Fr. Hai’s Corner

Something remarkable happened at the First Easter. Jesus, the One who was crucified for our sins, is risen. He is alive, among us! What Would We Do Now?

Let me suggest a few ideas:

• You could meditate upon what the resurrection says about the character of Jesus Christ as the Righteous One of God (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:25-28).
• You might ponder the fact that death has been swallowed up in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54-56).
• You could reflect upon the fact that the very power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you today (Ephesians 1:15-23).
• You might think of how the resurrection of Jesus is a precursor to your own resurrection (1 Corinthians 15).
• You could consider how the resurrection gives us “new birth into a living hope” (1 Peter 1:3).

Easter allows us to think deeply and to pray broadly about what the resurrection of Jesus means, both to us and to our world. God bless.

Fr. Hai

We will have a Taize Prayer service on May 19, 7:00pm in the church. This is a contemplative, meditational time of song and scripture. Please make plans to come.

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

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.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

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The Actual Collection for Fiscal YTD includes Holy Day Collection amounts.

Additional Collections:

| Home Missions               | $4,913.46 |
| Children (Social Services)  | $0.00     |
| Building Fund               | $65.75    |

Thank you for your continued generosity!
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the week of May 3, 2015

Sunday     Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday      Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday     Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday   Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday    Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
Friday      Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday    Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday      Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
  1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 3...

Monday, May 4
  6:30 a.m.  †Souls in Purgatory
  5:30 p.m.  †Inocentes & Eugenia Alidon
Tuesday, May 5
  6:30 a.m.  †Bob Lee
  5:30 p.m.  †Clyde Perrere
Wednesday, May 6
  6:30 a.m.  †James McNamara
  5:30 p.m.  †Joe Turner Jr.
Thursday, May 7
  6:30 a.m.  †Carl Raia
  8:15 a.m.  †Gene Johannes
  5:30 p.m.  †Fred Rogers
Friday, May 8
  6:30 a.m.  †Henry Nowak
  8:15 a.m.  Karen DeJean
  5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 9
  9:00 a.m.  †Kevin Nwokem
  5:00 p.m.  †Theresa Roy
Sunday, May 10
  7:30 a.m.  †Genevieve Leverone
  9:00 a.m.  Dorothy Flaherty
  11:00 a.m. †Nannie Tardo
  1:00 p.m.  For the Parish
  5:00 p.m.  Theresa Scholes Sullivan
  7:00 p.m.

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

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

This week around STM....

Sunday, May 3-BLOOD DRIVE / 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, Church
  6:00 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
  6:30 p.m.  Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

Monday, May 4
  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
  7:30 p.m.  Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul

Tuesday, May 5
  9:45 a.m.  Bridge, Donovan’s Den
  5:45 p.m.  SVDP, AE-St. Paul
  7:00 p.m.  ESL Classes, School
            Baptism Catechists Mtg., AE-St. Peter

Wednesday, May 6
  7:00 p.m.  OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
            Adult Confirmation (Sp.), Youth Prayer Room
            Youth Confirmation Class 1, Youth Center
            Youth Confirmation Class 2, School
  7:30 p.m.  RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter
            Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul
            Sp. Choir, Church

Thursday, May 7
  6:30 p.m.  Gabriel Project, Rehkopf Conference Rm. 1
  6:45 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
  7:00 p.m.  ESL, School
            Adult Confirmation (Eng.), Rectory
  7:30 p.m.  Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
            Apostleship of the Cross, AE-St. Paul
            Combined Choir, Church
  11:00 p.m. Precious Blood Prayer Group, Donovan’s Den

Friday, May 8
  8:15 a.m.  School 1st Communion Mass, Church
  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

Saturday, May 9
  9:00 a.m.  Sp. Legion of Mary, Scout House
  10:00 a.m. Sp. 1st Communion, A-M
  12:00 p.m. Sp. 1st Communion, L-Z
  3:30 p.m.  Confessions, Church
  6:15 p.m.  Confessions, Church
  7:00 p.m.  Reception for Officer Crouch, Servant Hall

Sunday, May 10-MOTHER’S DAY!
  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
  2:00 p.m.  CCE Catechist’s Party, Prinster Hall
  2:30 p.m.  Spanish Baptisms, Church
  6:00 p.m.  Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
  6:30 p.m.  Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

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.
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HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS

We invite you to join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants in a Peaceful, Prayerful, Mass and Rosary on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Mass will be held at 8:10 a.m. at Holy Ghost Church, 6921 Chetwood Dr., Houston, TX 77081. Followed by a Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood, 5800 Bellaire Blvd. If you cannot join us on Saturday, please remember us and all individuals whose lives we touch that day in your prayers.

Meet the STM Saintly Staff

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CCE FIRST EUCHARIST – IMPORTANT DATES

English First Communions will be celebrated at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 9. There will be 2 First Communion Masses in Spanish on Saturday, May 9, 2015:
10:00 a.m. for children whose last names begin with the letters A-M;
12:00 p.m. for children whose last names begin with the letters N-Z.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at 713-729-3435

COMING SOON…………..

REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 CCE YEAR

Be on the lookout for the 2015-2016 CCE registration in early June. Keep in mind that it is important in your child’s faith journey that they attend CCE each year as one year builds on another. The most important part of your child’s health, growth and well-being is, of course, a wonderful and faithful relationship with Jesus.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Remember to bring your child to Sunday Masses+

STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only) - May 2015
$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Monday, May 18, County Bus Day Trip, Schulenberg, $10pp and lunch on your own. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 21, Coushatta Casino Day Trip, $15pp (includes $10 free play), coffee, donuts, hot kolaches at 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m., return around 7:00 p.m.

NEW TRIP - June 1-3, 2015  Paragon Casino, Marksville, LA, $185pp single, $256pp double, payment due at signup, no refund after May 20

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.

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):

Visit our network at

1 flocknote.com/stmhouston

or

2 Text “Hillcroft” to 84576

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.

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.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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, 713-828-2124 or Susan Brown at 713-774-9420

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.

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.

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.
Algo muy notable ocurrió en la primera Pascua. Jesús, quien fue crucificado por nuestros pecados, ha resucitado. Está vivo entre nosotros, ¿Qué hacemos ahora?

Permíteme sugerir algunas ideas:

• Podrías meditar en lo que la resurrección dice acerca del carácter de Jesucristo como el justiciero de Dios (Salmos 16:10; Hechos 2:25-28).
• Podrías reflexionar sobre el hecho de que la muerte ha sido devorada con la victoria (1 Corintios 15:54-56).
• Podrías reflexionar sobre el hecho de que el mismo poder que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos está disponible para usted hoy (Efesios 1:15-23).
• Podrías pensar en como la resurrección de Jesús es el precursor de tu propia resurrección (1 Corintios 15).
• Podrías considerar como la resurrección te da “un nuevo nacimiento en una esperanza viva” (1 Pedro 1:3).

El tiempo Pascual nos permite pensar profundamente y a orar en términos generales acerca de lo que significa la resurrección de Jesús, a nosotros y a nuestro mundo. Dios los bendiga. Padre Hai

Theresa Mack es una maestra de Pre-escolar 4 y de Maternal en STM. Ella recibió una licenciatura en Administración de Empresas en Mercadotecnia de la Universidad de Texas A&M. También tiene una certificación de maestra de la Región IV. Theresa ha sido una maestra por 15 años – 10 años en STM. Ella ha estado casada por 22 años con Tom y tiene tres hijos. Tara (Ex-alumna de STM - Junior en Dúchene), Tessa (Ex-alumna de STM - Freshman en St. Agnes), y Tyler (esta en el 7º grado en STM). Los pasatiempos e intereses de Theresa son leer, manualidades ver a sus hijos jugar deportes, y crianzas de mariposas monarcas. Theresa dice “Me gusta enseñar en STM porque puedo compartir mi fe Católica con mis estudiantes y les enseño cuanto Jesús los ama a ellos! ¡Es el mejor trabajo en el mundo!”

Conoce al personal de STM

Adoración Eucarística:

- Lunes 9 a 10 p.m.
- Martes, 1 a 2 p.m.
- Miércoles 4 a 5 pm
- Jueves 12 del mediodía a 1:00pm

Nuestra capilla permanece abierta las 24 horas del día gracias al compromiso hecho por aquellas personas que toman una hora Santa semanal. Suzie Hamilton, 713-729-0221.

Es tiempo nuevamente ...para reservar salones!!!

Todos los ministerios y organizaciones que utilizan las facilidades de la Parroquia para hacer sus reuniones necesitan hacer una propuesta para el próximo año, ya sea el Nuevo año escolar, 2015-2016 o para el calendario del próximo año 2016, dependiendo de los horarios de sus reuniones. Hay una nueva forma que esta disponible en la pagina de Internet de la Iglesia, el formulario para solicitar una instalación. Si usted no tiene acceso al internet, puede llamar a la oficina por una copia. Recuerde, una propuesta es simplemente una propuesta. Haremos lo mejor que podamos para acodar a todos. ¿Preguntas? Hable con Suzie.

www.stmhouston.org 713-729-0221

PRIMERAS COMUNIONES – FECHAS IMPORTANTES

Las Primeras Comuniones en Español será el Sábado 9 de Mayo. Habrá dos Misas, una a las 10:00 a.m. para los niños cuyos apellidos empiecen con las letras A a la M; 12:00 p.m. para los niños cuyos apellidos comiencen con las letras N a la Z.

Las primeras Comuniones en Ingles serán en la Misa de las 5:00 pm el mismo día. Para cualquier pregunta por favor comuníquese a la Oficina de religión al 713-729-3435

MUY PRONTO…………..

REGISTRO PARA LA DOCTRINA DE 2015-2016

Este al tanto para las fechas y horarios para el registro de la doctrina que se llevara a cabo en el mes de JUNIO. Recuerde que es importante en el viaje de la fe de su hijo (a) que asistan a la doctrina cada año. La parte mas importante de la salud de su hijo, es el crecimiento y el bienestar, y por supuesto una maravillosa relación de fe con Jesús.

LA FAMILIA QUE ORA UNIDA PERMANECE UNIDA

+Recuerde que debe de traer a sus niños a la Misa del Domingo+

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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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