Fr. Hai’s Corner

The Ascension of the Lord Jesus (Thursday, May 14), is a movable feast, where it celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. The Ascension occurred on the 40th day of Easter, so it falls on a Thursday, and thus is often called Ascension Thursday; however, in most dioceses in the United States, the celebration of the Ascension has been transferred to the following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

As we reflect upon the Ascension of the Lord Jesus during the coming week, let us remember that while Jesus has ascended into Heaven, He is here with us today. He is present in our hearts. He is present in His apostolic Church. He is physically present in the Holy Eucharist and in the Sacred Tabernacle. As mysterious as it appears, while He has ascended, our faith affirms to us that He is still here with us.

May Jesus always be with each and every one of you as you are moved by His Spirit to proclaim the Good News to those around you!

Fr. Hai

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

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

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

There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Communications.

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

www.houstonvocations.com
This is the vocations site for the Archdiocese, if you have been searching, check it out and see if there is a program you can attend.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

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Thank you for your continued generosity!

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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.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the week of May 10, 2015

Sunday
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98;
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Monday
Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday
Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
Saint Pancras, Martyr
Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday
Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday
Saint Isidore
Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103;
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

This week around STM....

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. NO Young Disciples (Youth Group)

Monday, May 11
5:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F
7:30 p.m. Apostleship of the Cross (Sp.), AE-St. Paul

Tuesday, May 12
9:30 a.m. Sr. Citizen Bingo, Scout House
7:00 p.m. ESL Classes, School
School Board, Library

Wednesday, May 13
7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
Adult Confirmation (Sp.), Youth Prayer Room
Youth Confirmation Class 1, School
Youth Confirmation Class 2, 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

Thursday, May 14
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 15
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
8th Grade Graduation, Church

Saturday, May 16
9:00 a.m. Eng. Baptism Class, AE-St. Peter
10:00 a.m. Sp. Baptism Class, Prinster Hall
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Prinster
3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
6:15 p.m. Confessions, Church
7:15 p.m. Rosary Procession, Church

Sunday, May 17
9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
12:15 p.m. Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
2:30 p.m. Spanish Baptisms, Church
3:00 p.m. Medical Mission Mtg., Donovan’s Den
6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
6:30 p.m. Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle. Her sons rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her: Many women are capable, but you surpass them all! Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.”
- Proverbs 31:10, 25-30

HAPPY DAY
Mothers
Janice Felton is a Computer Teacher and Athletic Director at STM. She has been a teacher for 12 years. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business and Accounting from Xavier University. She has been married to Terry James Felton, Sr. for 32 years. They have two children, both STM alumni. Terry Jr. is working on his Ph.D. in London, and Michael is a senior at West Point. Most people don’t know Janice is a twin. Janice’s interests and hobbies are coaching basketball and collecting Animation Art. Janice states: “I am proud to be a part of the STM experience. The freedom to pray and speak each and every day about my faith and instill that in my students is why I am here. Watching the students at STM develop academically, as well as spiritually, into young individuals with good Christian morals and values is quite rewarding!”

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.

Religious Education 2014-2015 YEAR

SPECIAL THANKS

Today is the last official Sunday CCE class for the 2014-2015 year. Thank you all for sharing your children with us this past year. We look forward to their return in September. I would especially like to thank all the catechists, aides and youth who faithfully gave of their time to share their gifts. Your dedication and support of the CCE program is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to those who made their First Communion Saturday May 9, 2015.
147 Children made their First Holy Communion on Saturday following a fantastic Mass in Church. Well done to all ‘First Communicants’.

CONFIRMATION—HIGH SCHOOL

May 27, Last Day of Classes 2014-2015

CCE Families: Thank you to all who turned in money for the Rice Bowl collection. The amount collected was $1,469.62 and all of this money goes to Catholic Relief Services to help people in need in several countries.

Faith. Action. Results.

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+

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
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

PRACTICAL TIPS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CHILD’S BAPTISM

1. Register in the Baptismal Preparation class early in your pregnancy.
2. Prayerfully study the Baptism ceremony and its rich symbols.
3. Choose Godparents who will be real and long lasting help in the Christian formation of your child. Notify them in advance that they will need to take the Baptismal Preparation class too. They are meant to be more than honorary sponsors.
4. Encourage relatives and friends to be present for the Baptism (not just the party).
5. Set aside the symbols from your child’s Baptism (candle, white garment, Baptismal certificate, pictures) and keep them as reminders of the ongoing importance of the event.
La Ascensión del Señor Jesús (Jueves 14 de Mayo), es una fiesta movible, donde se celebra el día en que Cristo, en presencia de sus Apóstoles, ascendió corporalmente a los cielos. La Ascensión se produjo en el cuadragésimo día de Pascua, por lo que cae un jueves, y por lo tanto a menudo se llama Ascensión el Jueves; sin embargo, en la mayoría de las Diócesis de los Estados Unidos, la celebración de la Ascensión ha sido transferida al siguiente Domingo, el Séptimo Domingo de Pascua.

Al reflexionar sobre la Ascensión del Señor Jesús durante la semana que viene, recordemos que mientras Jesús ascendió al cielo, El esta aquí no nosotros hoy. Esta presente en nuestros corazones. Esta presente en su Iglesia Apostólica. Esta físicamente presente en la Santa Eucaristía y en el Tabernáculo Sagrado. Tan misterioso como parece, mientras El ha ascendido, nuestra Fe nos afirma que El todavía esta aquí con nosotros.

Que Jesús este siempre con cada uno de ustedes, al ser movidos por Su Espíritu para proclamar la Buena Nueva a aquellos que te rodean! Padre Hai

Janice Felton es la profesora de Computación y la Directora de Atletismo de STM. Ella ha sido una profesora por 12 años. Tiene una licenciatura en ciencias de Administración de Empresas y Contabilidad de la Universidad Xavier. Ha estado casada con Terry James Felton, Sr. por 32 años. Tienen dos hijos, ambos ex-alumnos de STM. Terry Jr. Esta estudiando su Doctorado en Londres y Michael es un senior en West Point. Mucha gente no sabe que Janice tiene una gemela. Los intereses y pasatiempos de Janice son entrenar basquetbol y coleccionar Arte de dibujos Animados. Janice dice: “Estoy orgullosa de ser parte de la experiencia de STM. La libertad de orar y hablar cada día acerca de mi fe e inculcarla en mis alumnos es por lo que estoy aquí. Ver a los estudiantes de STM desenvolverse acádemicamente, tanto como espiritualmente, en jóvenes individuos, con buenos valores cristianos y morales es muy gratificante!”
SIXTH 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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