St. Thomas More

"I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me."

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, Texas 77096
www.stmhouston.org

“Family of Families”
"Una Familia de Familias"

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
**HORARIO DE OFICINA DE LA IGLESIA**
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.;
1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.;
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Phone: 713-729-0221 | Fax: 713-729-3294

**Pastor** Rev. Hai Dang
**Parochial Vicar, Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H.**
**In residence** Rev. John Samuels

**Deacons:** David Johnson, John Krugh

**PASTORAL OFFICES:**
- Parish Office: 713-729-0221
- Bookkeeper: Rogelio Mendoza 713-729-0221
- Bulletin / VIRTUS Cord: Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435

**Music:**
- Director: Mary Endres 713-980-3111
- Organist: Jian Guang Shi 713-988-9829
- Spanish Choir (1pm): Lucy Lopez
- Spanish Choir (7pm): Rogelio Mendoza

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS**
**HORARIO DE OFICINA DE CATECISMO**
Monday through Friday
10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (Open during CCE)
Closed on Sundays during the Summer

Phone: 713-729-3435

**Para Bautizos en Español** 713-729-3435

**Religious Education / Hispanic Ministries**
- DRE: Ana Luisa Garcia 713-729-3435
- English Adult Faith Formation / English Infant Baptism / Marriage
- Deacon David Johnson 713-729-3435

**Youth Faith Formation—High School**
- Director: Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435
- Assistant to Youth: Janet Ward

**Social Ministries**
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry 713-980-3113

**PARISH SCHOOL:** www.stthomasmoreschool.org

**Day School**
- Principal: Kristina Thorne 713-729-3434
- Preschool | MDO
  - Director: Nina Coltharp 713-729-906

**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., 5:00 p.m. (English)
  1:00 p.m. & 7:00 pm (Español)

**Holy Day of Obligation | Programa de Obligación**
(Schedule varies)

**DAILY MASS | MISA DIARIA**
- Monday thru Friday: English: 6:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 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.
- Beginning September, confessions will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, same hours
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

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Mondays and Tuesdays 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; and Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m. (Beginning September, confessions will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, same hours)

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

INFANT BAPTISM (0months-6years old): BAPTISMAL PREPARATION Class for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized is offered every third Saturday of the month in Donovan’s Den. Attendance is required of both parents and godparents. ONLY accepting active registered members of the parish, and those living in zip code 77096 and 77035. It is recommended that parents attend this prior to the arrival of their infant for the convenience of the family.

Next Baptismal Class will be on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at Donovan’s Den from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parents and Godparents, we need all your attention during class. No children are allowed in class. No exceptions. We do not offer childcare.

If godparents are married, they must be married by the Catholic Church and bring proof. Single godparents must have received all three sacraments and bring proof.

Pre-registration is required, please contact the parish office for the English class at 713-729-0221.

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@stmohouston.org.

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

thoughts from our Pastor, FR. HAI

Joshua calls an assembly of all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and he says: “...decide today whom you will serve,...” Joshua 24:15

The Israelites whom Joshua addressed had a tough time. Shortly after Moses led them out of Egypt and brought them to the edge of Promised land, Moses died. Joshua took over the leadership position. He then had to remind people of all the great things God had done for them throughout their history. It was God, he told them, who brought them out of slavery in the land of Egypt. It was God who performed great miracles and protected them along our journey.

We are like the Israelites. We are journeying to the Promised Heaven under the banner of Risen Christ Jesus. Like the Israelites, we question, complain, grumble, and/or struggle with faith, beliefs, and trust. It is then we need to remember and recall the great things God has done in throughout history and in our lives. It is challenging for each of us to say: “I ... decide today; I will serve the Lord.” Now it might be a good time for married couples to prayerfully ponder this question: “Are you still in love—head over heels—with your spouse? and ready to give up your life for your spouse, like Christ gives up his life for the Church? Our faith, our commitment, our love, charity is tested in various ways. I can see now why Holy Eucharist offers us many opportunities to remember, to trust in Holy Mystery, to deepen our relationship with, and to recommit our lives to Jesus. May we take advantage of this and be strengthened to resist the false gods of today and be faithful to Jesus, to the church, to our spouse, our family and ourselves. Remember what St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said: ‘God does not require that we be successful only that we be faithful.’

Have a beautiful Sunday and a great week ahead.

DSF 2018:

Thank you to the 301 families that have committed to DSF 2018.

Here is an example of Your donation to DSF will support these;

Ministering to the Poor, the Sick and the Incarcerated ministries:

- Angela House
- Catholic Chaplain Corps / Catholic Charities
- Correctional Ministries / Foreign Missions
- Angela House – Sister Maureen O’Connell, O.P.
- Office of Justice & Peace/Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Our Daily Bread
- San José Clinic
- St. Dominic Center for the Deaf

For more information of DSF, contact us at (713) 729-0221. Or you can call the archdiocese at (713) 659-5461 or email us at: dsf@archgh.org.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

AUGUST 26, 2018
In Your Prayers  |  En Sus Oraciones

For the healing of:

Cathey Stoeszel  Elsie Martinez
Aura Selvera  Gary Frederick
Karen Riley  Doris Cervenka
Richard Sullivan  Frank Martinez
Gage Martinez  Patrick Wark
Shirley Guillory  Salvador Gonzalez
Aselo Hernandez  John Coronado
Maria Guadalupe Fonseca  Barbara Turner
Ana Lucero Arredondo Sanchez  Fr. Richard Hinkley

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

CW2 Paul Bergman  Col. David Eskelund
Megan Godsey  Traci Godsey
Sgt Bradley Louis  Mike McIntosh
Ebenezer E. Ohaegbuem  Charles U. Oparnozie
LCDR Russell Thiem  Lt. Michael Felton
Lt. Dylan Cox

For the repose of soul:
† Federica Mayo
† Elida Cerda
† Ralph William Lucas
† Maria Fernandez
† Asunción Crispin Mendoza
† Jaime Aguirre Garcia
† Mark A. Navo
† Bobbie Simpson
† Charles Leland Fontenot

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.

Respect Life: Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9:00 p.m. 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.

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

DEACON’S CORNER

Are You Catholic and Going To College?

I invite you to find and visit the Catholic Center or Catholic Student Organization at your University/College.

Newman Centers exist all over the country. Find your Catholic Center at www.newmanconnection.com and join them for Mass, networking, and activities to get to know other Catholic Students and grow in your faith.

Through campus Newman Center, the Office of Young Adult Campus Ministry seeks to evangelize the academic community. Visit www.archgh.org/yaecm for a list of Catholic Centers at our local universities.

Invitation to be with Jesus. Eucharistic adoration is held at St. Thomas More 24/7 days a week. There must be at least one or more people present in the Chapel, as the exposed Eucharist can never be left alone. Please stop by our Adoration Chapel and visit Jesus. He is there waiting for us. Also, please consider finding time to make a regular obligation to sit with Christ. We have open hours available and have a real need for regular adorers during the overnight hours. We have adorers that have the overnight hours and many times have to stay 2 to 3 hours until a adorer arrives to be with Christ. Christ needs you in those hours that no one sits with Him. Pray and consider sitting with Jesus an hour a week. For information contact Santos or Edna Garcia at: 832-869-7483 or via email: adoration@stmhouston.org.

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. for RCIA inquiry. For more information, contact Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.
**OUTREACH**

Vincentian Reflection: 08/26/2018

Give of yourself, it is the greatest gift....

Vincentian Reflection: Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”... Believing in Jesus and his teaching requires letting go of what we think we know of God and allowing God to act in a whole new way. Israel’s expectations of who the Messiah would be blocked the way for some to see God acting in a new way and offering a whole new way of relating to us. Never before had Israel heard of a God who becomes incarnate and dwells among the people. Believe or leave is a pretty clear choice. Many of us make the choice to stay with Jesus but live the new, self-giving life only halfheartedly. Liturgy invites us to constantly assess the depth of our belief-commitment. We judge our belief not on what we say or think but on what we do. Self-giving always leads to new life and this is why we are able to make the choice to stay with the Master, for we have come to know and believe that he has the words of eternal life. In prayer, the emphasis must always be on the presence of the personal God, to whose word we must listen attentively, as he speaks to us the good news of his love for us and for others. In an era where there is much noise, where the media, if we so choose, speak to us all day long, we must ask ourselves: Are we able to distinguish the voice of God among the many voices that are speaking? Is God’s word able to say “new things” to us? Are we still capable of wonder? The word “wonder” has a kinship with the word wound. Is the word of God able to wound us, to penetrate the membrane that seals us off, that encloses us within ourselves? Can it break into our consciousness and change us?

**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.

**Healing After Abortion:**
Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat: A Catholic post-abortion healing retreat: August 31 - September 2. For more information or to register please call 713-741-8728 or 713-825-0649.

**RECOMMENDED ARTICLES**

1. **Prayer Shawl Ministry**
   - Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer Shawls & blankets are available at the Rectory Office. We also have fleece Prayer Blankets. Please share these with your loved ones. Those that are sick and those that are well. They are wonderful reminders that we are covered in prayer.

2. We’re not meeting through the summer but will return in September. If you have any questions please contact me: Margaret Schueler at 713-666-1311 or meschueler2@gmail.com

3. **St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

**Religious Education Department**

**Mandatory Meeting**

**Amazing Catechists**

**Helpers on**

September 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Servant Hall

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (CCE)**

**PRE-4 THRU 8TH GRADE:** First day of Class, September 16, 2018 English Session: 9am to 10:30 am Spanish Session: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**High School Faith Formation grades 9th through 12ve:** Classes begin Wednesday October 10th at 7:00 pm.

Please pray for our Catechist and our youth. See you all soon!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION FOR 9TH-12VE**

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION YEAR II CLASSES WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED PLEASE STOP BY THE CCE OFFICE TO REGISTER.**

If you are in a Catholic School, grades 10 through 12ve, come by to register for Confirmation Year II.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT, 713-729-3435 OR VIA EMAIL: aida@stmhouston.org**

**Vocation discernment for Single Men**

**Christ needs priests who are mature, virile, capable of cultivating an authentic spiritual paternity. For this to happen, priests need to be honest with themselves open with their spiritual director and trusting in divine mercy.**

- Pope Benedict XVI

**September 13**

Discover the Road Less Traveled Monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary’s Seminary for single, young adult men 18 and older. Meets second Thursday of the month. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at 9845 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77024. For more information: www. houstonvocations.com/discover

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AUGUST 26, 2018
Stewardship of
August 12, 2018

Collection: $18,189.12
Online Giving: $3,578.50
Total: $21,767.62

Weekly Budget: $33,000.00
Difference: ($11,232.38)

Building Fund: $156.00
Infirm Priests Collection: $5,693.38

Upcoming Special Collections
September 9, 2018 Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas
October 21, 2018 Propagation of the Faith Collection

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
Proverbs 19:17

Parish News & Events

St. Thomas More Parish Soccer: STM SOCCER offers recreational soccer for players ages 4-8 yrs. Our program is designed to introduce players to the game beginning with Kinder soccer and then moving through the Mirco program.

The small sided games enable players to get the maximum number of touches on the ball and to quickly learn the basic fundamentals of soccer. There is one practice on Tuesday nights and one game on Saturday morning per week, all at the STM field. We will start practice on Tuesday September 4th and our first game will be September 15th. Our last practice will be October 23rd and our last game will be October 27th.

We offer 2 divisions of play:
Kinder —4 and 5yrs. (PreK-K)
Mirco I—1st and 2nd grade

Registration Fee: 30.00
For more information contact Ms. Caroline Bolz: bolz001@yahoo.com

Fútbol para niños de Kinder a 2 GRADO aqui en la Parroquia: Primera practica el Martes 4 de Septiembre a las 5pm en el campo de la Parroquia
La cuota: $30.00 por niño
Para mayor información comuníquese por email a: bolz001@yahoo.com o puede registrarse el primer día de practica.

Diocesan Services Fund 2018 (DSF)

Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $141,106.83
Total Amount Pledged: $152,386.00
Total Number of Participant: 301
* Total Number of Households: 4368
Average Participant Pledge: $506.27
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($51,893.17)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($40,614.00)
Percent Paid: 73.11%

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.

Por favor, oren y piensen sobre cuánto puede permitirse su familia hacer un compromiso a los Fondos Diocesanos.
Si repasamos nuestra meta, la mitad de lo que es exceso de nuestra meta se regresa a las necesidades ministeriales de nuestra parroquia.
Nuestra parroquia debe cumplir con la meta que nos da la Archdioceses ya sea pagado por nosotros individualmente o pagado con nuestros fondos generales de nuestra parroquia al final del año. Ayudemos a nuestra Archdioceses.

Join Father Hai and Deacon David Johnson & St. Thomas More for...
Shrines of Italy

October 30th - November 9th, 2018 $ 3149

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

Featuring Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Monte Sant’Angelo, Pompeii, and More

More Information:
Deacon David - DeaconDave@STMHouston.org
Aida Gonzales - 713-729-3435 — www.STMHouston.org

Below is the weblink for the Italy trip.
gateway.gocollette.com/link/858030

Vigesimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 26
8:30 am  Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:30 am  RCA English—Donovan’s Den
2:30 pm  Spanish Baptism, Church
4:00 pm  Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm  Youth Group, Youth Center
                      Girl Scouts, Scout House

Monday, August 27
7:00 am  CATS, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am  Funeral Mass, Church
10:00 am  Talleres de Vida y Oracion, Youth Center
2:30 pm  Girl Scouts, Scout House
5:30 pm  Counseling, Counseling Office
6:00 pm  Cub Scouts, Scout House & Prinster Hall
6:15 pm  Confessions / Confesiones
7:30 pm  Danza Tonantzint, Rehkopf Gym

Tuesday, August 28
7:00 am  CATS, Donovan’s Den
8:30 am  Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
5:30 pm  STM Soccer Club, Ball Field
6:15 pm  Confessions / Confesiones
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm  Troop 99, Scout House
                      Talleres de Vida y Oracion, Youth Center

Wednesday, August 29
7:00 am  CATS, Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm  Spanish Choir, Church
                      Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Chapel
7:15 pm  Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
7:30 pm  RCA Inquiry, Adult Ed Bld, St. Peter ...
                      Danza Tonantzint, Rehkopf Gym
11:00 pm  Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Thursday, August 30
7:00 am  C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm  Troop 99, Scout House
                      S.T.M. Sunday Choir, Church
                      World of Truth Bible Study, Youth Conference Rm

Friday, August 31
7:00 am  C.A.T.S, Donovan’s Den
5:00 pm  Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den Loft
5:30 pm  Girl Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm  Altar Server (Spanish), Church
7:30 pm  Danza Tonantzint, Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, September 1
8:00 am  STM Soccer Club, Ball Field
10:30 am  Counseling, Counseling Office
2:00 pm  Convalidation, Church
3:30 pm  Confessions / Confesiones
5:00 pm  Vigil Mass, Church
7:15 pm  World of the Truth Bible Study, Youth Center

Sunday, September 2
8:30 am  Religious Article, Servant Hall
9:30 am  RCA English—Adult Ed Bld (St. Peter Rm)
2:30 pm  English Baptism, Church
6:00 pm  Youth Group, Youth Center

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MASS INTENTIONES | INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday/Domingo 8-26-2018
7:30am  For our parishioners
9:00am  † Emmanuel Orji
11:00am  The Ohanacaj Family (Sp.Int.)
1:00pm  † Irving Mananon
                      † Roselia Mananon
5:00pm-...  † Leland Fontenet
7:00pm  † For all souls in Purgatory

Monday/Lunes 8-27-2018
6:30am  † Myrna Ibazo
                      † Cecilio DeCastro Jr.
5:30pm  Barbara Turner (Sp.Int.)

Tuesday/Martes 8-28-2018
6:30am  Fr. Richard Hinkley (Sp. Int.)
5:30pm  † Ben Germani

Wednesday/Miércoles 8-29-2018
6:30am  † Mariela Rodriguez (Sp.Int.)
                      Henry Rigor (Sp.Int.)
5:30pm  † Bill Flores
                      † Oscar Guerra

Thursday/Jueves 8-30-2018
6:30am  † For all souls in Purgatory
5:30pm  † For our Priest, Staff, and Faculty

Friday/Viernes 8-31-2018
6:30am  † For all souls in Purgatory
8:15am  For the Unity of Our Community
5:30pm  Ashley Banegas (Birthday)

Saturday/Sábado 9/01/2018
8:00am  † Nancy Gutierrez
5:00pm  † George Macey

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

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday  Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday  Saint Monica
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday  Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday  The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mk 6:17-29

Thursday  1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday  1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday  1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21;
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday  Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

AUGUST 26, 2018
**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES SUNDAYS**

*Grupo de Jovenes*

Invites Youth ages 13–18 on *Sunday* evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to the Youth Center for great discussion, fun, food, and fellowship.

**EXCITING NEWS!**

Starting October 14, every second Sunday of the month, we invite all Youth to be part of the Joyful Eucharistic Celebration at 5 pm mass.

Young people, Pope Francis said, “Do not bury your Talents that God has given you! We need you Young people to participate, to be as ushers, altar servers, readers and greeters. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Aida Gonzalez, aida@stmhouston.org, for more information. See you there!

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**CHOIR MINISTRY**

**Add Your Voice**

Music ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration, and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and various parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of diverse and committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn, come and sing with us.

**YOUTH CHOIR** First practice, Wednesday, September 5, 6:00-7:00pm in choir room. We need more members. Students from 4th -9th grade. Call Ms. Endres 713 980 3111

**Sounds of Faith** 5:00 pm Saturday mass. First practice, Tuesday August 14, 7:30-9:00 in choir room. Call Mary Endres 713-980-3111

St. Thomas More Sunday Choir. First practice, Thursday August 23 7:30-9:00 in church. Call Mary Endres 713 980 3111.

**ALL choirs need more members!!!**

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**PARISH Life and Events**

**ESL**

(English as a Second Language)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

You don’t have to be bilingual.

Requirement: Have the passion to help. Classes will start September, 2018.

For more information, contact: Mr. Norman & Ann Palms, normpalms@aol.com

**Registration**

ESL Registration will be on Tuesday - September 4, 2018 and Thursday - September 6, 2018 at the Parish School at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, located at 10330 Hillcroft Street, Houston, TX 77096.

Registration will at 7:00 pm in the Parish School. Registration fee will be $30.

ESL classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday each week, beginning on September 11, 2018, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Fall semester will end on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

The **Gabriel Project** is in need of gently used infant clothing, pack n plays, car seats and strollers. Please drop off donations at the Parish Rectory Offices. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. Ingrid Gooding & Niki Sikinger, Co-Coordinates

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**Monthly Fish Fry**

by Knights of Columbus

**Friday**

**September 7, 2018**

**Prinster Hall**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Adults: $8.00
Kids under 12: $4.00

Vigésimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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Josué llama a una asamblea de todas las tribus de Israel en Siquem y dice: "decidirán hoy a quién servirán," Josué 24:15.

Los israelitas a los que Josué se dirigió tuvieron un momento difícil. Poco después de que Moisés los sacó de Egipto y los llevo hasta la orilla de la tierra prometida, Moisés murió. Josué se hizo cargo de la posición de liderazgo. Luego les recordó a la gente todas las grandes cosas que Dios había hecho por ellos a lo largo de su historia. Fue Dios, les dijo, quien los sacó de la esclavitud de la tierra de Egipto. Fue Dios quien realizó grandes milagros y los protegió a lo largo de nuestro viaje.

Nosotros somos como los israelitas. Estamos viajando hacia el Cielo Prometido bajo la bandera de Cristo Resucitado. Al igual que los israelitas, cuestionamos, nos quejamos, y luchamos con la fe, las creencias y la confianza. Es entonces cuando debemos recordar las grandes cosas que Dios ha hecho a lo largo de la historia y en nuestras vidas. Es difícil para cada uno de nosotros decir: "Yo ... he decidido hoy servirle al Señor". Ahora podría ser un buen momento para que las parejas casadas que reflexionen en oración sobre la pregunta siguiente: "¿Todavía estamos enamorados, perdidos, con tu cónyuge? Y listo para entregar tu vida por tu cónyuge, como Cristo entregó su vida por la Iglesia? Nuestra fe, nuestro compromiso, nuestro amor, nuestra caridad se prueban de diversas maneras. Puede ver ahora por qué la Santa Eucaristía nos ofrece muchas oportunidades para recordar, para confiar en el Santo Misterio, para profundizar nuestra relación, y para volver a comprometer nuestras vidas a Jesús.

Espero que podamos aprovechar esto y fortalezcarnos para resistir a los falsos dioses de hoy y ser fieles a Jesús a la iglesia, a nuestro cónyuge, a nuestra familia y a nosotros mismos. Recuerde lo que dijo la Madre Teresa de Calcuta: 'Dios no requiere que tengamos éxito solo para ser fieles'.

Tengan un bello domingo y una excelente semana.

**Bendiciones de nuestro, PASTOR**

**SACRAMENTOS**

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

**BAUTISMO INFANTIL DE 0 MESES A 6 cumplidos (no pasado de 6 años) AÑOS DE EDAD:** Para tomar la clase debe ser miembro registrado de la parroquia y que VIVAN EN EL cód 35 y 96: y solo las personas que estén registradas pueden asistir. Los padrinos deben estar casados y por la Iglesia Católica y traen comprobante. La próxima clase Pre-Bautismales será el Sábado 15 de Septiembre en el Servant Hall de 9:30am a 2pm. Las puertas se cierran a las 10:00 am. Para registrarse para la clase, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435.

** Padres, Necesitamos toda su atención para la clase.**

* No se permitirá a ningún niño asistir a esta sesión.
* No hay excepciones. No hay cuidado de niños disponible.

**PREPARATORIOS 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., Sabado 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, favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

**BENDICIONES Y QUINCE AÑOS**

**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 al año de la celebración y el anterior o seguir un proceso de formación de fe, ya sea en la escuela católica o siguiendo el Catecismo. Para más información comuníquese al 713-729-3435.

Para tener en cuenta que las bendiciones del domingo sea de quince años o tres años, NO SE PERMITEN FOTOGRAFÍAS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

**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.

Para mayor información sobre Adoración Eucarística comuníquese: adoration@stmhouston.org o 832-869-7483

_AUGUST 26, 2018_
Catecismo:

¡Bienvenidos a la Catequesis Familiar!

CATECISMO (CCE) PRE-K AL 8TO GRADO: Primer Dia de Clase, Domingo 16 de Septiembre, 2018. Seccion en Ingles: 9am a 10:30 am Seccion en Español: 11am a 12:30 pm. Nos vemos pronto!

Formation de Fe para jóvenes del 9 al 12 grado: Primer Dia de Confirmacion Año I y Año II: Miercoles Octubre 10, 2018 a las 7:00 pm

Clases de Ingles

El registro de ESL será el martes 4 de septiembre de 2018 y el jueves 6 de septiembre de 2018 en la escuela parroquial de la iglesia católica Saint Thomas More, ubicada en 10330 Hillcroft Street, Houston, TX 77096.

La inscripción será a las 7:00 p.m. en la Escuela Parroquial. La cuota de inscripción será de $30.

Las clases de ESL serán los martes y jueves de cada semana, comenzando el 11 de septiembre de 2018, de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. El semestre de otoño terminará el jueves, 13 de diciembre de 2018.

Inscripciones de Confirmacion para Jovenes

Las inscripciones ya están abiertas de 10:00 AM a 4:30 pm, de lunes a viernes: Confirmación en Santo Tomas Moro es un programa de dos años. El estudiante que está actualmente en escuela Católica está recibiendo Formación de Fe y cumplen con el requisito según las reglas de la Arquidiócesis de Confirmación “Año 1” deben de registrarse para Confirmación II en el grado 10 al 12. Los estudiantes que están en escuela pública y/o escuela privada no-Católica grados 9 al 11, deben de registrarse para Confirmación “Año 2".

Preparación: Confirmación “Año 1 inició la preparación desde el grado 9 al 11 de High School (Prepa) Cuota: $50.00

Confirmación “Año 2" inició la preparación desde el grado 10 al 12 de High School (Prepa). Cuota: $200.00

Se les pide que hagan un pago parcial de la cuota el día que registren su hijo/s. Gracias

Si eres un estudiante de High School (Preparatoria) que no ha sido bautizado y/o recibido Primera Comunión, vengan a registrarse que tenemos una preparación para ti también.

Para mayor información por favor de comunicarse con Aída González por teléfono 713-729-3435 y/o por correo electrónico: aida@stmhouston.org.

Para registrarse a su hijo/a debe traer una copia del Certificado de Bautismo y la Acta de Nacimiento. Si su hijo no está bautizado, solo necesitamos el Certificado de Nacimiento.

SOLAMENTE FAMILIAS QUE VIVAN POR LA AREA DE SANTO TOMAS, SE ACEPTARAN PARA REGISTRARSE EN NUESTRO CATECISMO.

Twenty –First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ya están en sesion los lunes de las 10:00am a 12pm y los martes de 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, en el Edificio de Jovenes.

Para mayor información contacte,

Angeles Romero 832-273-6914, Lunes Andrea Cortes 281-451-7848, Martes

Renición obligatoria para Catequista y Ayudante de Catequista el 5 de Septiembre de 2018 a las 7:30pm. Próximamente, Más información.

Esten pendientes.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana Para Adultos

¿Eres adulto y estás interesado en recibir el Bautizo, Confirmación y/o Primera Comunión? ¿Te gustaría conocer más sobre la fe católica? O ¿Talvez has estado alejado de la Iglesia y deseas regresar a casa?

Ven a investigar de qué se trata la fe católica.

¡Las inscripciones ya están abiertas!

¡Ven a caminar juntos en esta jornada de Fe!

Para mayor información
Comunícarse al, 713-729-3435.
Senior Citizen Activities:

2018 - STreaMliners' meet every second Saturday of the Month: The STreaMliners' general meeting begins at 10:00 am. The Saint Thomas More STreaMliners invite all members of the parish and guests to our September 8th meeting in Servant Hall.

Don't forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and Toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital.

Travel Trips – “Cruise to Jamaica” if interested get in touch with Mike Alexander

Please call or email - Joyce Coles h.713-774-1628 or Email: jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net
Frances Landry c. 832-857-6500 or Email: franpedro51@com
Mike Alexander h. 713-621-6520 or Email: alexander1811@sbcglobal.net

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 9:30 am. Next Bingo, September 11 and September 25. See you there!

The St. Thomas More Bridge group will meet again on Tuesday September 4th at 9:45 a.m. in Donovan’s Den.

Please bring a sandwich and $2.00, we will provide the drinks, snacks and dessert.

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