
Masses for Assumption Day
August 15, 2016

6:30 a.m.  Latin
9:00 a.m.  English
(School Mass)
Noon  English
7:00 p.m.  Bi-lingual
7:30 p.m.  Latin (FLC)

Since the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Monday this year, there is no binding obligation to attend Mass that day. However, our participation in the Mass is a fitting way to observe this holy day.

August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.”508 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 966

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.

Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition, August 15th

What is the Doctrine of the Assumption?
The doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven, just as Enoch, Elijah, and perhaps others had been before her. It’s also necessary to keep in mind what the Assumption is not. Some people think Catholics believe Mary “ascended” into heaven. That’s not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn’t do it under her own power.

The Church has never formally defined whether she died or not, and the integrity of the doctrine of the Assumption would not be impaired if she did not in fact die, but the almost universal consensus is that she did die. Pope Pius XII, in Munificentissimus Deus (1950), defined that Mary, “after the completion of her earthly life” (note the silence regarding her death), “was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven.”

The possibility of a bodily assumption before the Second Coming is suggested by Matthew 27:52–53: “[T]he tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.” Did all these Old Testament saints die and have to be buried all over again? There is no record of that, but it is recorded by early Church writers that they were assumed into heaven, or at least into that temporary state of rest and happiness often called “paradise,” where the righteous people from the Old Testament era waited until Christ’s resurrection (cf. Luke 16:22, 23:43; Heb. 11:1–40; 1 Pet. 4:6), after which they were brought into the eternal bliss of heaven.

No Remains
There is also what might be called the negative historical proof for Mary’s Assumption. It is easy to document that, from the first, Christians gave homage to saints, including many about whom we now know little or nothing. Cities vied for the title of the last resting place of the most famous saints. Rome, for example, houses the tombs of Peter and Paul, Peter’s tomb being under the high altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. In the early Christian centuries relics of saints were zealously guarded and highly prized. The bones of those martyred in the Coliseum, for instance, were quickly gathered up and preserved—there are many accounts of this in the biographies of those who gave their lives for the faith. It is agreed upon that Mary ended her life in Jerusalem, or perhaps in Ephesus.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the sacred author makes reference to a “cloud of witnesses” that surrounds Christian believers. Who are these witnesses, and how are we united with them? Why does their existence matter for us?

Like most of the New Testament (the original version of the Gospel of Matthew may be an exception), this Epistle was written in Greek. In the original text, the author used the word “μαρτυρῶν” (martyrōn), which is translated in English as “witnesses” but also gives us the word “martyr.” The “cloud of witnesses” may therefore be understood not only as a reference to Christian witness in the world, but also to the ultimate witness of the martyrs, who gave up their lives rather than renounce the faith.

The author of Hebrews encourages his fellow believers to imitate these witnesses by casting aside any spiritual burden that would hinder their “spiritual efficiency” in following Christ. Indeed, we are encouraged not simply to follow Christ, but “to run the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” It is clear, that for this sacred author, being a disciple of Christ is worth everything, even persecution, shame, and the Cross.

When these realities enter our lives, we should take heart. Offering our sufferings to the Lord in a spirit of generosity serves to purify our minds, hearts, and intentions. The great “cloud of witnesses” that has gone before us ought to be a source of encouragement as we strive with God’s help to grow in faithfulness and to complete the race that we have begun.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds

Rev. Stephen B. Reynolds
Pastor

My Sunday homilies are on line at our parish website: www.weasCatholic.org.
Children’s Choir
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is forming a new children’s choir to sing with adults for the 10:30 a.m. Mass beginning in September. All area children in fourth grades and older are eligible. A voice trial is required. To schedule this, and for more information, please contact Dr. Douglas O’Neill at his e-mail: doneill@seascs.org.

Faith Direct: Secure Giving
Can’t find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. It is secure, convenient and Faith Direct will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net, our parish code is TX417.

Saturday September 10 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  FLC

The purpose of this free event is to provide basic health assessments and 1:1 consultation with physicians and advance practice nurses.

Services include: free flu shots, cholesterol and blood sugar testing, vital signs, body mass index (BMI), health and diabetic education. There will be door prizes and lunch is provided.

Charismatic Prayer Group:
August Happenings

“And He overcame the bitterness not by bodily strength, not by force of arms; but by the Word…” (Ws. 19:22)

It is truly amazing how well the celebration of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven this month fits the themes of Luke’s Gospel for August Sunday Mass readings. Mary’s total giving of herself to the will of God led Her to eternal salvation through her son, our brother and Savior Jesus Christ. May we have the grace to imitate her great faith in our lives. If you are looking for more ways to connect your life with your faith, please join us on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Family Life Center Prayer Room for lively praise music, prayer, worship, and sharing God’s Word. Fellowship and light refreshments follow.

August 19th  The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 26th  “For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but the one who humbles himself shall be exalted.”
Sept. 2nd  Renounce your possessions, carry your cross and follow Jesus

Note: Discussion topics this month are based on the Gospel of Luke 12:32-53, 13:22-30, 14:1,7-14, 14:25-33

Mass Times for travel
masstimes.org
“come to me all of you” — Matthew 11:28
Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Do religious believers have the right to turn their values into political action? These important questions are addressed by one of the leading voices on the topic.

American Catholics and other persons of goodwill are part of a struggle for our nation’s future. Our choices, including our political choices, matter. Catholics need to take an active, vocal, and morally consistent role in public debate. We can’t claim to personally believe in the sanctity of the human person, and then act in our public policies as if we don’t.

Parishioner Comments: “Vivid, provocative, clear, and compelling, Render unto Caesar is a call to American Catholics to serve the highest ideals of their nation by first living their Catholic faith deeply, authentically.”

Weekday Mass Readings

August 16: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-36; Matthew 19:23-30
August 17: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23; Matthew 20:1-16
August 18: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51; Matthew 22:1-14
August 19: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107; Matthew 22:34-40
August 20: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Psalm 85; Matthew 23:1-12
Apóstoles Eucarísticos de Divina Misericordia
Los invitamos a formar parte de nuestros cenáculos de oración. Estudiamos el Diario de Santa Faustina Kowalska, quien fue llamada por Jesucristo “Secretaria de la Divina Misericordia” y complementamos el tema leyendo las Sagradas Escrituras, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica y terminamos la sesión rezando la Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia. Tenemos dos cenáculos: lunes a las 10:00 a.m., en el salón A del FLC y jueves a las 7:00 p.m., en salón 3 del FLC. Para mayor información llamar a Conchis Hernández al 281-827-1961, Randa Yehya al 281-818-8452 y Olivia Vizcaino al 346-804-3060.

Comité Respecto por al Vida
Para información de todas las actividades de “pro-vida” durante el año, por favor llamen a Lia Mclean al 832-766-2634 o a liapmc@gmail.com.

Confesión
El horario por el sacramento de la Penitencia esta disponible en pagina numero tres. Hay siempre disponible un sacerdote que habla español.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO SEAS
Compartiendo el Amor del Padre y nuestra fe en Cristo, bajo la guía y presencia del Espíritu Santo.

Hacia una Espiritualidad de Comunión
Misión: Dar testimonio del papel determinante de los carismas en la predicación del Evangelio y en la construcción de la comunidad cristiana. Facilitar la Educación en la Fe y la Experiencia de Comunidad Cristiano entre Adultas. Asambleas: Todos los Viernes de 7:30 a 9:45 p.m., en los salones A&B del Edificio de Vida Familiar (FLC). Todos son Bienvenidos. Contamos con Servicio de Guardería.

Recolección de Ositos del Ministerio de Cuidado de la Parroquia
El Ministerio de Cuidado de la Parroquia de SEAS está conduciendo una campaña de recolección de ositos nuevos y usados (en buenas condiciones) en preparación para el 4to evento anual Hospital de Ositos para niños programado para el 10 de septiembre. En este evento, todos los niños adoptan a un osito gratis y luego pasan el resto del tiempo aprendiendo acerca del cuidado sanitario que necesita el osito (por ejemplo, vacunación, salud dental, ejercicio, alimentación sana). La caja de recolección de ositos estará ubicada en el nártex, ¡Agradecemos sus donaciones!

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano
Si quieres mejorar tu vida familiar y de pareja siguiendo los valores Cristianos Católicos únete a el “Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico” el cual te invita a registrarse al nuevo ciclo 2016-2017 que empieza en septiembre 10 en el CLC a las 5:00 pm. Únete no te arrepentirás. Informes al salir de misa o llamando a Juan y Juanita Lopez al (281)-914-1460 o (713)-319-8086 o Pedro y Bertha Costilla al (713)-493-3217.

Grupo de estudio Bíblico en Español
Les invitamos a ser parte de nuestro grupo, que se reúne todos los martes de 1:00-3:00 p.m. en el FLC, necesita sino el deseo de conocer más nuestra Fe Católica. Favor de mandar mensaje por texto al 281-620-8308, attn: Guadalupe Ortiz.

Legión de María
La Madre de Jesús y Madre nuestra, siempre sonrie en su espíritu, obteniendo por ello, de su Santísimo Hijo todas las bendiciones del Cielo.

May the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always smile on your spirit, obtaining for it, from her Most Holy Son, every heavenly blessing.
**RICA**

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

Proceso de preparación para la celebración de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación para Adultos. ¿Está pensando en la preparación sacramental de Adultos?

RICA, Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, es un proceso de discernimiento y preparación para las personas interesadas en aprender más sobre la Iglesia Católica. Para aquellos que nunca han sido bautizados, o han sido bautizados en otras denominaciones, o que han sido bautizados en la Iglesia Católica pero no han recibido los sacramentos de iniciación (Eucaristía y Confirmación). Este es un bellísimo proceso sin ningún compromiso a través del cual se explora lentamente las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica y se discierne por varios meses el deseo de hacerse católico.

Si usted está interesado, o un pariente, amigo o compañero que le ha manifestado interés animelo a comunicarse con: Nadia Jara al 281-463-7878 ext. 337 njara@seascatholic.org

Sesiones comienzan el 7 de Agosto 2016 a las 12:00 p.m., Salón Prayer Room ¿Le gustaría ser un padrino/madrina para RICA? Inscripción previa

¡Ven a conocer más de la Fe Católica!

**Adoración del Santísimo**

Vengan y acompañen a su comunidad en oración las veinticuatro horas del día.

- Rosario y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: después de las Misas de la mañana, y en viernes a las 3:00 p.m.
- Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: los viernes a las 3:00 p.m.
- Santo Rosario: Domingos antes de la Misa de las 7:00 a.m.
- Rosario y las oraciones por los sacerdotes en los jueves después de la Misa en la mañana.
- Rosario pro-vida en primer y tercer sábado.
- Rosario después de la misa de las 2:00 p.m. del domingo.
- Hora Santa para la familia en los viernes de 4:00 p.m. —5:00 p.m.

Por favor llame a Susan Porter al 281-855-7235, o por correo electrónico, saporter@seascatholic.org

**De la pluma del Pastor.**

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en el Señor:

En la Carta a los Hebreos, el autor Sagrado hace referencia a una “nube de testigos” que rodea a los creyentes cristianos. ¿Cuáles son estos testigos, y cómo se nos unieron con ellos? ¿Por qué importa su existencia para nosotros?

Al igual que la mayor parte del Nuevo Testamento (la versión original del Evangelio de Mateo puede ser una excepción), esta epístola fue escrita en griego. En el texto original, el autor utiliza la palabra “μαρτύρων” (martyron), lo que se traduce en Inglés como “testigos”, pero también nos da la palabra “mártir”. La “nube de testigos”, por tanto, puede ser entendida no sólo como una referencia al testimonio cristiano en el mundo, sino también para el último testimonio de los mártires, que dieron su vida en lugar de renunciar a la fe.

El autor de Hebreos anima a sus hermanos en la fe a imitar estos testigos haciendo a un lado cualquier carga espiritual que impida su “eficiencia espiritual” en el seguimiento de Cristo. De hecho, no estamos simplemente alentados a seguir a Cristo, pero “para correr la carrera que tenemos por delante, manteniendo los ojos fijos en Jesús”. Está claro, que para este autor Sagrado, que era discípulo de Cristo vale todo, incluso la persecución, la vergüenza y la Cruz.

Cuando estas realidades entran en nuestras vidas, debemos tener corazón. Ofrecer nuestros sufrimientos al Señor en un espíritu de generosidad que sirva para purificar nuestras mentes, corazones e intenciones. La gran “nube de testigos” que se ha ido antes de nosotros debe ser una fuente de aliento que nos esforzamos con la ayuda de Dios para crecer en la fidelidad y en completar la carrera que hemos empezado.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

**Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds**

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds, Pastor

Bằng hữu trong Đức Kitô thành nhân,


Đức Giáo Hoàng Phan-xi-phát cho chúng ta thấy một hình ảnh thật đẹp của lòng thương xót Chúa bằng cách diển tạ Đức Giêsu là “khůn mặt lòng thương xót của Chúa Cha”. Khi chúng ta chìm ngắm khuôn mặt của lòng thương xót được hé lộ qua Đức Giêsu Kitô, chúng ta không thể quên lời Ngài dân hãy nhận ra Ngài trong khuôn mặt của những người nghèo, người đi dạn, và những người sống bên le xa hỏi. Mơ ra trong tình yêu và thương xót đối với sự hy sinh bản thân và thương di kèm với những thử thách, nhất là khi chúng ta phải đến với những người xa lạ, nhưng họ lại là những người đang rất cần sự giúp đỡ của chúng ta.

Quá Ý Phúc Vụ Giáo Phần (DSF), chúng ta có được một cơ hội đặc biệt để mở rộng vòng tay nhân ái cho hàng ngàn người đang được truy quì qua hơn 60 chương trình của DSF. Tôi rất muốn uổng cho quý vị biết là DSF đã bước qua 50 năm, một nửa thế kỷ của những chia sẻ và quan tâm lớn trong Tông Giáo Phần Galveston-Houston. Đức Cha Morkovsky đã khởi xướng DSF vào năm 1966 và Đức Tông Giám Mục Joseph Fiorenza đã phát triển thêm những năm tiếp theo, cùng với những nhu cầu ngày càng cấp thiết của Tông giáo phần.

Gần đây quý vị đã nhận được bản tin đầu tiên của DSF, trong đó liệt kê chi tiết nhiều chương trình mục vụ của DSF. Bàn tin này ghi là những người nghèo, người bệnh tật, người cao niên, những người tàn tật hoặc bị tật lặn những người được giúp đỡ qua các chương trình của DSF. Ngán quý của DSF cũng giúp cho các bạn trẻ lãnh nhận các bí tích, tận dụng lừa các linh mục và những ai muốn sống cuộc đời thành nhân, cũng như đa số giáo lý cho tất cả chúng ta.

Qua việc tham gia thực hiện lòng thương xót, chúng ta liên kết được với nhau. Quá Ý Phúc Vụ Giáo Phần DSF là sự thể hiện hưu hình mới đầy lịch trong giáo hội địa phương. Nhân kỷ niệm 50 năm thành lập, tôi muốn bày tỏ lòng biết ơn sâu sắc đến tất cả những ai đã đồng góp cho chương trình này. Tôi khuyên các quý vị hãy tự xưng lòng thương xót và tân từ của Thiên Chúa bằng cách nghe đến việc rộng lớn đồng góp cho DSF từ năm 2016. Tôi xin chân thành biết ơn sự hỗ trợ của quý vị và xin gửi đến quý vị những lời chúc tốt đẹp nhất từ Thiên Chúa.

Mục từ trung thành của quý vị,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Hoàng Y Daniel DiNardo
Tổng Giám Mục Galveston-Houston

The start of 2017 will mark the twentieth anniversary of Perpetual Adoration here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Thousands of parishioners have come to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

We want to hear about your experiences with the Blessed Sacrament. Please share your story, or a brief testimonial, with us at the following e-mail address:

mysteryof.seasadoration@gmail.com

Your experience may be shared with our fellow parishioners in the Bulletin and could encourage others to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to remain anonymous, please request so in your e-mail.

Bayou Awakening Retreat
Retreat for Young Adults ages 18-25.
September 16-18 at Camp Kappe Retreat Center.

The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic church and a safe community.

Register online at www.bayouawakening.org or by mail before September 10.
A live play with a message of mercy

Performed by Maria Vargo
Directed by Leonardo Defilippis

Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church
In the Community Life Center

Admission FREE (Donation Accepted)

Suitable for children over 12 / Child Care $5.00

Limited space available, reserve your spot and child care now at aedivinemerc-
cy@gmail.com

Information: Olivia Vizcaino 346-804-3060
English / Randa Yehya 281-818-8452 Español

Movie Night

Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 pm
in the Family Life Center (FLC)
con subtítulos en español

Donation $ 5.00
(Free for children 3 and under)

All donations will go to fund the presentation of the play

“Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy” on December 2, 2016

Information: Olivia Vizcaino 346-804-3060
English / Randa Yehya 281-818-8452 Español

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy Group
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

The Wednesday Morning English Bible Study Group will begin Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John (a Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study) on Wednesday September 7.

The study is eight weeks and will end November 16. We will be meeting right after the Wednesday morning Mass in the Community Life Center from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.. No prior experience with Bible study is necessary – only a desire to spend some time each day with scripture.

Please pre-register with Carmen Delgado so that enough material can be ordered. You may contact Carmen by phone at 281-550-5003, or at duane_carmen@msn.com, or you can leave a message at the front desk in the parish office.

The cost will be approximately $20 for the book. Scholarships are available so do not let the cost keep you from joining us.

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

That Man is You: Summer Session

“Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained” opens up the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others. There is no cost! Just come, listen and learn. We will meet in the CLC from 5:30 a.m. -7:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings before work.

Aug. 24 Catholic Social Teaching
Civilization of Love & Protecting Human Dignity

Saturday, September 17, 2016
at 7:00pm in CLC

Stop by the flag poles after Mass September 3-4 or pick up your tickets at the Church Office the week of September 5th.

Learn about the life of Blessed Mother Teresa while joining the SEAS Community in celebration of her Canonization!
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However, neither those cities nor any other claimed her remains, though there are claims about possessing her (temporary) tomb. And why did no city claim the bones of Mary? Apparently because there weren’t any bones to claim, and people knew it. Here was Mary, certainly the most privileged of all the saints, certainly the most saintly, but we have no record of her bodily remains being venerated anywhere.

Complement to the Immaculate Conception

Over the centuries, the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church spoke often about the fittingness of the privilege of Mary’s Assumption. The speculative grounds considered include Mary’s freedom from sin, her Motherhood of God, her perpetual virginity, and—the key—her union with the salvific work of Christ.

The dogma is especially fitting when one examines the honor that was given to the ark of the covenant. It contained the manna (bread from heaven), stone tablets of the ten commandments (the word of God), and the staff of Aaron (a symbol of Israel’s high priesthood). Because of its contents, it was made of incorruptible wood, and Psalm 132:8 said, “Arise, O Lord, and go to thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy might.” If this vessel was given such honor, how much more should Mary be kept from corruption, since she is the new ark—who carried the real bread from heaven, the Word of God, and the high priest of the New Covenant, Jesus Christ.

Some argue that the new ark is not Mary, but the body of Jesus. Even if this were the case, it is worth noting that 1 Chronicles 15:14 records that the persons who bore the ark were to be sanctified. There would be no sense in sanctifying men who carried a box, and not sanctifying the womb who carried God himself! After all, wisdom will not dwell “in a body under debt of sin” (Wis. 1:4 NAB).

But there is more than just fittingness. After all, if Mary is immaculately conceived, then it would follow that she would not suffer the corruption in the grave, which is a consequence of sin [Gen. 3:17, 19].

Mary’s Cooperation

Mary freely and actively cooperated in a unique way with God’s plan of salvation (Luke 1:38; Gal. 4:4). Like any mother, she was never separated from the suffering of her Son (Luke 2:35), and Scripture promises that those who share in the sufferings of Christ will share in his glory (Rom. 8:17). Since she suffered a unique interior martyrdom, it is appropriate that Jesus would honor her with a unique glory.

All Christians believe that one day we will all be raised in a glorious form and then caught up and rendered immaculate to be with Jesus forever (1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 21:27). As the first person to say “yes” to the good news of Jesus (Luke 1:38), Mary is in a sense the prototypical Christian, and received early the blessings we will all one day be given.

From www.CatholicAnswers.com

RCIA

Are you discerning a call to the Catholic Church?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is an inquiry process for people who are thinking about the possibility of becoming Catholic. It is for people who have not been baptized, people of other faiths or people who have been baptized Catholic but did not complete the sacraments of Initiation.

This is a beautiful process, with no pressure to commit to our faith community, in which interested persons slowly explore the beliefs of the Catholic Church and discern, over a period of many months, if they desire to become Catholic.

If you are interested, or have a relative, friend or co-worker who has expressed this interest, please encourage them to call:

Sessions will begin August 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Room
New inquiry sessions will begin August 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Would you like to be RCIA Sponsor?

Nadia Jara
281- 463-7878 ext. 337
njara@seascatholic.org
Knights of Columbus
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Council 8096

Tamale Sale
The Knights of Columbus will be selling tamales Sunday, August 28th. We will sell tamales beginning @ 7:00 a.m., until all are sold. The money raised supports Child Advocates. Thank you for your support!

American Heritage Girls
For girls between the ages of 5 and 18. We will have an information/registration night on Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit the national website:

www.americanheritagegirls.org

- Teri Schweiss
teri_schweiss@yahoo.com or 713-816-1691
- Rebecca Hill
Lovewhatido.nerium@gmail.com or 281-507-4142

Next time traffic on HWY 290 has you at a standstill, take a look at the new billboard St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School had installed! The sign is located on the 290 east feeder between Jones Rd. and Hwy 529. We are proud to promote our Catholic school to Greater Houston.

Visit www.seascs.org for more information and schedule a tour today! We are accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is excited to announce a newly established choir for children in grades 4-8. This program is intended for children who desire to further their commitment and love through a regular ensemble with a higher expectation.

In conjunction with adults, this choir will serve the 10:30 Sunday Mass, singing music from the great heritage of Roman Catholic music, as well as fine modern compositions. A voice trial is necessary to join this choir; to schedule this, please contact Dr. Douglass O’Neill at doneill@seascs.org.

The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 17.

Live My Faith Program
Do you have a son or daughter entering the 4th through 6th grades? Would you like to see them deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith? The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has a series of religious emblem programs open to all Catholic boys and girls. I will be leading a class for the I Live My Faith Program for youth entering 4th through 6th grades starting in August 2016. We will meet one Saturday per month for about 3 hours for 5 total sessions and participate in a service project to be planned by the youth. In this program we will learn about our beliefs by breaking down the Nicene Creed, delve deeper into the sacraments, learn about Catholic Christian Living (service) and learn about the many forms of prayer. There will be simple projects that need to be completed at home between sessions. The fee will be just the cost of the workbook and an additional fee if you want your child to receive the medal for the program at a special ceremony in the spring. If you would like more information regarding the program please contact Teri Schweiss and leave a message at 713-816-1691 or teri_schweiss@yahoo.com.

2016 – 2017 SEAS Bowling League
If you are interested in meeting fellow parishioners, having a good time, and like to bowl, we have the place for you. Adults of all ages, from beginners to accomplished bowlers, are invited to join our league.

We will meet on Monday, Aug. 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Copperfield Bowl. All members are invited to attend.

We bowl on Monday nights at Copperfield Bowl. League play begins on August 29th at 6:00 p.m. Space is very limited this year, so don’t hesitate – you must call to reserve your place!

Copperfield Bowl is a Non-Smoking Venue

So, bring a team, bring a friend, or come alone. All adults (18 years or older) are welcome. We are also in need of substitutes. To join, or for more information, please call Sandy Janda at 281-463-1819 or e-mail me at: sandyjanda@sbcglobal.net
Parish Apostolates

Respect Life Committee
For information about upcoming pro-life activities, you are invited to call Lia Mclean at 832-766-2634, or contact her by e-mail: liapmc@gmail.com.

St. Joseph’s Freedom Men’s Group
We are a confidential support group for men and their families. Our goal is to help develop skills to win the battle against alcohol, chemical, and porn/sexual addiction. Meetings are Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wife and family member meetings are held upon request on the last Saturdays of March, June, September, and December. More information is available at: HTTP://saintjosephfreedomgroup.blogspot.com/ and st.longinusro315@gmail.com

Northwest Ultreya
Deepen your relationship with Christ. Ultreya is part of Cursillo, a Catholic lay movement that offers an opportunity to meet Christ in a more complete way. “Cursillo” means “little course” and provides a lifetime plan for following Christ through prayer, study and action, in friendship with others. We meet at 9:45 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month in the FLC. Contact Duane King 281-615-8942.

Helping Hands Ministry
We assist families in pre-planning for funerals. To schedule an appointment, please call Beth Wood at 281-413-9682. We also sponsor a bereavement support group on the first and third Thursdays, in room eleven of the FLC, from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. You may contact Deborah Jackson at 281-550-3027 or Gini Buehler at 281-861-6306.

R.C.I.A
Inquiry classes for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church will take place every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Room One. Contact Nadia Jara at 281-463-7878, ext. 337, or at njara@seascatholic.org.

SEAS Blood Drive
Sunday, Sept. 4th, from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the CLC. Homemade cookies and other refreshments will be served. Contact Barbara Hassig at 832-524-3035 or Aulie Johnson at 281-855-8831 for appointments. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

During our July Food Drive we collected 1,092 pounds of food and thirty-two backpacks! Thank you!

Our August Food Drive is next weekend. Donations can also be dropped off in the Narthex drop box anytime. Finally, are you wondering just what a Vincentian home visit to a person in need entails? Well, then you will want to watch the following EWTN airing on our ministry.

“Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul” - a half-hour special about the Society will air on EWTN on Tuesday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m..

Join Society of St. Vincent de Paul members on their spiritual growth journey through service to people in need. In this special presentation, join Vincentians in a home visit with a family in need, helping the homeless in a downtown shelter and working with returning citizens through prison ministry. “See our Catholic faith in action through the volunteers of this unique lay vocation and Christ’s face in those they serve.”

Local EWTN Stations by Provider:
- AT&T U-verse – Channel 563
- Comcast – Channel 204
- DirecTV – Channel 370
- DISH – Channel 261

Have a blessed week!
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Phone: 281-463-4560
Hours: M-W-F 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Pilgrimage with Fr. Paul Lockey: June 1-11 2017
We begin with the Feast of Pentecost and the 50th Anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church.

The pilgrimage is open to any who would like to have a time of prayer and fellowship in celebration with the saints and Holy Father and in communion with other pilgrims in strengthening our commitment to strive for holiness and deeper union with God. We will have a special visit to Rome and will celebrate Pentecost Sunday Mass with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, followed in the after by an audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. Afterward we travel to Assisi, Siena, Pienza, Florence, Padua, and Venice, seeing places associated with saints and great events that allow us to do homage to God. Come, grow in God with us as we journey through the land and times of the saints. Flyers are in the office.
Monday, August 15
6:30 a.m.  Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.  * Tommy Jansky
12:00 p.m. Pro Populo
7:00 p.m.  * Clorina Ubaque
7:30 p.m.  Julio Perez

Tuesday, August 16
6:30 a.m.  James J. Carson, Jr.
9:00 a.m.  * Jocelyn Estrada (birthday)
               * Juan Jose Serneno
7:00 p.m.  * Frank & Josephine Coselli

Wednesday, August 17
6:30 a.m.  James J. Carson, Jr.
9:00 a.m.  Diana Tearpock (birthday)
               Jennifer Korkmaz (birthday)
7:00 p.m.  * Rodolfo Garza

Thursday, August 18
6:30 a.m.  James J. Carson, Jr.
9:00 a.m.  * Jeffrey Arnold
7:00 p.m.  * Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 19
6:30 a.m.  James J. Carson, Jr.
9:00 a.m.  * Ruth & Arrel Carrier
7:00 p.m.  * Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 20
7:30 a.m.  James J. Carson, Jr.
9:00 a.m.  * Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m.  * Victoria Cong, Sr.
6:30 p.m.  * Gonzalo Perez & Candida Garcia
8:00 p.m.  * Jose Silvano Duenas

Sunday, August 21
7:00 a.m.  * Karen Dion
8:00 a.m.  * Pro Populo
8:30 a.m.  * Jimmy L. Renteria (healing)
10:30 a.m. * Deyna Fernandes
11:00 a.m. * Peter Van Vliet
12:15 a.m. * Pro Populo
2:00 p.m.  * Jose Francisco Cervantes
5:30 p.m.  * Daniel J. Tearpock
7:30 p.m.  * Venancio Rivera

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Comuníquese al teléfono anterior si conoce algún enfermo que necesita el apoyo de la oración de nuestra familia parroquial.

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I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good.

May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the One true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with You.

And I pray that You will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with Your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. grant this through Christ our Lord, AMÉN.
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St. Stephen of Hungary     August 16

St. Stephen the Great (977-1038), was the son of the Magyar chieftain Geza. Stephen succeeded him as leader in 997. Already raised a Christian, in 996 he wed the daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria and devoted much of his reign to the promotion of the Christian faith.

He gave his patronage to Church leaders, helped build churches, and was a proponent of the rights of the Holy See. Stephen also crushed the pagan counter reaction to Christianity, forcibly converting the so-called Black Hungarians after their failed rebellion.

In recognition of his efforts, Stephen was anointed king of Hungary in 1000, receiving the cross and crown from Pope Sylvester II. The remainder of his reign was taken up with the consolidation of the Christian hold on the region. His crown and regalia became beloved symbols of the Hungarian nation, and Stephen was venerated as the ideal Christian King.

Canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII, he became the patron saint of Hungary.