"Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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“A Family of Families”
"Una Familia de Familias"

Mass Times | Horario de Misa
Saturday vigil 5:00p.m.
Sunday | Domingo
7:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 11:00a.m.,
5:00p.m. (English)
1:00p.m. & 7:00 pm (Español)

Holy Day of Obligation (Schedule varies)

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

Confessions | Confesiones
Tuesday | Martes 6:15pm—7:00p.m.
Wednesday | Miércoles 6:15pm—7:00p.m.
Saturday | Sábado 3:30p.m.—4:45p.m.
thoughts from our Pastor, Fr. Hai

As we read from the first reading today—from Jeremiah 8:2-4a, 5-6; 8:10 when the Jews returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon, "they gathered and listened to Ezra reading God’s word, they cried. Why? Because of destructions. Their country, cities, villages, Jerusalem temple, all around them, lay in ruins.

Today, when we look at our world, our country, our cities, we see destructions (because of hurricane Harvey, for example) and sufferings. Like the Jews in Ezra’s time, we feel discouraged.

But, let us look at the last line of the First Reading is more than a little surprising: the joy of the Lord is our strength!

It is, of course, not surprising to hear that we must be strong.

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.” Psalm 19.

"If the Lord himself is with us and for us, what can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

And so, this Sunday we can see why the prayer of St. Patrick makes sense:

“Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me. ... I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord.”

We find strength, courage and energy in the words of Jesus and his life. Our Christian mission in life—like Jesus—ought to be like this: to be a brother or sister of Jesus, working with him to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

[History in-short]

Ancient Israel was captured by the Babylonian empire 586 AD. The Babylonians took Jerusalem, and demolished the great temple built by Solomon centuries before. They deported all productive citizens to Babylon, leaving peasants to run the holy city.

After fifty years or so of their captivity, Cyrus the Great, king of Persia (now Iran), came into possession of Babylon and he let the captives, the Jews, go back to their home.

Ezra—priest, scribe and teacher—led Jewish people on the four-month desert journey back to Jerusalem.

They arrived to find Jerusalem a ruined city with widespread moral decay.

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.stmhouston.org

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; and Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m. hours) Please note, during repairs in the church, confessions will ONLY be on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in Donovan’s Den.

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 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 class will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019
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 (3) 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.

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

“Repairing, replacing is not easy. But, it is needed.”

“beware of the devil, who wants an angry, jealous, divided church. The holy Spirit unites, makes us focus on Christ” Pope Francis

Scripture Readings
Week of January 27, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:3-12 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21
Monday Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday
Heb 10:1-18; Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday
Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

In your Prayer—En sus Oraciones
For the Healing of:

- Cathay Stoessel
- Aura Selvera
- Doris Cervenka
- Frank Martinez
- Patrick Wark
- Salvador Gonzalez
- Ana Lucero Arredondo Sanchez
- Fr. Richard Hinkley
- Kathy Latino
- Mark Crow
- Maria Guadalupe Fonseca
- Joseph Fogarty
- Mark Allan Navo
- Elsie Martinez
- Gary Frederick
- Richard Sullivan
- Gage Martinez
- Shirley Guillory
- Aselo Hernandez
- Ronald Escobar
- Andy Schules
- Donato Bautista
- Tommy Todd
- Naela Fogarty
- Familia Solis

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.

More information on Austin Tice, please go to:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/austin-tices

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.

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.
stewardship of TREASURE, TIME AND TALENT

Stewardship of January 13, 2019

Collection: $24,181.50
Online Giving: $3,080.94
Total: $27,262.44

Weekly Budget: $33,000.00
Difference: (-$5,737.56)

Building Fund: $197.00

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

Diocesan Services Fund 2018 (DSF)

Parish Goal: $193,000.00

Total Amount Paid: $196,840.00 Total Amount Pledged: $197,290.00
Total Number of Participant: 336 * Total Number of Households: 4368
Average Participant Pledge: 587.17 Paid Over (Under) Goal: $3,840.00
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: $4,290.00 Percent Paid: 101.99%

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 Archidiócesis ya sea pagado por nosotros individualmente o pagado con nuestros fondos generales de nuestra parroquia al final del año. Ayudemos a nuestra Archidiócesis.

Important 2018 Year End Contribution Acknowledgment Date:

Please be advised that year-end contribution acknowledgements have been mailed to parishioners with contributions of $250 or more in 2018. Please contact the parish office for a copy of your contribution acknowledgement if you do not receive it by the end of this month or if you contributed less than $250 and would like an acknowledgement letter.

Thank you for your continued support to St. Thomas More!

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OUTREACH

Vincentian Reflection: 01/27/2019

Parents, teach your children the joy of knowing God:

We would guess that Jesus introduced a long, pregnant pause, before he said what the synagogue people of Nazareth could hardly expect: “Today, this Scripture is being fulfilled in your hearing.” Like Jesus, in our baptism we also have been anointed with the Spirit. And so, we are called to look for the poor, captive, blind, and oppressed among us. We don’t have to look very far! “Today this passage has been fulfilled” is now true only when we ourselves respond to those around us who need a nourishing, strengthening, joyful word. In light of Vincent’s regular practice of taking the imitation of Jesus Christ as the model of behavior, the saint, in Jesus’ manner, chose the words of this Gospel: “He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,” as the motto of his life and ministry. Jesus modeled doing before teaching. Accordingly, Vincent noted that Jesus first integrated “fully into his life every type of virtue.” That was his preparation, after which our Lord, then went on to teach, by preaching the good news of salvation to poor people, and by passing on to his apostles and disciples what they needed to know to become guides for others. As followers of Vincent, we must imitate Christ the Lord, first...imitate his virtues and then we can go out in service to the poor.

Still recovering from Harvey?

Did you know that fifteen percent of the hundreds of thousands of homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey are still uninhabitable?

Do you know someone still struggling to recover and rebuild from Harvey?

Can you spare one day a month to help others recover and rebuild?

Do you feel you are all thumbs when it comes to carpentry skills?

Do you have any carpentry or leadership skills?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, The Harvey Rebuild Project needs you! Please see the enclosed flyer for more information or visit https://www.stmhouston.org/harvey-rebuild-project.

Sunday January 27, 2019
Formaly VIRTUS training for employees and volunteers

The following is for all employees, volunteers (school, ministries, groups, organizations) and parents:
The CMG Safe Haven online training is replacing the VIRTUS training. The training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that is approximately 60 minutes and will include a criminal background check that must be completed.

These trainings are available in English and Spanish. No longer will live trainings be offered, all Safe Environment trainings will only be available online. https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org

- All new employees, volunteers and parents will complete the Safe Haven online training program instead of VIRTUS PGC training. The turnaround time for approval may be approximately two weeks or less.
- All individuals must complete the training and complete a background check prior to the start of employment and/or volunteer service.
- The 5-year anniversary date is still in place, individuals who recently attended VIRTUS will not be due to complete refresher trainings until they have met their 5-year anniversary date.
- As the 5-year anniversary date is met, all volunteers, staff employees, teachers, and parents will need to log into CMGConnect with their previous personal VIRTUS user id and 1234 as the password. Once the individual logs into their CMGConnect account, they will be able to change their password. If they do not remember the user id, they may contact the following:

  1. (Please make sure your name, email and phone number is listed here)
  2. Daphne Woods at 800.228.6108 ext. 2375 or dwoods@catholicmutual.org
  3. CMG at cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org

The following individuals below will now be required to complete Safe Haven online training as well:

1. Individuals who have never attended training.
2. Individuals who are currently due for refresher training and had not attended VIRTUS training.
3. Individuals who are currently due and have not attended VIRTUS training.
4. Individuals who are out of compliance or past due.
Religious Education

Dear Parents with children in second year of Sacramental Preparation:

Please remember to practice all of the basic prayers especially the act of Contrition and steps to Reconciliation with your children. Reconciliation is scheduled for March through April on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm in the church. Remember, time is approaching. We will be sending out a note to each student in February.

Parents, don’t forget to attend the Mandatory Classes scheduled for February 3 and March 3, 2019 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, and in Spanish from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Prinster Hall.

First Communion Date:

English First Communions will be celebrated at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday May 4, 2019.
Spanish Masses will be on Saturday May 4, 2019:
10:00 am—All children with last names with the letter that begin with A through M; and
12:30 pm—All children with last names with the letter that begin with N through Z.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at 713-729-3435

“Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught—it is an invitation to a way of life”

Joe Paprocki

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation Year I and Year II Students, if you have not yet turned in your required paper work, you must start turning them in. Please stop by the Religious Education office on Wednesday before class to speak to the director Aida Gonzalez, or via email: aida@stmhouston.org; or contact by phone 713-729-3435, to assist you with your paper work.

Important Dates coming up:

Confirmation Year I—Day of Reflection: Saturday February 16, 2019—Servant Hall

Confirmation Year II—Parent meeting: February 6, Servant Hall
6:30 pm—English; 7:30 pm—Spanish

Parents it is important to attend the parent meetings, activities, and mass on Sundays to support the Candidate. The Parent meetings, activities and attend mass at STM also counts towards the Confirmation requisite of your children, but if you do not attend, your child (ren) will be evaluated by the Pastor or Deacon to determine if they are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation: If you are 18 or older, and need the sacrament of Confirmation, classes have begun on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Religious Education building. If you are interested, please contact Deacon David Johnson, 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 questions and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Sunday mornings, 9:30 am—11:00 am at Donovan’s Den and Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm, RCIA inquiry. For more information, contact Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 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.

What should I wear to mass?

As a sign of respect for our Savior and Redeemer, it is important that special consideration be made to attire. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.” (CCC, 1987)

As we enter the House of our Lord for worship in the Holy Mass, we ask that you dress modestly and appropriately, showing a Christian respect for others. We know that summers in Houston are very hot. But dress-casual shorts that go down to the knee are much more respectful than gym shorts, and shoes or sandals are more reverent than flip-flops. In general, shoulders should be covered, neck-lines should be appropriate, dresses should be of a respectable length. Inappropriate clothing such as tight blue jeans, tight dresses, see-through blouses and dresses that accentuate various body parts that are considered sacred should not be worn. Any words on clothing should fit the profound reverence of the Holy Eucharist in the House of God. Remember, that by dressing modestly, we can help others focus on prayer and less on the temptations prompted by inappropriate clothing choices.

Thank you for helping us honor God and live in harmony with each other.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 27
7:00 am - 2:00 pm — CCE CLASSES — School & Prinster Hall
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA (English), Rectory
12:30 pm Knights of Columbus, New GYM
2:00 pm Girl Scout, Scout House
3:00 pm STM School Pancakes with Dad, Servant Hall
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

Monday, January 28
7:15 am CATS, Donovan's Den
10:00 am Talleres de Oracion y Vida, Youth Center
3:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Tuesday, January 29
7:15 am CATS, Donovan's Den
4:00 pm Talleres de Oracion y Vida, Youth Center
5:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm RCIA (Spanish), Youth Prayer Room
English Classes (ESL), School
Talleres de Oracion y Vida, Youth Center

Wednesday, January 30
7:15 am CATS, Donovan's Den
11:30 am School, Servant Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Prinster Hall Room G
RCIA (Spanish), Youth Center Prayer Room
Confirmation Youth, Prinster Hall & Youth Center
Spanish Choir, Rekhkopf gym
Adult Confirmation (English), School Rm 4
7:30 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan's Den
RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den

Thursday, January 31
7:15 am CATS, Donovan’s Den
7:30 am School, New Gym & Prinster Hall
10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Donovan’s Den
6:00 pm ACCS Board of Review, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm English classes, School
Troop 99, Scout House
STM Sunday Choir, Music Room
11:00 pm Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Friday, February 1
7:15 am CATS, Donovan’s Den
10:30 am Word of Truth Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Donovan’s Den
5:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:50 pm Cub Scouts, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Altar Servers (Spanish), Rekhkopf gym

Saturday, February 2
7:30 am School, New Gym & Rekhkopf Gym
8:00 am Quinzeeniers Day of Reflection, Servant Hall
3:00 pm Confessions / Confecciones, Donovan’s Den
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Rekhkopf gym
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House

Sunday, February 3
7:00 am - 2:00 pm — CCE CLASSES, Prinster Hall and School
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA (English), Rectory
2:00 pm Girl Scout, Scout House
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

All masses will be in Rekhkopf Gym

Please be sure to submit all bulletin articles at least two (2) weeks in advance to aida@stmhouston.org. Thank you!

St. Thomas More Parish School

STM BOOK FAIR will open Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Students attending the book fair on Sunday must be accompanied by an adult. Books will be available for all ages - including adults. Fifth grade Library Club members will assist patrons. We know that you will be excited by the varied selection and reasonable prices!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Welcome to the Prayer Shawl Ministry:

We invite you to meet with us on the first & third Thursdays of each month to crochet prayer shawls & blankets in Donovan’s Den at 10:00 am. All are welcome to join us. Contact: Margaret Schueler at 713-666-1311 or meschueler2@gmail.com

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.

2019—STreaMliners meet every second Sunday of the Month

February 9, the Second Saturday of the month STreaMliners’ Mtg — 10AM in Prinster Hall Adults 50 and over!!! Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital.

President/Day Tripper, Joyce 713-774-2628, Casino Trips, Frances 713-723-2035 for more info. Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!!!

St. Thomas More Senior Citizen Bridge

Everyone is invited! Join us to play Bridge at Donovan’s Den on February 5th from 9:45 AM to 2:00PM. Please bring your own lunch and $2. Refreshments and dessert is provided. See you there!

Senior Citizen Bingo

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 22 and February 12, 2019. See you there!
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

CONFISSIONES: Martes 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m.; Miércoles 6:15p.m.—7:00p.m.; Sábado 3:30p.m.—4:45p.m. (Tenga en cuenta que durante las reparaciones en la iglesia, las confesiones SOLAMENTE serán los sábados de 3:00 p.m. a 4:30 p.m.)

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 DE 0 MESES A 6 cumplidos (no pasado de 6 años) NIÑOS DE EDAD: Para tomar la clase debe ser miembro registrado de la parroquia Y QUE VIVAN EN EL código 35 y 96; y solo las personas que estén registradas pueden asistir. Los padrinos deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica y traer comprobante. La próxima clase Pre-Bautismales será el Sábado 16 de Febrero, 2019 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.

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

Ministerio de Comunión a los enfermos y los confinados: Si usted no puede venir a la iglesia y desea recibir la Santa Comunión, o si sabe de alguien de nuestro 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.

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pensamientos de nuestro, Pastor HAI...

En la primera lectura de hoy de Jeremías 8: 2-4a, 5-6; 8-10, cuando los judíos regresaron a Jerusalén del cautiverio en Babilonia, se reunieron y escucharon a Esdras leyendo la palabra de Dios, y lloraron. ¿Porqué? "Debido a las destrucciones. Su país, ciudades, aldea, el templo de Jerusalén, alrededor de ellos, solo se veían ruinas.

Hoy, cuando vemos nuestro mundo, nuestro país, nuestras ciudades, vemos destrucciones (por ejemplo del huracán Harvey), y sufrimientos. Al igual que los judíos en la época de Ezra, nos sentimos desanimados.

Ahora, veamos la última oración de la primera lectura, es más que un poco sorprendente: ¡el gozo del Señor es nuestra fuerza!

Por supuesto, no es sorprendente escuchar que debemos ser fuertes. “Tus palabras, Señor, son Espíritu y vida”. Salmo 19.

Aquí hay algunas preguntas para reflexionar:
"Si Dios está de nuestra parte, ¿quién puede estar en contra nuestra?" (Romanos 8:31)

Y así, este domingo podemos ver por qué la oración de San Patricio tiene sentido:
"Cristo conmigo,
Cristo delante de mí,
Cristo detrás de mí,
Cristo en mí... Me levanto hoy a través de la poderosa fuerza del Señor.

Encontramos fuerza, valor y energía en las palabras de Jesús y su vida. Nuestra misión cristiana en la vida, como Jesús, debería ser así: ser un hermano o una hermana de Jesús, trabajar con él para llevar las buenas nuevas a los pobres, para proclamar la libertad a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos; a liberar a los oprimidos.

Que Dios les bendiga a usted y a sus seres queridos.

[Historia en abreviada]

El antiguo Israel fue capturado por el imperio babilónico 586 dC. Los babilonios tomaron Jerusalén y demolieron el gran templo construido por Salomón siglos antes. Ellos deportaron a todos los ciudadanos productivos a Babilonia, dejando que los campesinos manejaran la ciudad santa.

Después de cincuenta años o más de su cautiverio, Ciro, el Grande, rey de Persia (ahora Irán), tomó posesión de Babilonia y dejó que los cautivos, los judíos, regresaran a su hogar.

Ezra—sacerdote, escriba y uno de ellos dirigido por el maestro en el viaje de cuatro meses por el desierto. Llegaron para encontrar a Jerusalén una ciudad en ruinas con una decadencia moral generalizada.
Catecismo—CCE

Queridos padres con hijos en segundo año de preparación sacramental:

Por favor recuerde practicar todas las oraciones básicas, especialmente el acto de Contrición y los pasos para la reconciliación con sus hijos. La reconciliación está programada de marzo a abril los martes y miércoles de 6 pm a 7 pm en la iglesia. Recuerde, el tiempo se acerca.

Enviaré una nota a cada estudiante en febrero con el día y hora que le toca su confesión.

Padres, no se olviden de asistir a las clases obligatorias programadas para el 3 de febrero y el 3 de marzo de 2019 de 9:00 am a 10:30 am en inglés, y en español de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm en Prinster Hall.

Fecha de Primera comunión (Sacramento de la Eucaristía):
Las primeras comuniones en inglés se celebrarán a las 5:00 pm en la misa de vigilia el sábado 4 de mayo de 2019.

Las misas de español serán el sábado 4 de mayo de 2019:
10:00 am — Todos los niños con apellidos con la letra que comienza con A a M;
12:30 pm — Todos los niños con apellidos con la letra que comienza con N a Z.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 713-729-3435.

Confirmeion de Jovenes

Confirmeion Año I y Año II, si aún no han entregado los documentos necesarios requeridos para el Sacramento, deben comenzar a entregarlos. Para asistencia con los requisitos pase el miércoles antes de clase a la oficina de Educación Religiosa para hablar con la directora Aida González, o por correo electrónico: aida@stmhouston.org; o comuníquese por teléfono al 713-729-3435

Fechas importantes por venir:
Confirmeion Año I—Día de reflexión: sábado 16 de febrero de 2019 — Servant Hall

Confirmeion Año II—Reunion de padres miércoles 6 de Febrero, Servant Hall
Reunion de padres en inglés a las 6:30pm
Reunion de padres en español a las 7:30 pm.

Padres, es muy importante asistir a las reuniones para los padres, actividades y misa los domingos para apoyar al Candidato. Las reuniones para los padres, las actividades y asistir a la misa aquí en St. Tomas Moro también cuentan hacia el requisito de Confirmación de sus hijos, si no asisten a misa aquí en Santo Tomás y cualquier actividad, sus hijos serán evaluados por el Padre o el Deacono para determinar si van a recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación.

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Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Neh 8, 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10.
15; I Cor 12, 12-30 o 1 Cor 12, 12-14.
27; Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Lunes Memoria de San Tomás de Aquino, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia
Heb 9, 15. 24-28; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4.
5-6; Mc 3, 22-30

Martes
Heb 10, 1-10; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 10.
11; Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles
Heb 10, 11-18; Sal 109, 1. 2. 3. 4; Mc 4,
1-20

Jueves Memoria de San Juan Bosco,
Presbítero
Heb 10, 19-25; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6;
Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes
Heb 10, 32-39; Sal 36, 3-4. 5-6. 23-24.
39-40; Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado Fiesta de la Presentación del
Señor
Mal 3, 1-4; Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10; Heb 2, 14-
18; Lc 2, 22-40 o Lc 2, 22-32

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Jer 1, 4-5. 17-19; Sal 70, 1-2. 3-4a. 5-
6ab. 15ab y 17; 1 Cor 12, 31-13, 13 o
1 Cor 13, 4-13; Lc 4, 21-30

Taller de Oración y Vida
Con mucha alegría te invitamos al Taller de Oración y Vida,
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Jessica García al 713-517-7271. Te esperamos!

Qué usar y qué no usar en Misa
Como una señal de respeto por nuestro Salvador y Redentor, es importante que se preste especial
atención a su vestimenta. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica declara: “Para prepararse para una recep-
ción digna de este sacramento, los fieles deben observar el ayuno requerido por la Iglesia. El comport-
tamiento corporal (gestos, vestimenta) debe transmitir el respeto, la solemnidad y la alegría de este
momento en que Cristo se convierte en nuestro huésped.” (CCC, 1387)

Cuando entramos a la Casa de nuestro Señor para la adoración en la Santa Misa, le pedimos que se
vista de manera modesta y apropiada, mostrando un respeto cristiano por los demás. Sabemos que el
verano en Houston es muy caluroso. Sin embargo, los pantalones cortos de vestir que bajan hasta la
rodilla son mucho más respetuosos que los pantalones cortos de gimnasia y los zapatos o las sandalias
son más reverentes que las chanclas. En general, los hombres deben estar cubiertos, los escotes del
vestido o blusas deben ser apropiadamente más altos, los vestidos deben ser respetuosamente más
largos hasta la rodilla. La ropa ajustada, como los jeans ajustados, los vestidos ajustados y las blusas
transparentes y vestidos transparentes, acentúan las partes del cuerpo que se consideran sagrados. El
vestimenta (ropa) que use debe encajar con la profunda reverencia de la Sagrada Eucaristía en la Casa
de Dios. Recuerde que al vestirse con modestia, podemos ayudar a otros a enfocarse en la oración y
menos en las tentaciones provocadas por la elección inapropiada de ropa.

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