Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

Por tanto, el que ignore el último de esos mandamientos y enseñe a los demás a hacer lo mismo, será el más pequeño en el Reino de los Cielos. En cambio el que los cumpla y los enseñe, será grande en el Reino de los Cielos.

Mateo 5:19
PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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Welcome New Families!

We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. We invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page for more information at www.stmhouston.org.

Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!

Estamos muy contentos de que estén aquí y oramos que se conviertan en miembros activos en nuestra comunidad vibrante en la que amamos a Dios, el uno al otro, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo con nuestros pensamientos y acciones. Los invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visitar nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhouston.org

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS

Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): February 18, 2017 in Donovan’s Den; 8:45am-12:00pm. For more information contact the Church Office, 713-729-0221 or register.

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?
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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 or reservations needed.

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 18 de Febrero del 2017 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435. NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI EN SANTO TOMAS, USTEDES BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA.

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

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

The theme of this Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew 5:21-37 is about Discipleship in Community. The Gospel challenges us to reach out and touch & change people’s lives. How do we do that? By participate in Archdiocese of Service Funds 2017 (DSF 2017).

My dear parishioners of St. Thomas More parish,
Every year, our Bishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo asks all Catholics in Galveston-Houston to go and make disciples.

Our great parish always met & exceeded our DSF goal – for 2017, DSF of STM is $193,000.00. DSF participation enables the Catholic Church in Houston-Galveston to impact the lives of thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters through the evangelizing, healing, nurturing, and pastoral ministries of the local Church.

Today I ask you to take a step in giving yourself: your time, your abilities, your financial resources to our Parish of St. Thomas More and to Archdiocese 2017 DSF. I ask you to become a:

1. Planned giver - to designate money in your budget to give,
2. Priority giver - to give to God before other expenses,
3. Percentage giver - to give a percentage, not a dollar amount,
4. Progressive giver - to increase the percent regularly

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your weekday and weekend Sunday Mass attendance. That is a gift of time to God. And all those small and great things for our parish - that is a gift of abilities or talent to STM. And your financial giving - the gift of treasure to the Church. Every dollar given is a free gift and I strive to be good stewards of your stewardship.

Our works do not save us. God does, by a relationship to him that we do express in deeds - returning the first fruits of time, talents and treasure.

I would like to conclude with the words of the second reading: “What eye has not seen, ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,” I myself received my DSF 2017 appeal letter last week. I am not hesitated to make my yearly contribution to the DSF. I thank you for hearing me. God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Hai Dang

Readings for the week of February 12, 2017

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

Friday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Could you not watch one hour with me?
Matt. 26:40

Jesus wants to embrace you

For information please contact the adoration team, adoration@stmhouston.org or call/text 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

Blessed Are They Who Follow The Law Of The Lord.

Mis queridos parroquianos de Santo Tomás, 

Cada año nuestro Obispo Daniel DiNardo nos pide a todos los Católicos de Galveston-Houston, “vayan y hagan discípulos.”

Nuestra gran parroquia siempre ha cumplido y superado nuestra meta del DSF. Para este año 2017 a nuestra parroquia se nos ha pido la cantidad para el DSF es de $ 193,000.00. La participación del DSF permite a la Iglesia Católica en Galveston-Houston impactar la vida de miles y miles de nuestros hermanos y hermanas a través de los ministerios de evangelización, sanación, nutrición y pastoral de la Iglesia local.

Hoy les pido que den un paso para darse a ustedes mismos: su tiempo, sus habilidades, sus recursos financieros a nuestra Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro y al DSF de la Arquidiócesis 2017. Les pido que se conviertan en:

1. El donante que planea - es aquel que designa su dinero de su presupuesto para donar,
2. El donante de Prioridad - dona a Dios antes de otros gastos,
3. El donante de Porcentaje - dona un porcentaje, no una cantidad en dólares,
4. El donante progresivo - va aumentando el porcentaje de donación regularmente

Quiero que sepan que aprecio profundamente su asistencia a la misa durante la semana y los domingos. Es un regalo de tiempo para Dios. Y todas esas cosas pequeñas y grandes para nuestra parroquia que es un regalo de habilidades y talento a STM y su donación financiera que es el regalo de tesoro a la Iglesia. Cada dólar donado es un regalo y me esfuerzo por ser buen administrador de sus donaciones.

Nuestras obras no nos salvan. Dios es quien nos salva por medio de una relación con hechos regresando los primeros frutos de su tiempo, talento y tesoro.

Quisiera concluir con las palabras de la segunda lectura: “que lo que Dios ha preparado para los que lo aman, ni el ojo lo ha visto, ni el oído lo ha escuchado, ni la mente del hombre pudo imaginarlo”, yo he recibido mi carta del DSF 2017 la semana pasada. Yo sin duda estoy listo para hacer mi contribución anual a los Fondos de Servicio Diocesano (DSF).

Les doy las gracias por haberme escuchado. Dios los bendiga y a todos sus seres queridos.

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No pueden velar conmigo una hora?
Mat. 26:40
Jesús desea abrazarte.
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o llamartexto 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

Bienaventurado Aquél Que Guarda La Ley Del SEÑOR.

Readings for the week of Febrero 12, 2017

Sunday Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Sir 15, 16-21; Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34;
1 Co 2, 6-10; Mt 5, 17-37 o 5, 20-22. 27-28.
33-37
Lunes Gn 4, 1-15. 25; Sal 49, 1 y 8. 16bc-17. 20-21;
Mc 8, 11-13
Martes San Cirilo, monje y San Metodio, obispo
Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4.
3b y 9b-10; Mc 8, 14-21
Miércoles Gn 8, 6-13. 20-22; Sal 115, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19;
Mc 8, 22-26
Jueves Gn 9, 1-13; Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23;
Mc 8, 27-33
Viernes Los Siete Santos Fundadores de la Orden
de los Siervos de la Virgen María
Mc 8, 34—9, 1
Sábado Heb 11, 1-7; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11; Mc 9, 2-13
Domingo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lv 19, 1-2. 17-18; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13;
1 Co 3, 16-23; Mt 5, 38-48
Faith Formation News (CCE)

Noticias de Formacion de la Fe (catecismo)

TIME * TIEMPO

Staring Wednesday February 15 through March 22, 2017 the children of CCE will begin receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation in preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The children have been divided into groups by class during the five Tuesdays and five Wednesdays. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the Faithful Catechists who helped prepare the children for this special important sacrament. We will continue to pray for all of you!

A partir del miércoles 15 de febrero al 22 de marzo, los niños de Catecismo comenzarán a recibir el sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación en preparación para el Sacramento de la Primera Eucaristía. Los niños han sido divididos por grupos durante los cinco martes y los cinco miércoles. Queremos extender nuestra gratitud a todos los catequistas fieles que ayudaron a preparar a los niños para este importante sacramento. ¡Seguiremos orando por todos ustedes!

Year Two Sacramental Preparation (ONLY CCE Students)
Segundo Año Preparacion Sacramental (CCE)

Mandatory Attendance to class for Parents / Guardians.

Sunday 9:00 am to 10:30 am English— Prinster Hall
March 5, 2017

La siguiente clase Obligatoria para Padres/ Tutores serán el 5 de marzo del 2017 de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm en Español en el Salon Prinster

Youth Confirmation Year II Retreat
Retiro de Jóvenes de Confirmacion Año II

Important Notice: There has been a change in the location for our Confirmation Retreat for Saturday, February 18, 2017. Our new location will be at St. Matthias Catholic Church located at 302 South Magnolia Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77355. Your Confirmation retreat is a time set aside to grow in faith and community, it is mandatory. If you are not able to make it to the retreat on that day, you must call other parishes around our area to find a retreat to attend.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Deacon Ed Stoessel Retires

Effective February 10, 2017, Deacon Ed Stoessel has retired from ministry after 26 years of service to the St. Thomas More Community and to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He and Cathey started our RCIA program and were responsible for bringing many people into the Church. Ed also devoted much of his time to ministering to those in prison. We offer him and his wife Cathey our deep gratitude for their years of selfless service. After the 9:00 AM Mass on February 19, 2017 there will be a reception for all who would like to come by and thank them in person.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION YEAR II

CONFIRMATION RETREAT YEAR II
NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017.

PLEASE KEEP OUR CANDIDATES,
TEAM AND THEIR CATECHIST IN YOUR PRAYERS IN THIS NEW PHASE OF THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH.

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

LENT BEGINS IN THREE WEEKS ON ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1, 2017

Lets prepare by prayer and forgiveness.

LENTEN

Upcoming

Parish Lenten Mission:
"Awaken Our Hearts"

Come and Join us for four unforgettable nights!
Experience this faith-filled event of songs and prayer.

Event Dates:

Ministry appreciation:
Saturday March 11, 2017 9am to 12pm

STM Parish Family Concert:
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Sunday March 12, 2017

STM Parish Mission:
7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Monday, March 13, 2017

7:00 pm—8:30 pm
Tuesday, March 14, 2017

7:00 pm— 8:45 pm
Wednesday, March 14, 2017

Faith on Fire Missions will be presenting a concert entitled "Awaken Our Hearts: Parish Family Concert on Sunday, March 12 at 7:00 PM. A three-day mission including scripture woven with story and song will follow on March 13-15, Monday through Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the Church. All are invited to attend.

Please join us for the for Ministry Appreciation on Saturday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m. In appreciation for all that you give in love a luncheon will be provided by the parish. The focus of the workshop is the parish family growing in prayer and faith. The aim is to foster spiritual renewal and growth for those who serve in our parish. In Every person involved in ministry, at any level, should attend.

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BEING A CATHOLIC

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Adult Confirmation

If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you are 18 years or older, then we have the class for you! Classes have started on Wednesday January 18 at 7:30 pm in the Religious Education Building. This class prepares you for Confirmation. For more information call the Parish Office, 713-729-0221 or email: deacondave@stmhouston.org. If you know of someone who also needs to be confirmed, encourage him or her to register. Bring your Baptismal certificate to the session. If you do not have your certificate, we can help you locate it. We hope to see you there!

Sunday Adult Faith Classes

Parent(s) of CCE Children: Just as you bring your children to weekly CCE to increase THEIR faith journey, you have the opportunity to increase in YOUR faith knowledge at the Adult session in Pinster Hall, every Sunday there is CCE, from 9:05 to 10:25am. Coordinator Hiett Ives. These classes are open to all parishioners.

El grupo de formación de la fe para adultos

Te invita a participar de las clases de crecimiento para conocer mas de cerca a Jesus y permitirle que cambie nuestros corazones y haci podamos llevar su mensaje al mundo. Nuesta fe, es una relation con el padre atravez de Jesus con el Espíritu Santo. Las clases se realizan los Domingos de 11:00 am - 12:30 pm en el salon Pinster Hall. Para mayor informacion, contacte a Luis Angiel Hernandez al (713)-277-5769.

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 matrimonia. La Iglesia de Santo Tomas Moro esta ofreciendo la oportunidad de llenar este deseo. Las clases iniciaran el Lunes 6 de Marzo de 7pm a 9pm. Para mas informacion, por favor llame al (713)-729-3435, Ana Luisa Garcia

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul strive to comfort, feed, clothe and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving dignity. Call 713-980-3113 and leave a message on the answering service.

Life Matters

The Gabriel Project is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need. If you need help please call 713-225-5826

Project Rachel seeks to give hope and healing to those suffering with the consequences of an abortion. If you need to speak to someone please call Julie at 713.741.8728

El Proyecto Gabriel es un apostolado Pro-Vida basado en las parroquias de la Arquidiocesis de Galveston-Houston, ofreciendo asistencia a mujeres que estan pasando por situaciones dificiles durante su embarazo. Los voluntarios del Proyecto Gabriel ayudan para proveer consejo y ayuda practica asi como apoyo espiritual a las madres que necesiten ayuda. Si necesitan ayuda por favor de comunicarse al, 713-225-5826.

El Proyecto Raquel busca traer esperanza y sanacion a todos aquellos sufriendo por las consecuencias de un aborto. Para mas informacion acerca de nuestros proximos retiros, por favor llame a Miriam al 713.440.3443

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.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know of anyone who is home bound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office, 713-729-0221.

OUT OF OUR PARISH

The next Project Rachel Day of Reflection for those suffering following abortion will be offered on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The March Day of Reflection will be held in English. There is no cost to attend and all inquiries are confidential. The retreat location is confidential and will be disclosed to participants only. Contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities to register, 713.741.8728

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
This week around STM....

Sunday, February 12
9:00am—1:00 pm CCE, School
12:00 pm Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
4:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Youth Ministry, Youth Center

Monday, February 13
9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
3:15 pm Altar Servers (English), Church
6:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Crecimiento Del Retiro Nueva Vida, Youth Center Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym.
7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross (Spanish), Youth Prayer Room Acolyte Training, Church

Tuesday, February 14
9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
3:15 pm Girl Scout House
5:30 pm STVP, Conference Room
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinsiter Hall
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Wednesday, February 15
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
3:15 pm Altar Servers, Church
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinsiter Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group—Chapel RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den
Adult Confirmation (English), Youth Center
RCIA (Spanish), Youth Prayer Room Confirmation I, Youth Media
Confirmation II, Servant Hall
7:30 pm Spanish Choir, Church

Thursday, February 16
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
Knights of Columbus, Prinsiter Hall
7:30 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Friday, February 17
8:30 am School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den Loft
7:00 pm Spanish Choir, Church

Saturday, February 18
7:00 am Confirmation, Year II Retreat—Out of the Parish
8:45 am English Baptism Class, Donovan’s Den Loft
9:45 am Clase Pre-Bautismal, Prinsiter Hall
12:30 pm Spanish Legion of Mary, Scout House
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Sunday, February 19
9:00 am—1:00 pm NO CCE CLASSES
2:00 pm Spanish Infant Baptisms, Church
6:00 pm Young Disciple, Youth Center

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**2017 - STreaMLiners’ – February**

Feb. 14, Tues. Day Trip County Bus w/ Jane Falk – Katy Mills Mall $5.00pp. Lunch on you own. Bus leaves at 9:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

Feb. 23, Thurs. Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach - $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. Returns abt. 7:30pm.

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.

Next Bingo, February 13 and February 27, 2017

**See you there!**

**MENS RETREAT**

“Behold! A Retreat with Our Lady: Mother, Intercessor and Disciple” is the theme of this year’s St. Thomas More Men’s Retreat, March 31 – April 2, at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road in the Memorial Area. This Friday evening through Sunday lunch experience is open to all men of the Parish and their guests.

The retreat takes its inspiration from Mary’s intercession at the Wedding Feast at Cana, where she shows the way by instructing the servants to “Do as He tells you.” Join some 20+ of your fellow Parishioners by registering at [www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com](http://www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com) or contact Parish Retreat Coordinator Hiett Ives at Hiett@HiettIves.com or 832-372-6900 for more info. We look forward to your joining us!!

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land**

**The Holy Land Pilgrimage 9 Days / 8 Nights:** October 13-22, 2017, All entrance fees and sightseeing excursions include a Shabbat dinner and tour of local winery at $3,485 per person from Houston. Book your pilgrimage now! For further information, contact: Deacon David, deacondave@stmhouston.org or Consuelo Haller, Owner - www.discoverpegasus.com PEGASUS TRAVEL & TOURS • 832.886.4707 • 9920 HWY 90A Suite 175D, Sugar Land, TX 77478

**JOIN THE CHOIR!**

All the English choirs are recruiting for the Lenten and Easter seasons. We especially need more children ages 9 and up. Practice are Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in Adult Ed. Building.

**Join the Choir!**

*lift your voice to the Lord!*

The Saturday 5:00 pm mass Choir and the St. Thomas More Choir on Sundays also would like new members… some fresh blood. Call or email Mary Endres if you have any questions, 713 980 3111, mary@stmhouston.org

**KIDZ ZONE**

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