



# ST. MARTHA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### WELCOME TO

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

**Rev. T.J. Dolce, Pastor**

**Rev. Ralph Roberts, Parochial Vicar**

**Rev. Zachary Muldrow, Parochial Vicar**

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Mr. Ruben Manosalva, Mr. Miguel Perez, Mr. Guy T. Puglia,  
Mr. Doug Reed, Mr. Carlin Walters and Mr. Gary Yepsen

# LENT

PRAYER      PENANCE      ALMSGIVING

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**MARCH 10, 2024**

#### MASS SCHEDULE

FIRST SATURDAY: 8:30 am  
SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:30 pm  
SUNDAY: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
EN ESPAÑOL: 1:00 pm  
CONTEMPORARY: 5:00 pm  
MONDAY: 8:30 am  
TUESDAY: 8:30 am & 7:00 pm  
WEDNESDAY: 8:15 am (SCHOOL  
Mass) & 10:00 am  
THURSDAY: 6:30 & 8:30 am  
FRIDAY: 8:30 am

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

TUESDAY: 6:15-7:00 pm  
SATURDAY: 10:00-11:45 am &  
4:30-5:20 pm

#### CHURCH & PARISH OFFICE

4301 Woodridge Parkway  
Porter, TX 77365  
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[www.stmartha.com](http://www.stmartha.com)  
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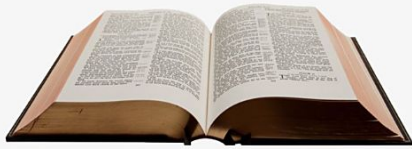
#### FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS

3702 Woodland Hills Drive  
Kingwood, TX 77339  
281-358-1959  
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Office Hours  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-4:00 pm

#### ST. MARTHA

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2411 Oak Shores Drive  
Kingwood, TX 77339  
281-358-5523  
Fax 281-358-5526  
[www.stmarthacs.org](http://www.stmarthacs.org)  
Office Hours  
Monday-Friday  
7:50 am-3:15 pm



### Scripture Readings for the Week

- Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
- Monday** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Mon./March 11

- 8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Brown  
†Joseph Bossom  
†Thomas Cook  
†Christian Frisch  
†

#### Tue./March 12

- 8:30 a.m. †Hung Le  
7 p.m. Reinel Daza

#### Wed./March 13 (NO SCHOOL MASS TODAY—8:30 A.M. MASS IN THE HOLY FAMILY CHAPEL)

- 8:30 a.m. †Evangeline Vera Vega  
10 a.m. Marianna Steffes

#### Thurs./March 14

- 6:30 a.m. †Robert Louis Garcia  
8:30 a.m. †

#### Fri./March 15

- 8:30 a.m. †Thomasene Christman  
†Jack Throop  
†Skip Churchwell  
†Adelle, Esther & John Gross  
†Valerij Bojarkin

#### Sat./March 16

- 5:30 p.m. †Christine Marie Wittenbrink

#### Sun./March 17

- 7 a.m. †Ethan Paxton Shaw  
9 a.m. †David & Madie Abner  
11 a.m. †Merilyn Deane  
1 p.m. For the Parish  
5 p.m. †Paige Murray

## 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](http://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 would like to remind everyone again about scams that are targeting Churches. If you get an email from me asking for money, IT IS NOT ME! I will only ask for money like I did for the capital campaign, so please don't buy gift cards and share the numbers with someone claiming to be "Father T.J.". What is happening is that there are people who prey on the generosity of our parishioners by emailing and texting people whose names are listed in the bulletin. The scammers set up a fake email and pretend to be me and then ask you for a favor. I WILL NOT DO THAT. Please do not fall for this terrible scam that has been going on. Unfortunately, this problem is becoming so widespread and popular that the Federal Trade Commission cannot keep up with investigating all of these scams. I am reminding everyone again that there are people who are trying to deceive you and take care of your generosity.*

*Since I'm on the subject, I will take this time to remind you that our "March Match-Up" to the capital campaign is going on and would ask you to be generous to help us reach our goal! Please pray about what you can give to support the Church.*

*May God bless you!*

*Fr. TJ*

## MARCH MATCH-UP: DOUBLE DOWN FOR ST. MARTHA'S!!!

See the back of the bulletin for  
more details!





# PARISH SPRING CLEANING

MARCH 16 | 1-4PM | FAITH FORMATION CAMPUS  
3702 WOODLAND HILLS DR KINGWOOD, TX 77339

JOIN US FOR A PARISH DAY OF  
SERVICE! LET'S COME TOGETHER  
TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF OUR  
SPACE THROUGH VARIOUS  
PROJECTS. SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER AND BE A PART OF  
THIS MEANINGFUL INITIATIVE



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Stewardship Corner

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives his most cherished beloved son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

## Stewardship of Treasure

**For March 2-3 Stewardship Gifts of Treasure resulted in:**

### Third Sunday of Lent

Offertory	\$ 30,306
Faith Direct	\$ 62,296
<b>Fiscal Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 3,049,645</b>

<b>DSF Goal for 2024:</b>	<b>\$ 360,000</b>
<b>DSF Payments to date:</b>	<b>\$ 105,035</b>

### Special Collections

Debt Reduction	\$ 86,220
Martha's Kitchen	\$ 2,820
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 71
Easter	\$ 125
Easter Flowers	\$ 555
Good Friday	\$ 90
Catholic Relief	\$ 90
Columbian Missions	\$ 663

**Current Loan Debt: \$ 1,656,770**



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

Martha Carter  
Joseph Bossom  
Robert Nader  
Dolores Diaz  
Sara House  
Humberto Saldana  
Donald Loeffler  
Ana Fernanda Rascon  
Miguel Azar  
Celinda Haydel  
Mary Ann Kupstas

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

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, 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, Harry Israel, Roni Singer, Kathleen Grande, Roni Singer, Joey Sandoval, Wally McAndrews, Clint Spencer, John Sorrentino, Loera Family, Guadalupe Solis, Noely Mejia Sanchez, Diane New, Philip Burton, Kris Glowacki, Drew Mueller, Renee Stevens, Joan Winslow, Nancy Landvogt, Mason Schammell, Claude Adams, Donna Merullo, Juan F. Gonzales

**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.



## Knights of Columbus 2024 Annual Fish Fry Dinner



**Friday evenings 5:30—7 p.m.**  
**Dine-In or Drive-Thru**  
**(Family Life Center on the Faith Formation**  
**Campus, 3702 Woodland Hills Drive)**  
**Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22**

### ADULT FISH DINNER

**\$15**

Lemon Dill Salmon or  
Cajun Fried Fish Fillets  
*Plus sides: Coleslaw,  
 Hush Puppies, Fries,  
 Mac-N-Cheese or  
 Green Beans*

## MENU

### CHILD FISH DINNER

**\$7**

Fish Sticks  
*Plus sides: Fries, Hush  
 Puppies, and  
 Mac-N-Cheese*

### CAJUN DINNERS

**\$13**

*Alternating the  
 following dinners each  
 week:*

Shrimp Gumbo with rice  
 Shrimp Etouffee with rice

*If not eating inside/ Drive-thru available (please follow the signs).*

Questions? Contact John Mikan at [jdmikan@outlook.com](mailto:jdmikan@outlook.com)

## DESSERT SALE

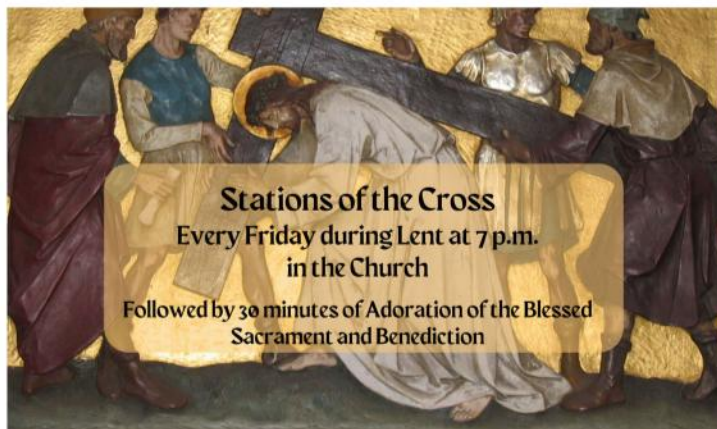
*thank you* *for donations*

**AT KC FISH FRY DINNERS -  
 BAKED GOODIES APPRECIATED**

*donations go toward  
 Scholarships & Catholic Daughters'  
 National Projects*



Questions - Diana at [dianavanhorn@hotmail.com](mailto:dianavanhorn@hotmail.com)



### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m.  
 in the Church

Followed by 30 minutes of Adoration of the Blessed  
 Sacrament and Benediction



### EASTER FLOWERS—

Donations for flowers to be used during the Easter Season in the Church may be made in memory of loved ones by using the envelope marked "Special Offering for Easter Flowers" in your envelope packet and indicating the name(s) on the line provided. The names will be published in the *Easter Sunday Bulletin*. The deadline for submitting these special envelopes is **Wednesday, March 20**. (Donations must be received by deadline to be included in the Easter Bulletin).





# Party on the Plaza

**APRIL 13, 6:30 PM**

Free evening with food, fellowship, & fun; bring your own lawn chair.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

## **NORTHEAST CATHOLIC SINGLES:**

Join the Northeast Catholic Singles, a ministry for singles age 40 and older, on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at McAlister's Deli in Humble, at 9477 FM 1960 Bypass (near Townsen Blvd.) to eat/drink/talk. For more information, contact Peggy Broyles (281-359-4560 or [peggybmom4@gmail.com](mailto:peggybmom4@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Shields (281-441-2552 or [elizabeths2@peoplepc.com](mailto:elizabeths2@peoplepc.com)).

## **HOLY NAME PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER 430 Bunker Hill, Houston, TX 713-464-0211**

In the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival inaugurated by the United States Catholic Bishops; encounter the wisdom of God through a Holy Name Retreat weekend of lectures, discussions, Adoration and Eucharistic celebrations.

What a wonderful way to experience personal renewal and ignite a spark in you!

### **Women's 2024 Weekend Retreats**

Registration Open

April 26-28

May 17-19

June 21-23

### **Married Couples 2024 Weekend Retreats**

Registration Open July 26-28

### **For additional information contact:**

Terri Barile 713-594-1686

[theresabarile@gmail.com](mailto:theresabarile@gmail.com)

Patty Gallagher 832-418-0150

[pattygal62@yahoo.com](mailto:pattygal62@yahoo.com)

To register for a retreat visit the [holynameretreatcenter.com](http://holynameretreatcenter.com)

## **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Martha #2504**

## **Scholarship Applications 2024**



### **Awarding at least \$1,000**

Seeking high-school seniors or currently-enrolled undergraduate students who are service-oriented & who attend St. Martha's



#### **Applications available**

Parish website  
Parish office  
High school office



#### **Applications on website**

[www.stmartha.com/  
cda-scholarship](http://www.stmartha.com/cda-scholarship) &  
High school websites



#### **Application deadline**

Application & requested documents must be delivered to parish office or postmarked by Friday, April 26, 2024

**Questions - Contact Linda  
[totlot41@gmail.com](mailto:totlot41@gmail.com)**

**APPLY TODAY!**

# Get Your St. Martha Merch Today!

## Limited 2024 Edition

ST. MARTHA YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FUNDRAISE OUR TEEN'S 2024 SUMMER TRIPS. SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY BY PURCHASING ST. MARTHA ATTIRE.



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BY MARCH 17TH**



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OR COME BY THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE  
TO ORDER YOURS! Mon - Fri 9AM - 4PM



## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON - Rodeo Round-Up

Young at Heart-ers - Yeehaw - it's Rodeo time! Grab your Stetson, dust off your boots, lasso up and come celebrate the Rodeo with your fellow Young at Heart-ers. Join us for fellowship, bingo and lunch at St. Martha's Family Life Center on Wednesday, March 13. Bingo begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship that ends at 1:30 p.m. If you are new to our community or have never been, try us out. Bring a friend with you and join the fun! We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. If transportation is needed, contact Domenica Seitz at 713-899-1016. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Karpinski, 713-594-4430.



## Knights of Columbus Council 12320 2024 Scholarship Applications

**Two scholarships will be awarded this year: one for \$2,000 and one for \$1,000.** All college, university or trade school bound students are eligible.

Application forms are available at the Parish office or at the Parish website <https://www.stmartha.com/kofcscholarship>. All applications must be received no later than April 30, 2024. Any applications received after that date will be ineligible. Please see forms for complete details.



## Vocations Corner

### MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1 ALEX BURNS	2 TRIEU NGUYEN
3 KEENAN ANNCHARICO	4 JOHN PAUL NGUYEN	5 ALEXANDER CRUZ	6 PEDRO RUBIO	7 WESLEY HENRY	8 THOMAS VU	9 CARLOS JAIME
10 JAMES SCHNITZLER	11 JOSE VERA	12 RYAN BERGER	13 LUKE PARMENTER	14 ANTHONY SANCHEZ	15 ETHAN SICKING	16 DANIEL PHILLIPS
17 STEVEN DRABANT	18 ORLANDO HERRERA	19 BILL WATERS	20 SEBASTIAN DELGADO	21 MATTHEW SCHNITZLER	22 MARLON BRAGG	23 THEODORE BIRKOFER
24 DON VET NGUYEN	25 JOEL GUTERA	26 DENNEGHY MASON	27 JOHN PAUL PHILLIPS	28 JOHN CLARK	29 NAM NGUYEN	30 SHAWN VAREBY

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, GREAT HIGH PRIEST, LEAD OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR UNERRING FOOTSTEPS; SO THAT THEY MAY BECOME PRIESTS WHO ARE MODELS OF PURITY, POSSESSORS OF WISDOM AND HEROES OF SACRIFICE. TEACH THEM GENEROSITY AND DETACHMENT FROM WORLDLY GOODS; BUT ABOVE ALL TEACH THEM TO KNOW YOU AND TO LOVE YOU, THE ONE AND ONLY ETERNAL PRIEST.

AMEN.



### CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS:

Please join the **Chestnut 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, [amykennedy1976@gmail.com](mailto:amykennedy1976@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

## THE NARROW GATE

YOUNG MEN'S  
RETREATMAY 17 -19, 2024  
CAMP KAPPE, PLANTERSVILLE, TX

Come begin the journey down the narrow path. Join us for a transformative weekend retreat tailored for post-confirmation High School gentlemen. You're invited to embark on a profound journey of faith and foster deeper connections within a supportive community of peers. Staffed and coordinated by active, Catholic male role models from St. Martha.

Register:



QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL  
THENARROWGATERETREAT@GMAIL.COM



## Liturgy and Prayer

Is God calling you to visit the  
sick in the Hospital?

Here at St. Martha, our team of visitors are well-trained by the Catholic Chaplain Corps. Our ministry to the sick is very rewarding in fellowship and in service. If you are being called to take communion or make pastoral visits in the hospital setting, you must take the class offered by the CCC.

The class has four sessions:

Aug. 20, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Oct. 22.

To begin the interview process and for any questions, please call: Sheila Yepsen  
281-358-5585

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

**March 10:** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Focus),  
3-4 p.m., (Divine Mercy)

**March 12:** 3:30-4 p.m. (Staff Prayer)

**March 14:** 5:30-9 p.m. (RCIA)

**March 16:** 1-2 p.m. (Celebration)

Holy Family Chapel

**March 10:** 3-4:30 p.m. (Music Ministry)

St. Martha's Moms  
Spring 2024 Events

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

St. Therese  
of Lisieux

## 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

## SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, May 13th at 9:30 am:  
Tea with Mary (hosted by Cana  
Experience)

Children's Adoration Hour Every Tuesday—  
10 am in the Woodland Hills Chapel

Bring your children and grandchildren to a special hour with Christ. They will learn to offer prayer intentions and grow in their love for Christ, his mother Mary, and our Church and the Pope. We have time for silent prayer and a decade of the rosary. We talk about saints, reflect on gospel passages, and sing songs. Parents and kids receive many graces from spending an hour a week with Christ. We hope you will come and see what it's all about. Contact Kristen Johnson at Kristen\_alley@yahoo.com or 281-713-2518 if you have any questions.

## 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\*"





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- ✓ Contact us to tour our beautiful facilities
- ✓ Get a glimpse into the life of a Crusader
- ✓ Meet Faculty and Staff
- ✓ Learn more about our academic and religious curriculum



For More Information

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[registrar@stmarthacs.org](mailto:registrar@stmarthacs.org)



Call For Details  
281-358-5523



SAVE THE DATE!

HAVANA

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CELEBRATING

St. Martha  
Catholic School

APRIL

20 SATURDAY 6:30 PM  
2024

THE NATHANIEL CENTER  
804 RUSSELL PALMER RD  
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

## Outreach / Support Ministries



### 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 begins on Tuesday mornings, April 9-May 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For information contact: Linda Sarman, 713-471-3543.





### MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Lord, it is hard to see people suffer, especially from hunger. We ask you to give them daily bread today and throughout the coming months. Provide the food they need to grow and thrive. We look to you, O God, our strength.

*"Love God's poor and help them all you can, And God will repay you."* – Sister Mary Benitia Vermeersch, M.C.D.P

God's Blessings to All

### St. Martha's Second Family Ministry

The Second Family Ministry is a home based ministry whose focus is helping individuals living with challenges of aging, chronic illness or disability. St. Martha's Second Family Care Team are volunteers who provide person-centered informal visits in the home to persons who need support with socialization as well as respite for family caregivers. Volunteers may offer assistance to our Care Partners such as companionship through home visits, outings, errands, transportation, sending cards, phone calls, etc. Care Team volunteers do not provide skilled care such as nursing, attendant, hospice, or personal care services.

If you would like more information about St. Martha's Second Family Ministry please contact us at:

**stmartha2ndfamily@gmail.com** and leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you.

## St Martha's International Mission Our 2024 Projects

You can transform  
the life of a child in  
Colombia!



Ways  
you can  
help

You are supporting programs that help students:

- Develop Christian principles and leadership that will guide their lives
- Receive a strong academic education
- And strengthen families to

**Break the Cycle of Poverty**

- ☐ \$ 50 - classroom lockers
- ☐ \$ 85 - teacher chairs
- ☐ \$ 125 - classroom fans
- ☐ \$ 200 - preschool fans
- ☐ \$ 200 - potable water tanks
- ☐ \$ 439 - Chaplain air condition
- ☐ \$ 500 - Preschool pickup tent
- ☐ \$ 819 - Science labs air condition
- ☐ \$ 1,325 - Water filtration system
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of your choosing

Donate at

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/TX497/42247>

or

Return this form in an envelope and indicate 'for Colombia Mission', with cash or check made to St Martha, to the parish office or weekly collection

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your  
wonderful support!**



**Faith Direct QR Code  
active through March**

For questions, please contact us at  
terry.stierman@gmail.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 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, **April 1**, 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.

## Life AFTER LOSS

St. Martha's Life After Loss grief support program will offer a nine week support group starting Thursday, April 4, through May 30, 10 a.m. - noon. 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](http://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](mailto:lauriecardella@outlook.com).



## Ministerio Hispano



### Caballeros de Colón Council 12320 2024 Aplicación de Beca

Se darán dos becas este año: una por \$2,000 y otra por \$1,000. Elegibles para cualquier colegio, Universidad o escuela técnica.

Las aplicaciones están disponibles en la oficina parroquial o en la página web de la parroquia <https://www.stmartha.com/kofcscholarship>.

Todas las aplicaciones deberán ser recibidas antes de Abril 30, 2024. Cualquier aplicación recibida después de esta fecha no será elegible. Para más detalles favor de leer todas las formas.



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Y  
PUESTA EN LIBERTAD



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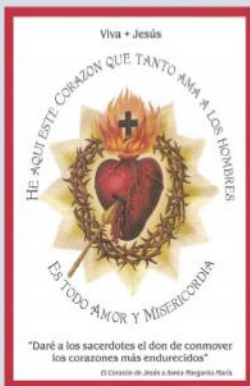
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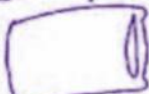
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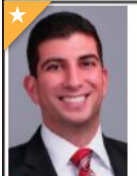
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# Building Faith and Community: The Journey of Saint Martha Parish



Established on February 23, 1979, by Bishop John L. Morkovsky, Saint Martha Parish in Kingwood, TX, embarked on a journey of faith, hospitality, and community. Monsignor William L. Tinney, the appointed pastor, named the parish after Saint Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, symbolizing the warm hospitality that Jesus and his apostles received in Bethany. This choice reflected Monsignor Tinney's vision for Saint Martha: to become a beacon of hospitality and a close-knit community of friends of Jesus.

In its early days, the burgeoning community of 867 families gathered in the Elm Grove Elementary School cafeteria, laying the foundation for a parish that would become known for its vibrant community life. By September 1980, the construction of the church was completed, and on October 21, 1980, the dedication ceremony marked the beginning of a new era. The church boasted modern features, including seating for 1,000 parishioners, energy-efficient air conditioning, a rear-screen projection system, and a dedicated cry room for families with young children, encapsulating the spirit of a forward-looking community grounded in faith.

As the years passed, Saint Martha's community flourished, growing to 3,800 families by 2004 and nearly 5,000 by 2010. This expansion was mirrored in the active participation of volunteers across approximately 101 ministries, councils, and the school, all serving the parish and its surrounding community. This period of growth underscored Saint Martha's commitment to diversity, sharing time, talent, and treasure, and fostering a vibrant faith community for future generations.

Monsignor Borski's ambitious vision took a significant step forward in 2009 when Cardinal DiNardo approved the construction of phase one of the master plan for a new church. Monsignor Borski put his plan in motion. This project, costing nearly \$26 million, was supported by the incredible generosity of the parishioners, who contributed over \$14.8 million across two capital campaigns, all while continuing their regular offering to support the parish's operations and ministries.

The dedication of the new church by Cardinal DiNardo on August 12, 2011, marked a new chapter for Saint Martha, where masses and liturgies have been celebrated since. Today, as we reflect on our journey, our church faces a remaining debt of \$1.7 million. In a remarkable display of faith and generosity, 30 parish families have initiated a matching campaign, pledging to match every donation made in March, dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000.

As we stand on the brink of becoming debt-free in 2024, Father T.J. invites you to join this effort. Your contribution, no matter the size, will not only be doubled thanks to the matching campaign but will also cement your role in the legacy of Saint Martha Parish. Together, let us honor our past, celebrate our present, and contribute to a future where our community continues to grow and thrive, embodying the spirit of hospitality and friendship that defines us. Join us in making history; let's achieve this goal together and ensure that Saint Martha remains a home of faith, hospitality, and community for generations to come.

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