This Sunday, we hear the Gospel of St. Mark speaking of a battle between God and Satan. And God, in His beloved Son Jesus has defeated Satan through His cross and resurrection.

I believe that Jesus calls us to stand firm against evil and unjust behavior in this world. And evil will never have the final word.

From Church to home...This Sunday, throughout the world and in our Archdiocese, we observe 2015 as The Year of Consecrated Life. Our parish is blessed with the ministry of Fr. Michael Faneye, a religious priest of the Missionaries of St. Paul, the Nigerian Sisters, the Vietnamese Dominican Sisters, and the Incarnate Word Sister, Melody Mobley, who is teaching in our school. I ask for your prayerful support for our religious priests and sisters.

God bless you and your loved ones. Fr. Hai

NEXT PARISH BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 8:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M. SERVANT HALL
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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

Eucharistic Adoration:
Wed., 12-1 a.m., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Friday, 5-6 a.m. & 11-12 midnight

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.

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.

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

Annulment Information Night

Is an annulment Catholic "divorce"?

No, an annulment is a declaration by the Church, that there were flaws or defects that prevented a valid marriage from the beginning. An annulment does not dissolve the civil contract of marriage.

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

Parish Lenten Mission, given by Fr. Blaise Czaja, C.P. will begin on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Fr. Blaise will preach at all the Masses on Sunday and then the mission will be held on March 2, 3 & 4. There will be evening sessions beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church and there will be daytime sessions, starting with Mass at 11:30 a.m.

FR. HAI HAS ASKED THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS / MINISTRIES CANCEL ACTIVITIES DURING THE MISSION...THIS MEANS NO MEETINGS ON THE EVENINGS OF MARCH 2, 3, 4.

At the close of the mission (Wednesday, March 4) there will be a reception in Servant Hall with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church?

This process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Begins with informal question and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, just come on Wednesday evening, or talk to Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection (01/25/2015)

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Fiscal YTD

| Bishop’s Fund Latin America | $ 5,833.75 |
| Children (Social Services) | $ 12.00  |
| Building Fund               | $ 191.00  |

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Readings for the week of February 1, 2015

Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday
The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday
Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
Saint Ansgar, Bishop
Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48; Mk 6:7-13

Friday
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 1, 2015

Monday, February 2
6:30 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. April Frank

Tuesday, February 3
6:30 a.m. James Breaux
5:30 p.m. †Peter Long Bui

Wednesday, February 4
6:30 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m. †Andrew Kane

Thursday, February 5
6:30 a.m. Dave Eskelund & Family
5:30 p.m. †Richard Endres

Friday, February 6
6:30 a.m. †John Hayes
8:15 a.m. †Fr. Ed Abell
5:30 p.m. Nhung & Vuong Ta

Saturday, February 7
9:00 a.m. Lagniton Family, Thanksgiving
5:00 p.m. †Jim Vesey

Sunday, February 8
7:30 a.m. †Gordon Coffing
9:00 a.m. †Nenita Caluscos
11:00 a.m. For the Parish
1:00 p.m. Silvia & Juan Mendoza
5:00 p.m. †Ann DeMicco Germani
7:00 p.m. Baby Rita

This week around STM:

Sunday, February 1—COFFEE & DONUTS / RELIGIOUS GOODS / K OF C SUPER BOWL FOOD PICKUP
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
5:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, AE-St. Mary
6:30 p.m. NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Monday, February 2
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
Taller y Oracion de la Vida, Prinster Hall
Sp. Evang. Team, AE-St. Peter
7:30 p.m. Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul

Tuesday, February 3
9:45 a.m. Bridge, Donovan’s Den
5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, AE-St. Paul
7:00 p.m. ESL, School

Wednesday, February 4
10:00 a.m. EPIC Study, Servant Hall
6:30 p.m. PTO Board Mtg., Rectory
7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
Confirmation Class 1, Youth Center
Confirmation Class 2, Servant Hall
RCIA (Sp. RCIA), Youth Prayer Room
7:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul
Sp. Choir, Church

Thursday, February 5
6:30 p.m. Gabriel Project, Rectory
6:45 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
7:00 p.m. K of C Golf, Room F
ESL, School
EPIC Study, Servant Hall
High School Guys Group, Youth Center
7:30 p.m. Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
Apostleship of the Cross, AE-St. Paul
Combined Choir, Church

Friday, February 6-FIRST FRIDAY/K OF C FISH DINNER
9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Dinner, Prinster Hall
6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration, Chapel

Saturday, February 7
9:00 a.m. CCE Parent & Student 1st Communion Meeting
10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, AE-St. Paul
3:30 p.m. Confession, Church
6:15 p.m. Confession, Church

Sunday, February 8-BLOOD DRIVE
8:30 p.m. Blood Drive, Servant Hall
9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall
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. Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
5:30 p.m. Spanish Choir, AE-St. Mary
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth, Youth Center

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday February 1, at 9:00 p.m. in the chapel, please join the Respect Life Committee in praying the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty.

FIRST FRIDAY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

NOCTURNAL ADORATION GROUPS will meet in the chapel on Friday, February 6 to pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament every hour on the hour beginning at 8:00 p.m. concluding at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7. You are welcome to join any group at any hour.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

Join us in the Adoration Chapel each First Saturday at 8:30 a.m. as we pray the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next date will be January 7.
Jesus, fill me with the kind of love that draws me to you and me to others as well.

The Parish Vocations Committee

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
HOUSTON, TEXAS
February 1, 2015

STM YOUTH GROUP
Youth Office: 713-729-2111 For more info: stmhouston.org
High School Youth...Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays in the Youth Center.

STM Youth Ministry is GROWING! We are looking for vibrant and energetic volunteers who have a desire to help spread the teachings of the Church to our young people. Please contact Matthew Hughey if you are interested 713-729-2111.

This Sunday 2/1 we will not have youth group because of the Super Bowl. Spend this time with your families and enjoy the people that God put in your life.

Next week JH and HS; we will be proving the existence of God! Everyone has had doubts, and many people have asked why we believe what we believe, come this upcoming Friday and Sunday, 2/6 and 2/8, to learn how to defend the existence of God and learn some new things as well! Bring your friends too!

Girls Group is on Mondays from 7-9pm in the youth room.
Guys Group is on Thursdays from 7-9pm in the youth room.

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.

STreamliners (Adults over 50 only)-Happy New Year! $15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.
Saturday, Feb. 14, Monthly Meeting—10:00 a.m., Prinster Hall, Entertainment, “Gumbo” Jazz Band (don’t forget to bring peanut butter for the STM food pantry and toiletries for the LBJ hospital).
Monday, Feb. 16, County Bus Trip—bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 26, Coushatta Casino Day Trip- $15pp, hot kolaches, donuts and coffee at 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

Don’t forget your donation for the “Fisher House” Make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church 10330 Hillcroft St., Houston, TX. 77096
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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.

Tuesday, February 3 will be our next Bridge game day! All card players welcome to join us in Donovan’s Den for a day of bridge. Bring a sandwich and $1.00, drinks and snacks provided. The fun starts at 9:45 a.m. so don’t be late.

MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, February 7, 2015, 10:00 AM
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

On February 7th, Rev. Brendan Cahill will celebrate the Anointing Mass of The Sick. All are invited to attend the Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick is reserved for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. Children who meet the criteria should also have reached the age of reason. If you plan to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during the Mass, please register by calling your parish office or you may register online at www.orderofmalta-houston.org.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available starting at 9:00 AM before the February 7th 10:00 AM Mass.

The Order of Malta is assisting with planning and logistics and will be available to assist those in need. Additional information is available by calling the Order of Malta at 713-870-8304

Becoming more intimate with God and ourselves leads us to a happier following of Christ.

The Master calls! Let us follow Him as the disciples did. Quiet your mind and open your heart, and meet Him in the silence where He speaks. He is Waiting for You!

Bayou Awakening Retreat
Retreat for Young Adults ages 18-25.
March 13-15 at Camp Kappe.

The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic church and a safe community.

Register online at www.bayouawakening.org or by mail before March 6.

Silent Lenten Retreat for Women
Rev. Louis Arceneaux, CM
February 20 — 22, 2015
Cenacle Retreat House
For registration or more information contact
Serena Flanagan 281-497-3131, ext.112
sflanagan@cenacleretreathouse.org
Overnight accommodations and 5 meals- $185
RECOMMENDED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

VIC-SW, which serves the frail and elderly of the southwest Houston area, urgently needs volunteers to take people shopping or to medical appointments, and also to perform minor home repairs and garden and yard work for those who can no longer perform these services for themselves. Even a couple of hours a month can make a world of difference to your neighbor in need. Call 713-772-8181 to volunteer.

Oswalda “Ozzie” Urrutia is the Maintenance Supervisor at St. Thomas More Parish and School. He has been in the maintenance field for over 35 years and has been on the job at STM for 3 years. Ozzie is married and has 2 grown children ages 24 and 22. Soccer is his favorite sport and he remembers playing the game often and loves to watch soccer games on TV. Ozzie says “I love working at STM because it is a good place to work because all of the people are nice. It is a second home.”

Are you a teacher looking for a fun and exciting summer job opportunity? The DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars (DECATS) is looking for teachers to join the team this June. DECATS is a dynamic summer program for gifted 3rd-6th grade students held at St. Rose of Lima, Strake Jesuit and Northwoods Schools. Starting pay is $2700. For more information, log on to www.decats.org.

Are you looking to grow in your spiritual life? Perhaps the ministry of Spiritual Direction can help!

At St. Thomas More we have two certified spiritual directors available to meet with you one on one. This is a free ministry that provides a fellow Catholic Christian who is trained to walk with you along your journey with God. Meetings consist of sharing life circumstances and prayer experiences in order to find closeness with God and growth in doing His will in our lives.

To learn more you may contact: Magda Garcia (Spanish and English) at 281-793-2510 or Erin Robleto (English) at erobleto5@gmail.com to learn more about the ministry. Brochures are also available at the back of church and in the church offices.

Wondering whether or not the content of a movie is suitable for your child or teen? Check www.screenit.com for the information you need.

“There are no joys like innocence.”
- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

If you wish to donate a new auction item or volunteer for the Gala on February 28, 2015, please contact Kathy Prado in the school office this week at kprado@stmhouston.com or 713-729-3434. The deadline to be published in the printed Gala Program as a Donor or Volunteer is Friday, January 30, 2015.

It’s Golden! Gala and Auction St. Thomas More School
“Auction Alert”

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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 lttnh@hebrewcatholic.org. Baruch Haba B’shem Adonai.

Meet the STM Saintly Staff

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Del Padre Hai

Este domingo, escuchamos que el Evangelio de San Marcos habla de una batalla entre Dios y Satanás. Y, con la ayuda de Dios en su Hijo amado Jesús ha derrotado a Satanás a través de su cruz y resurrección.

Yo creo que Jesús nos llama a mantenernos firmes contra el comportamiento malo e injusto de este mundo. Y, el mal nunca tendrá la última palabra.

De la iglesia a casa. Este domingo, en todo el mundo y en nuestra Arquidiócesis, observamos en este año 2015 la vida consagrada. Nuestra parroquia ha sido bendecida con el Ministerio del Padre Michael Faneyes, un sacerdote religioso misionero de los Paulinos, las hermanas nigerianas, las Hermanas Vietnamitas Dominicanas y la Hermana Melody Mobley de la Caridad del Verbo Encarnado, que está enseñando en la escuela de la parroquia. Les pido su apoyo en oración a nuestros sacerdotes y hermanas religiosas.

Dios los bendiga a usted y sus seres queridos.

Padre Hai

Intercesiones por la Vida

Por la gracia de alejarnos de aquellas acciones que no dan vida: que nos arrepintamos y abramos la misericordia y el amor de Dios;
Roguemos al Señor

Adoración Eucarística:

Miércoles., 12-1 a.m., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Viernes, 5-6 a.m. & 11-12 a la medianoche

Nuestra capilla permanece abierta las 24 horas del día gracias al compromiso hecho por aquellas personas que toman una Hora Santa semanal.. Por favor haga un compromiso!!

En otra nota, si usted esta haciendo resoluciones del nuevo año, considere tomar una Hora Santa Semanal. Los beneficios son inmensurables! Llama a la oficina de la Iglesia para mas información 713-729-0221.

Educacion Religioso:

Actualización de Matricula- ¡Gracias a todas las familias que han pagado su cuota para el año de doctrina 2014-2015. Sin embargo, a partir de este mes todavía tenemos una buena cantidad de la matrícula que todavía está pendiente. Estamos dedicados a pro-veer el programa de educación religiosa lo mejor posible en Santo Tomas More, sin embargo, esto sólo se puede hacer con su apoyo. Si es posible, por favor pague el saldo pendiente lo antes posible, hay planes de pago disponibles. Gracias por su cooperación.

CLASES DE INGLES

Las registraciones para el nuevo curso de inglés 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.

CONVALIDACIÓN DE MATRIMONIOS. Las parejas que deseen convalidar su matrimonio, es decir que están casadas civilmente, o en unión libre, y quieren casarse por la Iglesia, por favor llamen a Ana Luisa al 713-729-3435. Las Clases darán comienzo el martes 17 de marzo a las 7:00pm en el Prinster Hall.

Confirmación Para Adultos (mayores de 18 años)

Comenzando con un retiro el sábado, 21 de febrero del 2015 de 9:00am a 4pm
Para inscribirse para la preparación llame a Ana Luisa al 713-729-3435 analuisa@stmhouston.org

INICIO DE LAS CLASES MIERCOLES 4 DE MARZO DEL 2015
HORARIO: 7:00PM a 9:00PM
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS


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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