

**Fr. Hai's Corner**

In the reading from 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, the Lord calls Samuel to be his faithful servant.

Speaking to young people, Pope Francis shared about his vocation. He said that he was in his late teens when he had a conversation with a trusted priest friend that led him to consider the idea of being a priest. In fact, while he was praying for a 'call', he thought about proposing to his girlfriend about marriage. He started out studying to be a diocesan priest. Then, he gradually discovered that God wanted him to be with the Society of Jesus (or the Jesuits). Pope Francis listened and answered God's call.

**From Church to daily living.** What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? First, we need to LISTEN to Him (reading & studying the Bible; pray of course); Second, we carefully work out the choices we make with our careers, our partnerships and our friendships.

I believe that God, through our Lord Savior Jesus, calls each of us (and gives us a vocation and a job) in such a way as to deepen our faith and understanding of Him.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr.Hai

**STM Vocations Committee Meeting:**

Scheduled for Tuesday, January 20 at 7:30 PM in the Adult Education Building, St. Peter Room. **Meeting is to gather parishioners/members to help promote the message for Vocations here at STM.**

Fr. Ken and Ed Sharp will lead the meeting with help from the Knights.

**Any and all parishioners interested in promoting vocations in the parish are welcome to attend, with special attention to those involved with the youth of the parish—parents, scout leaders, youth ministries, teachers, altar servers.**

The Knights of Columbus are taking pre-orders for their delicious Super Bowl meals (with a Cajun flair) this weekend and next. For this event, everything is pre-ordered and pre-paid. Cash and Checks made payable to KC #3910 accepted. Dinners will be available for pick up on Saturday after the 5:00 Mass and on Sunday after all morning Masses at Servant Hall.

**The second collection next weekend will be for the Bishop's Fund for Latin America. Your help is invaluable to the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous.**

**Annulment Information Night**

Do you have questions about annulments?  
What is a Catholic annulment?  
When is an annulment required?  
What if I do not get an annulment?

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
Servant Hall, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASSES**  
(REGULAR AND SUBSTITUTE )

Our parish provides ESL (**English as a Second Language**) classes to the community on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning January 27, 2015.

If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week to this worthwhile endeavor, or be a Substitute, please contact Norman Palms at 713-726-0513 or [normpalms@aol.com](mailto:normpalms@aol.com).

You do not need to speak Spanish! A training session will be provided for new teachers at no cost.

**Medical Mission Team & Friends:**

On Saturday January 24, 2015 we will host a Potluck Dinner celebrating Mission: El Salvador, Past, Present and Future. Join us in Servant Hall starting at 6:00 pm for food and fellowship. We will share our most recent mission experiences and begin planning for the 2015 year. Please invite all family and friends. Main dish and beverages provided, please bring a dish to share. Please email [chunter@bcm.edu](mailto:chunter@bcm.edu) or call 832-338-3002 the number of persons and dish to share. Thank you for continued support of this ministry. Hope to see you all there! God bless.

**Collection Information July 2014-June 2015**

Yearly Budgeted Offertory \$1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection (01/11/2015)

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>FISCAL YTD</u>
Actual Collection	28,366.56	1,013,788.63
Budgeted Amount	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>1,036,000.00</u>
Over (+)/Under(-)	+\$ 26,548.75	-\$ 22,211.37

**Additional Collections:**

Children (Social Services)	\$ 12.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<b>Readings for the week of January 18, 2015</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday</b>	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</b> Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</b> Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18...

<b>Monday, January 19</b>	
6:30 a.m.	†Souls In Purgatory
5:30 p.m.	†Linda Monteralo
<b>Tuesday, January 20</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Eric & Theresa Schueler
5:30 p.m.	†Joanne Cummings
<b>Wednesday, January 21</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Sally Saner
5:30 p.m.	†Peter Long Bui
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Brad Lyons
8:15 a.m.	†Gordon Coffing
5:30 p.m.	†Joe Flaherty / Respect Life Intentions
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Stacie Lyons
5:30 p.m.	†Peter Long Bui
<b>Saturday, January 24</b>	
9:00 a.m.	†Dorothy & †Robert Harkel
5:00 p.m.	†Clyde Perrere
<b>Sunday, January 25</b>	
7:30 a.m.	†J.B Petcosky & †Joseph Petcosky
9:00 a.m.	Jonathan Kyle James
11:00 a.m.	†Carolyn Nelson
1:00 p.m.	†Rodolfo Villabona
5:00 p.m.	Polly & Jack Tolbert
7:00 p.m.	For the Parish

Thursday, January 22, marks the 42nd anniversary of Roe v Wade, which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. Since then, 55 million unborn children have lost their lives to abortion.

### Did you know?

By 18 days from conception, the baby's heart starts beating.  
By 21 days, the heart is pumping blood through a closed circulatory system.  
Brain waves can be detected at 6 weeks after conception  
At 8 weeks, the baby's heartbeat can be detected.  
At 9 weeks, all structures for pain sensation are functioning.  
Fingerprints have formed on the baby's hands by 14 weeks.  
At 16-20 weeks, the baby can hear the mother's heartbeat & external noises like music.

**In most cases, abortion is legal through the 20th week.**

### This week around STM...

#### Sunday, January 18-K OF C SUPER BOWL MEAL PRESALE/ RESPECT LIFE LIVING ROSARY

- 9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster & School
- 9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 11:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster & School
- 12:15 p.m. Respect Life Living Rosary, Servant Hall
- 1:00 p.m. K of C Freethrow Contest, Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth, Youth Center

#### Monday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, Rectory
- 6:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
- 7:00 p.m. EPIC Study, Servant Hall
- Sp. Evang. Team, AE-St. Peter
- Taller y Oracion de la Vida, Prinster Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul

#### Tuesday, January 20

- 7:00 p.m. Vocation Committee Mtg., AE-St. Peter
- ESL, School

#### Wednesday, January 21

- 10:00 a.m. EPIC Study, Servant Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Parishioner Assistance Ministry Mtg., Rectory
- 7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
- Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul
- Sp. Choir, Church

#### Thursday, January 22

- 6:45 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 7:00 p.m. EPIC Study, Servant Hall
- High School Guys Group, Youth Center
- ESL, School
- 7:30 p.m. Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
- Apostleship of the Cross, AE-St. Paul
- Combined Choir, Church

#### Friday, January 23

- 9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
- 7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Prinster Hall

#### Saturday, January 24

- 3:30 p.m. Confession, Church
- 5:00 p.m. Medical Mission Pot Luck, Servant Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Confession, Church

#### Sunday, January 25-K OF C SUPER BOWL MEAL PRESALE

- 9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster & School
- 9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 11:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster & School
- 1:00 p.m. K of C Freethrow Contest Regional, Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth, Youth Center

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wed., 12-1 a.m. & 4-5 p.m.

Friday, 5-6 a.m.

**Our chapel remains open 24 hours a day because of the commitment made by those who take a weekly Holy Hour. Please commit!!**



**On another note, if you are making New Year resolutions, consider making a weekly Holy Hour. The rewards are immeasurable! Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221.**

**STM YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Office: 713-729-2111 For more info: [stmhouston.org](http://stmhouston.org)

High School Youth...Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays in the Youth Center.

This Monday, the 21st, the STM Youth group will be having their first Girls Group from 7-9pm in the youth room. They will be hanging out, baking brownies, and talking about how to be a woman of God. Check the website and upcoming bulletins for more details.

Want the youth minister to come bring you and your friends pizza for lunch? Call the youth office and we will set up lunch for you and your friends at school. 713-729-2111

**CAN YOU HELP STM SCHOOL FIND THESE PICTURES?**

We are looking for the group graduation picture from the following school years: 1966, 1968, and 1969. If you have one of these years, we would love to make a copy of it for the school files. Please contact Pat Flippen in the school office at 713.729.3434 to arrange pick-up. Thanks for your help!

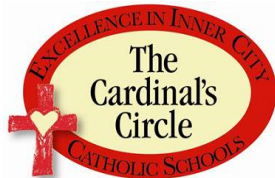
**Spread the Good News! St Thomas More Event Photo is free and open to all STM ministries. Ministry Heads may call Chris Moras at 713.305.4099 to schedule photography for their next parish event.**

Tired of writing checks and keeping up with parish envelopes? Please check out our **ONLINE GIVING** at [www.stmhouston.org](http://www.stmhouston.org) If you don't know your ID#, you will need to call the parish office first to get it.

The Cardinal's Circle is a giving circle of people & parishes who understand the important role Inner City Catholic Schools play in forming and educating children from our Archdiocese. The mission of the circle is two-fold: to make it possible for any economically disadvantaged family to send their children to these schools and to ensure the schools maintain a standard of excellence. The Inner City Catholic Schools have been educating children since 1912 and today, more than 2,000 students are enrolled in the 13 schools in our Archdiocese.

Members of this circle invest in the lives of the students in the 13 Inner City Catholic Schools through an annual commitment of \$5,000. Each gift is an investment in the future of these students and the Cardinal is most grateful for all support given. St. Thomas More Church and School have been members of The Cardinal's Circle since its inception, 2010-2011 school year.

For more information please contact the Archdiocesan Development Office at 713.652.4417 or visit us online at [www.choosecatholicschools.org](http://www.choosecatholicschools.org).



"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will!" Consider being a priest.  
The Parish Vocations Committee

**STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only)-Happy New Year!  
\$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.**

Wednesday, Jan. 14, County Bus Trip—Schulenberg / Weimar Tour, \$9.00pp, lunch on your own, bus leaves @ 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22-Coushatta Casino Day Trip, \$15 pp, coffee, donuts & hot kolaches @ 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

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*All trips leave from the back parking area near Prinster Hall. Please leave at least 5 spaces open around the dumpsters and recycling bins. STreaMliner trips are open to all STM families and friends! For info, call Ed's Tours 713-723-2035.*

**HAVE YOU NOTED THAT ASH WEDNESDAY  
WILL BE FEBRUARY 18?**

**HUSBANDS TAKE NOTE!**

After a hectic Christmas Season your wife needs a spiritual lift! Our parish retreat in **contemplative silence** will renew her spirit and benefit your whole family!



**St. Thomas More Women's Annual Retreat  
February 20 —22, 2015  
Growing in Intimacy with God and Ourselves  
Fr. Louis Arceneaux, CM**

**For more information, contact:**  
Serena Flanagan 281-497-3131, ext.112  
[sflanagan@cenacleretreathouse.org](mailto:sflanagan@cenacleretreathouse.org)  
(Information flyers available in the back of the church.)

Are you a Catholic of Jewish origin? Are you interested in learning more about the Jewish origins of the Catholic faith? Then consider becoming part of *Light to the Nations Havurah*. "Havurah" is a Hebrew word for a small group of people meeting regularly for prayer, study, or fellowship. In addition to providing an orthodox spiritual community, *Light To The Nations Havurah* (LTTNH) seeks to provide spiritual and pastoral support to Jews who've come into the Catholic faith or are discerning entering the Catholic faith. LTTNH regularly meets every other Tuesday evening at 7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX). For more information, contact the parish office at 713-667-9111 or email us at [lttnations1.havurah@hebrewcatholic.org](mailto:lttnations1.havurah@hebrewcatholic.org). Baruch Haba B'shem Adonai.

**HEART OF WORSHIP AT ST. LAURENCE ON FEBRUARY 7**

St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land invites you to attend HEART OF WORSHIP on Saturday, February 7, from 11:30am to 9:00pm. "In You All Find Their Home" is the theme for this day filled with inspiring speakers, great music, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration. Featured speakers are Bishop Sam Jacobs, Sr. Mary Guido and Fr. Alvaro Interiano. Register online at [www.stlaurence.org](http://www.stlaurence.org) and in person at the St. Laurence parish office. Open to everyone 6th grade and older, the cost to attend is \$20 per person, which includes dinner by Pappa's Catering. Each year, the event attracts hundreds of people from around the Archdiocese and even other countries, so advance registration is recommended. For more info, go to [www.stlaurence.org](http://www.stlaurence.org) or call the St. Laurence parish office at 281-980-9812.

**ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL** will administer the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Students should report to the school entrance by the auditorium by 8:15 a.m.; the test will last until approximately 12:00 noon. The testing fee is \$50.00. If you have not already done so, please register for the HSPT on line at [stpiusx.org](http://stpiusx.org). Also, check out the scholarship program online – Students scoring in the 99% - \$5000; 98% - \$2500; 97% - \$1500; 96% - \$1000. Breakfast will be served in the Bramanti Library for parents who wish to stay and visit with other prospective parents and St. Pius X staff.


**Net proceeds from OKTOBERFEST—\$77,500.00!!  
Way to go, STM Parish and School**

KSHJ 1430 AM – English Catholic radio in Houston, TX. Tune in for intelligent talk, catechesis, apologetics, a Catholic perspective on news and current events, great fun, and lots of advice on living the faith in our relationships and sharing the faith with our friends and family. Tune in every Monday at 12 noon to "Evangelium Live," Houston's local live program hosted by Joe McClane. Listen on air at AM 1430, online at [GRNOnline.com](http://GRNOnline.com), or on your mobile device – both IOS and Android.



### Meet the STM Sainly Staff

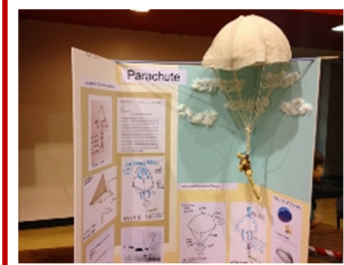
Gabriel Villarreal has been with St. Thomas More Parish as a Maintenance employee for 12 years. He is married with two children. He was born in Brownsville, Texas and raised in Matamoros and his 3 brothers and 1 sister reside in Matamoros, Mexico. He is fluent in both Spanish and English. Gabriel loves basketball and Aztec dance. Gabriel belongs to Danza Tonantzin, a group that brings the Aztec culture and dance to life. He practices 3 times a week in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Gabriel states I love working at STM because "I like the people and how they treat me. It's like my second home...my second family."



## *STM School....Did you Know?*

STM SCHOOL BOOK FAIR will be open Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The STM School Book Fair will be set up in the School Library and books will be available for all ages - including adults. We know you will be excited by the varied selection and reasonable prices...please come take a look, you'll be glad you visited! The purpose of the Book Fair is to encourage reading of quality children's books and to raise additional funds to expand the library collection. An adult must be with children who visit the book fair on Sunday.

[www.stthomasmore-school.org](http://www.stthomasmore-school.org)



### 4th GRADE RENAISSANCE FAIR

After weeks of studying about the Renaissance Period in Literature class, the 4th grade students at St. Thomas More created their own Renaissance Festival for the school. The students created projects depicting the arts, food, military, and culture of the Renaissance and then spent the day explaining their project as parents, guests and students visited the Fair. The creativity and knowledge of their projects demonstrated by the students amazed all in attendance.

## Del Padre Hai

En la lectura de 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, el Señor llama a Samuel para ser su fiel sirviente.

Hablando de gente joven, el Papa Francisco compartió acerca de su vocación. El dice que estaba en la adolescencia cuando tuvo una conversación con un amigo sacerdote de confianza que lo llevo a considerar la idea de llegar a ser un sacerdote. De hecho, mientras el estaba orando por 'un llamado', el pensó proponerle matrimonio a su novia. El comenzó estudiando para ser un sacerdote diocesano. Entonces, gradualmente fue descubriendo que Dios quería que el fuera parte de la Compañía de Jesús (Jesuitas). El Papa Francisco escucho y contesto el llamado de Dios.

**De la Iglesia a la vida diaria.** ¿Que significa ser un discípulo de Jesús? Primero necesitamos ESCUCHARLO, (leyendo y estudiando la Biblia; rezando por supuesto); en segundo lugar, trabajamos cuidadosamente las opciones que hacemos en nuestras carreras, nuestros compromisos laborales y nuestras amistades.

Yo creo que Dios, por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nos llama a cada uno de nosotros (y nos da una vocación y un trabajo) de tal manera que podamos profundizar nuestra fe y nuestro conocimiento de El.

Dios los bendiga y a sus seres queridos, Padre Hai

## CLASES DE INGLES

Las registraciones para el nuevo curso de ingles serán el Martes 20 de Enero, y el Jueves 22 de Enero 2014 en la escuela de St. Thomas More, de 7:00 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. El costo es de \$30.00. Las clases son los Martes y los Jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm y comenzaran el Martes 27 de Enero hasta el 14 de Mayo. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina al 713-729-0221.

El jueves 22 de Enero, se marca el 42 Aniversario de Roe v Wade, la cual legaliza el aborto en demanda en los Estados Unidos. Desde entonces, 55 millones de niños sin nacer han perdido sus vidas durante un

### ¿Sabia usted?

A los 18 días después de la concepción, el corazón del bebe empieza a latir.

A los 21 días, el corazón esta bombeando sangre a través de un sistema circulatorio cerrado.

Las ondas cerebrales pueden detectarse a las 6 semanas después de la concepción.

A las 8 semanas, se puede detectar el corazón del bebe.

A las 9 semanas, todas las estructuras para la sensación de dolor están funcionando.

A las 14 semanas se han formado las huellas digitales en las manitas del bebe.

A las 16-20 semanas, el bebe puede escuchar el latido del corazón de la mama y sonidos externos como la música.

**En la mayoría de los casos, el aborto es legal a partir de la vigésima semana.**

"Aquí estoy Señor, h venido a hacer tu voluntad"  
Considera ser un sacerdote.

El comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia

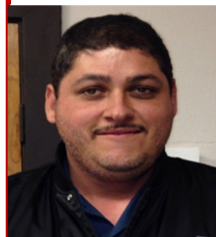
**La Segunda colecta de la próxima semana será para el fondo monetario de los Obispos de Latino América. Su ayuda es muy valiosa para la gente de Latino América y el Caribe. Por favor sea generoso.**

ROSARIO VIVIENTE después de la Misa de las 11:00 a.m. del Domingo 18 de Enero, 2015 que marca el 42 aniversario de la infame decisión de la Suprema Corte de Justicia Roe v. Wade de legalizar el aborto en demanda. Únete al comité de respeto a la vida para orar a terminar con el aborto en este país y en el mundo entero.

### Equipo de Misiones Medicas y Amigos:

El Sábado 24 de Enero, 2015 haremos una cena de traje celebrando a las Misiones a El Salvador, para todos los pasados, presentes y futuros miembros. Únete a nosotros en el Servant Hall comenzando a las 6:00 pm para comer y compartir. Compartiremos nuestras mas recientes experiencias en la misión y comenzaremos a planear para este año 2015. Por favor invite a la familia y a los amigos. Nosotros pondremos el platillo principal y las bebidas, por favor traiga un platillo para compartir. Muchas gracias por su continuo apoyo a este Ministerio. Esperamos verlos a todos! Dios los bendiga.

## Conoce al personal Santo de STM



Gabriel Villarreal ha estado en la Iglesia de San Tomas More como empleado de Mantenimiento por 12 años. El esta casado y tiene dos hijos. El nació en Brownsville, Texas y creció en Matamoros y sus cuatro hermanos viven en Matamoros, México. El es una persona que es bilingüe pues habla el ingles y el español. A Gabriel le gusta mucho el basquetbol y la danza azteca. Gabriel pertenece al grupo de Danza Tonantzin, un grupo que trae la cultura y el baile azteca a la vida. El practica tres veces a la semana para prepararse para las festividades de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Gabriel dice que a el le gusta mucho trabajar en STM porque "Me gusta la gente y como me tratan. Es como mi segunda casa... mi segunda familia."

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS

John Amato, Pedro Apigo, Bobby Baker, Elisa Baker, Cristine Banks, Lontondra Banks, Hortencia Barelhas, Lisa Bivins, Kim Brown, Julia Brown, James Caffrey, Mary Jane Coke, Bernice Condon, Ellen Cooper, Heather Deeton, Alice Fahy, Bonifacio Figueroa, Frank Garcia, Gonzales Family, John Gorman, Barbara Graham, David Graham, Maurice Korkmas, David Lafferty, Bob Lee, Diane Lewis, Bob Little, Mary & Sabin Marshall, Margaret Martin, John R. Martin, Fr. T. J. Martinez, Joyce Mercurio, Carol Montello, Mary Jane Morgan, Margaret Morris, Marcy Lowry Moses, Emma Newhouse, Fr. Bill Oliver, Freddie Perez, Joseph Pryor, Cherry Ronan, June Shumake, Al Suhor, Theresa Steen, Brian Steiner, Jan Tennert, Bertha Theriot, Beverly Thomas, Patricia Trejo, Rich Vachris, Bertie Vargas, Alan Wedin

### PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, SPC Bryant Gradney, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem, PFC Cristina Teresa Villegas

*Austin Bennett Tice is a home schooled, Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, graduate of Georgetown University, former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the 2012 George Polk Award for War Reporting. He is the eldest of seven children, and was born and raised in Texas.*

*In May of 2012, the summer before his final year at Georgetown Law School, he chose to go to Syria as a Freelance Journalist to report on the conflict there. Two days after his 31st birthday, on August 13, 2012, his editors, family and friends lost contact with Austin, as he was preparing to travel from Daraya, near Damascus, to Beirut, Lebanon.*

*Please continue to pray for the safe return of Austin to his family.*

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