Fr. Hai’s Corner

The first reading of the Third Sunday in Lent is taken from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17. God made a Covenant with the Israelites through which He promised to make them His own people, to lead them into the Promised Land, and to protect them from their enemies there. The Israelites were to reverence Him and Him only as their Lord, and they were to obey the moral and cultic laws which He laid down for them.

From Church to daily living. This Sunday brings us closer to the font of renewing our baptismal commitment. It is also the first of three Scrutinies for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) where the candidates are examined in preparation for Baptism on Holy Saturday. This week let us meditate on these thoughts: We rely on God’s compassion and love for us, even if we repeatedly sin against our God and his commandments. We desire to go into this week renewed in our desire to continue our prayer, fasting and generosity toward others.

God bless you and your loved ones. Fr. Hai

There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service here at STM on Tuesday, March 24 starting at 7:00 p.m. It will begin with a short penance service followed by individual confessions. Several priests will be on hand. Please mark your calendars now.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues., 1-2 p.m.
Wed., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.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.

Volunteers Needed to Teach ESL Classes

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 with 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.

Participate in the 2015 Synod on the Family Survey

To help the Church prepare for the Ordinary Synod on the Family scheduled for this October, Pope Francis wishes to receive feedback from Catholics on the outcome of the Extraordinary Synod in 2014 (“The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization”).

With that goal in mind, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston invites Catholics to prayerfully consider the Relatio Synodi document derived from the 2014 Synod and participate in an online survey (www.archgh.org/survey). The responses will help inform Pope Francis and the Bishops of the Synod about the challenges faced by today’s families and enable them to discuss and develop appropriate pastoral solutions. The responses from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will be shared with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and then incorporated into a document that will be forwarded on to the Vatican for use at the Synod.

The online survey (www.archgh.org/survey) is for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Survey participants are welcome to answer all or only some of the questions that most interest them. The deadline for participating in the survey is March 20, 2015.

Food Drive This Weekend:

If you forgot to bring your offering of non-perishable food, it is never too late to donate. You can bring it to the Church office or to the pantry during open hours. There is a great need for peanut butter, boxed meals and canned meat/fish. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

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Additional Collections:

The Actual Collection Amount for Fiscal YTD reflected above has been updated to include amounts collected on Holydays, which have been previously reported but have not been included in the total until now.

- Children (Social Services) $ 3.00
- Building Fund $ 752.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!
### Mass Intentions for the Week of March 8...

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**If you need a low gluten host, please contact Deacon John Krugh:** deaconjohn@stmhouston.org

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**Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) in the church...6:00 p.m. English / 7:00 p.m. Spanish.

**K of C Fish Dinner** Fridays during Lent, starting at 5:00 p.m. in Prinster Hall.

**Eucharistic Adoration** several hours need coverage. You can volunteer just for Lent or for the rest of your life! God will not be outdone in generosity.

*Check out our website for a daily Lenten meditation from Fr. Robert Barron.*

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**This week around STM....**

**Sunday, March 8**

**SVDP FOOD DRIVE / RELIGIOUS GOODS**
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

**Monday, March 9**
9:00 a.m.  Bible Study, Rectory
5:30 p.m.  Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
7:00 p.m.  EPIC Study, Servant Hall
Taller y Oracion de la Vida, Prinster Hall
7:30 p.m.  Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul

**Tuesday, March 10**
3:00 a.m.  Sr. Citizen Bingo, Scout House
5:30 p.m.  SVDP Mtg., AE-St. Paul
7:00 p.m.  School Board Mtg., Library
ESL, School
7:30 p.m.  RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul
Sp. Choir, Church
8:00 p.m.  K of C, Prinster Hall

**Thursday, March 12**
6:45 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
7:00 p.m.  EPIC Study, Servant Hall
K of C Golf Mtg., Room F
7:30 p.m.  Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
Apostleship of the Cross, AE-St. Paul
11:00 p.m.  Precious Blood Group, Donovan’s Den

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**STM Men’s Retreat** is April 17-19, 2015 at the Holy Name Retreat Center on Bunker Hill Road. This is a great opportunity for Parish men of all ages to strengthen their faith in a serene retreat environment. Make plans today to join some 20 of your fellow parishioners. To learn more and to make your reservation, go to www.Passionist.org/HolyName or contact STM Coordinator Hiett Ives at 832-372-6900.

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**Readings for the week of March 8, 2015**

**Sunday, March 8**

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Monday, March 9**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday, March 10**

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 11**

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday, March 12**

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 13**

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 14**

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 15**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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5:00 p.m.  K of C Fish Dinner, Prinster Hall
6:00 p.m.  Stations of the Cross, Church
Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
7:00 p.m.  Stations of the Cross (Sp.), Church
Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

**Saturday, March 14**
10:00 a.m.  Sp. Evang. Team, AE-St. Peter
3:30 p.m.  Confession, Church
6:15 p.m.  Confession, Church

**Sunday, March 15**
9:00 a.m.  No CCE
9:30 a.m.  RCIA, Adult Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m.  Sacrament of the Sick, Church
11:00 a.m.  No CCE
3:00 p.m.  Marriage Encounter (Sp.), Prinster Hall
5:30 p.m.  Spanish Choir, AE-St. Mary
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 8, 2015

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

Saturday, March 14, monthly meeting-10:00 a.m. in Prinster Hall. Entertainment to be announced. Remember to bring canned goods for the STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Hospital.

Thursday, March 19, “Girl’s Night” Musical at Stages Theater -$26/ticket, bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. from STM

Thursday, March 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

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.

Taste of Tecaboca
Texas Catholic Boys Camp
Marianist Center for Spiritual Renewal
Sunday, March 15
Check-in from 12:30—1:00 p.m.
1:30-4:00 Program Time
4:15 p.m. cookout ~ departure 5:00 p.m.
This is a free event but registration is required:
www.tecaboca.com

Tecaboca is located 11 miles west of Ingram in Mountain Home.
Questions? Call 830-866-3425

ADOPT A GOLF BALL

On March 20th Father Hai will be elevated above a golf green with a drum of golf balls. He will pour out 1,000 numbered golf balls. The first golf ball, if any, that goes into the designated hole on the green wins the grand prize. If no ball enters the hole, the closest ball to the hole wins the grand prize. Some consolation prizes will be awarded based on each ball’s distance from the hole. Grand Prize is $1,500 Visa Card. To adopt a golf ball a minimum $5 donation is required. See a member of the Knights of Columbus to participate.
Sarah McDonald is completing her 5th year as a 3rd grade teacher and Level Coordinator for Grades K-3rd grade. She has a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Minor in History from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Additionally, she has a Masters of Education focusing on Catholic/Private School Leadership. She has several cousins in the STM community that are STM alumni. Her hobbies are endurance running, playing co-ed sports, traveling, and reading. Ms. McDonald loves “teaching at STM because it is truly a ‘family of families’. My passion for teaching would be non-existent if it were not for my coworkers and, more importantly, my students. Their joyful and gleeful personalities brighten each day and are a constant reminder to find joy in small things. I cannot imagine another career that I would enjoy as much as I love teaching as STM.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

TUITION UPDATE
Thank you to all the families who have paid their tuition for the 2014-2015 CCE year. However, as of this month we still have a fair amount of tuition that is still outstanding. We are dedicated to providing the best possible religious education program at St. Thomas More; however, this can only be done with your support. If at all possible, please pay your outstanding balance at your earliest convenience, payment plans are available. Thank you for your co-operation.

Eradicating Poverty Through Education
The John Paul II Technical Institute, Inc. Houston Chapter invites you to join us at our Bella Notte International Dinner Fundraiser

At Saint Thomas More Church – Servant Hall
Saturday, 18 April 2015 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Three Course Dinner and Hors D’oeuvre
Price: $45 per person

Music! Raffle! Bazaar! Door Prizes…and more!

The purpose and mission of the Institute is to give impoverished and destitute children and youth in Nicaragua the opportunity to build a future through education. We ask you to join our efforts to help these children on their journey to realizing their dreams, giving them an opportunity of an unbound future. Today they dream; tomorrow, with our generosity, they build a better future for themselves and their country!

Help us in this Labor of Love!
For tickets and information please call Brenda Maymi-Luna: 281-658-1634 bmaymiluna@cs.com

The John Paul II Technical Institute, Inc. is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service.

Drive-by Adoration!
Have you noticed that the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance in our adoration chapel is visible from the parking lot? Every time you drive through the STM parking lot, you can make a visit to Jesus- a brief moment of adoration without ever leaving your car! We are so blessed to have 24 hour adoration of Our Lord and possibly the only drive-by adoration chapel in the world.

Dignity Memorial & NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY
Invite you…to a free guided tour of the exhibit plus lunch
“Celebrating the Lives and Deaths of the Popes”
Located at the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY, the permanent exhibit, “Celebrating the Lives and Deaths of the Popes” is a product of three years of intense collaboration between the Vatican and the National Museum of Funeral History. The exhibit includes a full-scale replica of Pope John Paul II’s crypt, an exact reproduction of the coffin used in the funerals of three previous Popes as well as replicas of other Papal vestments by the tailor shop that has made the vestments of the last seven Popes. Please contact Deacon Ed Gosline to RSVP for the group tour (no charge)

Dates: Wednesday, March 25 or Saturday, March 28
Where: meet at the church parking lot and we will depart from there at 9:00 AM, return at 2:00 PM
RSVP: deaconed@stmhouston.org or 713-729-0221
La primera lectura del tercer Domingo de Cuaresma es tomada del libro del Éxodo 20:1-17. Dios hizo un pacto con los israelitas a través del cual se comprometió hacerlos su propio pueblo, para llevarlos a la tierra prometida, y para protegerlos de sus enemigos ahí. Los israelitas debían ser reverentes a El y solo a El como su Señor, y ellos tenían que obedecer la moral y sectarias que estableció para ellos.

De la Iglesia a la vida diaria. Este domingo nos acerca a la fuente para renovar nuestro compromiso bautismal. También es el primero de los tres Escrutinios del rito de iniciación cristiana para adultos (RCIA) en donde los candidatos son examinados en preparación para el bautismo el Sábado santo.

Esta semana meditemos en estos pensamientos: dependemos de la compasión de Dios y su amor por nosotros, aunque repetidamente pequeños en contra de nuestro Dios y sus mandamientos. Deseamos entra en esta semana renovando nuestro deseo de continuar orando, ayudando y ser generosos hacia los demás.

Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus seres queridos.

Padre Hai

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.

BENDICIONES PARA LA PRESENTACION AL TEMPLO DE NIÑOS DE TRES AÑOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para que sus hijos reciban la bendición se necesita registrarse en la Oficina de Religión al 713-729-0221

Educación Religiosa:

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 proveer 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.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS


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


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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