

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

As I am writing this, we have a lot of rain forecast, so I hope you all fared well out of it and you didn't have to resort to a kayak or any other mode of water transport. One of those experiences in a lifetime is more than enough – oh, the memories! This Monday, September 23 is officially the first day of Fall, which I hope is the beginning of cooler temperatures and gentler weather in general. I think we are all ready for a change of pace.

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On a very positive note, last week we got through our first Saturday Evening Mingle and Sunday Breakfast without any major hitch. There may have been a couple of little hiccups as we were getting used to the new space and equipment, but I think

that goes with the territory! I was so glad to see that many of you came to view your newly refurbished kitchen. It will now enable us to extend greater hospitality to each other, and to those who come here for both happy times and sad ones, as we continue to accompany one another on the journey of life. The serving of breakfast to the CCE children/youth first worked like a charm and it even got them to their classes on time – wonders never cease!

Up and on with life holy ones!

Fr. Niall

Special Notes

We offer our condolences and support to Ana Vazao, one of our CCE teachers, whose father, Jeronimo Vazao, died last week.

COOKING UP SOME FELLOWSHIP IN OUR NEW KITCHEN!



CCE Update

Classes for CCE are up and running and off to a great start! It was nice to see so many new students and to welcome back our returning group of kids. This year's teaching staff is an impressive group and they are working hard to create lessons that align with the weekly homily to reinforce the message students hear at Mass. There's an academic buzz in the classrooms as kids make connections to the materials and they get to know each other. I've received positive feedback from teachers, parents and students regarding the new hour-long class time. This seems to be suiting everyone's needs.

The breakfast set up worked well and it was nice to have our students enjoying their food in the classes. We will continue to request that all students bring their breakfast to class so they don't miss any instruction.

Our first Confirmation Retreat will be held 8:00am-3:30pm, October 19, 2019 at Holy Name Retreat Center. The day long retreat will be a time for the candidates to get to know each other, attend sessions on a variety of topics, dine together and have fun. It's been a pleasure working with the gifted parishioners who have volunteered to present sessions to our candidates and make this a meaningful event.

- Cathy Busald

Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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SAT 21	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 22	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30-10:30 AM CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass 12:30 PM Club 55+ Luncheon
MON 23	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 24	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED 25	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 7:00 PM Bible Study
THU 26	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM Bible Study 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
FRI 27	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
Next Week	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
SAT 28	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 29	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30-10:30 AM CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

Club 55+

Reminder to those attending September 24 trip that we depart from the church at 9 a.m., so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. Contact us immediately if you cannot attend since we have a long waiting list.

To reserve future trips, please send a check for the amount shown below:

October 30: Houston Holocaust Museum & Nearby Restaurant - \$10

November 19: McFaddin-Ward House, Texas Energy Museum, Art Museum of Southeast Texas / Fire

Museum of Texas & St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica - \$15

December 20: Conroe Restaurant & Crighton Theatre "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - \$19

Please mail your check payable to Henry Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041.

Include your email and phone number so we can provide you with trip details. For questions contact Henry at 281-684-7030 or Diane 713-540-7884. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.