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

Sept. 10, 2017

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 6:15 -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.

Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

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Jesus said,
“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20

September 10, 2017
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

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

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).


REASONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

**Monday:** Patriot Day

**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary

**Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom

**Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows

**Saturday:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Am I my brother’s keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is “Yes!”

St. Martha Communication

If you have not subscribed to our Flocknote Network or “Liked” us on Facebook, we ask that you do it today!! These communication tools were a huge help in keeping parishioners informed and connected during Hurricane Harvey while the offices were shut down.

To get connected please visit our parish website: www.stmartha.com

For Flocknote click on the little sheep icon in the top right hand corner and a registration form will come up in a new window. Enter your first and last name, your email and a password of your own choosing (you’ll use this password in the future to access Flocknote). The full registration form comes up next. The minimum information required is your first and last name, and phone number(s), your email and postal addresses.

For Facebook click on the Facebook icon in the top right hand corner. St. Martha Facebook will come up and you can click “like” please make sure you are logged into your personal Facebook account when clicking “like”.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Stiephan Ferencevic
Michael O’Malia
Blanche E. Dobbins
Henry A. Schmidt (father of Bob and Joanne Schmidt)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (Faith Formation campus). NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text from Matthew 18:15-20 is used for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and presents us with policy guidelines on how to handle delicate and difficult situations within the community of faith. These procedures apply not only to early Christianity but also to the Church today because they deal with issues that arise when people who live and work together encounter the effects of sin in their lives. Jesus addresses a case where one of the disciples has seriously harmed another believer and has threatened the life of the community. The first concern is that every effort should be made to win back the sinner by reaching out to him or her and offering the gift of reconciliation. If this fails, other steps are to be taken until finally, if necessary, the guilty one is to be cut off or excommunicated from the community. Notice that the rules are quite applicable even in our own day and these procedures are imminently practical. First we are to speak directly with the erring member but in private. If this fails, then we are to have two or three members of the community to speak with the individual. Only if the person refuses to listen to them, is it appropriate to bring it before the whole community. Underlying such an approach is the need to turn to God in prayer, asking the Lord to renew and heal the life of the church community and that of the individual.

The Gospel passage concludes with a remarkable promise from Jesus: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The implications of this teaching are that the Christian life flows directly from the life of Christ himself. Through our baptismal faith and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we all share in the very life of grace won for us by Jesus Christ. When we gather for worship, when we work together for reconciliation and when we share our gifts, we are not alone in our efforts. We are blessed with the abiding presence of God in the Body of Christ, the Church. As brothers and sisters in the Lord, we have a responsibility for one another. St. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans that love of neighbor is the fulfillment of the Law. “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.” In the context of the Gospel, such love that reaches out to heal and reconcile should be characteristic of every Christian community, whether it be family, school, or parish. During this week let us reflect on how we can become a healing presence to others.

Fr. Chester Borski

From the Pastor

The following are opportunities to participate in the Harvey Relief project.

♦ Special Collections for storm victims:
  St. Martha is collecting donations for victims in the Kingwood area. Funds will be used to assist parishioners who are in need of help because of damage to homes & vehicles. A special committee has been set up to develop criteria for giving assistance. You can make checks payable to St. Martha Catholic Church with the notation for Kingwood Harvey Relief. This Kingwood Harvey Relief Fund has also been set up at Faith Direct. Our Parish number is TX497 and the web address is www.faithdirect.com. Weekend of Sept. 16th & 17th – The Second Collection will be for victims of Hurricane Harvey. The collection will be sent to the archdiocese to assist those in need in the archdiocese and in other parts of Texas & Louisiana. You can make out checks payable to St. Martha Catholic Church with the notation for Harvey Relief.

♦ For anyone who would like a deacon or spiritual director to pray with them over the phone, please call 281-962-8321.

♦ For FEMA Flood Claim Process visit: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1454965506940-fabb104b0d871fd94e3c6ce5e3d59e19/NFIP_Flood_Claim_Process.pdf

♦ The Knights of Columbus will be holding FREE Fellowship Meals every Friday in September from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. (Fish Fry Sept. 15 & 22 in the FLC and BBQ Sept. 29 on the Church Campus).

Please watch for additional updates through Flocknotes, Facebook, and our Parish Website.

Thanks for the generous outpouring of prayer, support, and assistance to those in need!

DO YOU NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR FEMA APPLICATION ONLINE? PLEASE ASK ONE OF HAAM VOLUNTEERS OR STAFF. WE CAN HELP!!!! 281-446-3663

BLESSING OF PETS

There will be a blessing of pets on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 9 AM in the front courtyard of the Church in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi which falls on Wednesday, Oct. 4.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**
Sept. 14-17, 2017
Questions? Contact the retreat Director, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGE 40 and older,** will gather on Wednesday, Sept. 13, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Dickey’s BBQ Pit, 9759 FM 1960 Bypass West in Humble. 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 at St. Martha’s website.

**Painted Churches Tour—Schulenburg, TX**
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.
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Please register and pay for the tour at the Parish office between 9 AM-4PM, Monday-Friday. Reservation deadline—Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

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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
Please include both husband/wife names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Babysitting is available upon request. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring child care.

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

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**St. Martha’s Grief Program**
welcomes you to a nine week grief support group, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, from 7-9 PM. Please contact Laurie at 281-360-2714, or lauriecardella@outlook.com to sign up or ask questions.

**Please note:** The Methodist Church on Woodland Hills will NOT be hosting the Senior Citizen luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of September. They hope to be back in operation in October. Please check with your contact at the Methodist Church for additional information.

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Welcome Back!**
Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye! Summer is almost over and it's TIME for those who are "Young at Heart" to get together again. For those of us 55+, we meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Our first get together for the Fall will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at St. Martha's Family Life Center, Woodland Hills Campus. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. If you are new to our community, try us out. If you've been before, we welcome you back. Bring a friend and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY:** Acts of the Apostles Monday MORNINGS in FLC, 9:20-10:45 AM. “Acts tells the story of the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the early church from its beginnings at Pentecost, following the ascension of Jesus. The Holy Spirit empowers the preaching of Peter, Paul, and the other disciples to take the faith from Jerusalem, to Judea, throughout Samaria and ultimately to the ends of the earth. It records the conversion of Paul and the momentous decision of the early church to welcome Gentiles as well as Jews into the church. Acts is the second volume of the literary work begun in the Gospel According to Luke.” September dates: 18 & 25.

For more Info contact Edith Boschian edithkb@kingwoodcable.net or Carla Lewton carlal@stmartha.com

**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!

**ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST:**

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST is a parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others. It emphasizes people living in good relationship with one another, as they make concrete application of the gospel to their life situations.

The ARISE Six Week Fall Session will begin the week of Oct. 8 and run through the week of Nov. 12, 2017. Interested in being a small group facilitator or hosting a small group in your house? You don’t need to be a Bible scholar or teacher to lead a group – all it takes is a desire to meet new people and grow in your faith! Also, you don’t have to be both a host and a facilitator; we can pair host families with facilitators so you might want to offer your home as a meeting place.

For Sign-up information contact Carla Lewton – 281 713 8968 – carlal@stmartha.com.

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

“Jesus Christ: The Glory of the Father”

- The Gospel of John draws us into the life and Real Presence of Christ; true God and only Son of God.
- This Gospel gives unique approaches on Baptism, Eucharist and the Mystery of Christ.
- Join us as the Beloved Disciple teaches about the life, teachings, miracles and community of Christ. This Gospel continues to give meaningful witness to us today!

When: **Ladies’ groups** - Wednesday mornings

| 9:45 AM - Noon |

**Ladies’ groups in Spanish** – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - Noon

**Men’s groups** – Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM –Noon

(Childcare available Wednesday class only)

**Ladies’ groups** - Tuesday evenings 7PM – 9PM

**Men’s groups** - Tuesday evenings 7PM – 9PM

**Men & Women’s group in Spanish** –Tues. 7– 9PM

All Are Welcome

**Classes begin & Visitor's Day**-for inquiries:

- Day class: Sept. 13
- Evening class: Sept. 19

Where: Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus

Evening class – Borski Room – second floor in the school

To Register or questions Contact:

**English**: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net

**Spanish** speakers: Zuri Jackson, (281)733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

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**2nd Family Ministry Meeting**

The 2nd Family Ministry will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7 to 9 PM in Room 5 of the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. All 2nd Family Team members are encouraged to attend. The 2nd Family Ministry has served the community for thirteen years. Its purpose is to offer non-medical respite help to families who are caring for a loved one in their home. For more information contact Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com
**Parenting and Youth**

**Parents of High-Schoolers**—support our high school students with the power of your prayers. Sign up to be given one prayer day a month to pray for the parish’s high schoolers and help us cover them in prayer. There are no meetings to attend and your prayers are offered privately in whatever method of prayer you prefer. For more information or to be given a day on our high school **Prayer Quilt**, email Lori DiSorbo at lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

**Vocations Corner**

**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

**Altar Server Training and Re-certification**
Training for new altar servers and re-certification for experienced servers will be Saturday, Sept. 23. To volunteer as an altar server your child must be entering 6th grade or higher. To register please email Jennifer Farace at jfarace4@gmail.com.

**CATECHESIS CORNER ...**

**Registration for CCE, LIFETEEN, SACRAMENTS & VOLUNTEERS**
**2017-2018 Catechism year.**

Faith Formation Office
Monday–Friday
9 AM – 4 PM

CCE Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17
Go to [www.stmartha.com](http://www.stmartha.com) for more information on registration.

**Collegian Moms Prayer Group:**
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 11, from 7 PM to 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 Gámez at mornglor@yahoo.com

**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.

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**Vocations Directors**, whether of a diocese or religious order, are the interface between the congregations and the world. They also need your prayers and perhaps your help. Feel free to suggest a name to your pastor of someone you believe may be interested in pursuing a religious vocation.

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**
Please join the **RODRIGUEZ 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.
Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.

Teams of Our Lady USA—A movement of conjugal spirituality

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering—lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful. If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3:30 PM in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Contact Tammy Spijkerman, 713-823-0908, tammyspijkerman@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

Parish Festival Sept. 30
Noon to 8 p.m.

$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 18 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 Git 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.

St. Martha will be offering the following Virtus workshop:
“Keeping the Promise Alive (KPA) Refresher Workshop”
On Wednesday, Sept.13, in the ACTIVITY CENTER from 6:30 PM - 8 PM.
In order to register for a KPA workshop, you must have attended and met the 5-year PGC anniversary date.
You will need to log into your original VIRTUS account at www.virtusonline.org, if you need this information you may contact SMCC Coordinators.
NO minors accepted, NO babysitting and NO late admittance. Please arrive 30 minutes early. For more information, please contact SMCC Virtus Coordinators, Ana Luisa Rodriguez (anarodz@stmartha.com) or Michelle Campisi (michellec@stmartha.com) at 281-358-1959 ext. 212.

Project Rachel

New Group starting Sept. 28.
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.
St. Martha’s will be participating in the 40 Days of Life peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood of the Gulf Coast on Thursday, Oct. 12. We will have a table in the narthex on Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 1 for you and your family to sign up for a time to pray. Please contact Terice Richards at terice.richards@gmail.com for more information.

Join us for St. Martha’s Annual Life Chain
Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017
2-3:30 PM
A Peaceful Witness for Life
West Lake Houston and Kingwood Drive
Signs will be provided
For More Information Please Contact: Paula Amsler at paula_amsler@msn.com

St. Martha parishioners are carpooling to the Planned Parenthood in downtown Houston on Thursdays, in an effort to offer support to women in crisis pregnancies. We encourage them to accept free services (pregnancy test, ultrasound and confidential counseling) in the Blue Bus across from Planned Parenthood. 89% of all women who choose the free services opt to save their babies.

Please join us to pray the rosary after the 8:30 AM Mass daily.
Please contact Joseph Winslow: (832) 412-8765 for more information.

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.
Students can earn Confirmation hours making rosaries with our ministry.

We meet in Room 2 on the Woodland Hill Campus the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1-3 PM and on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 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
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www.encounterhouston.com
**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**CAKE DECORATING CONTEST**
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, WINNERS POSTED AT 1 PM**

All children of the parish are invited to participate in a cake decorating contest, immediately before the St. Martha Festival & Fall Market. The contest is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Martha. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in these categories:

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN / 1ST & 2ND GRADE / 3RD – 5TH GRADE / 6TH – 8TH GRADE / HIGH SCHOOL

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**CAKE DROP OFF**

St. Martha Catholic Church, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM (left side circle)

Winners posted & prizes: CAKE WALK BOOTH at PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Please note that cake holder/platter will NOT be returned, since cakes will be given as prizes for the CAKE WALK

**QUESTIONS:** 281-788-3351

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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 e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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**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!

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**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
**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 / 3-4 AM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / MIDNIGHT-1 AM
Wednesday: 9-10 AM / 5-6 PM / 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 1-2 AM / 8-9 AM / 9-10 AM
Friday: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM
Saturday: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM
Sunday: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM.

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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EL EVANGELIO SEGÚN SAN JUAN

“Jesucristo: La Gloria del Padre”

♦ El Evangelio de Juan nos lleva a la vida y la Presencia Real de Cristo; verdadero Dios e Hijo de Dios.
♦ Este Evangelio nos ofrece un aspecto único sobre el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y el Misterio de Cristo.
♦ Unete a nosotros para descubrir lo que el Discípulo Amado nos enseña sobre la vida, enseñanzas, milagros y la comunidad de Cristo. ¡Este Evangelio continúa siendo, hoy en día, un testimonio tremendamente significativo!

Cuándo:

Grupos de damas en inglés - Miércoles 9:45 AM - Noon
Grupos de damas en español – Miércoles 9:45 AM - Noon
Grupos de caballeros – Miércoles 9:45 AM –Noon
(Cuidado de niños solo para las clases de los Miércoles)

Grupos de damas en inglés - Martes 7PM – 9PM
Grupos de caballeros en inglés - Martes 7PM – 9PM
Grupos de damas y caballeros en español –Martes 7– 9PM

Están todos Bienvenidos

Comienzo de clases y Día de Visitantes (para consultas):
Clases de la mañana: Septiembre 13
Clases de la noche: Septiembre 19

Dónde:
Clases de la mañana – Centro de Actividades -Woodland Hills
Clases de la noche– Salón Borski – 2 piso en la escuela

Para inscripciones o preguntas contacte a:
Inglés: Ray Baudier, (281) 467-8321 o raybau@suddenlink.net
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NECESITA USTED AYUDA COMPLETANDO LA APLICACION DE FEMA EN EL INTERNET? POR FAVOR PREGUNTELE A UNO DE LOS VOLUNTARIOS O EMPLEADOS EN HAAM. NOSOTROS PODEMOS YUDARLE.
281-446-3663

Las siguientes son oportunidades para participar en el proyecto de Asistencia después de Harvey.

♦ Colectas Especiales para las víctimas de las tormentas:
Santa Marta está recolectando donaciones monetarias para las víctimas en la zona de Kingwood. Los fondos serán utilizados para ayudar a los feligreses que están en necesidad de ayuda debido a daños a viviendas y vehículos. Se ha establecido un comité especial para elaborar la criteria a seguir para prestar asistencia. Usted puede hacer cheques a pagar a nombre de: Santa Marta Iglesia católica escribiendo en la línea del memo: Kingwood Harvey Relief. Este Kingwood Harvey Relief Fund también ha sido establecido una donación directa para quienes deseen hacer sus donaciones con tarjetas de crédito. La dirección de sitio electrónico es: www.faithdirect.com y el número de la parroquia es TX497.
El fin de semana del 17 y 16 de septiembre - La segunda colecta será para las víctimas del huracán Harvey. La coleción será enviada a la arquidiócesis para ayudar a los afectados en toda la arquidiócesis y en otras partes de Texas y Louisiana. Usted puede hacer cheques pagar nombre de Santa Marta Iglesia católica especificando en el espacio del memo: Kingwood Harvey Relief.
♦ Si usted desea apoyo espiritual y/o hablar con un diácono o director espiritual, o bien solo para rezar con usted por favor llame al 281-962-8321.
♦ Para recibir ayuda con el proceso de reclamo de la agencia FEMA favor de ingresar a este website: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1454965506940-fabb104bf81fd94e3e6ce5e3d9e19/NFIP_Flood_Claim_Process.pdf
♦ Los Caballeros de Colón estarán ofreciendo COMIDAS GRATIS como apoyo a nuestra comunidad, estas comidas se ofrecerán cada viernes de septiembre desde las 5:30 PM a 8:00 PM. (Pescado Frito el 15 y 22 de septiembre, BBQ (barbacoa) el 29 de septiembre en FLC del campus de la Iglesia).
Por favor revise constantemente cualquier actualización adicional a través de: Flocknotes, Facebook y el sitio Web de nuestra parroquia.
Gracias por las tantas oraciones, apoyo y asistencia a los necesitados.
MARÍA GORETTI NETWORK
ESPANOL 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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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 necesita, anima 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. Comunicate y participa en RICA.

Jaime Gómez, 281-973-1857,
jaimesalvadorgomez@gmail.com

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, cárcel, 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 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

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”
HORAS ABIERTAS PARA ADORACIÓN
Lunes: 2-3 AM / VIERNES 11 AM - 12 MEDIODÍA / VIERNES 7-8 PM / SÁBADOS 1-2 AM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM / 3-4 AM.
Martes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM / 6-7 AM / MEDIANOCHE-1 AM .
Miércoles: 9-10 AM / 5-6 PM / 11 PM – MEDIANOCHE.
Jueves: 1-2 AM/ 8-9 AM / 9-10 AM.
Viernes: 2-3 AM / 3-4 AM.
Sábado: 1-2 PM / 2-3 PM / 3-4 PM / 7-8 PM.
Domingo: 2-3 AM / 8-9 AM.
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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