



**John Main Seminar 2017 with Bernard McGinn PhD  
Pre-seminar Retreat with Laurence Freeman OSB  
August 7-13, 2017**

Dear Friend,

We are looking forward to seeing you here in Houston in August. As we make final preparations for the John Main Seminar and Retreat, we are sending additional information about the events and the campus of the University of St. Thomas to help you plan your time with us.

**Check-In:** Guinan Hall Lobby, 1303 Graustark Street, Houston, TX 77006

- Monday, August 7 from 3-6:30 pm for Retreat plus Seminar and Retreat Only
- Thursday, August 10 from 3-6:30 pm for the Seminar

**Lodging:** Guinan Hall and Young Hall (Room assignments will be provided at check-in)

**Parking:** The Moran Parking Center is open to visitors 24 hours a day. It is conveniently located near Guinan Hall at the intersection of West Alabama and Graustark Streets (enter on Graustark). Rate is \$5 per exit, payable by cash or credit card.

Street parking may also be available, but it is very limited and, in most cases, is subject to restricted hours and other regulations including towing.

The Campus Map below indicates venue details including parking, registration, lodging and dining. There will be signs located on campus to direct you as well. Click [here](#) for a link to the full Campus map.

**Accommodations:** Sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow case and towels are furnished. While most accommodations at the University of St. Thomas include en suite bathrooms and micro-fridges or full kitchens, they are not furnished with personal items such as a hotel would provide. Plan to bring your own bath soap and shampoo, and, as needed, hair dryer, clothes hangers, and laundry soap, if you plan to do laundry, free laundry facilities are available in both Guinan and Young Halls.

**Lanyards and plastic room key holders:**

- A lanyard and plastic key holder will be given at check-in to serve as both your room key and as identification for meal plan
- Please return both at checkout
- You will be charged for lost or damaged lanyards and plastic key holders at check-out:
  - \$10 for lost or damaged lanyard
  - \$10 for lost or damaged plastic key holder

**Additional items to Consider Bringing with You:**

- Umbrella
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Comfortable summer clothing, a hat, and a light sweater/jacket for indoor use (Houston summer weather can range from 80 to 100+ degrees F and air conditioning is adjusted accordingly!)
- Water Bottle

**Extra Nights:**

- Extra nights on-campus lodging before 08/07/17 or after night of 08/12/17 will not be possible due to imminent start of Fall Term.
- Special discount is available at Residence Inn Marriott Medical Center, 7710 South Main, Houston, 77030:
  - Ask for the WCCM reduced rate of \$89 for single and \$99 for double. (Taxes not included.)
  - Call the Marriott directly at 713-796-0800 by July 14 to reserve at the discounted rate.
  - Room discount is applicable for the period August 4 – 15.
- For more information, contact Pat King at 713-444-6014 or [patrickking50@gmail.com](mailto:patrickking50@gmail.com).

**Food Reminder during Retreat and Seminar:**

- If you have chosen a Meal Plan, your event badge will be coded to reflect that and should be worn for all meals.
- If you have chosen the cash meal option, you will pay by cash or credit card each time you go through the line.
- Saturday reception and dinner is included in the program for everyone registered for the Seminar.
- Saturday dinner tickets will be included in your registration packet, marked to indicate vegetarian, gluten-free, or regular option.
- If you did not choose the vegetarian or gluten-free option when you registered and wish to make a change, contact Pat King at [patrickking50@gmail.com](mailto:patrickking50@gmail.com) or 713-444-6014.
- Complimentary coffee/decaf/tea will be provided during the morning break each day.
- All meals, including, the Saturday dinner, will include gluten-free, dairy-free and vegetarian options.

### **Transportation:**

- Two airports serve Houston (Times given are approximate, depending on traffic):
  - George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) – 45 minutes from University
  - Hobby Airport (HOU) – 25 minutes from University
- Ground transportation:
  - [Supershuttle.com](http://Supershuttle.com): (1-800-258-3826 – Also airport kiosks attended 8am-12:30am daily)
    - From IAH - approximately \$51.00 round-trip
    - From HOU - approximately \$43.00 round-trip
  - [Uber.com](http://Uber.com):
    - From IAH - approximately \$30 - \$40 one-way
    - From HOU - approximately \$18 - \$25 one-way
  - Taxi Service:
    - [www.yellowpages.com/houston](http://www.yellowpages.com/houston)

### **Accessibility Services**

The campus is equipped with ramps, accessible restrooms, parking, passenger drop-off and convenient curb cuts for easy wheelchair access.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Still Available**

If you would like to volunteer during the event, contact Pat King at [patrickking50@gmail.com](mailto:patrickking50@gmail.com) or 713-444-6014. We will deeply appreciate your help. A list of opportunities will be available at Check-In.

### **Thursday Afternoon Art Option: 2:00 pm preview of area art venues (Jones Hall)**

- Followed by public transportation trip to Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH) on your own.
- MFAH is free to the public on Thursdays
- Transportation details to be announced
- No registration required

### **The University of St. Thomas and the Museum District**

In the heart of Houston's architecturally and culturally rich Museum District, the University of St. Thomas campus was designed by legendary architect Philip Johnson, who planned the campus to be dominated by the Chapel of St. Basil. The Chapel faces the library on the academic mall to represent the dialogue between faith and reason. The University is adjacent to the world-renowned Rothko Chapel, originally designed by Johnson to house 14 paintings by Mark Rothko. John and Dominique de Menil (also founders of the Menil Collection) commissioned Rothko to create a meditative space filled with his paintings. The Rothko Chapel is not only a major work of modern art, but it is also an ecumenical holy place, open to all religions and belonging to none. It is a center for international cultural, religious, and philosophical exchange. The award-winning landmark Menil Collection and the Cy Twombly gallery, both masterworks of famed architect Renzo Piano, are also nearby.

**Other Ideas for activities while in the City of Houston:**

19 Museums located in the Museum District [houmuse.org/](http://houmuse.org/)

Houston Astros Baseball [www.mlb.com/astros](http://www.mlb.com/astros)

Houston Theater District [www.downtownhouston.org/district/theater/](http://www.downtownhouston.org/district/theater/)

NASA Space Center [spacecenter.org/](http://spacecenter.org/)

Texas Medical Center [www.tmc.edu/](http://www.tmc.edu/)

Hermann Park Golf Course [www.hermannparkgc.com/](http://www.hermannparkgc.com/)

Visit Houston [www.visithoustontexas.com](http://www.visithoustontexas.com)

For additional concierge information, contact Pat King at [patrickking50@gmail.com](mailto:patrickking50@gmail.com) or 713-444-6014.

**Emergency Number:**

If someone needs to contact you in an emergency, Pat King can be reached at this number at all times during both retreat and seminar: 713-444-6014

**We look forward to welcoming you to Houston and to this wonderful event.**

**Wishing you Godspeed.**

**The World Community for Christian Meditation  
JMS 2017 Event Committee**



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