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
Deacons: Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): .... 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: ........7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
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 9-15 - 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.

THE KING SAID TO HIS SERVANTS,
“THE FEAST IS READY, BUT THOSE WHO WERE INVITED WERE NOT WORTHY TO COME.
GO, THEREFORE, INTO THE MAIN ROADS AND INVITE TO THE FEAST WHOMEVER YOU FIND.”

Matthew 22:8-9
**Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES**

**BUSINESS MANAGER**—Theresa Miller, 281-713-8957  
**FACILITY MANAGER**—Steve Teets, 281-358-6637x254  
**FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**—Charlie Gutierrez, 713-203-2101  
**MARTHA’S GARDENERS**—Wayne Theis, wayne.theis@stmarthaslink.net  
**ST. MARTHA’S OFFICE ANGELS**—Lourdes Fernandez, 281-358-6637 x262

**COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE**—Francine Puglia, 281-713-8954  
**ACTS RETREAT**—Willie Chesnut, ACTSCore@StMartha-ACTS.org  
**ANNUNLMENTS**—Francine Puglia, 281-713-8954  
**CAREG COOKS**—Karen Rexer, 281-358-8857, or Marian Brown, 281-630-4820  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**—Sherry Hundi, yellowrose716@live.com  
**CENTERING PRAYER**—Greg LaCour, gplacour@gmail.com  
**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES**—Mark Roseland, 713-419-2525  
**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**—MaryLou & Ramon De La Cruz, 832-527-1072  
**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**—Vicky Ruck, vickiruck@stmarthaslink.net  
**FAMILY**—Abby Youngblood, 281-799-0849  
**GRIEFSHARE**—Lauralinda Cardella, 281-360-2714  
**HOMEBOUND ERRAND COMMITTEE**—Greta Verhalen, verhalen@stmarthacs.org  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—Tom Gallagher, 713-364-9780  
**MARRIAGE PREP. INFORMATION**—To Register call 281-358-6637  
**MARTHA’S QUILTERS**—JoEhrman, 281-358-1959x251  
**MOTHER’S DAY OUT**—Kristen Johnson, 281-713-2518  
**NORTH EAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**—MaryLou & Ramon De La Cruz, 832-527-1072  
**NEWCOMERS/WELCOMING/HOSPITALITY**—Gustavo Zapata, 281-713-8961  
**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**—Peggy Broyles, 281-358-4560  
**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**DIRECTOR OF SCOTTISH SERVICES**—Bob Simpson, 713-775-9213  
** Паула Лам**, 832-284-2844  
**старики**  
**деятельности**

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.**

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE**—281-358-6637  
**ST. JOSEPH HELPERS**—Bill Beck, 281-360-7023  
**ST. MARTHA BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND**—Martha Busch, 281-728-7159  
**SOCIAL JUSTICE**—Gary Yepsen, 832-803-4377  
**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**PRINCIPAL**—Jon Munsch, 281-358-5523  
**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**—Jennifer Liconia, 281-358-5523 x326  
**REGISTRAR**—Jodie Richter, 281-358-5523 x314

**MINISTROS EN ESPAÑOL**

**AMSIG**—Janet Salamanca Manosalva, 281-706-5068  
**COORDINADOR DE CATECISMO PARA JÓVENES Y SACRAMENTOS**—Ana Maria Gibson, 281-358-1959 x269  
**CORO DE ADULTOS**—Luis Valle, 832-620-1988  
**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN**—Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826  
**HOSPITALIDAD**—Gustavo Zapata, 832-247-9935  
**LECTORES**—Cristina Gabas, 281-796-9084  
**LEGIÓN DE MARÍA**—Verónica Reyes, 281-728-9843  
**MARÍA GORETTI NETWORK EN ESPAÑOL**—Patricia Lopez, 281-389-1210  
**MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA EUCARISIA**—Lourdes Galvez, 713-775-8824  
**MONAGUILLOS**—Pastor Pastor, 832-514-5741 or 832-633-0145  
**RICA**—Jaime Gomez, 281-973-1857  
**VOCACIONES Y CÁLIZ DE VOCACIONES**—Tony Lasalle, 646-489-1554

**FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 7 & 8**

**& YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:**

**Weekly Budget** $76,735  
**Sunday Collection** $51,976  
**Over/(Under)** $23,758  

**Year To Date:**

**Weekly Budget** $1,151,025  
**Sunday Collection** $1,017,872  
**Over/(Under)** $(133,153)

**Special collections:**

**Capital Campaign** $60,442  
**Martha’s Kitchen** $3,135  
**University of St. Thomas** $350  
**World Mission** $70  
**Kingwood Harvey Relief** $4,200

**2017 DSF Goal** $300,000  
**DSF Payments to Date** $268,871

**Current Loan Debt:**

$9,861,806
**From the Pastor**

*To the parish family of St. Martha,*

The Scripture readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time offer us a rich image of a **festive meal** which provides us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. The power of this image was probably more evident to the people who lived at the time of the prophets and later in the time of Jesus himself. People in biblical times viewed a meal as a sacred moment in which the meaning of their lives was revealed through their sharing food and fellowship with people gathered around a table. The human spirit was fed by “rich foods” and human thirst was quenched by “choice wines” and God was experienced as sitting at table with them. It reminded them of the covenant by which they had become the people of God. This experience at a meal, family or Eucharist, has largely been lost to many people today. We have replaced the experience of dining at table with “a feeding frenzy” in our busy culture. We have sacrificed the notion of a meal for the experience of TV dinners, the fast food drive-in, and the quick stop at the taco stand. It is no small wonder that we moderns find it difficult to celebrate the Eucharist well. Many have had few truly dining experiences in life. However, it is very encouraging to hear about young adults who are gathering these days for such an experience and discovering that such meals can be a sacred event.

The feast celebrated on the mountain described in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah and the wedding banquet mentioned in the Gospel account from Matthew are examples of a festive meal well done. Such communal meals are rituals in the best sense of that word. Such a meal, when celebrated well and experienced rightly, reveals to us what God intended life to be. When life is respected and marked by right understanding and right relationships, the meal is celebrated in mutual love and caring concern that move people to reach out to those unable to join in the festivities. However, when that is not the case and righteousness fails, the meal is disrupted and human life is distorted. While the issue revealed in the Gospel parable is not necessarily proper dress, in a certain sense it is. The real issue is the failure to respect the “right way” to share in a meal and thus it becomes a refusal to accept the relationship between the guest and the host. The heart of the question is this: **do we come to the meal, e.g. the Eucharist, on our own terms or on the terms of the Host who invited us?** If we could grasp the depth of this question, then we could spend a long time reflecting on how we actually celebrate the Eucharist. Issues like arriving early for the celebration, greeting our brothers and sisters warmly, preparing our hearts through silence, actively participating in the responses and hymns, remaining to the end of Mass to receive our commission to bring the presence of the Lord to others, etc. All of us have a great deal to learn in this area and the first step is best learned at the family table in the home or when friends thoughtfully choose to dine together in mutual respect and love.

*Fr. Chester Borski*

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Psalm** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Scan the image below using Facebook Messenger from your mobile device, or learn more at: ChatWithThePope.org

**CHAT WITH POPE FRANCIS** using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions.

Instructions to start your Chat:

- Open the Facebook Messenger App on your mobile phone.
- Go to the tab and select SCAN CODE then scan the code on the right.
NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil Mass for Tuesday, Oct. 31: 7 PM
Mass times for Wednesday, Nov. 1: 6:30 AM, 10 AM and 7:30 PM
School Mass (Woodland Hills Campus): 8:30 AM
Please note... The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS DAY
Mass times: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 7:30 PM
For the evening Mass there will be a special opportunity for parishioners to remember their loved ones. This year we will have cards at the entrance of the church to write the names of deceased family members. These cards will be placed in a box and presented during the offering at Mass. Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

Thank You
Kingwood Harvey Assistance
As of Oct. 8, we have been able to help 94 families to recover from Kingwood Harvey Relief Funds. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make your check payable to St. Martha Catholic Church, and indicate in the memo line that it is for Kingwood Harvey Relief. Thank you so much for your generosity.

In Our Prayers
† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Rolando Landingin (father of April Haralson)
John Sterwerf (father of Joanne Schmidt)
Bertram Smith
John Falcon (husband of Nunnie Falcon)
Eleanor Scheid (mother of John Scheid)
Cynthia Goh
Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Mohr (mother of Lynn Lucas)
Joseph M. White (father of Marilyn Davis)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Grant McTaggart, Evelyin, Vicky Knobloch, Dominic Lenzi, Joe Aloisio, Mary Aloisio, John Treckman, Patrick Hosey, James Cappock, Diarmuid Hosey, John Leber, Karen Newcomb, Vincent Grande, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Vi Henry, Shannon McAlister, Rick Frantz, Barbara Rolstad, Kenneth Goodman, Don and Angie Chesnut, Marie Burk, Muriel Williams, Waldon Landry, Rodney Powell, Joan Brandt, Eleanor DeLeon, Catherine Sedlak, Michael Kohler, Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stroupe, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Lester Guillotte, Terry McDaid, Bette Hale, Dennis Alvary, Brandon Evans, Michael Adkins, Dona Beaston, Bill Barineau, Sally Howard, Dickie Howard, Randall Herr, Claudia Peak, Joe Cervantes, Beverly Rose, Ann Colangelo, Daniel Norton, Miriam Meier, Albert Byington, Angelika Mejia, Chris Thibodeaux, Bill Flores, Helen Kataeski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Bucht, Noreen Stack, Josie Perez, Mary Silvers, Jo White, Maria Coronado, Millie Smaardyk, Larry Auman, Lynette Smith, Peggy O’Brien, Shannon Bosco, Mary Lou Sepulveda, Alfredo Soto, Ginger Bertrand, Lisa Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez, Efren Martinez, Brodie Nikolai, Bob Landvogt, Paula Seams, Victor Hugo Carbajal, Penny Gaido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Polita Luna, Brian Kellogg, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker

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

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.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**
Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, **Nov. 6** 7:30 PM, in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**
The 3rd Parish Blood Drive for 2017, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 22, 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 on Oct. 14 & 15 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.

**Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Smashburger, 25639 Highway 59 N, Suite 100 in Kingwood (on north side of Kroger shopping center at Northpark). 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 or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.**

**HURTING? Healing after Abortion**
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 713-741-8728

**JOB OPENING IN THE PARISH OFFICE**
The director of Community Life is accepting applications for a part-time assistant. This position is a 15 hour week and will involve some evenings as well as daytime hours. Some hours are flexible, some are specific. A job description and application can be requested through Francine Puglia. Please contact her at framp@stmartha.com or call her at 281-358-6637 ext. 200. **Applications must be received by Thursday, Oct. 19.**

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON**
Young at Heart-ers - Be on the lookout, you never know when a ghost or goblin is lurking in the area! Come to St. Martha’s Family Life Center in your best Halloween get-up on **Wednesday, Oct. 25** and join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. 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.

**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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**To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@embarqmail.com.**

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed Series: Six Saints that transformed the Catholic Church**

~ In this six part series, learn about the leaders who led the Church’s rebirth from the ashes of renaissance decadence and the turbulent time of the Protestant Reformation. Join us in Room 2 Sunday mornings 10:40-11:45. This program is free and there is no need to preregister. 10/22, 10/29, 11/05, 11/12, 12/03, 12/10.

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK TRAINING**

will be held on Monday, Oct. 23, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Room 2 of the Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills campus. These ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound, assisted living and nursing home facilities in Kingwood, and to Kingwood Medical Center. This is a very blessed and much appreciated ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before you can take Communion to the Sick training.

To register or if you have any questions, please e-mail Gene Goll at goll5@earthlink.net by Monday, Oct. 16, so that we may have a sufficient number of books and supplies. Thank you.

**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. 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.

**HAAM**

will be hosting a FOOD FAIR

Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 11 AM—1 PM
in the Church parking lot
4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter TX 77365
First-come first-served basis.
Volunteers are needed to help with this event.
Please call Alejandra Gutierrez at 832-860-4860 for more information.

**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.

**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!
Parenting and Youth

Calling moms of all ages!
St Martha’s Moms Group
Motherhood Fellowship Night:
Please join us Oct. 17 in Room 3 from 6-9 PM. Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information email Katie DWindt at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you.

Vocations Corner

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the GARLAND 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.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES
♦ Oct. 27 Myriam Dinner – 6:30-9:30 young girls currently in High School who are interested in religious life.
♦ Oct. 29 Priesthood Sunday - Pray for our priests!
♦ Nov. 3-5, Come & See Weekend, men ages 18+ seriously discerning priesthood or religious life; St. Joseph’s Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana. There will be talks, prayer, and a chance to interact with seminarians & other discerners.
♦ Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events, or call the rectory and ask to talk with a priest.

Save the Date

MSGR. CHESTER BORSKI’S GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS
Thursday, December 21, at Noon
St. Martha Catholic Church
**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration Chapel 24 hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each of us, He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever "filled" because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at 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, 6-7 AM**
- **Friday 11-noon, 7-8 PM**
- **Saturday 1-2 AM**

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

- **Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM**
- **Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM**
- **Wednesday: 9-10 AM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM - Midnight**
- **Thursday: 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM**
- **Friday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM**
- **Saturday: 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM, 10-11 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 carmenogando@yahoo.com
- **Robyn Laumbach**: Midnight to 6AM (713-851-8768)
- **Karen Ehlig**: 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
- **Annunciata Hopkins**: Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
- **Beth Beckham**: 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

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**SUNG VESPERS at St. Martha’s (Come sing and pray with us!)**

Starting Oct. 19, St. Martha’s will begin to hold sung Vespers at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of each month (in the Church) open to all. Come experience the peace and joy of this universal prayer of the Church with members of the Music Ministry as we sing the Psalms, responses, canticles, and prayers of Vespers together. Our first Vespers (Oct. 19) celebrates the Memorial of St. Isaac Jogues and St. Jean de Brebeuf, two saints who were martyred while martyrs bringing the beginnings of the faith to North America.

**A little background on the Liturgy of the Hours (which includes Vespers) is provided by the USCCB:**

The Liturgy of the Hours... is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. The Hours are a meditative dialogue on the mystery of Christ, using scripture and prayer. In the [Liturgy of the] Hours, the royal priesthood of the baptized is exercised, and this sacrifice of praise is thus connected to the sacrifice of the Eucharist, both preparing for and flowing from the Mass.

"When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer (Vespers) is celebrated in order that 'we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.' " (GILH, no. 39).

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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/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.
Congratulations to Martha's Kitchen, a ministry of St. Martha's Catholic Church in Kingwood for 25 years of dedicated service to feed the hungry. Martha's Kitchen officially opened for service on Monday, Oct. 26, 1992 at 11:30 AM. Located at 322 South Jensen in Houston's second ward, this modern cafeteria sized facility just east of downtown Houston is the fruition of the late most reverend Monsignor William Tinney's challenge to his parishioners to set up a facility and a volunteer team to serve a hot lunch to those in need each week day. In 1992, 150 people were served in the first month of operation. That number quickly grew to over 250 as the word spread. Today, with the support and advocacy of the most reverend Monsignor Chester Borski, STL, 300-350 hungry men, women and children are served a hot lunch Monday-Friday.

Martha's Kitchen has been managed by the director, Sister Maria Elena Lopez, MCDP and co-managed by Sister Julianne Sandoval, MCDP. There are two hourly employees and two policemen each day of the week. It takes twenty or more volunteers each day to prepare, serve and clean up afterwards. This daily routine begins only after planning by Sister Maria Elena and Sister Julie in setting up menus, ordering food, scheduling volunteers, organizing food preparation and handling maintenance issues and communicating safety and health rules to keep the kitchen running efficiently.

With grateful hearts, Martha's Kitchen thanks Monsignor Chester Borski, STL and the parish community of St. Martha's for your continued support. As the guests of Martha's Kitchen are fond of saying, "We are blessed!"

If you are interested in learning more about Martha's Kitchen or donating, the address is: St. Martha Catholic Church/4301 Woodridge Parkway/Porter, Tx. 77365-c/o Martha's Kitchen
Or visit www.stmartha.com
All are welcome to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving for Martha's Kitchen's 25th Anniversary at noon on Saturday, Oct. 21 at St. Martha Catholic Church.
Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for Joseph Reding
The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Joseph Reding will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 17, 2018 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Joseph and his wife Marie in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for William Lasalle
The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that William Lasalle will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 17, 2018 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep William and his wife Rosaly in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Public Announcement– Rite of Candidacy for Carlin Walters
The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston formally announces that Carlin Walters will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent diaconate on February 17, 2018 at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop George Sheltz. If any person knows of a serious reason why this Aspirant should not be admitted to Candidacy or continue to ordination to the permanent diaconate, please notify Deacon Rob Ward, Director of Formation, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or via email at rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Carlin and his wife Michelle in your prayers as he is called to the Rite of Candidacy. May he always remain faithful to the vocation to which he is called. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closing at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, Oct. 25 and will reopen on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 9 AM.

In gratitude for Msgr. Borski and his ministry to St. Martha, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet for his 50th anniversary of ordination, December 2017.

Let us know how you will offer a prayer in any of the following ways.
Rosary prayed: _________
Holy Hour offered: _________
Offered a prayer for Msgr. Borski when receiving Communion: _________
Extended a time to listen to someone in need of a friend: _________
I invited two people to consider being a priest: _________
I invited someone to join me at Mass: _________

Please place this slip in the basket/box at the Kiosk at all Masses, November 11/12, or email it to franp@stmartha.com subject line: spiritual bouquet.
Or drop it by the parish office, M-F, 9-4.

Slips must be returned by Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017.
Questions? Contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or Mary Beth Philipp at marybethphilipp@gmail.com.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas del 28vo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario nos ofrecen una rica imagen de una comida festiva que nos brinda una excelente oportunidad para reflexionar sobre cómo celebramos la Eucaristía dominical. El poder de esta imagen fue probablemente más evidente para la gente que vivió en el tiempo de los profetas y más tarde en el tiempo de Jesús mismo. La gente en los tiempos bíblicos veía una comida como un momento sagrado en el cual el significado de sus vidas era revelado a través del compartir de una comida y el compañerismo con gente reunida alrededor de una mesa. El espíritu humano fue alimentado "con alimentos deliciosos" y la sed humana se apagó con unos "vinos de elección" y Dios fue experimentado al sentarse a la mesa con ellos. Les recordaba el pacto por el cual se habían convertido en el pueblo de Dios. Esta experiencia en la comida, familiar o Eucaristía, la han perdido muchas personas, hoy en día. Hemos reemplazado la experiencia de cenar en la mesa con "un frenesí de alimentación" en nuestra cultura ocupada. Hemos sacrificado la idea de una comida por la experiencia de cenas de televisión, la comida rápida "drive-in", y la parada rápida en el puesto de tacos. No es de extrañar que nosotros los modernos tengamos dificultades para celebrar bien la Eucaristía. Muchos han tenido pocas experiencias verdaderamente comedor en la vida. Sin embargo, es muy alentador escuchar a adultos jóvenes que se reúnen por estos días para tal experiencia y descubrir que tales comidas pueden ser un evento sagrado.

La fiesta celebrada en la montaña descrita en la primera lectura del profeta Isaiás y el banquete de bodas mencionado en el relato evangélico de Mateo, son ejemplos de una comida festiva bien hecha. Tales comidas comunes son rituales en el mejor sentido de la palabra. Tal comida, cuando se celebrada y experimentada correctamente, nos revela lo que Dios quiso que la vida fuese. Cuando la vida es respetada y marcada por la comprensión y las relaciones correctas, la comida se celebra en el amor mutuo y la preocupación de cuidado que mueven a la gente a llegar a aquellos que no pueden participar en las fiestas. Sin embargo, cuando ese no es el caso y la justicia faltó, la comida se interrumpe y la vida humana se distorsiona. Mientras que el tema revelado en la parábola del Evangelio no es necesariamente un vestido apropiado, en cierto sentido lo es. La verdadera cuestión es la falta de respeto a la "forma correcta" de compartir una comida y por lo tanto se convierte en una negativa a aceptar la relación entre el huésped y el anfitrión. El centro de la pregunta es: ¿llegamos a la comida, p.e. la Eucaristía, en nuestros propios términos o en los términos del anfitrión que nos invito? Si pudiéramos comprender la profundidad de esta pregunta, entonces podríamos pasar mucho tiempo reflexionando sobre cómo realmente celebramos la Eucaristía. Temas como llegar temprano para la celebración, saludar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas calurosamente, preparar nuestros corazones a través del silencio, participando activamente en las respuestas y los himnos, permaneciendo hasta el final de la Misa para recibir nuestra comisión de traer la presencia del Señor a otros, etc. Todos tenemos mucho que aprender en esta área y el primer paso es mejor aprendido en la mesa de la familia en el hogar o cuando los amigos cuidadosamente elegir cenar juntos en el respeto mutuo y el amor.

Fr. Chester Borski

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA

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

Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros. Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos. En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitados de adoradores en este momento. Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES

LUNES: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM / VIERNES: 11 AM - MEDIODÍA, 7-8 PM / SÁBADOS: 1-2 AM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO - ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS

Lunes: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, MEDIANOCHE.
Martes: 9-10 AM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE.
Jueves: 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM.
Viernes: 2-3 AM.
Sábado: 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM, 10-11 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
Ministerio Hispano

Camino vocacional, ¿Qué debo de tomar en cuenta?
La vocación es una llamada de Dios que implica una escucha y una respuesta por parte del ser humano, pero ¿qué se debe considerar al momento de discernir el camino que Dios tiene para cada uno? El Centro de Estudios Católicos (CEC) propuso 3 claves para tomar en cuenta en el discernimiento vocacional para la vida religiosa.
1. Compromiso
   Se requiere un compromiso amoroso de servicio a los otros. En la vida religiosa, esta implica un llamado al servicio y al auto entrega por los otros.
2. Paciencia
   El discernimiento requiere paciencia. La vocación religiosa necesita de tiempo para afianzarse tomará años de seminario y formación, antes de tomar votos de por vida.
3. Mirada realista
   El proceso para hacer compromisos de por vida se describe muy fácilmente y parece muy ordenado y estructurado, pero es desordenado e imperfecto en la realidad.
   No deberíamos buscar a la comunidad perfecta. Debemos de vivir este proceso de una forma natural ya que es una realidad humana y así también de forma tan humana y natural, debemos vivirlo.

Si sientes en tu corazón el llamado a la vida religiosa acompañamos a las reuniones Mensuales de Descubre
Descubre el Camino Menos Recorrido- 7-9:30 pm – Reunión de discernimiento vocacional a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa en español para jóvenes adultos solteros (hombres y mujeres) de 18 a 35 años de edad que hayan completado preparatoria y/o equivalente. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo en la Casa de Oración y Convento de las Hermanas Carmelitas Misioneras de Santa Teresa (9600 Deer Trail Dr., Houston, TX 77038). Habrá convivencia, comida, música, oración y temas vocacionales presentados por sacerdotes, religiosas y seminaristas. Evento gratuito. Registra, videos, y detalles en www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

Myriam Dinner para (Niñas de High school)- Oct. 27 @ 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Myriam Dinner es un programa para jóvenes de High School que está sintiendo el llamado a la vida religiosa. El evento consiste en una noche de oración, cena, y compartir con hermanas religiosas de nuestra arquidiócesis.
Lugar: Villa de Matel Convent (6510 Lawndale, Houston, TX 77023).
Para Videos, y registración, formas, visita www.houstonvocations.com/myriam-dinner
Evento es libre de costo. Para más información comuníquese con Sr. Anita Brenek, CDP at 713-652-8239 vocations@archgh.org
Si desea participar de la cena favor comunicarse con: Ana Leija, Associate Director of Adolescent Faith Formation / Confirmation, 281-358-1959 Ext. 249, analeijastmartha.com

Si desea orar por las vocaciones y llevar el cáliz de vocaciones comuníquese con William Lasalle (Tony) al (646)489-1554 o a su correo electrónico onairtony@gmail.com

Ya es tiempo de prepararse para el domingo 29, día del sacerdocio!

El domingo 29 de octubre se ha dedicado a honrar a nuestros sacerdotes en todo el mundo. Es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre el sacerdocio y afirmar el rol de los sacerdotes en la vida de la iglesia. Unámonos como comunidad Cristiana y démosle las gracias por su vocación y su ministerio. Afirmar y apoyar a nuestros sacerdotes es un regalo que podemos dar a ellos en esta ocasión especial. Te invitamos a celebrar a nuestros sacerdotes con una tarjeta de agradecimiento, con tus oraciones, penitencia y rosarios.

Rezar por nuestros sacerdotes!