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

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.

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Jan. 7, 2018

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

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TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS
Mon./Jan. 8
8:30 AM †Joseph Cannon
†Josephine Dziegelski
†Marco Rea
Tues./Jan. 9
8:30 AM †Andrew Arthur
†Kevin Briones
†Frances Stefanucci
7 PM †Dr. Fernando L. Cuadra
†Walter Hopkins
†Caridad Salcedo Vargas
Wed./Jan. 10
8:30 AM †Terry Gard
†Russell Freedman
Special Intention
10 AM †Hude Miller
†Penny (Mary) Stark
Alejandro Ordenez
Thurs./Jan. 11
6:30 AM †Pilar Lotuaco
†Lauro Cecilio
†Elizabeth Mohr
8:30 AM †Carol & Joseph Sacca
†Helen Brownell
†Remie Mathew Basabe
Fri./Jan. 12
8:30 AM †Indiana Pereira
†Henry Beseda, Sr.
†Rebecca Johnson
Sat./Jan. 13
5:30 PM †Kristene Kirsch
†Edward & Emilie Sarman
†Lester Guillotte, Sr.
Sun./Jan. 14
7 AM †Edward & Valerie Szymanski
†Joe Ortego
†Mickey Braden
9 AM For the Parish
11 AM †Natalie Novesad Stafford
†Frank & Lillian Krechnak
†Valerie & Ray Dougherty
1 PM †Raul Diaz
†Daniel Pelayo
†Jatzinth Castelan
5:30 PM †Patricia Peters
†Cheryl Mueller
†Steve, Dophie & Larry Hamala

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, JAN. 10.

2018 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS
Sunday Missal - $2
Calendar - $1
Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

THANKING OUR SHEPHERD
Rev. Msgr.
Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.
For his 17 yrs of guidance at St. Martha Catholic Church

St Martha’s grief support program welcomes all who are experiencing grief of a loved one to join us for a ten week program beginning Jan. 9. We will meet from 7-9 PM at the Woodland Hills campus in Room 2. Registration is requested by calling Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mailing lauriecardella@outlook.com. Registration will be closed to new members after Jan. 23.

ST MARTHA’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12320
APPRECIATION DINNER
Saturday, January 20th 2018
St. Martha’s Family Life Center
Doors open at 6:30 Dinner at 7:00
Tickets, $50.00 Each
Available at: thankingoursepherd.com

Honoring

MENU
Antipasti served w/mild sweet wine
Lentil & Sausage Soup
Chicken Scallopini served w/Spinach & Roasted Red Pepper Orzo
Served w/Light white wine
And-
Tuscan Braised Sirloin w/Peppardelle served with red wine
Dessert

Proceeds will be donated to charities
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the fascinating account of the Magi or wise men who strike out on a journey to follow a star. The image of the life of faith as a journey is one of the most powerful in all of Scripture. The venture of the Magi is a very particular kind of journey that beautifully illustrates this image of the life of faith. Theirs is a search which involves great courage and faith. To set out on a search suggests that one leaves something that is known and moves toward something that is unknown and unfamiliar. It involves risk-taking and personal sacrifice. (I have in mind those who are considering joining the RCIA or may be thinking about attending Catholics Returning Home. If you know of someone, you might share this bulletin message with them.) The Magi lived quite securely in the land of Babylonia and they were the masters of their arts, sciences, and culture. They were very much at home in their land and in control of their lives. But they left all that behind and ventured out into unfamiliar territory, without the security of even knowing what they would find. It is the image of every true believer who seeks to find God. Starting out from what is known and familiar, with an awareness of one’s own needs and hopes, and moving out into a world of the unknown and the infinite, knowing only that God’s presence seems to beckon to one’s deepest longings, describes the essence of the journey of faith. A search can never be completely planned, although it requires that one be prudent and make necessary preparations. An honest searcher must be willing to be surprised and be ready to surrender the right to determine which experiences will be involved. This was the attitude of the Magi. They came with questions, not with answers and predetermined findings. They had expectations but not demands. What they found was far beyond their dreams!

So it must be with every person who chooses to set out on a journey in search of God. Those believers who are unwilling to be surprised and even disturbed by God on their faith journey will miss the personal encounter with God. Those who seek to enter into the presence of God but only on their own terms will have a superficial encounter with God at best. Those who claim to know where they will find God on their journey or who claim the right to define what God must be like, will be disappointed and left unfulfilled. To construct our own image of God is really idolatry. A true searcher in the faith has a powerful trust in the promises of God, even when those promises seem beyond us or too good to be true. In the lives of each of us the birth of the Savior has set in motion something very powerful, something very deep, and something very sacred. Perhaps we have ignored or even denied this longing for many years but it is always there. God invites us once again to set out on this journey. With the Magi as our examples, let us follow the star and discover the presence of our God all around us, especially in the tender and seemingly insignificant events and moments in our everyday lives.

Fr. Chester Borski

In Our Prayers

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †
Benedict Byron Bertrand (husband of Ginger Bertrand)
Mary Callahan
Mike Kohler
Louise Weeks (mother of Robin Chapman)
Richard Schmerber (husband of Cindi Schmerber)
Penny (Mary) Stark

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Catherine Sedlak, Carmen Aloisio, Carlene Stroupe, Sue Hammer, Rowan Mac Sullivan, Terry McDaid, Bette Hale, Dennis Alvary, Brandon Evans, Michael Adkins, Dona Beaston, Bill Barineau, Sally Howard, Dickie Howard, Randall Herr, Claudia Peak, Beverly Rose, Ann Colangelo, Daniel Norton, Miriam Meier, Angelika Mejia, Chris Thibodeaux, Helen Katacski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buchta, Noreen Stack, Josie Perez, Mary Silvers, Jo White, Maria Coronado, Millie Smaardyk, Larry Auman, Lynette Smith, Peggy O’Brien, Shannon Bosco, Mary Lou Sepulveda, Lisa Ferguson, Carlos Rodriguez, Efren Martinez, Brodie Nikolai, Paula Sears, Victor Hugo Carabajal, Penny Gaido, 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 Franz, Lupe Renteria, Bruce Ward, Mark Phillips, Rod Schoelner, Aida Palmeri, Jason Whitcomb, Natalie Kapnick, Natacha Cooke Ramos, David LeCompte, Ed Vergara

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.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS IN THE PARISH OFFICE:
There have been many items turned in to the parish office “Lost and Found” box. If you have lost or left something please check with the office before Friday, Jan. 12. After this date, all items will be donated.
**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

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**  
**March 22-25, 2018**

Registration for the March Women’s English ACTS Retreat will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4th after each mass in the Narthex. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. 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 any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com. Registration forms available on-line at www.smcsactsw22.com

**Marriage and A New Way to Love**

Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. A NEW WAY TO LOVE – is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God’s purpose for your marriage. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected to your spouse. Whether married six months or 60 years, this series provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship and grow in holiness. It will start Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7 PM in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills). It is a great gift to give your spouse whether you are engaged to be married, married six months or 60 years. **Registration is required.** For questions or registration, email Francine at franp@stmartha.com. Childcare may be requested with your registration. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $30 per couple will be collected at the first session.

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy New Year!!!**

Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! How about making the Young at Heart Luncheon one of your New Year's Resolutions. If you haven't joined us yet, come check it out. We really have a lot of fun. Continue your New Year's celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2018 on **Wednesday, Jan. 10.** Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

**What is Catholics Returning Home?**

Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith, **facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next six-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7-8:30 PM.**

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:

- **Welcome and Overview of the Series:** Sharing by Team and Participants
- **The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II,** Q&A
- **Explanation of Reconciliation,** Q&A
- **Explanation/Walk through of the Mass,** Q&A
- **The Creed: What Catholics Believe,** Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact: Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968 or Vicki Rück, vickiruck@suddenlink.net, 713-927-8815
Are you called to the Ministry to the Sick?

You have a unique educational opportunity to develop your skills as a minister to the sick. The Archdiocese is offering the Level 1 class here at St. Martha! What a blessing!

Dates are: Monday Evenings, 7-9 PM, in Room 6
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb 5.

There is a class fee of $50. Space is limited.

Please contact:
Sheila Yepsen scarneyy29@gmail.com (for experienced ministers-level 2 will be offered in the fall)

“Was I sick and you visited me…”
Matthew 25:36

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, Jan. 8, 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 kcubik@mac.com.

Project Rachel

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.

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-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).

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Zachary's Cajun Cafe, 716 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. For more information please 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 on either St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you’ve been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship The next weekend date is Feb. 11, 2018. To find out more, visit us at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

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.

Divorced. Catholic. 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!
**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.

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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

The first Parish Blood Drive for 2018, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14, from 8 AM 1:45 PM at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires will be in the Narthex before and after each mass this weekend, Jan. 6 and 7, to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.

You may schedule an appointment by emailing jnd.gurka@gmail.com or call Darien Gurka at (713) 628-0373. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting www.giveblood.org (please enter the sponsor code 1220 for St. Martha Catholic Church).

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation. As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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**2nd Family Ministry seeking a New Ministry Leader**

The St. Martha 2nd Family Ministry is looking for a new leader due to illness of the existing leader. The Mission of the 2nd Family Ministry is to provide non-medical respite help to those who are caring for a loved one in their home. The Ministry Leader along with a social worker from Interfaith Care Partners of Houston makes an initial visit and evaluation when requests for help are received by the parish. The Ministry Leader communicates those needs to the 2nd Family Ministry Team members, introduces volunteer team members to the Care Partner and coordinates the assistance. The Team leader conducts four meetings a year, coordinates training of team members with Interfaith Care Partners, keeps records of requests and volunteers. Requirements are a desire to help those caring for a loved one and the ability to communicate via email. If you would like more information about this rewarding ministry leadership position, please contact Peggy Wehe 281-546-9884 or email stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

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**Parenting and Youth**

**St. Thomas High School Open House**

St. Thomas High School will host its annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, Jan. 7 from 1-4 PM. Talk to teachers and coaches, tour classrooms, labs and athletic facilities. Experience an afternoon with the St. Thomas family. See what awaits you as part of the legendary St. Thomas brotherhood, where tradition meets tomorrow.

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**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.

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**ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL**

St. Pius X High School, Houston’s premier Co-Ed Catholic High School, is accepting applications for the fall of 2018. Our application deadline is Monday, Jan. 15. As part of the admissions process, 9th grade students are required to take an entrance exam. St. Pius X will administer both the High School Placement Test (HSPT) and the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) on Saturday, Feb. 17. This wonderful, fun-filled event for children and adults of all ages raises awareness and financial support for Catholic education in Houston and directly benefits the students of our parish school.

All parishioners welcome to join our team! Sign up now and select St. Martha at: https://steps4students.org/register

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**13th Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk**

Join Father Richard and the families of St. Martha Catholic School as we participate in the 13th annual Archdiocesan Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Feb. 17. This wonderful, fun-filled event for children and adults of all ages raises awareness and financial support for Catholic education in Houston and directly benefits the students of our parish school.

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Pro-Life Corner

St. Martha’s Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang
Jan. 20 and 21
Please take one bottle per family, place donation inside and return to the church in one week.
Thank you for your support! All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble.
Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.
Please make all checks out to “St. Martha Catholic Church”

45th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade
Jan. 22, 2018

Houston Mass and Rosary Procession for Life
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018
Mass 8 AM Holy Rosary Church, 3617 Milam St.
After Mass, Rosary procession to Houston Women’s’ Clinic, 4820 San Jacinto
Sponsored by the Galveston-Houston office of Pro-Life Activities
Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

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.

Vocations Corner

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

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You to Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, Jan. 22, 2018
6:30 PM Social,
7-8:30 PM Dinner and Program
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble
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 January will be:
Sister Francesca Kearns CCVI, Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Associate Vocation Director.
Previously, she served her congregation as International Vocation Coordinator. Prior to that, she ministered in congregational leadership and overseas missions. Her experience in ministry includes vocation animation in El Salvador, Guatemala and Kenya. She is fascinated by the mystery of how God calls and guides us in our vocation. She is particularly interested in the role of the family as the first school of vocations.

RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu
eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com
(713) 826-4943

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

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the NOLAN 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.
St. Martha Rosary Guild
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.
Please contact Gilda Womack, Coordinator at 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.
The Rosary Guild will start meeting again this month. Days and times will be announced soon.

SHINE Catholic Work Camp
for High School Students – Save the Date!
McAllen, TX: June 4-9, 2018
Registration will take place ONLINE starting Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018.
Cost: $375
Each year, youth from St. Martha attend SHINE Catholic Work Camp, a week-long mission trip. SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of the SHINE staff is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. They have a passion for leading teens and for serving God's people. SHINE 2018 is accepting students entering 9th grade in 2018 through graduating seniors. Please note that this will be the last year we will be taking graduating seniors to SHINE due to VIRTUS requirements.
If you are interested in attending the SHINE 2018 Catholic Work Camp, please join us for an informational meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. We will discuss the new online registration procedures and the logistics of the SHINE camp.
Registration will be online this year and will begin on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 10 AM. A link to the registration form will be provided on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website: (www.stmartha.com/youth-ministry).
A $225 deposit will be required at the time of registration, with the final balance due by April 2. THE FULL COST OF THE TRIP ($375) IS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS YOUR SPOT IS FILLED BY SOMEONE ON THE WAITING LIST. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please prayerfully consider attending this spirit filled week, empowering others to serve.
If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Laura Gallardo at Laurag@stmartha.com or Lisa Phillips at wrphillipsiii@yahoo.com.

OPEN HOURS FOR PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
MONDAY: 5-6 AM SATURDAY 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 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, 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)

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SHINE Catholic Work Camp for High School Students – Save the Date!
McAllen, TX: June 4-9, 2018
Registration will take place ONLINE starting Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018.
Cost: $375
Each year, youth from St. Martha attend SHINE Catholic Work Camp, a week-long mission trip. SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of the SHINE staff is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. They have a passion for leading teens and for serving God's people. SHINE 2018 is accepting students entering 9th grade in 2018 through graduating seniors. Please note that this will be the last year we will be taking graduating seniors to SHINE due to VIRTUS requirements.
If you are interested in attending the SHINE 2018 Catholic Work Camp, please join us for an informational meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. We will discuss the new online registration procedures and the logistics of the SHINE camp.
Registration will be online this year and will begin on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 10 AM. A link to the registration form will be provided on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website: (www.stmartha.com/youth-ministry).
A $225 deposit will be required at the time of registration, with the final balance due by April 2. THE FULL COST OF THE TRIP ($375) IS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS YOUR SPOT IS FILLED BY SOMEONE ON THE WAITING LIST. Registration is on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will also need adult volunteers to chaperone, so please prayerfully consider attending this spirit filled week, empowering others to serve.
If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Laura Gallardo at Laurag@stmartha.com or Lisa Phillips at wrphillipsiii@yahoo.com.

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

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Viernes, 9 de febrero de 2018 [7:00 - 9:30 PM]
Sábado, 10 de febrero de 2018 [8:30 AM - 9:00 PM]
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Este fin de semana celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía, el relato fascinante de los Reyes Magos o sabios que emprenden un viaje para seguir a una estrella. La imagen de la vida de fe como un viaje es una de las más poderosas de todas las Escrituras. La aventura de los Reyes Magos es un tipo de viaje muy particular que ilustra bellamente esta imagen de la vida de fe. Es una búsqueda que implica gran coraje y fe. Iniciar una búsqueda sugiere que uno deja algo conocido y se mueve hacia algo desconocido y no familiar. Implica tomar riesgos y sacrificios personales. (Tengo en mente a aquellos que están considerando unirse al RICA o pueden estar pensando en asistir a Católicos que Regresan a Casa. Si conocen a alguien, podrían compartir este mensaje con el boletín). Los Reyes Magos vivían de forma segura en la tierra de Babilonia y eran los maestros de sus artes, ciencias y cultura. Estaban muy a gusto en su tierra y tenían control de sus vidas. Pero dejaron todo eso atrás y se aventuraron en un territorio desconocido, sin la seguridad de ni siquiera saber lo que encontrarían. Es la imagen de cada verdadero creyente que busca encontrar a Dios. Partiendo de lo conocido y familiar, con una conciencia de las propias necesidades y esperanzas, y moviéndose hacia un mundo de lo desconocido y lo infinito, sabiendo solo la presencia de Dios parece atraer a los anhelos más profundos de uno, describe la esencia del viaje de fe. Una búsqueda nunca puede ser completamente planificada, aunque requiere que uno sea prudente y haga los preparativos necesarios. Un buscador honesto debe estar dispuesto a sorprenderse y estar listo para renunciar al derecho a determinar en qué experiencias se verán involucrados. Esta era la actitud de los Reyes Magos. Vinieron con preguntas, no con respuestas. Nunca sabrán lo que encontrarán. Tenían expectativas, pero no demandas. ¡Lo que encontraron fue mucho más allá de sus sueños!

Así debe ser con cada persona que elige emprender un viaje en busca de Dios. Aquellos creyentes que no están dispuestos a ser sorprendidos e incluso perturbados por Dios en su viaje de fe perderán el encuentro personal con Dios. Aquellos que buscan entrar en la presencia de Dios pero solo en sus propios términos tendrán un encuentro superficial con Dios en el mejor de los casos. Aquellos que dicen saber dónde encontrarán a Dios en su viaje o que reclaman el derecho de definir cómo debe ser Dios, se sentirán decepcionados y quedarán insatisfechos. Construir nuestra propia imagen de Dios es realmente idolatría. Un verdadero buscador en la fe tiene una poderosa confianza en las promesas de Dios, incluso cuando aquellas promesas parecen estar más allá de nosotros o ser demasiado buenas para ser verdad. En la vida de cada uno de nosotros, el nacimiento de Cristo ha puesto en movimiento algo muy profundo, algo que solo Dios podría hacer. El ver el nacimiento de Cristo es una experiencia que supera nuestras aspiraciones. Tal vez hayamos ignorado o incluso negado este anhelo durante muchos años, pero siempre está ahí. Dios nos invita una vez más a emprender este viaje. Con los Magos como nuestros ejemplos, seguiremos la estrella y descubriremos la presencia de Dios a nuestro alrededor, especialmente en los eventos y momentos tiernos y aparentemente insignificantes de nuestra vida cotidiana.

Fr. Chester Borski

Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorizada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales 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, cárcel, 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 contactar a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes o 859-250-3687 Mildred Garcia

El Proyecto Gabriel necesita voluntarios para ayudar a servir este ministerio tan hermoso, por favor considera conviértete en un Ángel Gabriel. ¿Qué es un ángel Gabriel? Un Ángel Gabriel, brinda apoyo emocional, espiritual y amistoso a las mujeres embarazadas y bebés necesitados.

Si está interesada en convertirse en un ángel 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 Josefina Carvajal @ 832-677-7677 (español)
ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros. Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos.
En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitados de adoradores en este momento.
Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES
LUNES: 5-6 AM / SABADOS: 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 10-11 AM, 6-5 PM.
Martes: 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-MEDIODÍA
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, por favor contactar a: Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com

Cáliz de Vocaciones
El ministerio de Vocaciones promueve la oración por las vocaciones a través del cáliz de vocaciones, donde la familia recibe durante una semana en su casa un cáliz 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 Caminata 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 misa, por favor ingresar en sitio web: at https://archgh.event.com/TexasRallyforLife2018.
Para más información por favor visite el website www.arch.org/prolife o bien puede llamar para pedir información en español al teléfono 713-440-3443.

MARIAGORETTI NETWORK ESPANOL PARA TODA VICTIMA DE ABUSO
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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS
Los Sacramentos son ayudas, medios y herramientas de la gracia que Jesús nos dejó para ayudarnos a llegar al cielo. Teniendo una íntima relación con Él en nuestra vida diaria.
Si no estás bautizado o solo te bautizaron, ven con nosotros a recibir o completar tus Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que lo necesita, animalo a participar en el proceso del RICA. En este proceso respondemos a todas las preguntas o dudas de fe que tengas y es para católicos y no católicos.
Jaime Gómez, 281-973-1857, jaimesalvadorgomez@gmail.com