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): ....
Saturday Vigil: ................... 8:30 AM
Sunday: .......................... 5:30 PM
En Español .......................... 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
Life Teen: .......................... 1 PM
Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Saturday Vigil: .................. 5:30 PM
Sunday: .......................... 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
Life Teen: .......................... 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

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 — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-16, 17-19, 23-28; Dn 3:62-68; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Last Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Andrew

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

 STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In today’s Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ’s active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

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 Noon -1 PM.
All are welcome for this Hour of Grace.

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.

MSGR. CHESTER BORSKI’S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Msgr. Borski will celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 21, 2017.

Weekend Masses honoring Msgr. Borski—
5:30 PM Saturday, Dec.16
All Masses on Sunday, Dec. 17
Refreshments in the Narthex following all Masses
Mass of Thanksgiving—
Thursday, Dec. 21, at Noon, St. Martha Catholic Church
Reception in the Church Plaza immediately following Mass.

Mass Intentions

Mon./Nov. 27
8:30 AM †Gilbert Ybarbo

Tues./Nov. 28
8:30 AM †Linda Arnold
7 PM †Terrence Quinn, Sr.

Wed./Nov. 29
8:30 AM †Harold Ray Fahrenthold
11 AM †Harold Ray Fahrenthold
10 AM †Ferenc Bosze

Thurs./Nov. 30
6:30 AM †Earl Hendricks
8:30 AM †Carol Michelini

Fri./Dec. 1
8:30 AM †Fernando Cuadra

Sat./Dec. 2
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM †Irene Mansfield

Sun./Dec. 3
7 AM For the Parish
9 AM †Lucille Burke

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.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year and is known as the feast of Christ the King. The Scripture readings emphasize the final triumph of Jesus Christ over the forces of evil at the end of time and our participation in this great victory. The Gospel reading is from Matthew 25 and is the account of the final judgment of all nations. Jesus describes that eschatological event in terms of a shepherd separating sheep from goats. This same image is found in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel: “As a shepherd tends his flock, ... so I tend my sheep. I will judge between one sheep and another.”

What Jesus stresses in his teaching concerning the final judgment of us human beings is the criteria by which our lives are to be measured. No matter how we try to understand this text, all of us find the message of Jesus quite challenging. In the end we will be judged primarily not by our successes or status or the knowledge we have acquired, but rather by the way we have treated those in need: the hungry and the thirsty, the stranger and the naked, those who are sick or in prison. These actions we know as the corporal works of mercy. In a very real sense the Gospel account tells us that we will all be surprised by God’s judgment on that great day.

In the story in Matthew both the ones who were invited into heaven and the ones who were left outside were shocked and were unable to figure out what had happened. The “good guys” (the sheep) could not remember doing anything particularly good and the “bad guys” (the goats) could not remember doing anything especially bad. Thus, Jesus instructs us about something that is absolutely crucial in our desire to be his disciples. His teaching tells us clearly who the real winners and losers are in the kingdom of his Father. It is not what is outside of us, something that we accomplished or some honor of recognition we have achieved. It is something on the inside that makes us blessed in the eyes of God. It is the “habit of the heart” which comes from our deep faith in the way of Jesus and which enables us to recognize the person in need and to choose to respond generously to that person here and now. This habit does not come from the promise of some reward but from a sense of solidarity with other human beings. We are called to be compassionate and kind because we see in another person the face of Jesus. This openness to others which sets no boundaries or limits to our generous care carries with it its own reward. Is this not what most of us witnessed in our community when neighbors and even strangers promptly volunteered to assist those who suffered the flooding of their homes by the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey? Let us continue to choose this way of life and share ourselves and our gifts for the building up of the kingdom proclaimed and inaugurated by Christ the King.

Fr. Chester Borski

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend, Nov. 25-26, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need.

(Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass.)

From the Pastor

In Our Prayers

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

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, Eleonora DeLeon, Catherine Sedlak, Michael Kohler, Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stroupe, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mac 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 Katsaksi, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buchtla, Noreen Stack, Josie Perez, Mary Silvers, Jo White, Maria Coronado, Millie Smaardaev, Larry 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 Guido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Polita Luna, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McTaggart, Richard Kuehler, Martha Busch, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Rick Frantz, Lupe Renteria, Bruce Ward

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.

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary: Every first Saturday at 8:30 AM. Please join us Dec. 2.
**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!

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**JOB OPENING AT ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL:**

**ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT**

**Job Description:** The (20 hours) part-time Assistant to the Director of Advancement & Development reports to the Principal and is responsible for assisting the Director of A & D with the overall management, coordination, and implementation of fundraising events, weekly eblast communications for school families, and school schedule. The Assistant also serves as liaison for the Local Advisory Board Marketing sub-committee. In addition, the Assistant coordinates the staff calendar scheduling of all school events, maintains the staff calendar, and acts as liaison between the school and the St. Martha parish facilities scheduler to reserve parish facilities as needed for school use.

**Responsibilities:**
1. Works in collaboration with staff to convey within the school and community, the school’s mission, value, activities, and successes.
2. Works in collaboration with the PTO board and committee chairs to coordinate fundraising efforts.
3. Maintains marquee and glass porch cases with upcoming events.
4. Maintain Flocknote subscriber network internally and interface with Flocknote tech support to produce, schedule, and send Principal approved Flocknotes to school families.
5. Works in collaboration with the Principal and staff to produce and manage the staff calendar.
6. Works in collaboration with the Principal to schedule and maintain facilities requests through the parish office.
7. Other duties and Go-To responsibilities as requested by the Principal.

If interested, please apply on the archdiocesan website: https://www.applitrack.com/archgh/onlineapp/

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**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Christmas Luncheon & Celebration**

Young at Heart-ers - Christmas is coming and so is our Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon and Celebration. Come join your YAH (Young at Heart) family and enjoy a delicious Christmas luncheon just for you. There will be entertainment, gifts, and fellowship (sorry, no bingo this month). Join us for the festivities at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 11 AM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older**

Join Northeast Catholic Singles, a ministry for singles ages 40 and older, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Uberrito Mexican Grill, 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. On Saturday, Dec. 2, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble; meal afterwards at Humble City Cafe, 200 E. Main Street in Humble. Meet in the narthex of the church at 5:15 pm. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggbm4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s website.

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**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

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**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
Outreach

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

Martha's Kitchen News

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. We wish you a blessed holiday!

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.

- 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.
- We are in need of volunteers to hand out envelopes after mass on Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 2-3. If you are interested please send a text message to Paula Amsler at 713-806-2641.

Thank you so much for helping our parishioners as we re-build spiritually, emotionally and financially.

CanCare

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
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.

Hurti ng?
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.

St. Joseph Helpers are available to help parishioners who are in need of assistance with home repairs or building projects such as wheelchair ramps, etc. For more information contact Bill Beck, 281-360-7023.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN SEEKING: Dec. 14, 6-9 PM
Gathering for women ages 18 and up who are interested in learning more about religious life. Sisters from different religious communities will be present.

DISCOVER: Dec. 14, 6:30-9:30 PM
Discernment gathering for men ages 18-35 who want to learn about diocesan and religious priesthood.

Dec. 15-17 – Men’s Discernment Retreat – for men ages 18-35 who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This is an opportunity to set aside some time of silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, listen to inspiring talks and guidance for your discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills, and have a one-on-one visit with a priest and seminarian. 
Visit www.houstonvocations.com or call 713-652-8239 or email vocations@archgh.org for more information and to register for these upcoming events.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the SOBCZAK 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.

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, Nov. 27, 2017
6:30 PM Social, 7 - 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, eileen-benvegnu@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.
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.

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!

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.

EDGE FLOCKNOTE
For messages on Edge updates and event details, subscribe to our Flocknote list at the Edge page on the St. Martha website, or e-mail to:
Lisa Hartsfield at lisah@stmartha.com

OTE NEWS
TOMORROW
Monday, NOV. 27
[6:30-8 PM]
Edge Night
Bring ALL of your friends to the FLC for FREE pizza, prayer, and a whole night of FUN!
**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.

**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: 5-6 AM / FRIDAY 11-NOON/SATURDAY 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM
SECOND ADOHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 10-11 AM, 5-6 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MIDNIGHT-1 AM
Wednesday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM
Friday: 12-1 AM, 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 PM, 11 AM-NOON
Saturday: 10-11 AM, 11-NOON, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 10-11 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 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)

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.

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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.

Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

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We ♥ Our School, Teachers, Aides, Administration & Staff St. Martha Catholic School

Fundraiser for St. Martha Catholic School Four Course Family Style Italian Dinner With Wine Saturday, December 2, 2017, 6:30 - 9:00 PM in the Family Life Center

- $25 per ticket
- Childcare available in the Activity Center for $3 per Child ($10 for 4 or more) for Pizza Party and Games
- Make reservations and purchase tickets at the following URL address: goo.gl/P1ik3f
- Knights of Columbus Council 12320 Cook Team will prepare the Meal. This team received rave reviews for the 2016 Wine Tasting Dinner.
- Knights of Columbus Council 12320 will serve the Dinner & Wine
- Raffle for a $500 Amazon Gift Card - $5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20
- 50/50 Drawing
- Door Prize Drawings throughout the evening
- Net proceeds to go to St. Martha Catholic School
- Help us support our school!
The St. Martha Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the Parish for its generous support of our recent Black Bag Collection. **Donations from this collection totaled $23,710.** Because of your compassion and extraordinary generosity, our Conference will be able to continue its mission to assist those in need in our community.

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say…”whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, in the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting 117 families, providing $9,231 for utility assistance, $6,730 for rent, $470 in food, and $788 for furniture and other bills. Thank You!

Next Sunday as we begin Advent we are called to: “Be watchful! Be alert!” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. **Your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers for this ministry and may God bless you and your family.**

“At the same time I would encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in a cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope.” —Pope Francis, Address to Congress, September 14, 2015

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**St. Martha Catholic Church**

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**NOCHE DE ADORACION**

**Fridays, December 1 - 2017**

4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365

ADORATION-PASSION-SPRIT
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
Este fin de semana es el último domingo del año litúrgico y se conoce como la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Las lecturas de las Escrituras enfatizan el triunfo final de Jesucristo sobre las fuerzas del mal al final de los tiempos y nuestra participación en esta gran victoria. La lectura del Evangelio es de Mateo 25 y es el relato del juicio final de todas las naciones. Jesús describe ese evento escatológico en términos de un pastor que separa las ovejas de las cabras. Esta misma imagen se encuentra en la primera lectura del profeta Ezequiel: “Como un pastor cuida su rebaño, ... así yo cuido mis ovejas. Juzgaré entre una oveja y otra”. Lo que Jesús enfatiza en su enseñanza concerniente al juicio final de nosotros, los seres humanos, es el criterio por el cual nuestras vidas deben ser medidas. No importa cómo tratemos de entender este texto, todos nosotros encontramos el mensaje de Jesús bastante desafiante. Al final, seremos juzgados principalmente no por nuestros éxitos o estatus o por el conocimiento que hemos adquirido, sino por la forma en que hemos tratado a los necesitados: los hambrientos y los sedientos, los extraños y los desnudos, los enfermos o en prisión. Estas acciones las conocemos como las obras de misericordia corporales. En un sentido muy real, el relato del Evangelio nos dice que a todos nos sorprenderá el juicio de Dios en ese gran día.

En la historia de Mateo, tanto los que fueron invitados al cielo como los que quedaron afuera se sorprendieron y no pudieron descifrar lo que había sucedido. Los “chicos buenos” (las ovejas) no recordaban haber hecho nada particularmente bueno y los “chicos malos” (las cabras) no recordaban haber hecho nada especialmente malo. Por lo tanto, Jesús nos instruye sobre algo que es absolutamente crucial en nuestro deseo de ser sus discípulos. Su enseñanza nos dice claramente quiénes son los verdaderos ganadores y perdedores en el reino de su Padre. No es lo que está fuera de nosotros, algo que hemos logrado o algún honor de reconocimiento. Es algo en el interior que nos hace bendecidos a los ojos de Dios. Es el “hábito del corazón” que proviene de nuestra profunda fe en el camino de Jesús y que nos permite reconocer a la persona necesitada y elegir responder generosamente a esa persona aquí y ahora. Este hábito no proviene de la promesa de una recompensa sino de un sentido de solidaridad con otros seres humanos. Estamos llamados a ser compasivos y amables porque vemos en otra persona el rostro de Jesús. Esta apertura a los demás que no establece restricciones o límites a nuestro cuidado generoso conlleva su propia recompensa. ¿No es esto lo que la mayoría de nosotros presenciamos en nuestra comunidad cuando vecinos e incluso desconocidos se ofrecieron de inmediato como voluntarios para ayudar a aquellos que sufrieron la inundación de sus hogares después del huracán Harvey? Continuamos escogiendo esta forma de vida y compartimos nosotros mismos y nuestros dones para la edificación del reino proclamado e inaugurado por Cristo Rey.

Fr. Chester Borski

**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 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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Vas a llegar a participar en un montón de actividades de verano y de invierno, ¡todos corazones para la venida del Señor que en el campamento católico The Pines! que tiene lugar durante el Adviento. ¿Qué mejor manera y lugar para preparar nuestra vida religiosa que en el campamento Alive Again 2017! Para más información: https://www.thepines.org/alive-again.html.

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Retiro de Discernimiento para hombres—Diciembre 15-17: Él 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 (Cortenza el viernes a las 5 pm, y termina el domingo a las 2:00). Costo $ 30 de (begas disponibles si es necesario). ( Se requiere una entrevista con la Oficina de Vocaciones)