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

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....... 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: ........... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español .................. 1:00 PM
Life Teen: .............. 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

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

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

Perpetual Adoration
Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

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

Baptism
Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

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

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January 1, 2017
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16
TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; In 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 47:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God’s loving kindness, the shining glory of God’s face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God’s own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God’s face is shown to us and God’s presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM (Lifeteen Band)
Jan. 1: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM (Spanish Mass)

Please note: No 5:30 PM Mass on Sun., Jan. 1

(The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2.)

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:
Every first Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Saturday, Jan. 7.

Α PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madeline Sullivan (sister of Neil Connelly)
Carol Villaella (daughter of Barbara Villaella)
Mary Moore
C. Louis Chol (father of Betsy Duplechain)
Carol Sacca (mother of Jan Fish)
Olivia Tristan
Stanley Drake

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:
Robert McCartin
† Javier Aguilar
† Frances DiPrima
† Robert McCartin
† Catherine Terris
† Mildred Russotto
† Marilyn Lipinski
† Pat Reid
† Susan Saladino
† Mary Teemley
† Bobby Grun
† Nora Alonzo
† Hugh Evans
† Emma Vargas

Mass Intentions

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

The liturgical year of the Church begins not with January 1st but with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Thus, today’s liturgy disregards the theme of the new year and focuses instead on that of Christmas. According to an ancient Jewish as well as Christian practice, celebrations of major feasts or festivals last for a whole week (actually eight days called an “octave”) which is marked by another feast. In this case it is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Gospel for today picks up where the last Mass on Christmas left off. It tells of the coming of the shepherds to Bethlehem and of their response to what they find. The account ends with the naming of Jesus on the eighth day after his birth. It is important to note that the name “Jesus” comes not from his parents but from God. It was the name given by the “angel before he was conceived in the womb.” All of this draws attention to the profound mystery involved in the maternity of Mary. She is proclaimed the “Mother of God,” a title not found as such in the Scriptures but which reflects the universal faith of the Church concerning the ultimate identity of Jesus the one to whom Mary gave birth.

The statement from the Letter to the Galatians that Jesus was “born of a woman” is the only reference in all of Paul’s writings about Mary. Nevertheless the statement summarizes succinctly the whole account found in Luke’s Gospel about the birth and childhood of Jesus. She was invited by God to become the mother of the Savior and her willing acceptance of this invitation is an essential moment in the unfolding of salvation. While Mary is the mother of the Word incarnate and thus the Mother of God, she remains very much someone like ourselves who are called to live by faith and trust in God’s call. In many ways Mary is a model of what it means to be a believer and a faithful disciple. She ponders the meaning of God’s word in her life and discerns how to live out that call on a daily basis. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Fr. Chester Borski
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH MONDAY, JAN. 2, FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN 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

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**Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?**

The RCIA could be your answer!

RCIA is a process for adults: unbaptized and those baptized in another Christian faith

- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

Our Inquirer groups begin in February, June and October.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charles or Lisa Ferguson at the RCIA office via email at: rcia@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8972 x258.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 3:20

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**St. Martha Catholic Church**

**Marriage Enrichment series**

**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:** 7–9 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

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy New Year!!!**

Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! How about making the Young at Heart Luncheon one of your New Year's Resolutions. If you haven't joined us yet, come check it out. We really have a lot of fun. Continue your New Year's celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2017 on Wednesday, Jan. 11. 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**

The next grief program starts on Jan. 3. 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.

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**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"

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To register, please visit the website www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES**

**NORTH EAST 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.

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**St. Martha Rosary Guild**

_Urgent!_

We need help making rosaries. Please join us and we will teach you how to make a twine rosary while you enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Our Guild will begin regular Wednesday meetings in January 2017, which will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month and every 2nd Sunday of each month.

**January Meetings at St Martha Woodland Hill Campus:**
- 2nd Sunday, Jan. 8, Room 2, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 25, 11:30 AM-3:00 PM

Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org

Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

On behalf of the St. Martha Rosary Guild, we wish you a blessed New Year!

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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.

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**Pope Francis’ Letter**

_Amoris Laetitia, Joy of Love_

Come explore the teachings of Pope Francis on marriage and family in an interactive format

Jan. 28, 2017 11:00 AM—4:30 PM

Lunch is Included

Suggested Donation—$15 per couple

RSVP: kingwoodteamsofourlady@gmail.com or Michelle at 281-361-4201

Sponsored by Teams of Our Lady

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**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.

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**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 marciaae@gmail.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

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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.
St. Martha School Scoops

St. Martha Catholic School

wish you a very blessed, joyful, and peace-filled New Year!

SMCS eighth grade students presented a nativity scene for the school’s annual First Christmas program. The program which was open to all parishioners was a beautiful re-creation of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem by the PreK through eighth grade students who presented scenes leading up to the birth of our Savior.

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.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 2017 * 5-7 P.M.

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.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Jan. 9, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills Campus. All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. Questions? E-mail Gloria Gámez at mornglor@yahoo.com

Vocations Corner

This New Year, the Houston Vocations Office and Fr. TJ invite you to visit their Facebook page! You can view photos and videos and find upcoming discernment events in our diocese for teens and young men and women. All are welcome to learn about and support vocations.

Pray for Vocations!

www.facebook.com/houstonvocations

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the MORRIS 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.

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction

- 2nd Tuesday -- 7:30 – 8:30 PM
- 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston
2017 Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults at St. Martha Catholic Church
Sunday, Jan. 8 at 3:00 PM

St. Martha will again host the Sacrament of Confirmation for the Archdiocese. We will welcome perhaps 600 visitors to our church from different parishes. Each parish will be assigned pews in a section of the church, and we will need many volunteers to help direct these newcomers to their correct seating area as soon as the 1:00 PM Spanish Mass dismisses. Please help St. Martha!!!

Volunteer duties begin by 1:30 PM and end with the 3:00 PM start of Mass. We need Greeters to welcome our guests and help register the confirmation candidates and guide them in the direction of their assigned area. Further instructions will be sent via e-mail to volunteers.

If you are looking for a way to serve St. Martha and meet more fellow parishioners, please consider this 1-time commitment. If you can help or would like more information, please e-mail our volunteer coordinator at rosmaryc@stmarta.com and indicate if you prefer to be a Greeter or help with registration and whether or not you speak Spanish (some attendees will speak Spanish only, so this need is key). We do ask gentlemen to wear a jacket and tie and ladies to wear a dress or pant suit.

Thank you in advance to all volunteers for helping St. Martha to welcome and be of service to our neighboring parishes!

Special request of those attending the Jan. 8th Spanish Mass at 1:00 PM
Given the large number of visitors for the 3:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation, many of whom will be assembled in the narthex and rotunda by the time Mass ends, we ask that you park in the rear of the church (southwest lot) on this date and exit Mass behind the altar to allow our many guests to more easily enter the church. Your help is greatly appreciated!

MAXIMILIAN
SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Martha Catholic Church in Porter on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Experience firsthand the story of this heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for a family man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact St. Martha Faith Formation Office at 281-713-8968 or visit www.stmartha.com.

Watch the gripping trailer & learn more at www.StMaxDrama.com

St. Martha’s Annual Bottle Distribution Jan. 21 and 22
Bottle Return Jan. 28 and 29

All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble. Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home.

We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.

Every little bit helps, and we appreciate all you give

Please make all checks out to “St. Martha Catholic Church.” Please write “The Gabriel Project” in the memo line. Thank you!

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.
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Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.
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 Ogado 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)
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The 2017 Sunday Missals and Calendars HAVE ARRIVED!
Sunday Missal - $2 Calendar - $1
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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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Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El año litúrgico de la Iglesia no comienza el primero de enero sino con el primer domingo de Adviento. Así, la liturgia de hoy ignora el tema del año nuevo y se centra en cambio en el de Navidad. Según una antigua práctica judía y cristiana, las celebraciones de grandes fiestas o festivales duran una semana entera (en realidad ocho días y se le llama una “octava”), que están enmarcados por otra fiesta. En este caso, es la solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios. El Evangelio de hoy continua donde se quedó la última misa de Navidad. Cuenta la llegada de los pastores a Belén y su respuesta a lo que encuentran. La lectura termina con el nombramiento de Jesús en el octavo día después de su nacimiento. Es importante señalar que el nombre "Jesús" no viene de sus padres sino de Dios. Era el nombre dado por el "ángel antes de ser concebido en el vientre". Todo esto llama la atención al profundo misterio que implica la maternidad de María. Ella es proclamada "Madre de Dios", un título que no se encuentra como tal en las Escrituras, pero que refleja la fe universal de la Iglesia con respecto a la identidad última de Jesús, a quien María dio a luz.

La declaración de la Carta a los Gálatas de que Jesús fue "nacido de una mujer" es la única referencia en todos los escritos de Pablo sobre María. Sin embargo, la declaración resume sucintamente todo el relato que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Lucas sobre el nacimiento y la infancia de Jesús. Ella fue invitada por Dios a ser la madre del Salvador y su aceptación voluntaria de esta invitación es un momento esencial en el despliegue de la salvación. Si bien María es la madre de la Palabra encarnada y, por lo tanto, la Madre de Dios, sigue siendo alguien como nosotros que somos llamados a vivir por fe y confianza en el llamado de Dios. En muchos sentidos, María es un modelo de lo que significa ser un creyente y un discípulo fiel. Ella reflexiona sobre el significado de la palabra de Dios en su vida y discierne cómo vivir esa llamada diariamente. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros los pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

Fr. Chester Borski

Petición especial para todos aquellos que asistan la Misa en Español el 8 de Enero

Dado el gran número de visitantes que se espera vendrán a nuestra iglesia el día 8 de Enero a celebrar el sacramento de Confirmación a las 3 PM, les pedimos que por favor estacionen su vehículo en la parte trasera de la iglesia, y que salgan de la Misa por la parte de atrás de la iglesia para facilitar el tráfico de personas que llegan a registrarse para el evento. Muchas Gracias por su atención y ayuda!
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.

MARIA GORETTI 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.

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