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

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

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
Saturday Vigil: .................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: ........... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español  ..................... 1:00 PM
Life Teen: ...................... 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: ......................... 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ............ 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: ... 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: .......... 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ......................... 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:30 -7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church 10:30-11:45 AM
Church 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.
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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday**: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday**: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday**: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday**: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday**: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday**: Vgial: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night**: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn**: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day**: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday**: Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday**: St. Peter Canisius

**Thursday**: St. John of Kante

**Friday**: The Vigil of Christmas

**Saturday**: The Nativity of the Lord

**SUMMONED BY GOD**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

**Mass Intentions**

- **Mon./Dec. 19**
  - 8:30 AM †Josephine Russo
  - 6:30 AM †Jane Daly

- **Tues./Dec. 20**
  - 8:30 AM †Tony Skufca
  - 6:30 AM †Jose Eliazco

- **Wed./Dec. 21**
  - 8:30 AM Mary Hergenrother
  - 6:30 AM †Al Angelino


**Advent Church Decorations**

**The Bows on the Columns**

A bow by itself reminds us of joy! A present has a bow and when we receive one we are full of expectation and excitement to find out what is wrapped inside. Behind the purple meaning of Advent (represented by the bunch of flowers before the bow) it has to be joy. Without joy we would just be victims.

“May no one read sadness or sorrow in your face, when you spread the world around you the sweet aroma of your sacrifice: the children of God should always be sowers of peace and joy.”

St. Escriva
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent gives us another wonderful model by which we can shape our lives: Joseph, the husband of Mary. The way that Joseph was asked to practice patience and wait in hope was quite different from the other major characters we encounter in the Scriptures the Church uses for the Advent season. God’s call dramatically challenged his faith, his honor as a man, and his calm approach to life. God demanded radical changes in Joseph’s attitude toward himself, toward the family he hoped to have, and toward the woman he loved and planned to marry. His intended wife was going to have a child and he knew it was not his. The marriage of his dreams came to an abrupt end and none of his future options offered any promise. Joseph could denounce Mary and thus preserve his honor in the eyes of others. But this would only bring public humiliation to the woman he still deeply loved. He could choose to do nothing and resign himself to never see her again. Perhaps both could ride out their embarrassment in silence and life could go on. But Joseph was what the Scriptures call a “just man.” He acted out of his deep faith in God, his own sense of righteousness, and on the basis of sound personal values. He did not shrink from the disruption of his life. Rather he faced life as it was and embraced a decision based upon his personal integrity and his profound respect for Mary, even though he had no idea where that might lead him.

It is interesting to see that it is only after Joseph struggled with making this life-changing decision through prayer and reflection that he was given an insight into God’s way of acting in his life. Joseph was given the grace to realize that what seemed like human weakness and infidelity turned out to be the hand of God reshaping his life and the future of the world. He could have allowed himself to be swallowed up in bitterness and self-pity but he did not. Rather Joseph chose to open himself completely to the in-breaking of God’s Kingdom into his life. He chose to enter a life-giving relationship with God in which his whole life would be transformed. He embraced a future he did not understand and certainly one that he would never have chosen for himself. Joseph teaches us not to be so taken up with our own plans for the future that we fail to notice when the Lord comes into our lives in God’s own way and on God’s own terms. Joseph reminds us to have courage in our faith and not to fear the fact that the reality of the Incarnation will make great demands upon us. And when we respond with generosity and openness to God, our lives will gradually be transformed and people will sense by the quality of our lives that the Kingdom of God is indeed near.

Fr. Chester Borski
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BEGINNING FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 2016 THROUGH MONDAY, JAN. 2, 2017 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, JAN. 3 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. January Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaaff.com
Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, Powerpoints, schedules, important links, music, and more...check it out!
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.

A New Way To Love

A New Way To Love is a weekly series on Living God’s purpose for your marriage. Developed by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D. based on the principles described in their bestselling book GETTING THE LOVE YOU WANT. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected with your spouse. Whether you are engaged, married six months or 60 years this series provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $40.00 per couple will be collected at the first session.

Where: St. Martha, in the FLC at the Woodland Hills Campus, (3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339)
When: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Tuesday evenings
For: Married or engaged couples
To register: Send an e-mail to franp@stmartha.com
Registration is required. Please include both husband/wife names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Babysitting is available upon request. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring child care.
For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637

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.

St Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center
Jan. 6-8, 2017
Start the New Year with a relaxing Retreat Weekend
Retreat Theme "Behold! A retreat with the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother, Intercessor, Disciple"
The Scripture text which inspired the theme is the Wedding Feast of Cana (John 2: 1-11)
The Mother of Jesus was present at the wedding, she intercedes on behalf of the hosts and guests for they have no more wine and she instructs the servants-representing all who would follow him as disciples- to "Do as he tells you." Mary shows us the Way. For more information contact Bruce Farmer, 281-360-4047.
To register, please visit the website www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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.
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.

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 wphillips@eprod.com if you are interested in serving in this way! Thank you!

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 lauriecardella@outlook.com.

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
Feb. 9-12, 2017
Registration for the February Women’s (English) ACTS Retreat is open until we reach the maximum number. Registration forms can be picked up at the church office. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three nights retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-serve basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190 but do not let the financial considerations present you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Leida Corino at 713-560-4286 or stmarthaw21@gmail.com. God Bless!!

CATHOLIC SINGLES
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY
FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, will next gather on Wednesday, Jan. 4, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 PM at McAlister’s Deli, 9477 FM 1960 (at Townsen) in Humble. On Saturday, Jan. 7, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at China River, 9606 FM 1960 West in Humble. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 PM. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

CanCare®
Fighting Cancer With Hope
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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!

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.
Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children
(Monica’s hope will not meet in January. Come join us for our next meeting on Feb. 6.)

Don’t suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 6, 7:30 PM, in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciagae@verizon.net or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kc@kcmac.com.

St. Martha School Scoops

Thank you to our SMCS families for your generous support of our St. Martha Conference St. Vincent de Paul Society clients with the many gift cards and household items you donated for our Advent service project. Because of your kindness, we were able to bless over 30 families in our community with beautiful student-decorated boxes filled with household necessities plus gift cards to help provide them with a wonderful Christmas dinner. May God bless you for your great generosity and spirit!

SMCS Beta Club students paid their respects to our country’s military heroes by laying wreaths in Houston National Cemetery for the annual Wreaths Across America event on Dec. 17. Wreaths were laid upon headstones by thousands of volunteers at the event. Thank you, Beta students, for honoring and thanking our military veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Want to give your children a special gift for life this Christmas? Let SMCS help you give the gift of a Catholic education that will benefit your child throughout life!

St. Martha Catholic School is a fully TCCED accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. 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.

Vocations Corner

The St. Martha Vocations Committee wishes you a happy and blessed Christmas. May our Lord Jesus come into your life anew every day. We thank God for the gifts of our priests, religious brothers and sisters, and all who give of themselves in service to the church. Merry Christmas!

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the KARL 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.
CHRISTMAS GIVING
While making your Christmas list this year, please consider a special gift to St. Martha’s debt reduction. At all Masses this Christmas, there will be a second collection to aid in the reduction of the principal owed on our beautiful new church. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND
This weekend, Dec. 17 & 18, 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.)

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.

THE 2017 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!
Sunday Missal - $2   Calendar - $1
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

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 AM - 4:00 PM. Cards are $3 per person/$4 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25 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.

Martha’s Kitchen
Martha’s Kitchen wishes parishioners a blessed Christmas and a healthful New Year. May your time with your family be your greatest gift of this beautiful season. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to Martha’s Kitchen with your untiring love and support of the poor and hungry. God Bless You!
Martha’s Kitchen will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 21 until reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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 email jodis@stmartha.com

You may now listen to the chanted Mass parts for Advent 2016 on the “Music Ministry” page of stmartha.com, sung in rehearsal by our Children’s Choir and 11 AM Choir. In addition, you may refer to the pew cards which contain the notation for these! Maranatha! Come. Lord Jesus!
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”

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

St. Martha T-shirts
Now available for $6.
All sizes including Men, Ladies and Youth.
For more info or to purchase e-mail: pattyschulze63@gmail.com or stop by the parish office during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Catholic schools...
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Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE
for prospective students and families
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 * 5 to 7 PM

2411 Oak Shores Drive, Kingwood, Texas 77339
www.stmarthacs.org 281.358.5523
Fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org

THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-630-4820 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

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

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines:
(Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)
Submit announcements by:
E-mail: jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or * Fax to 281-358-7973.

- The deadline to submit information for the Jan. 1 Bulletin & January Calendar is 9:00 AM on Wednesday, Dec. 21.
- The deadline to submit information for the Jan. 8 Bulletin & Fruits of Your Labor is 9:00 AM on Wednesday, Dec. 28.
St. Martha Catholic Church
Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Valentine’s Gala 2017

Date: February 18, 2017
Time: 7:30pm - 11:30pm
Info: Juanita (760)7177835
      Daniel (832)4455315
      Church Office (281)3586637 (Lourdes)

Tickets also available at the church office

Cash Bar

Donation $60 per person

Featuring Mango Punch
Mensaje del Pastor

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El Evangelio para el cuarto domingo de Adviento nos da otro modelo maravilloso con el cual podemos moldear nuestras vidas: José, el esposo de María. La manera en que a José se le pidió que practicara la paciencia y esperara con esperanza era muy diferente de los otros personajes principales que encontramos en las Escrituras que la Iglesia usa para la temporada de Adviento. La llamada de Dios desafió dramáticamente su fe, su honor como hombre y su actitud calmada hacia la vida. Dios exigió cambios radicales en la actitud de José hacia sí mismo, hacia la familia que esperaba tener y hacia la mujer a la que amaba y con la que planeaba casarse. Su esposa intencionada iba a tener un hijo y sabía que no era suyo. El matrimonio de sus sueños llegó a un final abrupto y ninguna de sus opciones futuras ofreció ninguna promesa. José podía denunciar a María y así preservar su honor a los ojos de los demás. Pero esto sólo traería humillación pública a la mujer que todavía amaba profundamente. Podía elegir no hacer nada y resignarse a no volver a verla. Tal vez ambos pudieran superar su vergüenza en silencio y la vida podría continuar. Pero José era lo que las Escrituras llaman un “hombre justo”. Él actuó con su fe profunda en Dios, su propio sentido de justicia, y sobre la base de valores personales sólidos. No se desanimó de la interrupción de su vida. Más bien, se enfrentó a la vida tal cual era y adoptó una decisión basada en su integridad personal y su profundo respeto por María, aunque no tenía idea de dónde podría llevarlo.

Es interesante ver que es sólo después de que José luchó con hacer de esta decisión que cambiaba la vida a través de la oración y la reflexión y que se le dio una visión de la manera en que Dios actuaría en su vida. A José se le dio la gracia de darse cuenta de que lo que parecía una debilidad humana e infidelidad resultó ser la mano de Dios remodelando su vida y el futuro del mundo. Podría haberse dejado llevar por la amargura y la autocompasión, pero no lo hizo. Más bien, José optó por abrirse completamente a la ruptura del Reino de Dios en su vida, y escogió entrar en una relación vivificante con Dios en la cual toda su vida sería transformada. José afrontó un futuro que no entendía y ciertamente uno que él nunca habría elegido para sí mismo. José nos enseña que no debemos estar tan ocupados con nuestros propios planes para el futuro porque no nos daremos cuenta cuando el Señor entra en nuestras vidas a su manera y en sus propios términos. José nos recuerda que debemos tener valor en nuestra fe y no temer el hecho de que la realidad de la Encarnación nos hará grandes demandas. Y cuando respondemos con generosidad y apertura a Dios, nuestras vidas serán gradualmente transformadas y la gente sentirá por la calidad de nuestras vidas que el Reino de Dios está ciertamente cerca.

Fr. Chester Borski

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Buscamos la formación integral de la mujer para que pueda ser una mejor persona, esposa, madre y logre superarse!

Centro Santa Martha
jueves de 10:00 a 1:00 pm
Iniciamos el 19 de enero
Janett Manosalva, 281-706-5068
Alejandra Gutierrez, 832-860-4860
Flor Jaso, 832-335-8475.

ÁREAS DE FORMACIÓN

Evangelización, Familia, Cocina y nutrición, Administración de tiempo y esfuerzo, talleres de manualidades.

*Programa gratuito.
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 MARIA:
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.

MARIÁ GORETTI NETWORK
ESPÁNOL PARA TODA VÍCTIMA 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.

Iglesia Católica de Santa Marta
Bautizados en Jesucristo, adoramos como uno y alcanzamos a todos

Cena y Baile de Gala 2017
San Valentín

Fecha: febrero 18 de 2.017
Hora: de 7:30pm a 11:30pm
Info: Juanita (760)7177835
      Daniel (832)4455315
      Lourdes (281)3586637

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ADMINISTRATIVE MIN.

BUSINESS MANAGER—Theresa Miller, 281-713-8957
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FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE—Bill Brown, 281-351-4299
MARTHA’S GARDENERS—Wayne Theis, wayne.theis@suddenlink.net
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COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES

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

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 50,054
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 63,289
Holy Day-Inmaculate Conc. $ 1,988
Holy Day-Christmas $ 5,190
Over/(Under) $ 49,487

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,704,816
Sunday Collection $ 1,724,551
Over/(Under) $ 19,735

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 49,895
Martha’s Kitchen $ 9,543
Retirement for Religious $ 8,105
Christmas Flowers $ 1,958

2016 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 318,969

Current Loan Debt: $ 10,852,906