The Catholic Community of * La Comunidad Católica de

Saint Thomas More

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

10330 Hillcroft St. | Houston, Texas 77096
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

HORARIO DE OFICINA DE LA IGLESIA
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Closed for Lunch 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Phone: 713-729-0221 | Fax: 713-729-3294

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS
HORARIO DE OFICINA DE CATECISMO
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch | Cerrado durante lonche
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Phone: 713-729-3435

Para Bautizados en Español, 713-729-3435

Pastor Rev. 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:
Pastoral Assistant Cristian Macias 713-729-0221
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Bulletin / VIRTUS Cord. Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435

Music:
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Director Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435
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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 713-980-3113

PARISH SCHOOL:
Day School Principal Kristen Thome 713-729-3434
Preschool/MDO Director Nina Coltharp 713-729-9062

MASS TIMES | HORARIO DE MISA
Saturday vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sunday | Domingo 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. | Español 5:00 p.m. | Youth Mass 7:00 p.m. | Español
Holy Day of Obligation (Schedule varies)

Daily Mass | Misa Diaria
Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m. | (Saturday)
Anointing of the sick after 8:00 a.m. Saturday mass

CONFESSIONS | CONFESIONES
Monday | Lunes 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday | Martes 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Saturday | Sábado 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

“A Family of Families”
Our mission and vision: We are a people called together by God into the Roman Catholic parish of Saint Thomas More. We are challenged to imitate Jesus as: Priest by prayer, worship, and celebration of the sacraments; Prophet by educational programs and witness to Gospel truth in our lives; King by service to parishioners’ and others’ spiritual and physical needs in order that “we mercifully meet in heaven.” (St. Thomas More)

“Una Familia de Familias”
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thoughts from our Pastor, FR. HAI

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Why does God allow hardship and adversity on believers? Sometimes it is hard to understand adversity -- but there is a purpose! St. Paul’s letter to the Romans says: “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

I believe that God allows adversity, anguish, trials, tribulations, and heartaches:

1) to get our attention. Yes! We are not in control!

2) to lead us into self-examination. Yes! We have offended God and others in many ways.

3) to bring us to a place where we will change our belief or our behavior. Yes! We may not enjoy it, but when all’s said and done, enduring trials faithfully will produce “endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.” (Romans 5:4-5)

Thus, it is God’s design to put us through hardship and adversity so as to test our faith and our resolve and trust in Him.

Today, let us learn from the trials and tribulations we go through because God has a purpose in them. Each of us can truly trust in the God who loves us with an everlasting love because He knows the direction we need to go. AND He knows exactly how to get us there! Remember these words:

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my way, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:8)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday/ Domingo 09-24-2017
7:30am  Richard & Marion Costa
9:00am  Paul & Rosana Stoessil
11:00am  Paul Ayi,  Guillermo Ilanga
1:00pm  + Graciela Granados
5:00pm  Matthew & Marion Mattiza
7:00pm  Richard & Armida Costa

Monday/ Lunes 09-25-2017
6:30am  + Paul & Marie
5:30pm  + Evald & Mary Larsan

Tuesday/ Martes 09-26-2017
6:30am  + Salvatore Salanitro
5:30pm  + Francesco & Carmela Centola

Wednesday/ Miércoles 09-27-2017
6:30am  + Robert Fitimo
5:30pm  + Sister M. Alphonsus

Thursday/ Jueves 09-28-2017
6:30am  + Sister Louise Salanitro
5:30pm  + Freddie Salamit, + Melanio V. Manuel, + Virgilio Ilanga

Friday/ Viernes 09-29-2017
6:30am  + Anthony Salamitzer
5:30pm  + Elsie Vanderhider

Saturday/ Sabado 09-30-2017
8:00am  + Librado Mantaring Jr., + Concepcion Dumayas
5:00pm  + Gage Martinez

Sunday/ Domingo 10-01-2017
7:30am  + Bill Rothwell
9:00am  + Sebastiano & Providenta Costa
11:00am  + Willis Coleman
1:00pm  + Jerome Centola
5:00pm  + Concepcion Dumayas
7:00pm

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

JOIN STM PARISH

Welcome New Families to St. Thomas More Parish! I am delighted to have you join our parish family. At St. Thomas we know that we are all individual parts of the mystical Body of Christ. Working together, we find great joy in doing God’s work here on earth. I invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and play together. If there is anything I can do to help you in your journey to grow closer to God, please do not hesitate to contact me. Our parish is proud to offer many opportunities for parishioners to come together in faith. Know that our parish staff is always here to assist you. I pray that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish and I look forward to getting to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead. God bless you and your family.

Visit our website for more information: www.stmhouston.org

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Monday 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m., Tuesday 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m., and Saturday 3:30p.m.—4:45p.m

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This Sacrament is offered in English and Spanish on Saturdays after the 8:00am mass.

INFANT BAPTISM (0months-6years old): BAPTISMAL PREPARATION Class for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized are offered every third Saturday of the month. Attendance is required from both parents and godparents. It is recommended that parents attend this prior to the arrival of their infant for convenience of the family. Next Preparation class will be Saturday October 21st 2017 at 8:45 am, Donovan’s Den. The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th at 2:30 pm. Contact the parish office, 713-729-0221. Doors close at 9 a.m. Parents, if you take the class here at STM, you will baptize your child here at this parish. We will not issue you a letter to baptize at another church.

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.

VISITING THE 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.

ADORATION: Our parish offers adoration of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24/7 days of the week in our parish chapel. For information on Eucharistic Adoration contact the volunteer group by email at: 832-869-7483 or via-email: adoration@stmhouston.org.

FUNERALS: In the event of the death of a loved one, call the parish office, 713-729-0221.

Our lady of Fatima Nuestra Señora de Fatima: Every first Saturday of the month / Rosario cada primer Sabado del mes despues de la misa de 8am en la Capilla. Next rosary: October 7th / 7 de Octubre.

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

BIBLICAL STUDIES

FALL BIBLE STUDIES: This powerful study FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD captures in 6 sessions the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture, to hear from God, to respond in conversation, and to bask in His presence. Sunday sessions 9:00 AM-10:00 AM Prinster Hall: Dates: Sept 24, Oct 1, 22, 29 - Monday sessions 7:30 PM-9:00 Servant Hall: Dates: Sept 25, Oct 2, 23, 30 Nov 6 - Thursday sessions 7:30PM-9:00 Printer’s Rm: Dates Sept 21, 28, Oct 5, 26, Nov 2, 9

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: The 4 sessions remind us of the greatest gift—the gift we celebrate at Christmas, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. In order to fully appreciate this gift, we need to understand why we need a Savior. This is what Advent is all about! A time of examination, of repentance, and of preparation for Jesus’ birth as well as His second coming at the end of time. Sunday sessions 9:00 AM-10:00 AM Prinster Hall: Dates: Nov 12, Dec 3, 10, 17 - Monday sessions 7:30 PM-9:00 Servant Hall: Dates: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 - Thursday sessions 7:30PM-9:00 Printer’s Rm: Dates: Nov 30, Dec 4, 7, 14

*Registration forms are found in the literature rack in the back of Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are 18 or older, and need the sacrament of confirmation, classes will start Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 PM in the Religious Education building. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the RE office Phone: (713) 729-3435.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUNG DISCIPLES SUNDAYS
Grupo de Jovenes
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.org
See you there!

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigesimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo

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OUTREACH

Our friends and neighbors face many difficulties and look for hope, courage and strength to ease their burdens. We should always treat our friends/neighbors with compassion.

Vincentian Reflection: In today’s readings, Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard….The landowner says to his grumbling laborers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” God’s generosity with us goes far beyond any measurement by human standards. St. Vincent de Paul knew himself to be sustained by God’s motherly and fatherly love. In prayer we ask: God, our father, give us generous hearts, help us to find a way to peace and forgiveness. God, our mother, give us compassionate hearts, help us to be merciful and loving. Amen.

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.

Prayer at Abortion Facility in Sharpstown. Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer outside 8200 Wednesbury Lane in Sharpstown, where a doctor performs abortions in his office. In conjunction with the 40 Days for Life campaigns, we are looking for prayer volunteers to cover the hours of 9 am to 2 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Sep 28 to Nov 2. Please go to the CVL website, or contact Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org, or 281-610-3986.

Healing After Abortion

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
Sold on the First Sunday of every month after masses in the Servant Hall.

Discovering Love With Clarity: http://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/young-adult-and-campus-ministry/
September, 2017

Weekend Offering for 09/17/2017........ $25,689.14
Online giving: ........... $ 4,743.00
Total Offertory for the weekend.... $ 30,432.14
Weekend Budgeted Goal ............ $33,000.00
Difference.......................... - $10,664.00
Building Fund: $257.00
Harvey Relief: $4,177.97
Second Collection: October 22, 2017—
Propagation of the Faith Collection

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2017 (DSF)

Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $149,559.62
Total Amount Pledged: $162,803.00
Total Number of Participant: 325
Total Number of Households: 2943
Average Participant Pledge: 500.93
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($43,440.38)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($30,803.00)
Percent Paid: 77.49%

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.

BULLETIN!!!!!!! WE NEED SPONSORS! The ads on the back of the bulletin allow the bulletin to be of no charge to our parish. Our bulletin is read by hundreds of people each weekend. This is your opportunity to secure a space to promote your business to our parishioners or a space In Memory of a love one. To place an ad or In memory, contact Fred Barrera at 323-646-7735(cell), or FBarre-ra@TrinityPublication.com or for any information. Mr. Fred will be at STM the week of August 28th. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad, helping us make this bulletin possible for our Parish.

Virtus Training for Volunteers: Protecting God’s Children is the program selected by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to educate clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with children and youth about child sexual abuse and the ways to create a safe environment for children. The 3-hour live session includes videos and facilitated discussions that focus on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. Adults learn how to recognize the warning signs of sexual abuse and to respond appropriately. You will learn about steps that the faith community can take to create a safe environment for all God’s children and how to respond when adults behave in a way that raises concerns.

Step 1: Class: The first step to volunteering is to attend a Virtus - Protecting God’s Children class. Go to virtueonline.org and register for a course under the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for the class time and location convenient for you.

Volunteering: After you have attended the Virtus class and completed the paperwork, you are ready to begin volunteering.

All those of our parish who have the opportunity to be alone with or in proximity to either a minor or a vulnerable adult must comply with the archdiocese safe environment program. Examples include: catechists, chaperones, scout leaders, Knights of Columbus, Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir members, and all volunteers.

For more information you may contact Aida Gonzalez, 713-729-3435.
Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 24
7:30 am—1:00 pm CCE, School & Priester Hall
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA, Donovan’s Den
2:30 pm Spanish Baptisms
6:00 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center & New Gym
          Girl Scouts, Scout House

Monday, September 25
7:00 am C.A.T.S., Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Bible Study, Conference
3:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm P.A.M., Rectory
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones, church
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
          Apostleship of the Cross, Conference Rm
7:15 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
7:30 pm Bible Study, Servant Hall
8:00 pm Troop 99, Ball Field

Tuesday, September 26
7:00 am C.A.T.S., Donovan’s Den
8:30 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
3:30 pm School, Youth Center
3:10 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm STM Preschool, Ball Field
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm ESL Classes, School
          Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym

Wednesday, September 27
7:00 am C.A.T.S., Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House
          Knights of Columbus, Priester Hall
7:00 pm Spanish Choir, Church
          Talleres de Oracion y Vida, Priester Hall, St. Peter
          Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Adoration Chapel
7:15 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den
7:30 pm RCIA Inquiry, Donovan’s Den

Thursday, September 28
7:00 am C.A.T.S., Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Sewing Guild, Donovan’s Den
3:00 pm School, Youth Rm
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm ESL Classes, School
          English Choir, Church
7:30 pm Bible Study, Priester Hall

Friday, September 29
7:00 am C.A.T.S., Donovan’s Den
8:15 am School Mass
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Priester Hall
          Girl Scouts, Scout House
7:15 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, September 30
7:30 am STVP, Outside church
8:00 am STM Preschool, Ball Field
9:00 am Funeral Viewing, Church & Donovan’s Den
12:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Ball Field
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
5:00 pm 5PM VIGIL MASS

Sunday, October 1
2:30 pm Spanish Baptisms, Church
6:00 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center & New Gym

"Spiritually of Ministry Workshop"
Are you an Acolyte, lector, choir member, usher, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or involved in any PARISH ministry?

This workshop is designed especially for you. Its purpose is to help you make your ministry an occasion of grace and spiritual growth—both for you and those you serve.

Saturday October 28, 2017
Workshop will be held at Servant Hall.
7:30am—Sign In
8am—Mass
8:45am to 12noon—Session

For more information contact the Deacons or your Head ministry.

Saint Thomas More Woman’s ACTS Team:

Calling all ACTS Sisters interested in Teaming for the upcoming 2018 Woman’s ACTS Retreat. Come and enjoy fellowship with your STM ACTS Sisters from past retreats and become a part of the 2018 Woman’s ACTS Team. The Retreat will be held January 25 - 28, 2018 at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center located at 3417 West Little York.

Team meetings will be held each Monday from 6:30PM - 8:30PM in Priester Hall. Team meetings will begin Monday, October 02, 2017.

For more information, please contact Youseff Crick at Irahec@hotmail.com, 281-467-6286, Lillie Vega at Lill53@aol.com, 713-271-0750. We look forward to sharing the good news of our 2018 Retreat.

Red Mass and Dinner
Thursday, September 28, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Parkway
Houston, Texas

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Principal Celebrant

The Red Mass tradition dates from the 13th century and received its name from the red color of the vestments worn by the priest celebrants and the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justice. In the United States today, an annual Red Mass is celebrated in most major metropolitan areas and is attended by judges, lawyers, public officials, law school faculty and law students. Members of the judiciary and legal profession of all faiths are welcome to attend the Red Mass.

Tickets are available online for the optional Red Mass Dinner. Learn more at www.archgh.org/redmass
Knights of Columbus Council 3910—Youth Soccer Challenge Competition: All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2017 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held on Saturday, September 30 at 1PM at St Thomas More Field. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent - (consent form provided by Knights of Columbus #3910).

For additional information contact:
English-Mike Wark, 713-515-1929, mikewwark@hotmail.com,
Spanish-Reynolds Contreras, 713-417-6180, Reynolds_contreras@live.com.

Caballeros de Colón Concilio 3910 - Competencia de Fútbol Juvenil: Todos los niños y niñas de edades de 9-14 años están invitados a participar en el nivel local de competencia para el Desafío 2017 de Fútbol de los Caballeros de Colón. La competencia local se llevará a cabo el sábado, 30 de septiembre a la 1PM en campo de Fútbol de la parroquia Santo Tomas. Los participantes deben proporcionar una prueba de la edad del niño o niña y llenar el consentimiento de los padres - (formulario de consentimiento proporcionado por Knights of Columbus # 3910).

Para mayor informacion comunicarse con:
Ingles-Mike Wark, 713-515-1929, mikewwark@hotmail.com,
Español-Reynolds Contreras, 713-417-6180, Reynolds_contreras@live.com.

CHIORS, CHOIRS, COROS!

"It is often said' one who sings prays twice', and the prayer is magnified when one is joined with a choir of voices and then the congregation in full joins in as well. This is perhaps the best part of singing in the choir for me: the moment when all in the parish join in song, in joyful prayer, participating in every way possible in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Come and join your voices to ours. Sing with us. Pray with us.

Live your faith more fully." Luis Torres

It's time to join the choir! Call Mary Endres 713-980-3111 or via email: mary@stmhouston.org

Singing in the Choir:

I joined the choir last year at STM. It is such a wonderful experience to be around people who love what they do. Mary is such an awesome choir director and really has helped me become an even better singer. I had a great time singing the National Anthem at the Skeeters game and watching it with my wife and everyone else in the choir. STM’s slogan is “a family of families” and I think the choir is a family within the STM family.

St. Thomas More Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 am in Donovan's Den. Prayer shawls will be available at the First Sunday Religious Article sale and at the church office. Any yarn donations would also be appreciated and can be left at the church office.

If you know anyone who could benefit from receiving a prayerful embrace, or if you would like to help make items but cannot join us on Thursdays, please contact:  
Margaret Schuler: 713-666-1311 / meschuler2@gmail.com or  
Jeannie Sindelar: 713-252-4069 / jsindelar@gmail.com  
Annie Foley: missannie_13@yahoo.com

“He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” Proverbs 11:25

Okotfest Raffle Tickets

Raffle ticket sales after all Masses on the weekend of September 30 & October 1 and October 7 & October 8, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo

For more information, visit: WWW.ENCOUNTERHOUSTON.ORG

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**pensamientos de nuestro, PASTOR HAI...**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús,

¿Por qué Dios permite los sufrimientos y las adversidades a los creyentes? A veces es difícil entender la adversidad - ¡pero hay un propósito! La carta de San Pablo a los romanos dice: "Sabemos, además, que todo contribuye al bien de los que aman a Dios, de los que él ha llamado según sus planes" (Romanos 8:28).

Creo que Dios permite la adversidad, la angustia, las tribulaciones y las angustias por las siguientes razones:

1) para llamar nuestra atención. ¡Sí!, ¡No estamos en control!

2) para llevarnos a un examen de consciencia. ¡Sí!, Hemos ofendido a Dios y a los demás de muchas maneras.

3) para llevarnos a un lugar donde vamos a cambiar nuestra creencia o nuestro comportamiento. ¡Sí! No podemos disfrutarlo, pero cuando todo está dicho y hecho, las pruebas duraderas fielmente producirán "resistencia, carácter, y esperanza que no defraudan, porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones a través del Espíritu Santo que nos ha sido dado." (Romanos 5: 4-5)

Así es el diseño de Dios ponernos en tiempos de dificultades y adversidades para poner a prueba nuestra fe, nuestra resolución y la confianza en Él.

Hoy, aprendamos de las pruebas y tribulaciones por las que pasamos porque Dios tiene un propósito en ellas. Cada uno de nosotros puede confiar verdaderamente en el Dios que nos ama con un amor eterno porque Él sabe la dirección que necesitamos tomar, Y Él sabe exactamente cómo llegamos allí! Recuerde estas palabras:

"Mis pensamientos no son los de ustedes, ni sus caminos son los míos, dice el Señor." (Isaías 55: 8)

**Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!**

Estamos muy contentos de que estén aquí y oranmos 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 visita nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhouston.org

**SACRAMENTOS**

**UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:** El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

**BAUTISMO INFANTIL (0 MESES A 6 AÑOS DE EDAD):** Próxima clase Pre-Bautismales será el Sábado 21 de Octubre en el Servant Hall de 9:45am a 1pm. Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435. NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUÍ EN SANTO TOMAS, USTEDES BAUTIZARAN AQUÍ, NO SE LES DARÁ UNA CARTA. LAS PUERTAS SE CIERRAN A LAS 10:00 A.M.

**PREPARATIVOS DEL MATRIMONIO:** Las parejas comprometidas, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 713-729-0221 para más información por lo menos 6 meses a un año antes de la boda.

**CONFESIONES:** Lunes 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m., Martes 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m., Sábado 3:30p.m.—4:45p.m.

**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.

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**
Taller "Espiritualidad del Ministerio"

¿Es usted un acólito, lector, miembro del coro, ujier, ministro extraordinario de Comunión o involucrado en cualquier ministerio parroquial?

Este taller está diseñado especialmente para ti. Su propósito es ayudarte a hacer de tu ministerio una ocasión de gracia y crecimiento espiritual. Tanto para usted como para los que sirve.

El taller se llevará acabo el Sábado 28 de Octubre, 2017 en el Servant Hall.

7:30am—Registrar 8am—Misa
8:45am a 12medio - Sesión

¿ES USTED ALGUIEN O CONOCE A ALGUIEN QUE...? ¿Nunca ha sido bautizado? Ha expresado interés en ser miembro activo de la Iglesia Católica?
¿Tiene un niño (a) de más de 7 años de edad y nunca ha sido bautizado? ¿Fue bautizado de niño (a) y nunca recibió los sacramentos de Confirmación y Primera Comunión? Si este es su caso, los invitamos a que participen en el proceso que se llama Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos o RCIA por sus siglas en Inglés. Este programa o proceso prepara a estas personas que necesitan recibir los sacramentos de iniciación para que puedan convertirse en miembros activos de nuestra comunidad de fe. Durante el proceso, ofrecemos la oportunidad de aprender más sobre nuestra fe. Las sesiones se concentran en las enseñanzas y prácticas de nuestra iglesia Católica. El RCIA lo prepara para celebrar los sacramentos del Bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión durante la Pascua. Tenemos sesiones separadas para niños, adolescentes y adultos. Las sesiones se ofrecen en Inglés y en español. Esta jornada comenzó el Miércoles pasado a las 7:00 pm en el Edificio de Educación Religiosa. Si necesita más información, pueden comunicarse a la oficina al teléfono 713-729-3435

MINISTERIO HISPANO
La Iglesia y tu Parroquia te necesitan, estas invitadas a realizar un apostolado (compromiso) activo como: Catequistas
Monaguillos (tener la primera comunión)
Ministros Extraordinarios de Comunión
Acomodadores (Ujier)
Proclamadores de la Palabra (Lectores)
Para mayor información comunícense con la directora de Ministerio Hispano, Ana Luisa, 713-729-3435,

Lecturas por la Semana del 24 de Septiembre, 2017
Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Is 55, 6-9; Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9, 17-18;
Fil 1, 20-24, 27; Mt 20, 1-16
Lunes
Esdr 1, 1-6; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6;
Lc 8, 16-18
Martes
Santos Cosme y Damián, mártires
Esdr 6, 7-8, 12. 14-20; Sal 121, 1-2; 3-4a. 4b-5;
Lc 8, 19-21
Miércoles
San Vicente de Paúl, presbítero
Esdr 9, 5-9; Tb 13, 2. 3-4a. 4bcd. 5. 8; Lc 9, 1-6
Jueves
San Wenceslao, mártir; San Lorenzo Ruiz y compañeros, mártires
Ag 1, 1-8; Sal 149, 1-2; 3-4, 5-6a y 9b;
Lc 9, 7-9
Viernes
Santos Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael
Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Apoc 12, 7-12; Sal 137, 1-2a; 2bc-3. 4-5; Jn 1, 47-51
Sábado
San Jerónimo, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia
Zac 2, 5-9; 14-15; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13;
Lc 9, 43-45
Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Ez 18, 25-28; Sal 24, 4bc-5. 6-7, 8-9;
Flp 2, 1-11 o 2, 1-5; Mt 21, 28-32

GRUPO DE JOVENES

Grupo Juvenil para jóvenes de 13 años a 18 años de edad:
Nos reunimos todos los Domingos de 6:30pm a 8:30 pm en el edificio de Jóvenes.
Vengan a convivir, compartir nuestra fe y diversión.

Nos vemos!

Para mayor comunicarse con Aida Gonzalez por correo electrónico aida@stmhouston.org o al 713-729-3435

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Un Solo Día
OCTUBRE 7, 2017
Sábado de 8am a 9pm
Ven a conocer al verdadero amor, para tener mas vida
No tememos cuidado de niños.
SENIOR CITIZENS 2017 - Meetings will be held in Prinster Hall.

Oct 14, the Second Saturday of the month STreamliners’ Mtg. – 10am in Prinster Hall Adults over 50!!!! No Entertainment: 2 Slices of Pizza and 2 Bingo Cards!! Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital

No Day Trip in October

Oct. 26, Thurs. Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach – $15 pp cash includes ($10 free play) Coffee, Donuts at 6:30am. Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

President & Day Tripper, Joyce 713-774-2628.
Casino Trips, Frances 832-857-6500, for more information.
Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and !!!!

BINGO, 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, October 10th and 24th. See you there!

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