You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44
**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sun./Dec. 8**
8:30 AM Maria Vicenta Correa
†Marvin Fishbeck
†Juan, Sr. & Albina Carmona
9 AM For the Parish
11 AM †Jesus Guzman
†Anne Horan
†Sharon L. Dunham
1 PM †Jose Ruben & Maria Vega
5 PM †Maria Luisa Villasenor
†Concetta & Valentino Valentini
†Berardino & Filomena Iusa

**Mon./Dec. 2**
8:30 AM Maria Vivian Binoya
†Marvin Fishbeck
†Juan, Sr. & Albina Carmona
7 PM Sr. Ana Diaz, O.C.D.
†Dr. Fernando L. Cuadra
†Jim Lowery

**Tue./Dec. 3**
8:30 AM †Joseph Cannon
†Juan Carmona, Jr.
†Cynthia Carmona
10 AM †Pat Reid
†Sandi Hausenfluck
†Charles E. Nicholas, II & Denise Jackson

**Wed./Dec. 4**
8:30 AM †Maria Vicenta Correa
†Bill Sclari
†Stella Sclari
10 AM †Pat Reid
†Sandi Hausenfluck
†Charles E. Nicholas, II & Denise Jackson

**Thurs./Dec. 5**
6:30 AM Mary Ann Brown
†George Brown
†Bernardina Vecinal
8:30 AM Maribel Parra
†Donald Hogan
†John Wakefield, Sr.

**Fri./Dec. 6**
8:30 AM †Kevin Briones
†Javier Aguilar
†Philip & Carmela Matassa

**Sat./Dec. 7**
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM †Chris Lyden
†Mary Ann Seibold
†Stephanie White

**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,

Advent is a beautiful time for us as Catholics, but many of us don’t know how to celebrate it. This time should be used for us to prepare our hearts for the Lord’s coming into our world, but we are so BUSY getting ready for the holidays. Many of us have multiple Christmas parties to attend and gifts to be bought and baking to do, that we don’t have time to prepare our hearts and souls for this incredibly important spiritual journey. I would recommend that we all try to do something to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Maybe we have something we do during Lent to help us focus on the sacrifice of Christ. We could do something similar to prepare our hearts for the Lord’s birth. If we don’t intentionally find ways to grow spiritually during Advent, our time will be consumed by all the work we have to do. My friends, let us not be swallowed up by the commercial experience of Christmas, but rather focus on getting our hearts and souls ready to welcome our King. We can do it. And our experience of Advent will be enriched if we allow this Advent season to be a time of spiritual preparation!

May God bless you,
Fr. T.J. Dolce

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**Sunday Readings and Reflection**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11–14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).


**Hopeful Expectation**

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awake to the dawn of Christ’s new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.

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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:


Come Celebrate the Mother God
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Patroness of the Americas
Thursday, DEC. 12, St. Martha Catholic Church
Living Rosary 6 p.m. – Holy Mass 7 p.m.
Live Mariachi and more…!

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.

The Divine Mercy ministry will hold a PRAYER SERVICE on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Monday, Dec. 9) in the Holy Family Chapel from Noon – 1 p.m. All are welcome for this Hour of Grace.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, and Midnight
Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM (En Español)

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Mass Schedule
Dec. 31 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM

Please note:
The nursery will be closed on Christmas Day, News Years Day, and Sunday, December 29.

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.
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us!

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Dec. 4, to eat/drink/talk at 7 PM at Panera Bread at 25665 Hwy. 59 North (near Northpark Drive) in Kingwood. On Saturday, Dec. 7, join us for 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Humble; meal afterwards at Black Bear Diner, 9510 FM 1960 Bypass Road W. in Humble. Meet in the narthex 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 on St. Martha’s website.

ST. MARTHA’S MENT’S
RETREAT AT
HOLY NAME PASSIONIST
RETREAT CENTER
Jan. 10-12, 2020

Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend!

Retreat Theme: Standing on Holy Ground
The Call to Holiness in Today’s World

Can anyone deny that we, as Christians—perhaps now more than in any other time in history—are urged to live our vocation to holiness.

Come and join us on “holy ground” as we prayerfully explore what it means to be holy in today’s world.

For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, please visit the website: www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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!
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.  

**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.

**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  

Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-8:30 PM.  
More information coming soon!!!
THOUGHTS FROM THE LOFT

What is Catechism?
The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is a doctrine that synthesizes faith and morals with evidence from “Sacred Scripture, Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church’s Magisterium (Pope and the Bishops)” for the purpose of teaching the People of God (CCC 11). How are we to evangelize the Word of God if we as a Church are not educated in everything we believe? Understanding the faith does not end at Confirmation. Confirmation is simply the passing of the torch. We were raised and taught by our parents/teachers. Now we must continue to educate ourselves. Many of the claims against Catholicism spur from misinformed arguments: “Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the Saints when all power comes from God? How can Catholics promote love and hate homosexuals? Why is it necessary to have a priest forgive your sins when you are fully capable of asking God for forgiveness yourself?” Find the Catechism of the Catholic Church online; it contains the answers to all these questions and many more.

Pax,
Matthew Mondragon
“fides quaerens intellectum” – St. Anselm
First Friday Adoration

Noche de Adoracion

St. Martha Holy Family Chapel
Friday, Dec. 6, 7:15 PM
Please join us for First Friday Adoration in the new Holy Family Chapel

Adoration-Passion-Spirit

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, 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.

Liturgy 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.

ST. MARTHA HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL

Friday, Dec. 6, 7:15 PM
Please join us for First Friday Adoration in the new Holy Family Chapel

Adoration-Passion-Spirit

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Six Saints Series
Beginning on January 3, after 8:30am Mass and every First Friday for the following 5 months, we will have presentations about the lives, virtues and spiritualities of the six saints in the Holy Family chapel. The talks will last approximately one hour. There will be no cost, but a love offering. Save the dates! More information to come.

Pope St. John Paul II
Sts. Louis & Zelie Guerin Martin
Blessed Chiara Luce Badano
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
San José Sánchez del Río

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!
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

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

St. Martha’s International Mission Ministry Presents: Caribbean Nights
We will be in the Narthex selling tickets after all masses the weekend of Dec 7/8
Saturday January 18, 2020
6:00pm-9:30pm
Family Life Center
Woodland Hills

$50 Entry per person
Tickets Available at https://stmartha.com/international-mission-trips, at the parish office or contact us at terry.stierman@conviventia.org
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!!

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

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

Hurting?
Healing
after Abortion—
PROJECT RACHEL
Project Rachel is the confidential and compassionate outreach to women who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion. Its purpose is to foster reconciliation and healing between the parent and Christ, His Church, the child, and all other significant relationships.

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!
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.”

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.

St. Martha Catholic School

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

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 Catho-
lic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as
we share in community to form
witnesses who transform the world.

Don’t miss this! Come with us to sing and pray in sa-
cred places in Rome and France. Join us Monday,
Sept. 21 – Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, in a chant pilgrimage
to Rome to learn Chant at the famed Musica Sacra, to
sing a vigil Mass at St. Peter’s and then on to France to
study chant with Dom Daniel Saulnier of Solesmes, sing
a Requiem Mass at Normandy for our fallen – closing in
Paris singing for the Carmelite Martyrs. So much more!
Room for 32 chant singers and 16 companions. Reser-
vations open till Dec. 5, 2019.
Go to www.chantschool.org/chanttour2020 for details.
For more information call Lowell Davis at 713-376-
0289.

Loving Embrace—Catholic Infertility and
Miscarriage Support Group
Struggling with infertility? You are NOT
ALONE! The Office of Pro-Life Activities is proud to
announce a partnership with Loving Embrace, a Catho-
lic peer-to-peer support group for ladies or couples
struggling with infertility and/or miscarriage. The group
provides support for coping with infertility and explores
resources, methods, and options that are morally faithful
to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more infor-
mation contact Erin at infertilitysupporthouston@
gmail.com or PM us through our facebook portal
https://www.facebook.com/HOUlovingembrace/

Militia Immaculata (MI) Consecration/Enrollment
Ceremony
Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. Confessions, 8:30 a.m. Mass with MI
Enrollment Ceremony following sermon at Our Lady of
Czestochowa Church (1731 Blalock, Houston). Con-
secrate yourself to Mary and enlist in St. Maximilian Kol-
be’s Militia of the Immaculata in celebration of the
Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of
Guadalupe. The MI movement is open to all Catholics,
seven years and older. RSVP and more info at: http://
midomusmariae.wordpress.com/current-events;
info@MIDomusMariae.com.
December 2019

**1st Sunday of Advent**
3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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| 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 12-1 pm Prayer Service, Chapel | 7:30 pm Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations | 10:30 am Martha’s Quilters, Rm 3 |               | 9 am Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations |               |
| 6:45 pm Life Night A, FLC | | | | | 6-8:30 pm EDGE Night / Christmas Social | |

| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent | 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study | | | | 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 | |
| SHAREING SUNDAY | | | | | 9 am Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations | |
| 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy | | | | | Parish Office & FF Office Close at 1 pm | |
| 6:45 pm Life Night B, FLC | | | | |               |               |

| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| 4th Sunday of Advent | Christmas Eve Mass times: 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm & Midnight Parish Office Closed Dec. 24-26 | | MERRY CHRISTMAS Christmas Mass times: 9:00am, 11:00am, & Spanish Mass at 1:00 pm | | | St. John of the Cross Food Drive |
| 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy | | | | | | |

| 29  | 30  | 31  |
| Feast of the Holy Family | | | |
| 5 pm St. John of the Cross Food Drive Sunday Nursery Closed | | Vigil Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God: 4 pm & 6 pm |
| 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy | | |

The birth of Jesus brings the divine message of love directly to humankind. Jesus came to teach us the way to follow God’s will.
During this season of light, we reflect in awe. While we may sometimes feel as if there is “no room in the inn” for us, we trust that Jesus has a place ready for his faithful stewards.
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. Agradecemos cualquier donacion de tarjetas de regalos 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 ACEPTANDODONATIVOS 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.
**Grupo de Oración Carismático**

**Únete a nosotros en oración, alabanza, acción de gracias y súplica.**

Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 a.m.

Capilla en Woodland Hills Drive

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**MARIA 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 mariagorettee_u@gmail.com.

Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.

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**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 deseas ser un soldado de la Santísima Virgen María, únete a 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 más información contactar a Mildred García 936-230-1722.

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**Ven a celebrar a la Madre de Dios**

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

**Emperatriz de las Américas**

¡RESERVA LA FECHA!! JUEVES, 12 DE DICIEMBRE

Rosario Viviente 6 p.m. - Santa Misa 7 p.m.

Mariachi y más ...!

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**Safe Environment Coordinators**—Ana Luisa Rodriguez and Michelle Campisi, safeenvironment@stmartha.com, 281-358-1959, x212  
**St. Martha’s Office Angels**—Lourdes Fernandez, 281-358-6637 x262  

### Community Life Ministries

**Director of Community Life**—Francine Puglia, 281-713-8954  
**Acts Retreat**—Melanie McTaggart, mmtaggart@hartenergy.com  
**Annulments**—Lourdes Fernandez, 281-358-6637 x225  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**—Diana VanHorn, danavanhorn@hotmail.com  
**Centering Prayer**—Dr. Susan Davy, sudavy@gmail.com  
**Divorce Support Group**—Vicki Ruck, vickruck@suddenlink.net or Francine Puglia, francine.puglia@gmail.com  
**FamiLIA**—Abby Youngblood, 281-799-0849  
**Grief Support**—Laura Cardella, 281-360-2714  
**Knights of Columbus**—John Stanton, 281-630-6723  
**Marriage Prep Information**—To Register call 281-358-6637  
**Martha’s Quilters**—Helaine Parks, 713-828-7730 or Sally Wassenberg, salwassenberg@aol.com  
**Meals for Moms**—meals4momministry@gmail.com  
**Mom’s Collegian Prayer Group**—Gloria Gamez, mgmglor@yahoo.com  
**Monica’s Hope**—Paul & Marcia Aegerter, 281-812-1288  
**Mother’s Day Out**—Patty Jackson, 281-358-2345  
**Natural Family Planning**—Jess Lahey, 254-371-5140  
**Newcomers/Welcoming Hospitality**—Kristene Hergenrother, 281-713-8961  
**Northeast Catholic Singles**—Peggy Broyles, 281-359-4560  
**Reception Volunteers**—Barb Setser, 281-358-4129  
**Rosary Guild**—Gilda Womack, 281-989-0849  
**St. Michael’s Warriors’ Ministry**—Guy Puglia, guy.puglia@gmail.com  
**Scouting**—Cub Scouts—Dan Pradel, dan2@turbineengine.com  
**Spiritual Direction**—Click on Ministries, Community Life, Spiritual Direction  
**Sunday Nursery**—Patty Jackson, 281-358-1959x250  
**Teams of Our Lady**—Jill & Denise Standley, jds._standley@stmartha.com  
**Vocations Committee**—Phil & Diane Applegate, 281-361-2913  
**Young at Heart Luncheon**—Carol Bateman, 281-359-1976 or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430  
**Young at Heart Luncheon Transport**—Domenica Seitz, 713-899-1016  

### Faith Formation

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**Cornerstone Bible Study**—Pam Rockwell, 281-358-1959 x230  
**RCIA**—Rcia@stmartha.com  
**St. Martha’s Moms**—stmarthamoms@gmail.com  
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**Confirmation**—Salisha Miller, 281-358-1959 x 251  
**Middle School Coordinator (Edge)**—Lisa Hartfield, 281-358-1959 x241  
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### Liturgical Ministries

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**Children’s Adoration**—Kristen Johnson, 281-713-2518  
**Children’s Choir**—281-358-6637  
**Children’s Liturgy**—Jaclyn Dement, stmarthacm@hotmail.com  
**Communion to the Sick**—Hospital Visit: Gene Gold, 713-728-0956  
**Nursing Home & Homebound**—Kathy Gearhart, 402-290-3711  
**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**—Pam Rockwell, 281-358-1959, x230  
**Lectors**—Bill Simister, 713-927-9697  
**Martha’s Altar Guild & Designers**—Mariel Parra, marielp@stmartha.com  
**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**—Jane Dopson, 409-656-5345  
**Powerpoint Ministry Team**—Rowan Ljungdahl, rowanlj2@gmail.com  
**Quinceañeras**—Yazmin Lago, 281-767-8826  
**Sacraments**—Art Voltmann, 281-253-9711  
**Sound Board Ministry**—David Boyd, david.t.boyd@gmail.com  
**Unbound Ministry**—Rosmary Cotte, rosmaryc@stmartha.com  
**Ushers**—Barry Robichaux, barry.robichaux@us.ibm.com  

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**Marti’s Quilters**—Mariel Parra, marielp@stmartha.com  
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**Ministry Contact Information**

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**Project Rachel**—713-741-8728  
**St. John of the Cross Food Drive**—Marty Curtis, themartycurtis@gmail.com  
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**St. Margaret of Castello’s Special Needs Ministry**—Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321  
**St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond**—Bob Simpson, 713-410-2844  
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**Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía**—Raul Legorreta, 713-545-8705  
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**Rica**—Jaime Gomez, 281-973-1857  
**Vocaciones y Cáliz de Vocaciones**—Tony Lasalle, 646-489-1554  

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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 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
Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.