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

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: ................. 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.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF Lent
MARCH 19, 2017

Jesus said, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:14

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

**Reading for the Week**

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5, 6b, 7a, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Joseph; Spring begins

**Thursday:** St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

**Friday:** Abstinence

**Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Jesus’ longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She’s not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon./March 20**

8:30 AM †Tony Priesol

**Tues./March 21**

8:30 AM †Belen Alvarez

7:00 PM †Ronnie May

**Wed./March 22**

8:30 AM †Tony Priesol

10:00 AM St. Martha’s Vincentians

**Thurs./March 23**

6:30 AM †Shari Gains

8:30 AM †Linda Arnold

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Fri./March 24**

8:30 AM †Mary Lipinski

**Sat./March 25**

5:30 PM †Marshall Balasso

**Sun./March 26**

7:00 AM †Kevin Lynch

9:00 AM †Dr. Almaelia Smith

11:00 AM †Teresa Parissi

1:00 PM †Yaribel Perez

5:30 PM †John Stern

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., MARCH 22.

**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**

Joyce Schneider
Joseph Cervone (cousin of Phillis Holley)
Barbara Flanagan
Nancy Johnson
Lou Cataline (husband of Rene Cataline)
Bobby Baham (son of Shana and Bobby Baham)
Otto Hill (father Kathleen Butts)

**Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:**


**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.

**Rosary after Daily Mass:** A group of parishioners gathers after the 8:30 AM daily Mass, when able, to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join them in the back of the church in front of the Mary statue to pray the rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

**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

**JOIN THE 2017 EASTER CROSS WITNESS**

$5 each.

Available in the Parish office, Monday—Friday, 9 AM—4 PM and at the Knights of Columbus

**Friday Fish Frys in the FLC**

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To the parish family of St. Martha,

With the exception of the Passion account which we hear on Palm Sunday, the Gospel reading for this 3rd Sunday of Lent is one of the longest and most complex readings that we will listen to during the Church’s liturgical year. The story from John’s Gospel tells us that as Jesus is making his way toward Jerusalem, he passes through a Samaritan village where he stopped to get a drink at Jacob’s Well. While he is sitting there at noontime, a local woman comes to draw water from the well. Jesus initiates a conversation with her and gradually draws her into a life-changing experience. From initial hostility the Samaritan woman moves to letting her defenses down and becoming a listener, then a believer, and finally a witness to what she believes. (This is the journey of faith to which each of us is invited.) Jesus speaks to her about a living water that is hers for the asking. But she is caught up in the immediacy of her day-to-day concerns and has a difficult time understanding the gift that is being offered to her. The text indicates that she truly desires to have her thirst quenched but is unable to name her deepest longing. Then Jesus abruptly adds a new dimension to the conversation by asking her to go home to get her husband. With shame as well as with true honesty, she states, “I do not have a husband.” While wanting to change the topic and pull back from the conversation, the woman is led to a real encounter with the Messiah she had so deeply desired to meet. Jesus reveals his true identity to her by stating simply, “I am he, the one speaking to you.”

In this beautiful story told by the evangelist John, the meaning becomes rather clear and challenging at the same time. Before any of her prayers could be voiced and before any of the promises of the Lord (the gift of living water in Baptism and the gift of the Bread of Life in the Eucharist) could be announced to her in a way that she could understand, the woman had to experience a conversion of heart. She had to come to believe that this man Jesus was indeed the Messiah offering her life-giving water (eternal salvation). Her “Yes” to his offer meant she had to change her way of life. The same message is also given to each one of us. If there is a nagging thirst or a weariness in our lives, it is so because there is something deep within our souls that is in need of healing. And just like the Samaritan woman in the Gospel, before we can come to the Lord Jesus and be filled with the gift of his grace, we have to make the journey home to the center of our lives and face honestly whatever is not right. Once we have confessed our sin and acknowledged our need for God, then we will be able to receive the gift we so much desire: “the spring of living water welling up to eternal life.” The season of Lent is that special time to rekindle our deep thirst for God by faithfully participating in the sacramental life of the Church.

Fr. Chester Borski

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.
HELP! HELP! HELP!

Your help is needed on Friday, April 7, immediately following the 8:30 AM Daily Mass. The palms to be blessed at the Palm Sunday Masses need to be prepared. Help is needed by both men and women. Please meet by the relief of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and Jesus. Be sure to bring scissors! For more information, please call Mariel at 281-358-6637 or e-mail marielp@stmartha.com

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).

Saint Martha Parish + 2017 Lenten Mission
4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter

A Divine Conspiracy

Forgiveness? Compassion? Mercy?

March 25 & 26: Preaching at all English Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 and 5:30 p.m.

March 27, Mass, 8:30 am, Mission Talk 7 p.m.
March 28, Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Mission Talk
March 29: Mass, 8:30 a.m., Mission Talk 7 p.m.

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

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

Paulist Father John Hurley was ordained a priest in 1977. He is a leader in evangelization for over 35 years when he founded the Paulist Center for Catholic Evangelization in Portland, OR 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 over 100 dioceses across the United States and continues to do so before parish, diocesan and national Church leadership. Since 2014, he serves as a consultant for NewEvangelizationStrategies.org and resides at Old Saint Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco where he once served as pastor. Pope Francis appointed Fr. Hurley a Missionary of Mercy for the Great Jubilee Year of Mercy.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**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 SUNDAY, MARCH 19.** For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com.

**Little Rock:** 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 illumines 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 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 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. March 22, 29, April 5, 12.

**Breakfast & Bible Study**—Tuesdays 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 21, 28.

**Adult Confirmation**—Adult Confirmation classes will begin on Thursday, April 20. If you are an adult Catholic, over 18, who has been Baptized and received your First Communion, but did not receive your Confirmation, you are invited to complete your initiation by attending these classes to prepare for your Confirmation. For more information and to complete your phone interview, please contact Mandy Carr at 281-713-8973 or mandyc@stmartha.com.

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

**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.

**Young at Heart Luncheon**
**Rodeo Round-Up**
Young at Heart-ers - Yeehaw - it's Rodeo time! Grab your Stetson, dust off your boots, lasso up a good time and come celebrate the Rodeo with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, March 22. 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 Do- menica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**Fish Fry:** Come join us March 31 at 6 PM for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Afterwards, we will do Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM.

**Monthly Dinner:** Join us for our St. Patrick themed monthly dinner! March 19 at 7 PM. It will be at Matt's house-1914 River Falls Drive, Kingwood.

**March 25:** Catholic Food Charities from 8-10 AM. Brunch to follow at Ninfa’s on Navigation

**March 28:** Executive Speaker Series- Margo Geddie at 7 PM at St Anne's.

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

**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 stressors that undermine both their marriage and their 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, April 2, 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.

**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.

**Hurting? Healing after abortion**

**Martin’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 Martha at 713-224-2522 if interested.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

*Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, March 22, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmon4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on St. Martha’s website.*

**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.
**Vocations Corner**

**Chalice for Vocations:**
Please join the BERKOVSKY 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.

“A Vocation is the adventure that God has planned for you!” - Fr. Richard McNeillie

The Houston Vocations Office hosts monthly gatherings to assist you in learning about priestly and religious vocations.

- **April 6:** Discover the Road Less Traveled - 6:30 PM. For men ages 18-35.
- **April 6:** Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled - 6:30 PM. For women ages 18-35.
- **April 20:** Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido - 7 PM. For hombres y mujeres de edades 18-35.
- **March 25:** Lenten Day of Prayer for Religious
- **April 2:** InSight Retreat, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. For girls in High School. Retreat with Sisters of all Congregations

- **April 2:** Priest vs. Seminarians, 6-8 PM Strake Jesuit Basketball Game. Live Broadcast by Joe McClane & Matthew Suniga on KSHJ 1430 AM.

Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.

**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

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**Parenting/Youth**

**Calling moms of all ages!**

**St. Martha’s Moms Group**

Our next monthly park play date will be April 3. We will meet at Greentree Park from 9:30-11 AM.

**Motherhood Fellowship Night:**

Please join us March 21 to get to know other moms and listen to a brief talk. We will meet in the FLC from 7-8:30 PM. Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Mom’s (Kingwood, Tx)

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

We look forward to meeting you!

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**Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You Attend the Mission at St. Martha’s Catholic Church and Hear the Words of Father Hurley**

**Monday, March 27, at 7 PM**

There will NOT be a meeting at Italiano’s, All are invited to meet and sit as a group at St. Martha’s Catholic Church.

Paulist Father John Hurley has been a leader in evangelization for over 35 years.

_A Divine Conspiracy - Forgiveness? Compassion? Mercy?_ will be his topic during the Mission

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**Spring Retreat**

**APRIL 1**

[10 AM – 5 PM]

Cost: $25

An awesome spiritual experience through a day of fun, fellowship, and prayer.

Spots are limited to the first FIFTY students to sign up!

Lisa Hartsfield: lisah@stmarty.com
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- Grade Levels: PreK 3 through Grade 8
- Current Enrollment: 447
- Faculty & Staff: 50 members
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  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.

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”
Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration Chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each of us, He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with him.
Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really “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.
OPEN HOURS
MONDAY: 2-3 AM / FRIDAY 11-NOON / FRIDAY 7-8 PM / SATURDAY 1-2 AM / MONDAY 1-2 PM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Wednesday: 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Friday: 3-4 AM / 6-7 PM
Saturday AM: 3-4 AM / 11 AM-Noon
Saturday PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 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 6 AM (281-360-7897). Karen Ehlig for 6 AM to Noon (281-361-7127). Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6 PM (281-360-1258). Beth Beckham for 6 PM to Midnight (281-435-1439).

HOSANNA 2017-Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference
Saturday, April 8, 2017
Begins at 8:30 AM with Mass, ends at 9:30 PM.
Free admission. Catholic Charismatic Center, 1949 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77023.
Celebrating the 50th year of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal! For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Center at 713-236-9977.

FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA’S
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.

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.
HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
LUNES: 2-3 AM / VIERNES: 11 AM a Media Noche / VIERNES: 7-8 PM
SABADO: 1-2 AM / LUNES: 1-2 PM
HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE CO-ADORADORES
Lunes: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 5-6 PM
Martes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Miércoles: 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Jueves: 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
Viernes: 6-7 PM
Sábado AM: 3-4 AM / 11-12 NOON
Sábado PM: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
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Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, porfavor contactar a: Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora
Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Con la excepción del relato de la Pasión que escuchamos el Domingo de Ramos, la lectura del Evangelio para este tercer domingo de Cuaresma es una de las lecturas más largas y complejas que escucharemos durante el año litúrgico de la Iglesia. La historia del Evangelio de Juan nos dice que mientras Jesús se dirige hacia Jerusalén, pasa por una aldea samaritana donde se detuvo para tomar una copa de agua en el pozo de Jacob. Mientras él está sentado allí al mediodía, una mujer local viene a sacar agua del pozo. Jesús inicia una conversación con ella y gradualmente la atrae hacia una experiencia que cambia su vida. Desde la hostilidad inicial la mujer samaritana se mueve a dejar abajo sus defensas y convertirse en un oyente, y luego un creyente, y, finalmente, un testigo de lo que ella cree. (Este es el camino de fe al cual cada uno de nosotros está invitado.) Jesús le habla acerca de un agua viva que es suya si la pide. Pero ella está atrapada en la inmediatez de sus preocupaciones cotidianas y se le hace difícil entender el regalo que se le está ofreciendo. El texto indica que ella realmente desea saciar su sed, pero es incapaz de nombrar su anhelo más profundo. Entonces Jesús agrega abruptamente una nueva dimensión a la conversación pidiéndole que vaya a casa para traer a su marido. Con vergüenza y con verdadera honestidad, afirma: “No tengo marido”. Mientras quisiera cambiar el tema y alejarse de la conversación, la mujer es llevada a un verdadero encuentro con el Mesías, que tan profundamente ella deseaba reunirse. Jesús le revela su verdadera identidad diciendo simplemente: “Yo soy, el que te habla”.

En esta hermosa historia contada por el evangelista Juan, el significado se vuelve bastante claro y desafiante al mismo tiempo. Antes de que cualquiera de sus oraciones pudiera ser expresada y antes de que cualquiera de las promesas del Señor (el don del agua viva en el Bautismo y el don del Pan de Vida en la Eucaristía) pudiera ser anunciada a ella de una manera que pudiera entender, La mujer tuvo que experimentar una conversión de corazón. Tenía que llegar a creer que este hombre Jesús era de hecho el Mesías que ofrecía su agua vivificante (salvación eterna). Su “Sí” a su oferta significaba que tenía que cambiar su forma de vida. El mismo mensaje se da también a cada uno de nosotros. Si hay una sed persistente o un cansancio en nuestras vidas, es así porque hay algo profundo dentro de nuestras almas que está en necesidad de curación. Y así como la mujer samaritana en el Evangelio, antes de que podamos llegar al Señor Jesús y ser llenados del don de su gracia, tenemos que hacer el viaje a casa, al centro de nuestras vidas y enfrentar honestamente lo que no está bien. Una vez que hemos confesado nuestro pecado y reconocido nuestra necesidad de Dios, entonces podremos recibir el regalo que tanto deseamos: “la fuente de agua viva que brota para la vida eterna”. La temporada de Cuaresma, es ese momento especial para reavivar nuestra profunda sed de Dios participando fielmente en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.

Fr. Chester Borski

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Retiro en Silencio basado en LAS REGLAS DE DISCERNIMIENTO DE SAN IGNACIO

SABADO, PRIMERO DE ABRIL
[8:30 AM – 5:00 PM]
at Lake Houston Wilderness Park
25840 FM 1485, New Caney, TX 77357

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Aprende más sobre las reglas de discernimiento de San Ignacio, siguiendo los consejos del padre Gallagher, mientras pasas tiempo en silencio con Dios. El retiro incluye charlas que serán dictadas por P. Richard y también habrá oportunidades para dirección espiritual.

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MINISTERIO HISPANO

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**Ministerio Hispano**

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

**María Goretti Network**

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.

**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.

**Dia Arquidiocesano de Jovenes**

Adultos “A Quién Estamos Llamados a Servir?”

Ven y acompaña a cientos de jóvenes adultos de 18 a 39 años de edad a un día de aprendizaje, música, oración, Eucaristía y convivencia. **Sábado 8 de Abril, 2017 de 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Inspírate con presentadores internacionales y locales. Presentado en Inglés y Español. Iglesia de San Jerónimo 8825 Kempwood Dr Houston TX 77080. $25 antes del 8 de Marzo o $35 después del 9 de Marzo incluye lunch y camiseta. Descuentos para grupos. Inscripciones en línea www.archgh.org/ yacm Información 713-741-8778.

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Este es un curso básico para jóvenes adultos de habla hispana que son líderes o aquellos que piensan ser líderes en el futuro en los grupos de jóvenes de su parroquia. Los prepara para su rol como líderes. **Este curso se llevara a cabo por ocho domingos consecutivos, comenzando el 12 de marzo en Prince of Peace Catholic Community 19222 Tomball Pkwy. Houston, TX 77070 a partir de 9:00 am – 6:30 pm.**

El costo de este curso es de $100.00 (inscripción de $20.00 dls. y 4 pagos de $20.00 dls. que se harán durante los primeros cuatro domingos del curso). Para más información ver la hoja de inscripción - Curso de Formación en Pastoral Juvenil También, puede llamar a nuestra oficina al 713-741-8778 o por email a mochoa@archgh.org

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St. Martha Catholic Church.

Miércoles, marzo 29, 2017. De 5:00 a 7:00pm.

3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Kingwood, TX 77339.

Más Información: (281)358-6637

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