

Fr. Hai's Corner

In the Gospel of Mark this Sunday, Jesus restores life to Jairus' daughter and heals a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years. (Mk 5:25)

We are all in need of some healings in our life whether it has to do with finance, relationships, spirituality or personality. And the best way to be healed is to stain in-communication with the Sacraments. Frequent celebrations of *Holy Communion* and *Reconciliation* are the ways to be healed by the love and living presence of Christ Jesus.

Speaking of healing, many of you were confused about what I wrote in the Pastor's Corner on the Feast of Corpus Christi. I need to clarify about the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

Jesus said, "Take it and eat it, for this is my body.' (Matthew 26:26) He then gave thanks and offered them the cup and said. 'Drink it, all of you, for this is my blood, which seals God's covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin.'" (Matthew 26:27-28)

Clearly, Jesus wants us to understand that *He is truly present in the Holy Eucharist*. Let the Holy Eucharist strengthen and give us eternal life. Let us also hear the words of St. Paul where he said, "that every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.)

May we always feel the presence of Jesus at Holy Mass, church, school, work, home and everywhere.

Fr. Hai

**Eucharistic Adoration Needs:**

**Sunday, 6-7 a.m.**

**Wed., 2-3 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.**

**Thursday, 12 noon-1 p.m., 3-4 p.m.**



Our chapel remains open 24 hours a day because of the commitment made by those who take a weekly Holy Hour. The hours listed above need a regular weekly adorer...**Please commit!!**

Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221 or [carezsue@swbell.net](mailto:carezsue@swbell.net)

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO THE SVDP SUMMER FOOD DRIVE! IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!**

**The U. S. Bishops *Fortnight for Freedom*:**

*Freedom to Bear Witness* will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2015, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year's Fortnight will focus on the "freedom to bear witness" to the truth of the Gospel.



*Text the word FREEDOM (or LIBERTAD) to 377377 for updates*

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP**

For more information contact Magda Garcia, 281-793-2510

**Meetings will be held the First Saturday of the Month in the St. Paul Room of the Adult Education Building. Next meeting will be June 6.**

**Centering Prayer** is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather, it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. (*"The Method of Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent"* by Thomas Keating)

**CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

**Collection Information July 2014-June 2015**

**Yearly Budgeted Offertory \$1,850,523.00**

**Weekend Collection (06/21/2015)**

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>FISCAL YTD</u>
Actual Collection	26,125.41	1,773,571.65
Budgeted Amount	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>1,776,000.00</u>
Over (+)/Under(-)	- \$ 10,874.59	-\$ 2,428.35

The *Actual Collection* for *Fiscal YTD* includes Holy Day Collection amounts.

**Additional Collections:**

Children (Social Services)	\$ 6.00
Building Fund	\$ 315.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of June 28, 2015

- Sunday**      **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- Monday**     **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday**    **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday** **Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest**  
Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday**    **Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday**      **Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday**    **Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday**      **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28...

- Monday, June 29  
6:30 a.m. †Maria Chanh Nguyen  
5:30 p.m. †Favio Cerquera
- Tuesday, June 30  
6:30 a.m. V. Abaya Family, Thanksgiving  
5:30 p.m. †Clyde Perrere
- Wednesday, July 1  
6:30 a.m. †George & †Hattie Mozisek  
5:30 p.m. †Genevieve Leverone
- Thursday, July 2  
6:30 a.m. †Maria Chanh Nguyen  
5:30 p.m. Peter Nhiem Nguyen
- Friday, July 3  
6:30 a.m. †Souls in Purgatory  
5:30 p.m. Shirley Guillory
- Saturday, July 4  
9:00 a.m. Lagniton Family, Thanksgiving  
5:00 p.m. †James McNamara
- Sunday, July 5  
7:30 a.m. †Anna Mary Nwokenkwo  
9:00 a.m. †Maria Luisa Saria  
11:00 a.m. †Ellen Hayes  
1:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving  
5:00 p.m. For the Parish  
7:00 p.m.

2015 Day of Prayer – July 18, 2015

Calling all men & women to the 2015 Day of Prayer with Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Hosted by the ACTS Mission Board and St. Ambrose Parish, this half-day conference provides men and women with insights into how **GOD is GOOD and HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER!**

Event MC is Joe McClane from Houston's Catholic radio KSHJ AM1430. Speakers will include Msgr. Dan Scheel, Linda Robison, and Deacon Tom Vicknair. Event concludes with a Mass led by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. Save the date and invite your friends to join you on Saturday July 18. Doors open at 7:30am at St. Ambrose, 4213 Mangum Rd, Houston. Pre-registration requested online (\$10 ea), at <http://www.staoptw.org/events/DOP2015>

This week around STM...

**Sunday, June 28-FAREWELL TO FR. MICHAEL / COFFEE & DONUTS**

- 9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 2:30 p.m. Sp. Baptisms, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

**Monday, June 29**

- 6:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F

**Tuesday, June 30**

**Wednesday, July 1**

- 7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel  
Med. Mission Pharmacy Mtg., Rectory
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter  
Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul  
Sp. Choir, Church

**Thursday, July 2**

- 6:30 p.m. Gabriel Project, Rectory
- 6:45 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 7:30 p.m. Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
- 11:00 p.m. Precious Blood Prayer Group, Donovan's Den

**Friday, July 3-FIRST FRIDAY / CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

- 9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
- 5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
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- 7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration, Chapel

**Saturday, July 4**

- 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, AE-St. Paul
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
- 6:15 p.m. Confessions, Church

**Sunday, July 5-WELCOME FR. RICHARD / COFFEE & DONUTS**

- 9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
- 2:30 p.m. English Baptisms, Church
- 6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. NO Young Disciples TONIGHT

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**STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only)**

**\$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.**

**Saturday, July 11, Monthly Meeting**, 10:00 a.m. in Servant Hall, free hot dogs for paid members, unpaid member, hot dogs will be \$3. Don't forget food for the STM Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Hospital.

**Thursday, July 23, Coughatta Casino Day Trip**, \$15pp, coffee, donuts, hot kolaches at 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m., return around 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 29, County Bus Trip**, Stages Theater, "Honky-Tonk Angels" a country music extravaganza, dinner on your own, \$26pp, bus leaves at 4:30 p.m.

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All trips leave from the back parking area near Prinster Hall. If you are parking your car please leave at least 5 spaces open around the dumpsters and recycling bins.

STreaMliner trips are open to all STM families and friends!  
For info, call Ed's Tours 713-723-2035.

Some "Enchanted" Summer Evenings: Come and spend eight summer evenings learning and singing 2,000 years of faith in liturgical song of the Mass and psalms. St. Basil's School of Gregorian Chant invites you to the 7th **annual Summer Learning Schola, at the University of St. Thomas, Houston.** Dates are W's & Th's: Session I, July 29-30, Aug. 5-6: Session II, Aug. 12-13/19-20. Tuition is \$195.00 for both sessions, or \$125.00 for session I or II. We will close singing and praying all we learned at a special Mass.  
Visit our website: [www.gregorianchantschool.org/slsust](http://www.gregorianchantschool.org/slsust). or call Lowell Davis at 281-855-2358.

### [www.houstonvocations.com](http://www.houstonvocations.com)

This is the vocations site for the Archdiocese, if you have been searching, check it out and see if there is a program you can attend.

## TEEN CONFIRMATION/FAITH FORMATION:

Confirmation at St. Thomas More is a two year program. Students currently receiving Catholic high school religious education fulfill the **Confirmation Year 1** requirement according to Archdiocesan regulations and can begin Confirmation "Year 2" as sophomores. If the student is in public school and non-Catholic private school grades 9 through 11, the student must register for **Confirmation Year 1**.

### Preparation:

**Confirmation Year 1** can be begun as early as freshman year through junior year of High School.

**Confirmation Year 2** can be completed as early as sophomore year through senior year of High School.

Registration will be held from August 10 through September 8, 2015. Please bring copies of the student's Baptismal and First Communion certificates when you register.

**Tuition: Confirmation Year 1** - \$45.00

**Confirmation Year 2** - \$45.00 Registration and  
\$150.00 retreat fee

Registration fee must be paid at time of registration. Thank You.

**If you are a High School student who has not received Baptism and/or First Communion please come register, we have a class just for you.**

For more information contact Aida Gonzalez, 713-729-3435 or [aida@stmhouston.org](mailto:aida@stmhouston.org)

No vocation is easy-whether you are a parent or an offspring. But then, a life worth living has its rewards...the satisfaction that you have carried out your accomplishments. Would taking on the cross to become a religious be an even greater reward?  
The Parish Vocations Committee

### Drive-by Adoration!

Have you noticed that the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance in our adoration chapel is visible from the parking lot? Every time you drive through the STM parking lot, you can make a visit to Jesus- a brief moment of adoration without ever leaving your car! We are so blessed to have 24 hour adoration of Our Lord and possibly the only drive-by adoration chapel in the world.

## Confirmación Para Jóvenes/Formación De Fe:

Confirmación en Santo Tomas Moro es un programa de dos años. El estudiante que está actualmente en escuela Católica está recibiendo Formación de Fe e cumplen con el requisito según la reglas de la Arquidiócesis de Confirmación "Año 1" y deben de registrarse para Confirmación II en el grado 10 al 12. Los estudiantes que están en escuela pública y/ o escuela privada no-Católica grados 9 al 11, deben de registrarse para Confirmación "Año 1".

### Preparación:

Confirmación "Año 1" inicia la preparación desde el grado 9 al 11 de High School (Prepa)

Confirmación "Año 2" inicia la preparación desde el grado 10 al 12 de High School (Prepa).

Registros inician el lunes 10 de agosto al martes 8 de septiembre, 2015. Necesitaremos el Certificado de Bautizo y Primera Comunión.

**Cuota:** Confirmación "Año 1" - Registración \$45.00

Confirmación 'Año 2' - Registración \$45.00 y  
\$150.00 para el retiro

Cuota de registración debe ser pagada en el momento de inscripción. Gracias

**Si eres un estudiante de High School (Preparatoria) que no ha sido bautizado y/o recibido Primera Comunión, vengan a registrarse que tenemos una preparación para ti también.**

Para mayor información por favor de comunicarse con Aida González por teléfono 713-729-3435 y/o por correo electrónico: [aida@stmhouston.org](mailto:aida@stmhouston.org).



**Registration is now available for the 2015-16 Religious Education Programs**

**Catechism for Children**

The 2015 -16 CCE School Year for PreK4 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade begins on September 13, 2015. Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. A copy of both the child's baptismal and birth certificates will be required for registration. Registration will be from June 21 - August 14. You may sign up at the following times:

- CCE Office on Sundays in June - July from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- CCE Office from 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Monday – Friday

**High School Confirmation**

The High School Confirmation program begins on October 7, 2015 for students in grades 9 -11. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m., and attendance at class is mandatory in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A copy of the teen's baptismal and first communion certificates will be required for registration. Registration will be from August 10 – September 8. You may sign up at the CCE Office at the following times:

Monday - Thursday from 10am – 12 noon and 1 – 3 pm

**Special Needs Programs**

We welcome children with special learning needs (i.e., mentally or physically challenged) to participate in our small-group CCE program. Parents are asked to indicate their children's special needs at registration time.

**Religious Education for Adults – Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Are you or someone you know 18 years or older and interested in becoming Catholic? Or are you a Baptized Catholic who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist? If the answer to either is yes, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building for our RCIA program. Please call 713-729-3435 for more information.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER  
STAYS TOGETHER  
+ Remember to bring your child To Sunday Mass +

**Las inscripciones ya están disponibles para el Programas de Educación Religiosa 2015-2016**

**Catecismo para Niños**

El año escolar de CCE 2015-16 para PreK4 - 8vo grado comienza el 13 de septiembre 2015 las clases tendrán lugar los domingos de 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Se requerirá una copia del certificado de bautismo y nacimiento del niño para su registro. La inscripción será del 21 de junio al 14 de agosto. Usted puede inscribirse en los siguientes horarios:

- En la Oficina de Educación Religiosa los domingos, en junio y Julio de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm
- Durante la semana de 10 a.m.-12:00p.m. y 1:00-3:00 pm de lunes a viernes

**Confirmación para los jóvenes de Preparatoria (High School)**

El programa de Confirmación para jóvenes de preparatoria comienza el 7 de octubre de 2015 para los estudiantes en los grados 9-11. Las clases se impartirán los miércoles de 7:00 p.m. a 8:45 p.m., y la asistencia será obligatoria para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Se requerirá una copia del certificado de bautismo y primera comunión para su registro. La inscripción será el 10 de agosto hasta el 8 de septiembre. Usted puede inscribirse en la Oficina de Catecismo en los siguientes horarios:

Lunes - jueves de 10 a.m.-12:00p.m. y 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Programas de Necesidades Especiales**

Damos la bienvenida a los niños con necesidades especiales de aprendizaje (es decir, mental o físicamente desafiado) a participar en nuestro programa de catecismo en grupos pequeños. Los padres deben indicar las necesidades especiales de sus hijos al registrarlos.

**Educación Religiosa para Adultos - Rito de Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)**

¿Está usted o alguien que usted conoce de 18 años o más interesado en convertirse en católico? ¿O es usted un católico bautizado que le gustaría recibir los sacramentos de la Confirmación y de la Eucaristía? Si la respuesta es que sí, se le invita a que se comunice con nosotros al 713-729-3435 para más información. Nunca es tarde para comenzar.

LA FAMILIA QUE ORA UNIDA PERMANECE UNIDA  
+Recuerde que debe de traer a sus niños a la Santa Misa los Domingos+

## Del Padre Hai

En el Evangelio de San Marcos este Domingo, Jesús le devuelve la vida a la hija de Jairo y cura a una mujer que había sufrido terriblemente por una hemorragia durante doce años. (Marcos 5:25)

Todos estamos en la necesidad de algunas curaciones en nuestra vida ya sea con nuestras finanzas, nuestras relaciones, nuestra espiritualidad o personalidad. Y la mejor manera de curarnos es mantenernos en comunicación con los Sacramentos. Las celebraciones frecuentes de la Sagrada Comunión y la Reconciliación son maneras de curarnos por el amor y la presencia viva de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Hablando de la curación, muchos de ustedes estaban confundidos acerca de lo que escribí en mi columna en la Festividad del Cuerpo de Cristo. Necesito aclarar acerca del Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Jesús dice, "Tomen y coman este es mi cuerpo." (Mateo 26:26). Después tomo una copa, dio gracias y se la paso diciendo: "Beban todos de ella, esto es mi sangre, la sangre de la Alianza, que es derramada por muchos, para el perdón de los pecados." (Mateo 26:27-28)

Claramente, Jesús quiere que entendamos que *El esta verdaderamente presente en la Sagrada Eucaristía*. Permite que la Sagrada Eucaristía nos de fuerza y nos da vida eterna. Nos permite también escuchar las palabras de San Pablo donde dijo (Véase 1 Corintios 11:23-30), "cada vez que comen de este pan y beben de esta copa están proclamando la muerte del Señor hasta que venga."

Que siempre sintamos la presencia de Jesús en la Misa, en la Iglesia, en la escuela, en el trabajo, en la casa y en todas partes. Padre Hai

**LAS OFICINAS DE LA IGLESIA ESTARAN  
CERRADAS EL VIERNES 3 DE JULIO,  
PARA CELEBRAR EL DIA DE  
LA INDEPENDENCIA**

BENDICIONES PARA LA PRESENTACION AL TEMPLO  
DE NIÑOS DE TRES AÑOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para que sus hijos reciban la bendición se necesita registrarse en la Oficina de Religión al 713-729-3435

Ninguna vocación es fácil ya sea usted un padre o un hijo. Pero entonces, una vida digna de ser vivida tiene sus recompensas... la satisfacción de haber llevado a cabo sus logros. ¿Te gustaría tomar una cruz y convertirte en un religioso para obtener una mayor recompensa?

El comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia

## CLASES DE INGLES

Las registraciones para el nuevo curso de ingles serán el Martes 8 de Septiembre, y el Jueves 10 de Septiembre del 2015 en la escuela de St. Thomas More, de 7:00 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. El costo es de \$30.00. Las clases son los Martes y los Jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm y comenzaran el Martes 15 de Septiembre hasta el 17 de Diciembre. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina al 713-729-0221.



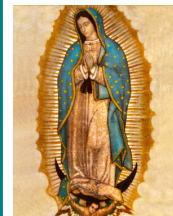
Buscas poner a CRISTO en medio de tu matrimonio? Te gustaría mejorar y enriquecer tu vida matrimonial? Te lo mereces! A todas las parejas les invitamos a vivir un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial los días 17, 18 y 19 de Julio. Para mas información comunícate con:

Jesús y Marisela Miron 713-261-0677 y 832-860-0712  
Antonio y Raquel Morales 281-467-5378 y 713-826-7466

Visita nuestras paginas para mas detalles e inscripciones en línea

[www.emmhouston.org](http://www.emmhouston.org) [www.emmseccion15.org](http://www.emmseccion15.org)

## DANZA PARA HONRAR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE



La Danza Tonantzin de esta comunidad les comunica que las practicas darán comienzo el miércoles 8 de Julio del 2015 de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm en el antiguo gimnasio. Si usted desea participar llame a Gabriel Villareal al 713-815-0547, Bruno Hernández al 832-267-7986 o a Arturo Macías al 832-867-9374

"Tonantzin quiere decir Nuestra Madre"

Horas para cubrir en nuestra Adoración Eucarística:

Domingo, 6-7 a.m.

Miércoles, 2-3 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.

Jueves, 12 mediodía-1 p.m., 3-4 p.m.



Llame a la oficina para mas información 713-729-0221

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS

John Amato, Pedro Apigo, Bobby Baker, Elisa Baker, Cristine Banks, Lontondra Banks, Eden Bautista, Lisa Bivins, Julia Brown, James Caffrey, Mary Jane Coke, Bernice Condon, Ellen Cooper, Will Cummings, Heather Deeton, Karen DeJean, Alice Fahy, Bonifacio Figueroa, Therese Flaherty, Frank Garcia, Lauren Gomez, Gonzales Family, John Gorman, Barbara Graham, David Graham, Leticia Griewe, Marylou Hahn, Ofelia Herrera, Ken Jarzombek, Maurice Korkmas, David Lafferty, Bob Little, Mary & Sabin Marshall, Margaret Martin, John R. Martin, Joyce Mercurio, Carol Montello, Mary Jane Morgan, Margaret Morris, Catherine Mourey, Venita Mrok, Emma Newhouse, Freddie Perez, Joanne Richards, Cherry Ronan, Christopher Saldivar, June Shumake, Cecilia Soliz, Al Suhor, Theresa Steen, Brian Steiner, Jan Tennert, Bertha Theriot, Beverly Thomas, Patricia Trejo, John Upton, Rich Vachris, Bertie Vargas, Claire Wise

### PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem

*Austin Bennett Tice is a home schooled, Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, graduate of Georgetown University, former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the 2012 George Polk Award for War Reporting. He is the eldest of seven children, and was born and raised in Texas.*

*In May of 2012, the summer before his final year at Georgetown Law School, he chose to go to Syria as a Freelance Journalist to report on the conflict there. Two days after his 31st birthday, on August 13, 2012, his editors, family and friends lost contact with Austin, as he was preparing to travel from Daraya, near Damascus, to Beirut, Lebanon.*

*Please continue to pray for the safe return of Austin to his family.*

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