Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2
Welcome

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.

Dear Parish Family,

As we begin a new school year, there is a sense of normalcy that returns to our lives. We settle back into our routine and get involved in all the activities that we took breaks from during the summer months. Some of those activities are ones we do at Church. Every year around this time, we have our annual ministry fair. We will have it this weekend and next in the narthex after each Mass. It is a chance for us to sign up for ministries we want to participate in so we can share the joy of faith with others. I would ask you to consider giving of your time and talent to share the gifts God has given you with the rest of the parish family. We have over 100 ministries in our parish, so there is something for everyone! I hope you take the time to stop by the narthex after Mass and see where you might be able to share some of your gifts so you can enrich the life of the parish and our community.

Also, starting in September, we will be using incense at the 11 am Mass on Sunday. Incense is an ancient practice of our liturgical practice that gives a little more reverence to our celebration. It reminds us of the cloud of witnesses that is present when we pray and that our prayers rise up to God like incense. I wanted to let everyone know so if you have an allergy to the incense, you might want to consider attending a different Mass. We think adding incense to the 11 am Mass will add reverence to the experience of our liturgy, you might want to consider attending a different Mass. Think adding incense to the 11 am Mass will add reverence to the experience of our liturgy, so we will see how it goes.

I wish you all a very happy start to the school year and may God bless you and our parish during our weekends of ministry fair.

God bless,
Fr. TJ

Message from our Pastor

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Todays Readings

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).
Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).
Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).
Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).


Listen to Jesus and the Prophets

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus’ teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

That we have the courage to step out of our comfort zone and stand up for life, marriage and religious liberty.

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR—PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Aug. 17-18: Faith Formation, School, and Liturgy Ministries
Aug. 24-25: Community Life and Outreach Ministries

Join the St. Martha community to learn more about how you can become involved and support our many ministries here at St. Martha. Ministry members will be available after every Mass to share what they do and answer questions. You’ll have the opportunity to join ministries and inquire more about the amazing activities happening at St. Martha. Volunteering for a ministry is a great way to give thanks to God by sharing your gifts of Time and Talent. Please join us!

(For a complete listing of St. Martha ministries please see page 14 of the bulletin under Ministry Contact Information)

For the weekend of Aug. 10 & 11 your STEWARDSHIP GIFTS OF TREASURE resulted in:

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Giving has never been easier with Text-to-Give. Securely make a one-time gift to St. Martha Offertory, Martha’s Kitchen, Capital Campaign or current special collection. Text 281-324-8582. Text $ amount in message line. Follow link to complete one-time registration.

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

- Noreen Stack (sister of Catherine Connelly)
- Angelina Cangemi (mother of Jennifer Ilger)
- Rosemary Schildhauer
- Jacques Bouchez
- August (Gus) Pasquini
- Angelina Cangemi
- Chris Schod
- Marguerite Miller (mother of Greg Miller)
- Roberto Ante, Jr. (son of Robert, Sr. and Juanita Ante and brother of Melanie Henry)
- Joe Alaniz
- Miriam Meier

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.

2019 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND -

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2019 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ’s call and have not yet responded, please do so today. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of $ 305,000.
The St. Martha Parish Pastoral Council represents the St. Martha community in providing counsel and consultation to Fr. TJ. Council members will be available in the Narthex before and after all Masses the second Sunday each month. For more information email: stmartha.pastoral.council@gmail.com

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**
Friday, 9 AM, one week prior to publication.
(Based on space availability and ministry leader approval)
Submit announcements by:
E-mail: jodis@stmartha.com; Drop off at the parish office; or Fax to 281-358-7973.

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**Seven Sisters Apostolate Prayer Group Openings**
We are looking for two women who feel called to pray for the priests in our parish. Our group has one woman for each day of the week who dedicates one hour of their choosing to pray for our parish priests. We have open days on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you can dedicate one hour of prayer, each week, on one of the days listed above; we would love for you to join us! We are also looking to add a few new substitutes to our list as well. A substitute is someone who may fill in for a full time Seven Sister when they are unable to pray on their day for any reason. Prayer booklets are available to help you with your hour. This is a commitment from Sept. 2019 - June 2020. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kimberly Broussard 832-279-5675 or email: kabroussard13@gmail.com

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**PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**
The fourth Parish Blood Drive for 2019, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for TODAY, Aug. 18, 8 am - 1:45 pm in the Activity Center on the Woodland Hills Campus. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive.
As always, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.

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**Divorced. Catholic. 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
- 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.
Sept. 11 – Nov. 6, 7 - 8:30 PM
Wednesdays Evenings
St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)
For information and registration, please contact:
Vicki Rück, 713-927-8815, vickirueck@suddenlink.net
Paula Amsler, 713-806-2641, paula-amsler@msn.com
*Cost: $15 for the book but don’t let cost be a deterrent please!*

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**St. Martha Men’s ACTS Retreat**
Oct 24-27, 2019
Registration for the 2019 Men’s English ACTS Retreat will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8th after each mass in the Narthex. The ACTS retreat is a three day/three night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha’s. Registration is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis and must include a non-refundable deposit of $50. The cost of the retreat is $200 but do not let the financial considerations keep you from attending the retreat. Scholarships are available on a case by case basis. Please prayerfully consider attending this spirit filled retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Carlin Walters at 713-253-2735 or carlinwalters@yahoo.com.

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**St. Martha’s Life After Loss**
grief program offers a nine week support group beginning Wednesday, Sept. 25, from Noon to 2 PM. All who are experiencing the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend. For more information and to sign up, please call 281-360-2714 or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.

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**At the 7th Annual Marriage Mass for**
**All Married Couples**
**And**
**Their Families and Friends**

St. Martha Catholic Church
Friday, The 23rd of August
Two thousand and nineteen
7:00 pm
At St. Martha Catholic Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME**
Reception to Follow
Hosted by Kingwood Teams of Our Lady
Community Life Ministries

**St. Martha Women’s ACTS Retreat**

**Sept. 12-15, 2019**

Registration for the September Women’s ACTS Retreat is full but we are still accepting registrations for the waiting list. The ACTS retreat is a three-day/three-night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. The cost of the retreat is $200 but do not let financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director, Amy Avery at 713-480-1204 or amavery4@gmail.com. Registration forms available on-line at www.stmarthaacts.com.

**Young at Heart Luncheon**

The Young at Heart Luncheons held at St. Martha’s on the second, fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month will NOT be held during the Summer. We will **resume** on Wed., Sept. 11.

Have a great summer and check the bulletin in August for information on the September luncheons.

**K N I T T E R S O F C O L U M B I A S T**

Racks of **SMOKED** St. Louis Ribs (no sauce)

**Labor Day Weekend $20/Rack**

AT 3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR. IN FRONT OF
St. Martha’s Family Life Center
FRIDAY Aug. 30, 1:00PM TO 6:00PM
SATURDAY Aug. 31, 10:00AM UNTIL 6:00PM
PRE-ORDER SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE IN THE NARThEx.
PAY WHEN YOU PICK UP. MMM - GOOD!!

QUESTIONS? Contact Bill Blum, retiredby70@aol.com

**ST. MARTHA ROSARY GUILD**

Come and join us! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship and making rosaries.

**August Rosary Guild Meetings**

(Room 2, Woodland Hills Campus)

Second Sunday 1—3 PM

Fourth Wednesday 11:30 AM—3 PM

Contact Gilda Womack, 281-989-4241 or gawomack@hotmail.com for more information, membership, rosary supplies, and rosary orders.

**How to pray the rosary classes and refresher classes!**

Contact Flora at fkattijaari@gmail.com for upcoming class dates. Classes are for adults and children of all ages. Groups welcome. Free one hour class, complementary rosary and pamphlet on how to pray the rosary. Refreshments served.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

**JOIN US!**

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, a ministry for singles ages 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Aug. 21, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Highway 59 North in Kingwood. 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 on St. Martha’s website.

**To all Veterans, First Responders & their Families who have served or are serving our Country and our Community:**

St. Michael’s Warrior’s Ministry, a group led by Veterans & First Responders, meet every Saturday morning at St. Martha’s Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, Tx.) Room 2, from 7:30-9:30 AM.

As our Mission Statement reads we will: **Provide a Safe, Welcoming & Ecumenical environment to assist Veterans, First Responders and their families dealing with traumatic life experiences caused by tragic events, daily challenges and transition from a life of service**

Our purpose is to provide support not only the Parishioners of St. Martha’s, but to all in our surrounding area that could benefit from participating.

St. Michael’s Warrior’s Ministry focuses on healing through prayer, Peer Ministry, Fellowship and Comradeship. For more information you can contact Deacon Guy Puglia: guy.puglia@gmail.com or 832-758-0795.

*If my people, those whom I have called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, if they will seek my face and turn from their sin, I will hear their prayers from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land,* says the Lord. “For my eyes are open, and my ears are listening, to the prayers of my people.”

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

**St. Martha Church**

**Couple Prayer Series**

Couple Prayer is a weekly series on prayer for married or engaged couples. Experience first-hand how you can share Couple Prayer with your spouse in ways that will dramatically enhance your faith, your marriage, and the faith and well-being of your entire family.

**Where:** St. Martha, Faith Formation Campus, (Woodland Hills Drive) **in the FLC**

**When:** 7–9 PM, six Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 17

**For:** Married or engaged couples

**To register:** Send an e-mail to franp@stmartha.com Please include both husband/wife names, both of your cell phone numbers and/or home phone number. Please say “Couple Prayer” in subject line. If babysitting is requested, please list the names and ages of your children requiring childcare.

For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637
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.

BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:

Please join us for Breakfast & Bible Study on Tuesday mornings, 9:30–10:45 AM, in Room 2 on the Faith Formation campus. We will be reading, studying and sharing on the Sunday Scriptures (led by Carla Lewton). You do not have to register for this free study.

Are you interested in looking into the Catholic Church or completing your Sacraments?

RCIA is your answer!

- Wish to know more about the Catholic faith.
- Are Catholics who need to complete their sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We will have a NEW INQUIRER GROUP BEGINNING SOON!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Charles or Lisa Ferguson at the RCIA office via email at: rcia@stmartha.com.

Serra Club Northeast of Houston is part of Serra USA, District 10, serving St. Martha, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Philip, St. John of the Cross, St. Leo, and St. Dominic. For more information go to www.serra10.com.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the KNIPPA 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

SAMUEL GROUP

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”
1 Samuel 3:9

A discernment group for young women, ages 19-30, who will meet together once a month for six months in order to study, pray, and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God.

Tuesday Nights  6-9 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1505 Kane St, Houston, TX, 77007
Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 10, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and Mar. 24

YOU ARE INVITED!

Serra Club Northeast of Houston
Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, Aug. 26 * 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Fr. Italo Dell’Oro
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 Bypass Road E. Humble

6:30 PM: Social
7-8:30 PM: Dinner & Program
Dinner cost: $17 per person
RSVP to Eileen Benvegnu   eileenbenvegnum@yahoo.com
713-826-4943
(SERRA MEMBERS PLEASE RESPOND VIA THE EVITE)
Faith Formation

ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?
If you have questions or would like to register for classes, please call Mandy Carr 281-358-1959 ext. 264 or email mandyc@stmartha.com. Classes will be held Thursday evenings, 7 – 9 PM, beginning Sept. 26 through Nov. 21.

UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE BIBLE!

The Bible Timeline™

A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING JEFF CAVINS

Dates – Times – Location

Monday Mornings
9:15 - 10:45
in the Family Life Center

September 16 - November 18

Cost – Registration
$35 for Study Set (if new)
(No cost if returning from Spring)

For More Information
Edith Boschian:
edithkb@kingwoodcable.net
Carla Lewton: carlal@stmartha.com
or 281-713-8968

In The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible’s narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end.

Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.

“I never would have read the Bible if it wasn’t for this, and now I simply adore Scripture. It has given me such insight into the Catholic faith and helps me to understand its true beauty.”

—Kitley D.
Faith Formation

THE CORNERSTONE

Catholic Scripture Study

Join us as we study three of the “catholic letters”

Books of: James, 1 & 2 Peter and 1-3 John

These letters were not addressed to any specific church but to all Christian communities. Just as they applied to Christians in the 1st Century, they still impact and guide us today. **Come learn, study and share with us!**

- **James** emphasizes "Be doers of the word and not hearers only."
- **Peter** tells us we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own."
- **1-3 John** reveals that God is love; He loves us with an infinite, unconditional and inexhaustible love!

**When:**
- Ladies' groups - Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM - Noon
- Ladies' groups in Spanish – Wednesdays 9:45 AM - Noon
- Men's groups – Wednesday mornings 9:45 AM – Noon
  (Childcare available Wednesday class only)
- Ladies' groups - Tuesday evenings 7 – 9 PM
- Men’s groups - Tuesday evenings 7 – 9 PM
- Men & Women’s group in Spanish – Tuesday evenings 7 – 9 PM

**All Are Welcome**

**Classes begin & Visitor's Day** - for inquiries:
- Day class: Sept. 18
- Evening class: Sept. 24

**Where:**
- Day Class - Activity Center - Faith Formation campus
- Evening Class - Adult classroom #2 - Faith Formation campus

**To Register or questions Contact:**
- **English**: Ray Baudier (281) 467-8321 or raybau@suddenlink.net
- **Spanish** speakers: Zuri Jackson (281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com

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Parents of High-Schoolers—support our high school students with the power of your prayers. Sign up to be given one prayer day a month and help us cover them in prayer. There are no meetings to attend and your prayers are offered privately in whatever method of prayer you prefer. For more information or to be given a day on our high school Prayer Quilt, email Lori DiSorbo at lrdisorbo@gmail.com.

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2019-20 CATECHESIS REGISTRATION

Grades PreK – 8

We are now taking registration for Catechesis 2019-20 in our Faith Formation Office
Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(place in mail slot for after hour drop)

Registration will close August 23, 2019

**CLASS SESSIONS:**

SUNDAYS 10:30 – 11:45 am / WEDNESDAYS 6:30 – 7:45 pm

**OR At Home Catechesis**

Every effort is made to place all children. However, space is limited. Students will be place on a first come, first serve basis. Placement of students is according to their grade level in school and the number of adult volunteers available to teach.

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2019-20 MEETING AND REGISTRATION for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Come to the Family Life Center on the following date to register your child for Sacrament preparation:

- **Sept. 4, 2019**
- **6:30-8:30 pm**

To be eligible for sacraments students must have been enrolled in Catechesis or Catholic School for 1 year (with good attendance) prior to registering in the Sacrament Program.
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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING
You are invited to come and worship with us and bring your petition to the altar for prayer. We meet every Friday for English Prayer Meeting at 7 - 8 PM. We come together for thanksgiving and praise!

SAVE THE DATE:
THE CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, UK
In concert at St. Martha’s Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019

Here is the Communion antiphon for 5:30 Saturday, 7am, and 9am Masses this weekend. The cantor will sing through it once first; after this, please join us in singing each additional repetition of the antiphon.

Divine Mercy Ministry —
The Divine Mercy Ministry prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel (Faith Formation Campus) every Sunday at 3 PM, for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. The chaplet is also prayed before the 8:30 AM weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) in the church. Everyone welcome!

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
OPEN HOURS: TUESDAY 3-4 AM.
WEDNESDAY 3-4 AM.
FRIDAY 1-2 AM & 4-5 PM.
SATURDAY 4-5 PM.
SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Monday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Tuesday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM
Friday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Saturday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM – NOON, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 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:
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)

Children's Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—
10 AM in the Woodland Hills Chapel
(please note the new location effective Aug. 20)
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 and a decade of the rosary. We talk about saints, 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.

St. Martha Celebrates Hospitality Month
St. Martha parish will celebrate Hospitality Month from July 29—Aug. 29.
During this time, the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) invite our fellow parishioners to join us in serving as ushers.
Please consider being an "Usher for a day" and let us know by sending a note to Barry.Robichaux@us.ibm.com.
If ushering is not "your thing" then please consider serving in any of St. Martha's many other ministries.
Out of work?  
Looking for a change?  
We can help! 

Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM -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. 

Empathetic Listening and Ministry to the Sick 

Do you ever find yourself not knowing what to say to someone who is hurting? To someone who has just been given a diagnosis with many unknowns? Or just the uncomfortableness of being with those who have lost a loved one? 

We have and this class will help you grow! 
We all have opportunities to minister to the sick and their families. Many of you are take Holy Communion to the sick - thank you! This program will enhance all that you already are doing for the faithful. 

The Chaplain Corps is providing us HERE at St. Martha with this class on Empathetic Listening. 

Classes begin on: 
Wednesday, Sept. 4: 1-4 PM (eight week class) 

Class size is limited so please call and reserve your space: Sheila Yepsen, 281-358-5585 

Martha’s Kitchen provides an oasis from the Texas heat by providing comfort, hydration and a balanced nutritious meal to fifteen hundred guests weekly. 

We thank you for your prayers and ask you to continue your donation support for this ministry. 

Martha’s Kitchen will be closed for Labor Day, Sept. 2, and reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3. 

Are you looking for a place to volunteer? Please consider Martha’s Kitchen, especially during this time of Stewardship Renewal. Contact Sister Carmen 713-224-2522 to discuss mutual needs and availability. A reminder that all Martha’s Kitchen volunteers are required to be VITRUS/CMG SAFE HAVEN trained. May God Bless You!!!
25th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass celebration

The 2019 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary of marriage in the Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition.

Registration will close on Aug. 26 at midnight. Reserved seating will be limited. Each couple will be able to bring a maximum of six family members or friends to the Mass.

Couples that register after Aug. 26 will not receive a prepared WAJ packet, or a signed recognition on the day of the Mass. The packet and recognition will be mailed to your home after verification of your sacramental marriage is confirmed.

Please register online at: http://archgh.cvent.com/events/25th-wedding-anniversary-jubilee-2019/event-summary-6e6bd0e4b0a448c8a53bd5641921e911.aspx

50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass

The 2019 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass honoring couples celebrating their Golden (50th) Anniversary of marriage in The Catholic Church will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, at The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 pm. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special recognition.

Registration for this celebration will be close on Sept. 23 at midnight. Reserved seating will be limited for couples celebrating their anniversary, so please register as soon as possible to reserve your space and make sure you will receive your acknowledgment on the day of the Mass.

Couples that register after Sept. 23 will not receive a prepared WAJ packet, or a signed recognition on the day of the event. The packet and recognition will be mailed to your home after verification of your sacramental marriage is confirmed.

Please register online at: http://archgh.cvent.com/events/50th-wedding-anniversary-jubilee-2019/event-summary-90dc3d8b94b444cd2bd584bf5aadabecd.aspx

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019
8:30AM to 3:30PM


The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the Fifth Annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland, and breakout sessions at each location will discuss living the vocation of marriage as a young growing family or as empty-nesters. On-site childcare is available (2-12 years), pre-registration required. Cost: $59/couple or $35/individual. Scholarships are available.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email Houston conference coordinators at th@forlifeandfamily.org.

Prayer Event for Creation

Join Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza and The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word for an Ecumenical Observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Villa de Matel, 6510 Lawndale, Houston, TX, 77023. A reception will follow. Pastors and representatives from area Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, Evangelical and Orthodox churches, as well as environmental groups and local officials, will be in attendance. This joint prayer service will be a time to give thanks, to repent, to plead for moral courage, and to bear witness to all of Houston of our unity in declaring that the environmental crisis an ethical imperative that must be urgently addressed. RSVP with Mara at (713) 341-2611; or email MMartinez@ccvi-vdm.org, or visit SistersofCharity.org
Legión de María—
Este Ministerio busca conquistar el mundo para Cristo por medio de la Virgen María. Visitamos hogares llevando la Virgen peregrina para enseñar el rezo del Santo Rosario, dar a conocer la devoción del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y las gracias que reciben las familias al consagrarse a El y a la Virgen María.
Si quieres ser un soldado de la Santísima Virgen María, únete a las filas de la Legión los viernes a las 7:00 pm en el Woodland Hills Campus Salón #2; o como miembro auxiliar orando por nuestro grupo. Para mas información contáctar a Mildred García 504-228-669.

MARÍA GORETTI NETWORK ESPAÑOL 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 mariagorettespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS "RICA"
Si no estás bautizado o solo te bautizaron y no completaste tus Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana que son: El Bautismo, La Confirmación y La Eucaristía, únete al RICA.
Si este es tu caso (y eres mayor de 18 años) o conoces a alguien que los necesita o que desea convertirse, animalo a participar en el proceso del RICA, aquí les preparamos respondiendo a todas las preguntas o dudas que tengan. Las reuniones son los Jueves de 6:30-9 PM, no pierdas esta oportunidad de acercarte a Jesus, Comunícate y participa en RICA.
Jaime Gómez, 281-973-1857 jaimesalvadorgomez@gmail.com

Se les invita a un Grupo de Oración en Español los Sabados al las 9:00am-10:00am. Vamos adorar y orar para nuestras peticiones dondele Gracias a Nuestro Señor.

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA
"¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?"
HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA ADORADORES
MARTES 3-4 AM. MIÉRCOLES 3-4 AM.
VIERNES 1-2 AM Y 4-5 PM. SÁBADO 4-5 PM
HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS
Lunes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Martes: 12-1 AM 1-2 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM
Viernes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Sábado: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - NOCHE, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 PM
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
Catecismo en Español de St. Martha 2019-2020

Dejad que los niños vengan a mi
Mateo 19:14

Las Inscripciones comenzarán el día, 26 de agosto 2019,
solamente de lunes a jueves de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m.
Los esperamos en las Oficinas de Woodland Hills.

Recibimos niños desde los 3 años hasta octavo grado.

Preparamos a niños y a jóvenes para recibir los sacramentos de la
Reconciliación y Comunión. Nuestras clases son los lunes de 5:30 a 7 p.m.
Tenemos también clases gratuitas para padres a la misma hora y
en el mismo lugar.

Comunícate con nuestras oficinas 281-358-1959 ext. 269 - 202
¡Apúrate! Nuestros cupos son limitados.

Únete a nosotros a estudiar tres de las “Cartas Católicas”
Libros de: Santiago, 1 y 2 Pedro y 1-3 Juan

Estas cartas no fueron dirigidas a un Iglesia en particular, sino a todas las comunidades Cristianas. Tal y como se aplicaban a los Cristianos del Primer Siglo, todavía siguen impactándonos y guiándonos hoy en día. Ven a aprender, estudiar y compartir con nosotros!

🔹 Santiago enfatiza “Pongan en práctica la Palabra y no se contenten sólo con oírla.”
🔹 Pedro nos dice que somos “una raza elegida, un sacerdocio real, una nación santa, un pueblo adquirido.”
🔹 1-3 Juan revela que Dios es amor; que Dios nos ama con un amor infinito, incondicional e inagotable!

Cuándo: Grupos de damas en español - Miércoles 9:45 AM - Mediodía
Grupos de damas en inglés - Miércoles 9:45 AM - Mediodía
Grupos de caballeros en inglés - Miércoles 9:45 AM -Mediodía
(Cuidado de niños solo para las clases de los miércoles)
Grupos de damas y caballeros en español - Martes 7 – 9 PM
Grupos de damas en inglés - Martes 7 PM – 9 PM
Grupos de caballeros en inglés - Martes 7 PM – 9 PM

Están todos Bienvenidos

Comienzo de clases y Día de Visitantes (para consultas):
Clases de la mañana: Septiembre 18
Clases de la noche: Septiembre 24

Dónde: Clases de la mañana – Centro de Actividades -Woodland Hills
Clases de la noche – Salón #2 para adultos -Woodland Hills

Para inscripciones o preguntas contacte a:
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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 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 - 11:45 AM
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
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