



December 28, 2014

Welcome to Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Friends of Jesus Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Pastor:	Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.
Senior Priest:	Rev. Nick Pasadilla
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Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Parish Office hours:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses

First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass):
..... 10:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM
En Español 1:00 PM
Life Teen: 5:30 PM
*Nursery at 9:00, 11:00 &
5:30 Life Teen*

Weekday Masses

Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Wednesday: ... 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday:
Church 6:30 -7:00 PM
Saturday:
Church 10:30-11:45 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

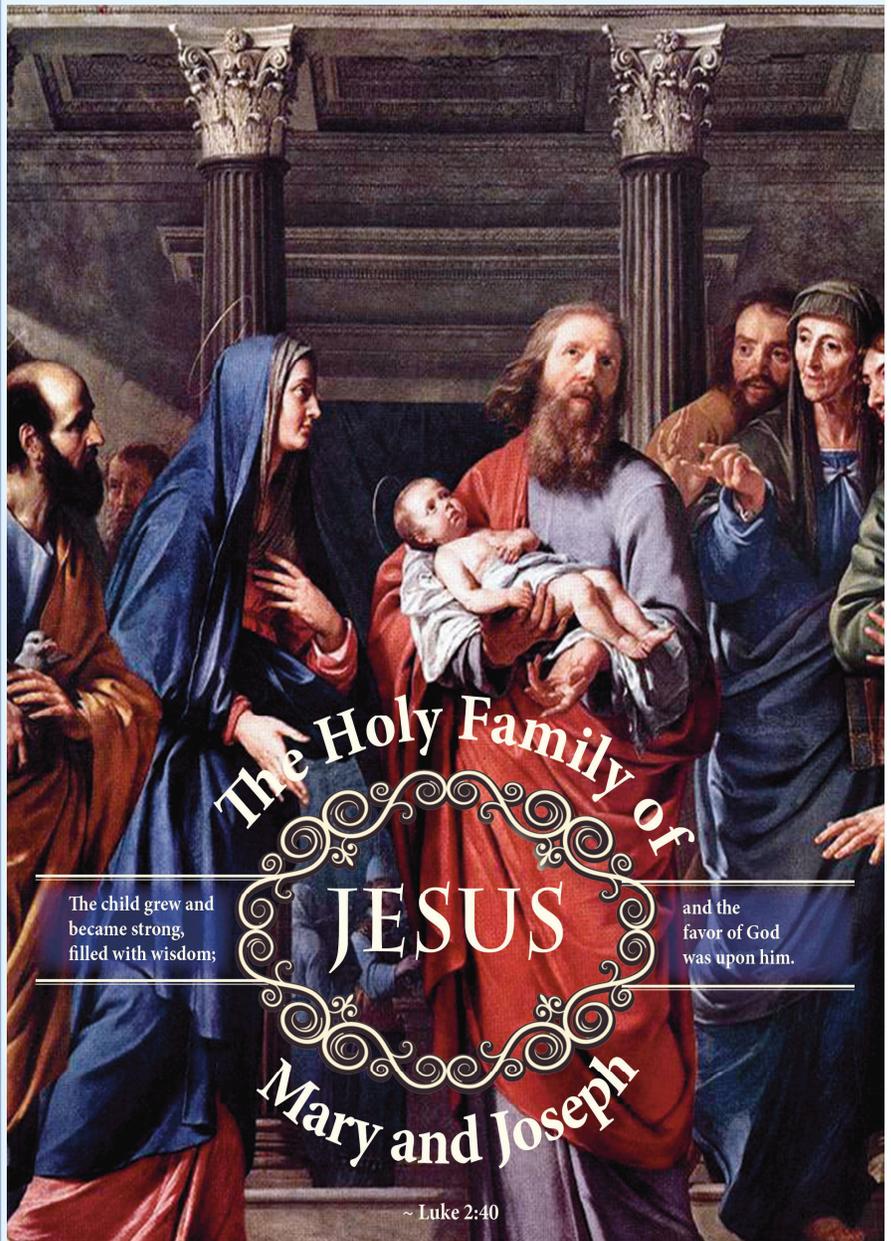
Classes: Last Sunday of the month, call the Parish Office to register

Ceremony: First Sunday of the month

Marriage

Preparation at least six months before the wedding. Register to attend an information meeting by calling 281-358-6637.

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The Holy Family of

JESUS

Mary and Joseph

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;

and the favor of God was upon him.

~ Luke 2:40

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Thursday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Dec. 29 8:30 am †Janusz Nalepa	Sat./Jan. 3 8:30 am Pro-Life Mass
Tues./Dec. 30 8:30 am †Chester Kocurek 7:00 pm †Mary Margaret Morrison	5:30 pm †Madeline Richardson
Wed./Dec. 31 8:30 am †Yarborough 10:00 am †Pat & Kim Ford	Sun./Jan. 4 7:00 am †Florence Kerrigan & Sharon Kerrigan Koenig 9:00 am †Bobby Grun 11:00 am †Theodore Bella 1:00 pm †Kevin Briones 5:30 pm †Kristine Kirsch
Thurs./Jan. 1/Feast of Mary, Mother of God	
Fri./Jan. 2 8:30 am †Dr. Frank Jobe	

† PLEASE REMEMBER THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Walter Francis Foley, Jr. (*husband of Colette Foley*)
Ruth McDonald (*mother of Rick & mother-in-law of Jeannie McDonald*)
Patricia Ann Myer
Michelle Berube (*wife of Steve Berube*)
Tom Spears (*brother of Christy Keeling*)
Gloria Leahy (*mother of Laura & mother-in-law of Tony Cardella*)
James Ronald Vincent (*father of Matt & father-in-law of Karen Vincent*)
Isma Roy Escude (*mother of Jody & mother-in-law of Mark Jeansonne*)
John E. Lee III (*father of Christina Lee-Sobus*)

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Rina Flores, Tom Starkey, Joan Evans, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Wonda Waldron, Michael Kelly, Neely Grimm, Robert Alvarado, Robert (Bob) Everlanka, Allen Polka, Concha Salazar de Russi, Daniel F. Carvajal, Victor P. Carvajal, Oscar Velasco, Lera Cordova, Carlos Mills, Rodney Gullo, Michael Peno, Robert Fulmer, Marcia Scaca, David Smith, Madeline Marley, Larry Hattersley, David Wood, Efrain Cubillos Sarmiento, Maria Saenze, Catherine Sedlak, Judy Arnold, Nicolas Zumo, Suzanne Deubner, Carol Parish, John Wildman, Jolene Aloisio, Alice Able, Pat Grant, Kevin Wooten, Chester Nimtz, Samuel Wakim, Joseph Halaby, Jude Miller, Tiare Tamura, Janie Alvarado, Dwayne Collins, Alice O'Malley, Vi Henry, Linda Kraus, Richard Schmerber, Catherine Sprabary & Family, Margaret Williams, Bernard McCann, Kathy Unger, Veronica Alanis, Jim & Rhonda Rutt, Waldon Landry, Angie Stanczak, Bohumil Greif, Ada Greif, Barbara Taverite, Shannon McAlister, Laura Hoffman, Josie Perez, M. Edward Baasen, Dan & Rita Grohn, Christine Womack, Thomas J. Chuba, Sr., Pat Hyland, Cesar Dijainco, Tom Shannon, Heather Leonardis, Rosa Iñiguez, Christian Callens, Penny Gaido, Cecilia Grono, Randy Schulze, Elise Robinson, Lindsey Torres Johnson, Robert Gillman, Thomas Berkovich, Carmen Aloisio, Zacharias Salazar, Ligia Ramos, Juan Francisco Gonzales, Flor de Lis Gonzales, Charles Cooke, Elvia Zambrano, Graciela Rojas de Russy, Amparo Arguello, Vinny McConnell, Susan Thom, Allan Zumno, Ruby Orta, Teofilo Zanchelli, Al Kriston, Linda Arnold, Walt and Mary Lou Lambert, Barry and Janice Boudreaux, Eleanora Deleon

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES:

Please note that beginning January 1, 2015, the Saturday **Pro-Life Mass** time will be changed to 8:30 a.m. Also, the **monthly Baptisms** which have been scheduled on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. will now be moved to the first Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **Oehl Family** in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Albert Holden at 713-292-6066 or by e-mail at aaholden@embarqmail.com to schedule a week.





From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

On this feast of the Holy Family we ask God to teach us the sanctity of human love by showing us the value of family life and by helping us to live in peace and harmony with one another. This basic human interaction has implications for our eternal destiny. It is the simple fact that the family environment is the most formative influence in a person's life. The research of educational psychologists reveal that by the time a child has reached the age of five or six, the core value choices in life have already been made and will probably change little after that. This leads to basic perceptions out of which one makes critical decisions, such as: "Is the world around me safe or not? Are others trustworthy or not?" This feast of the Holy Family reminds us that it is in the intimate companionship with others, especially in a family context, that we become truly human in the sense of how the Bible describes a human being. It is in the daily interactions through ongoing relationships that we learn to be sensitive to the presence, needs, and rights of other human beings. It is also through these same interactions that we come to understand ourselves as persons with rights and responsibilities. Simply stated, it is in and through such mutual interactions in the give and take of ordinary family life that we learn to love and be loved. This fact remains so no matter how much society and the form of family life may change over the years.

The point is that family life is a precious and unique setting that enables us to grow as sensitive, caring, and loving human beings. At the end of the Gospel account today St. Luke tells us that after the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple, Joseph and Mary returned to their home in Nazareth and "the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." We must all take note of the fact that to grow as a family takes real effort and genuine commitment. One of the greatest challenges facing anyone who lives in the company of others --- either as a family, a religious community, etc. --- is to arrange one's life so that there is quality time for the gathering of the members of the family or community. When other concerns, no matter how important and noble they may be, begin to leave no time to be with members of the family or community, it is time to do some soul searching and examine our priorities. Family life is meant by God's design to provide us with the environment that enables us to become mature human beings capable of making life-giving choices. Jesus spent thirty years doing just that. That time in Nazareth brought about our salvation just as much as his next three years of public life and ministry. The Holy Family was no accident, and neither should ours. Let us take time in the coming year to treasure our shared life with family and community.



Fr. Chester Borski



FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM

January 1: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Bi-lingual Mass)

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and will re-open on Friday, January 2nd.



Bottle Distribution January 10th and 11th **Help us share the truth with young women and teens** **who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy.**

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is a fundraiser, crucial to the continued success of the pro-life ministries: Gabriel Project at St. Martha and Birthright of Humble.

We will distribute the empty bottles on January 10 and 11 after all Masses. When you return them full of coins, bills and checks, your gifts will help women served by The Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble.

The Bottle Return is January 17 and 18 at all Masses.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Questions or if you would like to help: paula_amsler@msn.com.



Adult Organizations and Opportunities

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Happy New Year!



Young at Heart-ers - Welcome to the New Year! Make the Young at Heart Luncheon one of your New Year's Resolutions. Try it - you'll like it!!! Continue your New Year's celebration and join us for our first luncheon of 2015 on **Wednesday, January 14**. There will be fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Minnie Romo at minerva.romo@gmail.com or Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Landvogt at 281-358-6637 x 202, e-mail nancyl@stmartha.com or Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.

PROJECT RACHEL

*New Project Rachel group begins January 6th.
Call for more information and directions to
off site location!*

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. Questions? Contact Bonnie Develle, L.P.C., 281-812-8641, 713-435-9215, or bdevelle@comcast.net.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

The next gathering of **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, will be for 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's in Humble on Saturday, January 3. Join us at 5:15 in the narthex of church; meal afterwards at Italiano's, 217 FM 1960 Bypass East in Humble. For more info about the group, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene's website.

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild will no longer collect items for Dickinson after January 2015. Beginning in February 2015, only prayer books, holy cards, bibles, CCD textbooks, rosaries, and religious articles will be collected. For more information or questions, please contact JoAnna at 281-361-0391 or jloup3@yahoo.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THROUGH JANUARY 2, AND WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, AT 9:00 AM.

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.

Sunday Morning: Video Series "An opportunity to learn while your children are learning"

BEGINNING IN JANUARY - WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR DATES AND SERIES INFORMATION.

Join us during the elementary Faith Formation sessions for an informal video series for adults. Drop in for a light breakfast, stimulating video presentation and lively conversation! **Woodland Hills Campus – Room 2**

Tuesday Morning: Breakfast & Bible Study, 9:15–10:30 am – Faith Formation Center, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME, JANUARY 6, 2015

January Dates: 6, 13, 20, & 27

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation

Website: www.stmartha.com. Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, upcoming events, schedules, important links, music, and more...
check it out!

Adult Faith Formation videos available for viewing on **You Tube**. Click the **You Tube** icon on the website home page to view. **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!** Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the **Facebook** icon on the website home page and join.

SPANISH ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN



The fifth ACTS men's retreat in Spanish (MS-5) will take place on January 22-25, 2015. For additional information, please contact Art Rocha at 832-527-2729.

St. Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center January 9-11, 2015

Start the New Year with a relaxing Retreat Weekend.
**Retreat Theme "Meeting the Jesus I Never Knew"
Becoming Companions at the Foot of the Cross**
*"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones
and members of the household of God"--Ephesians 2:19*
For more information contact Bruce Farmer:
at 281-360-4047 or register online:
www.passionist.org/holyname/weekendretreats



Parenting/Youth Events

St. Martha School Scoops

St. Martha
Catholic School



St. Martha Catholic School is a fully accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our curriculum builds strong academic skills, Catholic values and moral character in a safe, secure, and caring environment. Our students attend weekly Mass and celebrate reconciliation during the school day throughout the school year. We are blessed to have the involvement of our parish priests in many of our school activities. We offer the sports of soccer, basketball, baseball, track, volleyball and girls' softball. We also support a drama club, a band program, Rosary Guild, Student Council, BETA Club and other student activities.

Visit our school website at www.stmarthacs.org for more information or contact Registrar Jan Rodine at 281-358-5523 for a tour.

The Mission of St. Martha Catholic School is to provide a quality education sharing in the total Catholic formation of each person by developing mind, heart and spirit.

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

Don't suffer in silence and solitude. Within our Catholic Community there are many with seriously troubled children of all ages. Problems like addiction, criminality, and mental disorder. Our experience is that sharing the burden lightens the load. And in the example of St. Monica you can pray for your child and you can find peace. The next meeting will be **January 5, 7:30-9:00 p.m.** in Room 1 (Library). Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288 or e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com

MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:

Have a child going to college? There are lots of changes and decisions at this time for our youth. What better way to send them to college than covered in prayer? Join other moms in prayer the **second Tuesday** of every month (**January 13**) at **7:00 p.m.** in **Room 5 of the Family Life Center**. If you can, bring your rosary or one will be provided. Questions? E-mail Pat Azzolini at patlini2000@yahoo.com.



ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)
Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter. **Ages: 12 months old through age 4.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

JUST SHOW UP AND HAVE FUN

Drinks, Snacks, and Awards

Contact: Mark Roseland

Phone: 713-805-4959

E-mail: mark.roseland@bakerhughes.com

Date of Competition: January 10, 2015

Location: St. Martha Activity Center

Time: 2:30 to 4:30 PM

Sponsored by: St. Martha Knights of Columbus
Council # 12320

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

Age as of January 1, 2015: 9-14 years old.



BACK TO SCHOOL

SOCIAL

FRIENDS, GAMES, MUSIC, and FUN!
ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FRIENDS!!!

Saturday, January 10, 2015

[6:00 – 9:00 PM]

in the FLC

COST: \$6 if you pay by Thursday, January 8

\$8 if you pay at the door

(must have signed permission slip or an adult to sign)

Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com

Living With a Grateful Heart : A Faith Sharing Group

Spiritual author Paula d'Arcy says, "While we are looking elsewhere, God comes to us disguised as our lives." Women of the parish are invited to join a 6 week faith sharing group beginning Monday, January 5. Our theme will be *PRAYING WITH OUR LIVES*. We will explore this topic through group discussion, Scripture, music, poetry and prayer. Pat Timpanaro, and Marie Rabalais will facilitate. The gathering will be held in the FLC Room 2 on the Woodland Hills campus from 10:30 - noon each Monday for 6 weeks. If you are interested in joining, contact Pat Timpanaro at 281 361 9338 or patimpanaro@embarqmail.com.



Men's ACTS Retreat February 12-15, 2015

Registration for the February Men's ACTS retreat (English) has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, and is presented by parishioners of St. Martha. Registration is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis, and must include a non-refundable deposit of \$50. The cost of the retreat is \$190, but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat, please prayerfully consider attending this exiting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat director, Chris Pozzi at 832-370-8944 or stmmlmensacts@gmail.com.

Revive & Thrive: Sustaining the New Evangelization *A Day of Prayer for all parishioners involved in ministry*

DATE: Saturday, January 10, 2015

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts, Morning prayer will be at 9:15 a.m. and we will conclude with Mass at 11:45 a.m., which will include a commissioning ceremony for 2015.



VIRTUS WORKSHOP

A VIRTUS workshop will be offered at St. Martha on Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **No late admittance after 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to arrive by 6:00 to get paperwork. **You must bring a current driver's license, ID or passport to the session with your name and date of birth to match your pre-registration on VIRTUS.** You must attend a VIRTUS workshop to volunteer or work with children and youth in the parish, school, or any church related organization. Please register for the workshop at www.archgh.org. Select the Safe Environment icon on the bottom of the screen. Then select Register & Attend a "Protecting God's Children Workshop" to view a listing of sessions by date and to register for a session. This class is for adults 18 and older. Please note, no walk-ins will be admitted (this is a new diocesan policy).



Marriage and **A New Way to Love**

Marriage is sacred, exciting, and fun but it can also be boring, challenging, and just okay at times. A NEW WAY TO LOVE – is a six week marriage enrichment series on living God's purpose for your marriage. It will start Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center (Woodland Hills).

It is a great gift to give your spouse whether you are engaged to be married, married six months or 60 years.

Registration is required.

For questions or registration, e-mail Francine at franp@stmartha.com. Childcare may be requested with your registration. To cover the cost of each participant manual, \$30.00 per couple will be collected at the first session.



Sharing Sunday Thank You

Thank you from the St. Martha Conference to all the Parishioners who adopted families and individuals for Sharing Sunday. Over 300 Moms, Dads, and children in 60 families shared in your generosity in helping those in need in our area celebrate the joy of Christmas.

In addition November saw St. Martha Conference help 254 people with Rent, Mortgage, Utility, Food, Medical and Auto Expenses totaling \$11,831.93.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him" As we remember the poor during this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us.

Please **pray** for our **active military** as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Carole Parslow 832-689-5824 or e-mail carolep8359@gmail.com.



Teams of Our Lady presents "One In The Lord"

Deacon Tom Vicknair returns to St. Martha for a day of marriage enrichment at the Family Life Center on Saturday, February 7th, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending with 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Nick and Joannah Landry nslandry@mac.com by January 15th if childcare is needed. Child must be 12 months or older.

We look forward to breaking bread and celebrating our marriage vocation with all of you!



What is Catholics Returning Home?

Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics, of any age, 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 reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith **facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics**.

January 13 – February 17, 2015

Tuesday Evenings - 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Room #3 in the building next to the Family Life Center

3702 Woodland Hills Drive

The Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, support group format. The sessions are informational and formational. Topics of the six week sessions are:

- ◆ Welcome and Overview of the Series: Sharing by Team and Participants
- ◆ Further sharing and discussion
- ◆ The Church Today – Changes since Vatican II, Q&A
- ◆ Explanation of Reconciliation/Confession, 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 at carlal@stmartha.com or call 281-713-8968

* *Babysitting is available upon request.*

* *All who choose to participate in this program will remain in confidence with the CRH Team and other fellow participants.*



MARTHA'S KITCHEN NEWS

During this beautiful Christmas season, Martha's Kitchen is reminded of all of the blessings that the parishioners and clergy of St. Martha Church have bestowed upon our ministry. We are blessed to be the recipient of your continued generosity and volunteer spirit. May you and your family experience a joyous New Year!

Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed through Jan. 2, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5.



Pro-Life Mass & Rosary:

Every 1st Saturday
at 8:30 a.m. Please join us
Saturday, January 3.

For Survivors of Abuse— Maria Goretti Network (MGN)

A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call (281) 360-4045.



**The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be
prayed every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in
the Woodland Hills chapel.
Everyone welcome.**

Communion to the Sick:

If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital, and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know. Hospital regulations require us to have the patient's name and room number before we send someone.

It's Here... ... the 2014 St. Martha Christmas Ornament



**The 2014 ornament is \$10.00
Or buy the 2011, 2012, 2013 &
2014 set for \$20.00**

**You can buy them in the Administration
Building**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF DEVOTION TO PRAYER IN ST. MARTHA PARISH

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Mark 14:37

Our parish is incredibly blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available in our adoration chapel twenty-four hours a day. Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of His infinite love for each one of us, and He is always present there in the Blessed Sacrament patiently waiting for us to come and spend time with Him.

Listed below are hours that are most in need of adorers at this time. However, please note that no hour is really ever "filled" because parishioners are always invited to choose an hour that works best for them, regardless of whether or not there are other adorers already there in prayer.

Both regular adorers and substitutes are needed at this time. Even if you do not have a regular hour, please feel free to visit our Blessed Lord at any time knowing that He is always waiting for us with joyful anticipation.

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM. Monday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 6-7 AM. Thursday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 11 AM-Noon, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 11 PM-Midnight.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Robyn Laumbach at either 281-360-7897 or robynbfly@embarqmail.com. If you need a substitute, please call one of our division leaders: Robyn Laumbach at 281-360-7897 for Midnight-6 AM, Karen Ehlig at 281-361-7127 for 6 AM-Noon, Annunciata Hopkins at 281-360-1258 for Noon-6 PM, and Beth Beckham at 281-435-1439 for 6 PM-Midnight.



JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.</p>				<p>Mary, Mother of God Mass times: 9 am, 11 am, & 1 pm (Bi-lingual Mass) Parish Office, Faith Formation Office and Martha's Kitchen Closed</p> 	<p>9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 Faith Formation Office and Martha's Kitchen closed</p>	<p>8:30 am Pro-life Mass</p>
<p>4 The Epiphany of the Lord 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy</p>	<p>5 Martha's Kitchen & Faith Formation Office Reopens 10:30 am Living with a Grateful Heart 7:30 pm Monica's Hope Support Group, Rm 6</p>	<p>6 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7 pm Cornerstone New Project Rachel group begins</p>	<p>7 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3</p>	<p>8 6:30 pm RCIA</p>	<p>9 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2</p>	<p>10 8:30 am—12:30 pm Revive & Thrive: Sustaining the New Evangelization, <i>A Day of Prayer</i> 2:30-4:30 pm KofC Free Throw Contest 6-9 pm EDGE Social, FLC</p>
<p>11 The Baptism of the Lord 10:45 am Video Series, Rm 2 2 pm Rosary Guild, Rm 2 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy</p>	<p>12 10:30 am Living with a Grateful Heart</p>	<p>13 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 6:30 pm VIRTUS Workshop, FLC 7pm Mom's Prayer Group, Rm 5 7 pm Cornerstone RISE 7 pm Catholics Retuning Home, Rm 2</p>	<p>14 8:30 am School Mass 9:45 am Cornerstone 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 11 am Seniors Luncheon</p>	<p>15 6:30 pm RCIA</p>	<p>16 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2</p>	<p>17 Baby Bottle Boomerang Return</p>
<p>18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:45 am Video Series, Rm 2 Baby Bottle Boomerang Return 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy</p>	<p>19 10:30 am Living with a Grateful Heart</p>	<p>20 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7 pm Cornerstone 7 pm Catholics Retuning Home, Rm 2 7 pm A New Way to Love</p>	<p>21 8:30 am School Mass 9:45 am Cornerstone 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3</p>	<p>22 6:30 pm RCIA Spanish ACTS (Men) Retreat Begins</p>	<p>23 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2</p>	<p>24 St. John of the Cross Food Drive</p>
<p>25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:45 am Video Series, Rm 2 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. John of the Cross Food Drive Catholic Schools Week →</p>	<p>26 9:15 am Little Rock Scripture Study, FLC 10:30 am Living with a Grateful Heart 6:30-8 pm EDGE Night, FLC</p>	<p>27 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7 pm Cornerstone 7 pm Catholics Retuning Home, Rm 2 7 pm A New Way to Love</p>	<p>28 8:30 am School Mass 9:45 am Cornerstone 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 11 am Seniors Luncheon</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm RCIA</p>	<p>30 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2</p>	<p>31</p>



Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

En esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia le pedimos a Dios que nos enseñe la santidad del amor humano al mostrarnos el valor de la vida familiar y ayudándonos a vivir en paz y armonía unos con otros. Esta básica interacción humana tiene implicaciones para nuestro destino eterno. Es el simple hecho de que el entorno familiar es la influencia más formativa en la vida de una persona. La investigación de los psicólogos educativos revelan que para el momento en que un niño ha alcanzado la edad de cinco o seis años, ya se han tomado las decisiones fundamentales de valor en la vida y probablemente cambiará poco después de eso. Esto lleva a percepciones básicas de las cuales uno toma decisiones críticas, tales como: "¿Es el mundo que me rodea seguro o no? ¿Son otros confiable o no?" Esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia nos recuerda que es en la compañía íntima con los demás, especialmente en un contexto familiar, que nos convertimos verdaderamente humanos en el sentido cómo la Biblia describe a un ser humano. Es en las interacciones diarias a través de relaciones continuas que aprendemos a ser sensibles a la presencia, necesidades y los derechos de otros seres humanos. Es también a través de estas mismas interacciones que llegamos a entendernos a nosotros mismos como personas con derechos y responsabilidades. En pocas palabras, es a través de estas interacciones mutuas en tomar y dar en una vida familiar ordinaria que aprendamos a amar y ser amado. Este hecho se mantiene y no importa lo mucho que la sociedad y la forma de vida de la familia puedan cambiar con los años.

El punto es que la vida familiar es un lugar precioso y único que nos permite crecer en sensibilidad, cuidados y amar a los seres humanos. Al final de la narración evangélica de hoy San Lucas nos dice que después de la presentación del niño Jesús en el templo, José y María regresaron a su casa en Nazaret y "el niño creció y se fortaleció, llenándose de sabiduría; y la gracia de Dios estaba sobre él". Todos tenemos que tomar nota del hecho de que para crecer como una familia se requiere un esfuerzo real y verdadero compromiso. Uno de los mayores desafíos que enfrenta cualquier persona que vive en compañía de otros -- ya sea como una familia, una comunidad religiosa, etc. -- es organizar su propia vida para que haya tiempo de calidad para la reunión de los miembros con la familia o comunidad. Cuando otras preocupaciones, no importa qué tan importante y noble sean, empieza a no dejar tiempo para estar con los miembros de la familia o de la comunidad, es el momento de hacer un examen de conciencia y examinar nuestras prioridades. La vida familiar se entiende por diseño de Dios como proveernos el medio ambiente que nos convierte en seres humanos maduros capaces de tomar decisiones que nos cambian la vida. Jesús pasó treinta años haciendo precisamente eso. Ese tiempo en Nazaret trajo nuestra salvación, tanto como sus próximos tres años de vida pública y el ministerio. La Sagrada Familia no fue un accidente, y tampoco la nuestra. Tomemos tiempo en el año que viene para valorar y compartida nuestra vida con la familia y la comunidad.

Padre Chester Borski



Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor

Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

Hoy es el día de la Buena Nueva, Jesús ha nacido, como nos dice Juan: "Y la Palabra se hizo carne y acampó entre nosotros y hemos contemplado su gloria". Dios se hizo hombre para abrirnos de nuevo las puertas del cielo. Jesús nos vino a mostrar el camino que debemos de seguir para tener vida eterna y ese camino es Jesús. Él es el modelo que debemos de seguir, Él nos mostró con obras y palabras la forma en que debemos comportarnos, amando a Dios sobre todas las cosas y a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos. La venida de Jesús nos muestra el amor incondicional de Dios para el hombre, como nos lo dice Juan en su Evangelio (Jn 3, 16): Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que dio a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna". Esta Buena Nueva nos debe llenar de alegría, Jesús viene a nuestros corazones para hacernos hombres y mujeres nuevos. Abre tu corazón y deja que Jesús lo tomé y le indique el camino a seguir.

Compromiso de la semana: *Compartiré la Buena Nueva del nacimiento de Jesús con algún Católico no practicante que conozca. Dios nos ama y quiere que nos salvemos.*

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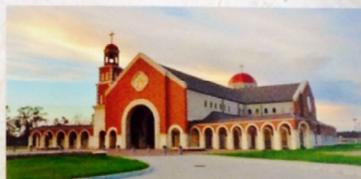
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Faith Direct-Offertory	\$	49,908
Immaculate Conception	\$	1,087
Christmas	\$	3,630
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$	1,550
Over/(Under)	\$	36,933

Year To Date:		
Weekly Budget	\$	1,711,959
Sunday Collection	\$	1,670,768
Over/(Under)	\$	(115,624)

Special collections:		
Capital Campaign	\$	40,193
Martha's Kitchen	\$	10,870
Retirement fund for Religious	\$	9,677
Current Loan Debt:	\$	14,371,500
2014 DSF Goal:	\$	295,000
Payments to date:	\$	302,303