

JAN. 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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ST. MARTHA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME TO

**Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus,
Friends of Jesus Catholic Church**
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Rev. T.J. Dolce, Pastor

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Reed, Mr. Carlin Walters and Mr. Gary Yepsen

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,
12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps
29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6
-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS
40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-
15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-
17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday Memorial of Saint Hilary,
Bishop and Doctor of the
Church**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps
21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7
-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17
-20; Jn 1:35-42

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon./Jan. 8

8:30 a.m. †Dolores Larriva
†Consuelo Rodriguez de Bui-
tron
†Nancy Halley
†Francisco Elena
†James Arena

Tue./Jan. 9

8:30 a.m. †Bernice Schramm
7 p.m. †Joan Petrello

Wed./Jan. 10

8:15 a.m. (SCHOOL MASS)
†George Williams
10 a.m. †Ron Bell

Thurs./Jan. 11

6:30 a.m. Nazly Perez
8:30 a.m. †Helen Brownell

Fri./Jan. 12

8:30 a.m. †Jose Ortiz
†Indiana L. Pereira
†John Coulter
†William Jarrod Bourg
†Arcadio Alfredo Nunez

Sat/Jan. 13

5:30 p.m. †Stan Sarman

Sun./Jan. 14

7 a.m. †Elizabeth Walters
9 a.m. †Nora Jean Leon Flynn
11 a.m. For the Parish
1 p.m. †Bertha Alicia Davila
5 p.m. †Henrietta Bedro

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 new-comer, 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,

I hope and pray that you and your family are having a great first week of 2024! I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for choosing St. Martha's as your home. On this feast of the Epiphany, we remember the gifts that the Magi brought to the newborn king, and we thank God for all the gifts he pours into our lives. We are blessed as a parish family by the diversity, talents, and generosity of the families that make up our parish. We pray that we may use our gifts to serve the newborn King and his Kingdom here on

Earth. May you and your family be blessed during this New Year and may the gifts you bring to the King help enrich God's Kingdom!
Fr. T.J.

Did you know St. Martha Catholic Church is on Instagram?



Follow us to learn more about all the great things
happening at St. Martha

You can find us at [Instagram.com/stmartha](https://www.instagram.com/stmartha)
or by scanning the
QRCode



Stewardship

*Happy
New Year!*

Stewardship in the New Year: Making Commitments to the Lord

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need

to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following samples:

Stewardship of Prayer: Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

Stewardship of Family: Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together. Practice patience and forgiveness.

Stewardship of Health: Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

Stewardship of Possessions: Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

Stewardship of the Parish Family: Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish's outreach or education and formation efforts. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

Stewardship of Money: Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

Stewardship of Work: Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship of Mind: Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your bible. In this presidential election year in the United States, become even more familiar with Catholic social teaching.

Stewardship of Neighbor: Resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

Stewardship of the Poor: Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

Stewardship of Treasure

For Dec. 23 through Dec. 25 your Stewardship Gifts of
Treasure resulted in:

4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 23/24

Offertory \$ 27,722
Faith Direct \$ 96,526

Christmas Collection Dec. 24/25

Christmas \$ 51,710
Debt (2nd Collection) \$ 24,587

Fiscal Year to Date: \$ 2,202,612

Special Collections:

Debt Reduction \$ 3,348
Martha's Kitchen \$ 6,694
Retired Religious \$ 47
Christmas Flowers \$ 300
Solemnity of Mary \$ 80

Current Loan Debt: \$ 1,750,732

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

Max Fahnlander (*nephew of Kristin Shelton*)
Joseph John Chapman
Diana Tyson
Elbert Vinz (*husband of Bernell Vinz, father of Sharon Vinz-Wachel*)
Elbert Binz
Patricia Moser
Janet Nicholson
Jana Francis (*sister of Rick Francis*)
Christine Wittenbrink
Robert Ante Sr. (*father of Melanie Henry and Melissa Leake*)
Colette Carbone
George Sherman Jr.
Hannah Shields
Anne Ensley (*mother of Mark Ensley*)
Doris Erbel (*wife of Jack Erbel*)
Henry Tendorf

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

Bernadette McManus, Joan Winslow, Louise Callens, John Gibson, Al Wehe, John Adkins, Marty and Lynn Finn, Susan Scott, Candice Nicole Hupp, Amoree Walker Jones, Marti Treckman, Carolyn Johnston, Carmen Saucedo, Michael Dittoe, Ron Hammock, Juan & Linda Herrera, Benson Family, Martha Espinosa, Allison Ardoin, Barbara Rolstad, Margaret Elaine Rittenhouse, David Livingston, William Mejia, Berenice Ramos, Gerardo Ramos, Nelson Carvajal, Albert Binz, Bev Rose, Mary Ann Brown, Christine Price, Suzy Fields, Phil and Sherry Jackson, John Treckman, Patrice Harvey, Ron Dudley, Lyndsey Collins, Charles (Chip) Eckel, Marilyn Coleman, Helen Miller, Miguel Angel Sepulveda, Amy Eisterhold, Judy LeBlanc, Julie (Adams) Lauppe, David Jones, Marty and Lynn Fehn, Baltazar Russi Losada, Zachary Abrams, Dcn. Ola Branche, Constanza Perez, Arlene Marucci, Lora Voltmann

Please note: Prayers and the Eucharist are important when we are sick. If you, or a loved one, are at HCA Kingwood and would like a visit to receive communion/prayer, please call the parish office (281-358-6637) and let us know. The hospital does not release this information to us.

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



YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Young at Heart-ers. Come ring in the New Year with your YAH family & friends and enjoy a delicious lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at St. Martha's Family Life Center. Join us for fun, bingo and lunch. Bingo begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 1:30 p.m. Coffee and water will be provided prior to bingo. Lunch will be served in take-home containers but you are welcome to stay and eat with your friends. Bring a friend and start a New Year tradition. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski at 713-594-4430.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

Saturday, January 20, 2024 – 12:00 – 3:00 PM

St. Martha School, Activity Center – Drinks, Snacks, Awards
Sponsored by St. Martha Knights of Columbus Council # 12320

Please note: Bring a copy of your birth certificate showing age as of January 1, 2024. 9 – 14-year-olds are eligible.

1 Hour of Free Coaching Clinic before the Contest
Open Court for Parents & Family after the Contest

For more information, email Mark Zessin
markzessin20@gmail.com or call 346-382-8733

The Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state levels of competition and takes place in January of each year. Winners of our local event will move on to compete in the district level championships. As long as you're winning, you will advance to regional, and state competitions.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RALPH!

14 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, IN THE STEPS OF

ST. PAUL; MEDJUGORJE AND DUBROVNIK.

See Athens and its ancient wonders, Metoera, Kavala, Kalambaka, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth; three-night, four-day Cruise: Ephesus (Mary's house), Patmos (where St. John wrote Revelations), Crete and Santorini. Medjugorje (Our Lady of Medjugorje) and picturesque Dubrovnik. From March 15-28, 2024. End Lent with prayer and exciting travel and get back in time for Easter. Act fast, only room for 18 parishioners. \$4,190 per person From Houston.

Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, two Meals A Day - Breakfast And Dinner, Daily Sightseeing with English-Speaking Guides, Daily Mass, Entrance Fees, Airport Taxes, and Fuel Surcharges - Tips To Guides, Headwaiters, Porters, and Drivers are included. Fr. Ralph will be your personal spiritual guide. For further information and details call 713-725-1300 or e-mail fr.ralph@stmartha.com. To see the brochure or to download the registration form, please visit www.stmartha.com/pilgrimages.



PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

The next parish Blood Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for Jan. 14, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. at the Activity Center on Woodland Hills Drive.

The Knights of Columbus will be in the Narthex before and after each Mass to assist you with an appointment so that you may donate.

You may also schedule an appointment by emailing jnd.gurka@gmail.com or call Darien Gurka at 713-628-0373. Online appointments may be scheduled by visiting <http://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.

Valentine's Dinner & Dance

CELEBRATION OF LOVE
Dinner, Dancing & Fellowship

Saturday
10 Feb
6:30 PM-9:30 PM

St. Martha Family Life Center
Faith Formation Campus
3702 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX, 77339

All are Welcome!

Adults only, please

RSVP to Mark & Teresa Roseland by Jan. 28th
teamsofourladykw@gmail.com

Sponsored by Teams of Our Lady



Northeast Catholic Singles

Have some fun! Join the Northeast Catholic Singles, a ministry for singles age 40 and older, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Pete's Burger Place in Kingwood, at 24626 Loop 494, to eat/drink/talk. For more information, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or peggybmom4@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or elizabeths2@peoplepc.com).

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE



Limited seats
reserve yours!
¡Reserva Pronto!
Espacios Limitados

Sat, January 27, 2024 / 8am

Parishioners from St. Martha and parishioners from St. Mary Magdalene are sharing a charter bus to attend the Texas Rally for Life in Austin, Texas. Join us in an effort to support women in crisis and their unborn children

When: The Rally for Life is Saturday, January 27th

Time: Bus departs from St. Mary Magdalene Church, North Parking Lot, at 8:00AM promptly.

Return: Approximately 7:00PM at St. Mary Magdalene Church

Cost: \$20 per person – due by January 10th

Contact Brenda Baez @ baez.brenda@gmail.com (713) 277-5093, Melida Carranza @ Meildacarranza0@gmail.com (832) 352-4535, or Tom Angelino @ tomangelino@gmail.com, (281) 761-1351 to confirm seating and payment instructions (Cash or Zelle)

St. Martha's Moms

Spring 2024 Events

MORNING GATHERINGS

Join us for fellowship, inspiring speakers, and spiritual growth. Childcare provided with prior reservations.

Fridays 9:30-11:00 am

February 2, March 1, April 5, & May 3

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

Save these dates for moms-only events. Infants welcome!

7:30 pm on Jan. 16, Feb. 22, & April 25

FAMILY MEET-UP

4:30 pm on April 6th

Bring the whole family to Back Pew Brewery!

"KIDS PLAY, MOMS PRAY"

Park playdates on Fridays 9:30-11:00 am

March 8, 15, 22

April 12, 19, 26

May 10, 17, 24

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.

St. Therese of Lisieux

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, March 29:

Children's Stations of the Cross

Monday, May 13th at 9:30 am:

Tea with Mary (hosted by Cana Experience)



NEED DETAILS?

ADDITIONAL DETAILS GO OUT VIA EMAIL PRIOR TO EACH EVENT. EMAIL STMARTHASMOMS@GMAIL.COM TO JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

FACEBOOK GROUP:

"ST. MARTHA'S MOMS *KINGWOOD*"

Adult Bible Studies for Spring 2024



Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

*An 8-week study on Monday Mornings beginning January 22nd
Join us in-person OR online with Zoom*

Time: Mondays 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM beginning January 22nd
The online group will meet on the same day from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Location: The Family Life Center at the Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.

Cost: \$30 due at the first meeting.

To Register: Contact Tom Kasza at thomask@stmartha.com or (281) 713-8968 by January 11th.

Breakfast and Bible Study

*Tuesday Mornings Throughout the Year
Studying the Sunday Mass Readings*

Time: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Meeting Room 2 at the Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.

Cost: Free

To Register: No registration required. Join any time.

Come and See: The Gospel of Saint Matthew Vengan y vean: El Evangelio según San Mateo

You can still join our Tuesday or Wednesday study on the Gospel of Matthew - 12 weeks remaining.

Tuesday: English Only

Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Resuming January 9th

Location: The Family Life Center at the Faith Formation Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Dr.

Cost: \$25 registration

To Register: Contact Tom Kasza at thomask@stmartha.com or (281) 713-8968.

Wednesday Morning: English and Spanish

Time: 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Resuming January 17th

Location: The Main Church, 4301 Woodridge Pkwy.

Cost: \$25 registration

To Register: Contact Zuri Jackson at (281) 733-7571 or zurijackson@msn.com.



Wednesdays in English: That Man Is You!

Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart
The Vision of Man Fully Alive

We will discover:

- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

Every Wednesday resuming January 10

5:45 AM - Breakfast is served

6:00 AM - Program begins

7:00 AM - Program ends

Scan the QR Code to register:



Los domingos en Español: ¡Ese hombre eres tú! Convirtiéndose en un hombre conforme al corazón de Dios

Descubre:

- Los tres obstáculos principales para vivir como hombres auténticos y las manera de superarlos.
- La renovación maravillosa que Dios les ofrece a los hombres y a sus familias a través de la Iglesia.

Los domingos empezando el 7 de enero

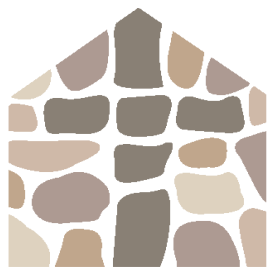
7:00 AM - Desayuno

7:20 AM - El programa comienza

8:30 AM - Despido

Conéctate con el QR Código:





You are invited to join our
LIVING STONES
small groups ministry



SCAN ME

We were not made to do life alone. God wants each of us to have thriving, edifying, life-giving relationships. Just as Jesus created His community of disciples and invited them to walk alongside Him, Living Stones small groups ministry invites you in, walks with you into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, the body of Christ.

NOW FORMING SMALL GROUPS FOR LENT

Living Stones small groups provide a warm, welcoming environment in which 6-12 adults gather in members homes to:

- *Read and reflect on God's word or other spiritually forming material of interest*
- *Pray with and for each other, growing closer in relationship and our community*

CHRIS MILBRANDT › CHRISTINAM@STMARTHA.COM › 281-358-1959 EXT 251

Adult Confirmation classes will be offered for anyone over 18 that has been baptized Catholic and has received their First Communion. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Mandy at mandyc@stmartha.com

Discovering the

TEMPERAMENT GOD GAVE YOU

A small group study for women

Monday mornings, January- May 2024

Information Session

Monday, January 8

Faith Formation Campus, Room 3 @ 9:30am

Childcare provided with advanced request

Know yourself.

Become a better spouse and parent.

Grow closer to the Lord.

Email stmarthascana@gmail.com
 with questions and to reserve
 childcare for info session

Liturgy



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Church Chapel - Open daily,
6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Holy Family Chapel -
Open daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Woodland Hills Chapel -
Open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE:

Woodland Hills Chapel

Jan. 7: 3-4 p.m. (Divine Mercy)

Jan. 8: 5:3-7 p.m. (CCE)

Jan. 9: 11 a.m.-Noon (MDO), 3:30-4 p.m. (Staff Prayer) 4-9 p.m. (CCE)

Jan. 12: 7-8 p.m. (Prayer Group)

Jan. 13: 1-3 p.m. (Celebration)

Holy Family Chapel

Jan. 7: 3-4:30 p.m. (Music Ministry)

Jan. 12: 9-10 a.m. (Adoration)

Jan. 13: 2-3 p.m. (Celebration), 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Meeting)



Seasons of Hope

Seasons of Hope is a unique grief support program that focuses on the spiritual side of grieving the death of a spouse. It invites those who mourn to accompany one another and to meet Christ through scripture, prayer, reflection, and simple activities that offer comfort and help to foster healing and spiritual growth. Six-week program beginning on Tuesday mornings, Jan. 9 -Feb. 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For information contact: Linda Sarman, 713-471-3543.



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 more information on the monthly gathering, please contact Francine at francine.puglia@gmail.com

MONICA'S HOPE

Monica's Hope is a prayerful support group for parents of seriously troubled children of all ages. Troubles might include mental illness, addiction, criminality, etc. When our children suffer, we suffer. Come join parents who understand because they have experienced troubles with their child. We share, pray and gain strength for our journeys.

Our next meeting is Monday, **Jan. 8**, 7:30 -9 p.m. in Room 3 on the Woodland Hills Campus. If you have any questions call Paul Aegerter 832-331-4472; Marcia Aegerter 281-467-4043; or Kathy Czubik 713-213-7173.



St. Martha's Life After Loss grief support program offers a nine week support group beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 7-9 p.m. All who are experiencing the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend. To register, fill out the form at www.stmartha.com/life-after-loss or scan the QR Code. For more information or help, call 281-360-2714 or e-mail lauriecardella@outlook.com.



St. Martha's Annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Jan. 20-21

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.

Every little bit helps, and we appreciate all you give



We provide unconditional love and understanding to all who seek our help. Please make all checks out to "St. Martha Catholic Church"

Divorced. Cath♥lic. Now What? Navigating Your Life After Divorce:

This is a 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. 9-March 5

Tuesday Evenings: 7-8:30 p.m.

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

For information and registration, please contact: **Ellen Arias-281-507-9618; LnreS@outlook.com**

Cost: \$20 for the book but do not let the cost be a deterrent.



Out of work or looking for a better job? St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond can help!!

St. Martha Between Jobs and Beyond seeks to provide help to those who are unemployed or underemployed in our parish and the surrounding area by first assisting with the tasks of finding a job (resume writing, interview preparation, and networking). Second, we help people stay motivated throughout the job search through prayer, our support group and one-on-one coaching. We also encourage those who are seeking a new job to adopt a spirit of service.

We meet every Friday in Room 2 on the Faith Formation Campus. The meetings start at 8:45 a.m. with an opening prayer, followed by an education session on a job search topic such as resume writing, then support activities through one-on-one coaching or our group discussion called the Journey Forward. We finish with a networking discussion and are usually done before noon.

We encourage every working parishioner, as well as those who have come through this ministry, to participate by praying for the job seekers as well as providing networking contacts and job leads for the job seekers. If a parishioner is interested in participating as a volunteer, contact Bob Simpson: Bob Simpson, 713-410-2844, robert.glenn.simpson@gmail.com



To become a diocesan priest:



Discernment

Interested men meet with a vocations or spiritual director to learn more about the priesthood and priestly formation. You then become a candidate for a specific diocese.

Seminarian

After completing a requisite number of courses in philosophy, one begins four years of graduate studies in theology. During their years of formation seminarians also deepen their prayer life, work on becoming a well-rounded person, and minister in parishes.

Deacon

During your last year of theology and upon the recommendation of your bishop, you are ordained as a transitional deacon and begin ministry such as preaching, catechetical instruction, counseling, and service to the community.

Priest

Having successfully completed all of your studies and deepened your spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral understanding, you promise to be a priest forever and you are ordained by your bishop.

CATHOLIC  EXTENSION

CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **King Family** in prayer this week as they host the Chalice and Pray for Vocations. Interested in hosting the Chalice for Vocations? Please contact Amy Kennedy at 518-698-2062 or by email, amykenedy1976@gmail.com to schedule a week.

Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations

- Second Tuesday: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Second Friday: 9 - 10 a.m.

Sponsored by Serra Club Northeast of Houston

St. Martha Catholic School

STEPS FOR STUDENTS 5K RUN/WALK

<https://www.steps4students.org/smc>

REGISTRATION ONLINE AT STEPS4STUDENTS.ORG/SMCS

Register for 5K Untimed for \$15!

Or Hit the Snooze button for \$20!

*Prices increase after October 31, 2023



Saturday
February 10, 2024



8:30 AM



Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway
Houston, TX 77002



HELP US SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



Cáliz de Vocaciones

Una vocación es un llamado del Espíritu Santo que se nutre en la oración.

Oremos esta semana junto con la

Familia Leal,

por las vocaciones a la Vida consagrada.

¿Estas interesado en participar?

Envía un mensaje de texto al 832-998-3425 para asignarte una fecha.



DUELO, ESPERANZA Y VIDA—

¿Estás sufriendo la pérdida de un ser querido, o alguna pérdida significativa en tu vida? ¡No estás solo! El Ministerio de consuelo de la Iglesia St. Martha, ofrece un programa de apoyo y acompañamiento de diez semanas, llamado: “El Nuevo Día, Un Camino del Dolor Hacia La Sanación” que te ayudará a atravesar

este doloroso proceso.

Para más información comunicarse con Luis y Alicia Martinez al 281-878-9501 (llamada o texto) o al correo electrónico:

alicia.martinez1095@gmail.com



Ministerio Legión de María

*Propagamos la Devoción al
Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y Su
entronización en hogares,
el Santo Rosario
... y mucho mas.*

Salón de Recepción
Iglesia Santa Marta *4301 Woodridge
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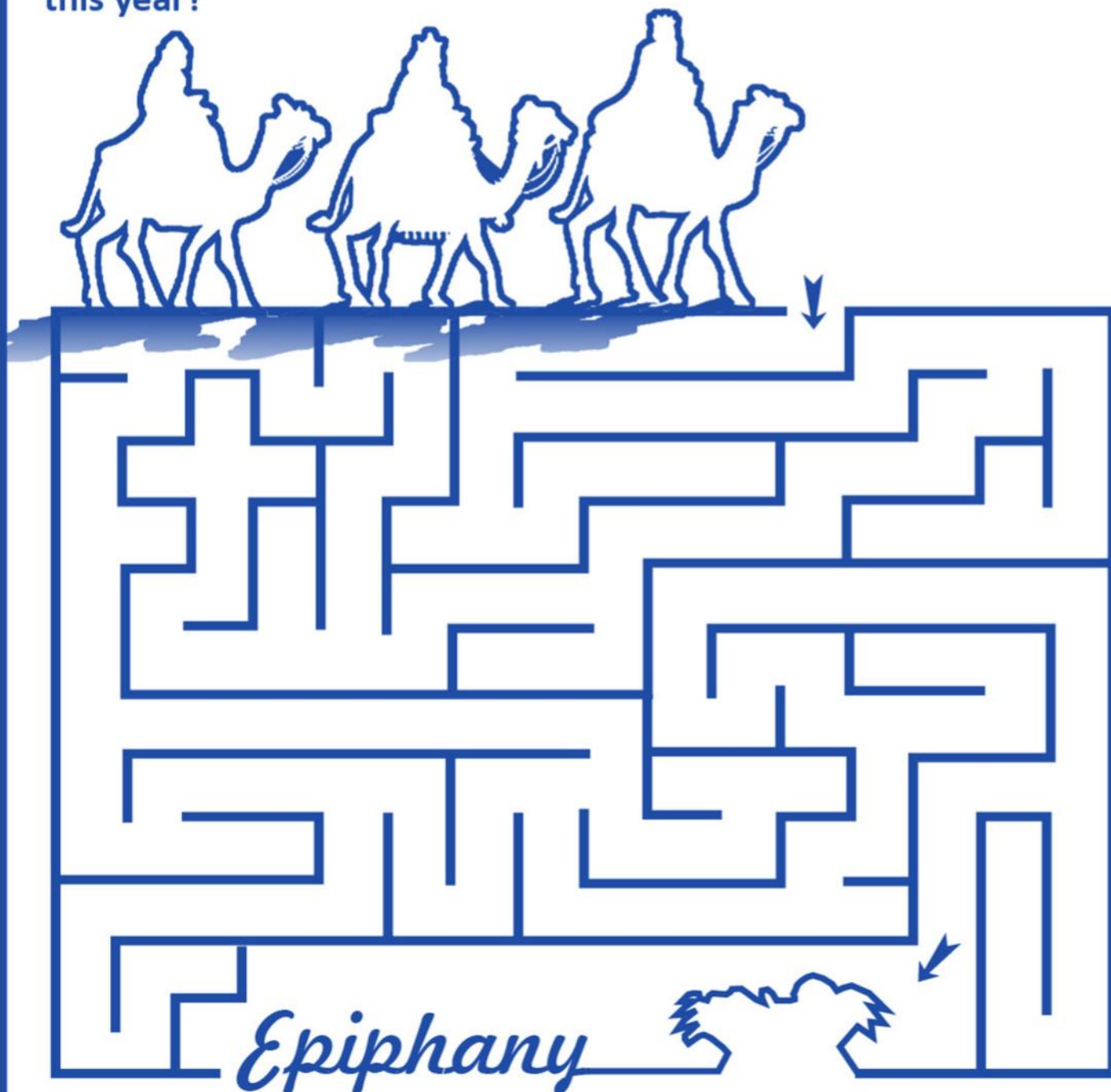


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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| | 1 Happy New Year!! Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Mass at 8:30 a.m. in the church Parish/FF Offices Closed KofC Texas Marathon Kingwood | 2 | 3 SMCS and Martha's Kitchen return from Christmas Break 10:30 a.m. Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 | 4 9 pm ACTS Rosary in the WH Chapel | 5 8:45 a.m. Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 7 p.m. First Friday Adoration | 6 8:30 a.m. Pro-Life Mass |
| 7 Epiphany of the Lord 7-8:30 a.m. Ese hombre eres tu Sunday Connection after the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses 3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 8 Baptism of the Lord 9:15-10:45 a.m. Monday morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Temperament God Gave You Info Session, Rm 3 7:30 p.m. Monica's Hope, Rm 1 | 9 9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study 9:30-11:30 a.m. Seasons of Hope Begins 7-8:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group Begins 7:15-9 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations | 10 5:45-7 a.m. That Man is You, FLC 10:30 a.m. Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Young at Heart Luncheon, FLC 7-9 p.m. Life after Loss Begins | 11 6:30-9 p.m. RCIA 9 pm ACTS Rosary in the WH Chapel | 12 9 a.m. Holy Hour of Exposition and Benediction for Vocations 8:45 a.m. Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 7-8 Prayer Group in WH Chapel | 13 |
| 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7-8:30 a.m. Ese hombre eres tu 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m. KofC Blood Drive, Activity Center 3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Parish/Faith Formation Offices closed | 16 9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study 9:30-11:30 a.m. Seasons of Hope 7-8:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 7:15-9 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study | 17 5:45-7 a.m. That Man is You, FLC 10:30 a.m. Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bible Study, Church 7-9 p.m. Life after Loss | 18 6:30-9 p.m. RCIA 9 pm ACTS Rosary in the WH Chapel | 19 8:45 a.m. Unemployment Ministry, Rm 8 7-9 Prayer Group in WH Chapel | 20 Baby Bottle Boomerang at all Masses this Weekend 12-3 p.m. KofC Free Throw Championship |
| 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Baby Bottle Boomerang 7-8:30 a.m. Ese hombre eres tu 3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn 9:15-10:45 a.m. Monday morning Bible Study, Gospel of John | 23 9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study 9:30-11:30 a.m. Seasons of Hope 7-8:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 7:15-9 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study | 24 5:45-7 a.m. That Man is You, FLC 10:30 a.m. Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bible Study, Church 7-9 p.m. Life after Loss | 25 6:30-9 p.m. RCIA 9 pm ACTS Rosary in the WH Chapel | 26 8:45 a.m. Unemployment Ministry, Rm 2 7-8 Prayer Group in WH Chapel | 27 St. John of the Cross Food Drive Texas Rally for Life, Austin TX |
| 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John of the Cross Food Drive 7-8:30 a.m. Ese hombre eres tu 3 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy | 29 9:15-10:45 a.m. Monday morning Bible Study, Gospel of John | 30 9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study 9:30-11:30 a.m. Seasons of Hope 7-8:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group 7:15-9 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study | 31 5:45-7 a.m. That Man is You, FLC 10:30 a.m. Martha's Quilters, Rm 3 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bible Study, Church 7-9 p.m. Life after Loss | <div> <p>Each new year gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment as disciples of Jesus. We understand that all gifts are entrusted to us by God. We commit ourselves to return those gifts with increase. As stewards, we offer our lives in service.</p> </div> | | |

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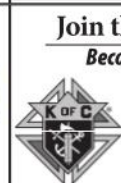


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Contemporary: 5:00 p.m.

Monday: 8:30 a.m.

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