The focus of the First Sunday of Lent is always about Jesus’ temptation. In Luke’s Gospel, Luke 4: 1-13, the three temptations are: Change the stone to bread; After showing the whole country from a high point, the devil says to Jesus he can have the land and all the riches only if he falls and worships the devil; Fall from the cliff and that angels would protect him; In Luke, Jesus’ temptations follow three patterns that are common to all people. The first temptation concerns the Self-satisfaction. The Second temptation concerns the Self-accomplishment. The third temptation concerns the Self-glorification: The main point of Luke is how the Lord deals with temptation in the light of His humanity. Take a clue how Jesus defeated devil’s temptations with God’s words, we can only recognize and combat these temptations by saturating our hearts and minds with the **Words of God, the Truth.** The **Words of God will enable us to be victorious over temptations.**

(see Ephesians 6:17. “and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”)

**Fr. Hai**

El domingo de Cuaresma se pone a nuestra reflexión las Tentaciones de Jesús. En el evangelio de San Lucas 4: 1-13, nos habla de las tres tentaciones, que son: Cambiar la piedra a pan; después que el diablo le mostro todo el país a Jesús desde un punto alto el diablo le ofrece a Jesus darle la tierra y toda clase de riqueza pero si se arrodilla y le adore; que se dejara caer desde el precipicio y que los ángeles lo protegerían; en Lucas, las tentaciones de Jesús surgen en tres patrones que son comunes a todas las personas. La primera tentación se refiere a la auto-satisfacción. La segunda tentación se refiere a la auto-realización. La tercera tentación se refiere a la auto-glorificación: El punto principal de Lucas es que el Señor a la luz de su humanidad trata la tentación. Vamos a tomar esta idea de cómo Jesús derrotó a las tentaciones del diablo con la palabra de Dios, sólo podemos reconocer y combatir estas tentaciones saturando nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes con la Palabra de Dios, la verdad. Que la palabra de Dios nos permita ser victoriosos al leerla y meditarla en este Tiempo Cuaresma, solo bajo su luz podemos vencer cualquier clase de tentaciones.

(Efesios 6:17. Tengan siempre en la mano el escudo de la fe, con el que podrán apagar todas las flechas encendidas del Maligno)

**Pd. Hai**
MASS INTENTIONS
INTENCIONES DE MISA

Monday /Lunes 02-15-2016
6:30am       Joe Becker-Health
5:30pm       † John L. Gorman

Tuesday/ Martes 02-16-2016
6:30am       † Manuel Salgado
5:30pm       † William Deegan

Wednesday/ Miercoles 02-17-2016
6:30am       † William Deegan
5:30pm       † Helen Manlove

Thursday/ Jueves 02-18-2015
6:30am       __
5:30pm       † John L. Gorman

Friday/ Viernes 02-19-2016
6:30am       __
8:15am       † Jimmy Rodriguez
5:30pm       † Olga Silva de Planas

Saturday/ Sabado 02-20-2016
8:00am       † Daniel de Cook
5:00pm       † Joe Flaherty

Sunday/ Domingo 02-21-2016
7:30am       For Our Parishioners
9:00am       For Vocations
11:00am      Jerry & Barb Evans
1:00pm       † Maria Luz Trejo
5:00pm       † John Womack
7:00pm       Special Intentions

FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY THE PARISH OFFICE.
PARA INTENCIONES DE LA MISA FAVOR DE PASAR POR LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

Welcome to the Parish
If you and your family are new to our neighborhood and wish to become members of the St. Thomas More Family, we invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page at www.stmhouston.org.

Nursery
The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years.
There is no charge nor reservations needed.

Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): February 20, 2016
Adult Education Building, St Peter Room; 8:45am-12:00pm

Marriage Preparations
Engaged couples please contact the parish office for more information at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding.

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, 7:30-9:00 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.

Anointing of the sick
This Sacrament is offered bilingual on Saturdays after the 8:00am

Prayer Requests

Josephine LeDay
Therese Flaherty
Jan Tennert
James Murphy
Deanna Murphy
Irvin Schueler
Edgar Sharp
Dorothy Marak
Alfonso Gutierrez
Evangelina Corrales
Martha Reyes

James Swanson
Marie Jo Swanson
Latondra Banks
Helen Manlove
Gregoria Barrera
Angela Gambucci
Jennifer Gatchel
Rosemary Gatchel
Maria Ruiz
Jose Asuncion Romero
Alicia Vagas

SFC Paul Bergman
Megan Godsey
Sgt. Billy Janca
Mike McIntosh
Charles U. Opornazie

Col. David Exelund
Traci Godsey
TSGt Bradley Louis
Ebenezer E. Ohagheulem
LCDR Russell Thiem

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN TICE TO HIS FAMILY.
Favor de continuar orando por Austin Tice para su pronte regreso a casa con su familia.
First Sunday of Lent

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil

Sunday
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

En el desierto, Jesus es tentado por el diablo
Lucas 4:1-13

Domingo:
Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Salmo 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34:4-5,6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15
Miercoles: Jon 3:1-10; Salmo 51:3-4, 12-13,18-19; Lc 11:29-32
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
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Sabado: Dt 26:16-19; Salmo 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Salmo 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14;
Flp 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lc 9:28b-36

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY......

"With age-old love I have loved you; so I have kept my mercy toward you." - Jeremiah 31:3

St. Thomas More will begin Mercy:
A Bible Study Guide for Catholics,
three times each week beginning
Monday, Feb 15 at 7 pm,
Wednesday, Feb 17, at 10 am, and
Thursday, Feb 18 at 7 pm.

This 6 session Bible study will help us rediscover the incredible history of God's mercy in own lives, which in turn will leads us to an understanding of the importance of extending God's love and mercy to the world around us.

Bible study:
Monday evenings at 7pm:
February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21

Wednesday mornings 10am:
February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 30

Thursday evenings at 7pm:
February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31

Free of Cost, Donations are appreciated

Lead by: Deacon David Johnson
For more information, 713-729-0221 or via email:
DeaconDave@stmhouston.org
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Marianne Kahlich: 713-728-4955

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**VIRTUS TRAINING**

“KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE” at St. Thomas More on Saturday March 12, 2016

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!, ALL WHO TOOK VIRTUS 5 YEARS AGO AND MORE NEED TO TAKE THIS SESSION, WE NEED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE.

Register Online: virtueonline.org

NO WALK INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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**Kidz Corner / Rincon de los Niños**

St. Valentine’s Day

**MEET SUNDAY’S**

FROM 6PM TO 8PM JOIN US FOR FUN AND FAITH SHARING, at Youth Center
Visit the church website for more information: www.stmhouston.org

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA
This week around STM….

Sunday, February 14, 2016
2:00pm  Spanish Baptisms
6:30pm  Young Disciples —Youth Center

Monday, February 15
9:30am  Bible Study-Rectory
3:00pm  Scouting-Scout House
7:00pm  Spanish Evangelization Team, AE St. Peter
        Bible Study (Mercy), Servant Hall
7:30pm  Apostleship of the Cross-AE-St. Paul Rm (Sp)

Tuesday, February 16
3:00pm  Scouting– Scout House
        PAM-Rectory
5:30pm  STVP—AE—St. Paul
6:15pm  Confessions / Confesiones
7:00pm  Talleres de Oración y Vida –Youth Prayer Room
        ESL—School
7:30pm  Pastoral Council, AE St. Paul

Wednesday, February 17
10:00am  Bible Study (Mercy), Servant Hall
3:00pm  Scouting– Scout House
7:00pm  Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp– Chapel
        R.C.I.A.(Spanish)-Youth Prayer Room
7:30pm  KoF—Prinster Hall
7:30pm  Legion of Mary– AE-St. Paul Rm.

Thursday, February 18
10:00am  STM Sewing/Graft Guild—Donovan’s Den
3:00pm  Scouting– Scout House
6:00pm  Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)-Donovan’s Den
7:00pm  Combined Choir Practice—Church
        Bible Study (Mercy), Servant Hall
4:00pm  KoF, Prinster Hall
7:30pm  Apostleship of the Cross-AE St. Paul Rm (Eng)
11:00pm  Precious Blood Group—Donovan’s Den

Friday, February 19
3:00pm  Scouting-Scout House
5:00pm  Fish Fry, Printer Hall
6:30pm  Overeaters Anonymous-AE St. Peter Rm
7:00pm  Spanish Choir (7 pm)-AE St. Mary Rm.

Saturday, February 20
6:00am  KoF, Prinster Hall
7:30am  Focolare, Servant Hall
9:00am  English Baptism Class—AE– St. Peter
        Spanish Baptism Class—Prinster Hall

Come Spend time with Jesus. Our Chapel is open 24/7 so that you may get away from the busyness of Houston and spend some quiet time reflecting and praying.

Vengan a pasar tiempo con Jesus. Nuestra Capilla esté abierta 24 horas al día para que tomen un tiempo fuera del tráfico de la vida diaria.

For more information contact/ Para mayor información: Fermín Bravo 832-869-7488 o meygod7@gmail.com

STM Financial Stewardship for February, 2016
Weekend Offering for 02/07/16 .... $28,084.20
Online Giving .......................................................... $5,620.00
Total Offertory .................................................... $33,704.20
Weekend Budgeted Goal .......................... $35,200.00
Difference .................................................. -$1,492.80

Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!
Feb. 16, Tues., “Anheuser-Busch Tour” Day Trip $12pp
Lunch on your own at El Tiempo Cantina
Bus leaves at 10:00am from the rear parking area in the back near Prinster Hall.
For reservations call - Jane Falk @ 713-729-2592

Feb. 18, Thurs., - “Golden Nugget Casino” in Lake Charles, LA –“Day Trip”
$30 pp (includes $20 food voucher)
Coffee, Donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am
Bus leaves from the rear parking area in the back near Prinster Hall.
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