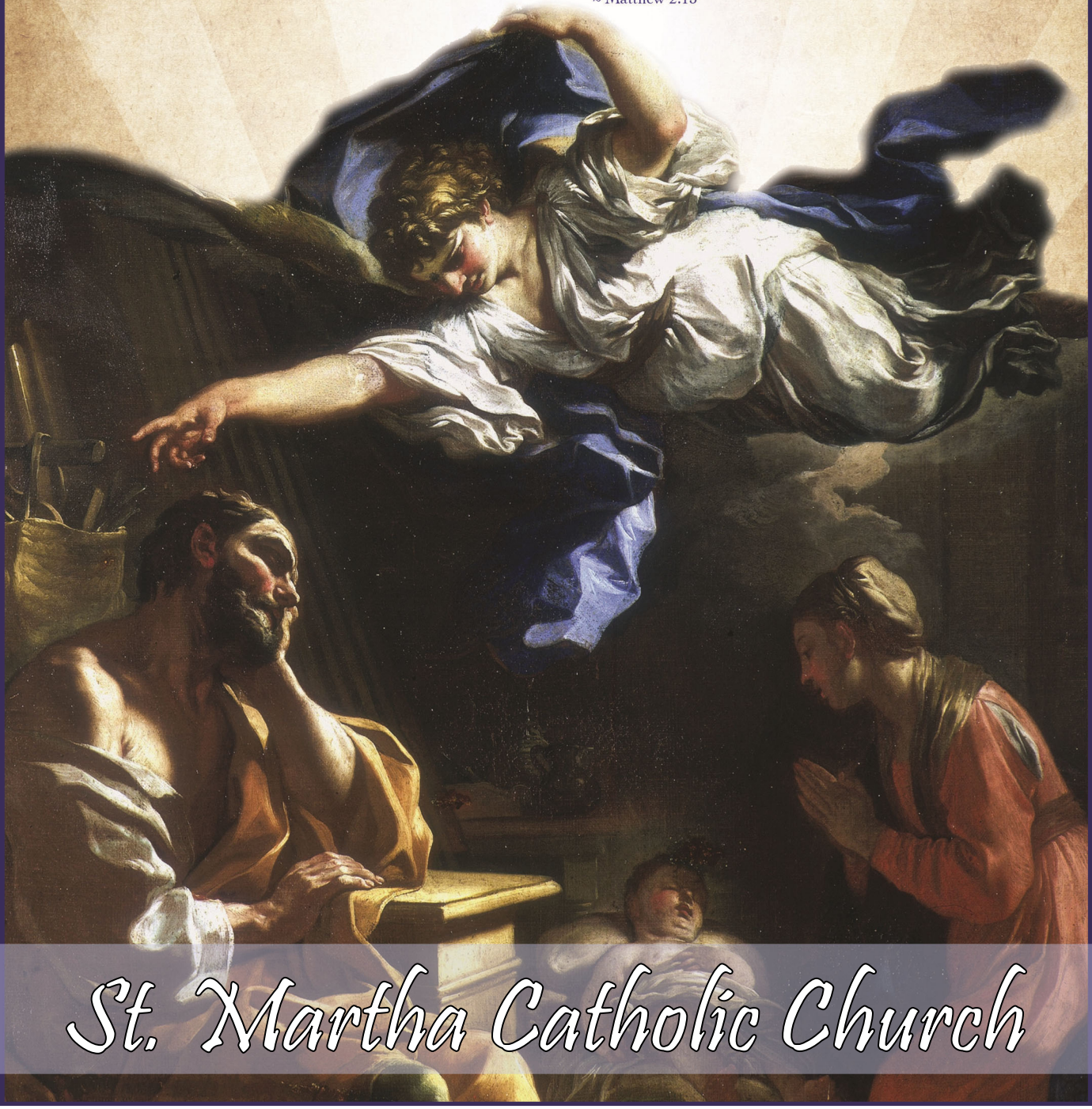
December 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

The angel said to Joseph,
"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you."

~ Matthew 2:13



St. Martha Catholic Church

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Dec. 30
8:30 AM †Lucille Melancon
†Mary Chovan
†Jim Lowery
Tue./Dec. 31
8:30 AM Romeo Molinyawe
†Mary Rabalais
†Florence Ramph
Wed./Jan. 1/New Years Day/Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Thurs./Jan. 2
6:30 AM
8:30 AM Lopez Family
Fri./Jan. 3
8:30 AM Natalie Drummond
Julie Gordon
Jacob Pendley
†Pat Reid
†Emma Vargas
Sat./Jan. 4
8:30 AM Pro-Life Mass
5:30 PM †Bobby Grun
Sun./Jan. 5
7 AM For the Parish
9 AM †Madi Richardson
11 AM †Jorge & Alma Muller
1 PM †Jesús Belmar
5 PM †Russell Freedman

Welcome

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

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

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

Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,
We celebrate the feast of the Holy Family this weekend. It is a chance for us to say thanks to God for the wonderful loving example of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus! We celebrate in a special way as a parish family for our Holy Family Chapel that was just dedicated in September. It has been a wonderful addition to our parish as an additional place to pray and celebrate the mysteries of faith. The Holy Family Chapel reminds us of the love that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were always sharing with each other and we pray that our families may be strong and holy like them! We also pray for those families that might have struggles. Not every family is as loving and supportive as the Holy Family, so we ask for prayers from them so we can learn and follow their example. May God's love be with all of our families on this special feast of the Holy Family!
Fr. T.J.

Sunday Readings and Reflection

Todays Readings

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).
Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).
Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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Salvation in Daily Life

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 31 (Vigil): 4 PM, 6 PM
Jan. 1: 9 AM, 11 AM

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

For the weekend of Dec. 14 & 15 your Stewardship Gifts of Treasure resulted in:

Sunday Collection	$	39,729
Faith Direct Offertory	$	82,478
Immaculate Conception	$	1,759
Christmas	$	4,685
Our Lady of Guadalupe	$	6,870
Total	$	137,689
Year To Date:		
Sunday Collection	$	1,824,234
2019 DSF:		
Goal	$	305,000
Payments to Date	$	301,800

Special collections:		
Capital Campaign	$	6,775
Martha's Kitchen	$	12,075
Retirement for Religious	$	3,693
Christmas Flowers	$	2,028
Imelda Flood	$	210

Current Loan Debt: $ 7,557,581

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- #4

- **What are the current plans for mitigating the flooding at our school?**
  Our current plan for mitigating the flooding at our school is to hire a firm that will waterproof the doors and windows and entire exterior of the school buildings at a cost of $274,000, one-half of which is to be paid by the archdiocese.
- **What is the financial relationship between the parish and our school?**
  Our church and school have separate operating budgets and separate accounts, but we believe the Catholic education we provide through our school is an important ministry of our parish.
- **Why is our school an important ministry that we should support—whether we have a connection to the school or not?**
  Other than the sacramental liturgies, our 2nd largest ministry is Catholic education. In addition to being used for our Catholic school children, our school buildings are used for CCE education. Out of all the titles Jesus could have taken while performing his public ministry, "rabbi" or "teacher" was the one he took. The Church has carried on this ministry of teaching through the Catholic education provided in parish schools. We continue that tradition of offering a Catholic education here at our parish. Education based in the teachings of Jesus Christ help form good, faith-based citizens who not only benefit our parish, but our society.

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

Terry Parks *(husband of Helaine Parks and father of Mandy Carr)*
Christi Keelen *(wife of Mark Keelen and mother of Hunter Keelen)*
Hung Le
Patricia Wall
Marjorie McQuillen
Sherman Adcock
Guadalupe de la Cruz *(husband of Diana de la Cruz)*
George Wayne Robinson
Stephanie White *(daughter of Christy Keeling)*
Fran Garthe
Katherine Irwin *(wife of Richard Irwin and mother of Courtney and Chris Irwin)*
Nora Castelnuovo (*wife of Richard and mother of Carolina)*
Kathleen Barry
Barbara Nelson (*mother of Janice Nelson McCabe)*

Please remember the sick and their families in your prayers:

Virginia Gaffney, Randall Herr, Dickie Howard, Mike Badura, Gonzalo Moreno, Waldon Landry, Cathy Silk, India Geoheegan, Rowan Mae Sullivan, Elizabeth Fisk, Joey Tortorice, Monte Slatton, Dane Russell, Erin Pergola, Megan Brissenden, Jessica & Chris Jones, Connie Sue Rodebaugh, Jerry Denton, Deacon Alfredo Soto, Bob Hatczel, Juanita Allen, Patrick Hosay, Misty Abalos, Jonny Hegna, Anne Schuelke, Margaret "Susie" McDermott, Javier Rosales, Andrew Hernandez, Judy Trahan, Eddie Fenner, Sallie Howard, Jose Calixto Martinez, Angel Curet, Elnora Peralta, Mike Daciek, Thyra Beck, Denny Enriguez, Eric Vergara, Jo Horton, Veronica Jimenez, Louis D. Garcia, Roberta Martin, Amy Bui, Emlyn Evans, Pat Hyland, Zachary Cantu, Nancy McCann, Claire Tomlinson, Alisa Cancino, Shirley Snoe, Chris Price, Dr. James Roberts, Kevin Johnson, Bill Beck, Jackson Pickard, Heriberto Vergara, Pat Winicki, Jason Consolacion, Leon Guinn, Albert & Deanna Taubert, Lisa Ferguson, Denise Byington, Robert MacDonald, Mary Rubino, Dorothy Hernandez, Joseph Weyel, Robyn Laumbach, Rick Frantz, Pietro Taliente, Richard S. Fitzharris, Veronica Jimenez, Grant McTaggart, Martha Busch, AJ Foster, Ed Dalton, Alvin Holley, Kim Smith, Herb Caffey, Dave Rotella, Janet Bosze, Dcn. Al O'Brien, Gary Robles, Lorrie Lamb, Mary Ann Kipfmiller, Kathy Fitzgerald, Gavin Cunningham, Jenell Joseph, Kimberly Coleman, Kathleen Mathew, Penny Gaido, George Hendry, Luke Blaney, H. Marie Mathis, Ann Loera, Daniel Brochu, Carlos & Dorothy Maggio, Timothy Sullivan, Candace Nicole Hupp, Jennifer Cernigliano, Kate Tiedtke

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.*

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.

Moms Prayer Group for Collegian & Young Adults:

The **Moms Prayer Group for Collegian & Young Adults** will meet on Monday, Jan. 13, from 7-8 p.m. in the Adult Education Meeting Room 1 at the Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive). Please join us in praying for our children as they pursue their calling for higher education, serving their country, or entering the work force. All moms who want to pray for their children are welcomed. If you have questions, please e-mail Gloria Gàmez at mornglor@yahoo.com .

Life AFTER LOSS

St. Martha's Life After Loss grief program offers a nine week support group beginning Tuesday, **Jan. 7,** from 7—9 p.m. All who are experiencing the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend.

For more information and to sign up, please call 281-360-2714 or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.

ST. MARTHA'S TEXAS TOURS
Owen Theatre (Conroe, TX):
Title of Play "Arsenic and Old Lace"
Sunday, Jan. 26, 10 AM - 6 PM
Benefitting St. Martha's Catholic Church
Bus Transportation provided by Harris County Precinct 4
All passengers must be 50 years of age or older! Cost per person: $20* Limited number of seats!
The tour bus will depart from Building 3 on the St. Martha Faith Formation Campus at 10 AM. *Please note that meals are not included in the tour price. Please register and pay for the tours at the Parish office between 9 AM—4 PM, Monday-Friday. For more information, please contact Pat Gibson, 405-650-4709 or Lela Querubin, 832-689-3293.

Cana Family Institute (Familia) invites you to The Temperament God Gave You

Do you sometimes think that your husband's and children's behavior makes no sense? You're not alone! Join with other mothers of young children (birth through 5th grade) to learn how to resolve problems more easily with your family and friends, and have peace as you love each other better. The Temperament God Gave You will start in January, and it will consist of 8 biweekly sessions on Friday mornings. Childcare is provided. Contact Katie Barnhill at stmarthascana@gmail.com for more information.

ST. MARTHA'S MEN'S RETREAT AT HOLY NAME PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER
Jan. 10-12, 2020
Start the New Year with a relaxing and prayerful Retreat Weekend!
Retreat Theme: Standing on Holy Ground
The Call to Holiness in Today's World
Can anyone deny that we, as Christians-perhaps now more than in any other time in history-are urged to live our vocation to holiness.
Come and join us on "holy ground " as we prayerfully explore what it means to be holy in today's world.
For more information contact Bruce Farmer at 832-656-1393 or to register, Please visit the website:
www.holynameretreatcenter.com

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. 6** 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 call Kathy Czubik at 713-213-7173, e-mail kczubik@mac.com.

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*

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES, A MINISTRY FOR SINGLES AGES 40 and older, on Saturday, Jan. 4, will attend 5:30 PM Mass at St. Martha's; meal afterwards at J. Christopher's Pizza-Pasta, 2245 Northpark Drive (at Woodland Hills Drive) in Kingwood. Meet in the narthex of the church at 5:15 PM. For more information, 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL WINE TASTING & DINNER
FEBRUARY 15, 2020
Tickets available after Jan. 1st

A New Way to Love

A New Way to Love is a weekly series on Living God's purpose for your marriage. Developed by Harville Hendrix, Ph.D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph.D., the series is based on the principles described in their book *Getting the Love You Want*. Learn simple yet powerful tools to communicate more effectively and feel more connected with your spouse. Whether you are engaged or married from six months to 60 years, this series provides an opportunity to deepen your relationship. To cover the cost of each participant manual, $40 per couple is due upon registration.

Where: St. Martha parish office conference room (4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365)

When: 7 – 9 pm, Tuesday evenings, Six Sessions beginning on Jan. 21, 2020

Cost: $40 per couple to cover the cost of materials. Checks are to be made out to St. Martha Catholic Church. In the memo line: A New Way to Love.

To Register: *Registration is Required:* Please place the registration form and payment in an envelope addressed "Attn: Francine Puglia." The envelope may be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office, M-F, 9-4. You may also mail your registration to the parish office: St. Martha Catholic Church, Attn: Francine Puglia, 4301 Woodridge Parkway, Porter, TX 77365. An email will be sent to you when your registration is received.

Space is limited to the first ten couples who register. For more information, contact Francine at franp@stmartha.com or 281-358-6637 ext. 200.

A New Way to Love Registration Form

Name:_____ **Name:**_____

Cell phone:_____ **Cell phone:**_____

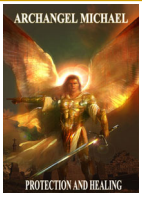
Email:_____ **Email:**_____

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The first Parish Blood Drive for 2020, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 5, 8 am-1:45 pm at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus will be in the Narthex before and after each mass this weekend**, Dec. 28/29** to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate. Walk-ins are always welcome on the day of the Blood Drive. You may schedule an appointment by emailing **jnd.gurka@gmail.com** or call Darien Gurka at (713) 628-0373. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting **www.giveblood.org.** (Please enter the sponsor code **1220** for St. Martha Catholic Church)

The Blood Center will provide a Double Red Cell Aphaeresis, which will allow some donors to give two units of red blood cells from a single donation. As always, the **Knights of Columbus would like to thank St. Martha parishioners for generously giving the gift of life.**



To all Veterans, First Responders & their Families who have served or are serving our Country and our Community:

St. Michael's Warrior's Ministry, a group led by Veterans & First Responders, meet every Saturday morning at St. Martha's Faith Formation Campus (3702 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood, Tx,) Room 2, from 7:30-9:30 AM.

As our Mission Statement reads we will: ***"Provide a Safe, Welcoming & Ecumenical environment to assist Veterans, First Responders and their families dealing with traumatic life experiences caused by tragic events, daily challenges and transition from a life of service"***

Our purpose is to provide support not only the Parishioners of St. Martha's, but to all in our surrounding area that could benefit from participating.

St. Michael's Warriors Ministry focuses on healing through Prayer, Peer Ministry, Fellowship and Camaraderie. For more information you can contact Deacon Guy Puglia: guy.puglia@gmail.com or 832-758-0795.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

SURFSIDE Lenten BEACH RETREAT

March 27-29, 2020

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

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

Forms will be available in the Youth Center or Parish Office. Please contact Salisha Miller for more information: salisham@stmartha.com **-or-** 281.358.1959 ext. 251

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

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

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. There are only a few spots left!! For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Carla Lewton at 281-713-8968 or carlal@stmartha.com

SPONSOR NEEDED FOR RCIA PROCESS

Would you enjoy sharing your love of Christ with someone who is considering the Catholic faith?

Sponsors are mentors who will introduce the participant to parish life and accompany them on their journey as a friend.

Sponsors do not teach the material. Sponsors need to be practicing Catholics and members of St. Martha Parish. Please call for more information: RCIA office 281-713-8972 x 258 or Patty Schulze at 713-560-7444 or send us an e-mail: RCIA@stmartha.com

St. Martha's Moms

December & January Events

Monthly Morning Gatherings
9:30 – 11:00 am (Fridays)
Join other mothers each month for fellowship, inspiring speakers, and reflections on Scripture and the Catechism. Childcare provided (please reserve in advance).
December 6, January 17

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

Gospel Reflection Evenings
8:00 – 9:30 pm (Tuesdays)
A biweekly discussion and reflection over the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. Join us for some or all sessions as your schedule allows! Childcare not provided, but babies 1 and under welcome. Contact katieabarnhill@gmail.com for more information.
Spring sessions start January 28

Park Playdate
December 11
9:30 – 11:00 am

Find more information on our Facebook group – "St. Martha's Moms *Kingwood*"
Contact stmarthasmoms@gmail.com for further information or to join our email list!

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.
St. Therese of Lisieux

What is Catholics Returning Home?

Catholics Returning Home is a program that invites non-practicing Catholics to return home to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter what the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening/Q&A sessions and an update of the Catholic faith, ***facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics***. **Next 6-week session starts Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7-8:30 PM.**

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

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

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

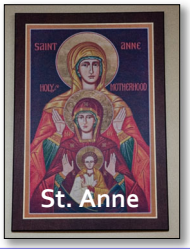
Liturgy

Director of Liturgy: *Mariel Parra, (281)358-6637 Ext. 280, marielp@stmartha.com*

For a complete list of Liturgical Ministries please turn to page 14 of this bulletin.

Six Saints Series

Beginning on Jan. 3, after 8:30am Mass and every First Friday for the following five months, we will have presentations about the lives, virtues and spiritualities of the six saints in the Holy Family chapel. The talks will last approximately one hour. There will be no cost, but a love offering. Save the dates! More information to come.



THOUGHTS FROM THE LOFT

Who is God the Holy Spirit?

Most of us were taught that God is contained as three persons within one entity: God the Father (who reigns from Heaven and created the world), God the Son (who was sent down to earth and crucified for our salvation), and God the Holy Spirit (…uh…). God the Holy Spirit is not as often mentioned as the other two persons of the Trinity are in the bible. In the Old Testament, we find God the Father speaking to many characters directly. In the New Testament, we find God the Son walking amongst man, performing miracles, and spreading the Word of God. But where is God the Holy Spirit? He is the active force in many moments of past/present times. Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit at The Annunciation. The disciples and she are filled once again at the time of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the active force of the Trinity who works through the Church at all times. The Holy Spirit is active in the sacraments of the church. A person cannot be baptized unless the baptizer also baptizes in the name of the Holy Spirit. Look at the Nicene creed we recite every Sunday. "The giver of life", because God breathed into man and man received life (and has that life sustained by the Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit is what inspires the writings of the saints and hopefully myself as I write this now. Even the true metaphor of "God is love" is the embodiment of the Holy Spirit.

Pax,
Matthew Mondragon
"*fides quaerens intellectum*" – St. Anselm

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

OPEN HOURS:
TUESDAY 1-2 AM & 3-4 AM.
SATURDAY 1-2 AM & 10-11 AM.

SECOND ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Monday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM , 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Tuesday: 12-1 AM 1-2 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Wednesday: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Thursday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 11 PM-MIDNIGHT
Friday: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Saturday: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM – NOON, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Sunday: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 PM

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please contact: Jane Doherty at 409-656-5345 or at texdotjane@aol.com

If you need a substitute, please call your division leaders:
Martha Preston for Midnight - 6 AM (713-542-4909)
Karen Ehlig for 6 AM - Noon (281-813-3285)
Marie Olive for Noon - 6 PM (713-202-6499)
Beth Beckham for 6 PM - Midnight (281-435-1439)

Divine Mercy Ministry —

The Divine Mercy Ministry prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the chapel (Faith Formation Campus) every Sunday at 3 PM, for the conversion of sinners, the sick and the dying. The chaplet is also prayed before the 8:30 AM weekday Mass (Mon.-Fri.) in the church. Everyone welcome!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

You are invited to come and worship with us and bring your petition to the altar for prayer. We meet every Friday for English Prayer Meeting at 7 -8 PM in the Woodland Hills Chapel. We come together for thanksgiving and praise!

Social Services/Outreach Ministries

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.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Martha's Kitchen wishes all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Kitchen could not exist without the love and support it receives from our volunteers, the Parish and our generous donors. We wish this season of joy to be felt by all during this holy season and throughout the days of the year to come.

Note: Martha's Kitchen will be closed Monday, Dec. 23 and will reopen Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

St. Margaret of Costello's Special Needs Ministry

Welcome all Parents with children/family members having special needs, either adult or youngsters! Please join us on the first Monday of the month (Jan. 6) at 8 PM at the old campus (Room 2 of the Family Life Center - near the library). Our ministry not only serves as a support group, but will also be a conduit for information, will advocate for the catechetical needs of our special needs population, and, ultimately, build and operate a group home for the special needs population focusing on families that can no longer take care of their child. We have a **SPECIAL** speaker, Mike Kevlin, with Edward Jones, to discuss investment strategies that would provide long term financial support. POC is Craig Simonsgaard, 832-633-0321 or craig.simonsgaard@gmail.com and Patrick Bloomer 832-445-9357 or pbloomer549@gmail.com .

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Family Life Center (FLC) #4A, 3702 Woodland Hills, at 7 PM.

Questions? Contact Miguel at 713-851-3708 or stmarthamgn@gmail.com

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.

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

St. Martha's Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Jan. 18-19

Please take one bottle per family, place donation inside and return to the church in one week.

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

Please make all checks out to "St. Martha Catholic Church"

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, Dec. 28 & 29, 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.)*

St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (StVdP) is looking for Spanish – English bilingual volunteers. If you are interested please contact Syvon Wetherold at syvonw@stmartha.com or 832-265-9491.

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

SAVE THE DATE

OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 28
5-7 P.M.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 31

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Vocations Corner

The St. Martha Vocations Committee wishes you a happy and blessed New Year.

HOUSTONVOCATIONS
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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

Happy New Year!

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:
Please join the **DENNIS 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.

STEWARDSHIP
A way of life

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.			1 **Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God: 9 & 11 am** 	2	3 Saint Series begins after 8:30 am Mass 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 7:15 pm First Friday Adoration	4 7:30-9:30 am St. Michael's Warriors Ministry 8:30 am Pro-life Mass
5 Epiphany of the Lord 8-1:45 Blood Drive, Activity Center 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	6 Martha's Kitchen reopens today 7:30 pm Monica's Hope, Rm 1 8 pm St Margaret's of Costello Special Needs Ministry, Rm 2	7 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7-9 pm Life After Loss	8 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	9	10 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 9 am Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations	11 7:30-9:30 am St. Michael's Warriors Ministry
12 Baptism of the Lord 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	13 6:45 - 9 pm Mom's Prayer Group, Rm 1	14 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7-8:30 on Catholics Returning Home 7-9 pm Life After Loss 7:30 pm Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations	15 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	16	17 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 9:30-11 am St. Martha's Mom's Group	18 Baby Bottle Boomerang 7:30-9:30 am St. Michael's Warriors Ministry 6-9:30 pm Caribbean Nights International Mission Trips Dinner, Family Life Center
19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Baby Bottle Boomerang 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6:45 pm Life Night A, FLC	20	21 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 7-8:30 on Catholics Returning Home 7-9 pm A New Way to Love 7-9 pm Life After Loss	22 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	23	24 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2	25 St. John of the Cross Food Drive DSF Weekend 6-9 EDGE Back to School Social 7:30-9:30 am St. Michael's Warriors Ministry
26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time DSF Weekend Catholic Schools Week St. John of the Cross Food Drive 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6:45 pm Life Night B, FLC	27 6:30-8 pm EDGE Night	28 9:15 am Breakfast & Bible Study 5-7 pm SMCS Open House 7-8:30 on Catholics Returning Home 7-9 pm A New Way to Love 7-9 pm Life After Loss	29 8:30 am School Mass 10:30 am Martha's Quilters, Rm 3	30	31 9:15 am Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 Parish & Faith Formation Offices close at 1 pm	

Texas Rally for Life

SABADO, ENERO 25, 2020

Enero 2020, marca 47 años desde Roe v. Wade
¡Únase a miles de Tejanos marchando en apoyo de la vida humana!

Misa de la Arquidiócesis a las 8:30am

St. Bartholomew the Apostle
5356 Eleventh Street
Katy, TX 77493

Partiremos para Austin después de Misa
Marcha y mitin por La Vida sera a la 1 pm
Costo: $25.00/persona(no incluye almuerzo)

Parada en Bucees ida y vuelta a Austin

Autobuses saldran de varias paroquias
Comuníquese con la Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida para encontrar la parroquia mas cercana a usted al (713)741-8728

Registrese en https://archgh.cvent.com/d/wyqbym/

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA PERPETUA

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

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA \ ADORADORES

MARTES: 1-2 AM & 3-4 AM.
SÁBADO 1-2 AM & 10-11 AM.

HORAS DISPONIBLES PARA CO-ADORADORES Y SUBSTITUTOS

Lunes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 9-10 AM
Martes: 12-1 AM 1-2 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM
Miércoles: 2-3 AM, 4-5 AM, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 4-5 PM
Jueves: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 11-12 PM
Viernes: 12-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 6-7 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM, 9-10 PM, 10-11 PM
Sábado: 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM - NOCHE, 1-2 PM, 2-3 PM, 3-4 PM, 7-8 PM
Domingo: 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 10-11 AM, 12-1 PM, 9-10 PM

Si usted está interesado en participar en este ministerio o desea obtener más información, porfavor contactar a:
Jane Doherty, 409-656-5345,
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Nuevo Horario de Legión de María

a partir del próximo 11 de diciembre

Este Ministerio busca conquistar almas para Cristo por medio de la Santísima Virgen María, realizando trabajos apostólicos semanalmente en nuestra parroquia.

Únete a las filas de la Legión de María y visítanos todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm en el Salón de Recepción de la Iglesia Santa Marta 4301 Woodridge Pkwy, Porter, TX 77365.

Mildred Garcia- Tel. 936-230-1722; millieg226@yahoo.com

Grupo de Oración Carismático

Únete a nosotros en oración, alabanza, acción de gracias y súplica.

Sábados de 9:00 a 10:00 a.m.
Capilla en Woodland Hills Drive

MARIA GORETTI NETWORK ESPANOL PARA TODA - VICTIMA DE ABUSO

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 e-mail a mariagorettiespanol@gmail.com.
Alli le darán más información sobre el lugar y hora de las r eunions y contestaremos sus preguntas.

Legión de Maria—

Este Ministerio busca conquistar el mundo para Cristo por medio de la Virgen María. Visitamos hogares llevando la Virgen peregrina para enseñar el rezo del Santo Rosario, dar a conocer la devoción del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y las gracias que reciben las familias al consagrarse a El y a la Virgen María.
Si deseas ser un soldado de la Santísima Virgen María, únete a las filas de la Legión los viernes a las 7:00 pm en el Woodland Hills Campus Salón #2; o como miembro auxiliar orando por nuestro grupo.
Para mas información contactar a Mildred García 936-230-1722.

RECUERDA LOS *SANTOS INOCENTES*

Oremos por los Niños No Nacidos

Únase a Los Ayudantes de los Preciosos Niños de Dios

Sábado, 28 de Diciembre del 2019

Oh Santa María, Oh Santa María, acuna a los niños que han muerto por nuestra negligencia y defiende a aquellos que trabajan para salvar a los más débiles y más pequeños entre nosotros. Oh Santa Madre, enséñanos con tu vida a abrazar a Cristo tu hijo.

MISA A LAS 8:10 AM
En la parroquia HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
6921 Chetwood, Houston

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

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

Este evento es patrocinado por: Los Ayudantes de los Valiosos Niños de Dios y La Oficina de Actividades Pro-Vida
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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 PM

Nursery at 9 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses

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

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday:
Church 6:15 -7 PM
Saturday:
Church 10 AM - 11:45 AM
Church 4:30-5:20 PM

Perpetual Adoration

Adoration Chapel 24 hrs.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call for a priest if you are seriously ill at home, about to enter the hospital, or if someone is close to death.

Baptism

Classes and Ceremony: Call the Parish Office to register

Marriage

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

Funerals

Call the Parish Office for more information, 281-358-6637.