Fr. Hai’s Corner

Today’s spiritual message is found in the Gospel Reading that we often referred as the ‘Great Commission’. When Jesus appeared to the eleven, He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved: but the one who does not believe will be condemned." In other words, those who do not believe and refuse the Sacrament of Baptism will be condemned. It is absolutely necessary that one be baptized of water and Spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of God. For two thousand years, the Catholic Church has proclaimed the Good News to the whole creation, generation after generation. For two thousand years, the Ascension of the Lord has been commemorated in thoughts, in words and in actions. May each one of us continue to be a greater part in living the ‘Great Commission of Jesus.’

Fr. Hai

MEDICAL MISSION TEAM UPDATES:

Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 3pm to 5 pm in Servant Hall we will hold our first informational meeting about the 2015 Medical Mission trip to El Salvador. If you are discerning this mission experience, just want information, are interested in helping here at home or are ready to go again-please make every effort to attend this meeting. Please also refer to our webpage http://stmhouston.org/medical-mission for additional information. For questions contact Christine Hunter at chunter@bcm.edu or 832-338-3002 or Diana Janssens - dianajanssens@sbcglobal.net.

The Apostleship of the Cross wishes to thank everyone who supported them at their recent bake sale and Mother’s Day Gifts Sale event! The money raised helps this group to fund guest speakers for their spiritual events during the year. Thanks again for your support!

Eucharistic Adoration:

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.

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

On Saturday, May 23, from 6:30 PM to midnight, we will have a Pentecost Vigil in the Church, sponsored by the Legion of Mary and the Apostleship of the Cross. Come and join other parishioners as we prepare for this great feast, the birth of the Church. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; the recitation of the Rosary; guided meditations; hymns; and time for silent prayer.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00
Weekend Collection (05/10/2015)

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

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Thank you for your continued generosity!
## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Weekly Readings

**Sunday**
- Ascension of the Lord

**Monday**
- Saint John I, Pope and Martyr
- Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday**
- Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday**
- Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday**
- Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday**
- Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
- Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday**
- Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11;
  - Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
  - Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Ps 104; Jn 7:37-39

**Sunday**
- Pentecost Sunday
  - Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;
  - 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

### Mass Intentions for the Week of May 17...

**Monday, May 18**
- 6:30 a.m. †Irv Hamet
- 5:30 p.m. †Joe Pryor

**Tuesday, May 19**
- 6:30 a.m. †Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory
- 5:30 p.m. Mary Jane Uchendu

**Wednesday, May 20**
- 6:30 a.m. †Maria Melendez
- 5:30 p.m. †Larry Keuchel Jr. & Sons

**Thursday, May 21**
- 6:30 a.m. †Clare Williams
- 5:30 p.m. †Henry Nowak

**Friday, May 22**
- 6:30 a.m. June Shumake
- 8:15 a.m. Michael Felton & Family
- 5:30 p.m. †Monica Tumba

**Saturday, May 23**
- 9:00 a.m. †Clare Williams
- 5:00 p.m. †Richard Endres

**Sunday, May 24**
- 7:30 a.m. †Danilo Tarzona
- 9:00 a.m. †Johnny Johnson & Rene Johnson, Thanksgiving
- 11:00 a.m. †Efrain Salazar Guajardo
- 1:00 p.m. †Pablo Pineda
- 5:00 p.m. For the Parish
- 7:00 p.m. †Marie Dolan

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### 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.

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The 2015 Graduating 8th Grade Class of St Thomas More Parish School is proud to announce that they have raised $8500.00 for the American Wheelchair Mission. The goal was to purchase 50 wheelchairs in honor of the 50th anniversary of the school.

They surpassed their goal. They would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 3910, students, family, friends and the parish community for helping in this effort. May God bless you. If you’d like to make a donation to further this campaign please make your checks payable to St Thomas More School with a notation for the wheelchair project. When you can, please visit the website for the American Wheelchair Mission to see how their project will impact the world. Wheelchairs purchased will go to Vietnam at Thanksgiving. Thank you.
Andrea Osborn is a School Counselor at STM. She has a Bachelors of Arts degree in Communications from Pepperdine University and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling and Guidance from Loyola Marymount University. Andrea has been a counselor for over 35 years; 7 years at STM. She has one son, Nathan. Her interest and hobbies are reading, traveling, dancing, listening to classic rock music, getting together with friends, and playing with her two cats. Andrea says, “I love counseling at STM because God is a part of every counseling session and guidance program that I have presented. Finding strength and trust in God for everything we do in our daily lives is always shown to our students with joy and enthusiasm. Despite our current pain or loss, God will always take us through to the other side with gentleness, love, and compassion.”

If you are graduating from school, now is a good time to consider a religious vocation for your future.

The Parish Vocations Committee

Troop 99 Boy Scouts will host a garage sale fundraiser Saturday, May 30, 2015. The garage sale will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Rehkopf Gym. We are accepting donations for the garage sale. Donations can be dropped off at the Rehkopf Gym (old gym) on Friday, May 29 from 5—7 p.m. Donations of clothes, small furniture/electronics/ household supplies/ toys etc. would be appreciated. Items over 40 lbs. cannot be accepted.

Participating scouts are raising funds to help with costs at Sea-base Camp in Florida this summer. The group thanks Father Hai and St. Thomas More Parish for their support.

For more information contact: Angie Broussard 713-385-3805
St. Thomas More is excited to announce the Young Disciples Youth Ministry, which currently holds events for high-schoolers (entering freshman up to graduating seniors) weekly, on Sunday nights. We are eagerly planning more events and activities throughout the rest of the year and will announce those as they are scheduled!

YD@STM Ministry Vision:

The Young Disciple Ministry at St. Thomas More aims to build confident young men and women that are eager to grow in faith, serve joyfully, and create a community in Christ with a love for the Lord, his people, and the Eucharist. Through this, we envision the creation of creative, thoughtful, and eager new leaders for our growing parish.

El Ministerio de Jóvenes Discípulos en Santo Tomas Moro el objetivo es construir hombres y mujeres que están con ganas de crecer en la fe, servir con alegría, y crear una comunidad en Cristo con un amor por el Señor, a su pueblo, y a la Eucaristía. A través de este, la visión es de crear líderes creativos, atentos, y ansiosos para nuestra creciente parroquia.

Summer 2015 Sundays Schedule - Every Sunday at 6:30 (after 5PM Mass), we will get together in the Youth center to play games listen to music, and learn a bit about Christ and each other. The subjects of the discussions are listed to the right!

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<td>July 5</td>
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For ALL Confirmandi in Second Year it is MANDATORY to attend June 14 and July 12, part of the Chosen Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Aida Gonzales at aida@stmhouston.org.
El mensaje espiritual de hoy se encuentra en la lectura del Evangelio que ha menudo nos referimos como la “Gran Comisión”. Cuando Jesús se apareció a los once, les dijo: “Vayan por todo el mundo y proclamen la Buena Nueva a toda la creación. Aquel que crea y sea bautizado se salvara; pero quien no cree será condenado.” En otras palabras aquellos que no creen y niegan el Sacramento del Bautismo serán condenados. Es absolutamente necesarios que uno sea bautizado con el agua y el espíritu para poder entrar al Reino de Dios. Por dos mil años, la Iglesia Católica ha proclamado la Buena Nueva a toda la creación, generación tras generación. Por dos mil años, la Ascensión del Señor ha sido conmemorada en pensamiento, en palabras y en acciones. Que cada uno de ustedes continúe siendo una gran parte viviendo la “Gran Comisión de Jesús.”

Padre Hai

Andrea Osborn Es la Consejera de la Escuela de STM. Tiene una Licenciatura en Artes de la Comunicación de la Universidad de Pepperdine y una maestría en Artes en Asesoramiento y Orientación de la Universidad Loyola Marymount. Andrea ha sido una Consejera por mas de 35 años; 7 años en STM. Tiene un hijo, Nathan. Sus intereses y pasatiempos son leer, viajar, bailar, escuchar música rock clásica , reunirse con amigos, y jugar con sus dos gatos. Andrea dice, “Me encanta dar consejería en STM porque Dios es parte de cada sesión de consejería y programa de orientación que he presentado. Encontrar la fuerza y la confianza en Dios por todo lo que hacemos en nuestra vida cotidiana se muestra siempre a nuestros estudiantes con alegría y entusiasmo. A pesar de nuestro dolor o perdida actual, Dios siempre nos lleva a través hacia el otro lado con dulzura, amor y compasión.”

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 acomodar a todos. ¿Preguntas? Hable con Suzie.

www.stmhouston.org     713-729-0221

Educación Religiosa Año 2014-2015
Felicidades! A todos los 147 niños/as que recibieron su Primera Comunión ayer sábado 9 de Mayo 2015. Les invito a asistir cada domingo a la Eucaristía y recibir a Cristo vivo en sus corazones y reíre siempre. Felicidades también a todos los padres y sigan ayudando a que estos niños puedan continuar creciendo espiritualmente.

CONFIRMACION - ESCUELA SECUNDARIA
27 de Mayo - Último día de Clases 2014-2015

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 llevará 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+

MAYO: MES DE MARIA
La Iglesia otorga este mes a María para conocerla y amarla mas. María nos cuida siempre y nos ayuda en todo lo que necesitamos. Ella nos ayuda a vencer la tentación y conservar el estado de gracia y la amistad con Dios para poder llegar al Cielo, María es la Madre de la Iglesia.

RECEMOS EL ROSARIO EN FAMILIA

Tendremos un Servicio de Oración Taize el 19 de Mayo a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Este es un tiempo de contemplación, y meditación de las canciones y de la escritura. Por favor haga planes para asistir.
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS

John Amato, Pedro Apigo, Bobby Baker, Elisa Baker, Cristine Banks, Lontondra Banks, Eden Bautista, Lisa Bivins, Julia Brown, James Caffrey, Mary Jane Coke, Bernice Condon, Ellen Cooper, Heather Doetin, Karen DeJean, Alice Fahy, Bonifacio Figueroa, Therese Flaherty, Frank Garcia, Gonzales Family, John Gorman, Barbara Graham, David Graham, Leticia Griewe, John Hahn, Marylou Hahn, Ofelia Herrera, Ken Jarzombek, Maurice Korkmas, David Lafferty, Bob Little, Mary & Sabin Marshall, Margaret Martin, John R. Martin, Joyce Mercurio, Carol Montello, Mary Jane Morgan, Margaret Morris, Catherine Mourey, Venita Mrok, Emma Newhouse, Freddie Perez, Myrella Ribas, Joanne Richards, Cherry Ronan, Christopher Saldivar, Rabbi Sherwin, June Shumake, Al Suhor, Theresa Steen, Brian Steiner, Jan Tennert, Bertha Theriot, Beverly Thomas, Patricia Trejo, John Upton, Rich Vachris, Bertie Vargas, Clair Wise

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

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem

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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