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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments
Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ..... 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
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 6:30 - 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.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.
Matthew 4:1
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them.
(Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

Gospel for upcoming week: St. Frances of Rome

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gp 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Wednesday: St. John of God
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Matthew 4:10

Resisting Happiness

“Recognize when your soul is hungry.”

Best Lent Ever!

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a FREE, video-based e-mail program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly.

From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness. . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent highlight the reality that all of us face in this life, a situation that has been with us since the sin of Adam and Eve: temptation. While we all undergo trials and tribulations in our daily lives, the Scriptures speak to us today of the most fundamental of all temptations. As the Book of Genesis reminds us in the first reading, we are all creatures brought into existence by an all-loving God. However, we frequently grow weary of our earthbound creaturehood and all the limitations that go along with being human. We long to “be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.” We struggle with this reality and we would like to be free to decide for ourselves. We desperately want to be in control of our own destiny and in charge of those things that affect our lives. We tend to set ourselves up as the judge of all that is considered right and wrong. We deeply desire to be able to rely on our own personal strengths, abilities, and creativity. We give in to the temptation to be the sole master of our lives and in effect we begin to reject the God who created us and His reign over us.

By way of contrast, the Gospel reading from Matthew 4:1-11 shows us humanity at its very best in the person of Jesus Christ. He, as our brother and also our Savior, was tempted just as we are. He was led into the desert, that harsh and lifeless place where Israel was tempted many centuries before. Jesus had the option to choose between the bread of his own comfort or the will of his Father; between seeking his own glory or remaining faithful to his call to serve the needs of his brothers and sisters; between embracing the power and glory of an earthly ruler or placing his security in the hands of God alone. Jesus chooses to be human and surrender to the will of his Father and thus offer his life as a ransom for humanity. As disciples of Jesus, we are presented with the same basic options in our lives. We can choose to seek our own self-interest, prestige, and personal glory. When we choose this path, we tend to spend the greater part of our energies to gain material possessions, to achieve our personal ambitions, and to provide for our own comfort and pleasure. These are not necessarily bad in themselves but sin and temptation are ever so subtle! What seems as such a noble goal in life becomes an obsession that causes us to close ourselves off from God and from our brothers and sisters. Lent is that holy season that invites us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to choose once again to allow God to be the Lord of our lives. Lent urges us to embrace our creaturehood and to recognize our total dependence on God. Let us pray for each other as we return to our origins in God and open our hearts to the gift of God’s grace.

Fr. Chester Borski

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**2017 Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus

**Friday Nights**
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Apr. 7
Serving from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM
LOCATION
Family Life Center

**ADULT DINNER $10 CHILD’s DINNER $3**

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.
Children’s Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese, Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Coffee

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**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

Communal Penance Service:
Thursday, March 23, 6:30 PM
(St. Mary Magdalene in Humble)

Lent Reflections from Bishop Barron
Bishop Robert Barron’s daily Lent Reflections are now available on the parish website
Please check it out: www.stmartha.com

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Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 PM in the church every Friday during Lent.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND.
Don’t forget to turn clocks forward one hour.
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. (NO CLASS MARCH 12 & 19). For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com.
Little Rock: NEW series beginning March 6! Join us for “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players” a seven part video series. Bishop Robert Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church’s most influential people. Catholicism: The Pivotal Players is a multipart film series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. These presentations are free and everyone is welcome. There is no need to register. Each class is independent, so please join us as your schedule allows. Meeting dates are March 6, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24 and May 1, 9:15-10:45 AM. For more information contact Edith Boschian at edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or Carla Lewton at carlal@stmartha.com.
OREMUS—Join Fr. Richard on Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:45 PM, in the Activity Center (NO CLASS MARCH 15). Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings and reflections each day.
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. March 7, 21, 28.
St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website: www.stmarthaaff.com

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.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
St. Patrick’s Day—
Top of the morning to ya! It’s no “blarney”, wear your “green”, find your “lucky shamrock” and join us on Wednesday, March 8 at St. Martha’s Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration. 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.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Explore a bit! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, March 8, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at RC’s Pizza, 1202 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Bryyles (281-359-4560 or peggybymom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

Martha’s Kitchen
During this season of Lent, Martha’s Kitchen pauses to pray for all parishioners and the volunteers who have entered our doors to feed those in need. We also remember those volunteers that have gone before us and are now in God’s arms. We pray for the sick and for the families that struggle each day to feed and protect their children from violence. We are praying for the clergy of St. Martha’s Church and the teachers and administration of St. Martha Catholic School. We pray for the Sisters of Martha’s Kitchen in their tireless effort in this outreach ministry. God Bless You.
NOTE: Martha’s Kitchen is in need of volunteers on Monday & Friday. Please call Sister Maria Elena Lopez at 713-224-2522 if interested.

Faith Direct
Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offering envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Martha Catholic Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX497 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
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.

Think there isn't anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.
Teams of Our Lady USA-A movement of conjugal spirituality
Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newly-wed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS
Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. 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.

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.

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
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!

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 13, from 7-8PM 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

MOTHER’S DAY OUT:
Mother’s Day Out is from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Registration for the 2017-18 school year has begun (Faith Formation Office).
Applications are available on the St. Martha website.

St. Martha Catholic School
NOW REGISTERING for the 2017-2018 school year!

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthaecs.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 AM – 3:15 PM Monday – Thursday
8 AM – 2:15 PM Friday
School Mass Wednesdays 8:30 AM 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.
Lent is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to remember that the Good News is all about mercy and hope. In Lent especially, the Cross is a powerful reminder of God’s love and what He was willing to do for us in His Son. And, in accepting this mercy and love of God, we are compelled to give witness of it to others. Lent is therefore a joyful season so that we can encounter this love in profound ways.

**Schedule**

**Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26:** Fr. Hurley will speak at all Masses on the weekend.

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:** March 27, 28, and 29 at 7 PM in the church.

We will welcome Paulist Fr. John Hurley to our parish this year for our Lenten Parish Mission. Paulist Fr. John Hurley was ordained a priest in 1977. He has been a leader in evangelization for more than 35 years, founding the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in Portland, Ore. in 1979. In 1997, his leadership went national serving as Executive Director for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat for Evangelization where he was responsible for implementing Go and Make Disciples, A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States. He later served as Executive Director for the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City and the Department of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He has spoken in more than 100 dioceses across the United States and continues to do so before parish, diocesan and national Church leadership. Since 2014, he has served as a consultant for NewEvangelizationStrategies.org and resides at Old Saint Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco where he once served as pastor. We are delighted that he was able to accept the invitation to conduct our Lenten Mission.

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**Opportunity to Give Witness to Your Faith**

**Texas Catholic Network**

*Helping Our Church Advocate as the Voice of our Faith*

Guided by the Texas Bishops, the Texas Catholic Network links thousands of Catholics together to advocate for **LIFE**, to stand for **SOCIAL JUSTICE**, and to promote the tenets of our **FAITH** to state and federal policymakers.

**Membership is FREE and provides you with:**

- IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS of pressing public policy issues.
- ACTION ALERTS to get involved.
- Latest NEWS UPDATES on legislation.
- EVENTS across at the State.

[www.texcatholic.org](http://www.texcatholic.org)
ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT ST. MARTHA

Did you know that you have a “Second Family” just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn’t, that’s no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your “bite sized commitment”. As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed.

Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha contact Martha Busch at 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

CANCARE

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.

MARCH 19 BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note, the March 19 bulletin deadline has changed. Please submit your information by 9 AM on Thursday, March 9.

Regular Bulletin Deadline:
Friday, 9 AM, one week prior to publication.
(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.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

You are invited to attend the Blessing of the Bikes at 10 AM Saturday, March 25, in front of St. Martha Catholic Church on Woodridge Parkway. All motorcycles, regardless of make or type, two-wheels or three-wheels (front or back), are welcome at this event. Join in fellowship to begin your 2017 riding season with the Blessing of the Bikes. This is a free and rain or shine event (God’s blessings aren’t limited to fair weather). The Blessing will be presided over by Fr. Richard and members from the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) will also be present. Family, friends, or interested spectators, adults and children who don’t ride are all welcome to visit with the riders and co-riders, look at the bikes, and join in celebrating God’s abundant blessings.

For more information, call 832-656-3485 or e-mail rabalaisgaryj@gmail.com.

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
www.archgh.org/ProLife

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St. Martha is invited to pray outside of Planned Parenthood on the Gulf Freeway on Friday, March 17, from 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM. Representatives will be in the narthex on March 11 and 12 to answer your questions. They will have a signup sheet at that time for you to select a time to pray for the unborn. 40 Days for Life is a powerful ministry and is helping to change the hearts and minds of both the workers and clients of the Planned Parenthood clinics.

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

Become a Pro-Life Sidewalk Counselor!
Sidewalk Counselor Training
Every first Tuesday of the Month
3933 N. Main, Houston Tx 77009
Please RSVP to Theresa Camara, Program Coordinator
Theresa@houstoncoalition.com

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

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 stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.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

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.

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

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!

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Sunday, April 2. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).

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 / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 9-10 AM
- Wednesday: 1-2 AM
- Thursday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
- Friday: 11 AM-Noon / 6-7 PM / 7-8 PM
- Saturday AM: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 11 AM-Noon
- 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 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)

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Vocation Expo

“Home-Grown Vocations: Family as the Seedbed”

March 11 from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Cost is $5 per person (includes lunch).

Deadline: March 6. No child care available.

St. Mary’s Seminary
(9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024)

For more information visit:
www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo

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.

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Arise Together in Christ: Season Four

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ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA

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

Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros, Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos.

En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitados de adoradores en este momento. Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

Se necesitan Adoradores, Co-adoradores y substitutos en las siguientes horas:

- Lunes: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM
- Martes: 2-3 AM / 9-10 AM
- Miércoles: 1-2 AM
- Jueves: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM
- Viernes: 11 AM-Noon / 6-7 PM / 7-8 PM
- Sábado AM: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 11 AM-Noon
- Sábado PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
- Domingo: 1-2 PM / 3-4 PM / 11 PM - Midnight

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a: Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora

Easter Flowers

Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Sunday, April 2. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).
Las lecturas bíblicas del primer domingo de Cuaresma destacan la realidad que todos nosotros enfrentamos en esta vida, una situación que ha estado con nosotros desde el pecado de Adán y Eva: la tentación. Mientras todos sufrimos pruebas y tribulaciones en nuestra vida cotidiana, las Escrituras nos hablan hoy de la más fundamental de todas las tentaciones. Como el Libro del Génesis nos recuerda en la primera lectura, todos somos criaturas traídas a la existencia por un Dios amoroso. Sin embargo, con frecuencia nos cansamos de nosotros y todas las limitaciones que acompañan a ser humano. Deseamos "ser como los dioses que saben lo que es bueno y lo que es malo". Luchamos con esta realidad y nos gustaría ser libres para decidir por nosotros mismos. Deseamos desesperadamente estar en control de nuestro propio destino y encargarnos de las cosas que afectan nuestras vidas. Tendemos a sentirnos como el juez de todo lo que se considera correcto e incorrecto. Deseamos profundamente poder confiar en nuestras propias fortalezas personales, habilidades y creatividad. Nos entregamos a la tentación de ser el único amo de nuestras vidas y en efecto comenzamos a rechazar al Dios que nos creó y Su reinado sobre nosotros.

Por contraste, la lectura evangélica de Mateo 4: 1-11 nos muestra la humanidad en su mejor momento en la persona de Jesucristo. Él, como nuestro hermano y también nuestro Salvador, fue tentado tal como nosotros. Fue llevado al desierto, aquel lugar áspero y sin vida donde Israel fue tentado muchos siglos antes. Jesús tuvo la opción de elegir entre el pan de su propia comodidad o la voluntad de su Padre; Entre buscar su propia gloria o permanecer fiel a su llamado a servir las necesidades de sus hermanos y hermanas; Entre abrazar el poder y la gloria de un gobernante terrenal o perder su seguridad solo en manos de Dios. Jesús escoge ser humano y entregarse a la voluntad de su Padre y así ofrecer su vida como rescate por la humanidad. Como discípulos de Jesús, se nos presentan las mismas opciones básicas en nuestras vidas. Podemos elegir buscar nuestro propio interés, prestigio y gloria personal. Cuando elegimos este camino, tendemos a gastar la mayor parte de nuestras energías para obtener posesiones materiales, lograr nuestras ambiciones personales y proveer para nuestro propio confort y placer. ¡Estos no son necesariamente malos en sí mismos, pero el pecado y la tentación son siempre tan sutiles! Lo que parece como un noble objetivo en la vida se convierte en una ob- sesión que nos hace cerrarnos de Dios y de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. La Cuaresma es aquella estación santa que nos invita a seguir los pasos de Jesús y a elegir y permitir una vez más que Dios sea el Señor de nuestras vidas. La Cuaresma nos urge a abrazar nuestra humanidad y a reconocer nuestra total dependencia de Dios. Oremos unos por otros mientras volvemos a nuestros orígenes en Dios y abrimos nuestros corazones al don de la gracia de Dios.

Fr. Chester Borski

40 Días por vida
Los Cristianos alrededor de Houston y sus alrededores están invitados a participar en la campaña de 40 días por la vida comenzando el 1ero de Marzo al 9 de Abril, un esfuerzo conjunto de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. Además de los 40 días de oración y ayuno para terminar el aborto en América, por favor considere ser voluntario para orar afuera de la clínica de abortos Planned Parenthood ubicada en el 4600 Gulf freeway por una o más horas, o puede anotarse para una hora semanal de acuerdo a su preferencia, y también a pasar la voz a otros de este esfuerzo por salvar la vida. Cuando las personas están presentes en oración en un sitio donde se realicen abortos, por la gracia de Dios, hay cambios de corazón y se dan vidas.

Para obtener más información para ser voluntario o bien si usted desea hacer carpool, por favor contactar a Terice Richards al 281-798-4477 o por email terice.richards@gmail.com o también a Mary Anne 281-615-0927 maryannhoward@cebridge.net. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

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

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.

Proyecto Raquel
DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN
EN INGLES
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 registraciones son confidenciales.
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

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For the weekend of Feb. 25 & 26 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget $ 71,034
Sunday Collection $ 43,537
Faith Direct—Offertry $ 37,615
Over/(Under) $ 10,118

Special collections:

Capital Campaign $ 23,955
Martha’s Kitchen $ 6,554

2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 64,036

Current Loan Debt: $ 10,346,477

"Christian Stewardship - to receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."