Feast of the Holy Family

Father, we look to Your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the Holy Family of Your Son in mutual love and respect, may we come to the joy of our home in heaven.

Catholic Votive Prayer

Padre, esperamos en Su guía amorosa y orden como el patrón de toda la vida de la familia. Siguiendo el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia de Tu Hijo en el amor y el respeto mutuos, podemos llegar a la alegria de nuestro hogar en el cielo.

Oración Católica Votiva
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<td>6:30am  All Souls In Purgatory</td>
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<td>6:30am  † Robert Grant</td>
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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.
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The St. Vincent DePaul Organization would like to thank all the STM parishioners who helped make the Food Drive associated with Gift Sunday such a huge success. The abundance of food and cash donations were graciously appreciated at this time of year! We also appreciate all those volunteers who helped during the Food Drive bringing the food into the pantry and the gifts over to Servant Hall. We are blessed to have such caring and generous parishioners at St. Thomas More Church.

Readings for the week of December 25, 2016

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18</td>
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<td>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35</td>
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<td>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</td>
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<td>Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21</td>
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Pastoral Council

“The Pastoral Council is a representative body of the faithful whose focus is on the whole of STM Parish - it’s beliefs, it’s hopes, it’s joys, it’s needs, it’s sorrows, it’s concerns, it’s gifts and its pursuit of the mission of the Church. The Pastoral Council's task is counsel and consultation. Thus, the members of this group, along with the pastor, are called to reflect and consider pastoral issues for the common good and for the future. Their role is to understand, to reflect carefully and prayerfully and to seek consensus. By the fact the Council is convoked by the pastor, the Pastoral Council must respond to his call and offer its best consultation possible. The Council provides a means for uniting the parish community in expressing its collective wisdom concerning pastoral plans and activity.

For membership on the Pastoral Council, the person must be a registered member of St. Thomas More and have some demonstrated commitment to the parish community. The person must be a fully initiated Catholic (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist), with no impediment to full communion (in a Church recognized marriage, if married).”

Rosie Feln (Vice-Chair)
Adrian Herrera (Chair)

Contact Pastoral Council/Contacte al Consejo
Pastoral: pastoralcouncil@stmhouston.org

“TThe Pastors Corner

“A Savior has been born for you. He is Christ, the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

My dear parishioners of St. Thomas More, God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real Love, Peace, and Joy to the World. May the beautiful gift of Jesus, Emmanuel, fill your heart, home this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas!

Father Hai
Our Parish

Holiday Mass Schedule
Saturday, December 31, New Year’s Eve
8:00 AM—English Mass
5:00—Vigil Mass
7:30 PM—Spanish Mass

Happy New Year 2017
Sunday, January 1, 2017
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
and 5:00 PM, English Masses
1:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Spanish Masses

Parish Offices will be closed from December 29, 2016 Noon time through January 2, 2017 in observance of the New Year.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage 9 Days / 8 Nights
October 13-22, 2017
All entrance fees and sightseeing excursions including a Shabbat dinner and tour of local winery
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Deacon David deacondave@stmhouston.org or Consuelo Haller, Owner - www.discoverpegasus.com
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To start the Church’s new year as parents, encourage your family to become involved in the parish liturgical life as a server, lector, choir member and by helping the needy.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you are 18yrs in college or older, then we have the class for you! Classes will begin soon, January 2017. This class prepares you for Confirmation. If you know of someone who also needs to be confirmed, encourage him or her to register. Bring your Baptismal certificate to the first session. If you do not have your certificate, don’t let this stop you from attending, we will help you in this process.

For Further Information, Please Contact:
Deacon David deacondave@stmhouston.org
We can’t wait for you to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church!

Men’s Retreat

SAVE THE DATE
As you get your 2017 Parish Calendar, remember to save the weekend of Friday evening, March 31 through Sunday noon, April 2 for the Parish Men’s Annual Retreat at the Holy Name Retreat Center.

Details after the New Year – Just be sure to mark your calendar for now.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS
DECEMBER 25, 2016

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Hoy, en la ciudad de David, les ha nacido un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. (Lucas 2:11)

Mis queridos parroquianos de Santo Tomás,
Dios mostró cuánto nos amó enviando a su Hijo unigénito al mundo para que tengamos vida eterna a través de Él. Este es el verdadero Amor, Paz y alegría al Mundo.
Que el hermoso regalo de Jesús, el Emmanuël, llene sus corazones, el hogar de esta temporada navideña y durante todo el año que viene.
¡Feliz Navidad!

Padre Hai
NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Cada año nuestra parroquia provee la oportunidad para parejas que NO han sido casadas por la Iglesia que consideren la posibilidad de casarse/bendecir su matrimonio.

La Iglesia de Santo Tomas Moro está ofreciendo la oportunidad de llenar este deseo.

Las clases iniciarán el Lunes 6 de Marzo de 7pm a 9pm.
Para más información, por favor llame al (713-729-3435), Ana Luisa García

ATENCIÓN CATEQUISTAS:

Formación para el Ministerio Cristiano (FPMC) es un programa ofrecido por la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston a través de la Oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis donde se ofrece la base teológica, bíblica y el crecimiento espiritual para todos aquellos católicos adultos mayores de 18 años que quieran profundizar su compromiso con Jesucristo y su Iglesia, fortaleciéndolo en un discípulo maduro. Los cursos están basados en la doctrina Católica impartidos por instructores aprobados y calificados con grados de Maestría o Doctorado en las ramas de la Teología o su equivalente. FPMC es parte del proceso de la certificación arquidiocesana para aquellos que son llamados a ser catequistas. Este programa está abierto para todo adulto y ministerio que quiera crecer en la formación de su fe en una forma sólida, coherente e integral. Para mayor información contacte o visite el sitio de web para ver los cursos que se aproximan:
http://www.archgh.org/OEC/Formacion-para-Catequistas/ o 713-741.8799

CURSO BÁSICO – en Fundamentos de Antropología Cristiana
Este curso básico cubre dos conceptos fundamentales en relación con la humanidad, se enfoca en la naturaleza y cómo los aspectos espirituales y materiales del hombre se interrelacionan. El curso clarifica y explica los conceptos filosóficos del hombre y su naturaleza bajo una visión práctica de la vida en cuanto a su relación laboral y de la vida social. Este entrenamiento será presentado por el Dr. Alvaro Sierra Londoño, Médico Pediatra, Orientador Familiar, Especialista en Educación y en Orientación Familiar, Master en Filosofía y Candidato a Doctorado en Filosofía por la Universidad de Navarra. Este entrenamiento está disponible para el clero, laicos y ministros que trabajan, o desean trabajar con familias, parejas, padres de familia y niños. El programa se llevará a cabo desde el martes 31 de enero hasta el viernes 3 de febrero del 2017, de 9:30 am. a 3:30 p.m. en el Centro Arquidiocesano de St. Dominic. 2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77021

El costo es de $100 dólares, los materiales, refrigerios y almuerzo están incluidos. Para más información por favor escriba un correo electrónico a rrvasquez@archgh.org o llame al (713) 741-8720.

Lecturas de la semana del 25 de Diciembre

Domingo
La Natividad del Señor
Noche: Is 9, 1-3, 5-6; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12.
13; Ti 2, 11-14; Lc 2, 1-14
Aurora: Is 62, 11-12; Sal 96, 1 y 6. 11-12;
Tt 3, 4-7; Lc 2, 15-20
Día: Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab, 3cd-4. 5-6;
Hb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 sobre 1, 1-5. 9-14
Lunes
San Esteban, protomártir
Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-60; Sal 30, 3cd-4. 6 y 8ab.
16bc y 17; Mt 10. 17-22
Martes
San Juan, Apóstol y evangelista
1 Jn 1, 1-4; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20, 2-9
Miércoles
Los Santo Inocentes, mártires
1 Jn 1, 5-2, 2; Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8;
Mt 2, 13-18
Jueves
San Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir
1 Jn 2, 3-11; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6; Lc 2, 22-35
Viernes
La Sagrada Familia
Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a o Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17;
Sal 127, 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23
Sábado
San Silvestre I, papa
1 Jn 2, 18-21; Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13; Jn 1, 1-18
Dominingo
Soledad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios
Nm 6, 22-27; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Gal 4, 4-7;
Lc 2, 16-21

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2016 - STreaMliners’ – December
Dec. 28, Wed. Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances $15pp cash includes ($10 Freeplay)
Coffee, donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am.
Bus leaves at 7.00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.
Remember our Christmas Charity – We will be collecting for the “American Wheelchair Mission” during the month of December.
“Remember that $150 buys 1 new wheelchair for some deserving person.”
Joyce 713-774-2628 Jane 713-729-2592
Frances 713-723-2035
Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!

Senior Citizens, Come and join us for some Bingo fun, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of the Month in the Scout House at 9:30am.
Come to play Bridge and enjoy Fellowship. Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:45 am in Donovan’s Den Bring $1.00 and lunch, drinks and desserts provided. Don’t be late!

See you there!

Become a Volunteer
STM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ESL.
Please consider joining us in this most rewarding ministry.
YOU DON’T NEED TO BE BILINGUAL.

IF YOUR ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT:
Norman Palms,
713-726-0513

Registration
Inscripción
Clases de Ingles
Inscripción para el Nuevo curso de Ingles:
Martes—17 de Enero o
Jueves—19 de Enero 2017 a las 7pm-8:30pm

Registrations
Tuesday— January 17 or
Thursday January 19, 2017 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 información / for more information:
Could you not watch one hour with me?
Matt. 26:40

Jesus wants to embrace you.

No pueden velar conmigo una hora?
Mat. 26:40

Jesús desea abrazarte.

JUST ONE SPOT TO BE FILLED. We have the 2pm to 3pm spot available for Fridays. If you are interested in this time please contact the adoration team, adoration@stmhouston.org or call/text 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

TEMENOS UN ESPACIO VACIO PARA ADORACION. El espacio disponible son los Viernes de 2pm a 3pm. Si esta interesado tomar esta hora favor de comunicarse a: adoration@stmhouston.org o llamar/texto 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

RESPECT LIFE

Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9-9:40 in the chapel.

We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of life from conception to natural death, and for the protection of traditional marriage and religious liberty.

ATTENTION CATECHIST:

The FTCM program seeks to develop the basic academic, spiritual and critical reflection skills necessary for Catholic adults to fully answer their Baptismal call to service. FTCM is open to all adults who seek greater understanding of their faith and is designed for those who are active in parish ministry or discerning their call to ministry.

For more information or registration visit: www.archgh.org/OEC/FTCM/ or contact 713.741.8795

This week around STM....

Sunday, December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS! FELIZ NAVIDAD!

Monday, December 26
5:00 pm Girl Scouts Scout House
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
Crecimiento Del Retiro Nueva Vida, Youth Center
7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm

Tuesday, December 27
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
3:15 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm BGC—Rectory

Wednesday, December 28
9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
3:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp—Chapel RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den
7:30 pm Legion of Mary—Scout House
Spanish Choir, Church

Thursday, December 29
10:00am Craft Guild, Donovan’s Den
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
7:30 pm WOTBS, School Library
Troop 99, Scout House

Friday, December 30
6:00 pm Basketball Practice, Gymnasium, School

Saturday, December 31
New Years Eve

Sunday, January 1st

Happy New Year 2017

Outside our Parish- Young Adults 18-25 years
Awakening is a three-day structured retreat designed especially for college-aged men and women, based loosely on the Cursillo and Search programs. It is an intensive experience centered on Catholic teachings and experiencing Christ. An Awakening retreat includes a series of talks, music, the Sacraments, and the Mass.

This retreat is space limited and it’s on a first come, first serve basis. Your registration will be confirmed upon receipt of payment to the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office. All payments or cancellations are due on March 2, 2017, no refunds will be granted after this date.

If you don’t have a Credit Card you can print the paper registration by downloading it at www.bayouawakening.org and mail it along with your payment of $55 (Check or Money order payable to Young Adults Campus Ministry). Keep in mind that we must have in our hands your registration and payment by March 2, 2017.

If unable to register online please contact YACM at yacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778

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Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): January 21, 2017 in the Adult Education Building, Donovan Den; 8:45am-12:00pm. For more information contact the Church Office, 713-729-0221

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 p.m. 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 nor reservations needed.

Knights of Columbus
All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The competition will take place on Jan. 29th at 1 PM in the Gym. Winners will progress through local district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based upon scores from the state-level competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age with written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Mike Wark, phone – 713-515-1929.

Pastor, Father Hai Dang
In Residence Rev. John Samuels
Deacons: David Johnson, John Krugh, Luis Rodriguez, Deacon Emeritus Ed Stoessel

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Secretary Grasse Lopez
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Bulletin / VIRTUS Cord. Aida Gonzalez

English Adult Formation/English Infant Baptism/Marriage, Deacon David Johnson

Music Director Mary Endres
Organist Jian Guang Shi
Spanish Choir (1pm) Lucy Lopez
Spanish Choir (7pm) Rogelio Mendoza

Religious Education/Hispanic Ministries/ Bautizos en Español: 713-729-3435
Director Religious Ed. Ana Luisa Garcia
Secretary Isabel Ramirez
Youth Ministry & Confirmation Director, Aida Gonzalez
Assistant to Youth Janet Ward

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 713-980-3113

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Preschool / MDO
Director Nina Cotharp 713-729-9062

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