PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Temptation of Jesus
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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF
AUSTIN TICE TO HIS FAMILY.

Welcome New Families!
We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. We invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page for more information at www.stmhoustons.org

Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!
Estamos muy contentos de que estén aquí y oramos que se conviertan en miembros activos en nuestra comunidad vibrante en la que amamos a Dios, el uno al otro, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo con nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Los invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visitar nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhoustons.org

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS
Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): March 18, 2017 in Donovan’s Den; 8:45am-12:00pm. For more information contact the Church Office, 713-729-0221 or register.

Marriage Preparations
Engaged couples please contact the parish office 713-729-0221 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 Sunday mornings, 9:30am-11am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m. For more information contact 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 mass

Nursery
The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge or reservations needed.

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 18 de Marzo del 2017 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435. NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI EN SANTO TOMAS, USTEDES BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA.

Unción de los Enfermos
El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS
Para que su hijo/hija reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años debe registrarlo/a en la Oficina del Catecismo o para mayor información contáctese al 713-729-3435.
THE PASTORS CORNER

In today’s gospel, Matthew 4:1-11, shows us how Jesus, in his human nature, made his perfect choices and defeated the devil and its temptations. We all must be honest with ourselves about what is it we desire most in life? Is it money and fame? Is it power and control? Or is it to be holy as God our Father in heaven, is holy?

As we begin this season of Lent, today’s word of God reminds us that we are faced with choices in our lives—choices that will bring us closer to God, closer to our family and friends, or move us away from God and all.

We know what “the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is his: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.” (Micah 6:8)

Here is a right choice that we all can make. Let us come to “Awaken Our Hearts” Parish Mission with Vince Ambrosetti. Sunday, March 12 to Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00 pm

Ministry Highlight. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Deacon John Krugh and the RCIA team members instruct the catechumens about becoming Catholics. During the season of Lent, the Catechumens, who now become the elect, prepare for the waters of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at Easter. To know more about RCIA – English RCIA and Spanish RICA - and to get involve, call the Church office at (713) 729-0221. (Leave a message for Deacon John & Ana Luisa)

Fr. Hai Dang

Readings for the week of March 5, 2017

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13; 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Is 55:10-11;
Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19;
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Saint John of God, Religious
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved or changed any of your contact information please update your information with the parish office 713-729-0221.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent in the church 6:30 pm

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En el evangelio de hoy, Mateo 4: 1-11, nos muestra cómo Jesús, en su naturaleza humana, hizo sus elecciones perfectas y perdió al diablo y sus tentaciones. Todos debemos ser honestos con nosotros mismos sobre qué es lo que deseamos más en la vida, ¿el dinero o fama? ¿El poder o control? ¿O ser santo como Dios nuestro Padre en el cielo?

Al comenzar esta temporada de Cuaresma, la Palabra de Dios de hoy nos recuerda que nos enfrentamos a elegir cosas en nuestras vidas, opciones que nos acercarán a Dios, nos acercan más a nuestra familia y amigos, o nos alejan de Dios y de todos.

Sabemos bien lo que "el Señor nos ha dicho, Se ha hablado, hombre, qué es lo bueno y qué exige de ti el Señor: nada más que practicar la justicia, amar la fidelidad y caminar humildemente con tu Dios."

Ahora tenemos la oportunidad de elegir algo bueno para nosotros participando todos en la Misión Parroquial "Despierta Nuestros Corazones" desde el domingo 12 de marzo al miércoles 15 de marzo de 2017, a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia.

**Ministerio:** RICA (El Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) El Diácono John Krugh y los miembros del equipo RICA enseñan a los catecúmenos a convertirse en católicos. Durante la temporada de Cuaresma, los Catecúmenos ahora se convierten en los elegidos, se preparan para las aguas del Bautismo, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación para el Sabado de Gloria. Para mayor información de RICA en Inglés y Español o para participar, llame a la oficina de la Iglesia al (713) 729-0221. (Deje un mensaje para Diácono John & Ana Luisa)

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**Readings for the week of March 5, 2017**

**Domingo**

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7; Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 12-13. 14 y 17;

Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19; Mt 4, 1-11

**Lunes**

Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15;

Mt 25, 31-46

**Martes**

Santas Perpetua y Felicitas, mártires

Is 55, 10-11;

Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19;

Mt 6, 7-15

**Miércoles**

San Juan de Dios, religioso

Jn 3, 1-10; Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19;

Lc 11, 29-32

**Jueves**

San Francisca de Roma, religiosa

Es 4, 17n. p-r. aa-bb. gg-hh; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 7c-8; Mt 7, 7-12

**Viernes**

Ez 18, 21-28;

Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8;

Mt 5, 20-26

**Sábado**

Dt 26, 16-19; Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8;

Mt 5, 43-48

**Domingo**

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Gn 12, 1-4a; Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22;

2 Tm 1, 8b-10; Mt 17, 1-9

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**ACTUALICE SU CONTACTO DE INFORMACIÓN**

Si ha movido o cambiado alguna de su información de contacto? Por favor actualice su información a la oficina parroquial 713-729-0221.

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**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**

Los Viernes durante Cuaresma en la Iglesia 7:30 pm

(Español)

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Faith Formation News (CCE)

Noticias de Formacion de la Fe (catecismo)

CCE FIRST COMMUNION – PRIMERAS COMUNIONES

IMPORTANT DATES

English First Communions will be celebrated at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 29.

There will be 2 First Communion Masses in Spanish on Saturday, April 29, 2017: 10:00 am for children whose last names begin with the letters A-M; 12:30 pm 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.

PRIMERAS COMUNIONES – FECHAS IMPORTANTES

Las Primeras Comuniones en Español serán el Sábado 29 de Abril.

Habrá dos Misas en español, una a las 10:00 am para los niños cuyos apellidos empiecen con las letras A a la M; 12:30 pm para los niños cuyos apellidos comiencen con las letras N a la Z.

Las primeras Comuniones en Inglés serán en la Misa de las 5:00 pm el mismo día 29 de Abril. Para cualquier pregunta por favor comuníquese a la Oficina de religión al 713-729-3435.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CCE SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY YOUTH CONFIRMATION

March 05 Rosary and Rice Bowl Classes
March 08 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
March 12 No Classes – Spring Break
March 15 NO Wednesday Confirmation I&II Classes
March 19 No Classes – Spring Break
March 22 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
March 26 Classes
March 29 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
April 02 Classes
April 05 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
April 09 Live Stations of the Cross / Return Rice Bowls- Classes
April 12 NO Wednesday Confirmation I&II Classes
April 16 Easter Sunday – No Classes
April 19 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
April 23 Last class day for Sunday CCE
April 26 Wednesday Youth Confirmation I&II Classes
April 29 FIRST COMMUNIONES
Young Disciples Youth Ministry
Invites Youth grades 8th-12th
on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
at the Youth Center
for a great discussion, fun, food and Fellowship

AYC—July 28-30, 2017

One of the privileges our teens who are involved in the Young Disciples Ministry get to go to the Youth Conference paid by Father Hai generosity and his love for the teens.

If you are not involved in the Youth Group and a High School Student and would like to attend with us, the fee is $250.00, after April 26, $265.00.

Please email me if you are interested in attending, aida@stmhouston.org

Uno de los privilegios que nuestros Jóvenes quienes estan invueltos en el Ministerio de Jóvenes Discípulos van a la Conferencia de Jóvenes pagado totalmente por la generosidad del Padre Hai, por su amor y devoción a los jóvenes. Si tu NO estas envuelto en el Grupo de Jovenes y estas en la High School grado 9-12 y te gustaría asistir con nosotros, la cuota es de $ 250.00, y después del 26 de abril, $ 265.00.

Enviame un correo electrónico si estas interesado en asistir, aida@stmhouston.org

 Lenten

Parish Lenten Mission: “Awaken Our Hearts”

Come and Join us for four unforgettable nights!
Experience this faith-filled event of songs and prayer.

Event Dates:

Ministry appreciation:
Saturday March 11, 2017 9am to 12pm, Servant Hall

STM Parish Family Concert:
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Sunday March 12, 2017, OLD GYM

STM Parish Mission:
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Monday, March 13, 2017, Church

Faith on Fire Missions will be presenting a concert entitled "Awaken Our Hearts: Parish Family Concert on Sunday, March 12 at 7:00 PM. A three-day mission including scripture woven with story and song will follow on March 13-15, Monday through Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the Church. All are invited to attend.

Please join us for the Ministry Appreciation on Saturday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m. In appreciation for all that you give in love a luncheon will be provided by the parish. The focus of the workshop is the parish family growing in prayer and faith. The aim is to foster spiritual renewal and growth for those who serve in our parish. In every person involved in ministry, at any level, should attend.
Outreach

The Meals Ministry is in need of cooks. Can you spare one day a month to provide a meal to a family experiencing illness? If interested please contact Monique Close 713-628-3323

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul strive to comfort, feed, clothe and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving dignity. Call 713-980-3113 and leave a message on the answering service.

Respect Life

Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9-9:40 in the chapel. We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of life from conception to natural death, and for the protection of traditional marriage and religious liberty.

Sick & Homebound

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know of anyone who is home bound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office, 713-729-0221.

SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent
Primer Domingo de Cuaresma 5 de Marzo, 2017
MASS CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
CALENDARIO DE MISAS e INTENCIONES

Sunday/ Domingo 03-05-2017
7:30am †Emilia Pangilinan
9:00am †Emil J. Bednar
11:00am † Charles Donaghey Jr.
1:00pm † Miguel Flores
5:00pm
7:00pm † Sofia Herrera

Monday/ Lunes 03-06-2017
6:30am †Virginia & Marcial Castro
5:30pm † John Amato

Tuesday/ Martes 03-07-2017
6:30am
5:30pm † Clyde Perrere

Wednesday/ Miércoles 03-08-2017
6:30am
5:30pm

Thursday/ Jueves 03-09-2017
6:30am Claudia Janssens
5:30pm † Francisco R. Gonsalvez

Friday/ Viernes 03-10-2017
6:30am
8:15am
5:30pm † Nannie Tardo

Saturday/ Sabado 03-11-2017
8:00am Caesar Hubayan
5:00pm † Prima Mira

Sunday/ Domingo 03-12-2017
7:30am † Dorella Hanley
9:00am
11:00am † Theresa Dianne Louis
1:00pm
5:00pm
7:00pm

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

This week around STM....

Sunday, March 5
9:00am—1:00 pm — CCE, School
7:30am—7:00 pm— Sweet Sunday, Servant Hall
Religious Article Sold, Servant Hall
2:00 pm English Baptism
6:00 pm Youth Ministry, Youth Center

Monday, March 6
9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:30 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish), Room F
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
Spanish Convalidations, Youth Center
7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm

Tuesday, March 7
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
9:45 am Bridge, Donovan’s Den
5:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul, Conference Room
Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Wednesday, March 8
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
3:15 pm Altar Servers, Church
5:30 pm Mass Ash, Church
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
Adult Confirmation (English), Youth Center
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp—Chapel
RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den
RCIA (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm
7:15 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
7:30 pm Spanish Choir, Church

Thursday, March 9
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
7:30 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Friday, March 10
8:15 am School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den Loft
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Prinster Hall
6:15 pm Stations of the Cross, Church
7:30 pm Estaciones de la Cruz, Iglesia

Saturday, March 11
9:00 am Faith on Fire Mission, Rehkopf GYM
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Sunday, March 12
9:00 am—1:00 pm CCE Classes
2:00 pm Spanish Infant Baptisms, Church
6:00 pm Young Disciple, Youth Center
7:00 pm Faith on Fire Mission

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**MENS RETREAT**

“Behold! A Retreat with Our Lady: Mother, Intercessor and Disciple” is the theme of this year’s St. Thomas More Men’s Retreat, March 31 – April 2, at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road in the Memorial Area. This Friday evening through Sunday lunch experience is open to all men of the Parish and their guests.

The retreat takes its inspiration from Mary’s intercession at the Wedding Feast at Cana, where she shows the way by instructing the servants to “Do as He tells you.” Join some 20+ of your fellow Parishioners by registering at [www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com](http://www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com) or contact Parish Retreat Coordinator Hiett Ives at [Hietti@HiettIves.com](mailto:Hietti@HiettIves.com) or 832-372-6906 for more info. We look forward to your joining us!!

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**SENIOR CITIZENS!**

The First Saturday of the month, March 04, STreaMliners’ Meeting – 10am in Prinster Hall
Adults over 50 only!!!! $15 dues
Entertainment: Vocalist – Julia Laskowski- (She sang the title role in Always... Patsy Cline)
Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry
And toiletries for the LBJ Charity Hospital

Mar. 16, Thurs. Day Trip County Bus w/Jane Falk –
Keggs Choc. Factory Tour – $12.00 cash
Go to Banabys for late breakfast. 1pm chocolate factory tour. Bus leaves at 9:30am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

Mar. 30, Thurs. Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances Landry.
1st Class Bus Coach - $15pp cash includes ($10 Free play) Coffee, donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am.
Bus leaves at 7.00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:30pm.

Joyce 713-774-2628 Jane 713-729-2592
Frances 713-723-2035

STreaMliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!!!!!!!!!

If anyone is interested in going of the “New Mexico Enchantment Tour” on September 28 – October 5, 2017, please contact, Mike Alexander 713-621-6520 as soon as possible. You may also contact him at the STreaMliners’ Meeting on Saturday.

**Senior Citizens**, Come and join us for some Bingo fun on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Scout House at 9:30am.
Next Bingo, March 14 & March 28, 2017

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