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

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Richard McNeillie
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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Your help is needed on Friday, March 23, immediately following the 8:30 AM Daily Mass. The palms to be blessed at the Palm Sunday Masses need to be prepared. Help is needed by both men and women. Please meet by the relief of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and Jesus. Be sure to bring scissors! For more information, please call Mariel at 281-358-6637 or e-mail marielp@stmartha.com

PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 25

Please note: Mass begins inside the CHURCH at 5:30 PM (Saturday Vigil) and 7 AM Sunday.

Mass begins in the PLAZA at 9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM (Spanish Mass) and 5:30 PM (Lifeteen Mass)

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

When: Noon on Holy Saturday, March 31.

Location: Church Narthex

According to custom, households may bring a sampling of their Easter meal (and/or food items from a child’s Easter basket) to church in a basket for the priest to bless. The blessing connects the Easter celebration with the ‘ecclesial’, the little Church of the home. The custom helps to bring Easter into the home around the family table.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Mar. 19
8:30 AM Tim Sullivan
†Josefin Muriel
†Lila Ahat

Tues./Mar. 20
8:30 AM David McDonald
Debbie & Robert Jones
†Marie Rabalais
†Catherine A. Jones
†Marie Rabalais

Wed./Mar. 21
8:30 AM †Bob Sisson
†Elena Santos Agosta
†Ana Lopez de Leon
†Belen Alvarez
†Margarita Eliazo
†Rosa Vasquez

Thurs./Mar. 22
6:30 AM Cliff Goddard
†William Noxon
8:30 AM †John & Marcie Brennan
†Cesar Estrada
†Richard Schmerber

Fri./Mar. 23
8:30 AM †Dr. Amelia Smith
†Josephine Dziegelski
†Stephen Kovacik

Sat./Mar. 24
5:30 PM †Louise Hutchison
†Thomas Monaco
†James Terris

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:30 PM in the church every Friday during Lent.

Anointing Of The Sick Mass,
March 28: 10 AM and 7 PM

Holy Thursday Mass,
March 29: 7:30 PM (No 6:30 AM or 8:30 AM Mass)

“So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?” Matthew 26:40

We will be in prayer following the 7:30 PM Mass (Church closes at midnight)

Good Friday, March 30: 3 PM - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion 7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (No 8:30 AM Mass. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence)

Easter Vigil, March 31: 8:30 PM (No 5:30 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 1: 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM (Spanish Mass).

Overflow Masses will be held in the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (Chapel opens after 1 PM Mass. No 5:30 PM Lifeteen Mass and No Sunday Nursery)

PLEASE NOTE:

♦ There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Tuesday evening, March 27, and no Reconciliation on Saturday, March 31.

♦ During Holy week, the School Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 31 at 8:30 AM in the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus.

♦ The Parish Office will close at 4 PM on Holy Thursday, March 29, and will remain closed through Tuesday, April 3. The office will reopen on Wednesday morning, April 4, at 9 AM.
To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent remind us of the deepest desire of all of us: we want to see Jesus.1 This longing is articulated in the Gospel of John and is expressed by “some Greeks” (Gentiles). This passage actually echoes the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah that announces that God “will make a new covenant” with the people. The Lord proclaims that he will write his law “upon their hearts.” “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” The season of Lent is about recalling and renewing the covenant by those who have already been sealed in this new covenant through the sacrament of Baptism. It also focuses upon those who are not yet baptized and want to “see Jesus.” This will occur for them at the Easter Vigil when they will be brought into the community of faith through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. While this desire is celebrated throughout the Lenten season and is expressed in various ways through the Church’s liturgy, it matches the longing that most of us experience in our ordinary lives. We truly seek a new and better life for ourselves and our families. In our personal lives we are sometimes burdened by broken relationships, physical limitations brought on by poor health or by the reality of our own sinfulness. In the world in which we live we are confronted by the cultural forces of evil and death. We want life as God has promised, i.e. we want to “see Jesus” who gives us life in all its fullness.

The readings point out that Jesus does not offer us a life of comfort, luxury, and success. The life that Jesus promises is an inner life of the soul that is anchored in the gift of salvation and the promise of a more abundant life. The Gospel speaks of “the hour” when the Son of Man is to be glorified. This hour of Jesus is in reference to the Paschal Mystery: the death, resurrection, and glorification of Jesus. While this new life is indeed a gift from God, it is offered to us disciples only by way of surrendering in faith to God’s grace. “If you wish to be my disciples, take up your cross daily and follow in my footsteps.” To enter deeply into this life, we must be willing to sacrifice a lot of ourselves. At this time of Lent we are invited to live in “the hour of Jesus” which has arrived. The “grain of wheat,” which is in all of us, must fall to the earth and die so that “it produces much fruit.” This refers to the many small deaths we suffer each day for the benefit of others and for the Kingdom. Perhaps we will have difficulty seeing the results of our decisions and actions, even in our lifetime. However, God has fashioned us and made us his children and God sends us on mission to build his Kingdom here on earth. The only Son of God has shown us the way: “This is my body, given up for you.” Let us humbly follow this way without calculating the cost and come to “see Jesus.”

Fr. Chester Borski

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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 TODAY, MARCH 18. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).

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From the Pastor

In Our Prayers

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:
Thomas Peter Birney
Jerome Ferreri
George Mucha
Gertrude Sarvadi
William Noxin
Minerva Haney

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.
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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.
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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.

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

If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Melanie McTaggart at 832-675-0694 or mmctaggart@hartenergy.com.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, March 21, to talk/eat/drink at 7 PM at Spring Creek BBQ, 5613 East FM 1960 in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or lizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Wednesday of Holy Week
As we begin our Holy Week journey with Christ to the Cross, we will still have our bingo and lunch on Wednesday, March 28 at St. Martha’s Family Life Center. 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 Dominica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

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.

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Think there isn’t anyone pulling for your marriage? Think again.
Teams of Our Lady USA-A movement of conjugal spirituality

Marriage is a challenge. Whether a couple is newlywed, raising a family, or “empty nesting”, the call to grow together in love is ever present. Often couples find they are living in a social climate where forces and stresses are at work that can undermine both their marriage and their faith. All over the world, couples have found a way to meet their desire for growth in love and faith through the Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) movement.

A team is a group of five to seven couples that have decided to join together to find support in their efforts to lead Gospel lives. The team meets once a month, in each other’s homes, for a simple meal and in a spirit of friendship share their experiences of the previous month. After dinner, the mood shifts to the more obviously spiritual as the team reflects on scripture and prays. Finally, they discuss study material on married life and faith. The team meeting is truly a unique gathering – lively and enjoyable, yet structured and meaningful. If you would like to join such a group, plan on attending a 45 minute Information Meeting on Sunday, April 8 at 3:30 PM in Room 2 at the Woodland Hills Campus. Please contact Drew and Sherry Verret at 713-822-3286 for more information and to reserve a spot.

Teams of Our Lady

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Adult Organizations and Opportunities

Feast of Divine Mercy
The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on **April 8**, at 3 PM in the Church with Holy Hour, special prayers and graces granted with Plenary Indulgence under conditions attached to Mercy Sunday obligations. Please join us on this joyful Feast day celebration!

Galveston Harbor & 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.

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.

Hurting? Healing after Abortion

UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES
The deadline to submit information for the Easter Bulletin (March 31/April 1) is Tuesday, **March 20**, at 9AM.
The deadline to submit information for the **April 8 Bulletin** is Tuesday, **March 27**, at 9AM.
Submit announcements by email jodis@stmartha.com or drop off at the parish office.

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

Catholic Chaplain Corps

**ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**COUNCIL 12320**
**KNIGHT IN A DAY**
**SATURDAY**
**March 24, 2018**
**ST MARTHA FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS**
**3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR**
**KINGWOOD, TX 77339**

**ADMISSIONS DEGREE (1ST) REGISTRATION 7:30 AM BEGIN 8:15 AM**
MAJOR DEGREES (2ND & 3RD) REGISTRATION 9:00 AM BEGIN 10:15 AM
SPONSOR & CANDIDATES FOR 1ST DEGREE BRING YOUR COMPLETED FORM 300.
MAJOR DEGREE CANDIDATES MUST HAVE A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD.
MEDALLION WILL BE PROVIDED AND BILLED TO THE COUNCIL LATER.
BREAKFAST ITEMS WILL BE SERVED.
LUNCH WILL ALSO BE SERVED FOR $8 FOR ALL NON-CANDIDATES.
CONTACTS: JOHN STANTON DGN 281-630-6789
BOB SCHMIDT DD 92 281-798-0817
COUNCILS WILL BE BILLED $25 FOR EACH CANDIDATE.

**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](http://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.

March meeting schedule— 4th 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.
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 - MIDDNIGHT
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 AM, 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 Ogando 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)

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the HYATT 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.

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Pope Benedict XVI

Vocations Corner
Serra Club Northeast of Houston Invites You To Their Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, March 26, 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
Our guest speaker for March will be: Dan Kidd, Director of the Shalom Center in Splendora.
The Shalom Center is a residential treatment center for priests and religious.
RSVP: Eileen Benvegnu,
  eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com
  713-826-4943
Serra Clubs fosters and promote vocations to the priest-hood and religious life; encourages and affirms vocations to the consecrated life and nurtures the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

Young Adults Opportunities

YAS TM  Young Adults of St. Martha
PRAYER - SERVICE - FELLOWSHIP - FRIENDS - SPORTS - SPIRITUALITY
As we continue the Lenten season the Young Adults of St. Martha invites everyone between the ages of 18 to 35 to join us for one of our events!
Bible Study: Join us on Mondays at 7 PM in the Church for interesting conversation about the Gospels! New members are always welcome! We are currently reading the Gospel of Luke.
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Sound Board Volunteers Needed
Hearing God’s word at Mass is very important. Are you looking for an opportunity to serve at Mass and are interested in technology? We need you. The Sound Board Ministry’s mission is to ensure that the spoken word and music are heard clearly during Mass.
For more information, please contact David T. Boyd at david.t.boyd@gmail.com.

Uniting Catholic Young Adults of Northeast Houston
Kingwood - Porter - Atascocita - Humble - And the Surrounding Area

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We are a social and spiritual group of young adults ages 18 to 35ish who gather together for prayer, fellowship and charity. We are a very welcoming group. It does not matter what place you are in your spiritual life; whether you are new, uncertain in your faith or looking to grow deeper. We run a variety of activities including: bible studies, volunteering, camping trips, social events, and monthly dinners.
Website: stmartha.com/yasTM
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/YASMYangAdults/
Mailing list: new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASMYangAdults/

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Please subscribe to our email list via Flocknote new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASMYangAdults/ or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASMYangAdults/ to stay informed of upcoming events. For questions about any events, please email youngadults@stmartha.com. You may also call or text Matt Cooke, 718-887-6837.
**St. Martha School**

St. Martha Catholic School is hiring for the 2018-2019 school year! Interested candidates should visit choosecatholicschools.org to apply online.

**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, **April 2**, at 7:30 PM in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

**Collegian Moms Prayer Group**

The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, March 19, from 7-8 PM in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 at the Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive). All moms with children preparing for college, currently enrolled in college, or recently graduated from college are cordially invited. If you have questions, please e-mail Gloria Gàmez at morgnlor@yahoo.com

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Two scholarships will be awarded this year. All college bound or currently enrolled undergraduate college students are eligible.

- One in the amount of $1,500.00
- Another in the amount of $1,000.00

Applications are available at the Parish office or online from Marty Krupp - martybk@yahoo.com
These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 27, 2017.

**Parenting and Youth**

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**Calling moms of all ages!**

**St Martha's Moms Group**

Motherhood Fellowship Nights from 7-8:30 p.m.
March 20: Lenten reflection
April 17: Dr. Brooke Jemelka of Caritas Women's Care will be speaking
Be sure to join our Facebook group: St. Martha’s Moms (Kingwood, Tx).
For more information email Katie at stmarthasmoms@gmail.com.
We look forward to meeting you.

**Event:**

**VBS 2018**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 11-15th**

**REGISTRATION**

**BEGINS APRIL 3RD**

**DON'T BE LEFT AT SEA!**
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.

1st game: March 18 (Plan B – April 8); 2nd game: April 29 (Plan B – May 6) 3rd game: May 27 (Plan B – June 3)

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!

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need.

SAVE THE DATE:

THE CHOIR OF ROYAL HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, UK

In concert at St. Martha’s April 17, 2018

info and tickets: stmartha.com/music

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Second Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game

April 6, 2018
7:00 P.M. Welcome & Opening Prayer by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”
-St. Catherine of Siena
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas de las Escrituras para el quinto domingo de Cuaresma nos recuerdan el deseo más profundo de todos nosotros: queremos “ver a Jesús”. Este anhelo se articula en el Evangelio de Juan y es expresado por “algunos griegos” (gentiles). Este pasaje se hace eco de la primera lectura del profeta Jeremías que anuncia que Dios “hará un nuevo pacto” con la gente. El Señor proclama que escribirá su ley “sobre sus corazones”. “Seré su Dios, y ellos serán mi pueblo”. El tiempo de la Cuaresma consiste en recordar y renovar el pacto por aquellos que ya han sido sellados en este nuevo pacto a través del sacramento del Bautismo. También se enfoca en aquellos que aún no han sido bautizados y quieren “ver a Jesús”. Esto ocurrirá para ellos en la Vigilia Pascual cuando serán llevados a la comunidad de fe a través de los Sacramentos de Iniciación: Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Si bien este deseo se celebra durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma y se expresa de diversas maneras a través de la liturgia de la Iglesia, coincide con el anhelo que la mayoría de nosotros experimentamos en nuestras vidas ordinarias. Realmente buscamos una vida nueva y mejor para nosotros y nuestras familias. En nuestra vida personal, a veces nos vemos agobiados por relaciones rotas, limitaciones físicas provocadas por la mala salud o por la realidad de nuestra propia pecaminosidad. En el mundo en que vivimos nos enfrentamos a las fuerzas culturales del mal y la muerte. Queremos la vida tal como Dios lo ha prometido, es decir, queremos “ver a Jesús” que nos da vida en toda su plenitud.

Las lecturas señalan que Jesús no nos ofrece una vida de comodidad, lujo y éxito. La vida que Jesús promete es una vida interna del alma que está anclada en el regalo de la salvación y la promesa de una vida más abundante. El Evangelio habla de “la hora” cuando el Hijo del Hombre debe ser glorificado. Esta hora de Jesús se refiere al misterio pascual: la muerte, la resurrección y la glorificación de Jesús. Si bien esta nueva vida es en verdad un regalo de Dios, se nos ofrece a los discípulos solo a modo de entrega en fe a la gracia de Dios. “Si deseas ser mis discípulos, toma tu cruz diariamente y sigue mis pasos”. Para entrar profundamente en esta vida, debemos estar dispuestos a sacrificarnos mucho de nosotros mismos. En este momento de la Cuaresma estamos invitados a vivir en “la hora de Jesús” que ha llegado. El “grano de trigo” que está en todos nosotros debe caer a la tierra y morir para que “produzca mucho fruto”. Esto se refiere a las muchas pequeñas muertes que sufrimos cada día en beneficio de los demás y del Reino. Tal vez tengamos dificultades para ver los resultados de nuestras decisiones y acciones, durante nuestra vida. Sin embargo, Dios nos formó y nos hizo sus hijos y nos envía en misión para construir su Reino aquí en la tierra. El Hijo de Dios nos ha mostrado el camino: “Este es mi cuerpo, entregado por ti”. Sigamos humildemente de esta manera sin calcular el costo y lleguemos a “ver a Jesús”.

Fr. Chester Borski
Ministerio Hispano

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RETIRO DE HOMBRES DE ACTS
3 al 6 de Mayo, 2018
Las Inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español estarán abiertas a partir del 4 de Abril. Estaremos a sus órdenes los domingos en el Narthex después de la misa en Español.

El retiro de ACTS es una experiencia de 3 días y 3 noches que se enfocan en la Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio.

Para registrarse, hay que presentarse en el Narthex después de la misa en Español y dejar un depósito de $50 al momento de llenar la solicitud. El costo completo del Retiro es de 190. Por favor no deje pasar esta oportunidad, si necesita ayuda con el costo del Retiro o para preguntas contactar a cualquiera de los directores del Retiro.

Jose Luis Rodríguez 281-745-3958
Héctor Martínez 281-802-3615
Julio Lago 832-454-1129
Miguel Pérez 281-608-0592
Luis Cañas 832-267-9984

St. Martha les invita a un torneo de soccer donde habrá food trucks, se hará una vez al mes a partir de la primavera. Si tienes +18 años y quieres jugar o sí te gustaría que tu hijo(a) juegue; es necesario pre-registrarse (solo el adulto papa o jugador). No cuesta nada ni implica compromiso, pero es necesario inscribirse para verificar que cuenta con el curso de Virtus. Todos los adultos y al menos uno de los padres debe contar con Virtus.

Primer Partido: 18 de marzo ("plan B" – 8 de abril); Segundo partido: 29 de abril ("plan B" – 6 de mayo); Tercer partido: 27 de mayo ("plan B" – 3 de junio)

Esperamos se animen y podamos convivir y jugar! Si tiene dudas o para inscripciones llama a Elsa (832 233 8738) o vea nuestra página.

HAAM
El banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM estarán donando comida el día Miércoles 21 de Marzo de 11 AM-1PM.
En el estacionamiento de la Iglesia de Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy. Porter, TX 77365
Por orden de llegada

Se necesitan voluntarios para repartir la comida si puede ayudar por favor llamar a Alejandra Gutiérrez al 832-860-4860

CABALLERO EN UN DÍA
SÁBADO
24 de marzo de 2018
WOODLAND HILLS CAMPUS
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

REGISTRO DE ADNIMISION PARA 1º GRADO 7:30 AM, COMIENZA 8:15 AM
REGISTRO DE 2ºY 3º GRADO 9:00 AM, EMPIEZA 10:15 AM
PATROCINADOR Y CANDIDATOS PARA 1er GRADO TRAER SU FORMULARIO COMPLETADO 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
PORSI PARA TODOS LOS CANDIDATOS.

CONTACTOS: JOHN STANTON OCN 281-630-6728
BOB SCHMIDT CD 92-281-789-6837

LOS CONSEjos SERÁN FACTURADOS $ 25 POR CADA CANDIDATO
Ministerio Hispano

Próximas actividades de de discernimiento vocacional:
Descubre el camino menos transitado - 12 abr Mujeres Buscando el camino menos transitado- 6:30. Para las mujeres de entre 18-35
http://www.houstonvocations.com/

Fiesta Anual del Comité de vocaciones
Fiesta de apreciación para los monaguillos viernes, 13 de abril de, 2018 6:30-8:30
Youth Center en la escuela sa Santa Martha en Woodland Hills
RSVP antes del viernes 6 de abril de Diane dapple62@yahoo.com o (281) 361-2913

Todos sabemos la necesidad que tenemos hoy día en las vocaciones al sacerdocio, diaconado y vida religiosa. Pero muchas veces nos olvidamos de poder que tiene la oración por las vocaciones. Estamos buscando familias que deseen orar por las vocaciones. Tenemos fechas disponibles después de marzo. Interesados favor de comunicarse con William Lasalle (Tony) a onairtony@gmail.com o al tel. (201) 913-6728

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,
YAZ_LAGO@MSN.COM

Legión de María—Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorsada por el Concilio Vaticano II.
Realizamos reuniones semanales en donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se asignan trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas informativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestros trabajos consisten en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, toques de puertas, llevando a la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.
Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los viernes a las 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

For favor, dele un “me gusta” a nuestra página de facebook.com/houstonvocations

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES CONT.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE— Marty Curtis, themartycurtis@gmail.com
ST. JOSEPH HELPERS— Bill Beck, 281-360-7023
ST. MARTHA BETWEEN JOBS AND BEYOND— Patty Jackson, 713-973-1857
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL— 281-358-6636
SECOND FAMILY MINISTRY— Sharon Voorhees, 281-900-4768
SOCIAL JUSTICE— Gary Yepsen, 832-803-4377

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL PK3-8th— Jessica Munsch, 281-358-5523
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT— Jennifer Licona, 281-358-5523 x326
REGISTRAR— Jodie Richter, 281-358-5523 x314

MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL

AMISF— Alejandra Gutierrez, 832-860-4860
COORDINADORA DE CATECISMA PARA JOVENES Y SACRAMENTOS— Ana Maria Gibson, 281-358-1959 x269
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GRUPO DE ORACIÓN— Carmen Ogando, 832-767-8826
HOSPITALIZACIÓN— Gustavo Zapata, 832-247-9955
LECTORES— Cristina Gabas, 281-796-9084
LEGÍON DE MARÍA— Veronica Reyes, 281-728-9843
MAREA GORETTI NETWORK EN ESPAÑOL— Patricia Lopez, 281-389-1210
MINISTROS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE LA EUCARISTÍA— Raul Legoretta, 713-545-8705
MONAGUILLOS— Pastor Pastora, 832-514-5741 o 832-633-0145
RICA— Jaime Gomez, 281-973-1857
VOCACIONES Y CÁLIZ DE VOCACIONES— Tony Lasalle, 646-489-1554

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAR. 10 & 11 YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE RESULTED IN:

- Weekly Budget $ 76,735
- Sunday Collection $ 2,839,195
- Special collections $ 2,783,079
- Year To Date: $ 8,289,195
- Special collections $ 2,783,079

Current Loan Debt: $ 9,283,925