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): .... 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.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter
(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM, “PEACE BE WITH YOU.”
John 20:19
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
Tuesday: St. Mark
Friday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; Arbor Day
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else’s need?

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Earnest James Loera
Samir Youssef Wakim (husband of Latifee Wakim)
Marie Sigut (mother of Carla McKee)
D. Vasanthal Rayen (mother of Fr. Thomas Rayen)
Jude Miller (father of Kathryn Laughlin)

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.

Military Wreath: Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved contact Jodi at 281-358-6637 or jodis@stmartha.com.

Feast of Divine Mercy
The Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 23, will be celebrated in the Church at 3 PM with special prayers and graces granted with Plenary Indulgence under conditions attached to Mercy Sunday obligations. Please join us on this joyful feast day celebration!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The theme of the Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter focuses on our faith in the risen Christ and his gift of salvation for the world. We also call this gift of salvation “divine mercy” in light of the late Pope John Paul II’s great devotion to St. Faustina and her spiritual legacy. In fact this day has become known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Gospel account from John describes how the risen Jesus appears to the disciples on the first day of the week and how they recognize him. Then in a gesture that recalls the creation account from the Book of Genesis, the Lord breathes the Holy Spirit on them and gives them the mission to continue God’s work of mercy and forgiveness. However, Thomas was not there to share in this experience and refused to believe when the others announced, “We have seen the Lord.” The doubts and skepticism of Thomas vanish a week later when he encounters the risen Jesus and is invited to touch the hands and the side of the Lord. The cry of faith of the “doubting Thomas” marks a special moment in the development of Easter faith in the New Testament. The risen Christ has been so transformed that he shares forever the reality of his Father’s mercy with the Church. In fact, with Thomas the whole Church proclaims its faith, “My Lord and my God.” If the Gospel account is primarily about the coming to faith of the first disciples, its conclusion describes how disciples in the future, like you and me, will one day believe in the Resurrection and the mercy of God available to us through the presence of the risen Christ in the Church. Through the written and proclaimed Word of God, the witness of the Church and the celebration of the sacraments, the people of every generation will come to believe in Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 describes how this gift of faith involves us not only with the risen Christ but also with one another in the community of faith, i.e. the Church. The early Christians began to come together as a community and understood that faith in God’s gift of salvation had certain implications in how they lived and treated one another. The account from the Book of Acts tells us that the life of the early Church was marked by four things: the teaching of the Apostles, shared fellowship, the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist), and prayer. What we learn from this account is that Easter faith has to be nourished regularly by the Word of God and deepened by love and mutual service in the community. The reference to prayer and to the Eucharist reminds us that faith also has to be expressed in praise and worship. Openness to the Word of God, shared life, worship, and pastoral outreach to those in need are necessary components of a vibrant faith for any community that professes to be Christian and seeks to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus.

Fr. Chester Borski

From the Pastor

FAREWELL
FR. NICK PASADILLA
Fr. Nick has been granted permission to retire in April, 2017. Fr. Nick has generously served St. Martha for four years and is much loved. Please join us in bidding him farewell after each Mass in the Narthex this weekend.

DISCERNMENT FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
The Parish Pastoral Council will hold a Discernment Session on Monday, May 22, at 7:15 PM in the family parlor of the church. Council members serve for a term of three years. The Council is the principal consultative body to the pastor and helps the parish carry out its mission by assisting the pastor in developing the parish strategic plan. The Council meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM from August through June. In addition to providing timely updates and advice to the pastor at the monthly meetings, the Council members also participate in regular committee work that sometimes requires several hours each month. If you are interested in being considered for one of the vacant positions, please submit your name to the pastor’s secretary, Indiana Francis, at indianaf@stmartha.com by noon on Wednesday, May 17.

Looking for a way to serve and make a difference??
WHAT: St. Martha parish school Local Advisory Board Discernment - seeking new board members to serve a three-year term.
WHERE: Borski Activity Room in the school building
WHO: Parents with children in our parish school and registered parishioners in full communion with the Catholic Church are eligible to serve on our advisory board. Employees of the parish and school, whether teaching or non-teaching personnel, and their spouses, are not eligible to be considered as candidates for the board.
WHY: Serving on the board is a wonderful way to exercise your stewardship gift of talent!

BY MAY 4: Interested candidates must contact Mrs. Lewis, our school principal, at principal@stmarthaschool.org or 281-358-5523 for more information and an overview of the advisory board.

MAY 8: Interested candidates must attend the discernment (a guided experience of prayer and shared reflections). Contact the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday morning video series: The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.

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. Series dates: April 23 & 30.

For more information, contact Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com.

Little Rock: Join us for “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players”, 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. Remaining meeting date: April 24, from 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.

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. Remaining April date: 25. May dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Adult Confirmation: Adult Confirmation classes will be held on Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM in the Borski Room. 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. It’s not too late to join! This is the final week we will be accepting new students. For more information and to complete your phone interview, please contact Mandy Carr at 281-713-8973 or mandyc@stmartha.com

Catholics Returning Home: Next six-week session starts Tuesday, April 25. May dates: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next six-week session starts Tuesday, April 25.

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- Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
- Explanation/Walk-through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact:

Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968
Vicki Rück, vickiruck@suddenlink.net, 713-927-8815

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

Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Boat Tour—Orange, Texas

Tuesday, May 30, 8 AM to 6 PM
Cost: $35 per person*

Must be 50+ years old to attend. Limited number of seats!

Come join fellow parishioners ages 50+ for a relaxing bus ride to Orange Texas for a tour of the Shangri La Botanical Gardens. 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 and 4 PM Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

An invitation to You, a family member, friend or neighbor

What is Catholics Returning Home?

Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and up, on Wednesday, April 26, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy Easter -
Come celebrate the Resurrection of the Risen Lord at our Easter "Young at Heart" Luncheon. Put on your Easter Bonnet, grab your Easter Basket and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch. We might even have a "surprise visitor". Come join us on Wednesday, April 26 at the Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Donna Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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, May 1, 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.

Bible Studies- Mondays 7 PM in the Main Church: Join us as we continue with 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).

Camping: Join us for fun, fishing, hiking, s'mores, laughs, and friends at Huntsville State Park May 19-21! The price will be $30 a person. Contact Matt Cooke for more information or to sign up.

Monthly Dinner: Come join us for our "Breakfast for Dinner" theme April 30 at 7 PM! New members are encouraged to attend! It will be at Matt's house-1914 River Falls Drive, Kingwood.

YCP: There will be a YCP Executive Speaker Event April 25 at 7 PM at St. Cecilia Catholic Church! The speaker will be Jason Jesko, J.D., Vice President of Urban Foresters. For questions about any events, please e-mail youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt Cooke, 718-887-6837.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY and the Gift of the Priesthood
One way the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cardinal Justin Rigali notes, “This beautiful Sacrament was presented to the Church by Christ himself on the day of his Resurrection, hence this Sacrament of Mercy is supremely relevant also in this Easter season.” Today, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let’s take a moment to thank God for our priests, who bring God’s mercy and healing to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Chalice for Vocations: Please join the LUCAS 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.
Parenting/Youth

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

Calling moms of all ages!

St. Martha's Moms Group: Our next monthly park play date will be May 1. We will meet at Greentree Park from 9:30-11 AM.

Motherhood Fellowship Night: Please join us April 25 to get to know other moms and listen to a brief talk. We will meet in the FLC from 7-8:30.

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Crank up your creativity and discover that God made you for a purpose at Maker Fun Factory VBS June 12 - 16 from 12:45 - 4 PM. Space is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs $25 per student. Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer!! We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS ($25) for children of adult volunteers. VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 ext. 203.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #12320

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled undergraduate college students are eligible

One in the amount of $1,500.00 and another in the amount of $1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or online from Marty Krupp - martybk@ymail.com

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 30, 2017

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Martha #2504

2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2017 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior that will be attending a college or university and is a member of St. Martha parish.

Applications are available at the Parish office.

Application must be delivered to the Parish Office by 3 PM Friday, May 5.
Do you hope for your child to continuously grow spiritually and academically?  
Do you desire that your child develop or nurture a heart for service?  
Would you like your child to have many opportunities to practice leadership, creativity, commitment, responsibility, team-building, mentoring, and hospitality?  

Come learn how our religious, academic, and extracurricular programs can support you in forming your child in mind, heart, and spirit!

For more information or to register for the open house and tour, please contact Registrar Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org or 281-358-5523.

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St. Martha Catholic Church will be offering the following Virtus workshops:

“Keeping the Promise Alive – Refresher”  
Wednesday, May 24, in the FLC from 6:30—8 PM  
You must pre-register through your Virtus account for this workshop at www.virtusonline.org.  
Do not create a new Virtus account, if you have forgotten your Virtus account information or need further assistance, please call SMCC Virtus Coordinators at 281-358-1959:  
Ana Luisa Rodriguez, ext. 269 or Michelle Campisi at ext. 214.  
Please arrive by 6 PM. No late admittance, No Children and No walk-ins.

“Protecting God’s Children”  
Wednesday, May 31, in the FLC from 6:30—9:30 PM.  
You must pre-register for this workshop online at www.virtusonline.org.  
If you need further assistance, please call SMCC Virtus Coordinators at 281-358-1959:  
Ana Luisa Rodriguez, ext. 269 or Michelle Campisi at ext. 214.  
Please arrive by 6 PM. No late admittance, No Children and No walk-ins.

Iluring? Healing after abortion  
Project Rachel  
Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

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.

Change is coming . . . . . . . May 2017  
You will notice a change in our weekly envelopes in May 2017. We are going to have a new look as well as change the frequency you receive your envelopes. We have changed envelope companies and we believe the changes will be for the better. We want to bring a fresh look to them and we also want to be a good steward of our financial resources. Some parishioners have chosen not to use their envelopes, be it preferring to remain anonymous, unable to contribute or choose not to, thus we will discontinue sending envelopes to those families who have not contributed for two years. Of course all those registered remain parishioners, but will just not receive the envelopes. We do strongly encourage everyone to use envelopes or contribute electronically because that is the principal way to know that someone is an active parishioner. Frequently we are asked to attest to this when individuals are invited to be sponsors or Godparents. In addition, the upcoming changes will enable us to update your addresses more quickly, as we will be mailing envelopes monthly instead of bi-monthly, thus saving money on return postage.

Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference  
The Second Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 7:30 AM - 4 PM at Doyle Convention Center at 2010 Fifth Ave. North in Texas City, 77590. Cost is $40 through May 3rd and $45 from May 3rd until the conference. Religious and Clergy are free. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speakers include Bishop Brendan Cahill from Diocese of Victoria and Father Larry Richards from Erie, Pennsylvania. Early bird registration starts at 7 AM and Mass begins at 7:30 AM. Official conference start is 9:15 AM. For more details and to purchase tickets go to www.ge-cmc.org.
Annual Operation Paintbrush and Car Wash
April 30
SHINE Catholic Work Camp – Annual Mission Trip

St. Martha’s youth will be participating in Shine Catholic Work Camp Mission trip. High School students will be attending SHINE Catholic Work Camps in McAllen, TX (June 5 – 10). We are excited to be serving the needy and elderly as representatives of St. Martha Parish.

You can help us by donating to Operation Paintbrush or participating in the Car Wash on April 30. Donation boxes will be set up in the narthex for your donation, as well as representatives at each exit to assist in collecting donation items.

Ways to donate….
- Supplies, such as, paint brushes, rollers, work gloves, painters tape, scrapers, spackle, safety goggles, gardening tools, trash bags, etc.
- Gift cards to Home Depot or Lowe’s
- Monetary donations
- Full or partial scholarship (total trip cost - $375)

The supplies and funds collected assist us in giving scholarships, purchasing supplies, and in getting to the locations.

If you would like to have your car washed, the youth will be in the parking lot near the rectory from 10 AM – 2 PM. Please feel free to drop your car off during Mass and have a sparkling clean car when you return! All proceeds will go towards assisting the youth with the cost of the trip.

Thank you for supporting St. Martha’s youth in serving those in need.

NEXT FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA
May 17, 11 AM—1 PM

Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Call Alejandra at 832-860-4860 for more information.

Praying For Abused Children Since 1994
BLUE SUNDAY
DAY OF PRAYER
Always the Last Sunday in April

The day when churches take time in their service to pray for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.
We pray because they shouldn’t have to pray alone.
Won’t you ask your church to join in this life-changing effort?

It’s free.
Nothing to join.
Just prayer.

Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me. Matthew 18:6

Did you know there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually?
Did you know that of the 15,660 child deaths from child abuse that most were under the age of 3?
Did you know your church can make a difference!

It can and it starts by praying.
**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*“Could you not watch one hour with Me?”*

**OPEN HOURS**

**MONDAY: 2-3 AM / FRIDAY 11-NOON / FRIDAY 7-8 PM / SATURDAY 1-2 AM**

**SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:**

- **Monday:** 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM
- **Tuesday:** 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM / MIDNIGHT-1 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 / 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 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).

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**Ministry Handbook Advertising Opportunity**

We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry Handbook for the church. This book will contain important information regarding St. Martha’s various ministries, organizations, and committees. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Jodi at the Parish Office, 281-358-6637, ext. 201.

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**The installation of the stained glass windows in the church cupola will take place the week of May 8 - May 12. During this time the daily Mass will be held in the Chapel on the Woodland Hills Campus. Please note, there will be limited space and seating. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may cause you.**

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**ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA**

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

**HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS**

**LUNES:** 2-3 AM / VIERNES: 11 AM - MEDIODÍA / VIERNES: 7-8 PM / SABADOS: 1-2 AM

**HORAS CON NECESIDAD DE CO-ADORADORES**

**Lunes:** 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM
**Martes:** 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM / MEDIA NOCHE—1 AM
**Miércoles:** 1-2 AM / 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE
**Jueves:** 1-2 AM / 2-3 AM / 6-7 AM / 9-10 AM
**Viernes:** 6-7 PM
**Sábado AM:** 3-4 AM / 11 AM a MEDIODÍA
**Sábado PM:** 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM / 8-9 PM
**Domingo:** 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 3-4 PM / 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE

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

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**After Mass Saturday-5:30 PM and Sunday 7-9-11 AM**

**April 29 & 30**

- 1-dz = $11 per dz
- 2-dz = $10.50 per dz
- 3-dz or more = $10 per dz

**Pick up at the Front of the Church**

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**Tamale Fiesta**

*Pork or Chicken*

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A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
El tema de las lecturas bíblicas para el segundo domingo de Pascua se centra en nuestra fe en Cristo resucitado y su don de salvación para el mundo. También llamamos a este don de salvación "misericordia divina" a la luz de la gran devoción del Papa Juan Pablo II a Santa Faustina y su legado espiritual. De hecho, este día se ha conocido como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. El relato evangélico de Juan describe cómo el Jesús resucitado se les aparece a los discípulos el primer día de la semana y cómo lo reconocen. Luego, en un gesto que recuerda el relato de la creación del Libro del Génesis, el Señor exhala el Espíritu Santo sobre ellos y les da la misión de continuar la obra de misericordia y perdón de Dios. Sin embargo, Tomás no estuvo allí para compartir esta experiencia y se negó a creer cuando los otros le anunciaron: "Hemos visto al Señor". Las dudas y el escepticismo de Thomas desaparecen una semana después cuando se encuentra con Jesús resucitado y es invitado a tocarle las manos y el costado del Señor. El grito de fe del "Tomás dudoso" marca un momento especial en el desarrollo de la fe pascual en el Nuevo Testamento. El Cristo resucitado ha sido tan transformado que comparte para siempre la realidad de la misericordia de su Padre con la Iglesia. De hecho, con Tomás toda la Iglesia proclama su fe, "Mi Señor y mi Dios". Si el relato evangélico se refiere principalmente a la llegada a la fe de los primeros discípulos, su conclusión describe cómo los discípulos en el futuro, como tú y yo, Creerán un día en la Resurrección y en la misericordia de Dios, a través de la presencia del Cristo resucitado en la Iglesia. A través de la Palabra de Dios escrita y proclamada, el testimonio de la Iglesia y la celebración de los sacramentos, el pueblo de cada generación llegará a creer en Jesús como el Cristo y el Hijo de Dios.

La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles 2: 42-47 describe cómo este don de la fe nos involucra no sólo con el Cristo resucitado, sino también entre nosotros en la comunidad de fe, es decir, en la Iglesia. Los primeros cristianos comenzaron a unirse como comunidad y comprendieron que la fe, en el don de la salvación de Dios, tenía ciertas implicaciones en cómo vivían y se trataban unos a otros. El relato del Libro de los Hechos nos dice que la vida de la Iglesia primitiva estuvo marcada por cuatro cosas: la enseñanza de los Apóstoles, la comunión compartida, la ruptura del pan (la Eucaristía) y la oración. Lo que aprendemos de este relato es que la fe de Pascua tiene que ser alimentada regularmente por la Palabra de Dios y profundizada por el amor y el servicio mutuo en la comunidad. La referencia a la oración y a la Eucaristía nos recuerda que la fe también tiene que expresarse en alabanza y adoración. La apertura a la Palabra de Dios, la vida compartida, el culto y la extensión pastoral a los necesitados son componentes necesarios de una fe vibrante para cualquier comunidad que profesa ser cristiana y busca seguir los pasos del Señor Jesús.

Fr. Chester Borski

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK
ESPañOL PARA TOdA VICTIMA DE ABUSO
MGN es un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón.
Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.
Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.
La Iglesia de Santa Martha ofrecerá el entrenamiento de VIRTUS:

“Protegiendo los Niños de Dios en Español”

el sábado, 29 de abril, 2017 en el FLC de 9:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. Favor de llegar a las 9:00 a.m. Cupo limitado.

**NO se permiten menores de 18 años de edad.**

**No hay cuidado de niños.**

Debe de inscribirse por [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) antes del día 29 de abril. Para más información favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Virtus de Santa Martha: Ana Luisa Rodríguez 281-358-1959 x269.

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**Ministerio Hispano**

**Legión de María**

Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los seis últimos Papas y endorada 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.

**HAAM**

El Banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 17 de Mayo 2017 de 11 AM -1 PM

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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**Banda Hosanna**

Acompañénos para una noche sin igual en donde el MATRIMONIO CATOLICO toma el escenario. Teresita Johnson presentará al matrimonio como nunca lo han visto y la Banda Hosanna la acompañará con su gran estilo animador musical. ¡No se lo pierda!

Boletos: $5 y $10 disponibles en el sitio de eventos arquidiocesanos:
[http://archgh.event.com/4x4SeminariodelMatrimonioCata(c)licoparaJovenesAdultosSolteros](http://archgh.event.com/4x4SeminariodelMatrimonioCatholicopaJovenesAdultosSolteros)

Para más información llamar al 713-391-2631
STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

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$10,290,567