

St. Martha Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of
Advent

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Dec. 24/Christmas Eve

Tues./Dec. 25/Christmas Day

Wed./Dec. 26

8:30 AM †Eugene & Catherine Goll
 †Mary Ann de Lopez
 †Frank Carroll

10 AM Sophia Puglia
 †Jude Miller
 †Fr. Emil Furlong

Thurs./Dec. 27

6:30 AM †Anna May Bissonette
 8:30 AM Thomas Jakubowski
 †Ralph Meeuwsen
 †Cliff Bissonette

Fri./Dec. 28

8:30 AM †Susan Saladino
 †Byron Bertrand
 †Weldon Dufrene

Sat./Dec. 29

5:30 PM †Pat & Kim Ford
 †Mary Carol Strathdee
 McGehee

Sun./Dec. 30

7 AM †Lucille Melancon
 †Joan Evans
 9 AM †Jeanee Fontenot
 11 AM †Della Dufrene Bellamore
 †Raymond Johnson
 †Ligia Escobar
 1 PM †Osvaldo Cedeño
 †Leopoldo Cedeño
 †Isaias Cedeño
 5:30 PM For the Parish

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome each and every one who has come to worship with us today. Whether you're a longtime parishioner, a newcomer, or just visiting, know that our desire is to extend God's loving presence to all.

If you would like to register, you can download the registration form from our website, www.stmartha.com, or find a copy in the narthex on the Welcome Kiosk.

Vision Statement: Baptized into Christ Jesus, we worship as one and reach out to all.

Message from our Pastor for the 4th Sunday of Advent



Dear Parish Family,

We enter the last week of Advent, but it is a short week! This fourth week only lasts for a day and half before we start celebrating Christmas. But this is an important week because it asks us the question once again: Are we ready for the coming of the Lord? There isn't much time between now and Christmas (and I didn't mean that to increase your anxiety because your house isn't ready for Christmas), but there is time for us to invite the Lord into our hearts. He wants us to be as spiritually ready for Christmas as we can be, and he will give us that gift. I would ask everyone to take a few minutes between now and Christmas Eve and ask God to make sure your heart is ready for the coming of the Savior.

God bless and Happy rest of your Advent!

Fr. TJ

Stewardship of Treasure

PLEASE NOTE: Contributions to St. Martha for 2018 must be received by Dec. 31 or postmarked by Dec. 31 to be included in your 2018 contributions.

**Current
Loan Debt:
\$ 8,490,187**



Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using **Faith Direct** for automated giving to St. Martha Catholic Church. It is secure, convenient, and there is no cost to you. **Faith Direct** will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. Sign up today by going to our website at www.stmartha.com and click on the "Give" tab located in the top right-hand corner or visit www.faithdirect.net - our parish code is **TX497**

CHRISTMAS GIVING

While making your Christmas list this year, please consider a special gift to St. Martha's debt reduction. At all Masses this *Christmas*, there will be a second collection to aid in the reduction of the principal owed on our beautiful new church. All gifts will be greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas

*Fr. TJ Dolce, Fr. Jonathan Moré,
and the entire St. Martha staff wish you the
Lord's light and life today, and throughout
the days of the year to come.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM (Spanish),
and Midnight

Dec. 25: 9 AM, 11 AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 31 (Vigil): 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM

PLEASE NOTE: *The Parish Office will be closed
Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.*

AN INVITATION

We welcome all who have come to join us in jubilant prayer and glorious song at this celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. If you are not already an active member of this community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn. Feel free to call on us if we may be of service to you in any way.

A Special Request from St. Martha Parish at this Special Time of Year

We appreciate that many parishioners and loved ones from other parishes will attend our Christmas Masses. Thank you for joining our celebration! To help everyone feel welcome, please follow these guidelines:

- ♦ *If you'd like your group to sit together, arrive early and together—particularly if your group is large.*
- ♦ *Do not save seats for those not yet arrived. Seats must be available to those who arrive the earliest.*
- ♦ *Sit as close together as possible, placing items on the floor and small children on your laps as able.*
- ♦ *Reserve all chairs in the rear center sections for the elderly and handicapped until the Mass begins.*
- ♦ *Assist the ushers as they strive to seat as many people as possible and provide for those with special needs.*

Merry Christmas to you and yours, and a very Happy New Year!

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

Joan Evans

Genevieve Marie Irwin (*mother of Beth Chapman*)

Jenny Alvarado Curet

Danielle Fiorini

*Please remember the sick and their
families in your prayers:*

Ella Mae Fontenot, Muriel Wyble, Leland Bourque, Pearl Guidry, Lee Bourque, Therese Oviyach, Debbie Lee, Rory Lindquist, Ernest Loera, Oscar Velasco, Lorrie Lamb, Tony De Ocampo, Anita Lacaze, Becke Ferris, Mary Silvers, Joseph Brass III, Jim & Grace McQuillan, Natalie Kapnick, Lynette Smith, Aaron Kipfmiller, Elena Childre, Lisa Ferguson, Gail Huff, Stephanie Pereira, Helmut Zehrer, Carole Zehrer, Casey Yarbrough, Augustine Rey F. Rivas, Edwin T. Fos, Dominic Villamor, Demetrio Villamor, Jr., Lorrie Lamb, Millie Smaardyck, Robyn Laumbach, Margo Young, Bruce Henderson, Susan Semary, Penny Gaido, Ian Hogg, Deacon John Schuster, Grant McTaggart, Martha Busch, Rick Frantz, Leroy DeReese, Steven Foster, Andrew Hernandez, Francois Tartamella, Peggy O'Brien, Eli T. Fos, Adonis Ysulan, Bill Burk, Margo Rushin, Jeanette Lobue, Marcella Clampitte, Barb Isom, Candace Gilman Hupp, Mary Ann Fernandez, Deb Hurlbert, Fannie Grande, Tim Reardon, Virginia Gaffney, Sr. Maria Elena Lopez, Randall Herr, Dickie Howard, Mike Badura, Gonzalo Moreno, Waldon Landry, Cathy Silk, India Geohegan, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Elizabeth Fisk, Joey Tortorice, Monte Slatton, Dane Russell, Erin Pergola, Megan Brissenden, Peter Bale, Catherine Casey, Steve Busch, Jessica & Chris Jones, Connie Sue Rodebaugh, John O'Neill, Jerry Denton, Deacon Alfredo Soto, Bob Hatcel, Juanita Allen, Patrick Hosay, Misty Abalos, Carmen Aloisio, Christine (Pradel) Doherty, Jonny Hegna, George Vosmik, Anne Schuelke, Margaret "Susie" McDermott, Javier Rosales, Tim McGraw, Harry Satterwhite, Andrew Hernandez

Communion to the Sick: *If you or a loved one are in Kingwood Hospital or are homebound and would like a Communion Minister to visit, call the church office at 281-358-6637 to let us know.*

Military Wreath: *Please pray for our active military as seen on the wreath in the Narthex. To add a loved contact Jodi at 281-358-6637, ext. 201, or jodis@stmartha.com.*

Director of Community Life: Francine Puglia, (281)358-6637 Ext. 200, franp@stmartha.com
 For a complete list of Community Life Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.



St. Martha MEN'S SPANISH ACTS Retreat January 17-20, 2019

Registration for the MS 9 Men Spanish ACTS Retreat will be in the Narthex on Sundays after the 1 PM Spanish Mass. The ACTS retreat is presented by St. Martha parishioners. It is a three day/ three night retreat that focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. Registration is limited. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration, and will be applied to the \$200 retreat total cost. Do not let the financial considerations prevent you from attending the retreat! Please prayerfully consider attending this transformational retreat!! If you have any questions, you can contact the retreat Director Luis Canas, 832- 267-9984 or e-mail clcanas1@outlook.com. Registration forms are available at the welcome kiosk in the Narthex or in the Parish Office.

Life AFTERLOSS

The Life after Loss support group will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019. The group meets in Room 6 of the Family Life Center from 7-9 PM. All who are experiencing the death of a loved one are welcome to join us. Please call Linda, 713-471-3543, or e-mail linda.sarman@suddenlink.net for more information and to sign up.



Family and friends of L.G.B.T. Catholics – Are invited to gather for prayer, discussion and fellowship. Our focus is on building bridges and staying close to the

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



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, **Jan. 7**, at 7:30 PM in Room 1 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have 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.

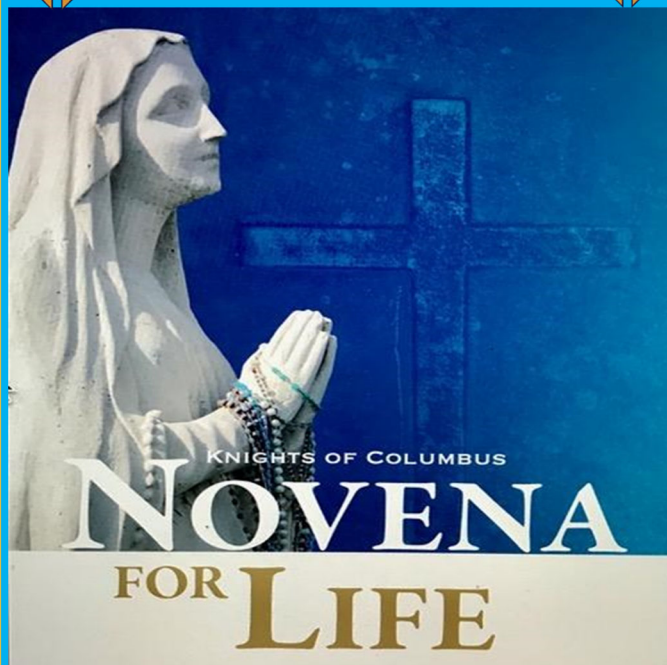
Merry Christmas - Young at Heart-ers !

We would like to wish all of our Young at Heart friends a very Merry Christmas and all God's Blessings in the New Year. We loved having you with us this past year and look forward to seeing you again in 2019.

There will **NOT** be a luncheon on December 19 or 26. Check the bulletin for our first luncheon in January 2019.



Knights of Columbus
Council 12320
Kingwood, TX



Start Date: Jan. 14 End Date: Jan. 22

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. The St. Martha parish and Knights of Columbus remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, St. Martha - Knights of Columbus council is promoting nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Please join us in prayer, the novena prayer cards will be available Saturday, Jan. 12 (Vigil Mass) and Sunday, Jan. 13 (Mass services) in the narthex.

ST. MARTHA SUNDAY NURSERY

Sundays- 9 AM, 11 AM and 1 PM

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

Divorced. Cath♥lic. Now What?

Navigating Your Life After Divorce.

This is a simple program of **support, encouragement and recovery** for those who find themselves separated or divorced and are looking for a way to navigate through the myriad of feelings and emotions in the aftermath. Led by a team of divorced Catholics, some of the topics discussed include:

- * Healing
- * Anger
- * Divorce and Annulment
- * Helping Children Cope
- * Forgiveness
- * Gratitude
- * Hope

Please join us knowing that the Church supports and wants you – you belong! Yes, we can be divorced and a practicing Catholic.

Jan. 7 – Mar. 7, 7-8:30 PM

**St. Martha Parish Office Conference Room
(Next to the Church)**

For information and registration, please contact:

Vicki Rück: 713-927-8815 or vickiruck@suddenlink.net

*** Cost: \$15 for the book but don't let cost be a deterrent please!**

Vocations Corner



HOUSTON VOCATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

*The St. Martha
Vocations Commit-
tee wishes you a
happy and blessed
Christmas. May*

*our Lord Jesus come into your life anew every day.
We thank God for the gifts of our priests, religious
brothers and sisters, and all who give of themselves
in service to the church.*

Merry Christmas!

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **TOPP FAMILY**
in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and pray
for Vocations. Interested? Please contact Karen Ehlig
at 281-813-3285 or by e-mail at
karenehlig@gmail.com to schedule a week.

Director of Faith Formation: Carla Lewton, (281)358-1959 Ext. 213, carlal@stmartha.com

For a complete list of Faith Formation ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.



**What is Catholics Return-
ing Home?** Catholics Re-
turning Home is a program
that invites non-practicing
Catholics to return home
to the Catholic Church and

resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

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

Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7-8:30 PM.

Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in an informal, support group format. Topics include:

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

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



**SHINE Catholic Work Camp for High School
Students – Save the Date!**

June 10-15, 2019, McAllen, TX

Cost: \$375

SHINE stands for Serving Him In the Needy and Elderly. The vision of the SHINE staff is to empower teens to live out their baptismal call to serve those in need.

SHINE 2019 is accepting students entering 9th grade in 2019 through entering 12th grade in 2019.

Registration will be a lottery system this year. Families can submit paperwork and deposit to Faith Formation office during the following dates: Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 – Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

Registration Paperwork will be available on www.stmartha.com and in the Faith Formation Office starting Jan. 8. Additional information is available at www.stmartha.com/shine

If you have any questions, contact Mike Lahey at mikel@stmartha.com or Larry Berkovsky at zekeberk@outlook.com.

Visit shinecatholicmissions.com for more information about Shine Catholic Missions.

YAS+M Young Adults of St. Martha

We are a social and spiritual group of young adults ages 18 to 35ish who gather together for prayer, fellowship and charity. We are a very welcoming group. It does not matter what place you are in your spiritual life; whether you are new, uncertain in your faith or looking to grow deeper.

Join us for WEEKLY MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

We continue our weekly bible study **Mondays at 7 PM** in St. Martha's Main Church. Join us as we continue studying the Book of Exodus. We are an informal group and encourage all to join. No prior bible study experience is necessary! We will be meeting in the parlor of the main church (first door in the left side hallway). We will not have bible study on Dec 24th or 31st in Observance of Christmas and New Years.

January Monthly Dinner – More Info to come

Events are in the works for the new year. We are planning a some social outings, a retreat, spring camping trip and How-to-Adult series to teach: financial basics, apartment & house hunting, cooking skills, & resume building. Send us your ideas!!

New members are welcome at all events!!

WORLD YOUTH DAY
WYD
HOUSTON

SAT, JAN 26, 2019
1PM TO 8PM

EUCCHARISTIC VIGIL
LIVE AND SERVE WITH LOVE

SAT, JAN 26, 8PM
TO SUN, JAN 27, 6AM

CAFÉ CATHOLICA: NORTH
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019
BE BOLD BE AUTHENTIC BELONG
NEW NORTHERN LOCATIONS!
CONFESSION: 5:15 PM
MASS: 6:00 PM
DINNER: 6:45 PM (SUGGESTED DONATION \$5)
TALK: 7:30 PM
JOIN HUNDREDS OF YOUNG ADULTS!

Jan 07 2019 BE A MISSIONARY IN THE MODERN WORLD
Dr. Alex Gony - Director of Campus Ministry at St. Thomas High School
Sacred Heart - 109 N. Frazier St. - Conroe, TX 77301

Jan 21 2019 BE PRESENT TO THOSE IN THE SHADOWS
Panel from Amistad Houston
St. Simon and Jude - 26777 Glen Loch Dr. - Woodlands, TX 77381

Feb 04 2019 BE LOVED
Michaela Barba - Young Adult Minister at St. Laurence in Sugar Land
St. Ignace - 7814 Cypresswood Dr. - Spring, TX 77379

Feb 18 2019 BEYOND MY PERSONAL FAITH
Dr. Joe Magge - Director of Campus Ministry for Sam Houston State & Texas Medical Center Universities
Christ the Redeemer - 11507 Huffmeister Rd. - Houston, TX 77065

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Please email youngadults@stmartha.com for more information

Website: stmartha.com/yastm

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/YASTM/

Mailing list: new.flocknote.com/stmartha/YASTMYoungAdults

Matt Cooke: (281) 299-6775

Attention Young Adults: Café Catholica-North 2019

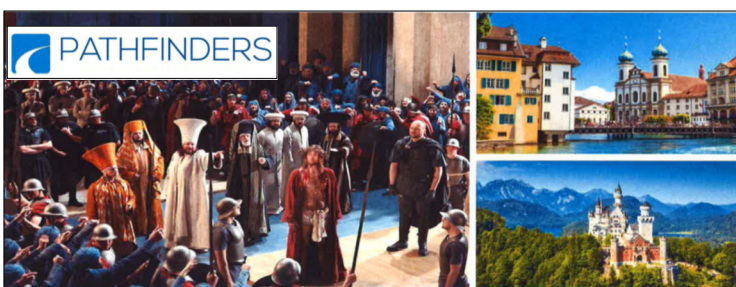
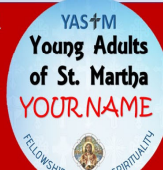
Café Catholica is expanding with a new series hosted in four parishes on the North side of Houston. Café Catholica-North, "Be Bold, Be Authentic, Belong" is a dinner-lecture series open to young adults (ages 18-39) featuring dynamic speakers, prayer, dinner, and socializing. Each night will include confession at 5:15 pm, Mass at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:45 pm, and Talk at 7:30 pm. Come for all or part of the evening! No charge to attend but donations are accepted. For more information contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at 713-741-8778, yacm@archgh.org, or www.archgh.org/cafecatholica.

Please join our email list or Facebook page. We often have last minute events that are not published here!



YASTM COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIATIVE:

Get to know fellow young adults in our St. Martha's Parish! Look for fellow young adults at mass with the Young Adult pins. Sit with us and grow in community. Pick yours up at our next event!



The 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play:

A Pilgrimage to Germany, Switzerland & Liechtenstein

Open to All Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Parishes

The Passion Play in Oberammergau is a spectacular event that only occurs every ten years. We will be journeying to Bavaria in mid-September 2020 to witness the Passion Play as well as explore the surrounding region of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. We would love for you to join us! An information meeting will be held on Jan. 14 at 7:30 PM. For more information please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com

St. Martha Catholic School

Principal PK3-8th: Jessica Munscher, (281) 358-5523
For more information regarding SMCS please visit www.stmarthacs.org



St. Martha
Catholic School

JOB OPENING

St. Martha's Catholic School is hiring for a full-time middle school Literature teacher position, beginning January 2019. Interested candidates should email the principal, Jessica Munscher at munscherj@stmarthacs.org.

St. Martha Catholic School provides an excellent Catholic education by developing mind, heart, and spirit as we share in community to form witnesses who transform the world.

Director of Liturgy: Mariel Parra, (281)358-6637 Ext. 280, marielp@stmartha.com
For a complete list of Liturgical Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"

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 of us, 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 HOURS: TUESDAY 4-5 PM.

SATURDAY 7-8 PM & 9-10 PM

SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Monday: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 11-NOON, 7-8 PM

Tuesday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 7-8 AM,
MIDNIGHT-1 AM

Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM,
8-9 PM, 11 PM - MIDNIGHT

Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM

Friday: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12 - 1 PM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 10-11 PM

Saturday AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - NOON

Saturday PM: 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM

Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM-NOON, 2-3 PM, 11 PM-MIDNIGHT

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact:

Carmen Ogando at 832-767-8826 or at carmenogando@yahoo.com.

If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:

Robyn Laumbach for Midnight - 6 AM (713-851-8768)

Karen Ehlig for 6 AM - Noon (281-813-3285)

Annunciata Hopkins for Noon - 6 PM (281-360-1258)

Beth Beckham for 6 PM - Midnight (281-435-1439)



Divine Mercy Chaplet—

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!

Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Please come join us in prayer, praise, thanksgiving, song and supplication. Come and gain a closer knowledge of and union with the Holy Spirit, Jesus' gift to us at the first Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-21) It is our great desire to give God glory and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. We invite you to be one with us and to partake of His gifts.

Time: Fridays 7-8 PM and Saturdays 9-10 AM.

Place: Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive at the Small Chapel.



ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA

"¿No pudiste velar conmigo ni siquiera una hora?"

Nuestra parroquia es grandemente bendecida de contar con Adoración Eucarística Perpetua en nuestra capilla de adoración veinticuatro horas al día. Jesús mora en el Santísimo Sacramento debido a su amor infinito por cada uno de nosotros, Él siempre espera pacientemente a que estemos ante su presencia y le acompañemos.

En la lista a continuación están las horas más necesitadas de adoradores en este momento.

Te invitamos a que participes en este hermoso ministerio. Siéntete libre de venir y adorar a nuestro Señor Jesucristo de acuerdo a tu tiempo y disponibilidad, independientemente de si hay o no otros adoradores presentes en oración. Jesús siempre nos espera con gozo anticipado.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA \ ADORADORES

MARTES 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM. SABADOS 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS

Lunes: 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 5-6 AM, 11 AM - MEDIODIA, 7-8 PM

Martes: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 7-8 AM, MEDIANOCHE-1 AM

Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 8-9 PM, 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE

Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM

Viernes: 2-3 AM, 6-7 AM, 4-5 PM, 12 - 1 PM, 6-7 PM, 8-9 PM, 10-11 PM

Sábado AM: 1-2 AM, 5-6 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - MEDIODIA

Sábado PM: 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 4-5 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM

Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - MEDIODIA, 2-3 PM, 11 PM - MEDIANOCHE

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, porfavor contactar a: Carmen Ogando 832-767-8826, carmenogando@yahoo.com



Director of Social Services and Outreach Ministries:
 Olga Najar, (281)713-8966, olgan@stmartha.com
 For a complete list of Social Service and Outreach Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Martha's Kitchen sends warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.
 We will be closed on Friday, Dec. 21, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 7.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

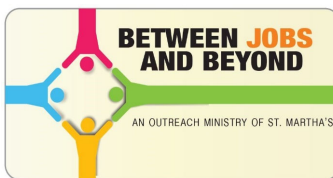
Next weekend, Dec. 29 and 30, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items. Donations will benefit St. John of the Cross Food Pantry in New Caney. Thank you for your continued generosity by contributing non-perishable grocery items to help those in need. *(Please place your Food Donation in the Rotunda before Mass. There will be a sign in the Narthex directing everyone to the Rotunda and a sign in the Rotunda showing where to place the food.)*

Maria Goretti Network (MGN) - Support Group for Survivors of Abuse

A peer to peer self help support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness. For information on monthly meetings e-mail: stmarthamgn@gmail.com or call 713-775-9213.



Out of work? Looking for a change? We can help!

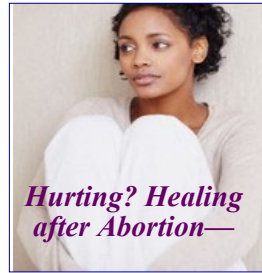


Meetings every Friday from 9:15 AM to noon in Room 2 on St. Martha's Faith Formation campus- 3702 Woodland Hills Drive

St. Martha's Between Jobs and Beyond ministry helps those who are looking for a new and more satisfying job.

- We can help with resume writing, interview preparation and networking.
- We also can help you get your head in the right place, spiritually and emotionally, which is critical for effective job seeking.
- We encourage a spirit of service to others. When we help others, we feel better.

Questions? E-mail stmarthabetweentimes@gmail.com or call Bob Simpson at 713-410-2844.



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? Call 713-741-8728.



St. Martha's 2nd Family Ministry

St. Martha's 2nd Family Ministry consists of a group of volunteers who provide personal presence and assistance to make life better for the weak and vulnerable and for those who serve them. Through simple acts of kindness, team members enable care "partners" to retain their independence and self-esteem while offering primary caregivers respite from the demands of caring for a loved one.

If you or someone you know could benefit from 2nd Family Ministry, please contact Sharon Voorhes at StMartha2ndfamily@gmail.com.

This ministry is also looking for additional volunteers. Please join us at our next meeting, Jan. 8, 7 PM at the Woodland Hills Campus, Room 5.



To learn more about the CanCare ministry contact Debbie Mikan, at 832-723-3459, or dmikan@outlook.com

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat of post-abortion healing on the weekend of Jan. 4-6, 2019. This retreat is part of Project Rachel's ministry. All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential. To register or for more information, please contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443 or email at jkfritsch@archgh.org.



TEXAS MARCH FOR LIFE

Event Date: Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019

\$30 per bus seat (bagged lunch-Chik-Fila and bottle water included)

Departure: 8 AM Arrival back in Kingwood: 7 PM

St. Martha Catholic Church

4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX 77365

For more information visit

TexasRallyforLife.org



St. Martha's Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang January 19-20

Please take one bottle per family, place your donation inside and return to the church the weekend of January 26-27.

Thank you for your support!

All proceeds benefit the Gabriel Project and Birthright of Humble

Both ministries help women faced with a crisis pregnancy and provide emotional and financial support to ensure that a mother has all she needs to bring her baby home. We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help.

Every little bit helps, and we appreciate all you give



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St. Martha's Men's Retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center Jan. 4-6, 2019

**Start the New Year with a
relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend
Retreat Theme**

At the Name of Jesus: A Holy Name Retreat

Those close to the Passionists know that the Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, enjoined his vowed religious to recite the following passage every time they gather for Communal prayer:

"At the Name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on earth and under the earth and every tongue proclaim, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is Lord"

For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, please visit the website: www.holynameretreatcenter.com



**SAVE THE DATE
February 23, 2019**

Join us for an exciting opportunity to strengthen your marriage and family!

The St. John Paul II Foundation will host a marriage enrichment workshop at the

**St. Martha FLC (Woodland Hills Campus) from
8:15am - 11:30am**

All couples of St. Martha's are invited to come together for fellowship and to hear from inspiring speakers that will help you to **THRIVE** in your marriage, not just survive!

Contact Marty Matulia at martin@forlifeandfamily.org for further details.

A NEW WAY TO LOVE

living God's purpose
for your marriage

A Course for Catholic Couples

**God is love, and those who abide
in love abide in God,
and God abides in them.**

1 John 4:16b

Marriage is a Christian vocation. It is one of the paths we can choose to bring God into the world and work out our salvation. This program helps you find God in the conflicts and challenges in your marriage, so that through them, you can be transformed into the person God wants you to be.

Developed by bestselling authors Harville Hendrix, Ph.D., and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D., with Kathryn Rombs, Ph.D., and Ron Rombs, Ph.D., *A New Way to Love* allows you to:

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- Jointly create a relationship vision.
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- Discover your spouse's uniqueness.
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WHAT WILL WE DO?

You will practice exercises from an easy-to-use manual that will help build and strengthen your marriage. You will also engage in group discussions based on video presentations that include real life examples of this powerful work.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

This course is designed for all committed couples from the premarital to the well-seasoned marriage who want to feel more connected with their spouse.

WHEN AND WHERE?

7-9 p.m. on January 15, 22, 29, and February 5, 19, 26

St. Martha Family Life Center on the Woodland Hills Faith Formation Campus

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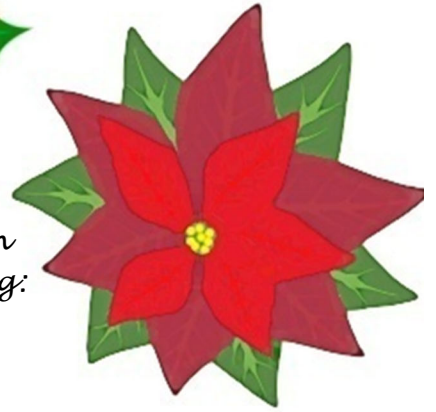
Contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com to register or for more information. \$30 per couple for manuals is payable at the first session.



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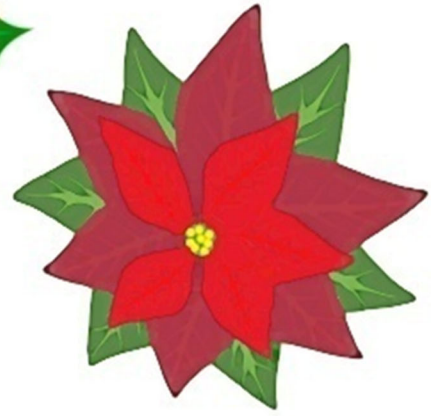
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Enero 17 al 20 del, 2019**



Registraciones para el Retiro en español MS 9 Ya estan abiertas en el Narthex de la Iglesia despues de cada misa de 1 pm en Español los Domingos. Los retiros de Hombres en Español son presentados por la Comunidad de Santa Martha. Es un retiro de 3 dias y 3 nochez que se enfoca en la Adoracion, Comunidad, Teologia, y Servicio. Las Reg-istraciones son limitadas y ya estan abiertas. Se requiere un deposito de \$50.00 no-re embolsable, el deposito se tiene que entregar al momento de la registraion, y se aplicara al costo del retiro que son \$200.00. No dejes que situaciones finacieras te detengan para asistir a este retiro! Por favor Ora fuertemente para que este momento sea de transfor-macion propia y para tu Familia!! Si tienes alguna pregun-ta puedes contactar al Director de este retiro Luis Canas al 832 267 9984 o sino tambien al correo electronico clcanas1@outlook.com, las formas de registracion estan disponibles en el escritorio de bienvenida en a a la entrada de la Iglesia

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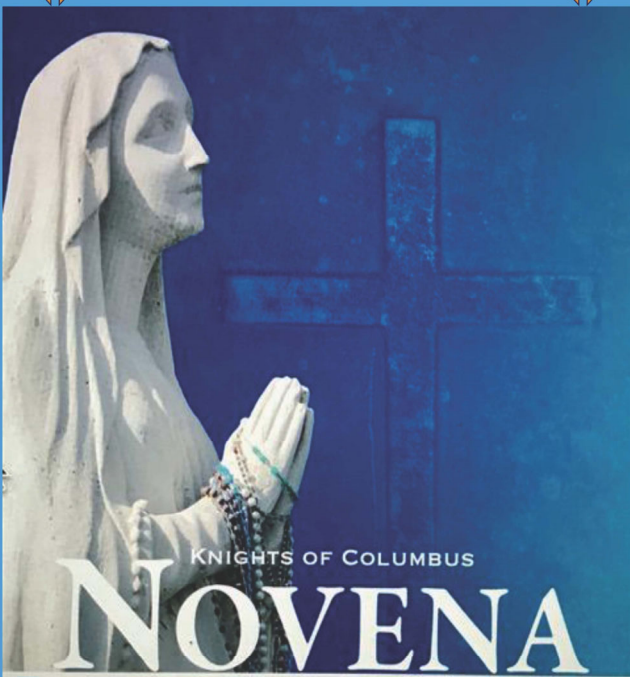


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La protección de la vida es una intención de oración sostenida de la Iglesia, y en particular de los Caballeros de Colón. La parroquia de Santa Marta y los Caballeros de Colón siguen firmemente comprometidos con la defensa del derecho a la vida de todo ser humano, desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural. Para conmemorar y reforzar esta importante causa, el consejo de Santa Marta - Caballeros de Colón está promoviendo nueve días de oración sostenida, para construir una cultura de vida en nuestras parroquias, hogares y en la comunidad en general. Por favor, únase a nosotros en oración, las tarjetas de oración de novena estarán disponibles el sábado 12 de enero. Misa de vigilia y domingo, 13 de enero Servicios de misa en la iglesia de Santa Marta, nártex.

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Mr. John Schuster, and Mr. Gary
Yepsen

Liturgy & Sacraments

Weekend Masses

First Saturday (Pro-Life Mass): 8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7 AM, 9 AM, & 11 AM
En Español: 1 PM
Contemporary: 5:30 PM
Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses

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

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday:
Church 6:15 - 7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 12 PM and 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 Indiana Francis at the Parish Office to register, 281-713-8960

Marriage

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

Funerals

Call Indiana Francis at the Parish Office, 281-713-8960.