Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5
Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Dec. 16
8:30 AM †Jose Castro
†Ann Piper
†Gladys M. Symonds

Tue./Dec. 17
8:30 AM †Penny Stark
†Marion Lanzona
†Mary Jo Cheek
7 PM †David Rice
†Bill Beseda
†Luz Navarro

Wed./Dec. 18
8:30 AM †Cathy Sedlak
†Monte Piper
†Roland Toedt
10 AM †Jude Miller
†Charles E. Nicholas, II
†Denise N. Jackson

Thurs./Dec. 19
6:30 AM Matthew, Maria, Noelle Benigno
Teresa Guzman
†Jim Lowery
8:30 AM †Jean Achee
†Don Woody
†Jennette Pi

Fri./Dec. 20
8:30 AM †Anita Lim
†Paul Rutledge
†Ryan Beseda

Sat./Dec. 21
5:30 PM †Patrick Lobo
†Mary Lou & James McIver
†George Calogne

Sun./Dec. 22
7 AM †Mima & Theodore Bella
†Patrick Lobo
†Christi Keelen
9 AM †Brenda Martin
†Fern Scott
†Stewart Scott, Sr.
11 AM †Jose Eliazo
†Ernie Loera
†Jerome Rucka
1 PM For the Parish
5 PM †Joe Azzollini
†Rick Fahrenthold
†Paul Rutledge

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,

This weekend we celebrate “Gaudete” Sunday which is a Latin word meaning “Rejoice”. To commemorate this day, we light the rose color candle on the Advent wreath and we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah telling us to rejoice. This is a day of joy because our Savior is on his way! This hopefully reminds us that Christ is the reason for our upcoming celebrations because we are full of joy because our Savior is getting ready to be born! We also give joy as a parish family for all the generosity we see in the midst of our gift giving Sunday. It is heart-warming to see so many gifts being brought to provide joy for so many children in our community. Thank you so much for your generosity in providing gifts to those in need. We pray that all of our hearts are filled with joy at our Lord’s coming and that we can keep our eyes focused on the reason for this upcoming season!!!

Fr. T.J.

Sunday Readings and Reflection

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).
Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).
Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Reason to Rejoice

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).
### Stewardship

#### Third Sunday of Advent

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ’s presence in their midst?

### Stewardship of Treasure

**For the weekend of Dec. 7 & 8**

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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.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- #2**

- **Even if I am not be able to give much, is my gift important?**
  
  Any gift is important, regardless of the amount.

- **What does “generosity of giving” mean?**
  
  In Holy Scripture we read, “You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God. Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution to them and to all others…” (2 Cor. 9:11-13).

- **Will we be asking families to give an amount over and above their regular giving?**
  
  Yes, we will be emphasizing to every parishioner that the amount they give is over and above their regular giving since this project addresses a capital need and regular giving is for expenses in our parish operational budget.

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

- 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
- Katherine Irwin (wife of Richard Irwin and mother of Courtney and Chris Irwin)
- Nora Castelnuovo (wife of Richard and mother of Carolina)
- Kathleen Barry

### 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.
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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES
NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, gathers on Wednesday, Dec. 18, to talk/eat/drink at 7PM at Pete’s Burger Place, 24626 Loop 494 in Kingwood (1½ mile north of Northpark Drive). For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at either St. Martha’s or St. Mary Magdalene’s website.

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
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 franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637 ext. 200.

A New Way to Love Registration Form

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Director of Faith Formation: Carla Lewton, (281)358-1950 Ext. 213, carlal@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Faith Formation ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

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

YAH Luncheons CANCELLED
Due to the 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!
Faith Formation

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SURFSIDE Lenten BEACH RETREAT**
March 27-29, 2020

All **Juniors & Seniors** in High School are invited to our annual Surfside Beach Retreat! This amazing weekend of prayer and fun at the beach will be a time for you to deepen your faith, and to take a step back from the stress and worry you face each day.

Registrations are due MARCH 6. Spots are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon!

Jesus said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Mark 6:31

**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

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**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

**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

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

**Dark Playdate**
December 11
9:30 – 12:00 am

Find more information on our Facebook group – “St. Martha’s Moms *Kingwood*”
Contact stmartahsmoms@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*
Liturgy

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 MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 24 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, and Midnight.
There will also be an overflow Mass on the Woodland Hills Campus at 4:15 PM in the Activity Center.
Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM, and 1 PM (En Español)
The parish office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24th through Thursday, Dec. 26th.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE
Dec. 31 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM
The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1 and will re-open on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Please note: The nursery will be closed on Christmas Day (Dec. 25), Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 29), and Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1).

THOUGHTS FROM THE LOFT
Why does the world portray Catholics as “the unhappy sect of Christianity”? There are many jokes surrounding our religion about how we are always kneeling, seeking confession, denying ourselves certain food groups on Fridays, etc. Just to clarify, those actions are a sign of penance for turning away from our Lord or a preparation of our souls before we encounter Him. We are unhappy because we are impatiently waiting for that glorious moment when we will be reunited with Christ, and the idea that if we deny God and choose to live without Him brings us fear of an eternal afterlife where there is no God. God is everything; when we are with God, we have everything. When we are without Him, we have nothing. And out of that nothingness, we seek temporal pleasures of the earth to satisfy our emptiness. I am not suggesting that you should deny yourself from watching sports, attending live music concerts, or whatever hobby you might have. But if you ever find your life is not as full as it could be, seek the one who is the “overflowing dispenser of eternal life”.

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

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.

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).
Social Services/Outreach Ministries

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
OPEN HOURS:
TUESDAY 1-2 AM & 3-4 AM.
SATURDAY 1-2 AM & 10-11 AM.
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:
Martha Preston for Midnight - 6 AM-(713-542-4909)
Karen Ehlig for 6 AM - Noon (281-813-3285)
Marie Olive for Noon - 6 PM (713-202-6499)
Beth Beckham for 6 PM - Midnight (281-435-1439)

Martha's Kitchen News
As we journey through this Advent season anticipating the birth of our Lord on Christmas day, Martha’s Kitchen thanks all who have supported us with your prayers and continuing donations. As the weather changes we have been able to continue to serve the hungry a warm meal and to offer them a brief respite from the elements.
May God Bless You!

Maria Goretti Network (MGN) -
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 Keelin, 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.

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!

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 in the Woodland Hills Chapel. We come together for thanksgiving and praise!
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.

SHARING SUNDAY—THIS WEEKEND!!!!
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!

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

Texas Rally for Life
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

January 2020, marks 47 years since Roe v. Wade

Join thousands of Texans to march in support of each human life!

Archdiocesan send-off Mass at 8:30 am
St. Bartholomew the Apostle
5356 Eleventh Street
Katy, TX 77493

Depart for Austin following Mass
March and Rally for Life begins at 1 pm

Cost: $25.00/person (lunch not provided)

Buses stop to and from Austin

Buses departing from multiple parishes
Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities to find the parish nearest you at (713)741-8728
Register at https://archgh.event.com/dwyqbym/
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.

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St. Martha’s International Mission Ministry

**Presents:**

CARIBBEAN NIGHTS

Saturday January 18, 2020
6:00pm-9:30pm
Family Life Center
Woodland Hills

*STREET MUSICIANS* *FOOD* *FUN* *DANCE*

$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

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St. Martha MISSION TRIPS

COLOMBIA 2020

**CARTAGENA**
June 6 - 13
Cost per person:
$975.00 land + air estimated $500-5950

**BOGOTA**
Sept 12 - 19
Cost per person:
$875.00 land + air estimated $500-5950

We still have openings for both trips, sign up now to reserve your space

contact us at terry.stierman@conviventia.org

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Open House**
January 28
5-7 p.m.

**Registration Opens**
January 31

www.stmarthacs.org | 281-358-5523
**Vocations Corner**

**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 EHLIG 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

**Around the Community**

**REMEMBER THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
Pray for the Unborn Children
Join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants
Saturday, December 28, 2019
O Holy Mary, O Holy Mary cradle the children who have died through our neglect and stand by those who work to save the weakest and littlest among us.
O Holy Mother, teach us by your life to embrace Christ your son.

8:10 am MASS AT HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
6921 Chetwood, Houston
Followed by Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood
5800 Bellaire Blvd

Remember to adhere to the Archdiocesan Guidelines while present at an abortion clinic www.archgh.org/media/4836/englisharchdiocesannguidelines.pdf

**Third Order Lay Carmelites**
Would you like to deepen your prayer life and develop a closer relationship with God? Lay Carmelites are called to be involved in the mission of the Church by sanctifying the world through prayer. We are people from all walks of life, married, single, widowed who go about our daily lives contemplating God's presence in the midst of everything and bringing others to Christ by the way we live our lives. Our role models are the prophet Elijah because of his zeal for the Lord, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, because she teaches us the way of contemplative prayer. We study and meet together in community once a month. We have new formation classes beginning soon. For more information on what Carmel is all about, contact Yajaira Ayala at 832-330-6092 or Kathy Schutz at 936-203-7954.

**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/
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. 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 ACEPTANDODONATIVOS EN EFECTIVO; ESTAMOS ACEPTANDO TARJETAS 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, seanmos 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.
**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 consagrarlas 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 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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**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO**
**ÚNITE A NOSOTROS EN ORACIÓN, ALABANZA, ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS Y SÚPICA.**
**SÁBADO, 28 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2019**

**MISA A LAS 8:10 AM**
**EN LA PARROQUIA HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**6921 Chetwood, Houston**

Seguido por la procesión del Rosario a Planned Parenthood
5800 Bellaire Blvd

Recuerda seguir las Guías Arquidiocesanas mientras está frente a una clínica de aborto:
www.archgh.org/media/4837/spanisharchdiocesanguidelines.pdf

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Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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Office hours
Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 4 PM

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3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339
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2411 Oak Shores Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339
281-358-5523 • fax 281-358-5526
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Office hours
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Friday: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pastor: Rev. T.J. Dolce
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jonathan Moré, Rev. Ralph Roberts
Deacons: 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 Espanol: 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.