

# THE OFFICE FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In addition to each Sunday of the year, there are five holy days of obligation in the dioceses of the United States. These are: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). In the provinces of Texas (San Antonio and Galveston-Houston) the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The USCCB decision of November 1991 and confirmed by the Apostolic See in July of 1992 instructs that the requirement to attend Mass is abrogated whenever Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), or All Saints (November 1) **falls on a Saturday or a Monday**. This policy only affects these three feasts and only dispenses the obligation to attend Mass. These days are still celebrated as solemnities. The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass.

The Office for Campus Ministry at St. Pius X High School, in dialogue with local pastors, endorses the celebration of all Holy Days of Obligation of the Roman Catholic Church by our faculty, staff, and student body within their respective home parishes. We stand in support of the ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry of each parish to its parishioners in accordance with the norms of the Archdiocese.

During the academic school year Holy Days are marked with the appropriate daily prayer of the Church adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours. On some designated Holy Days, with careful pastoral and liturgical consideration, a eucharistic liturgy for the entire school community may be celebrated. Consideration must be given, among other things, to the fact that there is no clergy chaplain on campus and that the decline in the sacramental priesthood limits clergy availability even more so on Holy Days of Obligation as they assist in additional Holy Day Masses within the parishes and other archdiocesan institutions such as hospitals and convents.

In the 2007-2008 school year St. Pius X High School will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Thursday, November 1, 2007 with an all school eucharistic liturgy. No other Holy Days this academic year occur during the regular school session when the entire school community is present and therefore will not be celebrated with a eucharistic liturgy on campus.

Incoming and transfer student orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Orientation will not involve the entire school faith community and it concludes in the afternoon. Participating students, faculty, and staff involved in the day's activities will have ample time and opportunity to attend scheduled Holy Day services together with their families in their respective home parishes.

The office for Campus Ministry further recommends that all campus activity cease prior to 5 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, August 15, to allow for students and staff involved in extra-curriculars to celebrate appropriately with their families and parish communities.

The follow is a listing of some local parishes along with their Holy Day Mass Schedule for Wednesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION - AUGUST 15, 2007  
HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEIGHBORING PARISHES**

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
3600 Brinkman Street  
Houston 77018  
713/692-9123

6:15 AM, 8:15 AM, 12 Noon, & 7PM

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
4213 Mangum Rd.  
Houston 77092  
713/686-3497

8AM, & 6:15PM (Spanish)

St. Monica's Catholic Church  
842 W. Montgomery Rd.  
Houston 77088  
281/447-5837

9AM & 7PM

All Saints Catholic Church  
215 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Houston 77008  
713/864-2653

8AM & 7PM (Bi-Lingual)

Christ The King Catholic Church  
4419 N. Main Street  
Houston 77009  
713/ 869-1449

8:30AM, 6PM (Spanish), 7:30PM

Assumption Catholic Church  
901 Rose Lane  
Houston 77037  
281/447-6381

8AM & 6:30PM

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
501 Tidwell Road  
Houston 77022  
713/692/6303

6 PM & 7 PM (Spanish)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
The Dominican Friars  
3600 Travis Street  
Houston 77002  
713/529-4854

8AM, 12:05PM, 5:15PM