He is Risen!

¡El ha resucitado!
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 visit our web page for more information at www.stmohouston.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.stmohouston.org

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

**Sunday**
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

**Monday**
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**
Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**

**Saturday**
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday**
Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

In Your Prayers | En Sus Oraciones

Josephine LeDay | James Swanson | Therese Flaherty | Marie Jo Swanson | Latondra Banks
James Murphy | Deanna Murphy | Gregoria Barrera | Margaret Schueler | Angela Gannucci
Edgar Sharp | Dorothy Marak | Fannie Stasio | Gloria Baiasmonte | Evangelina Corrales
Marcela Haynes Tafur | Jose Asuncion Romero | Martha Reyes | Alicia Vaga | Patrick Mahoney
Frankie B. Mandola | Kate Garcia | Marc Bialas | Yvonne Mayberry | Dorothy Flaherty
Orlando Medina | Cathery Stoessel | Dorothy Hayes | Jose Villegas | Elizabeth Corneau
† Rev. Edward Rehkopf, S.J. | † Rev. Isaac O. Francis

Please Pray for Those in Military Service | Por favor de Orar por Nuestros Soldados

TSgt Bradley Louis | Mike McIntosh | Ebenezer E. Ohaebublem | Charles U. Oparnozie | LCDR Russell Thiem

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN TICE TO HIS FAMILY.**

For those away who are from their homeland because of military service, may they be blessed for their courage and sacrifice.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS

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April 16, 2017
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

During the forty days of Lent, we fasted, prayed, and engaged in works of charity to prepare for our great Feast of Salvation: The Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Alleluia! The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter offers the possibility of a future for those who have lost hope. The resurrection of Jesus is God's address to us as we face life’s darkness moments.

Our Easter joy and our songs of ‘Glory to God! Alleluia!’ continue to ring out for the next fifty days. Happy Easter to you and your loved ones.

**Easter Duties.**

Catholics are required by the Canon Law of the Church to

(A) Receive Holy Communion. Canon 920 states:

1. After being initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year.

2. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at another time during the year."

(B) Also, Catholics are obligated to go to confession.

The Easter duty is a minimum requirement in order to motivate people to receive the sacraments. Ideally, a Catholic receives Holy Communion at every Mass that he or she attends.

The dioceses of the U.S. allow the fulfillment of the Easter duty from the first Sunday of Lent (March 5, 2017) through Most Holy Trinity Sunday (June 11, 2017).

Fr. Hai

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús,

Durante los cuarenta días de Cuaresma, ayunamos, oramos y nos dedicamos a obras de caridad para preparar nuestra gran Fiesta de la Salvación: “el Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor.”

¡Aleluya! ¡El Señor es verdaderamente resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!

La emana Santa ofrece la posibilidad de un futuro para aquellos que han perdido la esperanza. La resurrección de Jesús es la dirección de Dios para nosotros cuando nos enfrentamos en los momentos de oscuridad de la vida.

Nuestra alegría pascual y nuestros cantos de ¡Gloria a Dios! ¡Aleluya! "Siguen sonando durante los siguientes cincuenta días. Feliz Pascua para usted y sus seres queridos.

**Deberes de la Pascua.**

Los católicos están obligados por la Ley Canónica de la Iglesia a:

(A) Recibir la Santa Comunión. El Canon 920 dice:

1. Después de ser iniciados en la Santísima Eucaristía, cada uno de los fieles está obligado a recibir la Santa Comunión al menos una vez al año.

2. Este precepto debe ser cumplido durante la temporada de Pascua a menos que se cumpla por una causa justa en otro momento durante el año “).

(B) Además, los católicos están obligados a confesarse.

El deber de la Semana Santa es un requisito mínimo para motivar a las personas a recibir los sacramentos. Idealmente, un católico recibe la Sagrada Comunión en cada Misa a la que asiste.

Las diócesis de los Estados Unidos permiten el cumplimiento del deber de Pascua desde el primer domingo de Cuaresma miércoles de Ceniza (5 de Marzo de 2017) hasta el domingo de la Santísima Trinidad (11 de junio de 2017).
Could you not watch one hour with me?
Matt. 26:40

Jesus wants to embrace you.  
Jesús desea abrazarte.

Our parish offers adoration of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24/7 days of the week in our parish chapel. Nuestra parroquia ofrece adoración a Jesucristo realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento 24 horas al día / 7 días de la semana en nuestra capilla de la parroquia.

For information on Eucharistic Adoration / Para información sobre Adoración Eucarística: Questions | Preguntas? Contact the volunteer group by email at: adoration@stmhouston.org.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Ministerio de la Juventud para jóvenes de Secundaria y High School

Young Disciples Youth Ministry
Invites Youth grades 8-12
on Sunday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
to the Youth Center
for great discussion, fun, food, and fellowship.
For more information contact,
Aida Gonzalez, aida@stmhouston.
See you there!
Sacrificial Offering - Ofrenda Sacrificial

April, 2017

Week Offering for 04/09/2017 ........ $33,566.67
Online Giving ........ $4,967.25
Total Offering for the weekend .... $38,533.92
Weekend Budgeted Goal ............... $34,650.00
Difference.............................. + $3,883.92

Building Fund: $222.00
Special Collection: $37.50

Upcoming Second Collection:

April 23- Home Missions Collection
Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Dioecesan Services Fund 2017 (DSF)
Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $102,480.50
Total Amount Pledged: $132,531.00
Total Number of Participants: 215
Total Number of Households: 2943
Average Participant Pledge: $616.42
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($89,519.50)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($60,469.00)
Percent Paid: 53.62%

Please think and pray about how much your family can afford to participate.
If we go over our goal, half of what is excess of our goal returns to the ministry needs of our parish.

Our parish is required to meet our goal, whether paid by us individually or paid from our general parish funds at the end of the year.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF
Pastor, Reverend Hai Dang
Parochial Vicar, Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H.
In Residence Rev. John Samuels

Deacons: David Johnson, John Krugh, Luis Rodriguez, Deacon Emeritus Ed Stoessel

Pastoral Offices: 713-729-0221
Pastoral Assistant Doryn Luch
Bookkeeper Rogelio Mendoza
Bulletin / VIRTUS Cord. Aida Gonzalez
RCIA English / 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

Medical Mission Team: You are invited to join our parish ministry focusing on providing medical supplies and care to the poor of El Salvador. We partner with Helping Hands Medical Missions and St. John Vianney Parish to do this very rewarding work. Our next meeting is April 23rd from 3p to 5p in Donovan’s Den. There are many ways to participate, only one of which is actually traveling El Salvador. All efforts no matter how small, help our brothers and sisters in Christ. As our recent Lenten Mission taught us, we need to put our love into action—here’s your chance. Questions? call/e-mail Christine at 832-338-3002 or chunter@bcm.edu or, Diana at 713-205-4051 at dianajarssens@sbcglobal.net.

STM Craft Guild: The Provincial Superior for Mary Immaculate Province of the Dominican Sisters, has asked the Guild to help the sisters establish a Prayer Blanket Ministry and teach them how to crochet prayer blankets and shawls. We are excited about this new adventure.

As always, we need your help. We need much yarn, suitable for blankets/shawls, (Caron, Red Heart, Lion Brand, etc) crochet hooks, and or money. Your generosity is always appreciated.

The Sisters are great Prayer Warriors and they ALWAYS pray for their benefactors. This is the best deal in town!!

Please leave your donations at the Rectory, labeled CRAFT GUILD.

Our sincere thanks for your generous hearts.

Margaret Schueler, mschueler2@gmail.com, 713-666-1311

Religious Education/Hispanic Ministries/ Bautizos en Español:

713-729-3435
Director Religious Ed Ana Luisa Garcia
Youth Ministry & Confirmation Director Aida Gonzalez
Assistant to Youth Janet Ward

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 713-980-3113
Parish School:
Principal, Kristen Thorne 713-729-3434
Preschool / MDO
Director, Nina Cotharp 713-729-9062

CONFESSIONS | CONFESIONES
Tuesday | Martes 6:15p.m.— 7:00p.m.
Wednesday | Miércoles 6:15p.m.— 7:00p.m.
Saturday | Sabado 3:30p.m.— 4:45p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
St. Thomas More Parish School Children are “Changing lives through mobility”

OUTREACH

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

Respect Life

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

- Jeremiah 1:5

Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9:40 am 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.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Join us Divine Mercy Sunday April 23, 2017 for SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast Proceeds Provide

WHEELCHAIRS FOR CHILDREN

Remember a loved one or honor a special achievement!

By Donating A Wheelchair

$150 will provide the Gift of Mobility

Make checks payable to St. Thomas More School
Marked: Wheelchair Project

The Gabriel Project ministry helps women, in our immediate area, who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy by offering Christian love and practical solutions here at St. Thomas More. We appreciate those that continuously support our ministry financially and with needed baby donations. We are in desperate need of bilingual volunteers to help these new mothers. Please contact Leslie Corrigan at corrigancrew@reagan.com or leave a message at 713-253-2402 for further information. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 pm at the Parish Office conference room. Please join us.

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April 16, 2017

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We warmly welcome and congratulate our RCIA candidates, children and adults, who at the Easter Vigil, were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. May God Bless you all!

Bienvenidos y felicitaciones !!! Damos una calurosa bienvenida y felicitamos a todos los candidatos de RICA, niños y adultos, que en la Vigilia de Pascua fueron recibidos en la plena comunión de la Iglesia Católica. Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

Joshua Alexis Amaya
Alexein Baxley
Giovanni Cervantes
Yazmin Gaspar
Javie Hernandez
Amy Jimenez
Alyssa Martinez
Denise J. Pineda
Nicolle Samon Martinez
Josue Alexander Vasquez
Nidia Centeno
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THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE IS THAT HE MUST RISE FROM THE DEAD.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

PARISH CENSUS
UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important that we have current information for all of our St. Thomas More members. It has been some time since our last census so we are asking for you to update your information.

Please stop by the Parish office to get a form to update your information or go online at: www.stmHouston.org to register if you have not registered as a member, or for any questions, Contact the parish office: 713-729-0221
Thank you so much for your collaboration.

ACTUALICE SU CONTACTO DE INFORMACIÓN

Si ha movido o cambiado alguna de su información de contacto? Por favor actualice su información a la oficina parroquial 713-729-0221.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.
CCE FAITH FORMATION | FORMACION DE FE (CCE)

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 29, 2017: 10:00 a.m. 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 10:00 a.m. para los niños cuyos apellidos empiecen con las letras A a la M; 12:30 p.m. para los niños cuyos apellidos comienzan con las letras N a la Z.

Las primeras Comuniones en Inglés serán en la Misa de las 5:00 p.m el mismo día 29 de Abril. Para cualquier pregunta por favor comuníquese a la Oficina de religión al 713-729-3435.

SACRAMENTS | SACRAMENTOS

Infant Baptism (0 months-6 years old)
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): NO BAPTISMAL CLASS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL. For more information contact the Church Office: 713-729-0221.

Bautismo Infantil (0 meses a 6 años de edad)
NO HABRA CLASE Pre-Bautismales El MES DE ABRIL. 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 Aquí, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA.

Marriage Preparations
Engaged couples please contact the parish office at 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 at Donovan’s Den and Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m, RCIA inquiry. 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 in English and Spanish on Saturdays after the 8:00am mass.

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

SICK AND 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CCE SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY YOUTH CONFIRMATION

April 19 - Wednesday Youth Confirmation I & II Classes
April 23 - Last class day for Sunday CCE
April 26 - Wednesday Youth Confirmation I & II Classes

April 29 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
10am (Spanish), 12:30 (Spanish)
5pm (English)

Lecturas por la Semana del 16 de Abril 2017

Domingo: Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor
Hch 10, 34a. 37-43; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23;
Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6b-8; Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10
o bien en las misas vespertinas, Lc 24, 13-35
Lunes
Hch 2, 14. 22-33; Sal 15, 1-2a y 5. 7-8. 9-10.
11; Mt 28, 8-15
Martes
Hch 2, 36-41; Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22;
Jn 20, 11-18
Miércoles
Hch 3, 1-10; Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9;
Lc 24, 13-35
Jueves
Hch 3, 11-26; Sal 8, 2a y 5. 6-7. 8-9;
Lc 24, 35-48
Viernes
Hch 4, 1-12; Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-24. 25-27a;
Jn 21, 1-14
Sábado
Hch 4, 13-21; Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16ab-18.
19-21; Mc 16, 9-15
Domingo: Segundo Domingo de Pascua o Domingo de la Divina Misericordia
Hch 2, 42-47; Sal 117, 2-4. 22-24. 25-27a;
1 Ped 1, 3-9; Jn 20, 19-31

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April 16, 2017
**SENIOR CITIZENS**

**2017 - STreaMliners’ – April**

The Second Saturday of every month, STreaMliners’ Meeting – 10am in Prinster Hall, Adults over 50 only!!!! $15 dues

Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry
And toiletries for the LBJ Charity Hospital

**April 19, Wed. Day Trip County Bus w/Jane Falk – HEMI HIDEOUT**

Brunch on you own @ Must Be Heaven in Brenham
Bus leaves at 8:30am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

**April 27, 28 Thurs & Fri. Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach**

$76. 00pp double - $116.00pp single plus $23.00 free play.
Bus leaves at 9:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns about 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!!!!!!!!!

If anyone is interested in going of the “New Mexico Enchantment Tour” on September 28 – October 5, 2017, please contact, Mike Alexander 713-621-6520 as soon as possible. You may also contact him at the STreaMliners’ Meeting on Saturday.

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**MINISTRY of ALTAR SERVERS**

Interested in being an Altar Server? New training will be Monday, April 24, 2017 beginning at 7pm in the Church lasting no later than 9PM. Parents should prepare their child by going to the Church website: simhouston.org and clicking on the tab for Ministries, then Liturgical Ministries, then Altar Servers. Open up the files for "test" and "test answers". At the training, the child will be given the test and is expected get all of the answers correct. Training will include how to serve and how to sign up for serving. Any questions may be submitted by the parents to Deacon John Krugh (deacon@krugh22.com).

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