John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1
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,

Next weekend, we have one of our most beloved traditions of many parishioners at St. Martha’s. We will have our gift giving Sunday, which was inspired by Fr. Tinney, our founding Pastor. It was his idea to bring gift giving Sunday to our parish. For those of you new to the parish, it is a chance for us to bring toys and gifts to the needy and less fortunate in our community. We ask every family to bring a wrapped gift and bring that gift to the altar as part of the presentation of gifts. The sight of so many gifts for so many different organizations that helps make Christmas a reality for so many people is a moving sight! It also reminds us of days past when the faithful would bring actual gifts to the Church as part of the presentation of gifts. Now, we simply place money in the basket because that is a common gift we can all give. In the early Church, people would bring things that were part of their craft to give to the Church and the needy. Farmers would bring their crops, tailors would bring clothing, cobblers would bring shoes, bakers would bring bread, so that everyone would bring a gift of their trade to give to the Church and the people they served. Our gift giving celebration helps us participate in the tradition of years past and gives something tangible to the poor and needy to brighten their Christmas. I want to thank all of you for your generosity and participation in Gift Giving Sunday. It is a beautiful experience for our whole parish family, so we thank God for the chance to bring His light and love to so many people. May your Advent journey continue to be blessed!

Fr. T.J.

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Todays Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the L ORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

The Long-Awaited One

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today’s scriptures blend the two. Isaiah’s disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist’s message about preparation for “the one who is coming” (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.
Stewardship of Treasure

For the weekend of Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
your Stewardship Gifts of Treasure resulted in:

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**Year To Date:**

| Sunday Collection                        | $39,937 |
| Immaculate Conception                    | $150    |
| Solemnity of Mary                        | $110    |
| Total                                     | $40,197 |

**2019 DSF:**

| Goal                        | $305,000 |
| Payments to Date            | $298,870 |

**Sunday Collection:** $1,604,671

**Total:** $40,197

**Sunday Collection:** $39,937

**Solemnity of Mary:** $110

**Immaculate Conception:** $150

**Total:** $40,197

**Current Loan Debt:** $7,600,032

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.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

- **Why should I support both the Archdiocesan Ignite campaign and our capital campaign?**
  - The Archdiocesan Ignite campaign supports the archdiocese in several areas:
    - Renovation of St. Mary’s seminary, address infrastructure issues and add a new dormitory
    - Future disaster recovery fund for parishes
    - Rebuilding parishes and schools
    - Catholic school education endowments for all Catholic schools in diocese
    - Faith formation endowment
  - Our capital campaign will help us reduce or eliminate our debt of $7,700,000.

- **Who will be asked to give to the campaign? Will we strive for 100% participation?**
  - Every parishioner will be asked to participate through a sacrificial gift to the campaign, and every parishioner will be given multiple opportunities to do so. The role of our campaign leadership will be to help develop a strategy to appropriately engage the community and encourage sacrificial participation in the campaign from all parish families.

- **How can this capital campaign unite our parish?**
  - As Christians we are all called to be part of Christ’s body and our parish family is part of that body here at St. Martha. Family members by virtue of being part of a family all have responsibilities in that family. And so, with our parish family…we have a responsibility to each other to respond to our Lord’s call of discipleship by providing opportunities for living out the Gospel while joyfully embracing spiritual transformation. Our capital campaign can be an opportunity for transformation as we learn what God’s will is for each of us.

**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 Chrissy Keeling)
Fran Garthe
Katherine Irwin (wife of Richard Irwin and mother of Courtney and Chris Irwin)

**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 home-bound and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know.
Community Life Ministries

**Moms Collegian & Young Adults Prayer Group:**

The Moms Collegian & Young Adults Prayer Group will meet on Monday, Dec. 9, from 7-8 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 at the Faith Formation Campus (Woodland Hills Campus.) Please join us in praying for our children as they pursue their calling for higher education, serving their country, or entering the workforce. All moms who want to pray for their children are welcomed. If you have questions, please email Gloria Gàmez at mornglor@yahoo.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.

**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 information on the monthly gathering, please contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com.

**NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Join NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, to talk/drink/eat at 7 PM at Tin Roof BBQ, 18918 Town Center Blvd. in Atascocita. For more info, contact Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggyb4mom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

**ST. MARTHA’S MEN’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

**ST. MARTHA’S TEXAS TOURS**

Owen Theatre (Conroe, TX):
**Title of Play “Arsenic and Old Lace”**

Sunday, Jan. 26, 10 AM - 6 PM

Benefitting St. Martha’s Catholic Church

Bus Transportation provided by Harris County Precinct 4

All passengers must be 50 years of age or older! Cost per person: $20* Limited number of seats!

The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 10 AM. *Please note that meals are not included in the tour price. Please register and pay for the tours at the Parish office between 9 AM—4 PM, Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Pat Gibson, 405-650-4709 or Lela Querubin, 832-689-3293.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**ANNUAL WINE TASTING & DINNER**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2020**

Tickets available after Jan. 1st

**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!
A New Way to Love, marriage enrichment series begins Jan. 21. It is a six-week series, Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, at the parish office conference room. Space is limited to the first 10 couples to register. The cost is $40 per couple. Checks are to be made out to St. Martha Catholic Church. Registration is Required: Please place the registration form and payment in an envelope “Attn: Francine Puglia.” The envelope may be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office, M-F, 9-4. You may also mail your registration to the parish office: St. Martha Catholic Church, Attn: Francine Puglia, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX 77365. An email will be sent to you when your registration is received. For more information, contact Francine at frnp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637 ext. 200.

A New Way to Love Registration Form

Name: __________________________  Name: __________________________

Cell phone: ______________________  Cell phone: ______________________

Email: __________________________  Email: __________________________

St. Martha’s Life After Loss grief program offers a 9 week support group beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 7—9 p.m. 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.

What is Catholics Returning Home?
Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith, facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-8:30 pm. Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:

♦ Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
♦ The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
♦ Explanation of Reconciliation, Q&A
♦ Explanation/Walk through of the Mass, Q&A
♦ The Creed: What Catholics Believe, Wrap-Up, Q&A

If you would like more information or to participate, please contact: Carla Lewton, carlal@stmartha.com, 281-713-8968
**St. Martha’s Moms**

**December & January Events**

- **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).
  December 6, January 17

- **Bring the Family**
  Family Meet-up @
  Back Pew Brewing Company
  January 25
  4:00 pm

- **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 katieabarnhill@gmail.com for more information.
  Spring sessions start January 28

- **Dark Playdate**
  December 11
  9:30 – 11:00 am

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

**The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.**

St. Therese of Lisieux

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**THOUGHTS FROM THE LOFT**

**Why did God create man(kind)?**

Before we get started, it should be understood that all instances I use the word “man” (not men) is referring to mankind, men and women both. The creation of man is not a desire of God to fill some loneliness that He has. God is the all in all; He requires nothing because He is everything. Our manifestation is simply God making His blessed life shared among us. Not out of boredom, but out of his supreme right of sovereignty. You are called to know Him and to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Mt 22:37). Go out then and proclaim the Good News so that all might come to know and love God.

Pax,

Matthew Mondragaon

“fides quaerens intellectum” – St. Anselm

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**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.

**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 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!

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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, New Years Day, and Sunday, Dec. 29
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!!**
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.


Social Services/Outreach Ministries

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 832-248-0108
mcconnell6@comcast.net

Helping Our Neighbors

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, at 7 PM.

Questions? Contact Miguel at 713-851-3708 or stmarthamgn@gmail.com

St. Margaret of Costello’s Special Needs Ministry
Welcome all Parents with children/family members having special needs, either adult or youngsters! Please join us on the first Monday of the month (Jan. 6) at 8 PM 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. We have a SPECIAL speaker, Mike Kevlin, with Edward Jones, to discuss investment strategies that would provide long term financial support.

POC is Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321 or craig.simonsgaard@gmail.com and Patrick Bloomer 832-445-9357 or pbloomer549@gmail.com

Administrative News

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

SPECIAL DEADLINES FOR THE DEC. 22, 29 AND JAN. 5 BULLETINS:
Dec. 22 Bulletin—Deadline is 9 AM, Wednesday, Dec. 11.
Dec. 29 Bulletin—Deadline is 9 AM, Monday, Dec. 16.
Jan. 5 Bulletin—Deadline is 9 AM, Wednesday, Dec. 18.
Submit announcements by e-mail to jodis@stmartha.com
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.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the HERNDON 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.

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


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 Catholic 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 information 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 Częstochowa Church (1731 Blalock, Houston). Consecrate yourself to Mary and enlist in St. Maximilian Kolbe’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

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.

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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 etique 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. Agradezcamos 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 ACEPTANDO DONATIVOS EN EFECTIVO; ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO TAJETAS DE REGALOS DE $25 DOLARES 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, adoración, acción de gracias y súplica.
Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 a.m.
Capilla en Woodland Hills Drive

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 Él 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 p.m 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.

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

¿QUERES TENER UNA FAMILIA plena y feliz?
Ven y cambia tu vida!

INScripciones inician el 12 de Agosto
Te esperamos!!!

Para más información contactar a Mildred García 936-230-1722.

“Apareció en el cielo una señora grandiosa: Una mujer vestida de sol” Apocalipsis 12,1

VEN A CELEBRAR A LA MADRE DE DIOS
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Emperatriz de las Américas

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

Parroquia Santa Martha
4301 Woodridge Pkwy Porter TX 77365
Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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.