Jesus said to his parents, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49
Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We thank God for the gift of family that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are to all of us because they are the model of how our families want to emulate. Hopefully, your Christmas was filled with family fun and you were able to realize how blessed you are to have families that love and care for you. I know that not all families are happy, and the holiday time can be miserable for those who come from families that are a little less than holy. We pray for those families and ask God to wrap them in His love. Families are such a vital part of our human race, and it is sad and oftentimes heartbreaking when we hear stories (or experience it ourselves) of times families are not able to love. The reason the feast of the Holy Family is so important is because it reminds us of how far we need to go in our own families to share love the way that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus did! We pray that our families may be holier, and we pray for those who struggle with their families, because God will give them love.

Fr. TJ

Stewardship of Treasure

**PLEASE NOTE:** Contributions to St. Martha for 2018 must be received by Dec. 31 or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included in your 2018 contributions.

**For the weekend of Dec. 15 & 16**

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We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us today. Whether you’re a longtime parishioner, a newcomer, or just visiting, know that our desire is to extend God’s loving presence to all.

If you would like to register, you can download the registration form from our website, www.stmartha.com, or find a copy in the narthex on the Welcome Kiosk.

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

Message from our Pastor

**Welcome**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

Joan Evans
Genevieve Marie Irwin (mother of Beth Chapman)
Jenny Alvarado Curet
Danielle Fiorini

**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.

**Year To Date:**

- **Sunday Collection:** $ 46,182
- **Faith Direct-Offertory:** $ 78,371
- **Immaculate Conception:** $ 1,308
- **Holy Day-Christmas:** $ 5,990
- **Christmas Flowers:** $ 1,338
- **2018 DSF Goal:** $ 305,000
- **Payments to Date:** $ 349,718

**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 offertory 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 at the top right-hand corner or visit www.faithdirect.net - our parish code is **TX497**


**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Mon./Dec. 31**
8:30 AM †Marie Rabalais
†Pedro & Maria Rodriguez
†Jesus Arzate

**Tues./Jan. 1/Mary, Mother of God**
Wed./Jan. 2
8:30 AM The Daniel Family
†Rev. Fr. Irene Nguyen Thai Hiep
†Dixie McCune
10 AM Renee Hermansen
Mitch & Therese Rothman
Rodney & Mary Rathbun

**Thurs./Jan. 3**
6:30 AM
8:30 AM Sr. Marie Elena
†Marie Hubbard

**Fri./Jan. 4**
8:30 AM †Pat Reid
†Emma Vargas
†Bobby Grun

**Sat./Jan. 5**
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM †James & Kay Schod

**Sun./Jan. 6**
7 AM For the Parish
9 AM †Natalie Novosad Stafford
†Madi Richardson
†Dr. Charles & Rosalie Matassa
11 AM †Alma Muller
†Marie Hubbard
†Jesus Guzman
1 PM †Julia Cevillo de Buitron
†Pedro Serrano Merlan
†Gerardo Asiel Martinez
5:30 PM †Raymond Johnson
†Barbara Harran
†Marie Irwin

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1.

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**Home Is Where The Family Is**

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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**Mary, Mother of God**

**Mass Schedule**

Dec. 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM (Spanish)
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM

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**Saint Martha**

The new St. Martha newsletter (Winter 2018-19) is now available on the parish website!!
To view visit: www.stmartha.com and click on “Communications”

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Happy New Year!

Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! How about making the Young at Heart Senior Luncheon part of your New Year’s resolutions. I think you’ll be surprised at how much fun we have and the hot cooked meals are really quite tasty! If you haven’t joined us yet, come check it out. Continue your New Year’s celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2019 on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha’s Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 PM. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

Knights of Columbus Council 12320
Kingwood, TX

Start Date: Jan. 14   End Date: Jan. 22

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. The St. Martha parish and Knights of Columbus remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, St. Martha - Knights of Columbus council is promoting nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Please join us in prayer, the novena prayer cards will be available Saturday, Jan. 12 (Vigil Mass) and Sunday, Jan. 13 (Mass services) in the narthex.

Marriage and A New Way to Love

Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun, but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. A NEW WAY TO LOVE is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God’s purpose for your marriage. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected to your spouse. Whether you are engaged to be married, 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, at 7 PM in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills). It is a great gift to give your spouse. 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.
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 e-mail Sally Wasserman at salmwass@aol.com

Divorced. Cath­lic. Now What?
Navigating Your Life After Divorce

This is a simple program of support, encouragement and recovery for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

* Healing
* Anger
* Divorce and Annulment
* Helping Children Cope
* Forgiveness
* Gratitude
* Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and a practicing Catholic.

Jan. 7 – Mar. 7, 7-8:30 PM
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)
For information and registration, please contact:
Vicki Rück: 713-927-8815 or vickiruck@suddenlink.net

* Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Saturday, Jan. 5, for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Martha’s; meal afterwards at Akashi Sushi Fusion Cuisine, 2271 Northpark Drive (at Woodland Hills Dr.) in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex of the church at 5:15 PM. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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
The Passion Play in Oberammergau is a spectacular event that only occurs every ten years. We will be journeying to Bavaria in mid-September 2020 to witness the Passion Play as well as explore the surrounding region of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. We would love for you to join us!

An information meeting will be held on January 14 at 7:30 PM.

For more information please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or e-mail carlal@stmartha.com
Faith Formation

SHINE Catholic Work Camp for High School Students – Save the Date!
June 10-15, 2019, McAllen, TX
Cost: $375
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.
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 in 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. Visit shinecatholicmissions.com for more information about Shine Catholic Missions.

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, Jan. 15, 7-8:30 PM. Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:
♦ Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
♦ The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
♦ Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
♦ Explanation/Walk through of the Mass, Q&A
♦ The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A
If you would like more information or to participate, please contact: Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968

Please email youngadults@stmartha.com for more information
Website: stmartha.com/yastm
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/YAS+M/
Mailing list: new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YAStayAdults
Matt Cooke: (281) 299-6775

Attention Young Adults: Café Catholica-North 2019
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 6:00 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, yacm@archgh.org, or www.archgh.org/cafecatholica.

Please join our email list or Facebook page. We often have last minute events that are not published here!
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 ADOREES ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

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, 8-9 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT
Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 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
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 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 AM Noon (281-813-3285)
Annunciata Hopkins for Noon - 6 PM (281-360-1258)
Beth Beckham for PM Midnight (281-435-1439)

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.

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, independiente-mente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADOREES

Lunes: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 11-NOON, 7-8 PM
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Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, por favor contactar a Carmen Ogando 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com.
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM MARTHA’S KITCHEN
Martha’s Kitchen sends wishes for a blessed New Year. We will be closed this week and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 7.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend, Dec. 29 and 30, 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. (Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)

Maria Goretti Network (MGN) - Support Group for Survivors of Abuse
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.

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.

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.

St. Martha’s 2nd Family Ministry
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.
This ministry is also looking for additional volunteers. Please join us at our next meeting, Jan. 8, 7 PM at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 5.

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

TEXAS MARCH FOR LIFE
Event Date: Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019
$30 per bus seat (bagged lunch-Chik-Fila and bottle water included)
Departure: 8 AM Arrival back in Kingwood: 7 PM
St. Martha Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX 77365
For more information visit TexasRallyforLife.org

St. Martha’s Annual
Baby Bottle Boomerang
January 19-20
Please take one bottle per family, place your donation inside and return to the church the weekend of January 26-27.
Thank you for your support!
All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble
Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.

Every little bit helps, and we appreciate all you give
Please make all checks out to “St. Martha Catholic Church”

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

SMCS OPEN HOUSE
Open House for all prospective new families will be held on
Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
at the Woodland Hills campus.
St. Martha Catholic School will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year on
Friday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.
Interested families are invited to create an online application by visiting the school website: www.stmarthacs.org, click Admissions, then Apply Online.
All new applications are accepted online.
Please email Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org with any questions.

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.
SONJA CORBITT RETURNS TO ST. LAURENCE
JANUARY 11-12
Register now for a great seminar featuring popular Catholic speaker Sonja Corbitt at St. Laurence in Sugar Land. This dynamic presenter will give two talks on Friday evening, Jan. 11 (7-9 p.m.) and four talks on Saturday, Jan. 12 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). One $30 registration fee is good for all six talks, plus lunch on Saturday. Sonja Corbitt is a Catholic Scripture teacher with a gift for storytelling; she is an author, speaker, and radio host who has produced several high-impact, uplifting Bible studies, including Unleashed, Soul of the World, Fearless, Ignite, and her most recent, Fulfilled - Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism. Let this self-proclaimed “bible evangelista” unlock in you a deeper understanding and love of Scripture! This seminar is expected to sellout, so register early at stlaurence.org/fulfilledseminar. Childcare is available by registering in advance.

VOCATION EXPO 2019
JANUARY 26
St. Mary’s Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024
All those concerned about vocation awareness are welcome to attend. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a workshop. There will be break-out groups, presentations by religious communities, networking, resources, and more. Cost is $5 (includes lunch). Deadline to register: Jan. 18. No child care available. For more information, call the Vocations Office at 713-652-8239 or visit: www.houstonvocations.com/vocation-expo

St. Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center
January 4-6, 2019
Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend
Retreat Theme
At the Name of Jesus: A Holy Name Retreat
Those close to the Passionists know that the Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, enjoined his vowed religious to recite the following passage every time they gather for Communal prayer:
“At the Name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on earth and under the earth and every tongue proclaim, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is Lord”
For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, please visit the website: www.holynameretreatcenter.com

St. John Paul II FOUNDATION
SAVE THE DATE
February 23, 2019
Join us for an exciting opportunity to strengthen your marriage and family!
The St. John Paul II Foundation will host a marriage enrichment workshop at the St. Martha FLC (Woodland Hills Campus) from 8:15am - 11:30am
All couples of St. Martha’s are invited to come together for fellowship and to hear from inspiring speakers that will help you to THRIVE in your marriage, not just survive!
Contact: Marty Matulia at martin@forlifeandfamily.org for further details.

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Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.
Legión de María—
Somos una organización apostólica de laicos en la iglesia Católica, aprobada por los últimos tres Papas y endorseada por el Concilio Vaticano II.

Realizamos reuniones semanales donde se reza el Santo Rosario, se asignan trabajos legionarios y se estudian temas informativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado. Nuestros trabajos consisten en evangelizar y santificar hombres mediante visitas a: familias, cárceles, toques de puertas, llevando a la Virgen peregrina a los hogares, entre otras actividades recomendadas por la parroquia.

Les invitamos a que conozcan más y formen parte de este hermoso ministerio que se reúne todos los viernes a las 7 PM en el salón #2 de la antigua iglesia Sta. Martha en el 3702 Woodland Hills Dr. Para más información pueden contactar a los números 281-728-9843 Verónica Reyes ó 504-228-6694 Mildred Garcia

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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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.
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- **Director of Community Life**—Francis Jasso, 713-711-8154
- **Acts Retreat**—Willie Chesnut, ACTSCore@StMartha-CTS.org
- **Annulments**—Francine Puglia, 281-713-8954
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- **Middle School Coordinator (Edge)**—Lisa Hartsfield, 281-358-6637 x241
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**Faith Formation**

- **Director of Faith Formation**—Carla Lewton, 281-358-1959 x213
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- **Pro-Life (Gabriel Project)**—713-225-5826
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**St. Martha Catholic School**

- **Principal PK-8th**—Jessica Menscher, 281-358-5523
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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: 8:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance
Tuesday:
Church 6:15 -7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 12 PM and 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 Indiana Francis at the Parish Office to register, 281-713-8960

Marriage
Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

Funerals
Call Indiana Francis at the Parish Office, 281-713-8960.