



March 8, 2015

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

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Pastor:

Senior Priest:

Parochial Vicar:

Deacons:

Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.

Rev. Nick Pasadilla

Rev. Alfonso Tran

Mr. Jon Barfield, Mr. Tony Cardella, Mr. Ed Kleinguetl, Mr. Bob MacFarlane, Mr. Al O'Brien, Mr. Guy T. Puglia, Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Alfredo Soto

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):

..... 8:30 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 Saturday 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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Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Lent

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21. Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins
Monday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: Abstinence

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

That we may learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible. "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."
 - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot - pride, power, ego, comfort or health.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon./Mar. 9

8:30 am †Pat O'Brien

Tues./Mar. 10

8:30 am †Ann Pennucci

7:00 pm Natalie Herzog

Wed./Mar. 11

8:30 am †Manuel Medina

10:00 am †Eugene "Buddy" Hogwood

Thurs./Mar. 12

6:30 am †Eunice Walker

8:30 am †Marcie Brennan

Fri./Mar. 13

8:30 am †St. Louis de Marillac

Sat./Mar. 14

5:30 pm †Marilyn Deane

Sun./Mar. 15

7:00 am †John & Esther Gross

9:00 am †Kathleen Mazzuca

11:00 am †Lilia Ahat

1:00 pm †Rita Guerrero

5:30 pm †John Berchman Waguespack

*Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place at the Woodland Hills campus. **NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., MAR. 18.***

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

Robert Everlanka (husband of Karen Everlanka)

Joseph Park (father of Denise Anding)

James Palmer (brother of Pat Stuntz)

Jacqueline Giacalone (mother of Tisha Lynn)

Kathleen Green (wife of Edward Green)

Thomas Shannon, Jr.

Robert A. Hein (father of Ruth Shupak)

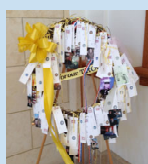
Val DePaula (brother of Joanne Capriotti)

Mary Ruth Jones



Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: 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 Nimitz, 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, Heather Leonardi, 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 Russey, Amparo Arguello, Vinny McConnell, Susan Thom, Allan Zummo, Ruby Orta, Teofilo Zanchelli, Al Kriston, Linda Arnold, Walt and Mary Lou Lambert, Barry and Janice Boudreaux, Eleanora DeLeon, Cathy De La Cruz, Joan Evans, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Nelson Ramirez Rojas, Josefina G. Schnabel, Dennis Ganstine, Bonnie McKnight, Keith Dollar, David Russell, John H. Hensley Jr., Jeri Priest, Myriam Varela, Carolyn Denman, Kim De La Cruz, Kathy Marek, Patrick McPhail

(If you would like to add a loved one's name to the recently deceased or sick list, please call the parish office, 281-358-6637, or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com)



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.*



From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Scripture readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent invite us to reflect on our relationship with God in terms of a **covenant**. The first reading from the Book of Exodus speaks of the Ten Commandments which were Israel's way of maintaining their covenantal relationship with God. The reading from the 1st Letter to the Corinthians and the Gospel reading from John proclaim that through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have entered into a new relationship with God through a new covenant. In this covenant the relationship between God and his people is being altered. Temple worship and sacrifices, in all their details and external rituals, as well as the Law and its many prescriptions would not work any more. The newness of Christianity was far more than changes in buildings, ceremonies, and regulations. To follow Jesus as faithful disciples required a complete change of heart. A new attitude, a new spirit, and a whole new way of relating to God were being inaugurated through the ministry, mission, and life of Jesus. Elsewhere in the Gospel Jesus tells the people that worship of God from now on must be in spirit and in truth. The real Temple now is Christ himself, literally his own Body, and everyone who entered into a relationship with God through Baptism. Joined to Christ the Head, those baptized become the mystical Body of Christ in the world. In this new covenant God is honored especially by those who have embraced and live by the values of the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. The breaking of the covenant, that act which we call sin, can only be countered by repentance and reconciliation which calls for *metanoia*, i.e. radical change of heart.

This focus on the covenantal relationship between God and his people is the central focus of the entire Bible. The call to conversion will be repeated time and time again throughout the New Testament. It is the basis for the Church's whole approach to the season of Lent as a time of renewing the covenant and thus our relationship with God and with one another. The teaching of Jesus is quite clear: it is not what goes on outside of a person that makes for covenantal holiness. It is rather what transpires within the hearts of men and women who desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. There is probably no better Lenten image on which to base our penitential practices for this holy season than the one we find in the Gospel account today: the cleansing of the temple. This image speaks to both the whole Church (and especially to us as a parish family) and to us as individual disciples. The purpose of Lenten prayer, fasting, and works of charity is to cleanse persons of all that is empty of spirit and life. Once we have cleansed ourselves of all that is dead, useless, and sinful, we will indeed become a fitting dwelling place for the Holy Spirit who has sealed the covenant within our hearts.

Fr. Chester Borski



PARISH MISSION

The mission begins with missionary, Fr. Joseph Butz, preaching at all the weekend Masses the weekend of March 14 and 15.

Mission schedule: March 16-19. A session will be held each evening beginning at 7:00 p.m., lasting approximately 60 minutes. A penance service will be held after the Thursday session on March 19.

Biography of Fr. Joseph Butz

Born in Norway, Iowa, Father Joseph Butz is the eldest of five children. After serving in the Air Force for four years, he joined the Redemptorists. Ordained in 1970, Fr. Joe's first assignment was the overseas mission of Amazonas, Brazil. In his 37 years there, Father Joe served in both urban and rural ministries. He returned to the United States in January 2008. After spending time in a well-deserved rest and becoming reunited with his family, he asked to join the Liguori Mission Team. His vast experience, love for the parish mission, and practical approach to the spiritual life makes him a valuable asset to any parish mission.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS,

April 1: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS, April 2:
7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3:

3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL, April 4: 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5:

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and
1:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Masses in the Activity Center at the
Woodland Hills Campus:

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



The Season of Lent



2015 Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Kingwood Council #12320
Knights of Columbus



Friday Nights
Feb 20th, 27th, Mar 6th,
Mar 13th, 20th, & 27th
Serving from-
6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION
Family
Life Center

ADULT DINNER \$10.00 CHILDS DINNER \$3.00

Adult Dinner Includes: Cajun Fried Catfish and/or Baked Lemon Dill
Salmon, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fries and Hushpuppies.
Children's Dinner Includes: Fish Sticks, Velveeta Shells and Cheese,
Fries and Hushpuppies Drinks: Iced Tea, Lemon aide, and Coffee



**Stations of the Cross will
be held at 7:30 p.m. in the
church every
Friday during Lent.**

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for flowers to be used
during the Easter Season in the
Church may be made in memory of loved
ones by using the envelope marked
"Special Offering for Easter Flowers"
in your envelope packet and indicating
the name(s) on the line provided.

The names will be published in an
insert in the bulletin on
Easter Sunday. **The deadline
for submitting these special envelopes
is Palm Sunday, March 29.**

LENTEN CONCERT

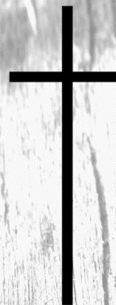
WITH

Larry Scott Metivier

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

7:30 PM

St. Martha's Family Life Center
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339



Larry has performed for Mother Teresa,
Mother Angelica, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen,
Bob Hope and others. His original
compositions capture the essence and spirit
of the Lenten Season. He studied voice
performance at the University of Puget Sound
and holds a Master's in Religious Education
from Loyola which he uses to bring reflective
thought and understanding to the life of Christ.

Seating is limited. Admission is FREE!



Adult Organizations and Opportunities

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY - THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 15. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY, MARCH 16 AT

9:00 AM.

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. Remaining March Dates: 17 & 24

Thursday Evenings: ARE YOU AN ADULT CATHOLIC WANTING TO BE CONFIRMED?

If you have questions or would like to **register** for Confirmation, please call the Faith Formation Office, 281-358-1959, Carla Lewton, ext. 213 or Joanie Nugent, ext. 264. There will be a one day retreat on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at St. Mary Magdalene in Humble. The time and room location will be announced as they become available. Confirmation classes will be held Thursday evenings beginning April 9 through May 21, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Martha's Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on one of the following dates: Saturday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, or Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015. The time, and location will be determined at a later date.

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.

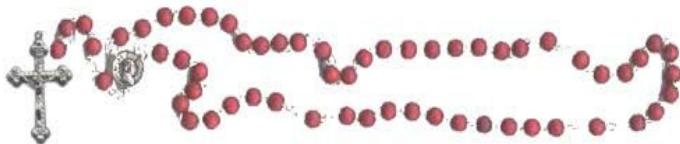
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK Up To The Minute AFF Information. Click the **Facebook** icon on the website home page and join.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

Join us! **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, gathers on Wednesday, March 11, to eat/drink/talk at 7:00 P.M. at Lenny's Sub Shop, 8790 FM 1960 Bypass in Humble (between Townsen and Kenswick). For more info about the group, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote on either St. Martha's or St. Mary Magdalene's website.

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



Marianite Rosary Guild of St. Martha Catholic Church

Our Rosary Guild meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Woodland Hills campus. E-mail JoAnna Loup, our coordinator, at jloup3@yahoo.com to join and help us bring more people closer to Jesus through Mary's rosary and teach the life of Christ through the rosary prayers.

View our website at www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org. We offer beautifully made to order Job's tears rosaries, large wall rosaries, and rosaries with hangers and frames. We also accept donations for our ministry on the website or by mail. Your support enables us to continue our mission to provide twine rosaries to many ministries.

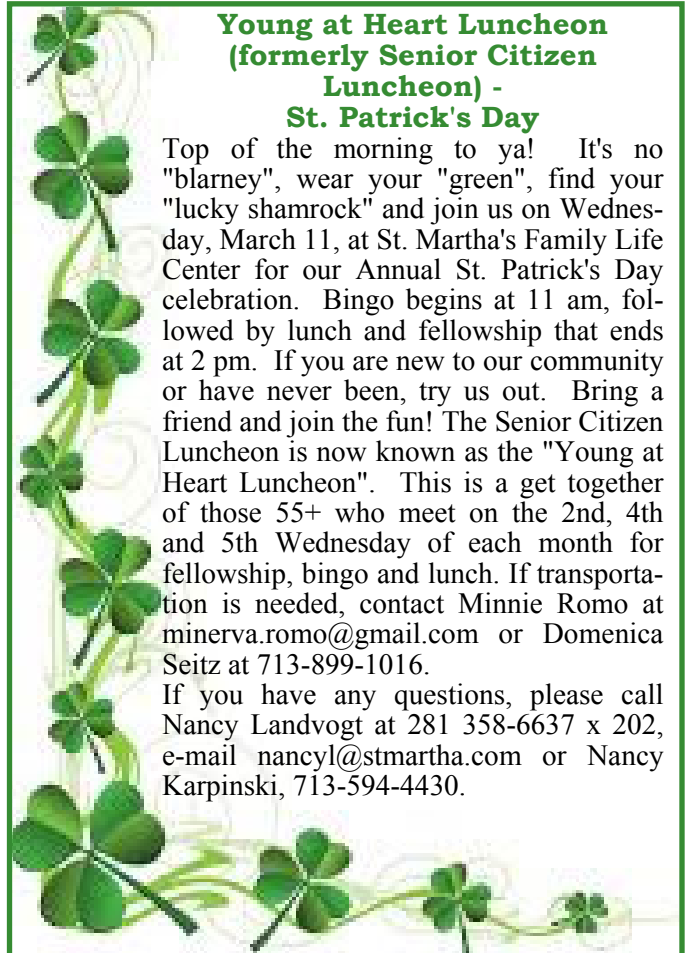
Skilled Woodworker Needed

The Rosary Guild is in need of a skilled woodworker to donate their time to create more wood products for our ministry. Contact JoAnna Loup at jloup3@yahoo.com for more information.

Young at Heart Luncheon (formerly Senior Citizen Luncheon) - St. Patrick's Day

Top of the morning to ya! It's no "blarney", wear your "green", find your "lucky shamrock" and join us on Wednesday, March 11, at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Bingo begins at 11 am, followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 2 pm. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend and join the fun! The Senior Citizen Luncheon is now known as the "Young at Heart Luncheon". This is a get together of those 55+ who meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month for fellowship, bingo and lunch. 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.





Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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.

Around the Diocese

JOB OPPORTUNITY - NURSERY

Position available for the Sunday Nursery and other church events. Please contact Patty Jackson at 281-713-8970, or e-mail pattyj@stmartha.com

BAYOU AWAKENING RETREAT COLLEGE-AGE STUDENTS AGES 18-25 MARCH 13-15, 2015.

The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic church and a safe community.

Register online at www.bayouawakening.org or by mail before March 6.

All young adults in this age range are welcome. For more information, call 713-741-8778.



Martha's Kitchen is busily serving those in need of a meal each weekday as a result of the dedicated loyalty of donations from parishioners. Our ministry is most grateful for the Christmas donations and memorials. Please remember to use your special envelopes in order to fight hunger and help those who struggle to feed their families on a daily basis. During the Lenten season, we ask you to reflect on the poor and hungry of Houston. May God bless you!

RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT

*Divine Mercy Conference at Christ The Redeemer
11507 Huffmeister, Houston, TX 77065*

March 21, 9-5 pm

SPEAKERS:

Steve Pokorny, Fr. Roy Oggero, Don & Sherry Burns, Sally Flowers, Fr. Christopher Plant

***GRACE FILLED DAY- Music/Refreshments/
Teachings/Power Point Presentations/3:00
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Adoration / 5 pm Mass***

Registration is required – No Charge

Call 281-469-5533 (*Seating is limited*)

Jack Alexander jalexander@ctrcc.com



St. Martha Women's ACTS Retreat March 26-29

Registration for the March Women's (English) ACTS Retreat has begun. The ACTS retreat is a 3 day/3 nights 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 \$50.00. The cost of the retreat is \$190.00 but do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat. Please prayerfully consider attending this exciting retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Acenith Claassen at 832-455-3764 or cennieclaas@yahoo.com.

Ministry for the separated and divorced: This ministry is dedicated to providing outreach, support, and a caring presence during the difficult time of separation and/or divorce. A monthly Holy Hour and Tea Time is scheduled every fourth Thursday of the month at Warren Chapel at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Next meeting: March 26. For more information, please call 713-741-8708.

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.

Rachel Retreat Saturday, March 14:

A private, confidential Rachel Retreat will be held for women who suffer after an abortion (English). The retreat will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 5:30 p.m. The retreat will be given by Fr. Paul G. Felix. For more information, please contact Dr. Marcella Colbert at 713-741-8728.





Parenting/Youth Events

Are you a 2nd – 8th grade student who would like to join our St. Martha's Youth Choir for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5th? If so, the time to join is now! Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 on March 19th & 26th, in the choir room of the church on Woodridge Parkway. Please contact barbtilson@comcast.net for more information.



MIDDLE SCHOOL
→ NEWS ←

FORGIVEN

EDGE SPRING RETREAT

March 21

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00

An awesome spiritual experience through a day of fun, fellowship, and prayer.

Spots are limited to the first FIFTY students to sign up!

Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com
(281) 358-1959 ext. 241

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



*Two scholarships will be awarded this year.
All college bound or currently enrolled students are eligible*

One in the amount of \$1,500.00 and another in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Applications are available at the Parish office or on line from Marty Krupp - martybk@gmail.com.

These documents must be delivered or postmarked by April 27, 2015



MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:

The Collegian Moms Prayer Group will be meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in the Family Life Center.

Questions?

E-mail Gloria Gamez at mornnglor@yahoo.com

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY

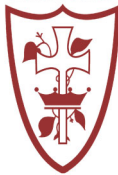
Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 5:30 PM (Life Teen)

Open every Sunday, with the exception of

Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.

Ages: 12 months old through age 4.

St. Martha
Catholic School



St. Martha School Scoops

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.





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

(RCIA)

Our Brothers and Sisters who have been studying and discerning their call to the Catholic Church celebrated the **"Rite of Sending"** at the 11 a.m. Mass on February 22nd, 2015 & the **"Rite of Election"** at a 3:00 pm ceremony on February 22nd, 2015 presided by Cardinal DiNardo, who declared them members of the Elect, chosen to be initiated into God's sacred mysteries at the Easter Vigil.

As a parish, we are called to help these individuals on their journey by praying for them and by living our faith as an example to them.

They are:

Shannon Alba, Audrey Bledsoe, Deven Brafford, Jennifer De Armas, Michael Douglass, Trisha Fahrenthold, Honor Leathers, Michelle Leathers, Nicholas Leathers, Daniel Leatherman, Erin Leatherwood, Alexander O'Toole, Michael O'Toole, Aaron Romasko, Jaydn Romasko, Samantha Romasko, Alex Thurman, & Patrick Thurman

Please put them in a prominent place and remember them in your daily prayer as they continue their journey toward the Easter Vigil.

St. Joseph Helpers are available to help parishioners who are in need of assistance with home repairs or building projects such as wheelchair ramps, etc. For more information contact Bill Beck, 281-360-7023.



You are cordially invited to Serra Club Northeast of Houston's Monthly Meeting

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

Membership is open to all Catholics.

Monsignor Borski, our Club's Chaplain, will open the meeting in prayer.

Please join us: Monday, March 23, 2015

6:30 pm Social

7:00 to 8:30 pm Dinner and Program

Italiano's Restaurant

217 FM 1960 at Bypass Road East in Humble, Texas

The cost for dinner is \$15.00 per person

Larry Massey, Governor of Serra Club District 10, will speak about: The Coming Golden Age of Serra.

RSVP: Diddy Muck

muck@kingwoodcable.net

281-615-2015

SAVE THE DATE



20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Honoring Rev. Msgr. Chester L. Borski, S.T.L.
Benefiting St. Martha Catholic School

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Yellow Rose • New Caney, Texas

For sponsorship or more information contact:
Natalie Cespedes • 713.534.1257 • natalie@occasioproductions.com





CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **AREVALO 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.



STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE Fruits of Your Labor...

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is personal time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, located in the back of the church. Adorers commit to one hour each week to spend time in the presence of Christ, strengthening their personal relationship with Him. In the month of February, we had 1,194 hours logged with our regular committed adorers. In addition to this, we had 468 visitors! Our visitors pray for varying amounts of time, so it is impossible for us to give an exact number of hours devoted by them. However, their presence is still a huge statement to the power of prayer and the devotion of our parish to this ministry. We are also so proud of the children who come to pray on Tuesday mornings during their weekly adoration hour! All involved in Eucharistic Adoration bring blessings to the entire parish through their devotion and prayer. Your family is encouraged to attend together at any time.



Please join us for ARISE, an evening of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the second Tuesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass. The evening closes with praise and worship music. Mark your calendar for our next ARISE on
March 10th.



Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

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.

OPEN HOUR: FIRST AND SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED ON MONDAY 2-3AM!

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, Noon-1 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM

Monday: 1-2 AM, 8-9 PM, 5-6 PM, 11 PM-Midnight

Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM

Thursday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 PM

Friday: 1-2 AM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM

Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 2-3 PM, 9-10 PM

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.



Ministerio Hispano

Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

Las lecturas bíblicas para el 3er domingo de Cuaresma nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra relación con Dios en términos de un pacto. La primera lectura, tomada del libro del Éxodo habla de los Diez Mandamientos que eran la forma de mantener su relación de pacto con Dios de Israel. La lectura de la primera carta a los Corintios y la lectura del Evangelio de Juan proclaman que a través de la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo hemos entrado en una nueva relación con Dios a través de un nuevo pacto. En este pacto se está alterando la relación entre Dios y su pueblo. Adoración y sacrificios en el Templo, en todos sus detalles y rituales externos, así como la Ley y sus muchas recetas no trabajarían más. La novedad del cristianismo era mucho más que los cambios en los edificios, ceremonias y reglamentos. Para seguir a Jesús como discípulos fieles se requiere un cambio completo de corazón. Una nueva actitud, un nuevo espíritu, y toda una nueva forma de relacionarse con Dios estaban siendo inauguradas por el ministerio, misión y la vida de Jesús. En otra parte del Evangelio Jesús dice a la gente que la adoración a Dios a partir de ahora en adelante debe ser en espíritu y en verdad. El verdadero templo ahora es Cristo mismo, literalmente, su propio cuerpo, y todos los que entran en una relación con Dios a través del Bautismo. Unida a Cristo la Cabeza, los bautizados se convierten en el Cuerpo místico de Cristo en el mundo. En este nuevo pacto en que Dios es honrado en especial por aquellos que han abrazado y vivido por los valores del Reino anunciado por Jesús. La ruptura de la alianza, el acto que llamamos pecado, sólo puede ser contrarrestada por el arrepentimiento y la reconciliación que exige metanoia, es decir, el cambio radical de corazón.

Este enfoque en la relación de alianza entre Dios y su pueblo es el foco central de toda la Biblia. La llamada a la conversión se repetirá una y otra vez en todo el Nuevo Testamento. Es la base para el enfoque conjunto de la Iglesia para este tiempo de Cuaresma como un tiempo de renovar el pacto y por lo tanto nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás. La enseñanza de Jesús es muy clara: no es lo que sucede en el exterior de una persona que hace la santidad del pacto. Es más bien lo que sucede en el corazón de los hombres y mujeres que desean seguir los pasos de Jesús. Probablemente no hay mejor imagen de Cuaresma en el que basar nuestras prácticas penitenciales para esta temporada santa que la que encontramos en el relato evangélico de hoy: la limpieza del templo. Esta imagen habla tanto a toda la Iglesia (y especialmente para nosotros como familia parroquial) y para nosotros como discípulos. El propósito de la oración de Cuaresma, el ayuno y las obras de caridad es limpiar las personas de todo lo que está vacío de espíritu y vida. Una vez que nos hemos limpiado a nosotros mismos de todo lo que está muerto, inútil y pecaminoso, de hecho vamos a convertirnos en un lugar de habitación apropiado para el Espíritu Santo que nos ha sellado el pacto dentro de nuestros corazones.

Padre Chester Borski



Ministerio Sagrada Familia Iglesia Sta. Marta, Kingwood, Texas.

Con inmensa alegría queremos presentar un ministerio que nace inspirado en la sagrada familia de Nazaret. Dirigido a las familias de nuestra parroquia que desean encontrar una iglesia que les dé soluciones, que les oriente con sus necesidades y les proporcione un lugar que les permita acojerse, les eduque y les proteja.

Eso es en esencia lo que buscamos edificar en este nuevo ministerio. Estamos hablando de participar en una Iglesia que dé una respuesta viva y clara a las comunidades, que ayude a compensar sus necesidades, a sanar sus enfermedades, brindando no solo apoyo espiritual y emocional, sino un seguimiento constante a su situación.

En el MSF, queremos ofrecerles soluciones concretas, es decir, generar las respuestas a las problemáticas implementando actividades, programas, seminarios, talleres y retiros que serán impartidos de manera conjunta con otros ministerios de la parroquia y se llevarían a cabo durante todo el año.

El programa incluye:

- *Preparación prematrimonial. Enriquecimiento y fortalecimiento a parejas constituidas. Planificación familiar natural para parejas católicas. Disciplina positiva para padres e hijos.*
- *Formación en nuestra fe católica. Crecimiento y desarrollo espiritual. Incentivo y formación de nuevos liderazgos en la comunidad.*
- *Ayuda psicológica y emocional. Oportunidades de integración entre padres e hijos. Reducción de brechas generacionales.*
- *Acérquense, pregunten o participen y sean testigos de cómo juntos construiremos ese camino, sea Ud. también puente entre la Iglesia y las familias, irradiando de esa manera la alegría de ser católicos comprometidos.*

Las reuniones tendrán lugar todos los lunes, a las 7 pm, en la pequeña Capilla del Colegio Sta. Marta.

Para cualquier información Favor comuníquese con Janett o Rubén Manosalva al 281-706-5068 o al correo electrónico: matrimonios@stmartha.co



Ministerio Hispano

3° Domingo de Cuaresma Reflexión sobre las lecturas:

La primera lectura nos relata el pasaje cuando Dios le dio los diez mandamientos a Moisés en el monte Sinaí:

- 1) Amarás a Dios sobre todas las cosas
- 2) No tomarás el nombre de Dios en vano
- 3) Santificarás las fiestas
- 4) Honrarás a tu padre y a tu madre
- 5) No matarás
- 6) No cometerás actos impuros
- 7) No robarás
- 8) No dirás falso testimonio ni mentirás
- 9) No consentirás pensamientos ni deseos impuros
- 10) No codiciarás los bienes ajenos

Es importante recordar estos mandamientos para asegurarnos de cumplirlos y para que, cada vez que vayamos a Confesión, podamos hacer un buen examen de conciencia sobre como los hemos obedecido.

Compromiso de la semana: Memorizaré de nuevo estos diez mandamientos y meditaré sobre aquellos en los que tengo que trabajar más para cumplirlos.

Recibimos sus comentarios a esta columna o al contenido en español de este boletín en el correo electrónico: boletin@stmartha.co



Proyecto Gabriel—

¿Está embarazada? ¿Necesita ayuda durante su embarazo? No importa su edad! Para más información favor de llamar a 713-225-5826.

Ministerio Legión de María:

Están cordialmente invitados todos los viernes a las 7:00 PM en el salón 2 de las instalaciones de Woodland Hills Dr. Mayores informes con la Sra. Veronica Reyes (281.728.9843) o por email: legiondemaria@stmartha.co



RETIRO ACTS de Mujeres en español 30 de abril al 3 de mayo del 2015

Inscripciones para el retiro ACTS de mujeres en español se llevaran a cabo el día 1ero de marzo después de la misa.

El retiro de ACTS es un retiro de tres días y tres noches que se enfoca en Adoración, Teología, Comunidad y Servicio y es preparado por los parroquianos de la Iglesia Santa Martha. El cupo es limitado y la inscripción se llevara a cabo en orden de llegada con un depósito de \$50.00 (cheque o efectivo).

EL costo del retiro es de \$190.00 pero si por algún motivo este monto le fuese difícil, podría aplicar por ayuda financiera. Por favor póngase en oración y considere asistir a este retiro tan especial. Si tiene alguna pregunta puede contactar a la directora Carolina Castillo al 281-684-3422 o por email carolina127@hotmail.com.

Monaguillos:

Si su niño/a está interesado a servir de Monaguillo, Favor de llamar al Sr. Pastora al 832-514-5741 o por email al: monaguillos@stmartha.co.

Cáliz de Vocaciones:

Está interesado de tener el Cáliz de Vocaciones en su hogar, Para más información favor de llamar al Sr. Tony Lasalle al 646-489-1554 o por e-mail al: comitecalizdevocaciones@stmartha.co.

"El soportó el castigo que
no trajo la paz y por sus
llagas hemos sido sanados"

(Isaías 53, 5)

Noche de Adoración
y Alabanza

Martes 24 de Marzo 7:00 p.m.
Parroquia Sta. Martha
Kingwood, Texas



RICA:

No estás bautizado, no haz hecho tu primera comunión o no está confirmado!!!! Piensas que como no lo hiciste de niño es muy difícil recibirlos como adulto? Conoces a alguien que no tiene todos sus sacramentos? No es difícil. Nosotros te ayudamos en el proceso. Pero tu tienes que dar el primer paso. Comunícate con Jaime Gomez 281-973-1857 o escribe a sacramentos@stmartha.co hoy mismo!!!!



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GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget	\$	74,433
Sunday Collection	\$	56,406
Over/(Under)	\$	(18,027)

Year To Date:

Weekly Budget	\$	2,605,155
Sunday Collection	\$	2,575,507
Over/(Under)	\$	(29,648)

Special collections:

Capital Campaign	\$	29,351
Martha's Kitchen	\$	5,396
2015 DSF Goal	\$	295,000
DSF Payments to Date	\$	64,135

Current Loan Debt: \$ 14,086,411

Recap for January 2015

Contributions to reduce the debt:	\$	80,542
Payments to reduce the debt:	\$	137,734
Over/(short)	\$	(57,192)