

Fr. Hai's Corner

Do you feel, now and then, being misled and let-down by our elected leaders? Prophet Jeremiah, in the first reading of today, Jeremiah 23: 1-6, does not trust or believe in his leaders much either. He has a vision where, one day, God will send a true Savior, 'The Lord of our Salvation.' And that true savior is Jesus.

Jesus does not only feed us, but he also guides us along the right path. He continues to be present in the Holy Eucharist and in the minister and to teach each generation through the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church.

Speaking about teachings. The registrations for Religious Education is underway. Please sign-up your children for Continue Christian Education classes (CCE), First Communion, and Confirmation. The Religious Education office is always in need of good helpers. Consider to volunteer your time and talents.

Save these days in your calendar. Monday, November 30 to Thursday, December 3 is our Parish Advent Mission with Father Steve Brenden, a Redemptories father from Holy Ghost parish.

God bless. Fr. Hai

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COMMUNITY CORNER

Ongoing registration for Catholic Continuing Education (CCE) (RE) in the Religious Education Office, 713-729-3435.

Young Disciples meeting after the Youth Mass this evening in the gym.

Please check out our wonderful and informative website at:

www.stmhouston.org

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Needs:

Sunday, 6-7 a.m.

Wed., 12-1 p.m., & 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m., 3-4 p.m.

Call Main Office for information 713-729-0221



Spread the Good News! St Thomas More Event Photo is free and open to all STM ministries. Ministry Heads may call Chris Moras at 713.305.4099 to schedule photography for their next parish event. You can view parish photos from past events at www.stthomasmoreevents.shutterfly.com

MEDICAL MISSION TEAM UPDATES:

Don't Forget the second collection benefits the Medical Mission Team who will purchase medications with the donations received. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this ministry. There are mission team members available at all the Masses to answer any questions you may have. It is much more cost effective to purchase medications in bulk from Blessings International than to collect the retail bottles in the blue bins as we have done in the past.

We also accept donations of RELIGIOUS ITEMS-rosaries, medals, holy cards etc. for the mission (Kathy Warner is the contact person) and will have a bin in the back of the church. Please contact Christine or Branson Hunter at chunter@bcm.edu or 832-338-3002 for information or to volunteer. God Bless!

It would be great to have a flock note done maybe Thursday or Friday before the collection. If possible.

The family of David Lafferty wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the STM community for your support, prayers, food, and comfort. A special thank you to the Good Samaritans for providing a wonderful funeral luncheon. We appreciate your kindness which was extended in so many ways.

Marla, Kevin & Claire Lafferty

2015 DSF Summary Report as of 7/13 /2015

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| Parish Goal | \$190,000.00 |
| Total Amt. Paid | \$158,903.27 |
| Total Amt. Pledged | \$185,653.27 |
| Total # Participants | 362 |

Remember, any amount collected over our parish goal, we keep half of it. The parish must make up the difference if we don't achieve our goal.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory \$1,830,400.00
Weekend Collection (07/19/2015)

| | <u>WEEKLY</u> | <u>FISCAL YTD</u> |
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| Actual Collection | 22,763.24 | 22,763.24 |
| Budgeted Amount | <u>35,200.00</u> | <u>35,200.00</u> |
| Over (+)/Under(-) | - \$ 12,436.76 | - \$ 12,436.76 |

Additional Collections:

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| Children (Social Services) | \$ 6.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 372.00 |
| 2nd Collection for SVDP | \$ 3,962.58 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of July 19, 2015

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| Sunday | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Monday | Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15; Mt 12:38-42 |
| Tuesday | Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15; Mt 12:46-50 |
| Wednesday | Saint Mary Magdalene Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| Thursday | Saint Bridget, Religious Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3; Mt 13:10-17 |
| Friday | Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; Mt 13:18-23 |
| Saturday | Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28 |
| Sunday | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15 |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19...

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| Monday, July 20 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Brogan & Saffer Families |
| 5:30 p.m. | †Maria Chanh Nguyen |
| Tuesday, July 21 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Mark Navo |
| 5:30 p.m. | †Al Suhor |
| Wednesday, July 22 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | †Joe Peters |
| 5:30 p.m. | Cyprian Chilaka |
| Thursday, July 23 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | Suzie Hamilton |
| 5:30 p.m. | †Maria Chanh Nguyen |
| Friday, July 24 | |
| 6:30 a.m. | †Larry Keuchel & Sons |
| 5:30 p.m. | †Pablo Pineda |
| Saturday, July 25 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | †Charles Wesley Moore |
| 5:00 p.m. | Chilaka 25th Anniversary |
| Sunday, July 26 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | †Anna Mary Nwokenko |
| 9:00 a.m. | †Al Suhor |
| 11:00 a.m. | †Josephine E. Aneter |
| 1:00 p.m. | R. Abaya, Thanksgiving |
| 5:00 p.m. | †Sr. Elaine Braden, IWBS |
| 7:00 p.m. | |

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASSES (REGULAR AND SUBSTITUTE)

Our parish provides ESL (**English as a Second Language**) classes to the community on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning September 8, 2015.

If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week with this worthwhile endeavor, or be a Substitute, please contact Norman Palms at 713-726-0513 or normpalms@aol.com.

You do not need to speak Spanish! A training session will be provided for new teachers at no cost.

This week around STM...

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| Sunday, July 19 | |
| 9:30 a.m. | RCIA, Adult Ed Bldg. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sacrament of the Sick, Church |
| 2:30 p.m. | Spanish Baptisms, Church |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary |
| 6:30 p.m. | Young Disciples, Youth Center |
| Monday, July 20 | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F |
| 7:00 p.m. | Sp. Home Visitors, AE-St. Peter |
| 7:30 p.m. | Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym Apostleship of the Cross, Church |
| Tuesday, June 21 | |
| 7:30 p.m. | Pastoral Council, AE-St. Paul |
| Wednesday, July 22 | |
| 7:00 p.m. | OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel |
| 7:30 p.m. | RCIA Inquiry, AE-St. Peter Legion of Mary, AE-St. Paul Sp. Choir, Church Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym |
| 8:00 p.m. | K of C, Prinster Hall |
| Thursday, July 23 | |
| 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 24 | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Altar Society, Church |
| 5:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F |
| 6:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F |
| 7:00 p.m. | Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary Sp. Altar Servers, Church |
| 7:30 p.m. | Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym |
| Saturday, July 25 | |
| 3:30 p.m. | Confessions, Church |
| 6:15 p.m. | Confessions, Church |
| Sunday, July 26 | |
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Are you a Catholic of Jewish origin? Are you interested in learning more about the Jewish origins of the Catholic faith? Then consider becoming part of *Light to the Nations Havurah*. "Havurah" is a Hebrew word for a small group of people meeting regularly for prayer, study, or fellowship. In addition to providing an orthodox spiritual community, *Light To The Nations Havurah* (LTTNH) seeks to provide spiritual and pastoral support to Jews who've come into the Catholic faith or are discerning entering the Catholic faith. LTTNH regularly meets every other Tuesday evening at 7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX). For more information, contact the parish office at 713-667-9111 or email us at lttna-tions1.havurah@hebrewcatholic.org. Baruch Haba B'shem Adonai.

Wondering whether or not the content of a movie is suitable for your child or teen?
Check www.kidsinmind.com for the information you need.

'There are no joys like innocence.'
-Archbishop Fulton Sheen

STreamliners (Adults over 50 only)
\$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Thursday, July 23, Coushatta Casino Day Trip, (opened to STM parish) \$15pp, (includes \$10.00 free play) 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, \$27pp. (pay at meeting) bus leaves at 4:30 p.m.

New Trip— Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi, MS Sept. 13-15, Sun.-Tues., Include \$25 free play, 1 bkfst. Buffet, hotel, bus baggage & insurance. \$366pp dbl / \$446pp sgl, \$100 deposit due at signup...

*Streamliners's trips are open to all STM's families and friends!!!!
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.*

STM EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Every child is unique and a valuable individual let us provide the beginnings of a Catholic education with LOVE.

LOVE provides security.
LOVE gives a quality education.
LOVE is a glimpse of God.



Accredited Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
MWF and M-F classes
Full day and Half day options
Before and After school available
Preschool begins on Monday, August 17, 2015
To register call Nina Coltharp at [713-729-9062](tel:713-729-9062) or Visit our website: www.stthomasmore-school.org

The Gabriel Project is always in need of gently used or new Infant Car Seats, Strollers, Pack-n-Play Portable cribs, Bouncy Seats, Diaper bags, also Diapers/ wipes / toiletries, Clothing / shoes / socks (Newborn to size 2T) Blankets, Bibs. Your donations help mothers in need care properly for their babies. Call Leslie Corrigan to volunteer or with questions, 713-



KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:
Attention, single Catholic men 18-30: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more: knights.org.

Also, the Knights (who have members from around the country) offer hospitality to priests. Any priest who would like to make a private retreat at the Shrine (totally without charge) can visit priestretreat.com for more information or to make reservations.

Houston's best kept secret...

CHARITY GUILD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
RESALE & CONSIGNMENT SHOP
Open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
1203 Lovett Blvd. 713-529-0995
Charityguildshop.org

Young Disciples
Jovenes Discipulos

- July** 19 God's Attributes: What is God Like?
26 What's in a Name, (or Who God isn't)
- August** 2 Archdiocesan Youth Conference
9 Catholic and Proud (Youth and Confirm andi) (Ennie Hickman, Adore Ministries)

Join us for Mass at 5pm every Sunday, & right after Mass we will get together in the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for some FUN AND GROUP DISCUSSION

Únete con nosotros para la Misa de Jovenes 5:00pm todos los domingos, y después de la Misa nos reuniremos en el centro juvenil de 6:30pm a 8:00 pm para DIVERTIRNOS Y PLATICAR SOBRE NUESTRA FE

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.chantschool.org/slsust. or call Lowell Davis at 281-855-2358.

Flocknote is a way for the parish to communicate with you! If you don't have time to read the bulletin but want to know what's going on, sign up for this service. There are 2 easy ways to register for Flocknote (pick one):

- Visit our network at
- 1 flocknote.com/stmhouston
 - 2 Text "Hillcroft" to 84576



Take an inventory of yourself. Do you put Jesus' words into action by serving others in His Name?

The Parish Vocations Committee

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TEACHERS WANTED..

College students, young adults, and active seniors who love children and are interested in working part-time for a quality after school care program at St. Thomas More Parish School. We have students in Preschool through 8th grade in the After School Program. You must be *Virtus* trained. The hours are Monday through Thursday 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm and Friday 1:45 pm to 6:00 pm. The St. Thomas More Extended Day Program begins on Monday, August 17, 2015. If you are talented, motivated, energetic, conscientious and interested in working part-time, PLEASE CALL - NINA COLTHARP AT [713-729-9062](tel:713-729-9062).

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

Catechism for Children

The 2015 -16 CCE School Year for PreK4 - 8th 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 comunique 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

¿Te sientes, debes en cuando, ser engañado y decepcionado por nuestros líderes electos? El Profeta Jeremías, en la primera lectura de hoy, Jeremías 23: 1-6, tampoco no confiaba ni creía mucho en sus dirigentes. Él tenía una visión donde, un día, Dios enviaría un verdadero Salvador, 'El Señor de nuestra salvación.' Y ese verdadero Salvador es Jesús.

Jesús no solo nos alimenta, sino también nos guía por el camino correcto. Él continúa estando presente en la Santa Eucaristía y para ministrar y enseñar a cada generación a través de las escrituras y las enseñanzas de la iglesia.

Hablando de enseñanza. Las inscripciones para Educación Religiosa se están llevando a cabo. Por favor registren a sus hijos para las clases de educación cristiana continua (CCE), primera comunión y confirmación. La oficina religiosa tiene siempre necesidad de buenos ayudantes. Considere ser voluntario dando su tiempo y talentos.

Aparte estos días en su calendario. El lunes, 30 de noviembre al jueves 3 de diciembre será nuestra misión parroquial de Adviento con el Padre Steve Brenden, un padre redentorista de la parroquia del Espíritu Santo.

Dios los bendiga. Padre Hai

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Esquina de la comunidad.

Continúa las registración para clases de educación religiosa (CCE) (RE) en la oficina de educación religiosa.

Los Jóvenes Discípulos se reunirán en la noche después de la Misa de la Juventud. Por favor revisen nuestra maravillosa e informativa página web en www.stmhouston.org

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 www.emmseccion15.org

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?

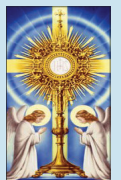
El comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia

Horas para cubrir en nuestra Adoración Eucarística:

Domingo, 6-7 a.m.

Miércoles, 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.

Jueves, 12-1 p.m., 2-3 p.m., 3-4 p.m.



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



DANZA PARA HONRAR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

La Danza Tonantzin practican los Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm en el antiguo gimnasio. Si usted desea participar llame a Gabriel Villarreal al 713-815-0547, Bruno Hernández al 832-267-7986 o a Arturo Macías al 832-867-9374

"Tonantzin quiere decir Nuestra Madre"

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, Adriana De Leon, Alyce 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, Bob Little, Mary & Sabin Marshall, Margaret Martin, John R. Martin, Joyce Mercurio, Carol Montello, Mary Jane Morgan, Margaret Morris, Emma Newhouse, Freddie Perez, Joanne Richards, Cherry Ronan, Christopher Saldivar, June Shumake, Cecilia Soliz, Bob Stannard, 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, TSgt 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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