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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Pham
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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:
9 AM - 4 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
Saturday Vigil: ................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: ........................ 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
En Español ............................ 1 PM
Life Teen: .......................... 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: .......................... 8:30 AM
Tuesday: ..................... 8:30 AM & 7 PM
Wednesday: .......... 8:30 AM & 10 AM
Thursday: ............. 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: ............................. 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 5:15 - 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.

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Peter asked, “Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”
Matthew 18:21

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).


READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2-7; Jn 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius

Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions

Thursday: St. Matthew

Friday: Autumn begins

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Stewardship is not optional! “None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master,” says St. Paul. “While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants.”

Thank you to all those who donated Backpacks and School Supplies!!

St Martha’s Backpack drive was able to assist 805 students at Dogwood Elementary School! Once again, we are very blessed and the Backpack Drive went very well thanks to our wonderful community!

We collected more than 800 backpacks, great amounts of school supplies, and over $4,000 in cash. All of which has gone to help kids at Dogwood Elementary, as well as children needing assistance at other schools (including our own St Martha Catholic School).

Thank you for your generosity and for helping those less fortunate than us! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of us affected by Hurricane Harvey.

¡Gracias a todos los que donaron mochilas y útiles escolares!!

¡Nuestra donación de mochilas ayuda a 805 estudiantes de la Escuela Primaria Dogwood, in New Caney!!

Una vez más, fuiamos muy bendecidos y nuestra colecta de mochilas fue un éxito, gracias a la generosidad de esta hermosa comunidad de Santa Martha! Recolectamos más de 800 mochilas, gran cantidad de útiles escolares; así como también recaudamos más de $4,000 dólares en efectivo. Por lo cual hemos podido ayudar no solo a los estudiantes de la escuela primaria de Dogwood, sino también a los niños que necesitan asistencia en otras escuelas (incluyendo nuestra propia Escuela de Santa Martha).

Gracias por su generosidad y por ayudar a los menos afortunados que nosotros, Dios los bendiga aún más!

Nuestros pensamientos y oraciones están con ustedes y con aquellas personas afectadas por el huracán Harvey.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

I have lived through many events of nature in the past three quarters of a century --- listening as a child to my parents and grandparents describe the Dust Bowl and the Depression, surviving a tornado’s direct hit on our farm home in the late 1940s, watching as my parents lost their farm in the 1950s after two consecutive years of unprecedented drought, experiencing the destructive force of Hurricane Carla in 1961 as I began my second year in the seminary, enduring the effects of Hurricanes Rita and Ike in my pastorate at St. Martha, and many other catastrophic happenings. Many of you have experienced similar things in your lifetime as well. However, I am not sure if anything can compare to the magnitude of all that has happened to us during the past several weeks. The flooding in Texas brought on by Hurricane Harvey, the rampage of Hurricane Irma through the state of Florida and many islands in the Caribbean (some of which had a follow up visit from Hurricane Jose a few days later), the destructive winds and rain of Hurricane Katia accompanied by one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded in Mexico --- what is God saying to us in all these events? I do not think anyone of us can say at this time but I do believe it is a special time for us to pause and reflect. St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans: “None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. … Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.”

As I was watching the news account of the extent of the floods in the area and then in shock learning the names of our parishioners who lost their homes, I was led to a moment of intense prayer. A Scriptural text came to mind from the 1st Book of Kings 19: 9-13. Most have heard this account numerous times and it struck me as so apropos to our situation. The great prophet Elijah was tiring as he dealt with the many forces which affected his people Israel and he was without hope. He made a journey to the mountain of the Lord and there waited for God to speak to him. There was a great wind, an earthquake, and then a fire. But the message of the Lord was not in any of these great forces of nature. Finally there was a “tiny whispering sound” and Elijah recognized God’s consoling presence! As I hear stories of strangers helping people they do not even know, of volunteers giving hours and hours of their time to assist neighbors, of policeman, firemen, and first responders risking their lives to rescue those in peril, etc., I am convinced that these are the tiny whispering sounds of God’s compassion being poured out upon us. I have listened to hundreds of such stories from many of you, from my brother priests serving in the hard-hit areas of our archdiocese, from unsolicited offers from school children from Louisiana and Mississippi asking how they can assist us in time of need. I even received a check with a sizable donation from a grandmother in Columbus, Ohio, who wrote, “Please use this check for helping victims of the flood in Kingwood.” I found it instructive that when Elijah recognized the voice of God in these tiny whispers, he heard God say to him, “Go, take the road back” and continue the mission of restoring the covenant in the lives of the people. I am so grateful that many of you have heard and responded to God’s voice encouraging us to do the same.

Fr. Chester Borski

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.

PARISH ROSARY PROCESION

A Parish Rosary Procession in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the occasion of the 100th year (Centennial) Fatima Apparition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, after the 5:30 PM Mass. The Parish will offer this Rosary for the intention of Msgr. Borski as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his priesthood this year!! Everyone is welcome to this grace filled event !!

HARVEY RELIEF ASSISTANCE

If you have suffered a loss due to Hurricane Harvey, St. Martha Catholic Parish has collected funds to help. You may apply for assistance by picking up an application at the Parish Office or Faith Formation Office or downloading the form from the Parish Website at www.stmartha.com. Please complete the application and attach all requested documentation and return to the Parish Office in a sealed envelope, clearly marked Harvey Relief Assistance. You may also mail the application to the Parish Office at 4301 Woodridge Parkway. Applications will be processed in the order received. Please know that the entire Parish Staff is praying for you. If you have questions, you may call Theresa Miller at 281-358-6637.
PRAYING WITH MY PEOPLE • PRAYING WITH MY FAMILY

**Couple Prayer Series**

**St. Martha Church**

**Couples 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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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Batter Up**

Young at Heart-ers - Baseball season is winding down and World Series fever is in the air (**GO ASTROS**), so wear your favorite team’s gear and step up to the plate. Grab your bat & glove, dust off your cleats and knock it out of the park with your fellow Young at Heart-ers (age 55+). Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha’s Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 27. 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 with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. 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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**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 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
Online store: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com

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**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.

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**Project Rachel**

Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.

**Teams of Our Lady USA**

A movement of conjugal spirituality

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

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and 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, tammyspijerman@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

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*“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*
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
For more Info contact Edith Boschian editkb@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 applications 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 – 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 7 PM – 9 PM
Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7 PM – 9 PM
Men & Women’s group in Spanish –Tues. 7– 9 PM

All Are Welcome

Classes begin & Visitor's Day-for inquiries:
Day Class: Sept. 20. Evening class: Sept. 26
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

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 e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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.

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!
**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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Training for new altar servers (6th grade or higher) is being postponed and will NOT take place Sept. 23. A new date will be announced via email. Please contact Jennifer Farace at jfarace4@gmail.com to register and receive the updated information as soon as it's available.

**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.

**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

- **VOCATION 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 **DEMENT 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.

**CATECHESIS CORNER . . .**

**2017-2018 Catechesis year**
Classes begin Sunday **Oct. 8th**

**VOLUNTEERS still needed**
Contact Faith Formation Office
Monday- Friday 9 AM – 4 PM

Go to www.stmartha.com for more information.
Thank you for your prayers and concern for Martha’s Kitchen during the past weeks of damage from Hurricane Harvey. We are very grateful to report that Martha’s Kitchen reopened as scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 5, after Labor Day with no significant damages. Sister Maria Elena and Sister Julie send many prayers and compassionate thoughts to those who suffered losses during the storm. Our ministry was impressed to hear that clergy, ministries, organizations and parishioners worked shoulder to shoulder and long hours to assist those who needed help after the hurricane. We cherish our volunteers and ask those that are scheduled on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis to call Sister Maria Elena at 713-224-2522 in timely advance if you will not be volunteering on your scheduled day. This will help greatly to ensure that all stations are covered to serve those in need of a meal. May God guide you and give you peace and comfort.
Run/Walk for Life—Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 AM - 11 AM
All Saints Catholic Church—215 E 10th Street, Houston TX 77008
Register as a Walker, Runner or Sponsor by Phone: 713-395-1330
Register Online: http://www.houstoncoalition.com/blue-blossom

Carrera y Caminata por la vida—Sábado, 23 de septiembre, 2017
En la Iglesia Católica de Todos los Santos
215 E 10th Street, Houston, TX 77008—De 8:00 am-11:00 am
Si usted desea participar para caminar o correr o bien como patrocinador,
Favor de comunicarse al teléfono: 713-395-1330
Registraciones online favor de ingresar a: http://www.houstoncoalition.com/blue-blossom

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.

Santa Marta estará participando en los 40 días por la vida a través de una vigilia pacífica de oración frente a las oficinas de Planned Parenthood of Gulf Coast el día Jueves 12 de Octubre del 2017. Si usted desea participar en este evento, la iglesia de Santa Martha tendrá una mesa en el nártex durante las misas del Domingo 1ero de Octubre para que usted y su familia puedan firmar y así participar en el horario en el que desea participar en esta cadena de oración. Si usted desea más información o tiene una pregunta al respecto favor de contactar a la Sra. Terice Richards envié un correo electrónico Terice.richards@gmail.com

Join us for St. Martha’s Annual Life Chain
Sunday, Oct. 1, 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

Cadena de Vida
Únanse a St Martha en nuestra cadena Anual de Oración
Participando pacíficamente el día Domingo 1ero de Octubre, 2017.
En la esquina de West Lake Houston y Kingwood Drive - 2:00-3:00 pm.
Los Carteles serán proporcionados
Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con: Paula Amsler en paula_amsler@msn.com

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Sept. 20, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

St. Martha’s Grief Program welcomes you to a nine week grief support group on Tuesdays, in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, from 7-9 PM. Questions? Please contact Laurie at 281-360-2714, or lauriecardella@outlook.com.

St. Martha’s Choirs will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Please come and check us out if you are interested in participating in our ministry! The Children’s Choir is for 3rd-8th graders and they rehearse Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM to sing at roughly two 9 AM Masses a month. The 11 AM Mass Choir rehearses from 7-9 PM Wednesdays to sing at 11 AM Masses and Feast Days during the choir season and will be continuing its Choral Scholar Program. Please contact Dr. Daniel Knaggs if you are interested in additional info: danielk@stmartha.com. God bless you!

HURRICANE HARVEY SUPPORT GROUP:
Information about stress, loss, and facing the future to offer hope and a path to resiliency.
Mondays at 7 PM, beginning Sept. 18, at Kingwood United Methodist Church, Building C, Room E-200.
For more information contact Donna at 281-358-2137, Ext 1905.
For Childcare contact Jane 713-303-7250.
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. 16 & 17 –** 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.

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

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

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**Please join for a day of fellowship at the Parish Festival.**

**Sept. 30 from Noon to 7 p.m.**

**Finding Grace**

**Raffle Tickets Available**

All Net Proceeds Will Go to the Parish Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund.

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 Gift Card $1,000.00

The cost is $5 per ticket or 11 tickets for $50.

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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 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)
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

He vivido muchos eventos de la naturaleza en los últimos tres cuartos de siglo --- escuchando cuando niño a mis padres y abuelos describen el “Dust Bowl” y la Depresión, sobreviviendo un golpe directo del tornado en nuestra casa de la granja a finales de 1940, viendo mis padres perder su granja en los años 50 después de dos años consecutivos de sequía sin precedentes, experimentando la fuerza destructiva del huracán Carla en 1961 cuando comencé mi segundo año en el seminario, soportando los efectos de los huracanes Rita e Ike en mi pastoral en St. Martha, y muchos otros acontecimientos catastróficos. Muchos de ustedes han experimentado cosas similares en su vida también. Sin embargo, no estoy seguro si algo puede compararse con la magnitud de todo lo que nos ha ocurrido durante las últimas semanas. Las inundaciones en Texas provocadas por el huracán Harvey, el alboroto del huracán Irma a través del estado de Florida y muchas islas en el Caribe (algunas de las cuales tuvieron una visita de seguimiento del huracán José unos días después), los vientos destructivos y la lluvia de El huracán Katia acompañado por uno de los terremotos más poderosos jamás registrados en México - ¿qué nos está diciendo Dios en todos estos eventos? No creo que nadie de nosotros pueda decir en este momento, pero creo que es un momento especial para que podamos hacer una pausa y reflexionar. San Pablo nos recuerda en su carta a los romanos: “Ninguno de nosotros vive por sí mismo, y nadie muere por uno mismo. ... Si vivimos o morimos, somos del Señor”.

Cuando estaba viendo la noticia de la extensión de las inundaciones en la zona y luego en choque, cuando empezaba a saber los nombres de nuestros feligreses que perdieron sus hogares, fui llevado a un momento de intensa oración. Un texto bíblico vino a mi mente desde el Primer Libro de Reyes 19: 9-13. La mayoría han oído estos relatos en numerosas ocasiones y me pareció tan apropiado a nuestra situación. El gran profeta Elías, se cansó al tratar con las muchas fuerzas que afectaron a su pueblo Israel y él estaba sin esperanza. Hizo un viaje al monte del Señor y esperó que Dios le hablara. Hubo un gran viento, un terremoto y luego un incendio. Pero el mensaje del Señor no estaba en ninguna de estas grandes fuerzas de la naturaleza. Finalmente, hubo un “pequeño susurro” y Elías reconoció la consoladora presencia de Dios. Mientras escuchaba historias de extraños ayudando a personas que ni siquiera conocían, de voluntarios que dieron horas y horas de su tiempo para ayudar a vecinos, policías, bomberos y primeros respondedores que arriesgaron sus vidas para rescatar a los que estaban en peligro, etc. Estos son los pequeños sonidos susurrantes de la compasión de Dios que se derrama sobre nosotros. He escuchado cientos de tales historias de muchos de ustedes, de mis sacerdotes hermanos que sirven en las áreas más afectadas de nuestra arquidiócesis, de ofertas no solicitadas de estudiantes de Luisiana y Mississippi preguntándoles cómo pueden ayudarnos en caso de necesidad. Incluso recibí un cheque con una importante donación de una abuelita en Columbus, Ohio, quien escribió: “Por favor, utilice este cheque para ayudar a las víctimas de la inundación en Kingwood”. Me pareció instructivo que cuando Elías reconoció la voz de Dios en estos diminutos susurros, escuchó a Dios decirle: “Ve, toma el camino de regreso” y continúa la misión de restaurar el pacto en la vida del pueblo. Estoy tan agradecido de que muchos de ustedes han escuchado y respondido a la voz de Dios alentándonos a hacer lo mismo.

Fr. Chester Borski

Picnic y Fútbol

El Domingo 24 de Septiembre al terminar la misa de Español se llevará a cabo una convivencia familiar en el Woodland Hills campus en la parte de atrás que da al colegio. Vamos a tener un torneo de soccer y picnic. Para el picnic estamos pidiendo que cada quien traiga un platillo o dos para compartir, piensen por favor en traer comida que no necesite refrigeración y no se eche a perder!

Para el torneo de soccer 5 - 5 de foot sala, el espacio es limitado. El Padre Richard está recibiendo inscripciones con fecha limite 9/22. Los jugadores tienen que ser mayores de 10 años y usar el equipo apropiado (no se permite usar zapatos de tacos). Los equipos son mixtos y debe de haber una mujer en la cancha. Para más detalles favor de contactar al padre Richard frrichard@stmartha.com o al teléfono 281 713 8916.
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 criterio de seguimiento 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 colección 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.
- 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 22 de septiembre, BBQ (barbacoa) el 29 de septiembre en FLC del campus de la Iglesia).

**Gracias por las tantas oraciones, apoyo y asistencia a los necesitados.**
## STEWARDSHIP of Time, Talent and Treasure

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