



May 1, 2016

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): 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 & 1:00 Spanish Mass

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 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.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Whoever loves me
will keep my word,
and my Father
will love them,
and we will come
to them and make our
dwelling with them.*

John 14:23



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter; Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday: St. Athanasius
- Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James
- Thursday: National Day of Prayer
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY—

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In formal documents, presentations, and homilies outlining the purpose of this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis explains that compassion and understanding for those in difficult situations is not only our individual responsibility, but something the whole Church officially needs to manifest. Today's Acts of the Apostles reading presents a moving example of the early church doing precisely that. Prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit assures the assembly that they have not acted alone in discerning the correct resolution: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." And they have chosen the compassionate response: "not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). Yet how daringly creative—the Jewish majority sets aside lifelong rituals that establish spiritual identity and express covenant fidelity. How radically trustful—the church affirms universally valid principles while respecting uniquely local and personal situations. Exactly the grace Pope Francis prays this Jubilee Year will renew in today's Church!

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon./May 2
8:30 am †Mary Hendry | Fri./May 6
8:30 am †Earl Keeling |
| Tues./May 3
8:30 am †Warren Kerrigan
7:00 pm †Kenneth Joseph Guidry | Sat./May 7
8:30 am Pro-Life Mass
5:30 pm †Gregorio Gonzalez-Mariscal |
| Wed./May 4
8:30 am †Pat Reid
10:00 am †Pat O'Brien | Sun./May 8
7:00 am †Theresa Louise Moore
9:00 am †Mima Bella
11:00 am †Maria Arceneaux
1:00 pm †Lorna Gutkowski
5:30 pm †Julia Maria Lago |
| Thurs./May 5
6:30 am †Mary Buckalo
8:30 am †Mary Blotkamp | |

Please note: During the school year, the 8:30 a.m. School Mass takes place in the Activity Center at the Faith Formation campus. **NEXT SCHOOL MASS: WED., MAY 4**

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

- Capt. Ralph Bartels
- Frances DiPrima (*mother of Elaine Higgins, grandmother of Paul and John Higgins, great grandmother of Paul Hunter Higgins*)
- Susan Saladino (*wife of John Saladino*)
- Vicki Brennan
- Richard Mogab
- Renata Macias (*sister of Patricia Martinez*)
- Marilyn Lipinski (*mother of Beverly Rose*)
- George Craniotis

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers: Marcela Perez, Wiley Long, Fabiola Galban Guitierrez, Richard E. Schnur, Shawn Leathers, Lis Kinne, Maria B. Rojas de Ramirez, Sasita G. de Russi, Larry Hattersley, David Wood, Jason Haydel, Amy Picard, Guy Weismantel, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Robyn Laumbach, Bill Barineau, Mike Beishir, Karen Cox, Adam Greco, Tess Kelley, Marie Burk, John H. Hensley and John H. Hensley Jr., Sandra Theis, Norma Ross, Jean Lake, Jim Black, Katie Cowan, Catherine Sedlak, Caroline Esposito, Julia Volkerts, Margie Vega, Victoria Ramirez, Marlena Neathery, John King, Janie & Robert Alvarado, Michael Symon, Tiare Tamura, Liz Donohue, Joseph Sullivan, Michael Sullivan, Sharon Laine, Hertz Family, Elizabeth Dean, Gabriella Schlereth, Jane Hemberger, Mary Lohman Moon, Phyllis Holley, Lucille Burke, Tina Wooten, Don and Angie Chesnut, Humberto Garcia, Penny Gaido, Minerva Haney, Becky Kelly, Stephanie Barineau, Juanita Solis, Lauri Baumeier Kay, Veronica (Ronny) Villamor, Wanda Bacoro, Waldon Landry, Susan Thom, Tiffany Bedran, Grant McTaggart, Patrick Giordano, Millie Smaardyk, Myriam Varela, Rita Landvogt Corbell, Tom Aloisio, Joe Aloisio, Carmen Aloisio, Jaxson Prye, Linda Arnold, Randy Schulze, Santiago Morales, Maryann Kupstas, Peggy Cole, Anji Ray, Nora Alonzo, Maria Saenz, Rebecca Martin, Jana Francis, Catherine Casey, Mary Chovan, Lisa Warner, Jean Tomba, Rick Frantz, Rita Hansen, Helmut Zehrer, Dan Kite, Catherine Sedlak, Melinda Moore, Efrain Cubillos Sarmiento, Eduardo Russy, Edulfo Rodriguez, Mariano Torres, Gladys Forero, Victor P. Carvajal, Lucy de Carvajal, Orlando Moreno, Dung Van Chu, Carol Villella, Elena Childre, Lucy Richardson, Joan Ardoin



Please **pray** for our **active military** as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved one call: Jodi at 281-358-6637 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com



The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the chapel at the Faith Formation Campus every Sunday at 3 pm for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. Everyone welcome!



From the Pastor

To the parish family of St. Martha,

The Gospel text for the 6th Sunday of Easter is taken from what is called the “Farewell Discourse” of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus takes the opportunity to speak personally and with great concern to the apostles in order to strengthen them for the coming trials they would soon have to face. In this lengthy section of John’s Gospel Jesus speaks of his own divinity, of the mystery of the Trinity, and especially about the “Advocate” or Holy Spirit whom he would send as their guide and protector. The apostles were probably beginning to realize that when Jesus said that he would soon be taking leave of them, this meant that there would be some very difficult times ahead for them. They would come to understand that as they were heirs of the message of Jesus, they would also become heirs of his mission and of his fate as well. And that fate would include suffering, rejection, persecution, and even death for proclaiming the “Good News” of God’s love. Thus, it must have sounded somewhat mysterious as Jesus spoke of his farewell gift to them: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” What did this gift of peace mean for the early Church? What does it mean for each of us today?

For the followers of Jesus peace would not be that contentment and sense of well-being that come when human needs are satisfied. As Jesus continued to speak to the apostles, it became obvious that he was asking them to believe that this peace might have very little to do with comfort, satisfaction, and success. Christ’s gift of peace to his Church was not a promise of smooth sailing or of freedom from conflict and persecution. Rather it was a promise that, despite all the difficulties and opposition they would face, the disciples and apostles would enjoy a sense of rightness and integrity about their lives and commitment. Christ’s gift of peace was and still is a promise that all of us are in the process of bringing about something very new: the inbreaking of God’s Kingdom here on earth. The second reading from the Book of Revelation describes this as the birth of the “holy city Jerusalem.” It is the Church, the “new Jerusalem,” being formed as the gift of God’s peace in the person of the Holy Spirit equips us for the mission that the Lord bestows upon us. Like the early disciples, we are strengthened for mission by the Spirit of Jesus, the source of strength and peace that will last forever.

Fr. Chester Borski



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: *The Celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the dioceses of Texas including the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Mass on Thursday, May 5, will be celebrated as Thursday in the Sixth Week of Easter. The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated at all Masses on the weekend of May 7/8.*

**Nuevo Aliento te invita:
Night of Worship / Noche de Adoracion**

**Adoracion
Passion
Spirit**

**Friday - May 13, 2016
St. Martha's Activity Center
7:00 pm**

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



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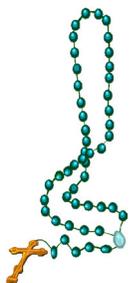


Pro-Life Mass and Rosary:

*Every 1st Saturday
at 8:30 a.m. Please
join us **Saturday, May 7.***

Rosary after Daily Mass-

*A group of parishioners gather
after the 8:30 a.m. daily
Mass, when able, to
pray the rosary. All are
welcome to join them in
the back of the church in
front of the Mary statue
to pray the rosary
to honor
our Blessed Mother.*





Adult Organizations and Opportunities

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, 713-435-9215, or develle@comcast.net.

Martha's Kitchen News

Thank you so much for your continued financial support to Martha's Kitchen which allows us to feed those in need of a hot meal each week day.

As Sister Mary Benitia Vermeersch, C.D.P. (founder of Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence) said, "Love God's poor and help them all you can, and God will repay you." Martha's Kitchen would like to wish all the mothers of St. Martha Church a blessed Mother's Day. We also pause to remember those in the military who served and protected our country. May God bless you!

(Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed from Memorial Day, May 30 until reopening on Monday, June 13 due to the holiday and meetings in San Antonio).



Young at Heart Luncheon - Mother's Day Celebration

Come celebrate a very important holiday for all of us - Mother's Day! Let's honor all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers or those who are like a Mother to us. Come join us on Wednesday, May 11 at St. Martha's Family Life Center for our Mother'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! If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713 594-4430.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING DONATIONS TO MARTHA'S KITCHEN: *When making out your checks to Martha's Kitchen it is important to make your checks payable to ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PLEASE INDICATE IN THE MEMO LINE THAT THE CHECK IS FOR MARTHA'S KITCHEN. The bank will not honor checks made payable to a ministry of St. Martha's.*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday Morning: *Breakfast & Bible Study*, 9:15-10:30 am Faith Formation Campus, Room 2. Reading, studying & sharing on the Sunday Scriptures led by Carla Lewton. All are welcome. May Dates: 3, 10, 17, & 24

St. Martha Adult Faith Formation Website:

www.stmarthaaff.com

Recordings of previous adult classes, handouts, PowerPoints, 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.

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Click the **Facebook** icon on the website home page and join.

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

Don't suffer in solitude. Within our Catholic community there are many with troubled children of **all ages**. Problems like addiction, criminality, mental illness, etc. Find support, strength and encouragement in a confidential environment. And, in the example of St. Monica, you can pray for your child and find peace. The next meeting will be Monday, May 2, 7:30-9:00 pm in Room 1 (Library), Woodland Hills Campus. Questions? Call Paul and Marcia Aegerter at 281-812-1288, e-mail marciaaeg@aol.com or Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.



ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT ST. MARTHA

Did you know that you have a "Second Family" just waiting for the opportunity to share an hour or two visiting in your home, to help with simple errands, deliver a meal or to offer a ride to an appointment? If you didn't, that's no surprise to us! For eleven years the Second Family Ministry has been one of the best kept secrets in our parish. And now we are spreading the word about what a great ministry this is! You might consider discovering the joy of letting someone into your life by offering to help out just a little bit. Or, you might like to join the Second Family Care Team and reach out to another member of the congregation who would benefit from your "bite sized commitment". As always, the blessings flow both ways, and we learn that through simple tasks relationships are built and lives are changed. Please help spread the word. We are asking that you be the eyes and ears and perhaps even the hands and feet of this wonderful ministry. Tell your friends, be alert to special needs and phone if you know someone that would benefit from having a Second Family, or if you would like to have a Care Team. And, finally, prayerfully consider joining this ministry and see what a difference a few hours a month can mean to someone who is home alone, can no longer drive, is caring for a loved one or is isolated and a bit lonely. To learn more about the vision and the work of your Second Family Care Team at St. Martha, phone Martha Busch 281-728-7159 or e-mail stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.



Adult Opportunities

ATTENTION SINGLES!!!

Check us out! Join **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40+**, on Wed., May 4, to talk/eat/drink at 7:00 p.m. at Uberrito Mexican Grill (formerly Mission Burrito), 7025 FM 1960 East in Atascocita. On Sat., May 7, join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martha's; meal afterwards at Oriental Gardens, 1528 Kingwood Drive in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex at 5:15 p.m. For more info, contact Elizabeth Schields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com) or Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or subscribe to us on Flocknote at St. Martha's website.

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.

Vocations Corner



Mark Your Calendars!

Transitional Diaconate

Ordination of

Michael Applegate

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

10:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend this beautiful and joyful ordination ceremony.

Dcn. Michael will celebrate his first Masses

Sunday, May 15, 2016

11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

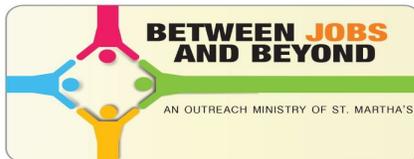
Please join us for a reception in his honor immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass

in the Family Life Center

(3702 Woodland Hills Dr.)

Out of Work, or Just Wishing for a Change?

We can help!



Saturday Workshop

St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond
Second Saturday of the Month
Starting at 9am and ending by Noon
Room 2 on the Woodland Hills Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive

Next Session: May 14

If you or someone you know is unemployed, or unhappy with their current job and would just love to start a new career, we can HELP. St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond will be holding workshops on the second Saturday of each month. Come see us to update your skills at resume writing, networking and interviewing!!

Parenting/Youth

Annual Operation Paintbrush

May 13th and 14th, 2016

SHINE Catholic Work Camp

St. Martha's youth will be participating in Shine Catholic Work Camp this summer in Lake Charles, LA, June 20th – 25th. The high school students will be assisting in cleaning, painting, rebuilding, and helping those in need. We are excited to be serving the needy and elderly as representatives of St. Martha Parish. Opportunities to support the youth are by donating to Operation Paintbrush, the weekend of May 13th and 14th. Donation boxes will be set up in the narthex for your donation, as well as representatives at each exit to assist in collecting donation items.

Ways to donate....

- Supplies, such as paint brushes, rollers, work gloves, painters tape, scrapers, spackle, safety goggles, gardening tools, trash bags, etc.
- Gift cards to Home Depot or Lowe's
- Monetary Donations
- Full or partial scholarship (total cost of trip is 375.00)

The supplies and funds collected assist us in giving scholarships, purchasing supplies, and in transportation cost. Thank you for supporting St. Martha's youth in serving those in need.

Advertising Opportunity:

We are in the process of updating our annual Ministry Handbook for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to every registered family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Jodi at the parish office, 281-358-6637, ext. 201 or e-mail jodis@stmartha.com.



St. Martha Rosary Guild

Reception & Workshop coming in June!

Urgent! We need help making rosaries. Please come by and help us every Wednesday from 11am- 2:30pm, at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 2 and bring your lunch or join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month, Woodland Hills Campus, room 2 from 1-3pm. See you there! For more info contact Janice Cravens 832-713-0556, jlrcrp@yahoo.com or Gilda Womack at 281-989-4241, gawomack@hotmail.com.
Website: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.org
Storefront: www.MarianiteRosaryGuild.etsy.com



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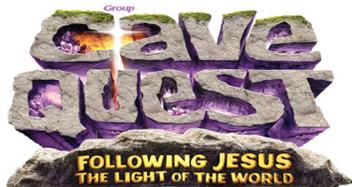
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 13-17

Grab your gear, and get ready to shine with the light of Christ at "Cave Quest" VBS this June 13-17 from 12:45 - 4:00 pm! Our Christ-filled quest is limited to 250 students entering K thru 5th grade and costs \$25 per student.

Calling all volunteers!! We need lots of cave guides to make this the coolest week of summer! Adults, college students, and students entering 8th through 12th grade are encouraged to volunteer. We offer a nursery (free) and preschool VBS (\$25) for children of volunteers.

VBS attendees and volunteers may sign up in the Faith Formation office at the Woodland Hills campus. The first 100 families to register will receive a CD of this year's VBS music. Please direct questions to Patty at 281-358-1959 x203.



ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 1:00 PM

Open every Sunday, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMERTIME SOCIAL

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

Saturday, May 7

[6:00 – 9:00PM] in the FLC

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

\$8 if you pay at the door

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

June 13-17, 2016

[12:45 – 4:45 pm]

A service experience for students entering 6th-8th [2017] grade filled with fellowship, faith, and fun!

Registration forms now available in the Faith Formation Office
Spots are limited to the **first FIFTY** students to sign up!

Lisa Hartsfield: lisal@stmartha.com

Over 20 Years of Educating Students
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Fully accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department

St. Martha Catholic School

St. Martha Catholic School
Open House
for prospective students and families
Thursday, May 26, 2016
5 to 7 p.m.

2411 Oak Shores Drive
Kingwood, Texas 77339

We are growing! Due to the high demand for enrollment, we may be opening an additional Kindergarten class. Please call the school office as limited spaces are available!

For more information, please contact Jodie Richter at richterj@stmarthacs.org | 281-358-5523
Visit our website at www.stmarthacs.org.

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Second adorers are needed for the following hours:

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM. Monday: 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM, 10-11 PM, 11 PM-Midnight. Tuesday: 2-3 AM. Wednesday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM. Friday: 1-2 AM, 6-7 PM, 10-11 PM. Saturday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, Noon-1 PM, 7-8 PM, 8-9 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.



March of Remembrance
Isaiah 62:1

Taking the lessons of the Holocaust to... break the silence of fear, pain, and shame in the face of prejudice and indifference.

HONOR EDUCATE REMEMBER ENGAGE

KINGWOOD SAT. MAY 7th

Opening Ceremony and Walk

Location
Christ the King Lutheran Church
3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood, TX 77339



Order of the Day
1:00pm - 2:00pm Arrival, Special Music, & Registration
2:00pm - 3:00 pm Holocaust Remembrance Service
3:15 pm - 4:30pm The March
4:30pm - 5:00pm Music and Closing Ceremony

Keynote Speakers
Riki Roussos: Teen Holocaust survivor
Dr. Franziska Eckert: Nazi Descendant

Shuttles will be provided to and from King's Harbor between 3:00 and 7:30



DON'T STAND BY
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS PARTICIPATE TOO

FREE REGISTRATION ONLINE
MarchofRemembranceHouston.org
Call Us At: 281.360.7936

Save the Date!!!

**St Martha Parish Festival
Saturday, October 8, 2016**

**Festival Committee Volunteers
needed to help plan for St. Martha's
Catholic Church Parish Festival and
Fall Market on Saturday,**

October 8th from Noon to 8 pm!

**If interested in helping as a Festival
Committee Volunteer please contact
Tom Gallagher at 281-948-9241 or
smparishfestival@gmail.com**

**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: smarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Martha Conference
Black Bag Collection - May 14 and 15
First Quarter Report – 2016**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Black Bag Collection for the poor and needy in our area will be held at all Masses on the weekend of May 14th and 15th. The collection will allow the conference to continue to provide rental, utility, medical, and food assistance throughout the upcoming months.

During the first three months of this year, through your gifts, St. Martha Conference brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 570 families/individuals with rental assistance in the amount of \$9,809.96; utility payments in the amount of \$8,724.23; emergency food, furniture, automobile repair/transportation assistance, and medical assistance totaled \$3,030.00. In addition, clothing, and other non-financial services were provided for 44 people during this quarter.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." **By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also say to those who are poor: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."**

*"How can I become a little poorer, to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?"
....Pope Francis*

"A Historical View of Guadalupan faith, Origin, Development and Expansion"



Dr. Ana Rita Valero de Garcia Lascurain

Dr. Valero is one of the top world scholars on the Virgin of Guadalupe, receiving her bachelor and master's degree in ethnic history from the National School of Anthropology and History in Mexico and her doctorate in anthropology from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. She has written and lectured internationally on St. Juan Diego, the apparition of our Lady of Guadalupe, the pilgrimages to the basilica, the evolution of the devotion, the history of the churches housing the image, Zumarraga, the bishop at the time of the apparition, the codices that narrate the apparition, and the historic significance of the Virgin of the Mexican Identity.

Unique Opportunity

*the Houston
Museum of
natural science*



HMNS
5555 Herman Park Dr
Houston, TX 77030

St. Martha's Catholic Church
4301 Woodridge Parkway
Porter, TX 77365

Tuesday May 10, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday May 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.

St. Martha's Knights of Columbus

TAMALE FIESTA



**After 5:30 Mass on May 14th
and after the 7-9-11 AM Masses
on Sunday May 15th.**

**\$12.00/Dozen 4 flavors:
Pork, Beef, Chicken, & Jalapeño Cheese**
First Come First Served No Reservations



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:15 am Little Rock, FLC 7:30 pm Monica's Hope, Rm 1	3 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7 pm Catholics Returning Home	4 8:30 am School Mass (May Crowning) 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	5 6:15 pm RCIA Women's (Spanish) ACTS Retreat Begins →	6 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2	7 8:30 am Pro-life Mass 6-9 pm EDGE Social, FLC
8 The Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day 11 am Women's ACTS Return 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	9 9:15 am Little Rock, FLC	10 8:30 am Communion Service, Church 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7 pm May Crowning Holy Hour for Vocations following the 7 pm service 7 pm Catholics Returning Home	11 10 am Communion Service, Church 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 11 am Seniors Luncheon 7 pm Presentation on <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> , Church	12 6:30 am Communion Service, Church 6:15 pm RCIA	13 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 Holy Hour for Vocations following the 8:30 am Mass 7 pm Night of Worship, Activity Center	14 8 am—Noon St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond Workshop, FLC SVdP Black Bag Operation Paint Brush KofC Tamale Sale
15 Pentecost Reception for Dcn. Michael Applegate following the 11 am Mass in the FLC 1 pm Rosary Guild, Rm 2 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy SVdP Black Bag Operation Paint Brush KofC Tamale Sale	16 7 pm Mom's Prayer Group, Rm 1	17 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study	18 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	19 6:15 pm RCIA	20 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2	21
22 The Most Holy Trinity 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	23 11 am—12:30 pm SVdP, Rm 1 6:30-8 pm EDGE Night, FLC	24 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study	25 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 11 am Seniors Luncheon	26 5-7 pm SMCS Open House 6:15 pm RCIA	27 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 7 pm SMCS 8th Grade Graduation, Church	28 St. John of the Cross Food Drive
29 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) St. John of the Cross Food Drive 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	30 Memorial Day Parish Office closed	31 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study	<p>A Stewardship Prayer for May: Heavenly Father, Your Son ascended in great triumph to sit at your right hand. You sent your Spirit to watch over us, guide us and teach us to be better stewards of your abundant gifts. May this Spirit of wisdom make us better stewards of our planet. May your Spirit increase our awareness of the dignity of every human life, and show us the way to be better stewards of our neighbor. And through your Spirit, may we be inspired every day to live in accordance with the Gospel, and to give witness to our risen Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.</p>			



Counting Our
BLESSINGS

SAINT MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF KINGWOOD

Campaign Newsletter

Volume 17

April 30-May 1, 2016

**Over \$5,000,000 Pledged
from 800 Households!!!**

We need 100% participation for us to reach our goal!!!

If you have not yet responded to the **Counting Our Blessings** Campaign - We need your help! We need the remaining households to participate. Some of those who have yet to respond include approximately 309 families that have attended a reception and are still considering their pledge. Others were unable to attend a reception, but have had the opportunity to receive the campaign information from a Campaign Volunteer. Please be sure to respond as soon as you are able so that we may continue the momentum of the **Counting Our Blessings** Campaign has already achieved!

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE
YOUR COMMITMENT!**

If you missed Commitment Weekend, it's not too late! Please complete a pledge envelope and return it either in the collection basket today, or mail it to the parish this week. We're off to a great start, but there are many families who have yet to respond. Just think of all we can accomplish when every family participates!

While we are asking every family to consider making a pledge of \$4,000 or more, payable over the next three years, we realize that each family has different circumstances. Pledges of all amounts are welcomed, appreciated and needed. If you have been financially blessed, please consider giving more than \$4,000. We need gifts of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 and more in order to reach our goal!

The sooner we receive everyone's commitment to this project, the more successful our campaign will be!

Remember, not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

**If you have any questions, please contact the campaign office at 281-358-6637
or at campaign@stmartha.com**



Campaña Contando
NUESTRAS BENDICIONES

SAINT MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
OF KINGWOOD

Noticias de la Campaña

Volumen 17

Abril 30-Mayo 1, 2016

**Hay un compromiso de más de \$5,000,000
de tan solo 800 Hogares!!!**

Si usted no ha respondido a la Campaña Contando Nuestras Bendiciones – Necesitamos su ayuda! Nos hace falta la participación de los hogares que un no han respondido. Algunos de los que estan pendientes por responder constituyen alrededor de 309 familias las cuales asistieron a una recepcion pero aun estan considerando su compromiso. Algunas otras no pudieron asistir a una recepcion, pero recibieron todo el material correspondiente a traves de un Voluntario de la Campaña. Les pedimos se aseguren de responder tan pronto como sea posible para continuar con lo logrado hasta ahora de la Campaña!

NO ES TARDE PARA REALIZAR SU COMPROMISO!

Si usted no pudo hacer su compromiso durante el fin de semana dedicado a ello, no es demasiado tarde! Le pedimos llene el sobre del compromiso y lo regrese en la colecta hoy, o lo envíe por correo a la parroquia esta semana. Hemos tenido un buen inicio, pero aún hay muchas familias que no han respondido. Tan solo piense de todo lo que podríamos juntos lograr si todas las familias participaran!

Aunque estamos pidiendo a cada familia que considere hacer un compromiso de \$4,000 o más, a pagar durante los siguientes tres años, también sabemos que cada familia pasa por circunstancias diferentes. Los compromisos de cualquier cantidad son bienvenidos, apreciados y requeridos. Si usted ha sido bendecido en sus finanzas, le pedimos considere dar más de \$4,000. Necesitamos donaciones de \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000 y más para poder alcanzar nuestro objetivo!

El éxito rotundo de la Campaña depende de la rapidez en la respuesta al compromiso de todos!

Recuerde, no todos podemos dar el mismo monto en el compromiso, pero todos podemos realizar el mismo sacrificio.

Si tienes preguntas, favor de llamar a la oficina de Campaña al 281-358-6637O escribir a campaign@stmartha.com



Para la familia de la parroquia de Santa Marta,

El texto del Evangelio para el 6to domingo de Pascua se toma de lo que se llama el "discurso de despedida" de Jesús en la última cena. Jesús toma la oportunidad de hablar, personalmente y con gran preocupación, a los apóstoles con el fin de fortalecerlos para los próximos ensayos a los que pronto tendrían que hacer frente. En esta larga sección del Evangelio de Juan Jesús habla de su propia divinidad, del misterio de la Trinidad, y en especial sobre el "Abogado" o Espíritu Santo, el cual iba a enviar como su guía y protector. Los apóstoles probablemente empezando a darse cuenta de que cuando Jesús dijo que pronto se despediría de ellos, esto significaba que habría algunos momentos muy difíciles en el futuro para ellos. Vendrían a entender que a medida que eran herederos del mensaje de Jesús, sino que también se convertirían en herederos de su misión y de su destino también. Y que el destino incluiría el sufrimiento, el rechazo, la persecución, e incluso la muerte por proclamar la "buena nueva" del amor de Dios. Por lo tanto, debió haber sonado un tanto misterioso como Jesús les habló de su regalo de despedida: "La paz os dejo, mi paz os doy. No como el mundo la da, yo la daré". ¿Qué significado tuvo este regalo de paz para la Iglesia primitiva? ¿Qué significa para cada uno de nosotros hoy en día?

Para los seguidores de Jesús, la paz no sería que la satisfacción y la sensación de bienestar que vienen cuando las necesidades humanas se satisfacen. Como Jesús continuó hablando a los apóstoles, se hizo evidente que les estaba pidiendo que creer en esta paz podría tener muy poco que ver con la comodidad, la satisfacción y el éxito. El regalo de paz de Cristo a su Iglesia no fue una promesa de viento en popa o de ausencia de conflictos y persecución. Más bien se trataba de una promesa de que, a pesar de todas las dificultades y de la oposición a la que se enfrentarían, los discípulos y apóstoles disfrutarían de un sentido de rectitud e integridad en sus vidas y compromiso. El regalo de la paz de Cristo fue y sigue siendo una promesa de que todos estamos en el proceso de lograr algo nuevo: la irrupción del Reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. La segunda lectura del libro de Apocalipsis describe esto como el nacimiento de la "ciudad santa de Jerusalén". Es la Iglesia, la "nueva Jerusalén", que se forma como el don de la paz de Dios en la persona del Espíritu Santo, nos equipa para la misión que el Señor nos concede. Como los primeros discípulos, nos fortalece para la misión por el Espíritu de Jesús, la fuente de la fuerza y la paz que va a durar para siempre.



Padre Chester Borski

6º Domingo de Cuaresma Reflexión sobre el Jubileo de la Misericordia:

La quinta obra de misericordia corporal es: Visitar al enfermo. Visitar a la gente enferma nos ayuda a pensar primero en el prójimo y a olvidarnos, aunque sea por un rato, de nosotros mismos; nos hace más misericordiosos. Podemos visitar enfermos en los hospitales o a la gente enferma en sus casas. Mucha gente enferma se siente sola y como lo decía la Madre Teresa: "La mayor enfermedad hoy día no es la lepra ni la tuberculosis sino más bien el sentirse no querido, no cuidado y abandonado por todos. El mayor mal es la falta de amor y caridad, la terrible indiferencia hacia nuestro vecino que vive al lado de la calle, asaltado por la explotación, corrupción, pobreza y enfermedad." En esta época en la que estamos viviendo, tenemos a nuestro alrededor a mucha gente con enfermedades emocionales, como la depresión y la ansiedad. Ellos también necesitan de nuestra atención. Lo importante es estar atento a los demás para poder darnos cuenta de sus dolencias y enfermedades para así poder ayudarlos con nuestro tiempo y atención.

Compromiso de la semana: Visitaré a alguna persona que sé que está enferma y necesita de que alguien le dedique un tiempo.

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 e-mail: legiondemaria@stmartha.co

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MGN es Un grupo de apoyo formado por personas que han vivido cualquier tipo de abuso en algún momento de su vida y que están buscando sanación y perdón. Para mayor información llamar al teléfono 281-389-1210 o enviar un email a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com. Allí le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las reuniones y contestaremos sus preguntas.



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For the weekend of Apr. 23 & 24 your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Weekly Budget	\$	72,051
Sunday Collection	\$	42,720
Faith Direct-Offertory	\$	38,487
Over/(Under)	\$	9,156

Year To Date:

Weekly Budget	\$	3,098,193
Sunday Collection	\$	3,314,144
Over/(Under)	\$	215,951

Special collections:

Capital Campaign	\$	39,528
Martha's Kitchen	\$	4,548
Home Missions Collection	\$	4,670

2016 DSF Goal \$ 305,000

DSF Payments to Date \$ 169,942

Current Loan Debt:

\$ 12,245,338