Fr. Hai’s Corner


"You will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. . . . You have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." (John 16: 20-22).

Happy Easter to you!

Saint Luke gave us a description of the feelings of two of the disciples (Luke 24: 13-24). All their hopes shattered, they were going back home to Emmaus, sadly discussing the death of Jesus. To the stranger who has joined them, they explained: "Jesus of Nazareth was a prophet, mighty in work and word before God and all the people. Our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be sentenced to death and crucified him. We were hoping that it was He who should redeem Israel."

Oh! yes, some women went to the tomb, before daylight, and found it empty. These women said that they had seen angels who said Jesus was alive. He is risen!

Some of the men, like Peter and John, went to verify. Well, the tomb was empty all right, but they didn’t see him. It’s all over!

And, then the explosion of joy, when they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Do you see two disciples running in their haste, in the darkness of night, to bring the good news to others in Jerusalem? And they find the disciples, proclaiming: "the Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon" (Luke 24,34).

At Easter we share in the joy of the apostles: the resurrection of Jesus is the pledge of our own.

Fr. Hai

It’s Golden! Gala Raises a Record-breaking $168,000 for STM School

God showered His abundant blessings upon the It’s Golden! Gala through the incredible generosity of the STM community. Net proceeds totaled $168,000, far exceeding goals and all previous Gala Auctions. Thank you!!

You may continue your support by joining us for one of the Sign Up Parties or contributing to Paddles Up. Please contact Kathy Prado at 713-729-3434 for more information.

Congratulations to the Janiks, winners of the J. J. Watt football raffle!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It 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.

If you are allergic to gluten, there are options for receiving Holy Communion, please contact Deacon John Krugh: deaconjohn@stmhouston.org

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.

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221.
EASTER SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5...

Saturday, April 11
9:00 a.m. †James O’Neal
5:00 p.m. †Prima Mira

Sunday, April 12
7:30 a.m. †Virginia Ford
9:00 a.m. †Joe Flaherty
11:00 a.m. Ugo Alaribe
1:00 p.m. †Efrain Salazar Guajardo
5:00 p.m. For the Parish
7:00 p.m. †Souls in Purgatory

This week around STM....

Sunday, April 5-EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass (Servant Hall)
1:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena, English
3:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena, Spanish

Monday, April 6-Church Offices Closed
5:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
7:00 p.m. Taller y Oración de la Vida, Prinster Hall
Sp. Evang. Team, AE-St. Peter

Tuesday, April 7
9:45 a.m. Bridge, Donovan’s Den
5:30 p.m. SVDP, AE-St. Paul
7:00 p.m. ESL Classes, School

Wednesday, April 8
7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
Adult Confirmation (Sp.), Youth Prayer Room
Readers (Sp.), Donovan's Den
Youth Confirmation Class 1, Youth Center
Youth Confirmation Class 2, Servant Hall

Thursday, April 9
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

Friday, April 10
9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
Joy of the Gospel (Sp.), Servant Hall

Saturday, April 11
8:30 a.m. Adult Confirmation Retreat, Donovan’s Den
Joy of the Gospel (Sp.), Servant Hall
9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary (Sp.), Scout House
10:00 a.m. Sp. Evang. Team, AE-St. Peter
STreaMiners, Prinster Hall
3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
6:15 p.m. Confessions, Church

Sunday, April 12-K OF C DIVINE MERCY PANCAKE BREAKFAST / RELIGIOUS GOODS
9:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
11:00 a.m. CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & School
2:30 p.m. Spanish Baptisms, Church
6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

Please join Corpus Christi Parish on Thursday April 9, 2015 at 7 p.m., Corpus Christi Church, 9900 Stella Link Dr., Houston, TX 77025, for a Holy Hour for Vocations in recognition of upcoming Vocation Day of Prayer. Reception to follow.
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
HOUSTON, TEXAS
April 5, 2015

Flocknote is a way for the parish to communicate with you! If you don’t have time to read the bulletin but want to know what’s going on, sign up for this service. There are 2 easy ways to register for Flocknote (pick one):

1 flocknote.com/stmhouston

or

2 Text “Hillcroft” to 84576

A very happy Easter to each of you! Let this be the time to encourage our parish youth to seek a religious vocation.

The Parish Vocations Committee

HHH Golf Tournament
Golfers can register online at hhhgolf.org for the April 20, 2015 His Hands of Hope Golf Tournament at Quail Valley. For more information, see a Knight of Columbus member.

We did it!!!
With your help we "Lifted Fr. Hai ... high" as all 1,000 Golf Balls were adopted. The Winners from the His Hands of Hope Golf Ball Drop:

1st Place - 712 - Kathleen Peter
2nd Place - 322 - Cresa Caso
3rd Place - 658 - Hugo Duran
4th Place - 719 - Marvin Orellana

His Hands of Hope Foundation and the Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone for their support and invite all golfers to come golf with us on April 20th, register at hhhgolf.org

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?
Our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference has placed a large blue bin across the driveway from Prinster Hall for your donations of reusable clothing and shoes. The donations will be picked up regularly to go to the SVdP resale shops on Cedar Street in Bellaire and on the Gulf Freeway. Please make use of the bin for your spring cleaning discards. Just another way you can help our neighbors in need!

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We are so blessed to have generous parishioners donate baby items to our ministry!! We could use some help in our air-conditioned baby storage facility. We need volunteers who can pickup donations from the parish office, deliver to storage, sort, organize and assemble layettes for our new Gabriel Project mothers. If you are interested please call Leslie Corrigan at 713-253-2402 or email corrigancrew@reagan.com. Thank you!

Event: Art with Heart
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Location: The Corinthian, 202 Fannin St

Saturday, April 18th, join San José Clinic for Art with Heart, their annual fundraising gala. It is going to be an exciting night featuring a silent auction of art, jewelry, and Big Board packages. This event supports the Clinic’s 93 year legacy of providing healthcare for the underserved. For more information, call (713) 490-2620 or visit www.sanjoseclinic.org/artwithheart

San José Clinic’s mission is to provide quality healthcare and education to those with limited access to such services in an environment that respects the dignity of each person. The Clinic is a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and a United Way Agency and was founded in 1922 by Msgr. George T. Walsh to combat the rising rate of infant mortality in the Mexican community in his parish. With $50 from the Charity Guild of Catholic Women and volunteer providers and nurses from the community, San José Clinic began the mission that is still in place 93 years later.

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5 DAYS 4 NITES $513.00 PP DBL $647.00 SGL INCLUDES: INSURANCE, 4 BREAKFAST, 4 DINNERS

All trips leave from the back parking area near Prinster Hall. If you are parking your car 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.

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Dealey Plaza, Old Courthouse, JFK Memorial, West end Historic District, Thanks-Giving Square, Texas School Board Depository, Geo W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, South Fork Ranch, Water Gardens, Sundance Square, Billy Bob’s, Forth Worth Stockyards and see a cattle drive. NEED DEPOSIT BY APRIL

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Meet the STM Saintsly Staff

Cheryl Coltharp Normann-Petersen is a preschool teacher at St. Thomas More Parish School. She has been a teacher at STM for 13 years. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science from Sam Houston State University and a Certification in Education. Cheryl and her husband, Charles, have a dog named Jake, a two-year old German Shorthair Pointer, who is competing in AKC Competitions. Cheryl loves to spend time with her family, play golf, volunteer in the community, travel, garden, and fish. Cheryl states, “I love teaching at STM because we are a Family of Families. I graduated from St. Thomas More Parish School 20 years ago. I went on to graduate from Sam Houston State School and I knew something was missing in my life and that was STM. I am proud to call STM my family! Not only do I have the best job in the world but, I also get to share it with my mother, Nina Coltharp, and my sister, Cindy Vodehnal. I consider the staff and students a part of my extended family. The STM community is definitely my home!”

Tuesday, April 7 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.

STM MEN’S RETREAT – IS JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY–

Friday evening, April 17 through Noon on Sunday, the 19th at the Holy Name Retreat Center on Bunker Hill Road just north of Memorial Drive. This is the perfect time for parish men of all ages to strengthen their faith with up to 20 brother parishioners and those of 4 to 5 other parishes in this serene, 11 acre retreat environment. To learn more and to make your reservation, go to www.Passionist.org/HolyName (713-464-0211) or contact STM Coordinator Hiett Ives at 832-372-6900.

Easter Sunday

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!

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

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La alegría de la Pascua 2015. Abril 5, 2015

"En verdad les digo que lloraran y se lamentaran, mientras que el mundo se alegra . Ustedes estarán apenados, pero su tristeza se convertirá . . . . Así también ustedes ahora sienten tristeza, pero yo los volveré a ver y su corazón se llenara de alegría y nadie les podrá arrebatar ese gozo." (Juan 16: 20-22).

¡Felices Pascuas a todos ustedes!

San Lucas nos dio una descripción de los sentimientos de dos de los discípulos (Lucas 24: 13-24). Todas sus esperanzas rotas, ellos regresaban a casa a Emaús, tristemente hablando sobre la muerte de Jesús, al extraño que se les acercó, ellos explicaron: "Jesús de Nazaret era un profeta poderoso en obras y palabras, reconocido por Dios y por todo el pueblo. Nuestros sumos sacerdotes y nuestro jefe renegaron de él, lo hicieron condenar a muerte y clavar en la cruz. Nosotros pensábamos que él sería el que debía liberar a Israel."

Oh! sí, algunas mujeres fueron al sepulcro, antes del amanecer, y la encontraron vacía. Estas mujeres dicen que han visto que dicen que Jesús está vivo. Ha resucitado! Algunos de los hombres como Pedro y Juan, fueron a verificar. Bien, la tumba estaba vacía en realidad, pero no lo vieron. ¡Todo se ha terminado!

Y, entonces la explosión de alegría, cuando reconocieron a Jesús en la repartición del pan.

¿Viste a dos discípulos correr de prisa, en la oscuridad de la noche, a traer la buena nueva a los demás en Jerusalén? Y ellos encontraron a los discípulos, proclamando: "El Señor ha resucitado y se ha aparecido a Simón" (Lucas 24,34).

En la Pascua compartimos la alegría de los apóstoles: la resurrección de Jesús es nuestra propia promesa.

Padre Hai

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 713-729-3435
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PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

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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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