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

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 6:15 - 7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 12 PM
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.
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).
Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

TODAY’S READINGS
Mon./Aug. 14
8:30 AM †Jack Throop
Tues./Aug. 15/Feast of the Assumption
Wed./Aug. 16
8:30 AM †Pauline & Benny Pennucci
10 AM †Jeanette Farina
Thurs./Aug. 17
6:30 AM †Gonzalo Ruiz
8:30 AM †Benjamin Arredondo, Sr.
Fri./Aug. 18
8:30 AM †George Spartz

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Masses take place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus). NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Rose Ann Weisenbach (mother of Rosemary Roach)
Irma Gillette
Francesca Obreto Pasadilla (mother of Fr. Nick Pasadilla)
Joe Ortego (husband of Betty Ortego)
Philip Robert Geraci


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.

Thank you to all those who donated to the HAAM FOOD DRIVE!!!

St Martha’s food drive will be able to assist 638 families.
The total pounds donated: 6800
Once again, we are very blessed! The HAAM Food Drive collection went very well thanks to our wonderful community! We collected all kinds of non-perishables, baby food, diapers, detergent, water, etc., and we were able to fill the big van that was parked in front of the church plus a couple of pickup trucks in the back. In addition, we collected $ 1,428 in cash/checks.
All this was accomplished at the same time that we were collecting backpacks and school supplies for the Dogwood elementary school.
Thank you for your generosity and for helping those less fortunate than us!
To the parish family of St. Martha,

There is a story told about a person who once approached St. Teresa of Avila and asked, “When I pray, what image of God should I have? How should I picture God that would make Him very real to me?” The wise saint replied, “Simply picture God as looking into your eyes.” It is not known whether the saint’s advice was satisfying to this inquirer or not, but it is certainly true that the Lord embraces each of us with his providential care. The Scriptures remind us that God calls each of us by name and that his care for us is personal and engaging. The Gospel reading from Matthew for this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time is an eloquent testimony to the loving concern of Jesus for the Apostle Peter --- and likewise for each of us. In the Scriptures the stormy sea is a symbol of the world and life without God. Peter and the other apostles had been separated from Jesus and were alone in the boat upon the stormy sea. Without Jesus they were about to be overwhelmed and lost at sea. The Gospel account pictures Jesus as mastering the storm by literally walking over it. Peter saw Jesus looking at him through the storm and became confident that with the Lord’s help he too could overcome the chaos that seemed to surround him. Peter called out, “Lord, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus held out his hand to Peter and the apostle was able to do so until his faith began to weaken.

Matthew’s symbolism in this account is quite instructive. Before any of us can walk on water, i.e. walk by faith, we must get out of our boat and learn to trust in God’s grace. Before Peter could benefit from the divine power coming from Jesus, he had to step out of whatever had been holding him up. Peter had to take a risk of stepping away from what seemed to be safe and secure for him. And for each of us, this is the most difficult part in learning to trust in God: putting aside the false dependencies, the apparent securities, and the ways we think we can shield ourselves from the sufferings of life. Desire for pleasure and the good life, materialism, drugs and alcohol, social status, etc. can all float us along for a while but they can also prevent us from hearing God’s personal call in our lives. Jesus is always very near to us. In fact, that is the revealed name of Jesus: Emmanuel, God-with-us. Jesus is standing at the edge of our personal storms, calling out to us. In order to respond to his call, we must ignore the storm, climb out of our boat, gaze into the eyes of Jesus looking at us, and entrust ourselves into his care.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, Aug. 15, is the Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation).

Vigil, Aug. 14: 7:30 PM

Feast Day, Aug. 15: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, Noon and 7:00 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

INIRM PRIESTS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The annual Infirm Priests Collection is a major source of revenue through which the Archdiocese is able to provide much needed medical and emergency support for our retired and infirm priests.

This year the Infirm Priests Collection is Aug. 12 and 13. Please be as generous as you can in this important need.
St. Martha Catholic School

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES
IN A FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT!
St. Martha Catholic School will be holding open interviews on Monday, Aug. 14, from 8 to 11 AM for those interested in employment as a substitute teacher at St. Martha Catholic School. Please report to the main office to sign in; interviews will be conducted on a ‘first come, first serve’ basis. A prerequisite for substitute employment is VIRTUS certification. Please bring copies of your resume and VIRTUS certification. Please contact the school office at 281-358-5523 for more information.

Painted Churches Tour—Schulenburg, Texas
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 8 AM - 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 Schulenburg, TX for a Painted Churches Tour. 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. You can choose the buffet or order from the menu.
Please register and pay for the tour at the Parish office between 9 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday. Reservation deadline—Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

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.

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.

Hurting?
Healing after abortion

Project Rachel

Divorced. Catholic. Now What?
Navigating Your Life After Divorce.
This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

♦ Healing
♦ Anger
♦ Helping Children Cope
♦ Forgiveness
♦ Gratitude
♦ Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and a practicing Catholic.

Sept. 13 – Nov. 15,
Wednesday Evenings – 7 to 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)
For information and registration, please contact:
Vicki Rück, 713-927-8815, vickiruck@suddenlink.net
Paula Amsler, 713-806-2641, paula_amsler@msn.com

* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!
“If my people, those whom I have called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, if they will seek my face and turn from their sin, I will hear their prayers from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land,” says the Lord. “For my eyes are open, and my ears are listening, to the prayers of my people.”

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat
Sept. 14-17, 2017

Registration for the September Women’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three nights 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 deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com.

Registration forms available on-line at www.smcsactsw22.com

St. Martha Rosary Guild
We are always accepting new members!

Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and making rosaries. We can teach you how to make a rosary and you can make rosaries at our regular meetings or and you make them at home.

Good News! Students can earn Confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry.

Aug. meetings at the Woodland Hill Campus, Room 2:
Second Sunday, Aug. 13, 1-3 PM
Second & Fourth Wednesday, Aug. 9 & 23, 11:30 AM-3 PM

Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Online store: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

“St. Martha Rosary Guild
2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass
The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 PM. The 50th Anniversary will be on Oct. 24, 2017 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 PM. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition.

Registration will close on Aug. 14 at Midnight for the 25th and Oct. 1, for the 50th. However, you may attend the special mass and register at the entrance of the Co-Cathedral. Reserved seating will be limited. Should you arrive when the reserved space is taken, please seat anywhere else in the Church. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of six family members or friends to the Mass.

If you register on that day, acknowledgements of your anniversary will be mailed after verification of your sacramental marriage is confirmed.

Please register online at http://www.familylifeministryhouston.org

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St. Martha Church
Couple Prayer Series

Couple Prayer is a weekly series on prayer for married or engaged couples. Experience first-hand how you can share Couple Prayer with your spouse in ways that will dramatically enhance your faith, your marriage, and the faith and well-being of your entire family.

Where: St. Martha, Faith Formation Campus, (Woodland Hills Drive) in the FLC
When: 7 PM – 9 PM, six Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 19, 2017
For: Married or engaged couples
To register: Send an e-mail to franp@stmartha.com

For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637

RCIA BLESSINGS OFFER STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!
St. Martha’s RCIA has been blessed with 16 new Inquirers who are interested in becoming Catholic! This blessing also serves as an excellent stewardship opportunity for our Parishioners! Each of these Inquirers will need a Sponsor to act as a mentor to them, introduce them into parish life and accompany them as a friend on their journey.

Sponsors do not teach the material.
Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha’s Parish.

Please call for more information:
RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Colette Levesque at 281-359-8197 or send us an email: RCIA@stmartha.com
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?** If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call Mandy Carr 281-358-1959 ext. 264 or email mandyc@stmartha.com. Classes will be held in the Borski room at SMCS every Thursday evening, 7 – 9 PM, beginning Sept. 28, through Nov. 16, 2017.

**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY:** Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass in the Adult Education Building, Room 2, for a delicious breakfast of coffee, pastries, and fruit. Along with food and fellowship we will be reading, studying, and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures. No registration or fee required. Come and enjoy! All are welcome! August dates are 8/22 and 8/29.

**St. Martha Adult Faith Formation**

**Website:** www.stmarthaaff.com

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed 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 / 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / 1-2 PM / 5-6 PM / 6-7 PM
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Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM / 12-1 PM / 1-2 PM / 2-3 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 your division leaders:

Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM (281-360-7897)
Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

The third Parish Blood Drive for 2017, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 20, from 8 AM until 1:45 PM at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass this weekend, Aug. 12/13, to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

You may schedule an appointment by emailing jnd.gurka@gmail.com or call Darien Gurka at (713) 628-0373. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org.

Please enter the sponsor code 1220 for St. Martha Catholic Church

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Apheresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation.

As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

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**Bible Study-** We are returning to Monday evenings at 7 PM starting Aug.14. New members are always welcome. We are a vibrant and welcoming group!

Plans are in the work for a Fall camping trip. Please let us know if you are interested so we know how big of a group to plan for.

**YCP Events:**

- **Wednesday,** Aug. 16 at 7 PM: Executive Panel Discussion on Business Ethics (location TBD). They will be serving a family-style dinner with beer and wine. This is a free event for paid YCP Members and $20 for all other attendees.
- **Tuesday,** Aug. 29, at 7 PM: Executive Speaker Series featuring Dr. Kelly Zuñiga, Chief Executive Officer of the Holocaust Museum Houston (location TBD).
- YCP Houston and San Jose Clinic have partnered up to host a Dental Supply Drive during the month of August! They ask that you please bring any of the following dental supplies to an upcoming YCP event:
  - Adult soft bristle toothbrush
  - Toothpaste
  - Floss
  - Super floss

Please email us at youngadults@stmartha.com or contact Matt Cooke at 718-887-6837 for more info or to subscribe to our mailing list. We have many pop up events so we recommend joining the mailing list.
Parenting and Youth

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Aug. 14, 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

CONFIRMATION

First Year of Preparation: If your teen is entering 9th grade or is beginning their first year of Confirmation preparation, there will be a mandatory meeting for parents and teens on WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16 at 7 PM in the Family Life Center. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ana Leija as soon as possible at analeija@stmartha.com.

Vocations Corner

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the GONZALEZ 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.

Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations Exposition & Benediction
• 2nd Tuesday – 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
• 2nd Friday - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, Aug. 28, 2017
6:30 PM Social, 7-8:30 PM Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, TX
The cost for dinner is $15 per person
Membership is open to all Catholics.
Msgr. Borski, Club Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.
Our guest speaker for August will be:
Allison Seibert
who will speak about the Catholic growth in College Station and what promotes vocations in Aggieland.
RSVP: Eileen Benvengnu, eileenbenvengnu@yahoo.com

CATECHESIS CORNER ...

Registration for CCE, LIFETEEN, SACRAMENTS & VOLUNTEERS
2017-2018 Catechesis year.
Faith Formation Office
Monday- Friday
9 AM – 4 PM

CCE Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17
Go to www.stmartha.com for more information on registration.

Calling moms of all ages!
St Martha’s Moms Group
Motherhood Fellowship Night:
Please join us Aug. 22 for a potluck meal.
Please bring a dish to share. We will meet in the FLC from 7-8:30 PM.
Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information email Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you.

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.
2017 Stewardship Renewal

Stewardship is based on our need to give back to God out of gratitude, not on the Church’s need to receive. It is based on the premise that all that we have and all that we are comes from God and, as a way of thanking Him for all our blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent and treasure He has allotted to us.

This month we will have our annual Stewardship Renewal. Every registered family of St. Martha will receive a Stewardship Guidebook in the mail. Enclosed in the Guidebook is a Stewardship Covenant. Our covenant goes beyond the doors of the church. It is a way of life that can be lived out each day in many ways. Please take some time to prayerfully reflect about the ways you have been blessed and complete your Stewardship Covenant with God. Please keep this covenant close by over the next year to help you remember the commitment made between you and God. Additional copies will be available in the parish office, on the parish website and in the Narthex.

This year’s Renewal also consists of two different weekends designed to learn more about parish ministries. You will have an opportunity to meet with ministry representatives to ask questions and sign up. Please join us in the Narthex after each Mass on the following weekends:

Aug. 19-20: School, Parish Festival, Faith Formation, & Liturgy Ministries

Aug. 26-27: Community Life & Outreach Ministries

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see last page of the bulletin under Stewardship—Time, Talent and Treasure)

FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

**GABRIEL PROJECT:** The Gabriel Project helps mothers through crisis pregnancies. We are currently working with four mothers and are grateful that God has brought them to us. We continue to help them emotionally, and spiritually through some often challenging times. We make sure that the mothers have what is needed when they bring their precious babies home. We are anxiously awaiting the birth of one of our babies next month. Without the support of our parishioners and their generosity during the Baby Bottle Boomerang this would not be possible. If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer as a Gabriel Project Angel we would welcome you and appreciate the extra help. For more information please contact Lynn Davis: mldavis905@aol.com or call 832-527-1658.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP:** This is a nine week program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics. Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and practicing Catholics and find peace and healing with God’s love and a peer group who have been where you are. For information, please contact: Vicki Rück at vickiruck@suddenlink.net, 713-927-8815.
Volunteer signup in person at all masses August 19th and 20th.

$1 of each raffle ticket purchased can be designated to go to purchaser’s St Martha Ministry of choice. Just note name of ministry on back side of ticket stub. This is an excellent way for Ministries to promote sales and raise funds to do more of the Lord’s work that they feel passionate about.

Drawing will be on September 30th at the Festival. Winners do not need to be present to win. Persons under 16 years of age are not eligible to win.

First Prize: Four tickets opening day Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with Garth Brooks
Second Prize: Amazon Gift Card - $1,500.00
Third Prize: Best Buy Gift Card $1,000.00

The cost is $5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50. Proceeds will be used to pay for prizes and pay down church debt.

Get into the SWING of it

Shepherd’s Cup
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo’s Charity Golf Classic
Kingwood Country Club
1700 Lake Kingwood Trail
Monday, Oct. 2, 2017

To sponsor or play please visit www.ShepherdsCup.org

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 phone Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD
A Catholic spiritual retreat for those suffering after abortion
August 25 – August 27, 2017

Call today for more information
(All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential)

“We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested... So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.”—Hebrews 4:15-16

For more information and to register, call or email:
Julie Fritsch
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Rachael’s Vineyard is a Catholic, Scripture-based retreat for women, men and their families and friends suffering after abortion. The Rachael’s Vineyard retreat combines opportunities for prayer, reflection, counseling and sacramental Reconciliation to effectuate peace and healing for retreatants.

The 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!
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Hay una historia contada sobre una persona que una vez se acercó a Santa Teresa de Ávila y le preguntó: "Cuando oro, ¿qué imagen de Dios debería tener? ¿Cómo imaginar a Dios que lo haría muy real para mí?" La santa sabia respondió: "Simplemente imagínate a Dios como mirando a tus ojos". No se sabe si el consejo del santo fue satisfactorio para este investigador o no, pero es Ciertamente cierto que el Señor abraza a cada uno de nosotros con su providencial cuidado. Las Escrituras nos recuerdan que Dios llama a cada uno de nosotros por nuestro nombre y que su cuidado por nosotros es personal y atractivo. La lectura del Evangelio de Mateo para este 19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario es un testimonio elocuente de la amoroza preocupación de Jesús por el Apóstol Pedro y también por cada uno de nosotros. En las Escrituras el mar tormentoso es un símbolo del mundo y la vida sin Dios. Pedro y los otros apóstoles habían sido separados de Jesús y estaban solos en la barca sobre el tormentoso mar. Sin Jesús estaban a punto de ser abrumados y perdidos en el mar. El relato del Evangelio muestra a Jesús como el dominio de la tormenta literalmente caminando sobre ella. Pedro vio a Jesús mirándolo a través de la tormenta y confió en que con la ayuda del Señor él también podría superar el caos que parecía rodearlo. Pedro dijo: "Señor, ordéname que venga a ti en el agua". Jesús le tendió la mano a Pedro y el apóstol pudo hacerlo hasta que su fe empezó a debilitarse.

El simbolismo de Mateo en este relato es bastante instructivo. Antes de que cualquiera de nosotros pueda caminar sobre el agua, es decir, caminar por la fe, debemos salir de nuestro barco y aprender a confiar en la gracia de Dios. Antes de que Pedro pudiera beneficiarse del poder divino proveniente de Jesús, tuvo que salir de lo que le había estado sosteniendo. Peter tuvo que arriesgarse a alejarse de lo que parecía seguro y seguro para él. Y para cada uno de nosotros, esto es la parte más difícil de aprender a confiar en Dios: dejando de lado las falsas dependencias, las aparentes garantías y las maneras en que creemos poder protegernos de los sufrimientos de la vida. El deseo por el placer y la buena vida, el materialismo, las drogas y el alcohol, el estatus social, etc., pueden todos flotar por un tiempo, pero también pueden impedirnos escuchar la llamada personal de Dios en nuestras vidas. Jesús siempre está muy cerca de nosotros. De hecho, ese es el nombre revelado de Jesús: Emmanuel, Dios-con-nosotros. Jesús está parado al borde de nuestras tormentas personales, llamándonos. Para responder a su llamada, debemos ignorar la tormenta, salir de nuestro bote, mirar a los ojos de Jesús mirándonos y confiarnos a su cuidado.

Fr. Chester Borski

¡Gracias a todos aquellos que hicieron posible que la colecta de Comida para HAAM fuera todo un Éxito !!!
Nuestra pasada colecta de Comida para HAAM será capaz de ayudar a 638 familias ya que recibimos un total de 6,800 libras en comida.

Una vez más, somos muy bendecidos ya que la colecta de comida para HAAM este año fue muy gratificante, y todo gracias a nuestra maravillosa comunidad! Recibimos todo tipo de no alimentos perecederos, alimentos para bebés, pañales, detergente, agua, etc., Nuestro camión estacionado al frente de la iglesia fue llenado casi en su totalidad; además de un par de camionetas adicionales. También ser recibió un total de $ 1.428 en efectivo y cheques.
Todo esto se ha logrado al mismo tiempo que estábamos recogiendo las mochilas y los útiles escolares para la escuela Primaria de Dogwood.
¡Gracias por su generosidad y por ayudar a los menos afortunados! ¡Agradecemos enormemente también a nuestros voluntarios !

¡Que Dios los bendiga aún más!
Legión de María—
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la Iglesia Católica, aprobada por los seis 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 hermosos ministerio que se reúne todos Viernes a las 7 PM, en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia
Sta. Martha 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.
Para más información pueden contactarse a estos números
281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-3687 Mildred García

Catecismo en Español
Las inscripciones para el Catecismo en Español comenzaran a partir del 1 de agosto de lunes a jueves de 9 a 3 PM.
En la Oficina del Catecismo
3702 Woodland Hills Dr.,
Kingwood, TX 77339
Las clases comenzarán el lunes 11 de septiembre.

R. I. C. A.
RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios y herramientas de la gracia que Jesús nos dejó para ayudarnos a llegar al cielo. Teniendo una íntima relación con Él en nuestra vida diaria. Si no estás bautizado o solo te bautizaron, ven con nosotros a recibir o completar tus Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que los necesite, animalo a participar en el proceso del RICA. En este proceso respondemos a todas las preguntas o dudas de fe que tengas y es para católicos y no católicos.
Ven y participa con nosotros comenzaremos a finales de Julio. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6:30-9 p.m. y comenzamos con una cena antes de nuestra plática. Comunícate y participa en RICA.
Jaime Gómez, 281-973-1857, jaimesalvadorgomez@gmail.com

MINISTERIO HISPANO
MARIA GORETTI NETWORK
ESPAÑOL PARA TODAS 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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.
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FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUG. 5 & 6 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:
Weekly Budget $ 76,735
Sunday Collection $ 47,862
Over/(Under) $ (28,873)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 460,410
Sunday Collection $ 379,204
Over/(Under) $ (81,206)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 11,119
Martha’s Kitchen $ 4,451
Infirn Priest Fund $ 3,423

2017 DSF Goal $ 305,000
DSF Payments to Date $ 249,431

Current Loan Debt: $ 9,984,906