Welcome New Families!

If you and your family are new to our neighborhood and wish to become members of the St. Thomas More Family, we invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page at www.stmhouston.org

Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!

Si usted y su familia son nuevos en el vecindario y desean ser miembros de nuestra Familia de Santo Tomas Moro los invitamos a registrarse en la oficina de la parroquia o visitando nuestra página web www.stmhouston.org.

STM Financial Stewardship for August, 2016

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Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!

Next week second Collection:
Catholic University of America / University of St. Thomas

YOUTH MINISTRY

Invitation to Youth
GRADES 8TH THRU 12TH
GATHERING TO RELAUNCH OUR NEW YEAR 2016-2017
of Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Sharing.
COME BY FOR
PRAYER, GAMES AND HOT DOGS TO SEE WHAT YOUNG DISCIPLES IS ALL ABOUT
On Sunday September 11th
6pm—8pm, Youth Center
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
“ We meet every Sunday from 6pm to 8pm”

See you all Next week!

Mass Intentions

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FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY THE PARISH OFFICE.
PARA INTENCIONES DE LA MISA FAVOR DE PASAR POR LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.
Happy Labor Day Weekend!

May the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! (Psalm 90: 17)

If you have not read the entire letter of St. Paul to Philemon, I encourage you to do this week. In his very personal letter, Paul asks his friend, Philemon, to treat an illegal run-away slave, Onesimus, with mercy and love, as ‘a brother’, in the Lord. We would never know how the relationships between Philemon and Onesimus turn out. Good? So-so? Or Bad? How the rest of the Philemon’s slaves react if only Onesimus receives a special treatment. Will Philemon do what Paul asks?

Philemon’s letter is a fantastic reminder of the wonderful grace and mercy of God. We are no longer slaves but sons and daughters of Him. The following song by Chris Tomtil – You are my King - captures the timeless message that speaks of our merciful & loving God –

I’m forgiven, because you were forsaken. I’m accepted, you were condemned.
I’m alive and well, your Spirit is within me, because you died and rose again.
..... Amazing love, how can it be, that you my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true. It’s my joy to honour you, in all I do. I worship you.

Father Hai

Feliz Fin de Semana del Día del Trabajo!

Que descienda hasta nosotros la bondad del Señor; que el Señor, nuestro Dios, haga prosperar la obra de nuestras manos. (Salmo 90: 17)

Si usted no ha leído toda la carta de San Pablo a Filemón, les animo a hacerlo esta semana. En su carta muy personal, Pablo le pide a su amigo, Filemón, que trate a Onésimo, un esclavo fugitivo, con misericordia y amor, como “un hermano”, en el Señor. Nunca sabremos cómo fue la relación entre Filemón y Onésimo. Si ¿Buena? ¿Regular? ¿O mala? ¿Cómo reaccionarían el resto de los esclavos de Filemón si Onésimo recibiera un tratamiento especial. Hará Filemón lo que Pablo le pide?

La carta de Filemón es un recordatorio fantástico de la maravillosa gracia y la misericordia de Dios. Nosotros ya no somos esclavos sino hijos e hijas de él. La siguiente canción de Chris Tomtil - Eres mi Rey - captura el mensaje eterno que habla de nuestro Dios misericordioso y amoroso -

Estoy perdonado, porque fui abandonado. Estoy aceptado, has sido condenado.
Estoy vivo y bien, su Espíritu está dentro de mí, porque murió y resucitó.
Increíble amor, ¿cómo puede ser, que mi Rey iba a morir por mí?
Amor increíble, sé que es verdad. Es mi alegría en honor a ti, en todo lo que hago. Te adoro.

Fr. Hai

All our Offices will be CLOSED
Monday, September 5, 2016
in observance of Labor Day.

Todas nuestras oficinas estaran CERRADAS
Lunes 5 de Septiembre 2016
en observancia del Día del Trabajo
Readings for the week of September 4

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b, 2, 3-4, 5-6a, and 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Two-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Lecturas de la semana del 4 de Septiembre

Domingo: Sal 9:13-18b; Salmo 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Fnn 9-10, 12-17; Lc 14:25-33

Lunes: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Salmo 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lc 6:6-11

Martes: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Salmo 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lc 6:20-26

Miércoles: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Salmo 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lc 6:20-26

Jueves: Mt 5:1-4a o Rom 8:28-30; Salmo 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:16, 18-23 o 1:18-23

Viernes: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Salmo 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lc 6:39-42

Sabado: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Salmo 116:12-13, 17-18; Lc 6:43-49

Domingo: XXIV Domingo Ordinario
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Salmo 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lc 15:1-32 o 15:1-10
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES (CCE)

PRE-4 THRU 8TH GRADE
Thank you parents for registering your children and entrusting them to us to help them grow in faith and love for Jesus. May this new Catechetical 2016-2017 be another Successful year with your involvement. Please pray for our Catechist and our children.

See you all soon!

First day of Class, September 11, 2016
English Session: 9am to 10:30
Spanish Session: 11:00am to 12:30pm

CATECISMO (CCE)

PRE-K AL 8THO GRADO
Gracias a Padres por registrar a sus hijos y por confiar en nosotros para ayudarles a crecer en la fe y en el amor a Jesús. Que este nuevo año Catequético 2016-2017 sea de mucho éxito con la participación de ustedes también. Por favor oren por nuestros Catequistas y los niños.

Primer Dia de Clase, 11 de Septiembre, 2016
Seccion en Ingles: 9am a 10:30 am
Seccion en Español: 11am a 12:30 pm

Sacramental General Information

Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): September 17, 2016
Adult Education Building, St Peter Room; 8:45am-12:00pm

Marriage Preparations
Engaged couples please contact the parish office 713-729-0221 for more information at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal question and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Sunday mornings, 9:30am-11am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm. For more information contact: Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is offered bilingual on Saturdays after the 8:00am mass.

Nursery
The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge.

OFICINA DEL CATECISMO:

Reminder for Confirmation Candidates of 2015-2016:

We will have a mandatory brief Rehearsal for you and your sponsor on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the church.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Friday September 23, 7pm, Presider: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo.

Recordatorio para los Candidatos de Confirmacion de 2015-2016:

Tendremos un breve ensayo para ti y tu padrino o madrina el Miercoles 21 de Septiembre 2016 a las 6:30 pm en la Iglesia.

La celebracion del Sacramento de Confirmacion sera el Viernes 23 de Septiembre a las 7pm. Celebrante: Cardinal Daniel DiNardo.

For more information call / para mayor informacion comunicarse,
713-729-3435 ; email: aida@stmhouston.org

Informe General Sacramental

Información de Bautismos
Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 17 de Septiembre del 2016 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Unión de los Enfermos
El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS
Para que su hijo/a reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años debe registrarlo/a en la Oficina del Catecismo o para mayor informacion contáctese al 713-729-3435

NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI, EN SANTO TOMAS, BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARÁ UNA CARTA.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
**MUSIC MINISTRY**

My name is Marie Henderson and I am a longtime member of STM. When I joined STM, my desire was to serve—I wanted to be active—not just to be busy, but to fulfill a need. Although I had served in choirs since grade school, I looked at STM choir and thought, they don’t need me. At the time, the choir area was full to capacity. So as I read the bulletin, I realized perpetual adoration in the wee hours before dawn would be the place I would serve.

Months later, I heard Music Director Mary Endres recruiting for new members to join the choir. That was music to my ears. I jumped at the chance to join these men and women who sang so beautifully and also to do the thing I love to do. Worship our God through music.

a. Today, we are once again calling for new members. As Monsignor Bill Young once said to the congregation “Look at our choir, they are getting old, they need help.”
I remember thinking (oh father!) However he was right. Most choirs are made up of senior citizens. We love it so much we stay until retirement takes us to another location, or death takes us to sing in the heavenly choir. STM has lots of beautiful singers in that choir!

b. I would like to be in a ministry whose very existence is to glorify God in song, we need you.

c. So, if you can carry a tune and would like to join this ministry, we need you.

d. If you can’t carry a tune but are willing to learn from a great teacher, Mary Endres, we need you.

e. If you have time to commit to this ministry (choir practice every Thursday night, 7:30-9:00) we need you.

We are the Body of Christ! This body has many parts. At every mass there are many people serving in different ways. You, the congregation, serve in your responses to prayers and songs. However, if any of you have been thinking about joining our choir, this is the time…we need you.

Marie Henderson

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**ESL—ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

**Registration - Inscripcion**

**Clases de Ingles**

Inscripcion para el Nuevo curso de Ingles:

- Martes—13 de Septiembre o
- Jueves—15 de Septiembre 2016 a las 7pm-8:30pm

**Registrations**

Tuesday—September 13 or

Thursday September 15, 2016 at 7pm-8:30pm

**Costo / Tuition:** $ 30.00

**Lugar / Where:** En la Escuela de la Parroquia St. Thomas More Catholic Church

10330 Hillcroft St.

Para mayor informacion / for more information: 713-729-0221

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**This week around STM....**

**Sunday, September 4**

- 7:00 am Religious Articles, Servant Hall
- 8:45 sm Boy Scouts, Scout House
- 2:00 pm English Baptism
- 6:00 pm NO Young Disciples Group

**Monday, September 5**

- 6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish), Rm F (Prinster Hall)
- Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
- Bible Study “Doors of Mercy”, AE St. Paul
- Troop 99, Scout House

**Tuesday, September 6**

- 9:45 am Bridge—Donovans Den
- 5:30 pm St. Vincent Paul Society, Conference Room
- 6:00 pm KofC District mtg, Prinster Hall
- Parent Teacher Organization, Rectory

- **6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones**
- 7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House

**Wednesday, September 7**

- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
- 6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House

- **6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones**
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
- 7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp—Chapel
- Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
- KofC Officers, Room F
- RCIA (Spanish), Prayer Rm Youth Center
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary—AE-St. Paul Rm.
- RCIA (English), AE St. Peter
- Spanish Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Thursday, September 8**

- 10:00am Craft Guild, Donovans Den
- 3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
- 6:00 pm Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)—Donovan’s Den
- 7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
- Bible Study “Doors of Mercy”, AE St.Peter
- 7:30 pm Troop 99, Scout House
- Word of the Truth Bible Study—AE St. Peter

**Friday, September 9**

- 4:00 pm Medical Mission, Servant Hall
- 5:00 pm Legion of Mary Junior (Spanish), AE-St. Paul

- **5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Prinster Hall**
- 6:30 pm Overeaters Anon—AE St Peter
- 7:00 pm Sp Choir 7—AE-St. Mary
- Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym

**Saturday, September 10**

- 8:00 am Medical Mission, Rehkopf GYM
- 10:00 am St’eaMiners, Prinster Hall
- 12:00 pm Sp L Of M—Scout House

- **3:30 pm-4:35pm Confessions / Confeiones**
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, September 11**

- 2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
- 6:30 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center

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**Religious Articles**

Sold after morning masses in the Servant Hall

September 4, 2016
FUN FOR SENIORS

STM Bridge in Donovan's Den
September 6, 2016
from 9:45 AM to 2:00 PM

Bring Lunch
Drinks will be provided

Senior Citizens,
Come and join us for some Bingo fun,
On the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of the Month.
Next Bingo Tuesday September 13th and Tuesday September 26th in the Scout House at 9:30

MEDICAL MISSION UPDATE:

Our annual Taste & See dinner will be held on September 10, 2016 in Servant Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available - reserve yours now! This year in addition to a fabulous meal by parishioner Chef Arturo Macias, you can dance the night away to the music of Crosswinds. Tickets are $60/ person and proceeds are used to purchase medications for the Medical Mission in El Salvador. We are still in need of a few more hostesses for the event.

For more information or to reserve your tickets please contact Christine at 832-338-3002 or hunter.o@sbcglobal.net or Diana at 713-205-4051 or dianajanssens@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.