ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PARISH SCHOOL
Archdiocese of Galveston—Houston

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
HORARIO DE OFICINA DE LA IGLESIA

Monday—Friday
Lunes a Viernes
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.;
1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.;
Saturday
Sábado
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

In all Gospels — Mark, Matthew, Luke and John, when Jesus begins his public ministry, like prophet Jeremiah, He faces temptations from the devil. As you read Matthew 4:1-11, the temptations of Jesus, they are onslaughts and they keep coming throughout Jesus entire ministry, especially in the Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-46. Second, people attack him. We hear today that they want to throw him off a cliff. (Luke 4:29-30)

Look at Jesus’ reactions. Jesus does not shout, he doesn't get violent or aggressive, he doesn't curse. He simply walks through them and continues his mission.

Dear Sisters and brothers, how do we react when people do not say nice words about us? Here I can only speak for myself. If I receive a put-down or rejection, I start brooding, burning. ‘People are so ungrateful!’ I moaned. ‘I need to push-back.’ Well, not so Christ-like.

Inspire of today’s Gospel and life of Jesus, I need to do two things: One, ask if I can learn something from the criticism or rejection. Two, remind myself that people are needing me.

All of us face trials, disappointments, even devastation. The question is: How do we deal with those contradictions? The first thing is to recognize that God allows those trials for a purpose: so, we can learn to love with our heart, mind, and soul.

Let’s listen intently again from the words of St. Paul in today’s second reading and discern and reflect:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth."

Then St. Paul concludes: "Love bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

Love is a decision. Even more, love is grace: something beyond human capacity. St. Paul calls love a charism - a gift from God. We have to ask God for that gift. So, pray and ask God for the gift of sacrificial love in action—not just words.

Let’s end our earthly life with Paul’s words: "So faith, hope, love remain, but the greatest of these is love." Amen.

Fr. Hai

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.stmho.pdf

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; and Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m. 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-6 years 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!

Please keep us, the construction workers, and this project in your prayers!

Thank you for your help!

We are very grateful to those of you who continue to support the parish with your time, talent and treasure, especially during the inconveniences experienced during repairs.

Also, we might not have the best sound system, best seats, but the most important is that we are one body of Christ that unites to Celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

“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 February 3, 2019

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

Monday
Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:6b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9ab; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

In your Prayer—En sus Oraciones For the Healing of:
Cathey 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 Fargarty
Mark Allan Navo
Ed Sharp
Elvis Martinez
Gary Frederick
Richard Sullivan
Gage Martinez
Shirley Guillory
Aselo Hernandez
Ronald Escobar
Andy Schules
Donato Bautista
Tommy Todd
Naela Fargarty
Familia Solis

For the repose of soul:
† Charles Kotherithara
† Fr. Edward Abell
† Fr. Isaac Francis
† Fr. David Max
† Ana Stannard
† Sabrina Nicole Herrera
† Ed Landry
† Amy Eskelund
† John Coronado
† Maria del Refugio Martinez
† Barbara Turner
† Charles Leland Fontenot
† Doug Deatherage

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 20, 2019

Collection:  $21,143.88
Online Giving:  $3,676.49
Total:  $24,820.37

Weekly Budget:  $33,000.00
Difference:  (-$8,179.63)

Building Fund:  $257

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!

Donate Now... with on-line giving

Start Making your Offertory Gift through Online Giving.
Join the parishioners who use VANCO Payment Solutions for their parish giving.
Visit www.stmhouston.org and click on the follow icon:

OUTREACH

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference

Monthly Donor and Community Appreciation Report

For Calendar Year 2018

Your monetary contributions and donation of goods to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference continue to touch the lives of so many families in our community.

During this past year you helped us accomplish the following goals:

- Helped feed $436 people through our pantry.
- Made 146 home visits.
- Paid $34,353 in rental assistance and $4,046 in utility payments.
- Provided furniture vouchers costing $727.
- Provided Miscellaneous gifts and food totaling $5,538.

We especially want to thank the following businesses in our community for their continued support of our ministry:

- Moeller Bakery
  4201 Bellaire Blvd
  Houston Tx 77025
- Neighborhood Walmart
  9700 Hillcroft Street
  Houston Tx 77096
- Foodarama
  5665 Beechnut Str
  Houston Tx 77096

Please continue to patronize these establishments whose contributions do so much for the families in our community.

Still recovering from Harvey?

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

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 February 3, 2019
**Youth Ministry-Grupo de Jovenes**

**YOUNG DISCIPLES
SUNDAYS / DOMINGOS**

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.

**YOUTH WE HOPE TO SEE YOU**
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!”

Young people, we need you to participate as ushers, altar servers, readers, and greeters on February 10, 2019.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact

Aida Gonzalez,
daia@stmhouston.org, for more information. See you there!

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**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](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 10:30am, 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 required paper work, you must start turning them in. Please stop at 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, 1387)

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 respectable 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 respectful 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.
St. Thomas More Blood Drive

It’s easy to be a real super hero on Super Sunday—donate and save up to three lives with just one hour of your time!

Plus, be a superstar to your St. Thomas More School child or grandchild! If you attempt to donate, you will receive a uniform free-day pass!

And because we missed some of you last time, we’re staying open until 3:30!!

Please join us Sunday, February 3, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in Servant Hall! Do something super on Super Sunday!

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

Second Saturday of the month on February 9th STreaMliners’ Mtg – 10am in Prinster Hall Adults 50 and over!!! Entertainment vocalist, Julia Laskowski

Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital. Note: we will be collecting dues for 2019, $15.00 per member.


Thursday, Feb. 28th - Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA w/ Frances Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach ~$15 pp cash includes ($10 free play) Coffee, Donuts at 6:30am. Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us!

President/Day Tripper, Joyce Coles713-774-2628, Casino Trips, Frances Landry, 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 2:00 PM. 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, February 12 and February 26, 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 sabados de 3:00 p.m. a 4:30 p.m.)

UNION DE LOS ENFERMOS: El santo momento de Unión de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

BAUTISMO INFANTIL DE 0 MESES A 6 CUMPLEDOS (no pasado de 6 años) AÑOS 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-Bautismal 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:
Los parejas comprometidas, por favor comuniquense 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 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 de nuestro área que está enfermo y no puede salir de casa para la misa, desee recibir la comunión, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

pensamientos de nuestro, Pastor HAI...


Queridas hermanas y hermanos, ¿cómo reaccionamos cuando las personas no dicen buenas cosas sobre nosotros? Aquí solo puedo hablar por mí mismo. Si recibo un rechazo, me comienza a sentir amargado y molesto. Digo, "¡La gente es tan desagradecida!" Pero tengo que rechazar ese pensamiento porque no es de Cristo.

Imaginado por el Evangelio de hoy y la vida de Jesús, necesito hacer dos cosas: Primero, preguntarme si puedo aprender algo de la crítica y el rechazo. Y segundo, recordar que la gente me está necesitando.

Todos nosotros enfrentamos pruebas, desilusiones, incluso devastación. La pregunta es: ¿Cómo lidiamos con esas contradicciones? Lo primero es reconocer que Dios permite esas pruebas con un propósito para que podamos aprender a amar con nuestro corazón, mente y alma.

Escuchemos atentamente las palabras de San Pablo en la segunda lectura de hoy, y discernamos y reflexionemos:

“El amor es comprensivo, el amor es servicial y no tiene envidia; el amor no es presumido ni se envanece; no es grosero ni egoísta; no se irrita ni guarda rencor; no se alegra con la injusticia, sino que goza con la verdad. El amor disculpa sin límites, confía sin límites, espera sin límites, soporta sin límites.”

El amor es una decisión. Aún más, el amor es gracia, algo más allá de la capacidad humana. San Pablo llama al amor un carisma, un don de Dios. Tenemos que pedirle a Dios ese regalo. Entonces, oremos y pídemosle a Dios el don del amor sacrificial en acción, no solo las palabras.

Espero que todos acabemos nuestra vida terrenal con las palabras de Pablo: "Así que la fe, la esperanza, el amor permanecen, pero el más grande de estos es el amor”. Amén.
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.

Enviarás una nota a cada estudiante en febrero con el día y hora que le tocará 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 (Sacromento 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.

Confirmación de Jovenes

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

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

Confirmación Año II—Reunión de padres miércoles 6 de Febrero, Servant Hall
Reunión de padres en inglés a las 6:30 pm
Reunión 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 el 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 Tomas 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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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 recepción digna de este sacramento, los fieles deben observar el ayuno requerido para la Iglesia. El comportamiento 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 altas, 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 vestimento (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 adoración y menos en las tentaciones provocadas por la elección inapropiada de ropa.

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