Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or I Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c - 8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Monday:** St. Rita of Cascia

**Friday:** St. Philip Neri

**Saturday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./May 22**
8:30 AM †Aaron Anderson

**Tues./May 23**
8:30 AM †Terence Dury
7:00 PM †Ronnie May and Paul Downey

**Wed./May 24**
8:30 AM †Anthony Priesol
10:00 AM †John Phillips

**Thurs./May 25**
6:30 AM The Sanders Family
8:30 AM †Dave Wood

**Fri./May 26**
8:30 AM †Gabriel Cuadra

**Sat./May 27**
5:30 PM †Madeline Balasso

**Sun./May 28**
7:00 AM †Lucille Burke
9:00 AM †Janet Hunt
11:00 AM †Teresa Parissi
1:00 PM †Takis Pantazis
5:30 PM †Miguel Rivas

**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., MAY 24

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

Walter Hopkins (husband of Annunciata Hopkins)
George Ciotti
Norma Vilsack
Jesse Lee Page Jr.
Nancy Hall (mother of Arlane Sponaugle)

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.

**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.

**DOME WINDOWS**

We are so grateful to have the Hosts of Angels with us! Stop by and enjoy the beautiful dome windows. We thank all whom made this possible, donors, artist and staff.

To learn more about the Angels in the dome, please pick up a booklet located in the Narthex on the Welcome Kiosk or stop by the Parish Office during normal business hours (Mon.-Fri., 9-4).
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter remind us that one of the reasons the Holy Spirit has been given to the Church is so that we can be witnesses of hope in our world. We are quite aware that many in our society are obsessed with power, pleasure, and possessions and they have little or no faith in anything beyond this present life. Even some of our young people are beginning to claim that they do not believe in God or in anything that they cannot see with their own eyes or control through human ingenuity. Some even think that their future can be totally secured through money and material possessions. Eternal life has little meaning in their everyday lives and decisions. Without hope beyond this present life, such individuals lack the depth of spirit to be concerned about more lofty goals of working to transform our world through Gospel teaching. Some will claim to admire the teachings of Jesus but see the Church as unnecessary or as a self-serving institution. As we have heard throughout the Easter season, the Risen Christ continues to instruct us as he did the Apostles: “Do not be afraid; I will not leave you orphans; I will send you the Spirit of truth which the world cannot accept.” It is the Holy Spirit whom we received in Baptism and Confirmation. This Spirit is the source of our special gifts and talents intended for the building up of the community of faith. When we speak of stewardship, we are simply describing how we are called to be faithful disciples of the Lord. The essence of stewardship is the realization that all our gifts come from God and are meant to be used for the service of others. And when we do this in the spirit of generosity, we discover that the Holy Spirit fills our lives with immense joy. It is precisely this experience of the gift of God’s Spirit in our lives that enables us to be credible witnesses of hope.

It is important to pray that we be open to the guidance of the Spirit in all aspects of our lives. There are several signs that will indicate whether or not we are following the Spirit’s guidance. Jesus sent the Spirit to bind us together as his Church and we must seek to grow as a community of disciples. Rugged individualists and lone rangers usually think that they do not need the Spirit or the Church. As disciples of Jesus we are invited as a people and we must work for communion among our brothers and sisters. If our efforts and choices lead us away from a life of communion in the Church, we are probably impeding the movement of the Spirit in our lives. The Spirit also calls us to embrace a sense of wholeness and integrity in our commitments and work. If our lives are marked more consistently by a sense of emptiness and dissatisfaction, it is a pretty good sign that we may be missing the direction the Spirit is giving. The more we are led by the Spirit, the more our choices and decisions will reflect those of Christ himself who brought compassion and healing to the forgotten, the poor, and the neglected in the world. At the same time we will discover that such ministry and work will necessarily flow out of genuine humility and prayer.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: The Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the dioceses of Texas including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Mass on Thursday, May 25, will be celebrated as Thursday in the Sixth Week of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at all Masses on the weekend of May 27/28.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend, May 27 & 28, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The second Parish Blood Drive for 2017, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 8 AM until 1:45 PM at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

LIGUORIAN

Did you sign up for Liguorian yet? Last week you heard a special presentation about Liguorian magazine. Did you return your envelope? If not, please take a minute to fill it out and drop it in the collection basket. Remember, your print subscription supports the Redemptorists and includes FREE access to Liguorian Digital Edition with registration at Liguori.org.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**Help Mothers in Need from your Home!**
The Gabriel Project, the Archdiocese’s ministry to pregnant mothers in need, is looking for new telephone volunteers. Volunteers are needed to receive calls from expecting moms for four hours/week. Phone calls may be taken from home! Being bilingual is a plus, but is not required. Familiarity with the internet is recommended. New volunteer orientation/training will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Archdiocesan Gabriel Project Coordinator, Cathy McConn, at 713-598-1675 or cathymcconn@mac.com.

**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!

**Help us recruit volunteers for CanCare’s June training class. Register at cancare.org**

**Attention:**
Cancer Survivors and Caregivers
Share HOPE with others who are currently fighting cancer. Support an individual with the same diagnosis, or make hospital visits.

**Become a trained CanCare Volunteer and make a difference**

Northwest Houston. Register at cancare.org

**June 23-25, 2017**

CanCare has been providing cancer support for more than 26 years.

For more information about volunteer training contact Yolanda Lopez at 713.364.1671

The mission of CanCare is to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families. CanCare is a non-profit organization.

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON—**

Let's relax a bit this week and just enjoy some fellowship, fun, and pizza. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, May 24. 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 Domenica 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, June 5, 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.

**TRINITY DOME COLLECTION**
Thank you for your generous support of the Trinity Dome collection. Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our church, America’s Catholic Church.
Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

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

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.

“GO MAKE DISCIPLES”
2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2017 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ’s call and have not yet responded, please do so today. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of $305,000!

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

The RCIA could be your answer!

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

Our next Inquirer group will begin in mid-June.

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

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20

**Vocations Corner**

**Upcoming Vocation Discernment Opportunities**

- **June 5, Intercom Vocacional**: 7 PM Todos los jóvenes y adultos mayores de 18 años son invitados a una tarde vocacional.
- **July 7-9, Vengan y Vean**: El retiro Vengan y Vean es para hombres y mujeres solteros de 18 a 35 años de edad que tengan la inquietud y deseen aprender sobre la vida sacerdotal y religiosa. Habrá oración, reflexión en silencio, presentaciones, conversaciones en grupo y uno-a-uno con sacerdotes y religiosas de diferentes comunidades quienes estarán brindando su apoyo y experiencia durante.
- **July 21-23, Life Awareness Weekend**: Come and join other single men and women of faith, ages 18-45, who are searching and discerning God’s call in their lives. Life Awareness is a weekend retreat of prayer, silent reflection, presentations, group discussions, and sharing on one-on-one encounters and guidance from priests and religious sisters and brothers, as you learn more about priesthood and religious life.
- **July 28-30, Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC)**: Contact our High School Youth Directors for information. Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or e-mail vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.

**Women of St. Martha**: Join us at our **Come and See: Tea with Mary on Friday, May 26, 9:30-11 AM** to find out about Familia that is starting this Fall at St. Martha. Childcare will be provided. RSVP by May 19 to Abby Youngblood at 281-799-0849.

**Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**

Monday, May 22, 2017
6:30 PM Social,
7—8:30 PM Dinner and Program at Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas
The cost for dinner is $15 per person.

Membership is open to all Catholics. Monsignor Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Our guest speaker for May will be: **Sister Marillac Njoku of the Sisters of Jesus the Savior**

RSVP: Diddy Muck muck@kingwoodcable.net or 281-615-2015
Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**: Please join the **REED 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.

**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**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.

May dates: 23 & 30.

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

**Shangri La Botanical Gardens and 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.

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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.
Parenting/Youth

Calling moms of all ages!
St. Martha's Moms Group: Our next monthly park play date will be June 6. We will meet at Greentree Park from 9:30-11 AM.

Motherhood Fellowship Night: Please join us May 23 to get to know other moms and listen to a brief talk. We will meet in the Borski Room 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.

Children's Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—10 AM in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Kristen Johnson at Kristen_alley@yahoo.com or 281-713-2518 if you have any questions.

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.

St. Martha School Scoops
Registering for the 2017-2018 school year!
St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We are committed and blessed to offer:

◆ A curriculum that builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment.
◆ Weekly Mass and periodic reconciliation throughout the school year.
◆ The involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities.
◆ Monthly service opportunities to help instill a heart for service in our students.
◆ Extracurricular activities including School Mass Choir, Drama Club, Chess Team and Club, Bravo Band, Spanish Club, Rosary Guild, National Jr. BETA Club, Yearbook Club, and Student Ambassadors. Our athletic program includes the sports of cross country, soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls’ softball.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world.
Volunteers, Vendors, Sponsors & Donations Needed
St Martha Parish Festival & Fall Market
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Noon - 8 pm

Volunteers
Festival Committee Volunteers needed to help plan for St. Martha’s Catholic Church Parish Festival and Fall Market. Volunteers contact Tom Gallagher at 281-948-9241 or email smparishfestival@gmail.com.

Fall Market Vendors
Rent a space and showcase your products or services. Space is limited. For an application to participate in this year's Fall Market, contact: stmarthafallmarket@gmail.com

Festival Sponsors
These cash donations will be used to defray the cost of putting on the festival such as tents, tables and chairs, games and bounce house rentals, food & beverages, etc.
◊ St. Martha Level - $5,000+
◊ St. Mary Level - $2,000 to $4,999
◊ St. Lazarus Level - 500 to $1,999
◊ Friends Level - up to $499
If you are interested in a sponsorship please contact: smfestivalsponsorship@gmail.com

Silent & Live Auction Donations
Do you have a time-share, sports tickets, travel tickets, promotional item, gift cards, service vouchers or anything else that you could donate? Donors please contact: smparishfestival@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Catholica 2017 Be Not Afraid
Mondays
Confessions 5:15PM
Mass 6:15PM
Dinner 7:15PM
Talk 8:15PM
Closing Social hosted by YCP Thursday, August 3
www.cafecatholica.com

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LUNES: 2-3 AM/ VIERNES: 11 AM - MEDIDODIA/ 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 / MEDIANOA—1 AM
Miércoles: 1-2 AM /11 PM –MEDIANOA
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 MEDIODIA
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 - MEDIANOA
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
Ministerio Hispano

A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas bíblicas del sexto domingo de Pascua nos recuerdan que una de las razones por las que el Espíritu Santo ha sido dado a la Iglesia es para que podamos ser testigos de la esperanza en nuestro mundo. Somos conscientes de que muchos en nuestra sociedad están obsesionados con el poder, placer y posesiones y tienen poca o ninguna fe en algo más allá de su vida presente. Incluso algunos de nuestros jóvenes están empezando a afirmar que no creen en Dios o en algo que no pueden ver con sus propios ojos o no puedan controlar a través del ingenio humano. Algunos incluso piensan que su futuro puede estar totalmente asegurado a través de dinero y posesiones materiales. La vida eterna tiene poco significado en sus vidas y decisiones cotidianas. Sin esperanza más allá de esta vida presente, tales individuos carecen de la profundidad del espíritu para preocuparse por metas más elevadas de trabajar para transformar nuestro mundo a través de la enseñanza del Evangelio. Algunos pretenden admirar las enseñanzas de Jesús, pero ven a la Iglesia como innecesaria o como una institución que se sirve a sí misma. Como hemos oído a lo largo de la Pascua, el Cristo Resucitado continúa instruyéndonos como hizo a los Apóstoles: "No temáis; No los dejaré huérfanos; Te enviaré el Espíritu de verdad que el mundo no puede aceptar". Es el Espíritu Santo que recibimos en el Bautismo y la Confirmación. Este Espíritu es la fuente de nuestros dones y talentos especiales destinados a la edificación de la comunidad de fe. Cuando hablamos de “stewardship”, simplemente estamos describiendo cómo estamos llamados a ser discípulos fieles del Señor. La esencia de “stewardship” es la comprensión de que todos nuestros dones vienen de Dios y están destinados a ser utilizados para el servicio de los demás. Y cuando lo hacemos en el espíritu de generosidad, descubrimos que el Espíritu Santo llena nuestras vidas con inmenso gozo. Es precisamente esta experiencia del don del Espíritu de Dios en nuestras vidas lo que nos permite ser testigos creíbles de la esperanza.

Es importante orar para que seamos nos abramos a la guía del Espíritu en todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas. Hay varios signos que nos indicarán si estamos o no siguiendo la guía del Espíritu. Jesús envió al Espíritu para unirnos como su Iglesia y debemos buscar crecer como una comunidad de discípulos. Individuales y guardabosques suelen pensar que no necesitan el Espíritu o la Iglesia. Como discípulos de Jesús somos invitados como su pueblo y debemos trabajar para la comunión entre nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Si nuestros esfuerzos y elecciones nos alejan de una vida de comunión en la Iglesia, probablemente estamos impidiendo el movimiento del Espíritu en nuestras vidas. El Espíritu también nos llama a abrazar un sentido de totalidad e integridad en nuestros compromisos y trabajo. Si nuestras vidas están marcadas más consistente por un sentido de vacío y de insatisfacción, es una buena señal de que podemos estar perdiendo la dirección que el Espíritu nos está dando. Cuanto más nos guíe el Espíritu, más nuestras decisiones reflejarán las de Cristo mismo que trajo compasión y sanación a los olvidados, a los pobres y a los descuidados en el mundo. Al mismo tiempo, descubriremos que tal ministerio y trabajo necesariamente fluirá de la humildad y oración genuinas.

Fr. Chester Borski

Ayuda a madres en necesidad desde tu casa

El Proyecto Gabriel, ministerio Arquidiocesano que ayuda a mujeres embarazadas, está buscando voluntarios para contestar los teléfonos. Necesitamos voluntarios que reciban las llamadas de las madres por aproximadamente 4 horas a la semana. Las llamadas pueden ser tomadas desde la comodidad de tu casa. Ser bilingüe es un plus, pero no es necesario. Recomendamos que esté familiarizado con el uso del internet. Se ofrecerá una orientación/entrenamiento a los nuevos voluntarios, en inglés. Para obtener más información o para ser voluntario por favor comunique con la coordinadora del Proyecto Gabriel en la Arquidiócesis, Cathy McConn al 713.598.1675, o puede enviar un correo electrónico a cathymcconn@mac.com.

Se hace una Invitación a toda la comunidad de Santa Martha, a los jóvenes, y a quienes por primera vez nos visitan a ser partícipes del V Encuentro.

¿Qué es el V Encuentro?
El V Encuentro es un instrumento que servirá a nivel nacional para recolectar la voz de la comunidad Hispana y responder de una manera real a sus necesidades.

Por eso estamos invitando a cada uno de ustedes para que asistan a la reunión que se llevará a cabo el día domingo 4 de junio en el FLC localizado en la antigua iglesia de St Martha, este evento será de 5 PM a 9 PM. Se estará ofreciendo comida. Puedes invitar a tus vecinos, amigos y familiares, o bien a todo aquel que necesita ser escuchado. ¡Este es el momento!

¡Ven queremos oír tu voz!
Ministerio Hispano

Proyecto Raquel
DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN PARA MUJERES EN ESPAÑOL
SUFRIDIEND DESPUÉS DE UN ABORTO

Privado y Confidencial
Sábado 3 de junio, 2017
Comenzando a las 8:30 am
En ESPAÑOL
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.

St. Vincent de Paul
La Sociedad de St Vincent de Paul tendrá su colecta Black Bag para los pobres y los necesitados y se estará celebrando en todas las misas de este fin de semana. La colección permitirá que la conferencia continúe proporcionando ayuda para renta, recibos de servicios, recibos médicos y así como asistencia alimentaria en los próximos meses para las personas necesitadas en nuestra zona. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice: "Si me amás, guardad mis mandamientos ...Quien me ama, será amado por mi padre, y yo le amaré y me manifestare a él." Tu donación para la Sociedad de St Vincent de Paul, Black Bag, ayudará a los pobres a creer en el misterio del amor de Dios para ellos. Mil Gracias!

Amar a Dios y amar al prójimo no es algoabstracto, sino profundamente concreto; significa ver en cada persona el rostro del Señor para ser servido, para servirlo en concreto. --El Papa Francis

A partir del domingo 21 de Mayo se estará ofreciendo la comunión para aquellas personas que están DIAGNÓSTICADAS como Celiacas o con una alta intolerancia al gluten. Estas hostias tienen un 0.01% de gluten. Esta no es una hostia completamente libre de gluten por lo tanto consulte a su médico antes de comulgar. Para más información habrá una persona resolviendo sus dudas en el quiosco antes de misa durante el mes de Mayo.

VERANO INTENSIVO 2017

CURSOS:
FUNDAMENTOS DE LA FE - CRISTOLOGÍA - SACRAMENTOS
ENSEÑANZA MORAL CRISTIANA - HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA I
HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA II

FECHA: 23 DE MAYO AL 15 DE JUNIO, 2017 (NO HAY CLASES LOS FINES DE SEMANA)
HORA: 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
LUGAR: CANCELLERÍA ST. DOMINICS 2403 HOLCOMBE BLVD, HOUSTON, TX. 77021
COSTO: $25 dlls por persona, por curso antes del 16 de Mayo ( $35 dlls después del 16 de Mayo)
INFO: (713) 741 - 8799 aherrera@archgh.org

FORMACIÓN PARA EL MINISTERIO CRISTIANO

"Atiende a mis palabras, que no se aparten de tu vista, consérvalas en tu corazón"
- Prov. 4, 21 -

INSCRIPCIÓN EN LÍNEA: https://archgh.cvent.com/VeranoIntensivo2017
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY—Jaime S. Gomez, 281-973-1857
Catholic Home Missions $                  85
Martha’s Kitchen  $             7,525
Capital Campaign  $           32,719
Special collections: Over/(Under)  $         182,097
Weekly Budget  $      3,267,564
Year To Date: Weekly Budget  $          71,034
Holy Day-Ascension  $               889
Sunday Collection  $          3,449,661
Over/(Under)               182,097
Additional collections: Capital Campaign $         32,719
Martha’s Kitchen       $             7,525
Catholic Home Missions $         85
Catholic Communications $         1,145
Trinity Dome $                5,719
2017 DSF Goal  $            305,000
DSF Payments to Date $        201,636

ST. MARtha’s CathOLIC SChool

OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.

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rica—Jaime Gomez, 281-973-1857
VOCACIONES Y CÁLIZ DE VOCACIONES—Tony Lasalle, 646-489-1554

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL MAY 13 & 14 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:

Weekly Budget  $      71,034
Sunday Collection  $          43,086
Faith Direct-Offertory  $         63,734
Holy Day-Ascension  $               889
Over/(Under)               36,675
Year To Date: Weekly Budget  $          3,449,661
Holy Day-Ascension  $               889
Sunday Collection  $          3,449,661
Over/(Under)               182,097
Special collections: Capital Campaign $         32,719
Martha’s Kitchen       $             7,525
Catholic Home Missions $         85
Catholic Communications $         1,145
Trinity Dome $                5,719
2017 DSF Goal  $            305,000
DSF Payments to Date $        201,636

Current Loan Debt: $10,216,782