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.
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5,6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday:** St. Cecilia

**Thursday:** St. Clement I, St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro; Thanksgiving Day

**Friday:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

**Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon./Nov. 20**
8:30 AM Amelia Sia

**Tues./Nov. 21**
8:30 AM Leslie Elizabeth Campos Cuadra
7 PM Jon Schuler

**Wed./Nov. 22**
8:30 AM †Tony Priesol
10 AM Virginia Gaffney

**Thurs./Nov. 23/Thanksgiving Day**
**Fri./Nov. 24**
8:30 AM †Kevin Briones

**Sat./Nov. 25**
5:30 PM †James & Wanda Bartels

**Sun./Nov. 26**
7 AM †Jack & Esther Gross
9 AM †Alice Anne Spartz
11 AM †Teresa Parissi
1 PM †Mary Covella
5:30 PM †Luisa Belmar

**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. 29.**

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**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.

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**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.

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**MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DEC. 8**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Dec. 7 (Vigil): 7:30 PM

Dec. 8: 6:30 AM, Noon and 7:30 PM.

School Mass - 8:30 AM (Woodland Hills Campus)

The parish office will be closed Friday, Dec. 8th.

The Divine Mercy ministry will hold a PRAYER SERVICE on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Friday, Dec. 8) in the Chapel on the Woodland Hills Campus from 12 - 1 PM.

All are welcome for this Hour of Grace.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel reading that has been selected for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights the importance of being wise stewards of the gifts God has bestowed upon us. The Church uses this Gospel text as well as others to help us understand that stewardship lies at the heart of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately some people think of money-raising efforts in the Church when they hear the word. That is really not the meaning of stewardship as it is described in the parable from Matthew’s Gospel text today. Quite simply, a wise steward is the person who takes care of whatever he or she has received from the Lord and uses that gift for building up God’s kingdom here on earth. The United States Catholic Bishops stated in Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, “A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others and returns them with increase to the Lord.” Thus, Christian stewardship is really about faithful discipleship. It is about living out our Baptismal commitment in the Church and in the world. Over half of the major Gospel parables speak about being such faithful disciples and wise stewards of the gifts of God.

The central point of the parable today is clearly not about investing money but rather about using in a responsible way the gifts and abilities or talents that God has poured out on us. The parable speaks to us both as individuals and as members of a community of faith. Life at all levels has been given to us, not just for safekeeping, but for growth and development. This the clear and consistent biblical message, beginning with the account of creation in the Book of Genesis which has God telling us: “Be fruitful and multiply.” Our God is a living God and desires that we participate in this divine enterprise of ongoing creation. To be alive in God is to grow and contribute to the well-being of our families and our neighbors. As Christian stewards we have different abilities, different gifts, and different talents. What we have in common is the call to develop them responsibly and to put them at the service of the larger community. The most obvious example of this practice was the recent response from people in our community (and beyond) in assisting the victims of the flooding brought on by Hurricane Harvey. Stewardship essentially is an “attitude of gratitude” and leads to a way of life when we embrace this Gospel view. Good stewards realize that they did not earn their time, talent, or treasure. These are gifts from a generous and loving God who asks only that we share what we have received with others. And when we do, God’s kingdom begins to take root in our lives and overflows into the lives of those we serve.

Fr. Chester Borski

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)

In Our Prayers

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

Joseph Aloisio (brother of Anne Schuelke)
Kathleen Unger (wife of Robert Unger, mother of Deacon Geoff Unger and Gretchen Currie)
Marie Burk (wife of Bill Burk)
Norma Ross
Albert Byington
Bob Landvogt (husband of Nancy Landvogt)
Norman Deitz (father of Neal Deitz)
Vincent Grande (father of Phyllis Grande Holly)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

Don and Angie Chesnut, Muriel Williams, Waldon Landry, Rodney Powell, Joan Brandt, Eleonor DeLeon, Catherine Sedlak, Michael Kohler, Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stropue, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Terry McDaid, Bette Hale, Dennis Alvary, Brandon Evans, Michael Adkins, Donna 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 Kacaski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buchta, Noreen Stack, Josie Perez, Mary Silvers, Jo White, Maria Coronado, Millie Smardeny, Lary Auman, Lynette Smith, Peggy O’Brien, Shannon Bosco, Mary Lou Sepulveda, Alfredo Soto, Lisa Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez, Efren Martinez, Brodie Nikolai, Paula Seams, Victor Hugo Carbajal, Penny Gaido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Polita Luna, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McTaggart, Richard Kuehler, Martha Bush, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Rick Frantz

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.

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.
St. Martha Catholic Parish
Annual Stewardship Report
Fiscal Year 2017

If you have questions, please email Theresa Miller at theresam@stmartha.com

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<td>1,146,643</td>
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Income

- Offertory: 12%
- School Income: 39%
- Capital Campaign: 30%
- Other Income (fees, registration etc.): 19%

Expenses

- Payroll, Utilities: 34%
- School Expense: 29%
- Debt Service: 18%
- Other expenses: 19%
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

St Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name
Passionist Retreat Center
Jan. 5-7, 2018
Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend
Retreat Theme: Ave Crux, Spes Unica, meaning, "Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope"
Harmonious with the mission of the Passionists, the theme of the Cross is central to an authentic spiritual journey of any Catholic. Is the Cross our only hope? Join us to probe this question, as we look deeper into the relationship of Jesus, His Cross, and our redemption. For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, please visit the website www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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. 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!

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

Vocations Corner
LAST CHANCE: Today, place your CALLED BY NAME nomination form in the collection basket or return it to the church office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Remember in prayer those men and women of our parish who have been nominated, that they may appreciate their giftedness and respond to Christ’s call.

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, Dec. 4 at 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.

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 Benvengu, eileenbenvengu@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.

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

Young At Heart Luncheon - No Luncheon on Nov. 22 or Nov. 29.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we'll see you in December.
Sister Maria Elena and Sister Julie express their deepest gratitude to the many people who participated in making the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of Martha's Kitchen a very special event. The music, scripture readings and the meaningful words from Msgr. Borski were most appreciated.

Thank you to Martha's Kitchen Board members for your organization of the reception and to J. Christopher's for the delicious catering. Lastly, but not least, thank you Martha's Kitchen volunteers for your faithful service and to the parishioners of St. Martha Church for your consistent support and loyal generosity.

May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving! God bless you.

Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed on Nov. 22, 23, and 24 for Thanksgiving.

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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?
Call 713-741-8728.

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BE A SANTA’S HELPER
ADOPT A FAMILY

NOV. 27 – DEC. 11, 2017
3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339

If you are wanting to be a Santa’s Helper and Adopt a Family or just one child, please contact the SVdP office at 281-358-6636 or Fran McConnell at mcconnell6@comcast.net or 832-248-0103.

If you know of a family in need, have them contact us at 281-358-6636 or at svdp@stmartha.com

Helping our neighbors and those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Sponsored by
ST. MARTHA CONFERENCE - KINGWOOD
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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HURTING?
Healing after Abortion

Project Rachel

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.
Outreach

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.

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:
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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.

Cancer survivors of more than 75 different types of cancer volunteer for CanCare to provide emotional support to those currently facing a battle with cancer. A patient is matched with a CanCare volunteer for one-on-one emotional support based on a variety of criteria including cancer site, treatments, age and gender. Generally, support is provided over the phone and sometimes through email, and we encourage those who are matched with someone in the same geographical area to make an effort to meet in person. 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 Jan. 16. 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.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY
Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 1 PM
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.

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.

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.

Remaining Life Teen Dates (7:15-8:30 PM):
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!

Parenting and Youth
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 “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: 5-6 AM / SATURDAY 1-2 AM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 10-11 AM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MIDNIGHT-1 AM
Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 PM
Friday: 12-1 AM, 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 PM
Saturday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM
If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Carmen Ogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com. If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
Robyn Laumbach: 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)

CCHD Collection

This weekend we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change.

A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
El texto de las lecturas que han sido seccionadas para el domingo 33vo del tiempo ordinario subrayan la importancia de ser prudente con los donones o regalos que el Señor nos ha dado. La Iglesia usa este texto del Evangelio al igual que otros para ayudar a entender el “stewardship” de Jesucristo. Desafortunadamente, algunas personas piensan en los esfuerzos de recaudación de dinero en la Iglesia cuando escuchan la palabra. Ese es no realmente el significado de mayordomía tal como se describe en la parábola del texto del Evangelio de Mateo de hoy. Simplemente, un mayordomo sabio es la persona que se ocupa de lo que ha recibido. La Unión Episcopal de los Estados Unidos afirma que “Stewardship” es: Respuesta de los Discípulos, "Un mayordomo cristiano es aquel que recibe los dones que Dios le da con gratitud, gustosamente los usa de una manera responsable y, los comparte con justicia y amor con los demás y devuelve con creces al Señor. "Por lo tanto, "Christian stewardship" se trata realmente de un discipulado fiel. Se trata de vivir nuestro compromiso bautismal en la Iglesia y en el mundo. Las parábolas del Evangelio hablan acerca de ser discípulos fieles y mayordomos sabios de los dones de Dios. El punto central de la parábola hoy es claramente no acerca de invertir dinero, sino más bien acerca de usarlo de manera responsable con los dones, habilidades o talentos que Dios ha derramado sobre nosotros. La parábola nos habla a ambos como individuos y miembros de una comunidad de fe. La vida en todos los niveles nos ha sido dada, no solo por la seguridad, sino también por el crecimiento y el desarrollo. Este mensaje bíblico claro y consistente, comenzando con el relato de la creación en el Libro del Génesis donde Dios nos dice: “Sed fecundos y multiplicaos”. Nuestro Dios es un Dios vivo y con deseo de participar en esta empresa divina de la creación en curso, Estar vivo en Dios es crecer y contribuir al bienestar de nuestras familias y nuestros vecinos. Como administradores cristianos tenemos diferentes habilidades, diferentes dones y diferentes talentos. Lo que tenemos en común es el llamado a desarrollarlos de manera responsable y ponerlos al servicio de la comunidad en general. El ejemplo más obvio de esta práctica es la respuesta reciente de personas en nuestra comunidad (y más allá) en el huracán Harvey. El “Stewardship” es esencialmente una "actitud de gratitud" y nos lleva a una forma de vida cuando adoptamos esta visión del evangelio. Los buenos mayordomos se dan cuenta de que no ganaron su tiempo, talento o tesoro. Estos son regalos de un Dios generoso y amoroso y que los compartamos con los semejantes. Y cuando lo hacemos, el reino de Dios comienza a echar raíces en nuestras vidas y se desborda en las vidas de aquellos a quienes servimos.

Fr. Chester Borski

SHARING SUNDAY – COMPARTE NUESTRAS BENEFICIONES
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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“Nadie podrá separarnos del amor de Dios; ni la muerte, ni la vida... ni lo presente, ni lo futuro”

Fr. Chester Borski Ministerio Hispano

Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida
www.archgh.org/pro-life
última oportunidad: Hoy día, colocar en la canasta de colecta la forma de nominación llamado por su nombre o devolverlo a la oficina de la iglesia. Por favor, continúen orando por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada. Recordar en la oración a aquellos hombres y mujeres de nuestra parroquia que han sido nominados, para que puedan aprender su talento y responder a la llamada de Cristo.

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Campamento de Adviento para jóvenes en el Pines!

¿Qué es Alive?
Alive es nuestro campamento de fin de semana anual de invierno que tiene lugar durante el Adviento. ¿Qué mejor manera y lugar para preparar nuestros corazones para la venida del Señor que en el campamento católico The Pines? Vas a llegar a participar en un montón de actividades de verano en invierno, incluyendo el circuito de cuerdas, último disco volador, y voleibol! Tendremos misa, confesiones, adoración, secciones de hombres y mujeres, un baile nocturno, s'mores, higuera, y mucho más! Participantes deben de ser estar en los grados de 8th a 12th. Para más información: ttps://www.thepines.org/alive-again.html. Llamar (214) 552-6533

Dicembre 15-17: Retiro de Discernimiento para hombres

El Retiro de discernimiento para hombres entre las edades de 18-35 que están pensando seriamente en el sacerdocio. Este retiro es una oportunidad para establecer un tiempo en silencio para escuchar la voz de Dios en su vida; escuchar charlas inspiradoras y orientación para el proceso de discernimiento; aprender a discernir su vocación y afinar sus habilidades para saber discernir. Tendrán una charlas de uno-a-uno con un sacerdote y seminarista. El retiro de discernimiento se llevará a cabo en el Seminario de St. Mary’s en Houston en diciembre 15-17 (Comienza el viernes a las 5 pm, y termina el domingo a las 2:00). Costo $ 30 de (becas disponibles si es necesario). (Se requiere una entrevista con la Oficina de Vocaciones).

Descubre: Dec. 21, 7-9:30 p.m.

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. Registración, videos, y detalles en www.houstonvocations.com/descubre

Evento Descubre para mujeres: 14 de diciembre de 6:30 a 9:00 p.m.—gratuit

Reunión para mujeres de las edades de 18 en adelante que estén interesadas en aprender más acerca de la vida religiosa. Hermanas de diferentes comunidades religiosas estarán presentes. 6:30-9:00. Las reuniones se estarán realizando en diferentes conventos alrededor de la arquidiócesis. Vídeo, fotos, y registro www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking o contactar a Sr. Anita Brenek, CDP at 713-652-8239 abrenek@archgh.org

El propósito del cáliz de vocaciones, el cáliz consagrado, es proporcionar un punto focal para orar.
Todos somos conscientes de la necesidad de vocaciones al sacerdocio, el diaconado y la vida religiosa. Sin embargo, a veces olvidamos lo poderoso que puede ser orar por un aumento en las vocaciones. Si oramos con la fe de la viuda de Zarepath, en 1 Reyes 17, ¡nuestra copa nunca se secará! Siempre tendremos sacerdotes para traernos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. El Concilio Vaticano II nos instruye que es el trabajo de los laicos orar y levantar vocaciones, y esto fue repetido por el Papa Juan Pablo II en muchas de sus enseñanzas. Para obtener más información y desea orar por las vocaciones favor comunicarse con William Lasalle (Tony) al (201)913-6728 o a su correo electrónico onairtony@gmail.com
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FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 11 & 12 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:

Weekly Budget $ 76,735
Sunday Collection $ 47,325
Faith Direct-Offertory $ 59,618
Holy Day-All Saints Day $ 869
Over/(Under) $ 31,077

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 1,534,700
Sunday Collection $ 1,415,099
Over/(Under) $ (119,601)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 40,158
Martha’s Kitchen $ 13,057
Priest Retirement Collection $ 1,487
Campaign for Hope of Texas Dev. $ 1,305
Kingwood Harvey Relief $ 280,921

Current Loan Debt: $ 9,761,525