Feast of the Holy Family
Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.
Luke 2:40

El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él.
Lucas 2, 40
thoughts from our Pastor, FR. HAI

Say goodbye to 2017. As we end this year, I invite you to take little time to reflect, contemplate and meditate on these questions.

What was the best thing happened this past year? What was the single most challenge thing happened this past year? (Flooded from Harvey?) Pick 3 words describe this past year (2017)? In what way(s) did you grow Emotionally, Socially, Physically and Spiritually?

Say hello to 2018. I wish you and your family very Happy New Year. May the Lord Bless you and your loved ones always.

Today is Sunday, December 31, 2017—The feast day of Holy Family. The family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was not freed from the problems and difficulties that every family of today must face.

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses? The answer is love for each other and for God. We can see Jesus’ love for his mother when he was dying on the cross and gave her into the care of his closest disciple, John — with the memorable words, “Woman behold your son,” and to the beloved disciple, “Behold your mother.” (John 19:26-27).

Now and today! What (can) holds families together also in times of difficulty is love, forgiveness, and God.

Let us today and every day pray to God for our family like this: “Lord, bless our family, all of us now together, those far away, all who are gone back to you. May we know joy. May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let love guide our understanding of each other. Let us be grateful to each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family. Amen.”

Pastor Rev. Hai Dang
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In residence Rev. John Samuels
Deacons: David Johnson, John Krugh

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MASS INTENTIONES

Sunday/Domingo 12-31-2017
7:30am___ Betty Ikeakor & Family
9:00am___ Joseph Flaherty
11:00am___ Nneka Ikeakor & Family
1:00pm___ Delia Tucios
5:00pm___ Sister Chalene Machala
7:00pm___ Isidra Cedilla

Monday/Lunes 01-01-2018
8:00am___ + Drew F. Meyer
10:00am___ + Gene Acosta & Family

Tuesday/Martes 01-02-2018
6:30am___ + Drew F. Meyer
5:30pm___ Betty Ikeakor & Family

Wednesday/Miércoles 01-03-2018
6:30am___ + Drew F. Meyer
5:30pm___ Judy Ikeakor

Thursday/Jueves 01-04-2018
6:30am___ + Drew F. Meyer
5:30pm___ Nneka Ikeakor

Friday/Viernes 01-05-2018
6:30am___ + Drew F. Meyer
8:15am___
5:30pm___ + Reginald Garza

Saturday/Sábado 01-06-2018
8:00am___ Trinidad Gonzalez
5:00pm___ + Carlos Uresti

Sunday/Domingo 01-07-2018
7:30am___ Andy Ikeakor & Family
9:00am___ Obinna Ikeakor
11:00am___ Betty Ikeakor
1:00pm___ + Arturo Nava
5:00pm___ + Sister Anna Marie Popp
7:00pm___ Joel Castañeda

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.stmhuson.org

December 31, 2017
**WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS**

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

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

**INFANT BAPTISM (0 months-6 years 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 Enero 20th 2018 at 8:45 am, Donovan’s Den. The next Baptism is scheduled for; Sunday, February 4th 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 9-9:40am 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.

**DEACON’S CORNER**

Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter’s Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter’s Basilica.

**DEACON’S CORNER**

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us.

**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 Deacon David Johnson office Phone: (713) 729-0221.

**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 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to the Youth Center for great discussion, fun, food, and fellowship. For more information contact Aida Gonzalez, aida@stmhouston.org

See you there!
the power of PRAYER

In Your Prayers | En Sus Oraciones

For the healing of:
Cathey Stoessel
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Doris Cervenka
Richard Sullivan
Gage Martinez

For the repose of soul:
† Padre Ramon Hernandez Acevedo
† Nellie Riley
† Rev. Joseph Bang Doan
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Please Pray for Those in Military Service | Por favor de Orar por Nuestros Soldados
SFC Paul Bergman
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Sgt. Billy Janca
Mike McIntosh
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Lt. Michael Felton

Col. David Eskelund
Traci Godsey
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LCDR Russell Thiem
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 31, 2017

Sunday
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Monday
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday
Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday
Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday
Saint André Bessette
1 Jn 5:5—13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:22, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

OUTREACH


Vincentian Reflection: All the wonderful gifts of grace bestowed on the Holy Family did not preserve this family from hardship and suffering. These simple parents surely had their own apprehensions—“you yourself a sword shall pierce.” Yet they responded faithfully and obediently. This is the interface of our own modern families and the Holy Family; as they did, we too all face challenges in responding to God faithfully and obediently. The holiness of a family is not dependent upon perfection or an easy road. Whether we are a traditional family or a single parent, whether we have biological or adopted or foster children or no children, whether we live in an expensive home or a subsidized rental unit makes no difference for living as a holy family. What makes the difference is believing and trusting in God, responding to both hardships and God’s wonderful gifts of grace in fidelity and obedience. Trust in God’s ways. You, too, are a holy family.

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. Religious Articles will not be sold on the First Sunday of January, 2018

Discovering Love With Clarity: http://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/pastoral-educational-ministries/young-adult-and-campus-ministry/
Stewardship for this past week and up to 12/31 will be published at the beginning of the new year.
Las ofrendas de este fin de semana pasada y del 31 de Diciembre se publicaran en el proximo boletin.

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2017 (DSF)
Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $170,922.58
Total Amount Pledged: $177,439.00
Total Number of Participants: 351
Total Number of Households: 2943
Average Participant Pledge: 505.92
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($19,650.92)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($15,561.00)

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).

Important 2017 Year-End Contribution Acknowledgement Update: Please be advised that end of year contribution statements will include all donations received on or before December 29, 2017. St. Thomas More will be closed December 30, 2017 to January 2, 2018. Contributions received after December 29th will be processed the next business day and will be accounted for in the next calendar year.

For questions, please contact the parish bookkeeper.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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MORE INFORMATION: DEACON DAVID - DEACONDAVE@STMHOUSTON.ORG
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WWW.STMHOUSTON.ORG

La Sagrada Familia
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PARISH NEWS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

On behalf of STM and other outreach ministries and organizations, THANK YOU!! for your participation in STM's 2017 Christmas Gift Sunday.
A special thanks to the many angels who prepared and hung gift tags, sorted gifts in Servant Hall and personally delivered those gifts.
Your blessings and joy were shared with over 850 individuals in our community!

Recipients blessed by your gifts are served by St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, STM Gabriel Project, STM CCE, HISD Young Parents, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Philip Neri Church, St. Peter Claver Church, Casa de Esperanza, Casa Juan Diego, Catholic Charities and Project Starfish of Adore Ministries. Please continue to pray and support our community and these organizations throughout the year.
May God bless you for your love and generosity.
"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."
2 Corinthians 9:15

Parent Seminars:
Forming the Minds & Hearts of Our Children: Parents as the Primary Educators.
Where: St. Thomas More Church—Servant Hall
When: Saturday, January 13th 2018—Technology: Friend or Foe?
Saturday, April 14th, 2018—To wear, not to Wear? That is the Question!
Time: 6:30 pm (Refreshments will be served)
Questions: Contact Judy Gentempo, 713-729-3434

A Rice University graduate, Dr. Webber has a Masters in Marriage and Family Psychotherapy and a doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology. She is a published poet, professional singer, and a classical pianist. She is the co-founder and co-director of the GEMS girls club, and frequently addresses current issues of parenting in the Houston area. Recognized by others for her tenacity and passion for her work and dedication to her own growing family, her desire to help form strong individuals and families is most respected. Dr. Webber's enthusiasm for helping to reshape society is infectious. Her intention is to be an aid to others in rebuilding the family, the basic cell of society. She resides in Houston, Texas with her loving husband, and her soon to be, eight children. As a long-time parishioner of St. Thomas More Church, Dr. Webber's mission is to equip individuals with the tools they need in order to have and maintain healthy relationships, and help them grow in virtue.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The competition will take place on Jan. 21st at 1 PM in the Gym. Winners will progress through local district and state competitions. National champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus headquarters based upon scores from the state-level competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age with written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Mike Wark, phone – 713-515-1929.

STM Woman's ACTS Retreat - January 25 – 28, 2018
Calling all women interested in building a closer relationship with Christ and establishing lasting relations 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:
Youseffi Crick, Director at irafee@hotmail.com or Helen Aneke, Co-Director at Nkygod14@yahoo.com
PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

BECOME INVOLVED: WE NEED YOU!

To start the Church’s new year as parents, encourage your family to become involved in the parish liturgical life as a server, lector, choir member and by helping the needy.

The Pastoral Council is a representative body of the faithful whose focus is on the whole of STM Parish - its beliefs, its hopes, its joys, its needs, its sorrows, its concerns, its gifts and its pursuit of the mission of the Church. The Pastoral Council's task is counsel and consultation. Thus, the members of this group, along with the pastor, are called to reflect and consider pastoral issues for the common good and for the future. Their role is to understand, to reflect carefully and prayerfully and to seek consensus. By the fact the Council is convoked by the pastor, the Pastoral Council must respond to his call and offer its best consultation possible. The Council provides a means for uniting the parish community in expressing its collective wisdom concerning pastoral plans and activity.

For membership on the Pastoral Council, the person must be a registered member of St. Thomas More and have some demonstrated commitment to the parish community. The person must be a fully initiated Catholic (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist), with no impediment to full communion (in a Church recognized marriage, if married).

Prayer shawls and small blankets have been created by the work of hands and the prayers of hearts. They are a symbol of a faith-sharing community "covering with prayer the individuals who receive them". When given to a person in crisis, suffering from loss, ill health or anxiety, as well as joyous occasions, they are a warm embrace and a tangible reminder of God's love. Each stitch is interwoven with pleas for healing of body, mind and spirit for the recipients.

Each item is blessed and has a Miraculous Medal attached. Those who receive the shawls and blankets are lifted up in prayer.

These items are free, a gift from us to you. If you'd like to make a donation in any amount, it will be used to purchase more yarn so this ministry can continue.

Visit our parish website for more information: stmhouston.org, then click on Ministries, click Family Life, click Shawl Ministry.

“He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed”
Proverbs 11:25
Margaret Schueler 713-666-1311

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Religious Education Department

Sunday CCE Classes will resume
January 14th, 2018
English Session—9am
Spanish Session 11am

Youth Confirmation Class Year I & II will resume on Wednesday January 10th 2018, 7pm.

See you soon.

Sunday Adult Faith Classes
Printer Hall, 9:00am
Dear Parent(s) of CCE Children – Just as you bring your children to weekly CCE to increase THEIR faith journey, you have the opportunity to increase in YOUR faith knowledge at the Adult session in Printer Hall, every Sunday during the hour of CCE, from 9:05 to 10:25am.

Coordinator Hiett Ives

ESL—Registration Dates for 2018

For the Spring 2018 Semester, ESL will be registering Students for the ESL classes on

Tuesday—January 9, 2018
from 7:00pm—8:30 pm
and
Thursday—January 11, 2018
from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

Registrations will be at the St. Thomas More Church Parish School, located at 10330 Hillcroft St.

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

St. Thomas High School Open House

St. Thomas High School will host its annual OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Talk to teachers and coaches, tour classrooms, labs and athletic facilities. Experience an afternoon with the St. Thomas family. See what awaits you as part of the legendary St. Thomas brotherhood, where tradition meets tomorrow.

La Sagrada Familia

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pensamientos de nuestro, PASTOR

Diga adiós al 2017. Al finalizar este año, los invito a tomarse un poco tiempo para reflexionar, contemplar y meditar a estas preguntas.

¿Qué fue lo mejor que les sucedió el año pasado?
¿Cuál fue el desafío más importante que paso este año pasado?
(Incidencias de Harvey?) Elija 3 palabras para describir este año pasado 2017. ¿De qué manera(s) creció Emocionalmente, Socialmente, Físicamente y Espiritualmente?

De la Bienvenida al 2018. Les deseo a usted y a su familia un Feliz Año Nuevo 2018. Que el Señor los bendiga en abundancia a usted y a sus seres queridos.

Hoy es domingo, 31 de diciembre de 2017 - La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. La vida familiar de Jesús, María y José no se liberaron de los problemas y dificultades que toda familia de hoy enfrenta.

¿Qué sucedió a la familia de Nazaret a través de todas estas pruebas y cruces? La respuesta es el amor al uno para el otro y para Dios. Podemos ver el amor de Jesús por su madre cuando él estaba muriendo en la cruz y la puso al cuidado de su discípulo más cercano, Juan, con las palabras memorables: "Mujer, míra a tu hijo", y al discípulo amado, "He aquí tu madre. (Juan 19: 26-27)."

¡Ahora y hoy! Lo que mantiene unida a las familias en tiempos de dificultad es el amor, el perdón y Dios.

Vamos hoy y todos los días a orar a Dios por nuestra familia de esta manera: "Señor, bendice a nuestra familia, a todos nosotros, a los que están lejos, y a todos los que han regresado a ti. Que podamos conocer la alegría. Que podamos soportar nuestras penas con paciencia. Que el amor guíe nuestra comprensión del uno con otro. Dejamos ser agradecidos el uno al otro. Todos reflejamos lo que hemos hecho. Oh, Familia de Jesús, cuida de nuestra familia. Amén."

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 armanos 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.stmhouston.org

Catecismo

Las clases de Catecismo se reanudarán el Domingo 14 de Enero, 2018
Las clases de Confirmación de los Jovenes Año I y II se reanudarán el Miércoles 10 de enero de 2018, Nos vemos pronto

Platicas de fe los Domingo para Padres y Parroquianos
Estimados Padres de Niños de CCE - Así como usted trae a sus hijos a CCE semanalmente para incrementar su viaje de fe, ustedes también tienen la oportunidad de aumentar su conocimiento de fe en las sesiones de Adultos en Prinster Hall, cada domingo de 11:00 a 12:30pm.
Coordinadores: Armando & Maricela Loredo
Para mayor información hablen a la Oficina de Catecismo 713-7293435

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SACRAMENTOS

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: El sacramento de Unión 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 20 de Enero 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 AQUI EN SANTO TOMAS, USTEDES BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA. LAS PUERTAS SE CIERRAN A LAS 10:00 A.M.

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

CONFESSIONES: Lunes 6:15pm.-7:00p.m., Martes 6:15pm.-7:00p.m., Sábado 3:30p.m.-4:45p.m.

Ministerio de Comunión a los enfermos y a los confinados: Si usted no puede venir a la iglesia y desea recibir la Santa Comunión, o si sabe de alguien de nuestra comunidad en nuestra área que está enfermo y no puede salir de casa para la misa y desea recibir la comunión, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

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 domingos sea de quince años o tres años, NO SE PERMITEN FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

¿ESTÁ CASADO, PERO NO EN LA IGLESIA CATOLICA?
¿DESEA USTED SER CASADO EN LA IGLESIA CATOLICA?
¿TIENE EL ANHELO DE RECIBIR LA EUCHARISTIA?

La Iglesia de Santo Tomás Moro está ofreciendo la oportunidad de llenar este deseo. Las clases iniciaron el Lunes 5 de marzo, 2018 por 6 semanas de 7pm a 9pm. Para más información, por favor llame al (713-729-3435), Ana Luisa Garcia

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December 31, 2017
"APRENDER A ORAR PARA APRENDER A VIVIR"

Fecha de Initiacion:
Lunes 15 de Enero, 2018 de las 10:00am a 12pm en el Edificio de Jovenes; 
y el Miercoles 17 de Enero de 7pm-9pm en el Prinster Hall.

CURSO DE INGLES 2018

Las registraciones seran el Martes 9 de Enero, 
2018 y Jueves 11 de Enero de 
7:00 pm a 8:30 pm
Las registraciones se llevaran acabo en la Escuela Parroquial, aqui en Santo Tomas.

Nuestra parroquia ofrece adoracion a Jesucristo realmente presente en el Santisimo Sacramento 24 horas al dia / 7 dias de la semana en nuestra capilla de la parroquia.

Para mayor informacion sobre
Adoracion Eucaristica comunicarse:
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GRUPO DE JÓVENES

Grupo Juvenil para jovenes de 13 anos a 18 anos de edad: 
Nos reunimos todos los Domingos de 6:00pm a 8:00 pm en el edificio de Jóvenes.

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Horario de Misas de los Dias Festivos 2017-2018

Domingo, 31 de Diciembre
Año Nuevo
Misa 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM; 
11:00 AM y 5:00 PM - Ingles, 
Misas en Espanol—1:00 pm y 7:00 pm

2018 - FELIZ AÑO NUEVO - 2018

Lunes 1 de Enero 2018.
Misa a las 9:00 AM - Ingles 
No Habra Confesiones

NOTA IMPORTANTE:
El Santisimo Sacramento no estará expuesto desde el domingo 31 de diciembre después de las 7am y estará expuesto nuevamente el martes 2 de enero de 2018 después de las 7 a.m.
La Capilla estará abierta durante estas fechas para meditacion y oracion.

Año Nuevo 2018
Las oficinas estarán cerradas el 
Lunes 1 de Enero.

Lecturas por la Semana del 31 de Diciembre, 2017

Domingo  La Sagrada Familia
Si 3, 3-7, 14-17a o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3;
Sal 127, 1-2, 3, 4-5 o Sal 104, 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Col 3, 12-21 o Ef 11, 8, 11-12, 17-19; Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22, 39-40

Lunes  Solemnidad de Maria Santisima, Madre de Dios
Nm 6, 22-27; Sal 66, 2-3, 5, 6 y 8; Gal 4, 4-7; Lc 2, 16-21

Martes  San Basilio Magno y San Gregorio Nacianzeno,
Obispos y Doctores de la Iglesia
1 Jn 2, 22-28; Sal 97, 1, 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 1, 19-28

Miércoles  Santisimo Nombre de Jesús
1 Jn 2, 29-36; Sal 97, 1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1, 29-34

Jueves  Santa Isabella Ana Seton, Religiosa
1 Jn 3, 7-10; Sal 97, 1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1, 35-42

Viernes  San Juan Neumann, Obispo
1 Jn 3, 11-21; Sal 99, 2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1, 43-51

Sábado  San Andrés Bessette, Religioso
1 Jn 5, 5-13; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20;
Mc 1, 7-11 o Le 3, 23-38 o Le 3, 23, 31-34, 36, 38

Domingo  La Epifania del Señor
Is 60, 1-6; Sal 71, 1-2, 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12
o 2, 22. 39-40 1 Cor 1, 3-9; Mc 13, 33-37

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

La Sagrada Familia

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SENIOR CITIZENS- Meetings are held in Prinster Hall. STreaMiners 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

No Casino Trip for December


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.

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, January 9. See you there!

DECEMBER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2017-2018
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
No Confessions

IMPORTANT NOTE:
Due to the Holiday, The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed from Sunday December 31st after 7am; and will be exposed again on Tuesday January 2, 2018 after 7am.
You are always welcome to visit the Chapel during those days for meditation and prayer.

Parish offices will be closed on Monday January 1st.

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