Amen,
I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Luke 23:43

November 24, 2019 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:14
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:12-19
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions for the Week
Mon./Nov. 25
8:30 AM Marian Hueffed
†Walter Hopkins
†Marguerite & Tom Smith
Tue./Nov. 26
8:30 AM †Byron Bertrand
†Alice Anne Spartz
†Bill Hobek
7 PM Knights of Columbus
Wed./Nov. 27
8:30 AM †Sherman Adcock
10 AM Lou James
†Gilbert Ybarba
†Charles Lange
Thurs./Nov. 28/Thanksgiving Day
Masses at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Fri./Nov. 29
8:30 AM Lyndon Lawrence LaRosa
†Leo Applegate
†Ralph Anderegg
Sat./Nov. 30
5:30 PM †Carol Michelini
†Chris Lyden
†Jacques Bouchez
Sun./Dec. 1
7 AM For the Parish
9 AM †Natalie Novosad Stafford
†Theresa Dury
†Madi Richardson
11 AM †Rose & Joseph Lazarene
†Robert McDonald
1 PM †Gerardo Asiel Martinez
†Carmen Rojas
†Maria Romona Avendaño
5 PM †Andrew & Edith Lopez
†Jorge & Alma Muller
†Christie Keelen

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.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

We are very blessed by the generosity of our parishioners. You will see in this weekend’s bulletin the results of the planning survey that was conducted by the Steier group, the company that will help us with our upcoming capital campaign. We are blessed that so many of you have responded to the study and done so with so much generosity. It is our hope that with our upcoming capital campaign we will be able to meet our goal to the Archdiocesan Ignite campaign and come very close to being debt free as a parish! In the next few months, we will be sharing ways that our whole parish family can participate in the upcoming campaign. Thank you so much for your support of the study and I’m looking forward to working with you to help pay off our debts as a parish! Once we do that, we will be able to do so much more with our ministries and future building projects. May God continue to bless our parish with His incredible love!!!

Fr. T.J. Dolce

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Todays Readings

First Reading — The Lord said to David, “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:1-3).
Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).
Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).
Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).


Of Kings and Kingship

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it’s like to belong to God’s kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke’s Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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Thanks to all of you who participated in our capital campaign planning study. Based on these positive results, our parish leadership is moving forward with preparations to conduct a capital campaign.  

-Fr. TJ, Pastor

**OVERALL OBSERVATIONS**

- The many ministries available, the community, family feeling, welcoming and friendly people and our priests are the aspects parishioners liked best about St. Martha’s parish.
- Most parishioners love Fr. TJ and feel he should lead our capital campaign. They feel he has the required personality and is very excited, enthusiastic and passionate about our goals to reduce or eliminate the debt and mitigate flooding at our school. They also feel he is capable of motivating and inspiring parishioners to give.
- Most parishioners understand that mitigating the flooding at our school is a difficult and very expensive “pill” to swallow, but it must be done to prevent enrollment from declining.
- Most parishioners are aware that the debt must be eliminated before anything else is built and they want to see the new family life center and school become a reality.
- The major challenge we face in our capital campaign is that many parishioners have flooded in three major storms and are still recovering. Many of the largest givers are still recovering and this will impact their gifts to this campaign.
- Another major challenge is campaign fatigue after three capital campaigns. Many are frustrated that in past campaigns the same group of people are giving, and we should strongly encourage 100 percent participation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- Based upon the positive results of the planning study, the Steier Group recommends that St. Martha Catholic Church immediately moves forward into the preparation phase of the 26-week campaign beginning the week of November 11th.
KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

RECRUIT A STRONG CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM
- St. Martha Catholic Church’s leaders and the Steier Group should begin identifying and recruiting a strong, diverse volunteer team to work on the capital campaign. Solidify commitments from key individuals identified through the planning study. This team will include general chairs for the parish, school and Spanish-speaking community.
- While a strong group of lay leaders is essential, Fr. TJ Dolce must take an active role in securing volunteers and leading campaign initiatives.
- St. Martha Catholic Church’s leaders and the Steier Group should ensure the campaign team includes representatives from the parish council, finance committee, ACTS, Martha’s Kitchen, Knights of Columbus and other influential parish organizations.

IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN
- Demonstrate to the parish how this campaign will place the parish on more solid financial ground, allow the parish to expand ministries and position the parish for the second phase of the master plan for the Woodbridge campus.
- Present financial data regarding the parish’s debt such as the annual debt service commitment, annual interest cost and the savings the parish will experience by paying off the debt early.
- Use this campaign to “start fresh” and consolidate everyone in the parish into the same pledge period. Avoid conflicting appeals by rolling previous commitments into this campaign through a new, three-year pledge.
- Promote the Archdiocesan Ignite campaign by emphasizing that a significant portion of the campaign is for a future disaster recovery fund for parishes that experience devastating damage like the damage experienced at St. Martha’s.

FINALIZE CULTIVATION AND SOLICITATION STRATEGY
- Fr. TJ should schedule meetings with the top five to ten potential donors to share the results of the planning study and cultivate lead gifts to the campaign. The goal of these visits will be to strengthen the relationship with the donor, involve them in the planning process for the campaign, and cultivate lead gifts.
- Develop challenge gifts to motivate newly registered families, or those who have been financially inactive, to invest in the future of the parish. Challenge vehicles could include:
  » A dollar for dollar match up to a certain level
  » A participation challenge
  » A challenge where dollars are matched from all commitments made by new donors
- Host small group events for top 75 –100 donors led by Fr. TJ. Each event will consist of 10-12 parishioners and campaign leaders and will be held at the rectory or home of one of the campaign leaders.
- Secure enough volunteers to personally contact the top 750-1,000 prospective donors. Develop alternative strategies for lower-level and non-givers such as after-Mass appeals, group and ministries appeals, phone-a-thons, using Facebook ads targeting donors, and Commitment Weekend.
- St. Martha’s should implement an online giving program during the capital campaign. Online giving allows donors to fulfill their pledges automatically. This will improve pledge redemption while saving St. Martha’s staff time and resources. It also provides an avenue to reach younger donors or donors who do not respond to phone calls and direct mail appeals.
Please remember the recently deceased and their families in your prayers:

Barbara Walline  
Mary Kathryn Chovan (mother of Betty Cooley)  
Mary Jo Cheek (mother of Connie Hays)  
Ryan Beseda  
Terry Parks (husband of Helaine Parks and father of Mandy Carr)  
Christi Keelen (wife of Mark Keelen and mother of Hunter Keelen)  
Hung Le  
Patricia Wall  
Marjorie McQuillen  
Sherman Adcock  
Guadalupe de la Cruz (husband of Diana de la Cruz)  
George Wayne Robinson  
Stephanie White (daughter of Christy Keeling)  
Fran Garthe

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:


Knights of Columbus
Annual Fried Turkey Sale
The Knights of Columbus will be selling fried turkeys and smoked turkey breasts on Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 28. They will be taking orders in advance. Please sign up after Mass this weekend or online: www.stmarthasknights.com

$60 for 12-14 lb fried turkey  
$35 for 4-7 lb smoked turkey breast  
Pickup Thanksgiving morning between 9 am - noon.

Questions? Contact Tom Gallagher at 713-364-9780 or tom@thomaskgallagher.com
(Pay when picking up. Pickup location: St. Martha Pavilion behind the school)

Stewardship of Treasure
For the weekend of Nov. 16 & 17
your Stewardship Gifts of Treasure resulted in:

Sunday Collection $ 36,985  
Holy Day-All Saints $ 38  
Total $ 37,023  

Year To Date:
Sunday Collection $ 1,466,602  
2019 DSF: Goal $ 305,000  
Payments to Date $ 294,707  

Special collections:
Capital Campaign $ 2,591  
Martha’s Kitchen $ 1,842  
Priest Retirement $ 1,223  
Campaign for Human Dev. $ 125  
Christmas Flowers $ 774  
Missionary Sisters $ 720

Commmunion 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.
**Monica's Hope: Prayerful Support for Parents of Troubled Children**

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 PM in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have questions, call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or call Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

**Family and friends of L.G.B.T. Catholics – Are invited to gather for prayer, discussion and fellowship. Our focus is on building bridges and staying close to the Church.** For more information on the monthly gathering, please contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com

**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 Warriors Ministry focuses on healing through Prayer, Peer Ministry, Fellowship and Camaraderie. For more information you can contact Deacon Guy Puglia: guy.puglia@gmail.com or 832-758-0795.

**YAH Luncheons CANCELLED**

Due to the recent flooding of the school, the school will be using the Family Life Center as classrooms until repairs have been made and it’s safe for the students to return to their classrooms. Unfortunately, this means that the YAH Luncheons are cancelled until further notice, which could be a few months. Continue to check the bulletin to see when we will begin again. Thanks for your understanding!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
St. Martha MDO Program Presents:
Breakfast with St. Nicholas
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019
8-10 a.m. in the FLC
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Come enjoy a pancake breakfast, Christmas crafts, and a visit from St. Nicholas.
Bring your camera so you can take photos of your child with Old St. Nick himself!
$5 per person - $25 per family
Tickets are available in the Faith Formation office.
Proceeds benefit St. Martha MDO program.

The 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play:
A Pilgrimage to Germany, Switzerland & Liechtenstein
Open to All Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Parishes

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!
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. There are only a few spots left!! For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com
Faith Formation

SPONSOR NEEDED FOR RCIA PROCESS

Would you enjoy sharing your love of Christ with someone who is considering the Catholic faith? Sponsors are mentors who will introduce the participant to parish life and accompany them on their journey as a friend. **Sponsors do not teach the material.** Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha Parish. Please call for more information: RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or send us an e-mail: RCIA@stmartha.com

- Monthly Morning Gatherings
  9:30-11:00 am (Fridays)
  Join other mothers each month for fellowship, inspiring speakers, and reflections on Scripture and the Catechism.
  Childcare provided (please reserve in advance).
  November 15 and December 6

- Gospel Reflection Evenings
  8:00 – 9:30 pm (Tuesdays)
  A biweekly discussion and reflection over the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading.
  Join us for some or all sessions as your schedule allows!
  Childcare not provided, but babies 1 and under welcome.
  Contact katieabarrhill@gmail.com for more information.
  November 5 and November 19

Find more information on our Facebook group – “St. Martha’s Moms *Kingwood***
Contact stmarthasmoms@gmail.com for more information or to join our e-mail list!

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.
St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Martha’s Moms

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!
November 1:
All Saints Day Event
November 12:
Moms’ Night Out

Park Playdates
9:30 am (Wednesdays)
November 13
December 11

Young Adult Ministry at St. Martha serves the spiritual and faith formation needs of young adults between 18-35ish years old
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS!

Weekly Bible Study
Join us Monday nights at 7 PM in St. Martha’s Main Church for our bible study series. We are taking a deeper look at the weekly readings. We meet in the pastor’s study first floor on the left side

Stay tuned for our upcoming events
• Christmas Party in December
• Return of our How To Series in January
• Spring Camping trip March or April

Visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/YASatM/ or email youngadults@stmartha.com for further event details.

Do you feel called to be more active in the church?
We are looking for enthusiastic young adults to help plan and organize events for our group. Events can be focused on spiritual growth, deepening faith, service, fellowship, sports, social outings and creating a community of like minded Catholics. Email us at youngadults@stmartha.com to learn more.
**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 ADOHERS 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, 10-11 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, 11 PM-MIDNIGHT
- **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: Jane Doherty at 409-656-5345 or at texdotjane@aol.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)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Enclosed in your envelopes for December is a special envelope marked “Special Offering for Christmas Flowers.” All donations in these envelopes will be dedicated to the purchase of the flowers and greens used in the Church. There is a place on the back of the envelope for you to indicate in whose memory you would like the donation to be. The **deadline to turn envelopes in is Dec. 15.** (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin.)

**The 2020 Sunday Missals and Calendars have arrived!**

*Sunday Missal - $2 / Calendar - $1*

Available in the Narthex or the Parish Office.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Since Dec. 8, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. The 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, Dec. 9, will celebrate the Feast.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**Thursday, DEC. 12, 2019**

**Living Rosary 6 p.m. - Holy Mass 7 p.m.**

**Live Mariachi and more...**

**St. Martha Catholic Church**

4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365
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.

St. Margaret of Costello's Special Needs Ministry
Welcome all Parents with children having special needs, either adult or youngsters! Please join us on the first Monday of the month (12/2) at 8PM at the old campus (Room 2 of the Family Life Center - near the library). Our ministry not only serves as a support group, but will also be a conduit for information, will advocate for the catechetical needs of our special needs population, and, ultimately, build and operate a group home for the special needs population focusing on families that can no longer take care of their child. Our December speaker will be: Melanie Johnston from Brite Success. POC is Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321 or craig.simonsgaard@gmail.com and Patrick Bloomer 832-445-9357 or pbloomer549@gmail.com

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE
This weekend, Nov. 23-24 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.)

Be a Santa’s Helper
Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Martha’s
3702 Woodland Hills Dr., Kingwood, TX 77339
svdp@stmartha.com / 281-358-6636

The St. Martha Conference is seeking donations of gift cards for the Christmas program this year. They are looking for donations from various stores in the area, for example – Walmart, Target, Kohl’s, Marshall’s, Penney’s, Academy, etc. in donations of $10, $25, $50, $75, and $100 in values. **We will collect gift cards now thru Dec. 12th.**

**Please include the purchase receipt or a copy** with the card(s) to show proof of the card amount. Most grocery stores carry an assortment of different stores. Only gift cards are being accepted for the program.

**Put in an envelope w/ SVdP on front** & put in church collection or drop-off at the Church Office or Faith Formation Office on Woodland Hills Campus.

**If you have questions, please contact** the SVdP office or Fran McConnell at 832-248-0103 / mcconnell6@comcast.net.

Helping Our Neighbors
St. Martha Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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.
Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Family Life Center (FLC) #4A, 3702 Woodland Hills, 77339 at 7 PM.
Questions? Contact Miguel at 713-851-3708 or stmarthamgn@gmail.com

MARThA’S KITCHEn

During this Thanksgiving season, it’s time to reflect on the blessings we have. Martha’s Kitchen is blessed to have so many wonderful, enthusiastic volunteers, many generous donors, the support of St. Martha’s Parish and the leadership of Sisters Carmen and Julie as we strive in our mission of feeding the hungry.

Note: Martha’s Kitchen will close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and reopen on Monday, Dec. 2. May God Bless You!

SHARING SUNDAY is on Dec. 14 and 15
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; HOWEVER, WE ARE ACCEPTING GIFT CARDS WITH A VALUE OF $25 OR LESS. 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.

God Bless you!!

St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (StVdP) is looking for Spanish – English bilingual volunteers. If you are interested please contact Syvon Wetherold at syvonw@stmartha.com or 832-265-9491

St. MARTHA MISSION TRIPS
COLOMBIA 2020

CARTAGENA
June 6 - 13

Cost per person:
$ 975.00 land + air estimated $500-$550

BOGOTA
Sept 12 - 19

Cost per person:
$ 875.00 land + air estimated $500-$550

Registration begins on Mission Sunday October 19/20

contact us at terry.stierman@conviventia.org
YOU ARE INVITED!

Serra Club Northeast of Houston
Monthly Dinner and Meeting
Monday, November 25 * 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Seminarian Patrick O’Brien
Italiano’s Restaurant
217 FM 1960 Bypass Road E. Humble

6:30 PM: Social
7:00 to 8:30 PM: Dinner & Program
Dinner cost: $17 per person
RSVP to Eileen Benvegnu eileenbenvegnu@yahoo.com
713-826-4943
(SERRA MEMBERS PLEASE RESPOND VIA THE EVITE)

St. Martha Catholic School

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

ST. THOMAS MERTON prayed: “My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me...But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.”

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the VASQUEZ 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 Exposition & Benediction for Vocations
- Second Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- Second Friday: 9 - 10 AM
Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:
Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.
Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.
We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life, and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members.

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.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jodie Richter at 281-358-5523.

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.

Beta Club Wreaths Across America
The St. Martha Catholic School Beta Club is proud to support Wreaths across America, a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and thanking our veterans for their service and sacrifice. The Wreaths across America mission is to “Remember, Honor, and Teach”. We fulfill that mission by laying a live Maine remembrance wreath upon the grave sites of our fallen heroes. The annual wreath laying ceremony that started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 is now performed around the country, including at the Houston National Cemetery. For more information about purchasing a wreath or volunteering to assist with laying wreaths, please visit: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/153955/Overview?relatedId=17177
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 consagrar a El y a la Virgen María. Si deseas 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 contactar a Mildred García 936-230-1722.

Ministerio Hispano

SHARING SUNDAY – COMPARTIENDO SUS BENDICIONES
Cada año durante el tiempo de Adviento nuestra parroquia hace un esfuerzo especial para compartir nuestras bendiciones con otras parroquias de la Archidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. A través de nuestro programa anual de regalos (Sharing Sunday ) Compartiendo Nuestras Bendiciones, de esta manera ayudamos a las parroquias a distribuir comida y regalos a familias necesitadas. Estaremos recibiendo estas donaciones durante las misas del fin de semana del Sábado y Domingo, Diciembre 14 y 15. Todas las donaciones son necesarias para los niños, adultos y ancianos. Por favor envuelva y etiquete sus donaciones con la edad y el sexo para quien va dirigido (por ejemplo, niño 10 y 12 años). También puede donar alimentos no perecederos, (latas de comida, cajas), que no necesitan estar envueltos. Agradezcemos cualquier donación de tarjetas de regalo o donaciones a través de cheques, si usted desea donar dinero, necesita hacer un cheque y especificar en el mismo que será para Sharing Sunday. NO ESTAREMOS ACEPTANDO NATIVOS EN EFECTIVO; ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO TAJETAS DE REGALOS DE $25 DOLLARES O MENOS. Por favor considere hacer esta donación y hagan un plan familiar para ayudar a otras familias menos afortunadas. ¡Dios bendiga su gran corazón, sean instrumentos de amor para que todos aquellos que recibirán un regalo esta navidad vean el rostro de Cristo en sus donaciones, haciendo comunidad para su gloria! Si necesita más información o tiene preguntas, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a Gelly Estess gellymar@suddenlink.net.

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!! JUEVES, 12 DE DICIEMBRE
Rosario Viviente 6 p.m. - Santa Misa 7 p.m.
Mariachi y más ...

Parroquia Santa Martha
4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter TX 77365

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

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Rosario Viviente 6 p.m. - Santa Misa 7 p.m.
Mariachi y mas ...

“Reparación del Inmaculado Corazón de María” Legión de María invita los días 7/Dic.
10:00 am Nardex Iglesia Sta. Marta
“Todos aquellos que durante 5 meses seguidos, en el primer sábado:
• Se Confiesen
• Reciban la Santa Comunión,
• Recen el Santo Rosario y
• me hagan 15 minutos de compañía meditando en los misterios del Rosario … con el fin de desagraviarme, Yo prometo asistirlos en la hora de la muerte con todas las gracias necesarias para su salvación”.
Virgen María, diciembre 1925.
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Friday: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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Rev. T.J. Dolce

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Rev. Jonathan Moré
Rev. Ralph Roberts

Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. KC Curtis, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Ruben Manosalva, Mr. Diego Montiel, Mr. Al O’Brien, Mr. Miguel Perez, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary Yepsen

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 PM
Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses
Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7 PM
Wednesday: 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
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.