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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Parish Office Hours	Monday/ Lunes	11:00-4:30pm
	Horario de la Oficina	Tuesday-Friday/martes viernes

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

Sat	2/25	5:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun	2/26	7:45 am	Franklin Karasek, Sr †
		10:45 am	Jeanette and Ulyse Borel †
		12:30 pm	Emmanuel Vicente Alcaraz †
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions
Mon	2/27	No Mass	
Tues	2/28	7:15 am	All deceased members of the Hagel family †
Wed	3/1	7:15 am	Natalia Amaya (birthday)
Thur	3/2	7:15 am	Rev. Rawlin Emette †
Fri	3/3	7:15 am	Alfredo Vargas †
Sat	3/4	5:30 pm	Cecil Marquart and Darrel Pasket (birthdays)
Sun	3/5	7:45 am	Don and Emily Gallegos †
		10:45 am	Kara Gustafson Soloman (special intentions)
		12:30 pm	Parishioners
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions

Stewardship for February 19th: \$ 8,259.59

Thank you for your parish support!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS RECUERDEN EN SUS ORACIONES

Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Tom and Erin Degan, Jose Luis Ecamilla, Paul Fivel, Diane Fuller, Mary Gedelian, Mary Hall, Sandra Kilgore, Kevin Kretzschmar, Al Losack, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez, Coby Meinzer, Donna Moore, Floyd and Maryann Moore, Lourdes Mosqueda, Craig Orr, Brenda Piñeda, John Raia, Lillian Rodriguez, Lydia Rodriguez, Maria Ines Rodriguez, Margaret Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarley, Jerry Seaton, Cindy Schwanke, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Elizabeth Speck, Tim Speck, Kathy Spivey, Dorothea Stachowiak, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Leo Vasquez, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Rose Youngblood.

Weekly Readings

Mon	2/27	SIR 17:20-24; MK 10:17-27
Tues	2/28	SIR 35:1-12; MK 10:28-31
Wed	3/1	JL 2:12-18; 2 COR 5:20—6:2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18
Thur	3/2	DT 30:15-20; LK 9:22-25
Fri	3/3	IS 58:1-9; MT 9:14-15
Sat	3/4	IS 58:9-14; LK 5:27-32
Sun	3/5	1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41

PROJECT RACHEL... The next Project Rachel Day of Reflection for those suffering following an abortion will take place on Saturday, March 11. The event will include Mass and opportunity for Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction. Please contact the office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 for more information or to register. There is no cost to attend. All inquiries are confidential and retreat location is disclosed to participants only. This retreat will be held in English.

Marriage & the Catholic Church

Why are you using the expression “a declaration of nullity?” I have only heard the term “annulment” used.

The term “annulment” is the common term used by most people. Please know that the Church’s definition of an annulment is very different from the definition found in a regular dictionary. The common understanding of an annulment has many unfortunate connotations which imply that the Church is doing something to your marriage. That is not true. Instead, the Church is making a statement about the marriage.

If an annulment is rendered, the Church is stating that some key element(s) was missing from the very beginning which rendered the marriage invalid. Instead of using the word “annulment,” the proper terminology in Church teaching is a “declaration of nullity,” i.e., a declaration stating that a marriage was invalid and thus not binding until the death of one of the spouses.

Source: <http://www.archgh.org/default/Tribunal/new/2015-Frequently%20Asked%20Questions-Web.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call
Fr. Fred Valone (936)295-8159.

Father Fred writes... As some monks were walking along a road, they found a huge flat, granite rock. When the monks inquired about it, they were told that the rock had been a place for selling slaves in a previous century. Men, women, and children had stood on that rock to be sold into slavery. The monks decided to move the rock to their monastery. At the monastery, they dug out the center of the rock and made it their baptismal font. On it they wrote: "Upon this rock, people once were sold into slavery. Now upon this rock, through the waters of baptism, people become free children of God. Lent starts on Wednesday. While we might associate Lent with ashes on Ash Wednesday and fasting as the season's main symbols, the focus is baptism: through the waters of baptism, people become free children of God. On the first Sunday of Lent we will have the Rite of Sending where the catechumens and candidates will be sent to the bishop for the Rite of Election. This group of parishioners will be receiving some or all of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter vigil. The early Christians spiritually joined the catechumens of their community during their 40-day period of purification and enlightenment prior to Easter. So the origin of Lent is baptism and the other sacraments of initiation where we begin our walk as Jesus' disciples. With the imposition of ashes we will hear the words Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return. Baptism is a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus in a real, sacramental way. The tomb of the baptismal font is also the womb in which we are not only reborn as God's children but also where we receive the promise of eternal life. So dust won't be our final disposition. Resurrected bodies in heaven will be! The other formula for the imposition of ashes, Repent and believe in the gospel, is a challenge to live with the freedom given to us in baptism when we are reborn as God's children. We share in God's divine nature. Living according to this divine nature, we seek to give ourselves freely, sacrificially, and fully to one another as Christ did. That is "freedom" which is fully lived. On Ash Wednesday we will receive ashes in the form of a cross. While the ashes will eventually be washed off, carrying that cross invisibly on our foreheads during these 40 days of Lent will be a reminder of the purpose and the seriousness of the Lenten season.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MARDIS GRAS GUMBO DINNER
(FAT TUESDAY)**

on February 28th in the Church Hall
from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Or until it's all gone.

Love Donations Only.

For more information, contact Fred
Guillory at (936)661-6633

**Diocesan Service Fund
As of February 16, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$ 685.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$ 1,810.00
Goal Shortfall	\$36,315.00

TRIDUUM CHOIR FORMING!

To celebrate the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), we are forming a choir to lead the sung prayer for this holy three day liturgy. This will be a bilingual choir (English-Spanish). All parishioners are invited to participate in this Lenten endeavor. Instead of giving up chocolate or other sweets, give TIME! This is open to all parishioners, especially those not already in the music ministry. We will rehearse Thursdays at 7:30pm in the church, following the English choir rehearsal, starting on March 2. This is a short commitment with no strings or pressure to join the music ministry full time. For more information or to sign up, please call or e-mail Rick at 936-295-8159 or rreed@saintthomashuntsville.org

SAVE the DATE!! April 7-9, 2017

for the annual

St. Thomas, the Apostle Men's Retreat:

"Behold, A Retreat with

Our Lady, Mother, Intercessor and Disciple."

For more information call

Craig Hibbison at 936-436-0362 or call the
Holy Name Retreat Center at 713-464-0211.

**ROSARY RALLY FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE... WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 201 TIME: 12:00 Noon
WHERE: East side of the courthouse Rosary Captain: Jim Kaye, 832-253-8176 Please, plan to attend.**

Edge Night

When: 2nd Thursday
 Time: 6:00-7:30
 Where: Youth Center



Dear Parents,

This week we learned about liturgical prayer. The liturgical seasons guide our prayer life and its participation is the highest for of common prayer. We find its fullest expression in the Eucharist celebration

Discussion starters: Ask your youth what they remember about liturgical prayer from the class. Discuss the importance of Mass and make it a point, if you don't already, to go as a family and discuss the homily.

Family Activity: As a family, make plans to share in the various liturgies this Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is March 1st
Remember: Children learn their faith, first and foremost, from watching you.

Up-Coming Events

- ◆ Edge (CCE) Sunday 9:05-10:20 in the CCE building
- ◆ Edge Night Thursday 3/9/2017, 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the Youth

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Classes
 Wednesday's 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
 Portable building



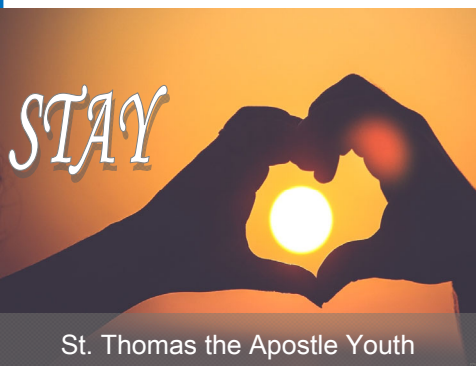
Designed especially for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth, Edge offers educational, social and spiritual experiences *leading our youth closer to Christ* and His church.

I Praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14



Up-coming Events

- † Sunday 2/26/2017 Life Teen 9:05-10:20
- † Wed 3/1/2017 NO STAY Life Night 6:30-8:30
In the Youth Center
- † Fri 7/28-Sun 7/30 AYC—Archdiocesan Youth Rally



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Weekly Events

Sundays CCE 9:05 a.m.—10:20 a.m.
 Edge (6th –8th grade) CCE Bldg
 Lifeteen (9th– 12th) Youth Bldg
 Wednesdays *STAY Youth Night*
 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Youth Center
 2nd Thursday of Each Month
STAY Edge Night 6:00pm—7:30pm

Palabras del Padre Fred... *Unos monjes que iban caminando, se encontraron una gran piedra de granito y de forma plana. Al preguntar sobre la piedra, se enteraron que un siglo atrás hombres, mujeres, y niños se habían parado sobre la piedra y fueron vendidos a la esclavitud. Los monjes entonces decidieron llevar la piedra a su monasterio y hacer una abertura en el centro de la piedra para así convertirla en fuente bautismal, en ella escribieron: Sobre esta roca, humanos fueron vendidos en esclavitud. Ahora sobre esta roca, y a través de las aguas del bautismo, los humanos obtienen la libertad como hijos de Dios.* La Cuaresma comienza el miércoles. Mientras que podríamos asociar la Cuaresma con la ceniza en el miércoles de Ceniza y el ayuno como símbolos principales de la temporada, el enfoque es el bautismo: *a través de las aguas del bautismo, las personas se convierten en hijos libres de Dios.* El primer domingo de Cuaresma tendremos el Rito de Envío, donde los catecúmenos y candidatos serán enviados al obispo para el Rito de Elección. Este grupo de feligreses recibirán algunos o todos los sacramentos de iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual. Los primeros cristianos espiritualmente se unían con los catecúmenos de su comunidad durante su período de 40 días de purificación e iluminación antes de Pascua. Así que el origen de la Cuaresma es el bautismo y los otros sacramentos de iniciación donde comenzamos nuestra caminata como discípulos de Jesús. Con la imposición de las cenizas oiremos las palabras *Recuerde que usted es polvo y al polvo usted volverá.* El bautismo es una participación en la muerte y resurrección de Jesús de una manera real, manera sacramental. La tumba de la fuente bautismal es también el vientre en el que no sólo renacemos como hijos de Dios, sino también donde recibimos la promesa de vida eterna. Así que el polvo no será nuestra disposición final. ¡Serán los cuerpos resucitados en el cielo! La otra fórmula para la imposición de las cenizas, *Arrepiente y cree en el Evangelio*, es un reto para vivir con la libertad que se nos da en el bautismo cuando renacemos como hijos de Dios. Compartimos la naturaleza divina de Dios. Viviendo de acuerdo con esta naturaleza divina, buscamos darnos libremente, sacrificial y plenamente a los unos a los otros como lo hizo Cristo. Eso es "libertad" que es plenamente vivida. El Miércoles de Ceniza recibiremos cenizas en forma de cruz. Mientras que las cenizas eventualmente serán lavadas, llevando esa cruz invisiblemente en nuestras frentes durante estos 40 días de Cuaresma será un recordatorio del propósito y la seriedad de la temporada Cuaresmal.

Bayou Awakening Retreat... for young adults ages 18-25. March 10-12 at Cameron Retreat Center, 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, 77021. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. \$55 per person. Registration: www.bayouawakening.org or by mail. For more information, call 713-741-8778.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Day
 "Who Are We Called to Serve?"
Saturday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
St. Jerome Catholic Church,
8825 Kempwood Dr., Houston, 77080.
 Come and join hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 years old for a day of workshops, prayer, Eucharist and fellowship. Presented in English and Spanish Get inspired by international and local speakers. Early Bird registration \$25 by March 8 or \$35 after March 9. Includes lunch and t-shirt. Group Discounts available.

Register online www.archgh.org/yacm.
For more information call 713-741-8778 or email yacm@archgh.org.

¿QUÉ SIGUE? ENCONTRANDO RESPUESTAS CON FE.

Retiro para Jóvenes de 18-35 años de edad (solteros)
 Experimente la espiritualidad ignaciana.

3 al 5 de Marzo 2017

Cameron Retreat Center

2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77021

Costo - \$50 por persona incluye hospedaje, comida y material.

Fecha límite de inscripción : 24 de febrero

Inscribase visitando —

www.pastoraljuvenilhispana.org

Para más información comuníquese a la oficina al 713-741-8778 o mochoa@archgh.org
 La Oficina de Jóvenes Adultos y Pastoral Universitaria es miembro de Charis Partner Program.



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Lenten Schedule

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**LENT BEGINS
WEDNESDAY, March 1st**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 7:15 a.m. Mass/Ashes (English)
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word/Ashes (English)
- 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word/Ashes (English)
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word/Ashes (Spanish)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday

7:00 p.m. In English

8:00 p.m. In Spanish

Fish Fry every Friday

Except Good Friday
5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall



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HORARIO DE CUARESMA

**CUARESMA EMPIEZA EL MIERCOLES
1 de Marzo**

Horario de Miercoles de Ceniza

- 7:15 a.m. Miss/ceniza (Inglés)
- 12:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra /ceniza (Inglés)
- 6:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra /ceniza (Inglés)
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra /ceniza (Español)

Via Cruzes

todos los viernes

7:00 p.m. en Inglés

8:00 p.m. en Español

Comida de Pescado todos los viernes (excepto Viernes Santo)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. en el salon parroquial

PROYECTO RAQUEL... DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN PARA MUJERES SUFRIENDO DESPUÉS DE UN ABORTO Privado y Confidencial Sábado 11 de Marzo, 2017 Comenzando a las 8:30am La ubicación es confidencial y Solo sera revelada a las participantes. Habrá varios sacerdotes disponibles Durante el día para ofrecer el Sacramento de la reconciliación. El líder del Día de Reflexión Será el padre Paul Félix. Es GRATIS! Para más información o para registrarse llame a Miriam al (713)440-3443 Todas las preguntas y registraciones son confidenciales

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE



SERVICE PENETENCIAL de CUARESMA

Day/Dia	Date/Fecha	Time/Hora	Parish/Parroquia	Language/Idioma
Tues/Martes	3/21	6:30 PM	St. Thomas - Huntsville	Bilingual/Bilingue
Fri/Viernes	3/24	7pm-9pm	Sacred Heart - Conroe	Bilingual/Bilingue
Wed/Miercoles	3/29	6:30 PM	St. Matthias - Magnolia	Bilingual/Bilingue
Thurs/Jueves	3/30	7:00 PM	Christ Our Light - Navasota	English Only/solo Ingles
Wed/Miercoles	4/5	7:00 PM	St. Stanislaus - Anderson	Bilingual/Bilingue

PRAY, FAST, ALMSGIVING

ORAR, AYUNAR, OFRENDAS