A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit.

PSALM 51:12

ASH WEDNESDAY

Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón puro, renueva en mi interior un firme espíritu.

SALMO 50, 12
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.stmhoustontx.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. Les invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visitar nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhoustontx.org

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS
Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): March 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?
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 or reservations needed.

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 18 de Marzo 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 DARÁ UNA CARTA.

Uención 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 Celebración 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

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Back in June of 2014, Cardinal DiNardo said to me, ‘Go & Take care your children at St. Thomas More.’

Immediately, my mind starts working, thinking and praying. As your pastor, I am very mindful that I must care for the souls of the parishioners entrusted to me. I must fulfill my duties to teach, to sanctify and to govern the faithful with the cooperation of the vicars/priests, deacons and lay members of this parish.

These duties include the preaching of the Word of God in its entirety; delivering catechetical instruction in the truths of the faith in accord with the Magisterium of the Church; fostering charitable works and promoting social justice; encouraging prayer within the home and the parish through good devotions; evangelizing those who have left the practice of the faith or those who do not profess the true faith; and most importantly, nourishing the faithful through the sacraments, particularly through frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist and Penance.

I can’t do my job if I have no helps, no participation from each of you. That is why I want to you come to STM Parish Mission 2017.

"Awaken Our Hearts" Parish Mission with Vince Ambrosetti.
Sunday, March 12 to Wednesday, March 14, 2017, at 7:00 pm (see Bulletin Insert)
I invite all to come and experience the STM parish with Faith on Fire Missions Team with this challenge: “From Baptism to table, from table to world: we are called, anointed, fed and sent as presence of the loving God.”

Fr. Hai Dang

Readings for the week of February 26, 2017
Matthew 6:24-34
Enough, then, of worrying about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself.

Sunday Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; 1
Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Monday Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 9:22-25

Friday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Saint Casimir
Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

ASH WEDNESDAY

Fast and Abstinence
The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:
Fasting
On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from Meat
Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

WALK WITH US

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent
March 3—April 14
in the Church, 6:30pm
Coordinated by the Lectors

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Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En junio del 2014, el Cardenal DiNardo me dijo: "Ve y cuida a tus hijos de Santo Tomas Moro".

Inmediatamente, mi mente comienza a trabajar, pensar y orar. Como el pastor de ustedes, soy muy consciente de que debo cuidar las almas de los feligreses que me han confiado. Debo cumplir mis deberes de enseñar, santificar y gobernar a los fieles con la colaboración de los vicarios / sacerdotes, diáconos y laicos de esta parroquia. 

Estos deberes incluyen la predicación de la Palabra de Dios en su totalidad; impartir instrucción catequética en las verdades de la fe de acuerdo con el Magisterio de la Iglesia; fomentar obras de caridad y promover la justicia social; motivar la oración dentro del hogar y de la parroquia a través de buenas devociones; evangelizar a aquellos que han abandonado la práctica de la fe o quienes no profesan la verdadera fe; y lo más importante, nutrir a los fieles a través de los sacramentos, particularmente a través de la recepción frecuente de la Santa Eucaristía y la Penitencia.

No puedo hacer mi trabajo si no tengo ninguna ayuda, ninguna participación de cada uno de ustedes. Por eso les pido que asistan a la Misión Parroquial 2017.

Misión Parroquial "Despierta Nuestros Corazones" con Vince Ambrosetti.
Desde el Domingo 12 de marzo al miércoles 14 de marzo de 2017, a las 7:00 pm, los invito a todos a venir a experimentar aquí en la parroquia la Misiones de Cuaresma con el equipo La Fe en Fuego con este reto: "Del bautismo a la mesa, de la mesa al mundo: somos llamados, ungidos, alimentados y enviados como presencia del Dios amoroso".

Pd. Hai Dang

**MIERCOLES DE CENIZA**
1 de Marzo, es el comienzo del Tiempo de Cuaresma.

Horario de Misas:
6:30am Misa (Inglés)
8:15am Misa (Escuela) (Inglés)
12:00pm Servicio de Cenizas (Inglés)
5:30pm Misa (Inglés)
7:30pm Misa (Español)

AYUNO Y ABSTINENCIA:
Durante la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos pide dos sacrificios especiales: 1) **AYUNAR**, es decir, hacer una sola comida fuerte al día, el miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo. El ayuno obliga a todas las personas de 18 a 60 años.

2) **GUARDAR ABSTINENCIA**, es decir, no comer carne todos los viernes de cuaresma. El no comer carne puede sustituirse por un sacrificio todos los viernes de cuaresma.

La abstención obliga desde los 14 años.

**CAMINEN CON NOSOTROS**
**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**
3 de Marzo—14 de Abril
en la Iglesia, 7:30pm
Coordinado por los Proclamadores

**Readings for the week of Febrero 26, 2017**

Por lo tanto, no se angustien por el mañana, el cual tendrá sus propios afares. Cada día tiene ya sus problemas. Mt 6:34

**Domingo**
Octavo 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

**Lunes**
Sir 1, 1-10; Sal 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Mc 9, 14-29

**Martes**
San Pedro Damían, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Sir 2, 1-13;
Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40;
Mc 9, 30-37

**Miércoles**
La Catedral de San Pedro, Apóstol
1 Pedro 5, 1-4; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;
Mt 16, 13-19

**Jueves**
San Policarpo, obispo y mártir
Sir 5, 1-10; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Mc 9, 41-50

**Viernes**
Sir 6, 5-17; Sal 118, 12. 16. 18. 27. 34. 35;
Mc 10, 1-12

**Sábado**
Sir 17, 1-13; Sal 102, 13-14. 15-16. 17-18;
Mc 10, 13-16

**Domingo**
Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
Is 49, 14-15; Sal 61, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9ab;
1 Co 4, 1-5; Mt 6, 24-34
Faith Formation News (CCE)

Noticias de Formacion de la Fe (catecismo)

CCE FIRST COMMUNION – PRIMERAS COMUNIONES

IMPORTANT DATES

**English First Communions** will be celebrated at the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 29.

There will be 2 First Communion Masses in Spanish on Saturday, April 30, 2015: **10:30 am** for children whose last names begin with the letters A-M; **12:30 p.m.** for children whose last names begin with the letters N-Z.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at 713-729-3435.

PRIMERAS COMUNIONES – FECHAS IMPORTANTES

Las Primeras Comuniones en Español será el Sábado 29 de Abril. Habrá dos Misas en español, una a las **10:30 am** para los niños cuyos apellidos empiecen con las letras A a la M; **12:30 p.m.** para los niños cuyos apellidos comiencen con las letras N a la Z.

Las primeras Comuniones en Inglés serán en la Misa de las 5:00 pm el mismo día. Para cualquier pregunta por favor comuníquese a la Oficina de religión al 713-729-3435

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
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Ministerio de la Juventud para jóvenes de High School

Young Disciples Youth Ministry
Invites Youth grades 8th-12th
on Sunday’s from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
at the Youth Center
for a great discussion, fun and fellowship

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2017:
THANK YOU ALL CATECHIST, FR. HAI, VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR MAKING THIS RETREAT A SPECIAL DAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES.

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 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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Adult Faith Formation  
Formacion de Fe para Adultos

BEING A CATHOLIC

This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal questions 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 the church office, 713-729-0221 to leave a message for Deacon John Krugh.

Sunday Adult Faith Classes

Parent(s) of CCE Children- Just as you bring your children to weekly CCE to increase THEIR faith journey, you to have the opportunity to increase in YOUR faith knowledge at the Adult session in Prinster 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 formacion 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. Nuestra fe, es una relacion con el padre atravez de Jesus con el Espiritu Santo. Las clases se realizan los Domingos de 11:00 am - 12:30 pm en el salon Prinster Hall. Para mayor informacion, contacte a Luis Angel Hernandez al (713)-277-5769.

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

Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima 2017!

St. Thomas More Parish will gather as a community for a special celebration in honor of Our Blessed Mother. We will renew our commitment to the message of Fatima.

Her care extends to every individual of our time, and to all societies, nations and peoples. Societies menaced by apostasy, threatened by moral degradation. The collapse of morality involves the collapse of societies.

St. John Paul II

Among Our Lady’s requests:

- Pray the Rosary for peace in the world
- Consecration to Mary’s Immaculate Heart
- Do your daily duties out of love and offer it to God
- Make reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary by observing “The First Five Saturdays of Reparation”

Saturday, March 4, 8 am Mass, Rosary in Chapel & Benediction

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.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2017  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS
CALENDARIO DE MISAS e INTENCIONES

Sunday/ Domingo 02-26-2017
7:30am__
9:00am__
11:00am_† Manuel Rego
1:00pm_† Guadalupe Palau de Hernandez
5:00pm--___
7:00pm__

Monday/ Lunes 02-27-2017
6:30am_ † Janice Schwartz
5:30pm_ Amanda Smith

Tuesday/ Martes 02-28-2017
6:30am__
5:30pm_ † Clyde Perrere

Wednesday/ Miércoles 03-01-2017
6:30am_ Caesar Hobayan
8:15am__
12:00_ † Oscar & Anacitias Alvarez
5:30pm_ † Frank Richards
7:30pm__

Thursday/ Jueves 03-02-2017
6:30am_ Mark Alvarez
5:30pm_ † John Amato

Friday/ Viernes 03-03-2017
6:30am_ Mark Alvarez
8:15am__
5:30pm_

Saturday/ Sábado 03-04-2017
8:00am_ Mark Alvarez
5:00pm_

Sunday/ Domingo 03-05-2017
7:30am_ † Emilia Pangilinan
9:00am_ † Emil J. Bednar
11:00am_ † Charles Donaghey Jr.
1:00pm_ † Miguel Flores
5:00pm-_ 
7:00pm__

This week around STM....

Sunday, February 26
9:00am—1:00 pm— CCE, School
7:30 am STVP Food Drive
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:00 pm Youth Ministry, Youth Center

Monday, February 27
9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
3:15 pm Altar Servers (English), Church
5:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm PAM, Conference Room
7:00 pm Crecimiento Del Retiro Nueva Vida, Youth Center
Tropp 99, Scout House
7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm

Tuesday, February 28
9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
3:15 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
5:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Wednesday, March 1st — Ash Wednesday
6:30 am Mass Ash, Church
8:15 am School Mass, Church
12:Noon Ash Service, Church
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
3:15 pm Altar Servers, Church
5:30 pm Mass Ash, Church
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
Adult Confirmation (English), Youth Center
RCIA (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm
7:15 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
7:30 pm Misa en Español, Iglesia (Spanish Mass)

Thursday, March 2
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:30 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Friday, March 3
8:15 am School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den Loft
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, Prinster Hall
6:15 pm Stations of the Cross, Church
7:30 pm Estaciones de la Cruz, Iglesia

Saturday, March 4
8:00 am School, Servant Hall & Rehkof GYM
10:00am STreamLiners, Prinster Hall
Fr. Hai, Church
12:00pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Sunday, March 5
9:00 am—1:00 pm CCE Classes
2:00 pm Spanish Infant Baptisms, Church
6:00 pm Young Disciple, Youth Center

For Mass Intentions please come by the Parish Office.
Para Intenciones de la Misa Favor de pasar por la Oficina Parroquial.

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The Meals Ministry is in need of cooks. Can you spare one day a month to provide a meal to a family experiencing illness? If interested please contact Monique Close 713.628.3323
**PALMS**

**Bring Us Your Palms!**
Do you have blessed palms from last year (or before) at home? Bring them to St. Thomas Church office and we will reverently burn them for ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday.

**TRAIGAN SU PALMAS!**
Tienen palmas benditas del año pasado y ante pasado en sus casas? Traiganlas a la Oficina, Parroquial de Santo Tomas y reverentemente las quemaremos para usarlas el Miercoles de Ceniza.

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**CATCH OUR KPC FISH FRY**
**Every Friday** during Lent  
starting at 5pm, Printer Hall  
March 3—April 14th

Se venderá Pescado Frito todos los Viernes durante Cuaresma, empezando a las 5pm.  
Prinster Hall, del 3 de Marzo al 14 de Abril

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**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.holyname Retreatcenter.com) or contact Parish Retreat Coordinator Hiett Ives at [Hiett@Hiettives.com](mailto:Hiett@Hiettives.com) or 832-372-6900 for more info. We look forward to your joining us!!

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**JOIN THE CHOIR!**

**Love to Sing?**

**JOIN THE CHOIR**

All 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.

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

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**Food Drive**

**HELP US HAVE A GREAT FOOD DRIVE.**

OUR FOOD DRIVE FOR STM FOOD PANTRY IS TODAY AND TOMORROW! BEFORE ALL MASSES WE WILL HAVE VOLUNTEERS WAITING OUTSIDE OR YOU CAN BRING THE FOOD DONATION TO THE BOX OUTSIDE CHURCH BUILDING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS, BOTH FOOD AND MONETARY, SO WE CAN HELP ALL OUR CLIENTS PROVIDE FOOD FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

THE SVDP Home Visitors also visit clients to help pay rent and utilities due to unforeseen circumstances.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS!**

**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 28, 2017

See you there!
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