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

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church: 10:30 - 7 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.

Funerals
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.

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Love your enemies, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes the sun rise on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus). NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., FEB. 22.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents’ Day

Tuesday: St. Peter Damian

Wednesday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

Thursday: St. Polycarp

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we find it in our hearts to pray for people that don’t always treat us well.

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Feb. 20
8:30 AM †Luis Pereira
11:00 AM †Come, Lord Jesus

Tues./Feb. 21
8:30 AM †David H. Wood, Jr.
11:00 AM †Evelyn Venable

Wed./Feb. 22
8:30 AM †Janet Hunt
10:00 AM †Repy Hattersley

Thurs./Feb. 23
6:30 AM †Sharon Hood
8:30 AM †Mary Lipinski

 Fri./Feb. 24
8:30 AM †Francisca G. Martinez
11:00 AM †MaryLou & Jim McIver

Sat./Feb. 25
5:30 PM †Warren, Florence and Sharon Kerrigan

Sun./Feb. 26
7:00 AM †James Arenz
9:00 AM †Maria del Carmen Gramatges
11:00 AM †Tom Shannon
1:00 PM †Teresa Parris
5:30 PM †MaryLou & Jim McIver

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

Frances Gebert

Jerome Rucka (husband of Betty Rucka)

Pat Mellot (sister of Sue Girolamo)

Carmen MacDonald (son of Bob and Carm MacDonald and brother of Diana Coleman)

Kenneth A. Strathdee (husband of Mary Strathdee)

Andy Arthur (husband of Kathy Arthur)


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 email jodis@stmartha.com

Ash Wednesday—March 1

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Mass Times: 8:30 AM School Mass (Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus), 10 AM (Church) and 7:30 AM Bi-lingual Mass (Church)

Distribution of Ashes Only: 6:30 AM (Church), Noon (Church), and 4:30 PM (Activity Center on Woodland Hills Campus)
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The first reading for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights the opening verses from Chapter 19 of the Book of Leviticus and issues a challenge that seems beyond us: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” This entire section from Leviticus refers to keeping the commandments and being faithful to the Law (Torah). In the Bible the word for “holiness” when applied to God has a number of meanings and usually refers to God’s divine nature. In this context the connotation is that to be holy means to be just, merciful, faithful, and forgiving. In our Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus calls us “to be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (In the evangelist Luke’s account we are to be perfect “in mercy” because God is merciful to us.) Whatever the reference, the basic teaching in Sacred Scripture is the same: we are to be like God in the way we live our lives and especially in how we relate to one another. For Jesus, what is most distinctive about the Father is universal love. Thus, to be like God means to be willing to turn the other cheek and love not only our family and friends but even those whom we consider our enemies. This biblical ideal highlighted in the Sermon on the Mount is beyond our human capacity. If we try to abide by this teaching, depending solely on our own personal resources, we will quickly realize that its vision and demands far exceed our generosity and best efforts.

Today’s second reading from I Corinthians 3 reveals how such an ideal can become a practical reality in our lives. Paul tells us that we are holy, not because we are capable of becoming morally perfect in our behavior, but because God offers us a share in his divinity through the gift of the Holy Spirit. “You are the temple of God; the Spirit of God dwells in you.” From this text we come to understand that the challenge of the Christian life is to realize the awesome truth of our Baptism. The ideal of this biblical teaching is not an abstraction but a daily invitation to face reality. In essence it is a description of how Jesus lived his life and invited his disciples to do the same. That which makes such a life possible is the presence of the Spirit given to us at our Baptism and renewed in us through Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is indeed a Spirit of holiness. If we surrender to its power, the Spirit will gradually transform us from deep within our souls. Perhaps without noticing it ourselves, our lives will begin to reflect the holiness of God. Sometimes we are blessed to notice this in our fellow parishioners who live out their Catholic faith in our community. Let us pray that each of us may come to embrace this wonderful gift of the Spirit and allow that Spirit to change us in our vision and in our way of life.

Fr. Chester Borski

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, Feb. 25 & 26, 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.)

George Bush Presidential Library Tour—
College Station, Texas
Tuesday, March 7, 8 AM – 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 College Station for a tour of the George Bush Presidential Library. 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—4 PM, Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Sunday morning video series: *The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.*

In this professionally filmed and stunning series, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, will lead you on an unforgettable journey around the world and into the very heart of God. Discover the immense power and beauty of the unconditional love of God that is the Holy Spirit.

Join us Sunday mornings while the children are in CCE! This series will take place on Sunday morning from 10:40—11:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus (*THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON SUNDAY, FEB. 19*). For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com.

**Little Rock:** Join us this spring for Little Rock Scripture Study as we explore "Panorama of the Old Testament." "Panorama of the Old Testament" invites readers to survey the variety of books found in the Old Testament. The themes that are woven together will become clearer, the familiar characters will be placed in context and God's overall plan of salvation will come into focus. A perfect way to begin a great adventure or step back and see where you have been in your study of the Bible.

Monday mornings from 9:15 - 11:45 AM in the Family Life Center on the Faith Formation campus (*THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON SUNDAY, FEB. 20*). For more information, contact Edith Boschian at edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com or 281-713-8968.

**OREMUS**—Join Fr. Richard on Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:45 PM, in the Activity Center. Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections each day. Feb. 22, March 8, 22, 29, April 5, 12.

**Breakfast & Bible Study**—Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. February dates: 21 & 28.

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

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES**
**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up,** will gather on Wednesday, Feb. 22, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 PM at McAlisters Deli, 9477 FM 1960 (at Townsen) in Humble. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF PROGRAM:** Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM (through Mar. 7). To sign up or for more information, call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail lauriecCARDella@outlook.com.

**ARISE Together in Christ** is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. It emphasizes people living in good relationships with one another, as they make concrete application of the gospel to their life situations. New small groups are forming in our parish again this spring. Those Parishioners returning to the program do not need to re-register. Group leaders will be contacting you soon. Registration cards are available in the Narthex. Just complete the card and return it to the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or place in the box available in the Narthex.

The ARISE Six Week Spring Session will begin the week of Feb. 26 and run through the week of April 2. Interested in being a small group facilitator or hosting a small group in your house? You don’t need to be a Bible scholar or teacher to lead a group – all it takes is a desire to meet new people and grow in your faith? Also, you don’t have to be both a host and a facilitator; we can pair host families with facilitators so you might want to offer your home as a meeting place. For sign-up information contact Carla Lewton, 281-713-8968, carlal@stmartha.com.

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**Men’s ACTS Retreat—March 23-26**

Registration for the March 23-26 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, Phil Applegate, at 281-389-7190.
Textual content:

**Bible Studies- Mondays 7 PM in the Main Church:** Join us as we continue the Gospel of Mark! Continue your New Year's goal of diving deeper into the faith. We will meet at 7 PM in the parlor of the main church (first door in the left side hallway).

**Dinner with The Sisters- Feb. 18 at 6 PM:** This month we will be joined by some nuns from various communities. Gather with us for a fun night with a homemade meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful. If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute **Information Meeting** on Sunday, March 5, at 3:30 PM in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Contact Donna at 281-360-9644 or e-mail dwokelley@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

**Service Event with HAAM Ministries- March 4:** We will either be working at the HAAM resale store in Humble, or at the Black Cat Junction resale store on Loop 494. PLEASE SIGN UP BY FEB.19 AT 12 PM IF YOU ARE WANTING TO ATTEND! Please RSVP by email or the Facebook page. For the volunteer event, we will be helping the staff by doing various activities, such as sorting and stocking items in different departments!

**YCP Executive Speaker Series - Feb. 28 at St Anne Catholic Church:** Join the Houston Young Catholic Professional chapter for our next speaker event. Our speaker will be Mike Guarino.

For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt Cooke, 718-887-6837.
**Parenting/Youth**

**Calling moms of all ages!**

**St. Martha's Moms Group is beginning!**

Park Play date at Greentree Park on the first Monday of each month from 9:30-11 AM. March 6 will be our next one.

**Motherhood Fellowship Night**

Get to know other moms in the parish and listen to a brief talk. Feb. 28 from 7-8:30 PM in the Borski Room of the school will be our first one.

Be sure to join our Facebook group- St. Martha’s Mom’s (Kingwood, TX)

For more information, please e-mail Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting you!

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**St. Martha Catholic School**

**NOW REGISTERING**

for the 2017-2018 school year!

- Feb. 21-22: Priority registration for parishioners of St. Martha Catholic Church
- Feb. 23-26: Priority registration for parishioners of other Catholic churches
- Open registration begins: Feb. 27

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthaes.org or call the school office at 281-358-5523.

- **School Opened**: Fall 1995
- **Accreditation**: Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED)
- **Grade Levels**: PreK 3 through Grade 8
- **Current Enrollment**: 447
- **Faculty & Staff**: 50 members
  - 100% of faculty meet all certification requirements
  - 22% of faculty and staff have advanced degrees
- **Standardized Testing**: IOWA, CogAT, and ACRE
- **School Hours**: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Monday – Thursday
  - 8:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Friday
- **School Mass**: Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. and Holy Days of Obligation
- **Before and After School Program**: Monday - Friday
- **Volunteer Organization**: PLUS (Parents, People and Parishioners Lending Useful Support)
- **Extracurricular Activities**: Band, Chess, Choir, Drama, National Junior Beta Club, Rosary Guild, Spanish Club, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and Yearbook Club
- **Athletics**: Baseball, basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, track, and volleyball

**St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education sharing in community by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we form witnesses who transform the world.**
Outreach

The Gabriel Project is asking parishioners to please prayerfully discern helping with our “Gabriel Angel” ministry. We also need Spanish speaking volunteers. The Gabriel Angel or mentors assist our mothers as they navigate through their pregnancy. This is a very rewarding program as you assist these women to get back on their feet and give them the resources they need. Please contact Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com for more information.

Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang! We will be accepting bottles at Mass or in the church office through February. Please place them in the pink bins by the doors or in the narthex. If you need a bottle, we will have empty bottles inside the kiosk in the narthex through February as well. Thank you!

FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA’S
4301 Woodridge Parkway
March 22, 11 AM—1 PM
Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

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Carpool information and Signups, please contact
Terice: 281-798-4477 or terice.richards@gmail.com
MaryAnne: 281-615-0927 or maryannehoward@cebridge.net

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Sidewalk Counselor Training
Every first Tuesday of the Month
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Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM to noon in Rm. 2 on St. Martha’s Faith Formation campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.
- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

Questions? E-mail
stmarthabetweensb@ymail.com
or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

St. Martha International Mission Trips
Colombia 2017

It is not too late to Join Us
Room available on both trips, but the Cartagena trip is filling fast.

Summer 2017 Cartagena
June 10-17, 2017
$950 + air

Fall 2017 Bogota
Sept 9-16, 2017
$850 + air

For questions, or to sign up, please contact Terry Stierman at terry.stierman@conviventia.org

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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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Looking to participate more fully, consciously, and actively in the Mass?
Music is one of the most obvious ways that can help us to enter into the sacred mysteries. Music helps in expressing praise, imparting truths of the faith, and instilling wonder and awe at the beauty of God.

On this topic our new Director of Music Daniel Knaggs is holding seminars open to all parishioners. Come and join us as we explore the world of music within the liturgy and how we can all more fully and actively participate in it, whether we are musically trained or not! Refreshments will be provided, and the next session will be held in the Church on:

**Tuesday, Feb. 21 (9 AM and 7:30 PM)**

Please mark this session on your calendar, and make a point to introduce yourself to Daniel in person!

**St. Martha Rosary Guild**
We are always accepting new members!
Enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship making rosaries and you can make rosaries at home too. Students can earn Confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry.
Our Guild meets every second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and every second Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting (Woodland Hills Campus):
**Fourth Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11:30 AM-3 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

**MARTHA’S QUILTERS**
As a tangible reminder of God’s love during times of illness, Martha’s Quilters provide handmade blessed quilts and afghans to St. Martha parishioners who are ill, who are hospitalized, or who have had surgery. To request a quilt or a crocheted afghan for someone or to be placed on our prayer list or to make a donation, please contact Helaine Parks at hvp12@aol.com, or 713-824-7730.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS**
Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9 AM - 4 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.

**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!

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2017 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ’s call and have not yet responded, please do so today. To give online, please visit [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf). Help us attain our parish goal of $305,000!
Project Rachel
DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN SUFFERING FOLLOWING ABORTION

Private and Confidential
Saturday, March 11, 2017
Beginning at 8:30 am

Location is confidential and
Provided only to retreat participants

Several priests will be available
During the day to offer the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Paul Felix will lead the
Day of Reflection

There is No Cost for Attendance

For more information or to register, please contact
Julie F. (713) 741.8728

All Inquiries and Registrations are Confidential

Office of Pro-Life Activities
Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children

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, March 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 marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

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 at 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 / 11-Noon / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2AM
- Thursday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
- Friday: 11 AM-Noon / 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 of our division leaders:
- Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM - (281-360-7897)
- Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon - (281-361-7127)
- Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM - (281-360-1258)
- Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight - (281-435-1439)

RAY'S OF ENLIGHTENMENT

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Our Lady of Fatima has called us for 100 Years to “Come to the Mercy Seat of God” Jesus the Divine Mercy

MARCH 4, 2017
CHRIST THE REDEEMER
9AM - 5PM
SPEAKERS
FR. SERAPHIM MICHALENKO MIC
Vice Postulator for the Canonization of St. Faustina
Seen on EWTN, 20 yrs Rector of National Shrine of Divine Mercy
FR. ROY OGERO CSB
FR. CHRISTOPHER PLANT
NO CHARGE – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Register Online CTRCC.COM/RAYS-RSVP

CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTER

Don't allow Lent to sneak up on you without making plans to do something different this year.

Join us for a Pre-Lenten Day of Reflection at the Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson.

Sat. Feb. 25, 2017, 10 am - 2 pm
Cost is $35 per person; includes lunch

Presented by Sylvia Castro, Spiritual Director
Sylvia invites you to learn to hear the “still small voice of God” within the silence of your heart by using a method of prayer called Lectio Divina.

Call 281-337-1312, ext. 18 to register for this day retreat. Deadline to register is Mon. Feb. 20th.
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

La primera lectura para el 7º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario se destacan los primeros versículos del capítulo 19 del libro de Levítico y lanza un desafío que parece más allá de nosotros: "Sed santos, porque yo, el Señor, vuestro Dios, soy santo" Toda esta sección de Levítico se refiere a guardar los mandamientos y ser fieles a la Ley (Torá). En la Biblia la palabra "santidad" cuando se aplica a Dios, tiene una serie de significados y por lo general se refiere a la naturaleza divina de Dios. En este contexto, la connotación es que para ser santo significa ser justo, misericordioso, fiel y perdonador. En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús nos llama a "ser perfectos, como vuestro Padre celestial es perfecto." (En los relatos de Lucas el evangelista tenemos que ser perfectos "en misericordia" porque Dios es misericordioso con nosotros). Cualquiera que sea la referencia, la enseñanza básica en la Sagrada Escritura es la misma: **hemos de ser como Dios** en la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas y sobre todo en la forma en que se relacionan entre sí. Para Jesús, lo que es más distintivo acerca del Padre es el amor universal. Por lo tanto, ser como Dios quiere decir estar dispuesto a poner la otra mejilla y amar no sólo a nuestra familia y amigos, pero incluso aquellos a quienes consideramos nuestros enemigos. Este ideal bíblico resaltado en el sermón de la montaña está más allá de nuestra capacidad humana. Si tratamos de cumplir con esta enseñanza, dependiendo exclusivamente de nuestros propios recursos personales, nos daremos cuenta rápidamente de que su visión y sus demandas son muy superiores a nuestra generosidad y mejores esfuerzos.

En la segunda lectura de hoy de la I Corintios 3 revela cómo este ideal puede convertirse en una realidad práctica en nuestras vidas. Pablo nos dice que somos santos, no porque seamos capaces de llegar a ser moralmente perfectos en nuestro comportamiento, sino porque Dios nos ofrece una parte de su divinidad a través del don del Espíritu Santo. "Ustedes son el templo de Dios, el Espíritu de Dios mora en vosotros". De este texto hemos llegado a comprender que **el desafío de la vida cristiana consiste en darse cuenta de la increíble verdad de nuestro Bautismo**. El ideal de esta enseñanza bíblica no es una abstracción sino una invitación diaria a enfrentar la realidad. En esencia, es una descripción de cómo Jesús vivió su vida e invitó a sus discípulos a hacer lo mismo. Lo que hace posible una vida así es la presencia del Espíritu que nos ha dado en nuestro bautismo y renovada en nosotros a través de la Confirmación. El Espíritu Santo es en verdad un Espíritu de santidad. Si nos entregamos a su poder, el Espíritu nos transformará gradualmente desde lo profundo de nuestras almas. Tal vez sin darnos cuenta nosotros mismos, nuestras vidas comienzan a reflejar la santidad de Dios. A veces tenemos la bendición de darnos cuenta de esto en nuestros feligreses que viven su fe católica en nuestra comunidad. Oremos para que cada uno de nosotros puede llegar a abrazar este maravilloso don del Espíritu y permitir que el Espíritu nos cambie en nuestra visión y en nuestra forma de vida.

**Fr. Chester Borski**

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**Proyecto Raquel**

**DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN EN INGLÉS PARA MUJERES QUE HAN SUFRIDO UN ABORTO**

**Privado y Confidencial**

Sábado 11 de Marzo, 2017
Comenzando a las 8:30am
La ubicación es confidencial y solo será revelada a las participantes.
Habrá varios sacerdotes disponibles
Durante el día para ofrecer el Sacramento de la reconciliación.
El líder del Día de Reflexión será el padre Paul Félix.

Es GRATIS!

Para más información o para registrarse llame a Miriam al (713)440-3443
Todas las preguntas y registros son confidenciales.

**Legión de María**

Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los 6 últimos Papas y endorsada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se revisan los trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado.
Nuestro trabajo consiste en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, toques de puertas, llevando la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.
**Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los Viernes a las 7:00 pm, en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha 3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood.**

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**HAAM**

El banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 22 de Marzo 2017 de 11 AM-1PM.
En el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada
Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutiérrez al 832-860-4860
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For the weekend of Feb. 11 & 12 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 45,614
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 62,852
Holy Days-Easter $ 85
Over/(Under) $ 37,517

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 40,283
Martha’s Kitchen $ 10,298
Catholic Relief Services $ 60
Holy Land (Good Friday) $ 60

2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 6,703

Current Loan Debt: $10,493,760