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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Message from Fr. Niall

Dear Friends,

It is truly encouraging to see so many new people in our congregation; many of these new folks are here with their “little ones,” without whom we would have no future. It’s refreshing to walk into a church filled with all ages. Let’s not allow our church to feel as if you walked into a nursing home. It’s not that I have anything against nursing homes; it shall come to us all should we live to that fine old age and need new forms of care and attention. Should you, on those rare occasions, come to Mass in a “grumpy mood” and forget your fine-honed skills as a grandparent, avoid the temptation to lose it by giving “the look” or grumbling under your breath that “they should be in the cry room.” May I suggest that from now on we consign and reserve the cry room only for those in a “grumpy mood”? There will now be no cry room; it will be the Grumpy People Room. Holy ones, don’t lose that good-natured spirit we have successfully developed over the past few years.

The Young Adults’ Group met last Sunday for lunch after the 11:15 Mass by way of offering support and fellowship for those of you who are in the “young people’s bracket.” As usual, many of you, single or married, are new(ish) to the parish, and like everyone else, need to know you are not the only young person here at Mass on the weekend. For

more information about get-togethers and social events for young adults in our parish, please contact Jacob and Katelyn Walker at 409-782-6410 with any questions you may have.

There is another group of people that I see more and more that I would love to get together and offer you support and the reassurance that “you are not the only ones!” I am referring to those of you whose spouse does not come to church for many varying reasons; there are more of you than you think. I know many of you from Baptism preparation/celebrations, and thankfully you have kept your promise to bring your child(ren) up in the practice of the faith. Know that you are most definitely not alone. I want to suggest that those of you who belong to this un-named group can have the opportunity to meet and share. I can offer you the space and a time that will work, and I will even supply a glass (or two) of wine after any weekend Mass or at a time that suits most. Talk to me after Mass or email me; I would love to support you in your decision to practice your faith with your children.

God bless,

FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP



Welcome

TO THE PARISH

Please give a warm welcome to the newest members of our parish family:

Elijah and Maxine Hall
 Nadia and Neal Nesbitt
 John and Judy McMahon
 Natalie Breen
 Maria Luisa and Raymond Ornelas-June

Text Scam Alert

Please be aware that we have had a parishioner contacted by a text scammer claiming to be Fr. Niall. Know that Fr. Niall will never text you asking for gifts, gifts cards, or money. If you receive a text message asking for anything and think it may be legitimate, please reach out to Fr Niall or the Parish Office to verify the information.

This most recent scam text was the following: *“Good to hear from you (Parishioner’s name), i need to get some gift cards for a friend of mine going through cancer in the hospital. She needs the cards to download her favorite songs and videos to boost her confidence on her next phase of surgery and fight over cancer which she will undergo today but i can’t do this now. Can you get the gift cards from any store around you now? I will pay back as soon as i can. Blessings”*

Club 55+ Trips & Meeting

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.

Parish Calendar

For full calendar, visit stcatherine-houston.org

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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
MON 17	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open No Daily Mass
TUE 18	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
WED 19	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass 7:00 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU 20	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study 12:15 PM Daily Mass
FRI 21	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Office Open 12:15 PM Daily Mass
Next Week	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
SAT 22	5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN 23	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 10:30 AM CCE Class 11:15 AM Sunday Mass

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