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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

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

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

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 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 rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).
Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READEINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bede, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Damasus I
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Wednesday: St. Lucy
Thursday: St. John of the Cross
Saturday: Las Posadas begins

All are Welcome to Monsignor Chester Borski’s 50th Ordination Anniversary Celebrations
Receptions following December 16-17 Weekend Masses

Ordination Anniversary Mass & Luncheon Thursday December 21st
12:00 noon

Fr. Borski requests only your presence – no gifts please. If you want to make a donation in his honor, you may do so to “St. Martha Church-Debt Reduction” or “St. Martha Harvey Relief Fund.”

Volunteers needed for Anniversary Celebration:
• For all Masses on Dec. 16, 17 and 21, we will need 12 or more volunteers to distribute commemorative rosaries and prayer cards to each family.
• For the Mass of Thanksgiving at noon on Dec. 21, we will need an additional 3 or more volunteers to assist with parking (to help our invited clergy).

If you can help, please e-mail our volunteer coordinator at Barry.Robichaux@us.ibm.com and indicate at which Mass(es) you are available to help.

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Dec. 11
8:30 AM †Clarino Basabe

Tues./Dec. 12/Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 AM †George Kovacik
10 AM †Pauline & Benny Pennucci

Wed./Dec. 13
8:30 AM †John D. Barone
9 AM †Theodore Bella & Mirna Bella
11 AM †Teresa Parissi
1 PM For the Parish

Thurs./Dec. 14
6:30 AM †Jack Schuler
8:30 AM †Lance Corporal Luke Yepsen
Fri./Dec. 15
8:30 AM †Jack Throop

Sat./Dec. 16
5:30 PM †Dorothy Palus
7 AM †John D. Barone
9 AM †Theodore Bella & Mirna Bella
11 AM †Teresa Parissi
1 PM For the Parish

5:30 PM †Barbara & Francis Mason

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, DEC. 13.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The message of the Scriptures for the 2nd Sunday of Advent is very clear and challenging: *prepare* for the coming of the Lord by conversion of heart and by remembering the promises of God. The prophetic call to conversion is an urgent one. We are to make ready for the Lord’s coming not just by shopping for gifts for friends and family or by decorating our homes with Advent wreathes and Christmas trees, but by opening our hearts to the Word of God. This presumes on our part a deep desire to change our ways so that our behavior begins to reflect that of a true disciple of Jesus Christ. What if we were to compare the number of hours spent Christmas shopping to the number of hours spent dedicated to prayer and community service? How would we fare in this comparison? An examination of conscience based upon this comparison might indicate what we could do to heed the prophet’s call, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

The Church sets aside these days of the Advent season and invites us to go into the “room” of our hearts and allow the Lord to speak to us. How can we prepare “room” for the Lord? How have our senses become dulled to the movement of God’s Spirit in our hearts? What commitments have we made and now have forgotten or broken? Whom have we neglected, especially within our family? Have we marked our calendars for this Thursday, December 14th to attend the parish Penance Service and seek the gift of the Lord’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? While the prophet’s call to conversion is an urgent one, the message we receive from our God is one of great hope. The first line from the reading from the prophet Isaiah is one of the most eloquent and consoling in the Old Testament, “Comfort, give comfort to my people. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.” The prophet assures us that our God will come to save us as a shepherd gathers his lambs into his arms and carries them close to his heart. The Advent Scriptures remind us that the great joy of this season is only experienced by those who are truly open to accepting the gift salvation offered in the person of Christ Jesus. And on this weekend when our parish celebrates *Sharing Sunday*, let us share that joy with those in special need of God’s touch in their lives.

*Fr. Chester Borski*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS**
Dec. 12: 7 PM

**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**
Dec. 14: 6:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**
Dec. 24 (Vigil): 4 PM, 7 PM, Midnight
Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM (Spanish Mass)

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE**
Dec. 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM (Spanish Mass)

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**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.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

St. Martha Men’s ACTS Retreat
Feb. 8-11, 2018 (English)
Registration of the Men’s English ACTS Retreat will be held on Jan. 6-7, 2018 at all masses. The ACTS retreat is a three day/night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $190, but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat! If you have questions, you can contact the retreat director, Gustavo Zapata (832-247-9955), co-directors Tom Watkins (713-894-4488), Manuel Walters (832-312-3043) or acts-m21@stmartha.co.
Online pre-registration OPEN at: http://goo.gl/zuiXBX

PLEASE NOTE:
There will be no Dec. 11, Catholic Daughters Meeting this month. Our next meeting will be Jan. 8, 2018.

Divorced. Cath♥lic. Now What?
Navigating Your Life After Divorce
This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:
Healing * Anger * Helping Children Cope * Forgiveness * Gratitude* Hope
Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and a practicing Catholic.
Jan. 10—March 8, 7 - 8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)
For information and registration, please contact:
Vicki Rück, 713-927-8815, vickiruck@suddenlink.net
Paula Amsler, 713-806-2641, paula_amsler@msn.com
* Cost: $20 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Dec. 13, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at McAlister’s Deli, 9477 FM 1960 (at Townsen) in Humble. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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

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.
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

“i was sick and you visited me . . .”
Mathew 25:36

UPCOMING TOURS:
♦ Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral & Houston City Tour—Tuesday, Jan. 9, 8 AM - 5 PM
♦ MFAH Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens Tour—Thursday, Feb. 8, 8 AM - 4 PM
♦ Galveston Harbor Tour & the Strand Historic District Tour—Tuesday, April 17, 8 AM - 5:30 PM
Cost of each Tour: $35 per person*
Must be 50+ years old to attend.
Limited number of seats!
The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 8 AM.
*Please note that meals are not included in the tour price.
Please register and pay for the tours at the Parish office between 9 AM—4 PM, Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 or 713-665-9583.

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 ADORERS 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 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)

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 Face-
book group: St. Martha’s Moms
(Kingwood, TX)
For more information email Renee
at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com. We look
forward to meeting you.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet
on Monday, Dec. 11, from 7—8 PM in the
Adult Education Meeting Room 1 of the
Family Life Center at the Woodland Hills
Campus. All moms with chil-
dren preparing for college, cur-
rently enrolled in college, or re-
cently graduated from college are
cordially invited. If you have
questions, please e-mail Gloria
Gámez at mornglor@yahoo.com

Parenting and Youth

Vocations Corner

VOCATION DIRECTORS, whether of a diocese or religious or-
der, are the interface between the congregations and the world. They
also need your prayers and perhaps your help. Feel free to suggest a
name to your pastor of someone you believe may be interested in pur-
suing a religious vocation.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS: Please join the
MORRIS 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

Young Adults

All 6th – 8th grade students and
friends are invited for a night of
spreading Christmas cheer!
Groups will visit communities in the Kingwood
area for Christmas caroling and then
participate in a scavenger hunt, returning to
St. Martha for cookies and fun.

For a permission form, send an e-mail to:
Lisa Hartsfield at: lisah@stmartha.com

Upcoming events
Bible Study: Join us on Mon-
day’s at 7 PM in the Church! New
members are always welcome!
We are currently reading the Gos-

Young Catholic Professional Houston (YCP) - The Houston Chap-
ter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather Tuesday,
Dec. 12 at 7 PM for its Executive Speaker Series (and Christmas Ex-
travaganza!), featuring Carmen Garrett Armistead, Head of School at
St. Pius X High School.
Young Catholic Professional Houston (YCP) Retreat - Join us for
our St. Joseph the Worker Retreat from 9 AM-1 PM. Saturday morning,
Dec. 16. Our retreats encourage young adults to “look upon work with
the eyes of faith” and see God’s presence in their vocations and profes-
Sional lives. This is a free retreat, open to all young professionals in
their 20s and 30s. Please bring a notebook, a pen, and a Bible. Hope to
see you there! WHERE: Villa de Matel Convent 6510 Lawndale St,
Houston, TX 77023 WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 AM-1 PM.
Please subscribe to our email list via Flocknote new.flocknote.com/
youngadults@stmartha/YAStMMYoungAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/
YASTM/ to stay informed of upcoming events. For questions about
any events, please email youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also
call or text Matt Cooke: 718-887-6837
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):
Jan. 7, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 4, March 25, April 8, April 22

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!

Texas Rally for Life
Jan. 27, 2018
Mass at 8:15 AM
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
6800 Buffalo Speedway
Cardinal DiNardo presiding
Buses depart for Austin following Mass.
March and Rally begin at 1 PM
Cost: $25/person
Register at https://archgh.event.com/TexasRallyforLife2018 if you would like to take the bus.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Enclosed in your envelopes for December is a special envelope marked “Special Offering for Christmas Flowers.” All donations in these envelopes will be dedicated to the purchase of the flowers and greens used in the Church. There is a place on the back of the envelope for you to indicate in whose memory you would like the donation to be. The deadline to turn envelopes in is Dec. 17. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin).

A Special Request from St. Martha Parish at this Special Time of Year
We appreciate that many parishioners and loved ones from other parishes will attend our Christmas Masses. Thank you for joining our celebration! To help everyone feel welcome, please follow these guidelines:

♦ If you’d like your group to sit together, arrive early and together ... particularly if your group is large.
♦ Do not save seats for those not yet arrived. Seats must be available to those who arrive the earliest.
♦ Sit as close together as possible, placing items on the floor and small children on your laps as able.
♦ Reserve all chairs in the rear center sections for the elderly and handicapped until the Mass begins.
♦ Assist the Ushers as they strive to seat as many as possible and provide for those with special needs.

Merry Christmas to you and yours, and a very Happy New Year!

Faith Direct
Inspiring secure giving
Can’t find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Martha Catholic Church. It is secure, convenient and there is no cost to you. Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. Sign up today by going to our website at www.stmartha.com and scrolling down to the Electronic Giving Faith Direct icon or visiting www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX497

Please Note: Contributions to St. Martha for 2017 must be received by Dec. 31 or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included in your 2017 contributions.
Sister Maria Elena and Sister Julie send their congratulations to Msgr. Borski on his upcoming anniversary celebration on December 21. We have all been blessed by his good works, commitment and spiritual leadership. Martha's Kitchen wishes all clergy, parishioners and volunteers a Merry Christmas. May God bless you in the upcoming year with peace, joy and renewed hope.

(Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 21 through Tuesday, Jan. 2. We will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 3).

The Gabriel Project is in need of volunteers to help serve this special ministry. Become a Gabriel Angel.

What is a Gabriel Angel? A Gabriel Angel provides friendship, spiritual, and emotional support to expectant mothers and babies in need.

If you are interested in becoming a Gabriel Angel, we are offering a training class on Jan. 13, 2018 from 11 AM to 1 PM, in Room #2 at the Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Dr.).

For more information please contact Lynn Davis at 832-527-1658 (English), or Josefina Carvajal at 832-677-7677 (Spanish).

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!

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 2017
ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 5:45 PM

The students and staff of ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL invite you for a beautiful re-creation of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem with their annual presentation of The First Christmas.

All parishioners and community members are welcome to enjoy our wonderful pre-k through 8th grade students’ presentation of the scenes leading up to the birth of our Savior.

The program starts with a performance by the school band. Admittance is free and no reservations are necessary.
UNBOUND
FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE
with Neal and Janet Lozano & Matthew Lozano

FEBRUARY 9 - 10, 2018
St. Martha's Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77339

UNBOUND is a safe, loving, effective prayer that helps people to respond to the good news and discover their freedom in Christ.

REGISTER
HoustonUnbound.org
Questions: 832.639.3371
www.heartofthefather.com

This conference is for anyone:
bound by past hurts, needing hope in finding freedom, struggling with the same sin, needing deliverance

Friday, February 9, 2018 [7:00 - 9:30 PM]
Saturday, February 10, 2018 [8:30 AM - 9:00 PM]

DESATADO
“UNBOUND”
CONFERENCIA LIBERTAD EN CRISTO

UNBOUND es una oración segura, amorosa y efectiva que ayuda a las personas a responder a las buenas nuevas y descubrir su libertad en Cristo.

REGISTRO
HoustonUnbound.org
Preguntas: 832.639.3371

Esta conferencia es para cualquiera:
atado/a por heridas pasadas, que necesitan esperanza para encontrar la libertad, que luchan con el mismo pecado, que necesitan liberación

Viernes, 9 de febrero de 2018 [7:00 - 9:30 PM]
Sábado, 10 de febrero de 2018 [8:30 AM - 9:00 PM]
El mensaje de las Escrituras para el segundo domingo de Adviento es muy claro y desafiante: prepárese para la venida del Señor por conversión de corazón y recordando las promesas de Dios. El llamado profético a la conversión es urgente. Debemos prepararnos para la venida del Señor no solo comprando regalos para amigos y familiares o decorando nuestros hogares con las coronas de Adviento y los árboles de Navidad, sino abriendo nuestros corazones a la Palabra de Dios. Esto presupone de nuestra parte un deseo profundo de cambiar nuestros caminos para que nuestro comportamiento comience a reflejar el de un verdadero discípulo de Jesucristo. ¿Qué pasaría si comparáramos la cantidad de horas dedicadas a las compras navideñas con la cantidad de horas dedicadas a la oración y al servicio comunitario? ¿Cómo nos iría en esta comparación? Un examen de conciencia basado en esta comparación podría indicar lo que podríamos hacer para prestar atención al llamado del profeta: "Prepara el camino del Señor, endérase sus caminos".

La Iglesia deja de lado estos días de la temporada de Adviento y nos invita a entrar en la "habitación" de nuestros corazones y permitir que el Señor nos hable. ¿Cómo podemos preparar la "habitación" para el Señor? ¿Cómo se han embotado nuestros sentidos ante el movimiento del Espíritu de Dios en nuestros corazones? ¿Qué compromisos hemos hecho y ahora hemos olvidado o roto? ¿A quién hemos desoído, especialmente dentro de nuestra familia? ¿Hemos marcado nuestros calendarios para este jueves 14 de diciembre para asistir al Servicio de Penitencia de la parroquia y buscar el don del perdón del Señor a través del Sacramento de la Reconciliación? Si bien el llamado del profeta a la conversión es urgente, el mensaje que recibimos de nuestro Dios es uno de gran esperanza. La primera línea de la lectura del profeta Isaías es una de las más elo- cuentaes y consoladoras en el Antiguo Testamento: "Consuelen, den consuelo a mi pueblo. Hablen con ternura a Jerusalén". El profeta nos asegura que nuestro Dios vendrá a salvarnos como un pastor reúne a sus corderos en sus brazos y los lleva cerca de su corazón. Las Escrituras de Adviento nos recuerdan que la gran alegría de esta época solo la experimentan aquellos que están realmente abiertos a aceptar el regalo de la salvación que se ofrece en la persona de Cristo Jesús. Y este fin de semana, cuando nuestra parroquia celebra El domingo de Compartir, permítanos compartir esa alegría con aquellos que necesitan especialmente el toque de Dios en sus vidas.

Fr. Chester Borski

El Proyecto Gabriel necesita voluntarios para ayudar a servir este ministerio tan hermoso, por favor considere conviértete en un Angel Gabriel.

¿Qué es un ángel Gabriel? Un Angel Gabriel, brinda apoyo emocional, espiritual y amistoso a las mujeres embarazadas y bebés necesitados.

Si está interesada en convertirse en un Angel Gabriel, estamos ofreciendo una clase de capacitación el 13 de enero de 2018 de 11:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Salón # 2 en el Campus Faith Formation (Campus de Woodland Hills).

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Lynn Davis @ 832-527-1658 (inglés), o Josefnia Carvajal @ 832-677-7677 (español)
ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES
LUNES: 5-6 AM/ VIERNES 11-MEDIODÍA/
SÁBADOS: 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM
HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO - ADORADORES Y
SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM , 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 10-11 AM, 6-5 PM.
Martes: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MEDIANOCHE-1 AM.
Miércoles: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM,
5-6 PM, 11 PM – MEDIANOCHE.
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 8-9 AM
Viernes: 12-1 AM, 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 PM, 11 AM-
MEDIO DÍA
Sábado: 10-11 AM, 11 AM-MEDIODÍA, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM,
3-4 PM, 10-11 PM.
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM.
Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o
desea obtener más información, porfavor contactar a:
Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com

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www.arch.org/prolife o bien puede llamar para pedir
información en español al teléfono 713-440-3443.

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA—Somos una organización apostó-
lica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los
últimos tres Papas y endorsada por el Concilio Vaticano II.
Realizamos reuniones semanales en donde se reza el
Santo Rosario, se asignan trabajos legionarios y se estudian
temas informativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado.
Nuestros trabajos consisten en evangelizar y santificar
hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, toques de
puertas, llevando a la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre
otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.
Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este
hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los viernes a las 7
PM. En el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha en el
3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Para más información pueden con-
tactar a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-
3687 Mildred Garcia

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MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que
han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de
su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para
mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o
enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.
Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las
reunions y contestaremos sus preguntas.

Un misterio de amor entre un Dios que llama por amor y un hombre que le responde libremente y por amor.
Un llamado a ser puente entre Dios y los hombres.
La decisión de un joven que quiere dedicar su vida a ayudar a sus hermanos a salvar sus almas y hacer este mundo más
como Dios lo pensó.

La vocación al sacerdocio ES:
Un sentimiento: se suele decir que "siento la vocación". En realidad la vocación no se siente. Es, más
bien, una certeza interior que nace de la gracia de Dios que toca mi alma y pide una respuesta libre. Si
Dios te llama, la certeza irá creciendo en la medida de que tu respuesta vaya siendo más generosa.
Un destino irrevocable: Muchos creen que sólo tiene la vocación "se va porque se va". No. La
cocación es un misterio de amor y el amor es siempre libre. Si yo no respondo con generosidad, el llama
mado de Dios queda frustrado.
Un refugio para el que tiene miedo a la vida.
Una carrera como cualquier otra: es una historia de amor.
Una seguridad matemática: en la vocación sacerdotal tienes que aceptar el riesgo del amor, pero recuerda que es

Cáliz de Vocaciones
El ministerio de Vocaciones promueve la oración por las vocaciones a través del cálc de vocaciones, donde la familia re-
cibe durante una semana en su casa un cálc sacramental que ha sido usado en Misa y reza en familia por las vocaciones.
Si desea recibir el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su casa por favor contacte a William Lasalle (Tony) al (201)913-6728 o
a onairtony@gmail.com

Rally de Texas por la Vida
Enero 27, 2018
Misa a las 8:15 a.m. en la iglesia católica de St Vincent
de Paul, localizada en 6800 Buffalo Speedway ofrecida
por el Cardenal DiNardo.
Después de la misa los autobuses estarán partiendo para
la ciudad de Austin, TX donde tendremos nuestro Ca-
minata por la Vida dando inicio a la 1:00 pm
El Costo por persona será de $25.00, si usted desea
registrarse para ser tomar los autobuses después de mi-
sa, por favor ingresar en sitio web: at https://

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