First Sunday of Advent

The Catholic Community of * La Comunidad Católica de

Saint Thomas More

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

10330 Hillcroft St. | Houston, Texas 77096
www.stmHouston.org

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 el almuerzo
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Phone: 713-729-3435

Para Bautizos 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

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Music:
Director | Mary Endres 713-980-3111
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Spanish Choir (7 pm) | Rogelio Mendoza
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Director | Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435
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Principal | Kristen Thome 713-729-3434
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Director | Nina Coltharp 713-729-9062

MASS TIMES | HORARIO DE MISA
Saturday vigils | 5:00 p.m.
Sunday | 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 | CONFESSIONES
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 may truly meet in heaven.”

(St. Thomas More)

“Una Familia de Familias”

Nuestra misión y visión: Somos un pueblo convocados por Dios en la parroquia católica de Santo Tomás Moro. Tenemos el desafío de imitar a Jesús como: Sacerdote por oración, la adoración y celebración de los sacramentos; Profeta por programas educativos y testimonio de la verdad del Evangelio en nuestras vidas; Rey a través del servicio a las necesidades espirituales y físicas de los demás.

(Santo Tomás Moro)
thoughts from our Pastor, FR. HAI

“Be watchful! Be alert!” Mark 13:33.
Do you ever watch people at airports—waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They often seem excited, anxious; stay alert—keeping an eye on the time arrival display. They are eager for the first appearance of the familiar face, ready with the big smile of greeting to embrace the returning traveler.

We Christians too wait for the Lord’s coming with eagerness, because we long for his presence; his return in glory. And while we wait, we can pray like St. Augustine who once said: “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

Let us use these coming weeks in a new spirit of hope and awareness. Advent then is a good time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to bring us to completion, and as we light the Advent wreath, let us pray the blessing of Advent Wreath:

“Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts, and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath: May their light reflect the splendour of Christ who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.”

Christmas Giving. The Bible gives us a wonderful story about the gift God gave us—Jesus Christ—and we can use it as an opportunity to present the gospel and to show our love.

Once again, our parish SVDP/Food Pantry is hosting a Christmas giving. I invite you to participate in this sharing and spreading of God’s love. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Diana Janssens who leads the Christmas giving of parish this year. Please take a tag (or tags) that,

Something people Want
Something people Need
Something people Wear
Something people Read/Study/Play

May God bless you and your loved ones; and May He reward you in this life and life to come.

MASS INTENTIONES

Sunday/Domingo 12-03-2017
7:30am__ † Joan Marie Schram
9:00am__ † J. Anthony Guajardo
11:00am__ † Gregory Laitkep
1:00pm__ † Julian
5:00pm--_ † Ruth Rudolph
7:00pm__ † Olga Rachel Isaac

Monday/Lunes 12-04-2017
6:30am__ † Departed Legion of Mary members and Carmelites
5:30pm__ Laura Bourgeois

Tuesday/Martes 12-05-2017
6:30am__ † Castro Alvarez & Resnit Families
5:30pm__ † Herminia Singh & Sons

Wednesday/Miércoles 12-06-2017
6:30am__ † All Souls in Purgatory
5:30pm__ † Francisca & Vicente Singh

Thursday/Jueves 12-07-2017
6:30am__
5:30pm__ † Peter Nguyen

Friday/Viernes 12-08-2017
6:30am__
8:15am__ † Patrick Heard
5:30pm__ † Concepcion Dumayas

Saturday/Sábado 12-09-2017
8:00am__ † Peter Nhien Nguyen
5:00pm__ Carlos Uresti

Sunday/Domingo 12-10-2017
7:30am__ † Michael Lee O’Brien
9:00am__ Gus Gomez
11:00am__ † Nannie Tardo
1:00pm__ † Herminia Rojas Gonzales
5:00pm--_ Fr. Clarence Zachman, OMI.
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!

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.stmohouston.org

December 3, 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 December 16th 2017 at 8:45 am, Donovan’s Den. The next Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th 2018 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: cell: 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.


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

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DEacon’s Corner

Activity and Usage From Oct 12 – Nov 11

Registered Parishioners: 224
Activity: 477 Visits


Opening the Word: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 6-Lectio: S6 Resoluto 7Lectio: S4 Oratio 8-Pope John Paul II 9-Catholicismo: S2 Somos Bienaventurados 10-Mary of Nazareth

Bible Studies

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: December 10, 17; Thursday sessions 7:30 PM-9:00 Prinster Hall Room G: Dates: December 7, 14 and 21st.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation: If you are 18 or older, and need the sacrament of confirmation, classes are on Wednesday 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. Inquiries 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 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm to the Youth Center for great discussion, fun, food, and fellowship. For more information contact Aida Gonzalez, aida@stmhouston.org
See you there!

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PILGRIMAGE 
Pray with us

In Your Prayers | En Sus Oraciones

Cathey Stoessel
† Rev. Joseph Bang Doan
† Rev. Isaac O. Frances
† Nellie Riley
Daniel Cahill
† Richard Sullivan
John Coronado
Aura Silvera
Karen Riley
Frank Martinez
Elsie Martinez
Gage Martinez
Gary Frederick
Father Edward Abell
Doris Cerverka

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

SFC Paul Bergman
Col. David Eskelund
Megan Godsey
Traci Godsey
Sgt. Billy Janca
TSgt Bradley Louis
Mike McIntosh
Ebenzer E. Ohaegbulem
Charles U. Oparozie
LDR Russell Thiem
Lt. Michael Felton
Lt. Dylan Cox

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.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:22-37

Thursday
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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OUTREACH

This is the giving season. Give of yourself. Please join us as a volunteer. Come by and join our SVDP family.

Vincentian Reflection: A man appeared before Saint Peter, who asked him, “Where are your wounds?” The man replied, “I have no wounds.” To which Peter rejoined, “Was there no passion in your life, no cause in which you spent and risked yourself that would invite scars?” Frederic Ozanam, founder of SVDP had a passion in his life—the passion for truth. He had the scars he sustained due to his promise to God to give his life to the service of the truth. Frederic’s passion for truth manifested itself in his loving adherence to the Catholic faith; in his professional work of study, writing, and teaching; in his ministry with other Vincentians to the needs of poor people. Frederic’s passion and mission was for truth and the service of the poor.

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.

ESL (English as a Second Language)
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HERE AT OUR PARISH,
You don’t have to be bilingual. Requirement: Have the passion to help. For more information, contact: Mr. Norman & Ann Palms, normpalms@aol.com

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/

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stewardship of TREASURE, TIME AND TALENT

Stewardship for November 19, 2017

Collection: $23,404.15
Online Giving: $ 5,153.09
Total: $28,557.24

Weekly Budget: $33,000.00
Difference: ($4,442.76)

Building Fund: $36.00
Retired Priests: $195.00
Campaign for Human Development: $4,895.45

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2017 (DSF)
Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $165,090.08
Total Amount Pledged: $173,184.00
Total Number of Participant: 341
Total Number of Households: 2943
Average Participant Pledge: 541.57
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($27,909.92)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($19,816.00)

Percent Paid: 85.54%

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Join the parishioners who use VANCO Payment Solutions for their parish giving. Visit www.stmHouston.org and click on the following icon:

Donate now with on-line giving

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The year is winding down, but you still have time to make your contribution to the Diocesan Services Fund. Our parish goal this year is $193,000.

“The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is the annual appeal that provides funding for essential ministries and programs that serve the religious, spiritual and human needs of thousands of people from every parish. Catechetical programs, hospital and prison ministries, programs for the aging and youth and many more are made possible by the annual DSF. The campaign ends December 31st.” - The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Help us reach our goal! To make your contribution online visit https://www.archgh.org/dsf and click on the icon.

Make sure to select our parish (7676 - St. Thomas More-Houston).

HELP! BULLETIN!!!!!! WE NEED SPONSORS! WE NEED THREE (3) MORE 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 of, contact Fred Barrera at 323-646-7735(cell), or FBarrera@Diocesan.com or for any information. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad, helping us make this bulletin possible for our Parish.

JOIN CHAPLAIN - DEACON DAVID JOHNSON
STM PRIEST (TBT) & ST. THOMAS MORE FOR...
SHRINES OF ITALY
NOVEMBER 6TH - 16TH, 2018

$3149
SEE BROCHURE FOR DETAILS
FEATUREING ROME, VATICAN CITY, ASSISI, MONTE SANT'ANGELO, POMPEII, AND MORE
MORE INFORMATION:
DEACON DAVID - DEACONDAVE@STMHOUSTON.ORG
AIDA GONZALES -713-729-3435 or aida@stmHouston.org
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 3
7:00 am—1:00 pm CCE—School & Prinster Hall
8:30 am Religious Articles, Servant Hall
Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA, Donovan’s Den
2:30 pm English Baptisms, Church
3:00 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center & New Gym
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House

Monday, December 4
7:00 am C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Bible Study, Conference room
10:00 am Talleres de Oracion y Vida, Youth Center
6:30 pm ACTS, Prinster Hall
6:15 pm Confession / Confesiones, Church
6:30 pm ACTS, Prinster Hall
11:00 am Altar Servers, Church
7:00 pm Apostleship of the Cross, Conference Room
Troop 99, Scout House
7:15 pm Danza Tonantzintli, Rebhof Gym
7:30 pm Bible Study, Servant Hall
8:00 pm Troop 99, Ball Field

Tuesday, December 5
8:30 am Senior Citizens Bridge, Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Artist Way Workshop, Prinster Hall
3:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
5:30 pm St. Vincent De Paul, Rectory
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm ESL Classes, School
Danza Tonantzintli, Rebhof Gym

Wednesday, December 6
7:00 am C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Artist’s Way Workshop, Donovan’s Den
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Confirmation Classes Yr I, Youth Center
Confirmation Yr H, School
Spanish Choir, Church
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, December 7
7:00 am C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
9:30 am Sewing Guild, Donovan’s Den
3:00 pm School, Youth Room
6:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
7:00 pm ESL Classes, School
English Choir, Church
Gabriel Project, Rectory
7:30 pm Bible Study, Prinster Hall, St. Peter

Friday, December 8
7:00 am C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
8:00 am Counseling, Counseling Office
8:15 am School Mass
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den
Girl Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Servant Hall
7:15 pm Danza Tonantzintli, Rebhof Gym

Saturday, December 9
9:00 am Pastoral Council, Donovan’s Den
10:00 am St. Ann’s Miners, Servant Hall
10:30 am Girl Scouts, Prinster Hall
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones
5:00 pm 5PM VIGIL MASS

Sunday, December 10
7:00 am—1:00 pm CCE—School & Prinster Hall
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA, Donovan’s Den
1:15 pm Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
2:30 pm Spanish Baptisms, Church
3:00 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center & New Gym
4:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House & Donovan’s Den

PARISH NEWS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Holy day of Obligation
Friday, December 8.
Immaculate Conception
Mass at 6:30 AM English
8:15 AM School (English)
5:30 PM English
7:30 PM Spanish

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION AND MASS,
MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2017
8:40pm—Procession starting a Prinster Hall to Church
followed by the Reenactment of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mass—11pm
Las Mañanitas (Serenade) at 12Midnight
Fellowship after mass.

Come and join this joyous occasion!!

STM Woman’s ACTS Retreat—January 25 – 28, 2018
Calling all women interested in building a closer relationship with Christ and establishing lasting relationships with like-minded women
• Location: Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3417 West Little York, Houston, TX, 77091
• Registration fee: Early bird of $200 by 12/17/17 and after that of $240.00 includes, 3 nights lodging, all meals, supplies, resources and transportation from and to STM
• Registration Deadline January 4, 2018
• All women are welcome regardless of faith background

Contact for additional information:
Yousefii Crick, Director at irheec@hotmail.com or
Helen Aneke, Co-Director at Nkygod14@yahoo.com

As mentioned on previous announcements, anybody interested in exploring the possibility of joining the Parish Pastoral Council is invited to a discernment session that will take place starting with the 8 AM Mass on Saturday, December 9. We will then proceed to Donovan’s Den’s. The session will conclude around noon that day.

COME AND SEE!

For more information, please contact Frank Garcia: fgarcia@swbell.net

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December 3, 2017
Christmas Giving Weekend
SVDP Winter Food Drive

Saturday & Sunday — December 9th & 10th

As we approach the Christmas Season we ask you to prayerfully consider adopting an Angel from our Christmas Giving Tree so that we can bring joy to the families in our community during this season of Hope.

The Christmas giving tree will be set up in the Narthex through December 3rd. Please take as many gifts tags as you want, but be prepared to buy those gifts.

To reach more families and to share the joyous news of the incarnation, there is a limit of $15 per gift with the exception of school uniforms, shoes and jackets. All cash donations will be used to purchase gift cards for families in need.

Our giving weekend is also a Food Drive. Please share your blessings in the form of food or cash donations for our SVDP Food Pantry in addition to your gifts.

The gifts collected will be distributed immediately. If you will be out of town, please drop off your gifts before Dec. 9th, otherwise your gift will not reach the intended person. For your convenience, gift drop boxes are located in the church Narthex and rectory. Please delivery gift cards and small gifts directly to the rectory office receptionist.

On gift giving weekend of Dec. 9th-10th, we bring our wrapped and labeled gifts to Mass with us and carry them forward during the offertory procession. It is important to securely attach the gift tag to the outside of the package.

Following the 5pm Mass on Sunday, Dec. 10th (around 6:15) all of the gifts are carried from the church to Servant Hall where they are sorted for the distribution. Moving the gifts to the hall is the easy part. Please consider staying a little longer to help sort the gifts. Many hands make light work.

Recipients we bless with our gift collection:
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Clients - Gabriel Project Families – STM CCE Families – Project Starfish of Adore Ministries – Blessed Sacrament Church - St. Philip Neri Church - St. Peter Claver Church - Casa de Esperanza - Casa Juan Diego - Catholic Charities

Please be generous!

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

— Mother Teresa —

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Fin de Semana de Regalar y Colección de Comida de Invierno de nuestra organización SVDP

A medida que nos acercamos a la Temporada Navideña pedimos que oren y consideren la posibilidad de adoptar un Árbol de nuestro Árbol Navideño que está en la entrada de la Iglesia para que podamos traer alegría a las familias en nuestra comunidad durante este tiempo de Esperanza.

El árbol de Navidad estará puesto en la entrada de la Iglesia hasta 3 de diciembre. Por favor, tome la mayor cantidad de etiquetas de los regalos como desee, pero estén preparado para comprar esos regalos de las etiquetas que tomaron.

Para llegar a más familias y compartir la felicidad con la encarnación, hay un límite de $15 por regalo con la excepción de los uniformes escolares, zapatos y chaquetas. Todas las donaciones en efectivo se utilizan para comprar tarjetas de regalo para las familias necesitadas.

El fin de semana del 9 & 10 de diciembre también tendremos una Colecta de Alimentos. Además de sus regalos, por favor ayude en donar alimentos o donación en efectivo (dinero) para nuestra organización de Alimentos de dispensa aquí en nuestra parroquia.

Los regalos obtenidos serán distribuidos inmediatamente. Si va a estar fuera de la ciudad, por favor dejar sus regalos antes de 9 de diciembre, de lo contrario su regalo no llegará a tiempo a la persona indicada. Para su comodidad, las cajas de colección de regalos se encuentran en las oficinas de la iglesia y en el interior de la iglesia. Por favor, entregue las tarjetas de regalo y pequeños regalos directamente a la recepcionista de la oficina parroquial.

Para el fin de semana de regalar 9 & 10 de diciembre, traigamos nuestros regalos envelueltos y etiquetados a una mesa y los llevaremos al altar durante la procesión de las ofrendas. Es importante estar seguro de que etiqueta de regalo a la parte exterior del paquete junto con la tarjeta de oración STM y un saludo personal que deseé incluir.

Después de la mesa de 5pm del domingo 10 de diciembre alrededor de 6:15 todos los regalos serán llevados de la iglesia al Servant Hall donde se pondrán en orden para ser distribuidos. Llevar los regalos al Servant Hall es la parte más fácil. Por favor considere quedarse un poco más de tiempo para ayudar a ordenar los regalos. Recuerde, muchas manos hacen el trabajo ligero y más fácil.

Los beneficiarios que son bendecidos con nuestros regalos son los siguientes:
Clientes San Vicente de Paul Dispensa - Familias del Proyecto Gabriel - STM CCE Familias – Project Starfish of Adore Ministries – Blessed Sacrament Church - Iglesia San Felipe Neri - Iglesia San Pedro Claver - Casa de Esperanza - Casa Juan Diego - Catholic Charities

Por favor, sea generoso!
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 visita nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmHouston.org

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismo Infantil (0 MESES A 6 AÑOS DE EDAD): Próxima clase Pre-Bautismale será el Sábado 16 de Diciembre en el Servant Hall de 9:45am a 1pm. 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 Bautizarán Aquí, NO SE LES DARA 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 mas información por lo menos 6 meses a un año antes de la boda.

CONFISSIONES: 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 DE QUINCE AÑOS: Para que su hijo/hija reciba una bendición o celebración de los quince años la familia del participante deben ser miembros activos de la parroquia. Para la celebración de los quince años el participante debe estar en el programa de educación religiosa de la parroquia el año de la celebración y el anterior o seguir un proceso de formación de fe, ya sea en la escuela católica o siguiendo en el Catecismo. Para mayor información contáctese al 713-729-3435.

Tengan en cuenta que las bendiciones de los domin- gos sea de quince años o tres años, NO SE PERMITE FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.
Día de Obligación
Viernes
8 de Diciembre
Inmaculada Concepción de María
Misa a las 6:30 AM Ingles, 8:15 AM (Misa para la Escuela) 5:30 PM Ingles y 7:30 PM Español

Consejo de Pastoral Parroquia

Como hemos mencionado anteriormente, cualquier parroquiano que esté interesado en pertenecer al Consejo Pastoral Parroquial está invitado a lo que se llama “sesión de discernimiento” que tendrá lugar el sábado 9 de diciembre comenzando con la misa de 8 AM. Después procederemos al llamado “Donovan’s Den”. La sesión concluirá alrededor del mediodía. VENGAN TODOS!! Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con Frank Garcia: ffgarcia@swbell.net

Misa y Celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Lunes, 11 de Diciembre, 2017
Procesión a las 8:40 pm con la “Danza Tonantzín” desde el salon Prinster a la Iglesia,
Seguido por la apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe,
Misa a las 11:00pm,
Las mañanitas a las 12 media noche.
Convívio después de misa
¡Ven y únete en esta ocasión feliz!

NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA! NECESITAMOS 3 PATROCINADORES MAS ...
Los anuncios en la parte posterior del boletín permiten que el boletín se de sin cargo a nuestra parroquia. Nuestro boletín es leído por cientos de personas cada fin de semana. Esta es tu oportunidad para garantizar un espacio para promover su negocio a los feligreses o en Memoria de un Ser Querido. Para colocar un anuncio o en memoria, contacte al Sr. Fred Barrera en 323-646-7735(cell), o FBarrera@Diocesan.com o para mayor información de costos del espacio. Nos gustaría agradecer a nuestros anunciados presentes por renovar su anuncio, y ayudarnos a hacer este boletín posible para nuestra parroquia.

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Horario de Misa de los Días Festivos 2017-2018
Domingo, 11 de Diciembre 2° de Domingo Adviento
El acto de regular
Traiga sus regalos de Navidad a la iglesia
Sábado, 16 al 23 Diciembre
Novena de Nacimiento
A las 7:00 PM – Afuera de la Capilla de Adoración

Sábado, 23 de Diciembre
5:00 PM Misa en Ingles (Vigilia de domingo)
Posada En Español a las 7:00 PM - Salón Servant

Domingo, el 24 de Diciembre Nochebuena
Misa 9:00 AM, 11:00AM – English
Misa en Español 1:00 PM
6:00 PM Misa de Nochebuena - Ingles
8:00 PM Misa de Nochebuena - Español
10:00 PM Misa de Nochebuena - Ingles

Lunes, 25 de Diciembre
Navidad
Misa 8:00 AM y 10:00 AM—En Ingles

Martes, 26 de Diciembre
Horario Regular
Misa a las 6:30 AM y 5:30 PM Ingles

Domingo, 31 de Diciembre
Año Nuevo
Misa 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM y 5:00 PM - Ingles, 1:00 pm y 7:00 pm - Español

2018 - FELIZ AÑO NUEVO - 2018
Lunes 1 de Enero 2018.
Misa a las 09:00 AM - Ingles

NOTA IMPORTANTE: El horario de la Capilla de Adoracion puede variar durante los días festivos.
SENIOR CITIZENS 2017 - Meetings will be held in Prinster Hall. STreaMliners meets every Second Saturday of the month – 10am in Prinster Hall Adults over 50!!! Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital

Dec. 09, Sat. STreaMliners’ Christmas Party starting at 6:30pm in Servant Hall. Turkey Dinner, Wine and the 4th Degree Band.

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.

"Come play bridge with us on Tuesday, December 5th at Donovan’s Den, 9:00am. Bring $1.00 and a vegetable dish or dessert. We’re having our annual holiday luncheon. Hope to see you there!"

Thank you to our sponsor of this weekends bulletin:

En Memoria de Miguel Vital Guzman
8/21/60 - 6/13/17

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, November 28th. See you there!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018
2017-2018

December 9 & 10 — Gift Giving and Food Drive weekend, Bring your Gifts and Food Donations

Saturday, December 9 - 23
Christmas Village Novena
7:00 PM - Outside the Church next to the—AE Building

Saturday, December 23 -
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Posada In Spanish at 7:00 PM - Servant Hall

Sunday, December 24,
Christmas Eve
Mass at 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM – English
Mass at 1:00 pm, Spanish
6:00 PM Vigil Christmas Mass - English
8:00 PM Vigil Christmas Mass - Spanish
10:00 PM Vigil Christmas Mass - English

Monday, December 25.
Christmas Day
Mass at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM—English

Tuesday, December 26
Regular schedule
Mass at 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM English

Sunday, December 31,
New Year’s Eve.
Mass at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM - English
Mass at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM Spanish

2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2018
Monday, January 1, 2018.
Mass at 9:00 AM – English

IMPORTANT NOTE: The schedule for Adoration Chapel may vary during holidays.

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