

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 16, 2017



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am and 11:15 am

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:15 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM

Dear Friends,

I suppose it is a good thing that I have nothing of serious consequence to report or comment on this weekend; I truly feel the lazy days of summer have arrived. Nevertheless, one of the most interesting thing to note is the number of sparkling new engagement rings that are turning up in Church these days. So much for Valentine's Day being the day to pop the question! Well, maybe that is when the romantic thought first took hold. At any rate, congratulations to all you young people who are planning your future life of love and commitment together and for also making room for the Gospel and Church in your life together.

As always, it is good to see all you young families with your "adorable little ones" in tow keeping us all aware of your presence by your sometimes louder singing and praying – where would we be without you?! You add so much to our celebrations!

As for us older, mellower and not-so-easily disturbed or distracted holy ones who have been around the block many times, seen that, been there, and can take on any challenge posed by the unexpected at any Mass, we delight in the life we share and hold dear here at St. Catherine of Siena.

Continue to have a great summer and **smile a lot; it does wonders for everyone.**

God bless,

Fr. Niall



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

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PARISH NOTES

Updated WEDDING POLICY is now in effect and posted on the Parish Website. Visit stcatherine-houston.org to learn more.

HIT THE RIGHT NOTE FOR SUMMER FUN!



Allison Vitek, flutist from the 11:15 mass, has openings in her private studio for flute lessons. **Vitek Music Studio** is a warm and encouraging environment for people of all ages to explore their

musical creativity no matter their skill level. Whether your child is interested in learning about the flute or needs help with band music, or you are an adult looking to explore a new hobby with some guidance, Allison wants to hear from you! *Scheduling is flexible.* She may be contacted at: avitek@allisonvitek.com, or 713-876-0109

NEWS FROM MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What: WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Where: St Ignatius Loyola Parish in Spring Texas
When: August 4 - 6, 2017



I believe that God brought us together, so, **WHY IS MARRIAGE SO HARD?** Is there a way to be close like when we were first married? Does our love always fade? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next scheduled weekend this year will be Aug. 4 – 6, 2017. Find out more or sign up at: www.houstonme.org or call

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking for something to do that directly serves the poor?

East Spring Branch Food Pantry needs you! We have many ways you can volunteer, help is need for the following:

- Assist those in need directly by accompanying them through the pantry
- Transport food to the pantry from a donor location with your truck once/month
- Interview guests that come to the pantry to learn about them, their needs, how we can serve them best.
- Special Projects
- Sorting and Stocking food donations, and more!

Call Mary White, 281-799-6752

PARISH CALENDAR

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT	7/15	5 PM Mass + Monica Senff
SUN	7/16	8:30 AM Mass 11:15 AM Mass
TUE	07/18	12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED	07/19	12:15 PM Weekday Mass 6-8 PM Mom's Group July Mtg at Chavez Mexican Cafe
THU	07/20	12:15 PM Weekday Mass
FRI	07/21	12:15 PM Weekday Mass

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT	7/22	5 PM Mass + Ike Monty
SUN	7/23	8:30 AM Mass 11:15 AM Mass



All moms of the parish are welcome to join the St. Catherine's Mom's Group at our monthly meeting on **July 19 at Chavez Mexican Restaurant**, 2557 Gessner Rd. from 6-8 pm. Come break bread (or tortillas) with a warm, sharing community. We are planning our family outing for August, so we invite your input. If you have any questions, please email SCSMomsgroup@gmail.com