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

Jan. 14, 2018

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): ....
...........................................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 en-
ter 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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JANUARY 14, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36
TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).
Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).
Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Morning
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony
Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Jan. 15
8:30 AM †Jack Throop
†Weldon A. Simmons, Sr.
†Blanche Dobbins

Tues./Jan. 16
8:30 AM †Andrew Arthur
†Joseph White
†Deisy Roman
7 PM †Leona Tydlacka
†Eduardo Cabapingan
†Cindy & Alton Heckaman

Wed./Jan. 17
8:30 AM †John Donahue
†Betty Mohr
Jose Joaquin Tamayo
†Michael Cremen
†William Lemen
†Anne Crews

Thurs./Jan. 18
6:30 AM †Frank Valenza
†Maria Luisa Avina
8:30 AM †Joe Pillera
†Marie Burke
In Thanksgiving

Fri./Jan. 19
8:30 AM †Merilyn Deane
Melissa Molinyawe
Lyndon & Lilibeth LaRosa

Sat./Jan. 20
5:30 PM †Maryg Calongne
†Jerome Rucka
†Paschal Grimaldi

Sun./Jan. 21
7 AM †Sophie Kovacik
†Joseph Benigno
†Teresa Guzman
9 AM †Richard & Helen Fitzgerald
†Joseph Vanek
†Leonard Boucher
11 AM For the Parish
1 PM For the Parish
5:30 PM †Dr. Bryan Wmfred Alton

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. 17.

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. Walk-ins are welcome.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

THANKING OUR SHEPHERD

St Martha’s Knights of Columbus #12320
APRECIATION 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: thankingourshepherd.com

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

Thanking Our Shepherd

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Proceeds will be donated to charities

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time are a reminder that God calls each of us at different times and in various ways and under various circumstances. One of the great challenges in life is to learn to listen and discern the call of God. The figure of young Samuel in the first reading stands as a symbol of each one of us. Samuel is disturbed from his rest and struggles to recognize that this is indeed a call from God. He needs someone who is more experienced in the ways of God to help him learn to hear the voice of God because “at that time he was not familiar with the Lord.” We too have similar experiences in our relationship with God. It was just a few weeks ago that we celebrated the great feast of the Incarnation. As we listened to the proclamation of the Christmas story in the Scriptures, we discovered that God chose to enter human history and thus the lives of us human beings. While angels from on high announced glad tidings, it was through the interaction with others (shepherds, Magi, relatives, etc.) that Mary and Joseph came to discern God’s call in their lives and came to experience the grace of God made present to them in Jesus. God is not silent in our age. God simply speaks to us in a different voice and through different people. We must learn to discern what is truly God’s voice and what is simply the noise of our world. All of us can benefit greatly from a wise spiritual director who can help us listen as did Eli for young Samuel.

We might reflect on the events of any given day and ask ourselves how was God speaking to us through the carrying out of our responsibilities, the interaction we had with other individuals (especially family members or authority figures), the events and challenges we encountered, etc. Do we experience these duties, people, and events as irritations and burdens and obstacles to God’s presence? Think of all the families who suffered flood damage to their homes, automobiles, and businesses during Harvey. Do we see such events as hindrances to our experience of a loving God? To put it another way, how much do we insist that God’s voice sound in a certain way and carry a certain message before we will choose to listen? Many times the voice we hear will not sound much like God speaking to us. Perhaps it will sound like a complaining neighbor, a demanding co-worker, or an upset member of our family. Perhaps it will sound like (at least to us) a foolish regulation from the Church about certain religious responsibilities. Perhaps God’s voice will sound like the practical needs we encounter in daily living, e.g. cleaning the house, doing our homework on time, taking someone to the clinic, etc. Today, no less surely than before, we will hear the voice of God only if we are willing to recognize it for what it is: an invitation to grow in holiness. It is a matter of accepting God’s call on God’s terms rather than on our own. Are we willing to say with young Samuel, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Fr. Chester Borski

St. Martha’s Music Ministry once again invites all to the third Thursday Sung Vespers to be held at 7:30 PM on Jan. 18 in the Church. Please come sing and pray with us in this special universal prayer of the Church!

In Our Prayers

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

Mike Kohler
Louise Weeks (mother of Robin Chapman)
Richard Schmerber (husband of Cindi Schmerber)
Penny (Mary) Stark
Bill McMullen (brother-in-law of Carol Bateman)

Florence Eckerman
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 Katatski, Catherine Casey, Karen Eastman, Elizabeth Modenbach, Oscar Velasco, Judy Miles, Gerald Buchtia, 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 Carbajal, Penny Gaido, Cornelio S. J. Obordo, Dennis R. Barker Jr., Denise McLeod, Dorothy Parker, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McCaggart, Richard Kuehler, Martha Busch, Joan Evans, Marie Hubbard, Rick Frantz, Lupe Renteria, Bruce Ward, Mark Phillips, Rod Schoelner, Aida Palmeri, Jason Whitcomb, Natalie Kapnick, Natcha Cooke Ramos, David LeCompte, Ed Vergara, Jayne Haydel, Presley Roberts, Jack Mills, Clyde Francis, St. Maria Elena Lopez

Communion to the Sick: If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient’s name and room number before we send someone.

Military Wreath: Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved contact Jodi at 281-358-6637 or jodis@stmartha.com.
St. Martha Men’s ACTS Retreat
Feb. 8-11, 2018 (English)
Registration of the Men’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. 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 - Pizza Day!
Young at Heart-ers - Let's relax a bit this week and enjoy some fellowship, fun, and pizza. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Jan. 24. 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
SADDLE UP AND PUT YOUR BOOTS ON! WE'RE TEXAS STRONG

SECTOR NIGHT

FEBRUARY 3RD
6-10PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
HOSTED BY: TEAMS OF OUR LADY

RSVP TO BRITTANY APPLEGATE
brittanyapple15@gmail.com

Live Music, Food and Beverages Provided

UPCOMING TOURS:

♦ 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.

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.

Cost: $20 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

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.

St. Martha’s grief support program welcomes all who are experiencing grief of a loved one to join us for a ten week program. 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.

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Saavas Greek Cuisine & Grill, 6730 Atascocita Road in Atascocita (near Kings Park Way). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.
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.

13th Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk
Raising Awareness and Support for Catholic Education
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 * 8 a.m.
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Please join Father Richard and the families of St. Martha Catholic School (SMCS) on Feb. 17 for the 13th Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk. This exhilarating event benefits the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, including our parish school. Most of every registration fee for * Team St. Martha * goes directly to SMCS. A post-race pancake breakfast will be provided onsite by the St. Martha Knights of Columbus. To join or donate, go to stepsforstudents.org/register. For more information, please contact Jennifer Licona at liconaj@stmarthacs.org.

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

Children’s Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—10 AM in the Chapel
Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions, grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer, a decade of the rosary, we talk about saints and reflect on gospel passages and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it’s all about. Contact Kristen Johnson at Kristen_alley@yahoo.com or 281-713-2518 if you have any questions.
Pro-Life Corner

Baby Bottle Boomerang

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 LABBE 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. 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.

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.

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)

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.


Grammy Award Winning Christian Music Legend Coming to Houston Co-Cathedral
Christian music legend John Michael Talbot will be bring his “Lifetime of Music & Ministry” Concert Tour on Thursday Feb. 8, 2018 to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart located 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX. Tickets are $30 for General Admission and $50 for a special VIP Package that includes preferred seating, early admission to artist's sound check and an autographed CD. The concert is sponsored by God's Embrace Ministries and tickets can be purchased online at www.godsembrace.org. For questions and group rates please call Ministry Office at 979-561-8883.
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

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]

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

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

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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

CON LA PARTICIPACIÓN:

FEBRERO 9-10, 2018
STA. MARTHA - FAMILY LIFE CENTER
3702 woodland Hills Dr.
Kingwood, TX 77339

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]
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas de las Escrituras para el segundo domingo del TiempoOrdinario son un recordatorio de que Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros en diferentes momentos y de diversas maneras y bajo diversas circunstancias. Uno de los grandes desafíos en la vida es aprender a escuchar y discernir el llamado de Dios. La figura del joven Samuel en la primera lectura se erige como un símbolo de cada uno de nosotros. Samuel es perturbado de su descanso y no reconoce que este es ciertamente un llamado de Dios. Él necesita a alguien que tenga más experiencia en los caminos de Dios para ayudarlo a aprender a escuchar la voz de Dios, porque “en ese momento él no estaba familiarizado con el Señor”. Nosotros también tenemos experiencias similares en nuestra relación con Dios. Fue hace unas semanas atrás que celebramos la gran fiesta de la Encarnación. Al escuchar la proclamación de la historia de Navidad en las Escrituras, descubrimos que Dios eligió ingresar en la historia humana y, por lo tanto, en la vida de nosotros, los seres humanos. Mientras los ángeles de lo alto anunciaban buenas nuevas, fue a través de la interacción con otros (pastores, magos, parientes, etc.) que María y José llegaron a discernir el llamado de Dios en sus vidas y experimentaron la gracia de Dios presente en ellos a través de Jesús. Dios no guarda silencio en nuestra época. Dios simplemente nos habla en una voz diferente y a través de diferentes personas. Debemos aprender a discernir qué es verdaderamente la voz de Dios y qué es simplemente el ruido de nuestro mundo. Todos podemos beneficiarnos enormemente de un sabio director espiritual que puede ayudarnos a escuchar, como lo hizo Eli para el joven Samuel.

Podríamos reflexionar sobre los eventos de cualquier día y preguntarnos cómo nos estaba hablando Dios a través del cumplimiento de nuestras responsabilidades, la interacción que tuvimos con otras personas (especialmente familiares o figuras de autoridad), los eventos y desafíos que enfrentamos, etc. ¿Experimentamos estos deberes, personas y eventos como irritaciones, cargas y obstáculos a la presencia de Dios? Piensa en todas las familias que sufrieron daños por inundación en sus casas, automóviles y negocios durante Harvey. ¿Vemos tales eventos como obstáculos para nuestra experiencia de un Dios amoroso? Para decirlo de otra manera, ¿cuánto insistimos en que la voz de Dios suene de cierta manera y llevemos cierto mensaje antes de elegir escuchar? Muchas veces la voz que escuchamos no sonará como si Dios nos hablara. Quizás suene como un vecino quejándose, un compañero de trabajo exigente o un miembro disgustado de nuestra familia. Tal vez parezca (al menos para nosotros) una tonta regulación de la Iglesia sobre ciertas responsabilidades religiosas. Quizás la voz de Dios sonará como las necesidades prácticas que encontramos en la vida diaria, p. limpiar la casa, hacer nuestra tarea a tiempo, llevar a alguien a la clínica, etc. Hoy, no menos seguro que antes, escucharemos la voz de Dios solo si estamos dispuestos a reconocerla por lo que es: una invitación a crecer en santidad. Es una cuestión de aceptar el llamado de Dios en los términos de Dios en vez del de nosotros. ¿Estamos dispuestos a decir como el joven Samuel: “Habla, Señor, porque tu siervo está escuchando”?

Fr. Chester Borski

Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endosada 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 contactar a estos números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 859-250-3687 Mildred Garcia
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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
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Martes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, MEDIANOCHE.
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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

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPAÑOL PARA TODO 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 mariagorettiespanol@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 los 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

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 la misa, por favor ingresar en sitio web: at https://archh.event.com/TexasRallyforLife2018.

Para más información por favor visite el web site www.arch.org/prolife o bien puede llamar para pedir información en español al teléfono 713-440-3443.
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