



PASTOR'S CORNER

EL RINCON DEL PADRE

During my pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Vietnamese priests of USA, my group and I stood up to our knees in the river Jordan, to renew the promises of our baptism. It was a really spiritual experience for me. I recalled and remembered the Bible story of how the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus just after HIS baptism, knowing that in Jesus our heavenly Father sees each of us as a member of his family.

Today we celebrate the feast of the baptism of Jesus. It is a good day to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for us. Let us reflect on these words:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Fr. Hai

Durante mi peregrinaje a Tierra Santa con sacerdotes vietnamitas de Estados Unidos, mi grupo y yo nos pusimos de rodillas ante el río Jordán, para renovar nuestras promesas bautismales. Fue verdaderamente una experiencia espiritual para mí. Recordé el pasaje bíblico de cómo El Espíritu Santo descendió en Jesús justo después de Su Bautismo, sabiendo que en Jesús, nuestro Padre celestial nos ve a cada uno de nosotros como a un miembro de su familia.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús. Es un buen día para reflexionar sobre nuestro propio bautismo y su significado para nosotros. Reflexionemos sobre estas palabras:

“Vayan pues y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a cumplir todo lo que les he encomendado a ustedes. Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin de la historia.” (Mateo 28:19-20)

Padre Hai

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Community Corner

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): **January 16, 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

El Rincon de la Comunidad

Bienvenidos a Nuestra Parroquia

Si usted y su familia son nuevos en el vecindario y desean ser miembros de nuestra Familia de Santo Tomas Moro los invitamos a registrarse en la oficina de la parroquia o visitando nuestra página web

www.stmhouston.org.

Guarderia

No hay Guardería disponible para las misas de 1pm o 7pm

Información de bautismos

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el **16 de Enero del 2016** en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Convalidaciones—desea usted casarse por la iglesia

El curso dará comienzo en **Marzo 15, 2016 a Abril 19, 2016** por 6 semanas los martes en el Prinster Hall de 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Favor de llamar a la oficina de CCE para información. La misa en grupo será en **Junio 4, 2016 o Diciembre 3, 2016**. Para mas información llamar al 713-729-3435

Unción de los enfermos

El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrecerá el sábado después de la misa de 8 am.



Monday /Lunes 01-11-2016

6:30am †Maitland J. Harvey

5:30pm †Eva Roche

Tuesday/ Martes 01-12-2016

6:30am †Dr. Richard Sledden

5:30pm †Clyde Perrere

Wednesday/ Miescoles 01-13-2016

6:30am Gov. Elect & Mrs. John Bell Edwards

5:30pm †Bill Harrell

Thursday/ Jueves 01-14-2015

6:30am †Dwain Blain

5:30pm †Aaron Yang

Friday/ Viernes 01-15-2016

6:30am Jamie Swiggart

8:15am †Jim O'Brien

5:30pm †John Pinedo

Saturday/ Sabado 01-16-2016

8:00am †Betty Murray

5:00pm †Willie Roy

Sunday/ Domingo 01-17-2016

7:30am Anastasia Hopey

9:00am †John Pinedo

11:00am †Theresa Dianna & Anthony Louis

1:00pm †Rodolfo & Ortencia Rodriguez

5:00pm †John Womack

7:00pm †Alicia Jorin

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



Josephine LeDay
Therese Flaherty
Jan Tennert
Latondra Banks
James Murphy
Deanna Murphy
Irvin Schueler
Edgar Sharp
Dorothy Marak

Prayer: The most valuable gift you can give someone.
Oracion: El regalo mas valioso que le puedes dar a alguien



Oremos por los Soldados

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

Col. David Eselund
Traci Godsey
TSgt Bradley Louis
Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem
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 pronto regreso a casa con su familia.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
Luke 3:16

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

"Yo los bautizo con agua, pero viene uno que es más poderoso que yo, y yo ni siquiera soy digno de desatar la correa de sus sandalias; él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo y en el Fuego."
Lucas 3:16

Primera Lectura: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/

Segunda Lectura: Acts 10:34-38

Evangelio: Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;

Mk 2:13-17

Domingo: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11



STM Financial Stewardship for

January, 2016

New Years Mass\$2,770.00

Weekend Offering for 01/03/16 \$21,745.51

Total Offertory \$24,515.51

Weekend Budgeted Goal \$35,200.00

Difference.....-\$10,684.49

Second Collection for 2015 North Tornado Victims

\$ 4,959.08

*Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!*

Adult Confirmation Classes



Are you 18 years or older and have not yet been confirmed?

Are you interested in preparation classes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

There will be an Adult Confirmation Information Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Adult Ed. Building St. Peter Room.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office., 713-729-0221 .

Eucharistic Adoration Needs:

**A permanent adorer is needed for
Sundays, 1-2 a.m.**

Our chapel remains open 24 hours a day because of the commitment made by those who take a weekly Holy Hour.

For more information, contact

Fermin Bravo at 832-869-7488 or meygod7@gmail.com.

Please commit!

Horas para cubrir en nuestra Adoración

**Eucarística: Se necesita un adorador
permanente para cubrir los domingos de 1-2 a.m.**

La capilla permanece abierta 24 horas al día gracias al compromiso de aquellos que toman una hora Santa semanal. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Fermín Bravo 832-869-7488 o meygod7@gmail.com. ¡Por favor haga el compromiso!

Equip us, O God, to be the light and salt of the world during this New Year. **The Parish Vocations Committee**

Danos lo necesario, O Dios, para ser la luz y la sal del mundo durante este Año Nuevo. **Comite de Vocaciones Parroquial**

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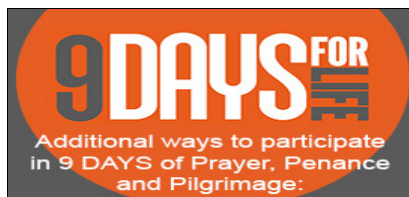
- (1) Registration for ESL classes - Tuesday - Jan. 12, 2016, and Thursday - Jan. 14, 2016, both nights from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Registration at STM Parish School. Cost \$30.
- (2) Classes - each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Classes begin Tuesday - Jan 19, 2016 and end May 12, 2016.
- (1) Inscripción para el nuevo curso de Inglés;
Martes - 12 de Enero 2016 o Jueves - 14 de Enero 2016
Hora: 7:00 pm hasta las 8:30 pm.
Lugar - en el edificio de la Escuela Parroquial de Iglesia de Santo Tomas, Costo - \$30.00
- (2) Las clases son los Martes y Jueves de 7:00pm - 9:00pm.
Las clases comienzan el Martes 19 de Enero y terminan el 12 de Mayo 2016.
- (3) Obtenga mas Información al [713-729-0221](tel:713-729-0221) Norman Palms
[713-726-0513](tel:713-726-0513) normpalms@aol.com

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The competition will take place on Jan. 17th at 1 PM in the Msgr. Bill Gym. Winners will progress through local district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based upon scores from the state-level competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. **Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.** For entry forms or additional information contact: Mike Wark, phone - 713-988-1609.

The U.S. bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday January 16-Sunday January 24. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, e-mail, text message or an app. Join at <http://www.9daysforlife.com/>.



"CHURCH DONATIONS"

2015 Tax Statements will be mailed out. If you donated \$600 or more you will receive your statement by January 29th. If you donated less than this amount and would like a statement please call the parish office and we will be happy to mail you a copy.



The Choirs of STM present Gala VIII – "It Ain't Opera, But Ain't it Grand" February 5-6 2016,

Servant Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m. for food and auction, performances begin at 8:00 p.m. This will be a fun-filled evening of music and variety entertainment,

light snacks, refreshments and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 each and food is graciously provided by our own Knights of Columbus.

Come out and enjoy the best evening of entertainment money can buy! Tickets will be sold after all masses. For further information, Please contact: Camille Garcia at camille.garcia@fortbendisd.com.



TALLERES DE ORACION Y VIDA

Una Nueva Evangelización

Te invitamos a participar a los Talleres de Oración y Vida, del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga. TOV (Talleres de Oración y Vida) son un servicio para aprender y profundizar en el arte de orar. Este aprendizaje tiene un carácter eminentemente experimental, como un taller: orando se aprende a orar. Se aprende a entrar en la relación personal con el Señor, con variadas modalidades, desde los primeros pasos hasta las alturas de la contemplación. Orar, además de gracia, en cuanto actividad humana es también arte, por eso la organización del Taller contiene y ofrece una pedagogía progresiva, un carácter metódico y mucha disciplina. ¿Resultados? Amigos y discípulos del Señor

**Para mayor información communicate con
Gerardo o Maria Elena Vazquez 832-493-1749 o
713-943-0819 Darán inicio en Enero 19 del 2016
de 7:00pm a 9:00pm**

Meet the STM Devoted Staff



Lois Broussard Palazzo is a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Math teacher at St. Thomas More Parish School. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Education from James Madison University. She is married to Tony Palazzo, and her two children and grandchildren have all attended St. Thomas More. Traveling, reading, and family activities keep her more than occupied. Mrs. Palazzo states, "Teaching at STM has enriched my life in many ways. I have been blessed to witness the growth of my children and grandchildren in this loving, Catholic environment."

Conozca al Personal Devoto de STM

Lois Broussard Palazzo es maestra de matemáticas de 4to, 5to, y 6to grado en la escuela de St. Thomas More. Ella tiene una Licenciatura de Artes en Educación de la Universidad de James Madison. Ella está casada con Tony Palazzo, y sus dos hijos y nietos han sido alumnos de St. Thomas More. Viajar, leer, y actividades con su familia la mantienen ocupada. La señora Palazzo dice, "Ser maestra en STM me ha enriquecido mi vida en muchas formas. Ha sido una bendición ver a mis hijos y nietos crecer en este ambiente católico, lleno de amor."

This week around STM...

Sunday, January 10, 2016 "The Baptism of the Lord"

- 2:30pm Baptisms— Spanish
- Young Disciples & Conf Year II—Youth Center

Monday, January 11

- 9:30am Bible Study-Rectory
- 3:00pm Scouting-Scout House
- 5:30pm Daily Mass
- 6:00pm ACTS Woman's— Prinster Hall
- 6:00pm Parish BBall pract.-Gym
- 7:30pm Apostleship of the Cross-AE-St. Paul Rm

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:30am Senior Citizen Bingo—Scout House
- 3:00pm Scouting— Scout House
- PAM-Rectory
- 6:00pm Parish BBall pract.-Gym
- 7:00pm STVP—AE—St. Paul
- Danza Tonantzin—Prinster
- ESL—School

Wednesday, January 13

- 3:00pm Scouting-Scout House
- 6:00pm Parish BBall pract.—Gym
- 7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp—Chapel
- K of C Officers-Prinster Hall; Room F
- R.C.I.A.(Spanish)-Youth Prayer Room
- Youth Confirmation I—Youth Media
- Youth Confirmation II—School
- 7:30pm Legion of Mary— AE-St. Paul Rm.

Thursday, January 14

- 3:00pm Scouting— Scout House
- 4:30pm ACTS—Printer Hall, St. John Fisher, St. Margaret Clitherow Rm
- 6:00pm Parish BBall pract.— Gym
- Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)-Donovan's Den
- 7:00pm K of C Golf Meeting-Prinster Hall;Room F
- Combined Choir Practice—Church
- 7:30pm Apostleship of the Cross-AE St. Paul Rm
- Word of Truth Bible Study-AE St.Peter Rm

Friday, January 15

- 3:00pm Scouting-Scout House
- 5:00pm K of C Fish Fry-Prinster Hall
- 6:00pm Parish BBall pract.—Gym
- 6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous-AE St. Peter Rm
- 7:00pm Spanish Choir (7 pm)-AE St. Mary Rm.

Saturday, January 16

- 7:30am Parish BBall games -Gym
- 8:00am Daily Mass
- 8:30am Anointing of the Sick (BILINGUAL)
- 9:00am English Bapt Class—AE— St Peter
- Spanish Bapt Class— Prinster Hall

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STreaMliners'- 2016

Jan. 19, Thurs., - Natural Museum of Funeral History—
\$10.00pp Lunch on your own at Cleburne's Cafeteria

Call Jane Falk for more info @ 713-729-2592

Bus leaves at 9am from the rear parking area near Prin-
ster Hall

Jan. 21, Thurs., -Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA –
“Day Trip”

\$15pp pp (includes \$10.00 Freeplay)

Coffee, Donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am ,

Bus leaves at 7:00am from the rear parking area near
Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:00pm

Streamliners' trips are open to all of STM's families and
friends!!!!!!!!!! For info call Ed's Tours – 713-723-2035



For Young Disciples Group:
For times of Events and
Schedules please refer to
the STM web site at

www.stmhouston.org

BINGO FOR STM SENIOR CITIZENS

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month—Come and join us
for some Bingo fun, January 12 and 26, 2016 in the
Scout House at 9:30 am.

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SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION

TO:bulletin@stmhouston.org

DEADLINE MONDAY 12:00 NOON

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