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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
...........................................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.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Psalm 63:2

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).
Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).
Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

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Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Nov. 13
8:30 AM Alfredo & Lyndon LaRosa
10 AM †Sylvia Mancin
Thurs./Nov. 16
6:30 AM †Rosalie & William Dill
8:30 AM †Pauline & Benny Pennucci
Fri./Nov. 17
8:30 AM †John Rinaldi
Sat./Nov. 18
5:30 PM †Warren, Florence & Sharon Kerrigan
Sun./Nov. 19
7 AM †Theodore Bella
9 AM †Andrew & Martha Havemek
11 AM †Ellen Gainford
1 PM †Maria Rosa Almeida
5:30 PM †Rick Fahrerthold

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, NOV. 15.

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 Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 11 AM, one week prior to publication.
Submit announcements by: E-mail: jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or Fax to 281-358-7973.

SPECIAL DEADLINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:
Nov. 25/26 Bulletin—deadline is 9 AM, Thursday, Nov. 16.

A quick link to order your turkey is on Facebook at St. Martha’s Knights of Columbus Turkey Fry. For more information contact Marty Krupp: martybk@ymail.com or 281-743-1452.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS TIMES
Thursday, Nov. 23: 8:30 AM & 10 AM
Please note...
◆ There will not be a 6:30 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.
◆ The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

St. Martha’s along with 114 families would like to extend a very deep thank you for everyone’s generosity to support those in our area that were flooded by Hurricane Harvey. Donations totaling $221,935 were distributed to 114 households that suffered major devastation from this storm. St. Martha’s families have a long standing reputation of stepping up when there is a crisis. Thank you.
**From the Pastor**

To the parish family of St. Martha,

In the second reading for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians and cautions them not to be like those “who have no hope.” During this month of November the Church invites us to remember our departed brothers and sisters and to contemplate the reality of death. While we do so, it is important that we reflect on the virtue of Christian hope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that when God reveals himself to us humans and calls us, we are unable to respond to God’s love by our own human power. We must “hope that God will give us the capacity to love Him in return and to act in conformity with the commandments of charity. Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God” (CCC, #2090). Simple stated, hope is the expectation of one day meeting God face to face and being with God forever. Hope is not a wish for good health or that our favorite sports team will be victorious. All of these things may be good and well worth our pursuit, but they do not reach the depth or height of the theological virtue of hope. Hope, like faith and love, is called a theological or divine virtue because its object is God alone. All other virtues, like mercy and honesty, are called moral virtues because they are concerned about our life in relationship with other human beings. While we can wish for happiness in our relationships and for success in our career goals, we hope only in God.

When we exercise the divine virtue of hope, we are dealing with God not through our own strength or ability. God is entirely beyond our capacity to contact, totally beyond our ability to hear, see, and experience. Thus, whenever we truly hope in God, we must realize that God is the one who is actively involved in the experience. We can be sure that God has met us more than half way and has made it all possible. November is an excellent time to ask God for the gift of Christian hope and to nourish this virtue through a prayerful reflection on our own death and the promises of eternal life. God promised this gift of eternal life when we were baptized. Hope is the expectation of finally meeting God personally, directly, and being with God forever. This is the deepest desire of the human heart and is beautifully expressed in the Responsorial Psalm today, “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” We believe that in heaven we will experience God directly and our holy longing will then be fulfilled completely. “In hope we were saved” (Romans 8:24).

Fr. Chester Borski

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**In Our Prayers**

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

Randall Schulze (brother-in-law of Cecilia Sandoval)
Polita Luna (mother of Regina Hinojosa)
Miriam Castañeda
Joseph Aloisio (brother of Anne Schulke)
Kathleen Unger (wife of Robert Unger, mother of Deacon Geoff Unger and Gretchen Currie)
Marie Burk (wife of Bill Burk)
Norma Ross
Albert Byington

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Vincent Grande, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Vi Henry, Shannon McAlister, Rick Frantz, Barbara Rolstad, Kenneth Goodman, Don and Angie Chesnut, Muriel Williams, Waldon Landry, Rodney Powell, Joan Brandt, Eleonora DeLeon, Catherine Sedlak, Michael Kohler, Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stroup, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mac Sullivan, 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, Angelika Mejia, Chris Thibodeaux, Helen Katacski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buchta, 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, Lisa Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez, Efren Martinez, Brodie Nikolai, Bob Landvogt, Paula Seams, Victor Hugo Carabajal, Penny Gaido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Polita Luna, Brian Kellogg, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McTaggart, Richard Kuehler, Martha Busch

**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.

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**MSGR. CHESTER BORSKI’S GOLDEN JUBILEE**

Msgr. Borski will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 21, 2017. All are welcome to be part of this joyous event. Please join us:

Dec. 16 & 17—Refreshments after each Mass. Msgr. Borski will be present after all Sunday Masses.

**Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass—**

Thursday, Dec. 21, at Noon, St. Martha Catholic Church
Reception in his honor immediately following the Mass (under the tent in the courtyard)
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

### UNBOUND CONFERENCE

**UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST** conferences present a sound and practical way for Christians to:

+ experience greater freedom from the influence of evil in their lives
+ enjoy a greater fullness of life, won for us by Christ’s resurrection and death
+ assist those who have a compassionate calling to help others gain the same freedom and fullness of life.

**Friday, Nov. 17, 6:45 PM – 9 PM**

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:45 AM – 5 PM**

**In the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills Campus)**

There is no cost for the conference. There will be a lunch break. For more information, contact Rosmary Cotte at 281-358-6637 x246 or rosmaryc@stmartha.com

### JOB OPENING

St. Martha Catholic Church is seeking a full time Accounting Specialist to perform general ledger analysis, account and system analysis and prepare Financial Reports. The potential candidate should have either an accounting degree or a minimum of one year experience in accounting. This person should also have computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and be willing to learn ConnectNow and Parish Data Services software.

Please send resume to Molly Kleinguetl at mollyk@stmartha.com

### CHECK US OUT!

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**, a ministry for singles ages 40 and older, on Wednesday, Nov. 15, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Pei Wei, 702 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more information 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.

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### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - NO LUNCHEON on Nov. 22 or Nov. 29.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you in December.

### REMINDER:

Place your **CALLED BY NAME** nomination form in the collection basket or in the “Called by Name box” in the Narthex. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish.

### Serra Club Northeast of Houston

**Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting**

**Monday, Nov. 27, 2017**

**6:30 PM Social, 7 to 8:30 PM Dinner and Program**

**Italiano’s Restaurant**

**217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas**

**The cost for dinner is $15 per person**

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

Our guest speaker for November will be: **Allison Seibert**

She will speak about the Catholic growth in College Station and what promotes vocations in Aggieland.

RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu, eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com

**Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.**

### CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **DUNN FAMILY** in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

### Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations

**Exposition & Benediction**

- 2nd Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- 2nd Friday: 9 - 10 AM

**Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston**

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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. 11/12, 12/03, 12/10.

**Breakfast and Bible Study:** Join us after the 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesdays 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!

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Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Society –
St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection This Weekend

In today’s Gospel Jesus challenges us to “stay awake” by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, how we are growing spiritually. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: “What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now?” Ask yourself “What would Jesus do?” and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag so that you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing. Thank you for your contribution.

“Charity is the cement that unites communities to God and individuals to each other.” — St. Vincent de Paul

Are you called to the Ministry to the Sick?
You have a unique educational opportunity to increase your skills and expand your knowledge in the caring ministry to others.

The Archdiocese is offering two classes:
Level 1 – Pastoral Visitor Training
Level 2 – Pastoral Care Ministry Training

If enough people from St. Martha are interested, then the classes would be taught at our parish! What a blessing!

For more information please call:
Sheila Yepsen
281-782-4078

2nd Family Ministry Meeting
The 2nd Family Ministry will hold their last meeting of this year Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 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 twelve 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 Peggy Wehe, 281-546-9884, or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com

HAAM will be hosting a FOOD FAIR on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 11 AM—1 PM in the Church parking lot, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. First-come first-served basis. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please call Alejandra Gutierrez at 832-860-4860 for more info.

St. Martha Mission Trips
COLOMBIA 2018

CARTAGENA
June 9 - 16
Cost per person:
$950.00 land + air estimated $500-$950

Bogota
Sept 8 - 15
Cost per person:
$850.00 land + air estimated $500-$950

Information Session
November 15 (Wed), 7:15-8 pm
Room #2 Woodland Hills Campus

Sign Up Today
Registration is Open
contact us at
terry.stierman@conviventia.org

The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it.
— C. Scott

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@outlook.com
Calling moms of all ages!

St. Martha’s Moms Group
Motherhood Fellowship Night:
Please join us Nov. 14. We will meet in the FLC from 7-8:30 PM.
The playdate schedule will be on the Facebook page.
Be sure to join our Facebook group:
St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx)
For more information email Renee at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
St. Martha MDO Program Presents:
Breakfast with St. Nicholas
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017
8-10 a.m. in the FLC
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Come enjoy a pancake breakfast, Christmas crafts, and a visit from St. Nicholas.
Bring your camera so you can take photos of your child with Old St. Nick himself!
$5 per person - $25 per family
Tickets available in the Faith Formation office. Proceeds benefit St. Martha MDO program.

REVISED 2017-2018 SCHEDULE
In light of Hurricane Harvey and the impact that it has had on so many in our community, particularly those whose homes were damaged and our KHS students who are now commuting to Summer Creek High School every day, we have decided to revise our Life Teen schedule for this year. Life Teen will meet at the originally scheduled time (Sundays, 7:15-8:30 PM), but less frequently. Below are the scheduled dates for this year. Due to the smaller number of Life Nights, teens may miss no more than two (2) Life Nights to move on to the second year of Confirmation preparation next year.

Life Teen Dates (7:15-8:30 PM):
October 8
October 22
November 5
December 3
January 7
January 21
February 11
February 25
March 4
March 25
April 8
April 22

Please note that the Discipleship Retreats (originally scheduled for Sept. 9 & 16) will also be rescheduled. The new dates will be sent to you once they are scheduled.

Upper Room, our youth group, will continue to meet as usual, every Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM for those who would still like to attend weekly!
SUNG VESPERS at St. Martha’s (Come sing and pray with us!)
Please join us in the Church for our upcoming Sung Vespers (held the third Thursday of each month) at 7:30 PM on Thursday, Nov. 16—open to all. Come experience the peace and joy of this universal prayer of the Church with members of the Music Ministry as we together sing the Psalms, responses, canticles, and prayers of Vespers together.
We also welcome everyone to stay after Sung Vespers to attend a Christmas Carol preview concert by the Kingwood High School Madrigals (at 8:30 PM).

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!

SHARING SUNDAY— DEC. 9 & 10
Each year during Advent our parish makes a special effort to share our blessings with other parishes in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Through our annual Sharing Sunday we are able to help local parishes distribute food and gifts to needy families. Gifts are needed for children, adults, and senior citizens. Please wrap and tag these gifts with the age and gender of the recipient (for example, boy age 10-12). Grocery items are also needed but do not need to be wrapped. Take time to discuss with your family ways that your Christmas can be shared with other families. If you need more information please send an email to Gelly Estess at gellymar@suddenlink.net.

The Joy of Giving
This Christmas, our parish would like to help the children of our St. Martha parishioners who were affected by Hurricane Harvey. The St. Martha “Joy of Giving Tree” will be in addition to our Sharing Sunday.

- If your home was flooded and you need assistance with Christmas gifts for your children, please go to the Faith Formation website at: www.stmarthaaff.com for details on how you can register for assistance. Deadline to register is Nov. 19.

- Parishioners who would like to give gifts to our St. Martha children, will have the opportunity to select an ornament from the Giving Tree located in the narthex on Nov. 25/26 and Dec. 2/3. You will then have the opportunity to buy the gifts for each child, cost will be approximately $75 per child.

Thank you so much for helping our parishioners as we re-build spiritually, emotionally and financially.
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.
Message from the Carmelite Nuns in New Caney -

Annual Carmelite Nun Food Drive

As you know our community is planning to merge with the Carmel in San Antonio. Our monastery is for sale and we don't know when that will happen so we live in faith and entrust our needs to the intercession of St. Joseph! In the midst of all this we had been considering what to do about the Food Drive. After the hurricane and the shock of the extensive flooding, I took the first opportunity to talk with Fr. Borski. We have requested that you do not have the food drive for us this year. Rather, we request that whatever people would donate to us, be given to those who have flooded. We have been praying daily for all who have been affected by the hurricane and for those who are helping them and we will continue to do so. Not having the food drive is another way in which we can help and we’d really like to do this. The parishioners from St. Martha’s have been extraordinarily generous to our community and we are deeply grateful for your thoughtful and kind sharing with us. When we do move to San Antonio our prayers for all of you will continue. Distance will not separate hearts united in the love of the Lord!

Again, we thank you for all you have done for us for so many years!
Blessings,
Sr. Angel & Sisters

To honor their request, we ask those who are able, to continue to support the community during this difficult recovery from the effects of Harvey. You can do this by contributing to the St. Martha Kingwood Harvey Relief Fund. If you prefer to give food items, consider cooking a meal for someone who has been displaced or donate canned goods to the St. John of the Cross Food drive (4th weekend of every month – place donations in the containers located in the Rotunda). If you would still like to support the nuns and would like to send a monetary donation directly to the Monastery, you can do so by mailing a check to:

Discalced Carmelite Nuns
1100 Parthenon Place
New Caney, TX 77357

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Chester Borski

Catholic Daughters would like to thank parishioners and friends who helped make our Fall Festival Bake Sale a great success. We are very grateful for the volunteer help and the many, very delicious items donated and added to our own baked goods. As you know, all proceeds from the festival will benefit those who were impacted by the flooding. Heartfelt thanks and God bless you for your work and generosity.

Your Sisters In Christ,
Court St. Martha #2504
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

En la segunda lectura del 32º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, San Pablo escribe a los Tesalonicenses y les advierte que no sean como aquellos "que no tienen esperanza". Durante este mes de noviembre, la Iglesia nos invita a recordar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas difuntos y contemplar la realidad de la muerte. Mientras lo hacemos, es importante que reflexionemos sobre la virtud de la esperanza cristiana. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica explica que cuando Dios se nos revela y nos llama, no podemos responder al amor de Dios por nuestro propio poder humano. Debemos "esperar que Dios nos dé la capacidad de amarlo y actuar de conformidad con los mandamientos de la caridad". La esperanza es la expectativa confiada de la bendición divina y la visión beatífica de Dios "(CCC, # 2090). Simple, la esperanza es la expectativa de que un día nos encontraremos con Dios cara a cara y estaremos con Él por siempre. La esperanza no es un deseo de buena salud o que nuestro equipo deportivo favorito salga victorioso. Todas estas cosas pueden ser buenas y bien valen nuestra búsqueda, pero no alcanzan la profundidad o altura de la virtud teológica de la esperanza. La esperanza, como la fe y el amor, son llamadas virtudes teologales o virtudes divinas, porque su objeto es solo Dios. Todas las demás virtudes, como la misericordia y la honestidad, son llamadas virtudes morales; porque les preocupa nuestra vida en relación con otros seres humanos. Si bien, podemos desear felicidad en nuestras relaciones y éxito en nuestros objetivos profesionales, solo esperamos en Dios. Cuando ejercemos la virtud divina de la esperanza, estamos tratando con Dios no por nuestra propia fuerza o habilidad. Dios está completamente más allá de nuestra capacidad de contacto, totalmente más allá de nuestra capacidad de escuchar, ver y experimentar. Por lo tanto, cada vez que realmente esperamos en Dios, debemos darnos cuenta de que Dios es el que está activamente involucrado en la experiencia. Podemos estar seguros de que Dios nos ha encontrado a más de la mitad del camino y lo ha hecho posible. Noviembre es un excelente momento para pedirle a Dios el regalo de la esperanza cristiana y para nutrir esta virtud a través de una oración de reflexión sobre nuestra propia muerte y las promesas de la vida eterna. Dios nos prometió este regalo de vida eterna cuando fuimos bautizados. La esperanza es la expectativa de finalmente conocer a Dios personal y directamente, y estar con Él para siempre. Este es el deseo más profundo del corazón humano y se expresa bellamente en el Salmo Responsorial de hoy: "Mi alma está sedienta de ti, oh Señor Dios mío". Creemos que en el cielo experimentaremos a Dios directamente y nuestro santo anhelo será entonces cumplido por completo "En esperanza fuimos salvo" (Romanos 8:24).

Fr. Chester Borski

HAAM estara donando comida en el estacionamiento de St. Marta, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy este 15 de Noviembre 2017 de 11 am a 1 pm por orden de llegada

Se necesitan voluntarios para este evento por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutierrez a 832-860-4860 para mas informacion.

Seminario para formar animadoras AMSIF

EL FRUTO DEL AMOR ES EL SERVICIO

Comparte tus dones, en búsqueda de la formación integral de la mujer y la familia

Madre Teresa

Viernes 27 de octubre, 3, 20 y 17 de noviembre
10:00 a 2:00 pm
704 Old Montgomery Rd.
Conroe TX
Para más información 832 647 4824 con Laura Arroyo
Dio me llamó en un confesionario, recuerda el Papa Francisco. “Tenía 17 años y ese día, relata el Santo Padre, era “la fiesta de la primavera y del estudiante en Argentina, y la habría celebrado con los otros estudiantes: yo era católico practicante, iba a la misa del domingo, pero nada más… estaba en Acción Católica, pero no hacía nada, era solo un católico practicante”. “A lo largo de la calle para la estación ferroviaria de Flores, pasaba cerca de la parroquia que frecuentaba y me sentía empujado a entrar: entré y vi venir por un lado a un sacerdote que no conocía. En ese momento no sé qué me sucedió, pero advertí la necesidad de confesarme, en el primer confesionario a la izquierda –mucha gente iba a rezar allí–. Y no sé qué ocurrió que salí distinto, cambiado”, relata el Papa.“Volví a casa con la certeza de tenerme que consagrar al Señor y este sacerdote me acompañó durante casi un año”. (www.aciprensa.com)

Descubre: Dec. 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 la 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 gratis. Registración, videos, y Detalles en: www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

Si DESEA Llevar el caliz de Vocaciones Comunicarse con William Lasalle (Tony) al (646)489-1554 oa su Correo electrónico onairtony@gmail.com

SHARING SUNDAY – COMPARTIENDO SUS BENDICIONES
Cada año durante el tiempo de Adviento nuestra parroquia hace un esfuerzo especial para compartir nuestras bendiciones con otras parroquias de la archidiócesis de Galveston- Houston. A través de nuestro programa anual de regalos (Sharing Sunday) Compartiendo Nuestras Bendiciones, de esta manera ayudamos a las parroquias a distribuir comida y regalos a familias necesitadas.

Estaremos recibiendo estas donaciones durante las misas del fin de semana del Sábado y Domingo, Diciembre 9 y 10. Todas las donaciones son necesarias para los niños, adultos y ancianos. Por favor envuelva y etiquete sus donaciones con la edad y el sexo para quien va dirigido (por ejemplo, niño 10 y 12 años). También puede donar alimentos no perecederos, (latas de comida, cajas), que no necesitan estar envueltos. Por favor considere hacer esta donación y hagan un plan familiar para ayudar a otras familias menos afortunadas. Permitamos que todas estas personas reciban un regalo esta navidad y vean el rostro de Cristo en sus donaciones, haciendo comunidad para su gloria. Si necesita más información o tiene preguntas, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a Gelly Estess gellymar@suddenlink.net.

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Viernes, 17 de noviembre, 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sábado, 18 de noviembre, 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
En el FLC (campus de Woodland Hills)
No hay costo para la conferencia. Se proveerá de tiempo para el almuerzo.
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RECORDATORIO: El día de hoy, deposite la tarjeta de nominación LLAMADO POR SU NOMBRE en la cesta ubicada en el Narthex o devuélvala a la oficina de la iglesia. Continuar orando por el éxito de este programa en nuestra parroquia, especialmente durante estas dos semanas de oración por las vocaciones.
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