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

Parochial Vicar:  Rev. Richard McNeillie
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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 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF Easter
MAY 6, 2018

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
John 15:13

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Mon./May 7**
8:30 AM †Gregoria Gonzalez Mariscal
†Joseph Cannon
†Fernando Cuadra

**Tues./May 8**
8:30 AM †Rita Guerrero
†Ana Guerrero
†George Ciotti
7 PM †Salvador Dominguez
†Mary Callahan

**Wed./May 9/School Mass 8:30 AM**
8:30 AM †Rodney Haase
10 AM †Dorothy Schingel
Joan Nietubicz

**Thurs./May 10**
6:30 AM For the Parish
8:30 AM Matthew Molinyawe

**Fri./May 11**
8:30 AM †Camille Hughes
†Patricia O’Brien
†Luz Maria Quesada

**Sat./May 12**
5:30 PM †Merilyn Deane
†George Ciotti
†Aloisio Family

**Sun./May 13**
7 AM †Mima Bella
†Mildred Gullerman
†Leona Tydlacka

9 AM For the Parish
11 AM †Jerome Rucka
†John & Mary Gleeson
†Teresa Guzman

1 PM †Luis Fernando Najar
†Gerardo Martinez
†Dolores Garza y Maria Elena Perez

5:30 PM †Carolina Palmerola
†Bernice Lemoine
†John & Mary Gleeson

Next weekend we take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE HOMEBOUND ERRAND COMMITTEE**

The purpose of this ministry is to provide transportation to our homebound parishioners who need to visit a local doctor, run short errands, or need a ride to Mass. Currently we are in need of several more drivers. We are also looking for someone to be the new Ministry Leader. The Ministry Leader is responsible for taking requests and then communicating those needs to the drivers. If you would like more information about volunteering for this rewarding ministry or have questions about the leadership position, please contact Gretta Verhalen, 281-358-5523, ext. 313, verhaleng@stmarthacs.org

**MOTHER’S DAY CARNATION SALE**

The Catholic Daughters will be selling carnations for $2/each after the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses on Mother’s Day, May 13. Each carnation will be decorated with a ribbon and poem. Proceeds from the sale will help fund the annual scholarship for graduating seniors of the parish.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference**

**Black Bag Collection - May 19 and 20**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses on the weekend of May 19 and 20. The collection will allow the Conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, transportation and food assistance throughout the upcoming months to people in need in our area. In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you… You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

In the First Quarter this Year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 255 families, providing $19,195 for utility bills, $16,738 for rent bills, and $2,257 in food and other assistance. God Bless You!

“The mystery of the poor is this: That they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for him.”

……..Servant of God Dorothy Day
In Our Prayers

Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

Elizabeth “Betty” Huber
Telly Vargas
Thomas Wayne Wheeler
Cody Adams-Quarles
Elena Santos Agosto
Lawrence Silvers
Carol Ann Alswoe
Rodney Haase

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


Communion to the Sick: If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital or are homebound and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know.

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 jodi@stmartha.com.

From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text chosen for the 6th Sunday of Easter (John 15:9-17) describes the experience of Easter faith not in terms of some mighty external power that forces itself upon people, but rather in terms of something that happens quietly within the hearts of believers. The words that are used most frequently by the Evangelist are love and joy. In fact John the Evangelist, in one of his later writings, goes on to tell us what love for a Christian really is: “In this is love --- not that we have loved God, but he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins” (I John 4:10). Thus, in the most basic of terms, love is what Christ has done for us. The first thing that Christ did for us was to give himself freely and totally, fully aware that we were free to accept or reject the offer. Love is gift --- the gift of salvation made present in our souls. Elsewhere love is described as God’s peace dwelling within our hearts. At the same time love requires a response: what has been done for us, we must do for one another. Just as Christ has done for us, we must come to understand that love means accepting a certain responsibility for the good of our brothers and sisters. Like Christ, we must respect the freedom of others as well. Our attempt to express love may not always be understood or accepted at the moment or in the way it was offered. Love invites us into the very mystery of God’s being and God’s way of relating to us. For when we are vulnerable and we surrender control over hoped for results, then love can happen and blossom into an experience beyond our imagining. This type of love can transform us.

One of the surest signs that can be used in judging whether or not we are actually engaged in this Christ-like love is the experience of joy: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” Joy is much more than a fleeting sense of happiness about some personal accomplishment or the pleasure of helping another person. While these experiences may result from our acts of love, joy means the basic sense of rightness a believer experiences about some personal accomplishment or the pleasure of helping another person. Even when we grapple with our attempts to love others or when we are unsure if others understand or accept our love, God’s grace can so fill us and the recipients of our efforts that God’s holy presence seems to abound and endure. It is this type of joy that we should frequently ask for in our prayers of petition. And when we give witness to this Christian joy in our lives, others will have the opportunity of experiencing similar effects of Easter faith in their lives as well.

Fr. Chester Borski

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:

The Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the dioceses of Texas including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Mass on Thursday, May 10, will be celebrated as Thursday in the Sixth Week of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at all Masses on the weekend of May 12-13.
Adult Organizations and Opportunities

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Mother’s Day Celebration

Come celebrate a very important holiday for all of us - Mother’s Day! Let’s honor, first of all, our Blessed Mother Mary, and all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, or those who are like a Mother to us. Join us on Wednesday, May 9 at St. Martha’s Family Life Center for our Mother’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! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713 594-4430.

We are a group of young adults ages 18-35ish, both Kingwood natives and recent transplants, who share fellowship, prayer, meals, and laughs. We run a variety of events including bible studies, service events, potlucks and social outings. It is a great way to advance your spiritual life, make new friends and become part of a community. Here are some of our upcoming events:

- **Bible Study:** We host a bible study every Monday night at 7 PM in the church. It is a relaxed atmosphere. All are welcome to attend, it does not matter where you are at in your spiritual journey!
- **Camping:** We are planning on doing a late spring/early summer camping trip, as well as a fall camping trip. Please check back for more details! Please subscribe to our email list via Flocknote-new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASMYoungAdults/or visit www.facebook.com/groups/YASTM/ to stay informed of upcoming events. For questions about any events, please email youngadults@stmartha.com.

Martha’s Quilters makes and gives blessed afghans and quilts to parishioners who are sick or undergoing surgery. Please help us find our parishioners who need this comfort and our prayers.

Call or text Helaine Parks at 713-824-7730 or email Sally Wasserman at salmwass@aol.com

Martha’s Quilters

St. Martha Catholic School Local Advisory Board Discernment

Each year we conduct a prayerful discernment process to select new members to serve on our parish School Advisory Board. This is a wonderful opportunity to exercise your stewardship gift of talent. The term of service is three years. The date for the discernment process for persons considering a position on the St. Martha Catholic School Advisory Board is Tuesday, May 15, 6—8 PM in the Library of the school. Please contact the principal, Mrs. Munscher, at the school office, 281-358-5523 or by e-mail at munscherj@stmarthacs.org by Monday, May 7 to have your name added to the list of interested candidates and receive additional information.

Registered parishioners in full communion with the Catholic Church are eligible to serve on our advisory board. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jessica Munscher.

ST. MARTHA’S TEXAS TOURS

- **Yellowstone Paddlewheeler Tour—90 Minute Scenic San Bernard River Ride with a Docent**
  - Tuesday, June 12, 8 AM - 5 PM
- **Hemi Hideout & Brookwood Community Tour – Brookshire, TX**
  - “Tour a Texas-size Man Cave & 60s & 70s Car Museum”
  - Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8 AM - 5:30 PM

Benefitting St. Martha’s Catholic Church

Bus Transportation provided by Harris County Precinct 4 – All passengers must be 50 years of age or older!

Cost of each Tour: $35*

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 Lela Querubin, 832-689-3293 or Mary Auzenne, 713-705-3358.

St. Martha’s School

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

Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, May 9, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy 59 (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. 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.
Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM to noon in Room 2 on St. Martha’s Faith Formation campus-3702 Woodland Hills Drive

St. Martha’s Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweenjobs@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.

Let the Risen Lord Bless Your Married Life! Discover the joy of the risen presence of Jesus in your Marriage. A prayerful and loving weekend of rediscovery has been scheduled. This will be a weekend of renewal and joy. For many who have attended, this has been the most significant event in their married lives.

The next scheduled weekend is May 18 - 20. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call (713) 482-1791.

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, May 7, 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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OFFER MASS CARDS

Mass Cards benefiting St. Mary’s Seminary are available in the parish office from Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. Cards are $3 per person/$4 per couple/$10 per family for monthly remembrances and $25 for perpetual remembrances. All Masses are said at St. Mary’s Seminary, and cannot be scheduled for a particular time. Make checks payable to the Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Martha.

The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it. C.C. Scott

To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@outlook.com

Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

May 2018 Meeting at St Martha Woodland Hill Campus, Room 2: 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.
Outreach

Martha's Kitchen

Thank you for your donations to Martha's Kitchen as we could not continue to serve 300-350 guests each weekday without your loyal support.

We gladly remember three important days in May!

First, Happy Mother's Day to all of the Moms of St. Martha's on Sunday, May 13.

A very Happy Birthday is wished to Sister Maria Elena Lopez, Director of Martha's Kitchen, on Tuesday, May 22.

Lastly but not least, we pause to remember all of those who have served in the military on Memorial Day, May 28.

May God Bless You.

(Note: Martha’s Kitchen will be closed from Memorial Day, May 28 until reopening on Monday, June 11)

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

Hurting?
Healing after Abortion—
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.


SAVE THE DATE!!!!

FOOD FAIR AT ST. MARTHA’S

May 23, 11 AM—1 PM

4301 Woodridge Parkway

Please note: Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

Call Clara Moffet at 832-846-1571 for more information.

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.

Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy

A Jerome's Hope healing retreat for those experiencing stillbirth, miscarriage or early infant loss

JUNE 30, 2018

For more information or to register contact the office of Pro-Life Activities at (713)741-8728 or jkfritsch@archgh.org

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of Pro-Life Activities
Archdiocese of Galveston Houston
Parenting and Youth

Celebrating First Communion!
Please pray for the St. Martha’s children who will be making their First Communion.
Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6
All masses except 7 a.m.

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.

Vocations Corner

Mark your calendars!

May 12, Transitional Diaconate Ordination, (David Michael Moses)
Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, 10 AM

May 20, Deacon David Michael Moses will celebrate the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses with us at St. Martha

June 2, Priesthood Ordinations, Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, 10 AM

June 5-7, Explore Retreat High School Boys, 15-18

July 27-29, Life Awareness Retreat, Holy Name Retreat Center, 5 PM, Men/women, 18-45

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

Serra Club Northeast of Houston Monthly Dinner and Meeting Notice
The regularly scheduled monthly meeting, on Monday, May 28, has been cancelled to give families time to celebrate Memorial Day.

Please consider joining us for the June meeting, Monday, June 23 at Italiano’s Italian Restaurant.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the Doherty 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.
If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), please do so today. DSF 2018 is focused on us, the Church, as we use our gifts to be Instruments of God’s Mercy, which will benefit ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Our parish goal for 2018 is $305,000. With every parish family’s full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the Church in our community. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL—
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!

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL: A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND ROME WITH BIBLICAL JOURNEYS

“Join us as we retrace some of the footsteps of the Apostle Paul as he journeyed to Greece and Rome bringing the message of Jesus. What an opportunity to visualize yourself in these early New Testament sites! You’ll never read Paul’s letters in the same way again!”

Biblical Journeys prides itself on providing unique perspectives and insight into some of the world’s most beautiful and holy places. Airfare, First-class hotels, motor coach and entrance fees are included as well as two meals per day. Our guides are very knowledgeable of both the historical and biblical context of all sites visited and provide a great experience for all participants.

We will have an information meeting about this trip on Tuesday, May 15, immediately following the 7 PM evening Mass. For more information, contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com or pick up a full color brochure at either the Administrative office or the Faith Formation office.

CATHOLIC NETWORKING BREAKFAST NEW for Kingwood, Humble, Huffman and Atascocita!!!!!!!
In conjunction with Guadalupe Radio Network, AM 1430
When: 7-9 AM Thursday, May 22, 2018
Where:
Hacienda Palomas
4580 Kingwood Drive
Who:
Anyone who loves to network, for business or pleasure!!!!!
Cost: $10/person
Featuring:
Prayer
Inspiration
Motivation/Education
Fabulous Breakfast
Register Online:
http://grnonline.com/houstonprayerbreakfast/
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.

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

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 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 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, 10-11 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 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 (281-360-1258) Annunciata Hopkins for Noon to 6PM (281-360-1258) Beth Beckham for 6PM to Midnight (281-435-1439)

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
“¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?”

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
SABADOS 1-2 AM, 7-8 PM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM
Martes: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, MEDIANOCHE - 1 AM
Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE
Jueves: 12-1 am, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Viernes: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12-1 PM, 10-11 PM
Sábado AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - MEDIODIA
Sábado PM: 2-3 PM, 3-4PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11PM
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, porfavor contactar a: Carmen Ogando 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com, Coordinadora
A la familia parroquial de Santa Marta,
El texto evangélico escogido para el sexto domingo de Pascua (Juan 15: 9-17) describe la experiencia de la fe Pascual no en términos de algún poder externo poderoso que obliga a la gente, sino más bien en términos de algo que sucede en silencio dentro de los corazones de los creyentes. Las palabras que utilizan con mayor frecuencia los evangelistas son el amor y la alegría. De hecho Juan Evangelista, en uno de sus últimos escritos, va a decirnos realmente qué es el amor para un cristiano: "En esto consiste el amor --- no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo como propiciación por nuestros pecados" (I Juan 4:10). Así, en el más básico de los términos, el amor es lo que Cristo ha hecho por nosotros. La primera cosa que Cristo hizo por nosotros fue a entregarse libremente y totalmente, plenamente conscientes de que estábamos en la libertad de aceptar o rechazar la oferta. El amor es un regalo --- el don de la salvación se hace presente en nuestras almas. En otros lugares el amor se describe como la paz de Dios que mora en nuestros corazones. Al mismo tiempo el amor requiere una respuesta: lo que se ha hecho por nosotros, debemos hacerlo por los demás. Del mismo modo que Cristo ha hecho por nosotros, debemos llegar a entender que el amor significa la aceptación de una cierta responsabilidad por el bien de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Como Cristo, debemos respetar la libertad de los demás también. Nuestro intento de expresar el amor no siempre puede ser entendido o aceptado en el momento o en la forma en que se nos ofreció. El amor nos invita a entrar en el misterio mismo del ser de Dios y la manera de relacionarse con nosotros. Porque cuando somos vulnerables y entregamos control sobre los resultados esperados, entonces el amor puede suceder y florecer en una experiencia más allá de nuestra imaginación. Este tipo de amor nos puede transformar.

Una de las señales más seguras que se pueden utilizar para juzgar si estamos o no realmente comprometidos en este amor como Cristo es la experiencia de la alegría: "Os he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea completo. Este es mi mandamiento: Ámense unos a otros como yo les amo". La alegría es mucho más que una sensación fugaz de felicidad sobre algún logro personal o el placer de ayudar a otra persona. Mientras que estas experiencias pueden ser resultado de nuestros actos de amor, alegría significa el sentido básico de lo que el creyente experimenta porque él o ella siguen el impulso del Espíritu Santo para amar como lo hizo Jesús. Incluso cuando lidiamos con los intentos fuera de amar a los demás o cuando no estamos seguros si los demás entienden o aceptan nuestro amor, la gracia de Dios nos puede llenar y los destinatarios de nuestros esfuerzos que es la presencia santa de Dios parecen abundar y llenar. Es este tipo de alegría que con frecuencia debemos pedir en nuestras oraciones de petición. Y cuando damos testimonio de esta alegría cristiana en nuestras vidas, otros tendrán la oportunidad de experimentar efectos similares de la fe Pascual en sus vidas también.

Fr. Chester Borski

RETIRO DE MUJERES DE ACTS
Del 7 al 10 de junio de 2018 (WS10)

Las inscripciones para el Retiro de ACTS en Español estarán abiertas a partir del domingo 15 de abril. El Retiro de ACTS es una experiencia de 3 días y 3 noches que se enfoca en Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio. Para registrarse, preséntese en el Nártex después de la misa de 1:00 pm, el día 15 de abril, retire y llene la planilla de inscripción y déjela con un depósito de $50. El costo completo del retiro es de $190. Por favor, no deje pasar esta oportunidad, si tiene alguna pregunta adicional o para inscribirse posterior a esta fecha, puede contactar a cualquiera de las siguientes personas:

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HAAM—El banco de Comidas de Montgomery y HAAM
estarán donando comida el día Miércoles, 23 de mayo de 2018 de 11 a.m. a 1 p.m.
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 Clara Moffet al 832-846-1571.
¿Cómo animar la vocación religiosa de sus hijos?
Cuando los jóvenes revelan una atracción a la vida religiosa a sus familias, a menudo los padres pueden ser sorprendidos por la manifestación repentina de su hijo de la fe, preguntándose si se pudiera confundir con un entusiasmo momentáneo, juvenil. A continuación explicaremos algunos de los miedos que algunos padres han expresado durante muchos años sobre el llamado de sus hijos a la vida religiosa.

1. Alegréate, llena de gracia! Aunque al principio puede causar asombro, la vocación de un hijo es algo maravilloso.
2. No temas! Esta frase se repite cientos de veces en las Sagradas Escrituras. ¿Por qué deben de temer?
3. Preguntar (sin ser curioso). Una gran cantidad de perseverancia sobre el futuro de su hijo dependerá, por tanto, de la debida orientación y apoyo (y la oración!) de su familia.
4. No sea el juez de la vocación de su hijo. Usted no se ha llamado a desafiar la vocación de su hijo. No pertenece a usted, Dios se le dio a usted.
5. No trate de forzar nada. Si es la voluntad de Dios, es la voluntad de Dios, pero si no es así, no hay nada que pueda hacer para obligar a su hijo a continuar en una vocación que no es de él, de lo contrario podría causarle algún daño.
6. No obstante, pida a Dios en la oración que despierte la vocación de sus hijos. ¿Cómo Dios va a despertar las vocaciones si no le preguntamos y oramos por ella?
7. Prepárese para ver feliz a su hijo. Muy feliz. La alegría es siempre la confirmación de que su vocación es genuina!
8. Y, usted también! Prepárese a ser muy, muy feliz! Dios es abundante en generosidad!

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Si desea orar con él cáliz de vocaciones comuníquese con William Lasalle al (201) 913-6728 /onairtony@gmail.com

Actividades y oportunidades de discernimiento:

12 de mayo Ordenación de Transición del Diaconado, Co-Catedral del Sagrado Corazón 10 a.m. Masa
(David Michael Moisés)
Junio 2 ordenaciones al sacerdocio, 10 a.m. Misa en la Co-Catedral
Junio 5-7 Retiro Explora Jóvenes High school 15-18
Julio 27-28 Retiro Conciencia a la vida 5 p.m. Casa de retiro Holy Name, edades de 18-35 hombres y mujeres solteros

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