Fr. Hai’s Corner

Many people come to me before & after Mass, and ask for a prayer & blessing. Why do we ask for a blessing? A big Thank You to Father Rafael Becerra from St. Ambrose Church in Houston, who gave me this blessing’s answers by Pope Francis.

Why do we bless?
The blessing creates a shield of light of divine protection on the person that is being blessed. It is a divine connection! That is the importance always of blessing with love!

Bless your day, your partner, your kids, your family your friends, everything you do, no matter whether you have little or a lot of money.

Stop for a second and bless the person who is near you, you can do it mentally then, observe him and you will see that there is a slight change in his face.

Bless your body no matter whether in this moment it is sick or healthy! Bless it and fill it with light, love, mercy and forgiveness so that it be healthy!

Bless your relationships, even if you are “alone”, because you yourself are complemented.

Bless your work, it doesn’t matter if you get a small salary, or get a lot, because when you bless it, you fill it with divine light, and thus you are preparing for something better.

You have the right to receive wonderful things, you just only have to believe it and feel it. God and you bless yourself.

Bless your existence even if you have had painful experiences; they are simply the rocks to overcome on the way of your life for greater growth.

So, therefore let God bless and protect you and the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and understanding and guide you every step of your beautiful existence. .... Amen!

I bless you who are reading this message; I bless your heart, your life, your health, your marriage, your children, your home, your family, your work, your finances, your projects in the name of Jesus. Amen

Fr. Hai

Attention those interested in becoming Altar Servers...

If you are in the 5th grade or older, have received First Communion, and are currently attending CCE, Catholic School, or are receiving your Religious instruction through the Home Study Program, you are invited to become an altar server at St. Thomas More. All current and interested youth must attend a training course / refresher course to be held at STM on April 27th and 28th at 7pm.

All materials that will be used, including tests, are on the church’s website: STMHouston.org - Under Ministries- Liturgical- Altar Servers.
http://www.stmhouston.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=152

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. You can view parish photos from past events at www.stthomasmoreevents.shutterfly.com

It’s that time of year again...Scheduling Time!!!

All ministries and organizations that use parish facilities for their meetings need to make their requests for the upcoming year...either the new school year, 2015-2016 or for the calendar year 2016, depending on your meeting schedule. There is a new form that is available on the church website, the facility request form. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the office for a copy. Remember, a request is simply that: a request. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Questions? Ask for Suzie.

www.stmhouston.org  713-729-0221

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Tired of writing checks and keeping up with parish envelopes? Please check out our ONLINE GIVING at www.stmhouston.org

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon. 9-10 p.m.
Tues. 1-2 p.m.
Wed., 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.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the week of April 26, 2015

Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday
Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 12:24–13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday
Saint Pius V, Pope
Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Friday
Saint Joseph the Worker
Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-33; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26...

Monday, April 27
6:30 a.m.  Joanne Richards
5:30 p.m.  †Charlotte McCrate

Tuesday, April 28
6:30 a.m.  †Souls in Purgatory
5:30 p.m.  †Robert Lee

Wednesday, April 29
6:30 a.m.  †Frederick Ofordu
5:30 p.m.  †Larry Keuchel Jr. & Sons

Thursday, April 30
6:30 a.m.  J. Abaya Family, Thanksgiving
5:30 p.m.  Sr. Mary Lou Martin M.M.

Friday, May 1
6:30 a.m.  †Carl Weberlein
8:15 a.m.  †Joseph Pryor
5:30 p.m.  †Gene Johannes

Saturday, May 2
9:00 a.m.  Lagniton Family, Thanksgiving
5:00 p.m.  †Betty Jean LeMoine

Sunday, May 3
7:30 a.m.  Polly & Jack Tolbert
9:00 a.m.  For the Parish
11:00 a.m.  †Peter Long Bui
1:00 p.m.  Suzie Hamilton
5:00 p.m.  Arlene Aguirre
7:00 p.m.  Beth Dolan

This week around STM....

Sunday, April 26-APOSTLESHIP OF THE CROSS BAKE SALE
9:00 a.m.  CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & 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 Hall & School
2:30 p.m.  Spanish Baptisms, Church
3:00 p.m.  Marriage Encounter (Sp.), Prinster Hall
6:00 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

Monday, April 27
9:00 a.m.  Bible Study, Rectory
5:30 p.m.  Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
6:00 p.m.  Parishioner Assistance Ministry, Rectory
7:00 p.m.  Taller y Oración de la Vida, Prinster Hall
2:30 p.m.  Spanish Baptisms, Church
3:00 p.m.  Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul
6:00 p.m.  Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf

Tuesday, April 28
9:30 a.m.  Sr. Citizen Bingo, Scout House
7:00 p.m.  ESL Classes, School
6:00 p.m.  Altar Server Training, Church
3:00 p.m.  Convalidation Classes, Prinster Hall
7:30 p.m.  Building & Grounds Committee, Rectory

Wednesday, April 29
7:00 p.m.  OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
6:30 a.m.  Adult Confirmation (Sp.), Youth Prayer Room
7:00 p.m.  Youth Confirmation Class 1, Youth Center
3:30 p.m.  Youth Confirmation Class 2, School
7:30 p.m.  RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
9:00 a.m.  Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul
6:00 p.m.  Sp. Choir, Church
11:00 a.m.  Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf

Thursday, April 30
6:45 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
7:00 p.m.  ESL, School
6:00 p.m.  Adult Confirmation (Eng.), Rectory
6:30 p.m.  Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
7:00 p.m.  Apostleship of the Cross, AE-St. Paul
12:00 p.m.  Combined Choir, Church
11:00 a.m.  Precious Blood Prayer Group, Donovan’s Den

Friday, May 1-FIRST FRIDAY
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
8:00 p.m.  Nocturnal Adoration, Chapel
12:00 p.m.  School Opera, Rehkopf Center

Saturday, May 2
10:00 a.m.  Centering Prayer, AE-St. Paul
3:30 p.m.  Confessions, Church
6:15 p.m.  Confessions, Church

Sunday, May 3-COFFEE & DONUTS / CHOIR BAKE SALE / RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
9:00 a.m.  CCE Parents & Students, Prinster Hall & 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 Hall & School
2:30 p.m.  English Baptisms, Rehkopf Center
3:00 p.m.  Nocturnal Adoration, Chapel
6:00 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
6:30 p.m.  Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

FIRST FRIDAY NOCTURNAL ADORATION
NOCTURNAL ADORATION GROUPS will meet in the chapel on Friday, May 1 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, May 2. 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 May 2.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY
On Sunday May 3, 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.

Tuesday, May 5 will be our next Bridge game day! All card players welcome to join us in Donovan’s Den for a day of bridge. Pizza party, bring $1.00, drinks, snacks, dessert provided. The fun starts at 9:45 a.m. so don’t be late.
YOUNG DISCIPLES:
ALWAYS CONFIRMING

Welcomes all youth in grades 9-12, this includes those who are preparing for Confirmation, have already been confirmed, and all those who wish to participate,

You are invited to our first meeting on Sunday May 3rd 2015, attending Mass at 5pm and meeting after Mass in the Upper Room (Youth Room)

From 6:30 p.m.– 8:00pm

For more information:
Aida Gonzalez, 713-729-3435
Email: aida@stmhouston.org

Faith Sharing
Sunday Reading Discussion
Activities

BRING YOUR BIBLE
Jovenes Discípulos:
SIEMPRE CONFIRMANDO

Da la bienvenida para todos los jóvenes de grado 9-12, esto incluye a todos que se están preparando para la confirmación o que ya se hayan confirmado y todos aquellos que deseen participar

TE invitamos a nuestra primera reunión el Domingo 3 de Mayo 2015, asistiendo a misa a las 5pm y reunión después de misa en el Salón de Jovenes de 6:30 p.m.– 8:00pm

Para mayor información:
Aida Gonzalez, 713-729-3435
email: aida@stmhouston.org

Compartir la Fe
Dialogar las Lecturas del Domingo
Actividades

TRAIGAN SUS BIBLIAS
Meet the STM Saintly Staff

Sam Castro is a Physical Education teacher for STM. Sam has been a teacher at STM for 34 years. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Houston. His favorite interests and hobbies are Christmas and Sports. Sam says, “I love teaching at STM because of the family atmosphere. STM feels like home.”

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.

REGINA COELI

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Traditionally, this is prayed standing, often at noon, in place of another well-known prayer, the Angelus, during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday until Pentecost.

VOLUNTEER INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS:

Do you have a few hours a month to volunteer? 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.

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

Charity Guild of Catholic Women

Charity Guild of Catholic Women Resale & Consignment Shop
Open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.to 3 p.m.
1203 Lovett Blvd. 713-529-0995
Charityguildshop.org

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 lightntn.havurah@hebrewcatholic.org. Baruch Haba B’shem Adonai.

Would you like to deepen your prayer life and receive support on your journey to God? Lay Carmelites are called to be involved in the mission of the Church to sanctify the world through prayer. We are mothers, fathers, students, and single people going about our everyday life seeking to reach out to everyone in a loving way. Our role models are the Prophet Elijah for his zeal for the Lord and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, for teaching us the way of contemplative prayer. We are affiliated with the Carmelite Order. Our communities meet on a monthly basis to study, share and grow in our spiritual life. For information call/e-mail Therese Thomas -281-468-5631/ rmthomas_us@yahoo.com or Alicia Driscoll – 713-304-2117.

Ministry to the Widowed...Holy Hour and Tea Time
Meets Every 2nd Thursday of the Month
Chapel at St. Dominic Center ~ 2403 Holcombe Blvd.

3:00—3:45 p.m. Adoration
3:45—4:15 p.m. Rosary / Benediction
4:15—5:15 p.m. Tea Time & Fellowship
Marriage Encounter

World-Wide marriage encounter is a Catholic organization dedicated to the Sacrament of Marriage. Marriage Encounters are weekend retreats, Friday evening to Sunday, for married couples where they rediscover, renew and reconnect with their spouse. Married couples all over the world give each other the gift of love in the form of a romantic Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is scheduled for May 15-17. Contact Mike and Cathy Tucker at 713-981-4614 for more information.

First Saturday Devotion

The Blessed Mother promised Sister Lucia, the Fatima Seer, if you
1. pray the rosary
2. go to Confession (within 8 days before or after first Saturday)
3. receive Holy Communion
4. meditate on the mysteries of the rosary for 15 minutes
for five consecutive first Saturdays, with the intention of making reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, you will receive all the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. On first Saturdays, the rosary is prayed in STM chapel at 8:30am for these intentions and for the increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Farewell to Constable Linnard Crouch

Saturday, May 9th, in Servant Hall, starting after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, there will be a farewell dinner for our good friend and guardian for so many years, Constable Linnard Crouch, who is retiring. The Knights of Columbus will provide hotdogs and drinks. All are welcome!!

Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, based on the following list:
- Last name A-M     side dish or salad
- Last name N-Z     dessert

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

Centring Prayer Group

Meetings will be held the First Saturday of the Month in the St. Paul Room of the Adult Education Building.

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather, it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. (“The Method of Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent” by Thomas Keating)

2015 Summer Workshop on John Paul II’s Gospel of Life

The John Paul II Forum for the Church in the Modern World sponsors a summer workshop each year especially for the formation of educators and those in parish ministries. This year we are excited that Rolland Millare and Dr. John Hittinger will lead our sessions on Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) at St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston June 8 to 11 and a special session at University of St. Thomas the morning of June 12. A $100 donation is suggested for study materials and daily lunches but no one will be turned away. Participants can earn 24 CPE credits. Registration and more information is available at www.jp2forum.org.
HONORING MARY IN MAY

DATE: Saturday, May 16
TIME: 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: STM Catholic Church

Please join us for a special bilingual event ~
+ Crowning of the Blessed Mother
+ Brown Scapular enrollment
+ Rosary Procession
+ Refreshments in Servant Hall after the Procession

Everyone will receive a new brown scapular
All 1st Holy Communicants are invited to wear their special attire to this event
Please bring a snack to share

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Jurica, 713-822-2124 or Susan Brown at 713-774-9420

HONRANDO A MARÍA EN MAYO

FECHA: Sábado, 16 de mayo
HORA: 7:15 p.m.
LUGAR: Iglesia católica STM

Por favor, únase a nosotros para un evento especial bilingüe ~
+ Coronación de la Santísima Madre
+ Inscripción del Escapulario Café
+ Procesión del Rosario
+ Refrescos en el Salón Servant después de la Procesión

Todos recibirán un nuevo escapulario café
Se invita a todos los niños que acaban de hacer Su primera comunión a usar su atuendo especial para este evento.
Favor de traer una merienda para compartir

Para obtener más información, por favor comuníquese con Heidi at 832-654-2151
Shortly after my wife had given birth to our first son, I held my little boy and was immediately struck by his helplessness. Before that moment, I may have had some idea of how dependent a child is on others, but it became very real when my wife handed him to me on that sweltering summer day in Washington, D.C. Those moments at the beginning of life, as well as at its end, show us in a vivid way one of the deepest truths about being human: we are radically dependent on others.

We know that “no man is an island.” We are all interdependent, and our actions affect others. But in much of our culture, we glorify the idea of total independence and self-sufficiency. Dr. Seuss’s character from The Lorax, the Once-ler, puts it well when he says, “I have my rights, sir, and I’m telling you, I intend to go on doing just what I do.” The independent woman. The self-made man. The myth of the self-sufficient individual can be seductive, but it is false.

This individualistic idea of the human person comes to the fore in debates about assisted suicide. Proponents talk as if the suffering patient were the only person involved. To be sure, in these discussions, we want to focus on people who are suffering. At the same time, we cannot forget that a suicide is a death in a family, a wound to a community. It leaves others behind who must pick up the pieces. In fact, a recent study in Switzerland, where this practice is legal, found that one out of six friends or family members who are present at an assisted suicide suffer afterward from clinical depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. It seems assisted suicide doesn’t end suffering. Rather, it transfers suffering to others. This is a profoundly communal issue, and we must see it as such.

We tend to hear about the family, friends, and community who surround the elderly or terminally ill when the one contemplating suicide says that she doesn’t want to be a burden on those she loves. In a culture formed from the myth of the autonomous individual, we struggle with the thought of being a burden. We feel that our dignity is eroded when we depend on others to care for us. This is cause for lament. Receiving the gift of support from loved ones as we approach the end of life is part of being human. Indeed, the truth of the matter is this: we are all, at all times, dependent on others.

The myth of the self-made, independent individual clouds our vision, leading all too many of us to view society as divided between those who are strong and those who can be cast aside. However, our dependency is one of the beautiful aspects of human life. We depend on mothers and fathers to nurture us. We depend on family and friends to put up with our imperfections. A successful community requires the cooperation of everyone. The story of a human life is replete with acts of giving and receiving care. These acts are seeds of a culture of life, a culture that flourishes when we, dependent creatures that we are, allow ourselves to rest in our humanness.

For more information on the bishops’ pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.org/peopleoflife.
Mucha gente viene a mi antes y después de la Misa, y me pide una oración y una bendición. ¿Porque pedimos la bendición? Mil gracias al Padre Rafael Becerra de la Iglesia de San Ambrosio in Houston, quien me dio estas respuestas benditas del Papa Pope Francis.

¿Por qué damos la bendición?
La bendición crea un escudo de luz de la protección divina en la persona que esta siendo bendecida. Es una conexión divina! Esa es siempre la importancia de bendecir con amor!
Bendice tu día, a tu pareja, a tus hijos, tu familia y amigos, a todo lo que haces, no importa si tienes mucho o podo dinero.
Para un segundo y bendice a la persona que esta cerca de ti, puedes hacerlo mentalmente entonces, obsévalo y usted vera que hay un ligero cambio en su rostro.
Bendice tu cuerpo no importa si en este momento esta enfermo o sano! Dios lo bendiga y lo llene de luz, amor, misericordia, y perdón para que todo sea saludable!
Bendice tus relaciones, aun si estas “solo”, porque tu solo te complementas..
Bendice tu trabajo, no importa que reciba un salario pequeño, o uno grande porque cuando lo bendices, lo llenes de luz divina , y por lo tanto se están preparando para algo mejor.
Tienes el derecho de recibir cosas maravillosas, solo tienes que creerlo y sentirlo. Dios lo bendiga a usted mismo.
Bendice tu existencia aun si has tenido experiencias dolorosas; son simplemente las piedras que cruzan tu camino para un crecimiento.
Asi es que, por lo tanto permite que Dios te bendiga y te proteja, y el Espíritu Santo te llene de su sabiduría y entendimiento y te guíe en cada paso de tu preciosa existencia.... Amen!
Yo te bendigo a ti que estas leyendo este mensaje; bendigo tu corazón, tu vida, tu salud, tu matrimonio, tus hijos, tu casa, tu familia, tu trabajo, tus finanzas, tus proyectos en el nombre de Jesús. Amen Padre Hai
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACIÓN 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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