St. Martha Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5
Readings for the Week

Monday:  Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcede, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:16-19
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Dec. 10
8:30 AM  Dana Barile
†Weldon A. Simmons, Sr.
†Amanda Cano

Tues./Dec. 11
8:30 AM  †Lou Cataline
†Mimi Frantz
†Amerigo & Rena Gobbi
7 PM  †Enio Wilhelm

Wed./Dec. 12/Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thurs./Dec. 13
6:30 AM  †George Kovacik
†Richard Cantron Howard
†Bud Bickford

Fri./Dec. 14
8:30 AM  †Lance Corporal Luke Yepsen
†Kevin Briones
†John Compagno

Sat./Dec. 15
5:30 PM  †Merilyn Deane
†Jack Throop
†Leona Tydlacka

Sun./Dec. 16
7 AM  †Valerie Velez
9 AM  †Barbara Harran
†Ty Traugott
†Raymond Johnson
11 AM  For the Parish
1 PM  †Jose L. Cano
†Raul Santellana
5:30 PM  †Ann Piper
†Carol Lawrence

Please Note: The 8:30 AM School Mass takes place in the Activity Center (FF Campus).

NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., DEC. 12.

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Todays Readings

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).
Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).
Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

Awaiting the Salvation of God

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn’t big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God’s salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God’s salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can’t get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Stewardship of Treasure

For the weekend of Dec. 1 & 2

Weekly Budget  $ 93,302
Sunday Collection  $ 50,221
Holy Day-Christmas  $ 470
Over/(Under)  $(42,611)

Year To Date:
Weekly Budget  $ 2,145,946
Sunday Collection  $ 1,603,623
Over/(Under)  $(542,323)

Special collections:
Capital Campaign  $ 12,687
Martha’s Kitchen  $ 3,918
Retirement for Religious  $ 140
Christmas Flowers  $ 969
2018 DSF Goal  $ 305,000
Payments to Date  $ 345,457

Current Loan Debt:  $ 8,490,187

Can’t find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Martha Catholic Church. It is secure, convenient and there is no cost to you. Faith Direct will provide you an officertary card to place in the basket during the collections. Sign up today by going to our website at www.stmartha.com and click on the “Give” tab located in the top right hand corner or visit www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX497.

Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and health-care costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members. Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection at Mass this weekend. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.
Dear Parish Family,

Next week we will have our annual gift giving Sunday. It is a tradition that goes back to the founding Pastor, Fr. Tinney who thought it would be a good idea to share gifts with the community. This tradition has continued to grow and we are able to give thousands of gifts every year to needy children in the area. I would ask you to help participate in this year’s gift giving Sunday by bringing a gift to a child in need. There is more information in today’s bulletin about how to participate in case you are new to the parish. Also, we are extremely blessed during this Advent season that we get to be reminded of how much our God loves us. Today’s Gospel reminds us of the message of John the Baptist and how we are to prepare for the Lord. Our Lord is coming and we need to make sure our hearts and our minds are prepared! We ask the Lord to bless us during our Advent journey so we can grow closer to the Lord!

God bless,
Fr. TJ

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM (Spanish), and Midnight
Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM (Spanish)
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM

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

Barbara Harran
Leola Goubler Faust (mother of Catherine Raymond)
Marie Hubbard
Peter and Janet Eandi
Joan Evans

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 jodis@stmartha.com.
Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. A NEW WAY TO LOVE – is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God’s purpose for your marriage. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected to your spouse. Whether married six months or 60 years, this series provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship and grow in holiness. It will start Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 PM in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills). It is a great gift to give your spouse whether you are engaged to be married, married six months or 60 years. Childcare may be requested with your registration. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $30 per couple will be collected at the first session. The dates are: Jan. 15 through Feb. 26, skipping the week of Feb. 12.

Registration is required. For questions or registration, email Francine at franp@stmartha.com.

CARING COOKS
THANK YOU to all of our Caring Cooks who have so generously given of their time to make meals for those in our parish community who are truly in need at a difficult time and have no one to provide meals for them. This is an awesome ministry open to anyone who would like to provide a meal every now and then to a fellow parishioner in need. We are a blessed community in that we have so many caring and helpful folks to help out when one of us is in need. If you would like to be a part of this truly rewarding team of caring cooks please call: Karen Rexer 281-354-8857 or Marian Brown 281-630-4820 to sign up. And as always, if you should find yourself or someone you know in need of help with meals during a very difficult time please know there is someone there to help.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35

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.
Community Life Ministries

The Life after Loss support group will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019. The group meets in Room 6 of the Family Life Center from 7-9 PM. All who are experiencing the death of a loved one are welcome to join us. Please call Linda, 713-471-3543, or e-mail linda.sarman@suddenlink.net for more information and to sign up.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
Join us! NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Dec. 12, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Highway 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. On Monday, Dec. 17, we are taking a First Class Tours bus trip to the Moody Gardens Festival of Lights in Galveston, leaving at 4:30 PM from Eastex Terminal, 12703 Eastex Freeway (near Lauder Road), returning at 11:30 PM. For ticket and transportation details, call Kathy Remkes (281-389-3262). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

Collegian Moms Prayer Group:
The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Dec. 10, from 7-9 PM in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 at the Faith Formation Campus (Woodland Hills Campus.) Although this group is intended for women whose children are college age, all moms who want to pray for their children are welcomed. If you have questions, please e-mail Gloria Gàmez at mornglor@yahoo.com

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE: Do not be afraid of Christ. He takes nothing away, and He gives you everything. When we give ourselves to Him, we receive a hundred-fold in return. Pope Benedict XVI

CHALICE FOR Vocations:
Please join the MORRIS FAMILY in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig at 281-813-3285 or by e-mail at karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

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
**Faith Formation**

**Director of Faith Formation:** Carla Lewton, (281)358-1959 Ext. 213, carlal@stmartha.com

For a complete list of Faith Formation ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

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Please welcome those who entered the Church through Baptism at the Christ the King Mass on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018
Joe Cook, Jasmin Lye, Steven Patterson, Amri Reid, Natasha Rose, Tristian Moschella and Patrick Wright

And please welcome those who entered into Full Communion through Eucharist and Confirmation
Justin Golden, Andres Guerra, Lindi Reid and Christina & Royall Hernandez

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**YASM**
Young Adults of St. Martha
youngadults@stmartha.com

**Christmas Gathering**—Gift Exchange, Dinner & Card Writing, Dec. 15, 6 PM at Matt's House - 1914 River Falls Dr. Kingwood.
Join us this Christmas season for an evening of fellowship, dinner, games, Christmas letter writing, and Christmas movies. We will have a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift of about $20 in value if you wish to participate. We will also be making some Christmas cards to spread Christmas cheer and blessings. If you have a favorite Christmas movie please bring it! Please RSVP! Contact Matt for the address and any questions 281-299-6775 or youngadults@stmartha.com

**Café Catholica**—Café Catholica is expanding with a new series hosted in four parishes on the North side of Houston. Café Catholica-North, “Be Bold, Be Authentic, Belong” is a dinner-lecture series open to young adults (ages 18-39) featuring dynamic speakers, prayer, dinner, and socializing. Each night will include confession at 5:15 PM, Mass at 6 PM, Dinner at 6:45 PM, and Talk at 7:30 PM. Come for all or part of the evening! No charge to attend but donations are accepted. For more information contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778 or yacm@archgh.org.

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**SHINE Catholic Work Camp for High School Students – Save the Date!**
June 10-15, 2019, McAllen, TX
Cost: $375.00

**SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly.** The vision of the SHINE staff is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need. shinecatholicmissions.com

SHINE 2019 is accepting students entering 9th grade in 2019 through entering 12th grade in 2019.

Registration will be a lottery system this year: Families can submit paperwork and deposit to Faith Formation office during the following dates:


Registration Paperwork will be available on www.stmartha.com and the Faith Formation Office starting Jan. 8. Additional information is available at www.stmartha.com/shine

If you have any questions, contact Mike Lahey at mikel@stmartha.com or Larry Berkovsky at zekeberk@outlook.com.
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 twenty-four 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 at 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:
TUESDAY 4-5 PM
SATURDAY 7-8 PM & 9-10 PM

SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 11-NOON, 7-8 PM
Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 7-8 AM, MIDNIGHT-1 AM
Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 8-9 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, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Friday: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12 - 1 PM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 10-11 PM
Saturday AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM – 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, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - NOON, 2-3 PM, 11 PM-MIDNIGHT

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 - 6 AM (713-851-8768)
Karen Ehlig for 6 AM - Noon (281-813-3285)
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon - 6 PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham for 6 PM - Midnight (281-435-1439)

Liturgical Ministries

Director of Liturgy: Mariel Parra, (281)358-6637 Ext. 280, marielp@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Liturgical Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

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!

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
MARTES 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM
SABADOS 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM

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

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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Please come join us in prayer, praise, thanksgiving, song and supplication. Come and gain a closer knowledge of and union with the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ gift to us at the first Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-21)
It is our great desire to give God glory and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. We invite you to be one with us, and to partake of His gifts.

Time: Fridays 7-8 PM and Saturdays 9-10 AM.
Place: Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive at the Small Chapel.
Martha’s Kitchen
Martha’s Kitchen sends warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.
We will be closed on Friday, Dec. 21 and reopen on Monday, Jan. 7.

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.

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.

St. Martha’s 2nd Family Ministry
consists of a group of volunteers who provide personal presence and assistance to make life better for the weak and vulnerable and for those who serve them. Through simple acts of kindness, team members enable care “partners” to retain their independence and self-esteem while offering primary caregivers respite from the demands of caring for a loved one. If you or someone you know could benefit from 2nd Family Ministry, please contact Sharon Voorhes at StMartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

Social Services and Outreach Ministries
Director of Social Services and Outreach Ministries: Olga Najar, (281)713-8966, olgan@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Social Service and Outreach Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

The CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY is looking for JAIL VOLUNTEERS to share their Catholic faith at Lychner State Jail and Houston Processing Center (ICE); both units are located in the Humble area. Volunteers will need to have Virtus training, be practicing Catholics, and take a training at the correspondent unit. We have services on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30-8:30 PM. Bilingual (English-Spanish) applicants are a plus.
Please contact jaimesalvadorgomez@gmail.com or call 281-973-1857.

Fruits of Our Labor

Gabriel Project
God has placed in our hands His gift of life, and He has asked us to care for this precious gift with Love.
I would like to thank everyone that took the time out of their day and joined St. Martha Life Chain a few weeks ago. We stood in silent witness for life on Kingwood Drive and Lake Houston Parkway and we prayed for the unborn and their mothers.
I am pleased to announce the birth of a precious baby girl recently. The young mother had to make some difficult decisions and she chose to keep her baby.
I would also like to thank all of those who came to Planned Parenthood and stood in silent prayer and prayed for mothers who were facing a difficult time. I’m grateful and happy to tell you that we were able to pray with two young women and they in turn came to our Big Blue Bus and had their ultrasounds, and left hopeful and relieved. We left feeling joyful and happy that we helped these young women.
Please continue to pray for our mothers and their babies all over the world.
Each year during Advent our parish makes a special effort to share our blessings with other parishes in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. Through our annual Sharing Sunday we are able to help local parishes distribute food and gifts to needy families. Gifts are needed for children, adults, and senior citizens. Please wrap and tag these gifts with the age and gender of the recipient (for example, boy age 10-12). Grocery items are also needed but do not need to be wrapped. **We appreciate any gift card donation or donations through checks, please make your check payable to St. Martha Catholic Church, and indicate in the memo line that it is for Sharing Sunday.** **WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS IN CASH.** Take time to discuss with your family ways that your Christmas can be shared with other families. If you need more information please send an email to Gelly Estess, gellymar@suddenlink.net.
JOB OPENING
St. Martha’s Catholic School is hiring for a full-time middle school Literature teacher position, beginning January 2019. Interested candidates should email the principal, Jessica Munscher at munscherj@stmarthacs.org.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world.

Principal PK3-8th: Jessica Munscher, (281) 358-5523
For more information regarding SMCS please visit www.stmarthacs.org

Stay Connected

St. Martha Communication
If you have not subscribed to our Flocknote Network, downloaded our Parish App, or “Liked” us on Facebook, we ask that you do it today!! These communication tools have been a huge help in keeping parishioners informed throughout the year. And don’t forget to visit our parish website: www.stmartha.com

For Flocknote click on the little sheep icon in the top right hand corner of our parish website and a registration form will come up in a new window. Enter your first and last name, your email and a password of your own choosing (you'll use this password in the future to access Flocknote). The full registration form comes up next. The minimum information required is your first and last name, and phone number(s), your email and postal addresses.

For Facebook click on the Facebook icon in the top right hand corner of our parish website. St. Martha Facebook will come up and you can click “like” (please make sure you are logged into your personal Facebook account when clicking “like”).

For Parish App download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish or text APP TO 88202. Don't forget to choose St. Martha Catholic Church for your parish.

Questions? Contact Jodi at 281-358-6637, ext. 201.

Jerome’s Hope Retreat
The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer a single day retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss on Saturday, Dec. 15. This retreat is part of Jerome’s Hope ministry. To register or for more information please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat
The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel’s Vineyard retreat of post-abortion healing on the weekend of Jan. 4-6, 2019. This retreat is part of Project Rachel’s ministry. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443 or email at jkfritsch@archgh.org.

Gathering in the Upper Room: An Interlude with God
Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 5-6, 2019 Gathering in the Upper Room: An Interlude with God is a retreat for single women ages 18 and older who are interested in religious life. What a nice way to spend a weekend – input on discernment, private prayer and reflection, sharing with other women and Sisters, plus Mass and lunch together. Deadline to register is Dec. 28. Free Event. Retreat begins Saturday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. For more information, call the Vocations Office at 713-652-8239.
Come Celebrate
The Mother of God
Virgin of
Guadalupe
Patroness of the Americas

DECEMBER 12th
Living Rosary 6:00 pm - Holy Mass 7:00 pm
Live Mariachi and more.....!
St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter TX 77365
“Apareció en el cielo una señal grandiosa: Una mujer vestida de sol” Apocalipsis 12,1

Ven a celebrar a la Madre de Dios
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Emperatriz de las Américas

12 DE DICIEMBRE
Rosario Viviente 6:00 pm - Santa Misa 7:00 pm
Mariachi y mas......!

Parroquia Santa Martha
4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter TX 77365
SHARING SUNDAY – COMPARTE SUS BENDICIONES
Cada año durante el tiempo de Adviento nuestra

Legión de María —
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorizada por el Concilio Vaticano II. Realizamos reuniones semanales 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, cárcel, toques de puertas, llevando a la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia. Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los viernes a las 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 504-228-6694 Mildred García

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPANOL PARA TODA – VICTIMA DE ABUSO
MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.
Ministry Contact Information

**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES**

**BUSINESS MANAGER**—Molly Kleinguetl, 281-358-6637 x208
**FACILITY MANAGER**—Steve Teets, 281-358-6637 x254
**FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**—Charlie Garland, 713-203-2101
**ST. MARTHA’S OFFICE ANGELS**—Lourdes Fernandez, 281-358-6637 x262

**COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES**

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE**—Francis Puglia, 281-713-8954
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**ANNULMENTS**—Francise Puglia, 281-713-8954
**CARING COOKS**—Karen Baxter, 281-358-8857, or Marian Brown, 281-630-4820
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**HOMEBOUND EMMANUEL COMMITTEE**—Greta Vendome, 281-284-7755
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—John Stanton, 281-630-6728
**MARRIAGE PREP. INFORMATION**—To Register call 281-358-6637
**MARTHA’S QUILTERS**—Helaine Parks, 713-824-7730
**MEALS FOR MOMS**—Diana Van Horn, danivanhorn@hotmail.com
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- The deadline to submit information for the Dec. 30 Bulletin is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18.
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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
Contemporary: 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.