La Misa será celebrada el Domingo a las 6:30 a.m.
por su Eminentencia Daniel Cardenal DiNardo
INFORMES:
Santos Guevara
(281) 632-9608

Proyecto Raquel

Almuerzo de Jóvenes de Corazón – Se Solicitan Donaciones
El almuerzo Navideño de Jóvenes de Corazón se llevará a cabo el miércoles 14 de diciembre. Como en años anteriores, estamos solicitando su generosidad en donar regalos que serán repartidos al azar a nuestros invitados de la tercera edad (hombres y mujeres). ¡Hemos tenido un promedio de 100 a 125 personas cada año y el almuerzo Navideño es siempre el más concurrido! Este año estamos solicitando donaciones de tarjetas de regalo (con un valor que no exceda de $10) de Walgreen, CVS, Kroger, Wal-Mart, HEB, Target, de restaurante o de cine. Las donaciones pueden ser entregadas en la oficina principal cerca de la iglesia de lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. o pueden poner en un sobre en la canasta de recolección, marcando claramente “YAH Luncheon Donation” en dicho sobre. ¡ Todas las donaciones son muy apreciadas! Si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en enviar un correo electrónico a Carol Bateman a carolb625@gmail.com. ¡Gracias por la generosidad!

Proyecto Gabriel—¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda durante su embarazo? No importa su edad!
Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826.

LEGION DE MARÍA
Les invitamos a que formen parte de este ministerio que se lleva acabo todos los viernes a las 7:00 pm. En el salón #2 de la iglesia antigua que está ubicada en el 3702 Woodland Hills Drive en Kingwood.

Cada año durante el tiempo de Adviento nuestra parroquia hace un esfuerzo especial para compartir nuestras bendiciones con otras parroquias de la archidiócesis de Galveston- Houston. A través de nuestro intercambio anual de ( Sharing Sunday ) Compartiendo Nuestras Bendiciones podemos ayudar a las parroquias a distribuir comida y regalos a familias necesitadas.
Estaremos colectando las donaciones durante las misas del fin de semana del Sábado Diciembre 10 y Domingo Diciembre 11.
Todas las donaciones son necesarios para los niños, adultos y ancianos. Por favor envuelva y etiquete estas donaciones con la edad y el sexo para quien va dirigido (por ejemplo, el niño entre 10 y 12 años). También puede donar Alimentos no Precederos, (latas de comida, cajas), pero estos no necesitan estar envueltos. Por favor considere hacer esta donación y hagan un plan familiar para ayudar a otras familias menos afortunadas. Permitamos que todas estas personas recibirán un regalo esta navidad y vean el rostro de Cristo en todas sus donaciones, haciendo comunidad para su gloria.
Si usted necesita más información o tiene preguntas por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Gelly Estess gellymar@suddenlink.net.

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For the weekend of Nov. 12 & 13
your gifts of treasure reserved in:

Weekly Budget $71,034
Sunday Collection $44,573
Faith Direct-Offertory $63,574
Holy Day-All Saints Day $1,162
Over(under) $39,375
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $1,420,680
Sunday Collection $1,415,241
Over(under) $(4,439)
Special collections:
Capital Campaign $47,101
Martha’s Kitchen $8,144
Propagation of the Faith $533
Campaign for Human Dev. $1,015
Retired Priest Collection $1,893
2016 DSF Goal $305,000
DSF Payments to Date $309,208

Current Loan Debt: $11,072,176