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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Michael Pham
Deacons: Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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

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

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses
First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): ....
..............................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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THIRD SUNDAY OF
Lent

Jesus said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”
John 2:19

March 4, 2018
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.
Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.
Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-25, 5-8.
Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus’ name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].


Mass Inten­tions

Mon./Mar. 5
8:30 AM  †Brian Felker
†Marshall Balasso
†Jerome Rucka

Tues./Mar. 6
8:30 AM  †Madi Richardson
†Catherine Goll
†Tony Priesol
6:15 PM  †Joseph Cannon
†John Rice
†Walter Taverna

Wed./Mar. 7
8:30 AM  †Otto Hill
†Julia Carroll
†José María Aguilar
10 AM  †Jude Miller
†George William
Sr. María Elena

Thurs./Mar. 8
8:30 AM  †Penny Stark
†Lucille G. Melancon
†Edward Pisklak

Fri./Mar. 9
8:30 AM  †Kevin Briones
†Francisca G. Marliny
Angie Shepherd

Sat./Mar. 10
5:30 PM  †Marilyn Deane
†Andy Arthur
†James Norris

Sun./Mar. 11
7 AM  †Charles Marcera
†Edward Pisklak
9 AM  †Enrique Alvarez
†Peggy Lawton
†Peter & Jackie Giacalone
11 AM  †Jesus Guzman
†John & María Tavares
†Ruben G. Nunez
1 PM  †Marina Hull
5:30 PM  For the Parish

St. Martha Lenten Mission

“Discovering the Human Face of God in the Gospel of Mark”
When: March 5-7, 7-8 PM
Where: Church

Who: Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB (Ph.D.)

Did you know that the Sunday Gospel readings for the current liturgical year are regularly selections from the Gospel of Saint Mark? Come hear about this fascinating Gospel by an internationally renowned scripture scholar, Fr. Eugene Hensell.

Fr. Hensell’s Mission Schedule:
March 3-4: Preaching at the following Masses
Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM
March 5-7: Mission talk starting at 7 PM in the Church

Please note: The Tuesday, March 6 Mass will be moved to 6:15 PM

For Lent we are expanding our confession times on Tuesday from 6-7 PM in the evening. Confession on Saturday are now 10 AM – Noon and 4:30-5:30 PM.

COMMUNAL Penance Service
Thursday, March 8th
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
In Humble
6:30 pm

Catholics Returning Home

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 6-week session starts Tuesday, April 10 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/Walk through of the Mass, Q&A
- The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A
- Explanation of Reconciliation, 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

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, MAR. 7.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent describe our relationship with God in terms of a covenant. The reading from the Book of Exodus speaks of the Ten Commandments which were Israel’s way of keeping the covenant. The reading from the 1st Letter to the Corinthians and the Gospel reading from John proclaim that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have entered into a new relationship with God through a new covenant. The relationship between God and his people is being radically changed. Temple worship and sacrifices, in all of their details and external rituals, as well as the Law and its many prescriptions would not work any more. The newness of Christianity was far more than changes in buildings, ceremonies, and regulations. To follow Jesus as faithful disciples required a complete change of heart. A new attitude, a new spirit, and a whole new way of relating to God were being inaugurated through the ministry, mission, and life of Jesus. Elsewhere in the Gospel Jesus tells the people that worship of God from now on must be in spirit and in truth. The real Temple from now on would be Christ himself, literally his own Body, and that of everyone who entered into a relationship with God through Baptism. They would be the mystical Body of Christ in the world. In this new covenant God could be honored especially by those who espoused and lived by the values of God’s Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. The breaking of the covenant, that act which we call sin, could only be countered by repentance and reconciliation which calls for metanoia, i.e. a radical change of heart.

This focus on the covenantal relationship between God and his people is the central focus of the entire Bible. The call to conversion will be repeated time and time again throughout the New Testament. It is the basis for the Church’s whole approach to the season of Lent which is seen as a time of renewing the covenant and thus our relationship with God and with one another. The teaching of Jesus is quite clear: it is not what goes on outside of a person that makes for Christian holiness; rather it is what transpires within the hearts of men and women who desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. There is probably no better Lenten image on which to base our penitential practices for this holy season that the one we find in the Gospel today: the cleansing of the temple. This image speaks to both the whole Church as the Body of Christ (and especially to us as a parish community of faith) and to us as individual disciples. The purpose of Lenten prayer, fasting, and works of charity is to cleanse the body of all that is empty of life. Once we have cleansed ourselves of all that is dead, useless, and sinful, we will indeed become the dwelling place of the Holy One who has entered into a life-giving covenant with us.

Fr. Chester Borski

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND.
Don’t forget to turn clocks forward one hour.

EASTER FLOWERS
Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked “Special Offering for Easter Flowers” in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is Sunday, March 18. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).

In Our Prayers

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:
George Williams (son of Christopher and Jerrye Williams)
Thomas Peter Birney
Jerome Ferreri
George Mucha
Gertrude Sarvadi

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

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, ext. 201, or jodis@stmartha.com.
**Adult Organizations and Opportunities**

**Catholic Chaplain Corps**

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY – LEVEL 2**

Ministry to the sick at home, in nursing homes, and in hospitals

- **Location:** Here at St. Martha
- **Time:** 7–9:30 PM Monday evenings
- **Dates:** 12 weeks from Aug. 20 to Nov. 12
- **Cost:** $150 per person
  - Application and interview by the Chaplain Corp for admittance
  - Pick up application form at kiosk in the Narthex
  - For more information, contact Sheila Yepsen at 281-782-4078

**Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference**

The 3rd Annual Gulf Coast Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday - March 10th from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion at 1 Sylvan Beach Drive in La Porte, 77571. Cost is $40 through March 5th and $45 from March 6th until the conference. Religious and Clergy are free. The cost includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speaker topics include building community – lessons from Hurricane Harvey, spiritual warfare, addictions, and the importance of men’s ministries. For more details and to purchase tickets go to www.gc-cmc.org.

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

Registration for the March Women’s English ACTS Retreat has begun. 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 online at www.smcsactsw22.com

**Martha’s Kitchen—**

**Message from Sr. Maria Elena**

Dear Clergy, Parishioners, and Volunteers of Martha’s Kitchen,

*It is with a grateful heart that I thank all of you for your prayers, flowers, cards and continued good wishes for my recovery during my recent illness.*

Thank you to Monsignor Borski and all of the clergy for your prayers and infinite support during this time. The volunteers of Martha’s Kitchen have been very diligent in their focus to carry on each day to prepare for those who come to us each weekday for a meal. Sister Julie has been there each day to complete the tasks for running Martha’s Kitchen smoothly. Thank you, Sister Julie, for your dedication. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued loyalty and financial support to Martha’s Kitchen – we could not exist without you!

May God Bless You,
Sister Maria Elena Lopez, MCDP

**ST. MARTHA’S GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM**

St. Martha’s grief support program welcomes all who are experiencing grief of a loved one to join us for the currently meeting grief support group on Tuesdays, from 7-9 PM at the Woodland Hills campus in Room 2. These sessions will continue through Tuesday, March 13. If you have questions please call Laurie at 281-360-2714, or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.

**Are You Interested in Looking Into the Catholic Church or Completing your Sacraments?**

The RCIA is your answer!

- RCIA is a process for adults: unbaptized and those baptized in another Christian faith
- Who wish to know more about the Catholic faith
- For Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We will have a new Inquirer group beginning soon! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charles or Lisa Ferguson at the RCIA office via email at: rcia@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8972 x258.

Revelation 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”

**Revelation 3:20**

**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - St. Patrick’s Day**

Top of the morning to ya! It's no "blarney", wear your "green", find your "lucky shamrock" and join us on Wednesday, March 14 at St. Martha’s Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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**KNIGHT IN A DAY**

**SATURDAY**

**March 24, 2018**

**ST MARTHA FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS**

**3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR**

**KINGWOOD, TX  77339**

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help St. Martha save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Martha with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! 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 church code is TX497. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

www.bidpal.net/SMCSawhiteknight

**COME AND TASTE IT.**

**APRIL 28, 2018  7 – 10 PM**

Saint Martha’s FLC – 3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339

Come out for an evening of fun, food, and BEER with the Knights of Columbus as we raise funds for worthy local charities. Our Arts and Crafts Committee has chosen six local beers, each crafted with a food pairing to highlight the flavor of each beer. Each ticket will also include entry for door prizes, games, and commemorative pint glass filled with your choice of our beer selections!

TICKETS: $35 – Available online at: www.kofcbeerfest.com

100% OF NET PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

**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. Classes will begin March 11th on “How to Pray the Rosary” in Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus, 1:30-3 PM. Limited seating. RSVP text to Flora at 281-650-6834 or fjattijaari@gmail.com

March meeting schedule—
Room 2 on the Woodland Hill Campus
Second Sunday 1 – 3 PM
Fourth Wednesday 11:30 AM – 3 PM

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

**Monica’s Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Notice!!! Due to conflict with Parish Mission, Monica’s Hope will NOT meet in March. We encourage all to participate in our mission opportunity.

**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.
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 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
SATURDAY 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM WEDNESDAY 4-5 PM
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
   Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM
   Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MIDNIGHT -1 AM
   Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
   Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
   Friday: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12 - 1 PM, 10-11 PM
   Saturday AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11AM – NOON
   Saturday PM: 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11PM
   Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 10-11AM, 2-3 PM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Carmen Odogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.
If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
   Robyn Laumbach for Midnight to 6AM  (713-851-8768)
   Karen Ehlig for 6AM to Noon (281-361-7127)
   Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258)
   Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight ( 281-435-1439)

Have some fun! Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, March 7, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Brooklyn Pizzeria, 9467 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (at Townsen). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybnoon4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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.

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.

Pro-Life Corner

Baby Bottles: Full or Empty
Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated to the Baby Bottle Boomerang! This year was our most successful campaign as we have raised over $23,000 for our mothers and babies! These ministries give hope to women facing crisis pregnancies and it is this hope that helps these women choose life.
We have received many bottles but over 600 bottles are still distributed. The bottles cost $1 a piece to replace and even if you can’t donate at this time, please return the bottles, full or empty to the church office.
Thank you again for your continued support!

Pro-Life Prayer Opportunities—
Would you like to meet with other St. Martha parishioners to pray for an end to abortion and to offer real support to the young women in the Houston area struggling with an unplanned pregnancy? Please join us!
Daily: After each 8:30 Mass, meet at the back of the sanctuary for a Pro-Life rosary in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue.
Weekly: After the Thursday rosary, carpool for a light breakfast locally, then for an hour of prayer outside the Planned Parenthood in downtown Houston.
Please call Joseph Winslow: 832-412-8765 with any questions.

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!
CASE for Kids City Connections awarded St. Martha Catholic School (SMCS) with a generous grant this school year to fund the new Science Olympiad Project Team after-school program.

Science Olympiad teaches everyday science concepts through problem solving, critical thinking and practical applications. Launched at SMCS in October, the program is modeled after Science Olympiad and enables students to develop and build projects as a team in order to learn cooperative learning strategies and a high commitment to excellence.

CASE for Kids (The Center for After-School, Summer, and Expanded Learning) is a division of Harris County Department of Education, and its mission is to strengthen, support, and sustain after-school programs and out-of-school activities. CASE for Kids City Connections is an initiative funded by the City of Houston to support nonprofit organizations in each city council district that address the need for youth services outside the school day.

St. Martha Catholic School is the proud CASE grant awardee for City Council District E, lead by Council Member Dave Martin. Almost 20 students have already benefited from the Science Olympiad Project Team and the school will host a showcase on Thursday, April 26, to demonstrate a variety of science concepts and activities.

**Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations**

Exposition & Benediction

- Second Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- Second Friday: 9 - 10 AM

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:**

Please join the WELCH 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 email at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.
St. Martha’s is having a family-oriented soccer tournament with food trucks and something a little more competitive, once a month during the Spring. If you are 18 or older and would like to play, or if you would like your children to play, you must pre-register. Registration is free and doesn’t commit you to anything, but it’s needed in order to verify your Virtus training. Every adult player or the parent of the children who play must be Virtus trained. Questions or to pre-register, please call Monica (404-406-9510) or see our parish website. 

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**Stewardship Prayer for March**: God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through Your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
Las lecturas de las Escrituras para el tercer domingo de Cuaresma describen nuestra relación con Dios en términos de un pacto. La lectura del Libro del Éxodo habla de los Diez Mandamientos que eran la manera de Israel de guardar el pacto. La lectura de la Primera Carta a los Corintios y la del Evangelio de Juan proclaman que a través de la muerte y la resurrección de Jesucristo hemos entrado en una nueva relación con Dios a través de un nuevo pacto. La relación entre Dios y su pueblo está siendo radicalmente cambiada. La adoración al templo y los sacrificios, en todos sus detalles y rituales externos, así como la Ley y sus muchas prescripciones ya no funcionarían. La novedad del cristianismo era mucho más que cambios en edificios, ceremonias y regulaciones. Seguir a Jesús como discípulos fieles requería un cambio total de corazón. Una nueva actitud, un nuevo espíritu y una manera completamente nueva de relacionarse con Dios se estaban inaugurando a través del ministerio, la misión y la vida de Jesús. En otra parte del Evangelio, Jesús les dice a las personas que la adoración a Dios a partir de ahora debe ser en espíritu y en verdad. El verdadero Templo de ahora en adelante sería el mismo Cristo, literalmente su propio Cuerpo, y el de todos los que entablaron una relación con Dios a través del Bautismo. Serían el Cuerpo místico de Cristo en el mundo. En este nuevo pacto, Dios podría ser honrado especialmente por aquellos que abrazaron y vivieron por los valores del Reino de Dios proclamado por Jesús. La ruptura del pacto, ese acto que llamamos pecado, solo podría ser contrarrestado por el arrepentimiento y la reconciliación que requieren metanoia, es decir, un cambio radical de corazón. Este enfoque en la relación de pacto entre Dios y su pueblo es el enfoque central de toda la Biblia. El llamado a la conversión se repetirá una y otra vez en todo el Nuevo Testamento. Es la base de todo el enfoque de la Iglesia sobre el tiempo de la Cuaresma, que se ve como un tiempo de renovación del pacto y, por lo tanto, de nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás. La enseñanza de Jesús es bastante clara: no es lo que sucede fuera de una persona lo que contribuye a la santidad cristiana; más bien es lo que sucede dentro de los corazones de hombres y mujeres que desean seguir los pasos de Jesús. Probablemente no haya una mejor imagen cuaresmal sobre la cual basar nuestras prácticas penitenciales para este tiempo sagrado que la que encontramos en el Evangelio de hoy: la purificación del templo. Esta imagen habla tanto a toda la Iglesia como al Cuerpo de Cristo (y especialmente a nosotros como una comunidad parroquial de fe) y a nosotros como discípulos individuales. El propósito de la oración cuaresmal, el ayuno y las obras de caridad es limpiar el cuerpo de todo lo que está vacío de vida. Una vez que nos hayamos limpiado de todo lo que está muerto, inútil y pecaminoso, de hecho, nos convertiremos en la morada del Espíritu Santo que ha entrado en un pacto vivificante con nosotros.

Fr. Chester Borski

CABALLERO EN UN DÍA
SÁBADO
24 de marzo de 2018
WOODLAND HILLS CAMPUS
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR
KINGWOOD, TX 77339
REGISTRO DE ADMISIÓN PARA 1° GRADO 7:30 AM, COMIENZA 8:15 AM
REGISTRO DE 2° Y 3° GRADO 9:00 AM, EMPIEZA 10:15 AM
PATROCINADOR Y CANDIDATOS PARA 1° GRADO TRAER SU FORMULARIO COMPLETO 100.
LOS CANDIDATOS A MAYOR GRADO DEBEN TENER SU TARJETA DE MEMBRESÍA ACTUAL.
MEDALLÓN SERÁ PROPORCIONADO Y FACTURADO AL CONSEJO MÁS TARDE.
DESAYUNO Y ALMUERZO SERÁ SERVIDO.
POR SI PARA TODOS LOS NO CANDIDATOS.
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LOS CONSEJOS SERÁN FACTURADOS $25 POR CADA CANDIDATO
INVITAMOS A TODAS LAS:
- QUINCEÑERAS
- Y A TODAS LAS JÓVENES EN HIGH SCHOOL INTERESADAS EN PARTICIPAR EN:
  - EL RETIRO PARA QUINCEÑERAS
    SÁBADO ABRIL 14 YOUTH CENTER CAMPUS WOODLAND HILLS
  - LA MISA DE QUINCEÑERAS
    SÁBADO ABRIL 28 IGLESIA DE ST. MARTHA @3PM

El costo del retiro y la Misa es de $50 por participante. Si eres quinceañera, es necesario acudir al retiro para participar en la Misa. Se invita a cualquier joven interesada que esté inscrita en High School a participar en el Retiro.

PARA MAYOR INFORMACION:
YAZMIN LAGO, 281-713-2032,
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Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorada 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 7PM. 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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FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB. 24 & 25 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:

Weekly Budget $ 76,735
Sunday Collection $ 40,239
Fait Direct Offertory $ 37,097
Over/(Under) $ 711
Year To Date:
Weekly Budget $ 2,685,725
Sunday Collection $ 2,624,333
Over/(Under) $ (61,392)
Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 15,233
Martha’s Kitchen $ 4,681
Black & Indian Collection $ 1,685
Ash Wednesday $ 2,092
2018 DSF Goal $ 305,000
Payments to Date $ 82,538