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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

Alas, all is calm on the western front – nothing strange or bewildering to report this week. The only semi-exciting item on the upcoming calendar is St. Valentine's Day next Friday, the 14th of February. However, it is not a feast or commemoration on the Church's Calendar of Saints. The origin of this celebration is lost in the mists of history. Some say it was a time in ancient Rome when boys and girls, who were otherwise strictly separated, were introduced to each other; their names were plucked out of a jar and it was potluck from there on. Some might have fallen in love, while others had serious second thoughts and opted for another chance the following year. Middle Ages' Europe observed that this was also a time when the birds and other flying animals started to mate – there was something in the air! It ultimately led to the sending and exchanging of sweetheart/Valentine cards - not just

to celebrate romantic love, but the love of children for their parents, teachers, each other and vice versa.

Anyway, whatever or however you are going to celebrate Valentine's Day, enjoy it and don't take yourselves too seriously; smile and be good natured.

"May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings, slow to make enemies, quick to make friends. But rich or poor, quick, or slow, may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward." The Little Book of Irish Wisdom.

Have a great week and God bless,

Fr. Niall

Our Parish Puzzler is solved:
No more riddles, and just one more rhyme - the following invitation gives the place, date, and time.

Join us as
FR. NIALL NOLAN
Celebrates the

40th Anniversary of his Ordination

June 13, 1980 – June 13, 2020

We will gather in the parish hall on June 13 and 14, 2020 directly after each of the weekend Masses for food, fellowship and a toast to the future!

"Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying...." Deuteronomy 8:2

Club 55+ Trips & Meeting

Bus Trips: We still have seats available for our trip to the Holocaust Museum Houston and Carrabba's - The Original on Voss on Monday, February 10th. The trip starts at 12 pm and should return by 6:30 pm. The cost is \$10, not including dinner. Please call Henry Goyette at 281-684-7030 as soon as possible if you are interested.

Save the date for future trips: March 25, April 21, May 13, June 23. As always, the bus trips are open to everyone age 50 and over.

February Meeting: Our next luncheon meeting will be on Sunday, February 9, after the 11:15 Mass. Our guest speaker will be Christine Goodwin, a representative from Guidance in Giving, Inc., the organization that has been engaged to administer the Ignite campaign for the Archdiocese. Plan to be there for this informative presentation.

Club 55+ Luncheon

Our Luncheon will be on February 17 at Red Lobster Restaurant, on the 290 service road between Pinemont and Hollister, at the usual time of 1:15 PM. Plan to come out and join us and dine big before Lent arrives.

Women's Group

The St. Catherine Women's Group will have our monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 12 from 7-8:30 PM in the first meeting room on the east side. This month Irene Infante will speak to us about her experiences with Houston veterans. Please come and hear all of the different ways she is helping these veterans. Please bring a dish or drink to share and email any questions to Joikingsley@gmail.com

Young Adults

This Sunday, February 9th, Young Adults will have lunch after 11:15 am Mass at Escalante's in Town & Country. Meet in courtyard after Mass. Reach out to Katelyn Walker at 409-782-6410 with any questions.

Mark your calendars for our Wednesday Night Fellowship on February 12, 2029 at Jacob & Katelyn Walker's home. Text Katelyn at 409-782-6410 for the address. Dinner and drinks will be provided. We would love to have any young adults join us in friendship & fellowship.

Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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SAT 8	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 9	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass 12:30 PM Club 55+ Luncheon 4:00 - 6:00 PM Confirmation Meeting
MON 10	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 11	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
WED 12	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass 7:00 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU 13	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study 12:15 PM Daily Mass
FRI 14	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
Next Week	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
SAT 15	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 16	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass



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