Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Parish School
Archdiocese of Galveston—Houston

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

I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me."—Luke 6:31

St. Thomas More Catholic Church and Parish School

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.—7:00p.m.;
Saturday
Sábado
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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Mondays—Closed
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Wednesday—11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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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 (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 6:15 p.m.—7:00p.m.
Wednesday | Miércoles 6:15 p.m.—7:00p.m.
Saturday | Sábado 3:30 p.m.—4:45p.m.
thoughts from our Pastor, Fr. Hai

In face of violence, Jesus says: turn the other cheek. “Love your enemies and do good to them ... expecting nothing back.”

Sisters and brothers, I find this Sunday’s readings are very important and challenging in my struggle and your, to live, practice Jesus’ teaching on love, mercy, forgiveness. The Scripture said that the crucified Christ prayed for his torturers: ‘Father, forgive them.’ (Luke 23:34) They physically hurt him; they killed him physically. And yet, they couldn’t kill him spiritually. Jesus turns the whole world upside down when he prays for ‘his enemies.

We are all loved by God, wanted by God, called by God to life, family community and, through communal life, to happiness, to love and to forgive.

Very soon we will celebrate Ash Wednesday (March 6); we will confess our transgressions and seek God’s compassionate healing love. I believe God will not forgive us if we still practice passive aggression, gossiping, and getting even (like revenge) when we interact within friends, families, congregations, work places, etc.

Jesus after his resurrection breathed upon his disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit, the spirit of new life. Yes, We Can .... Change! Change! Change!

PS. With the completion date of our church new floor and pews quickly approaching—our target return date is Sunday, March 10, 2019 at the 7:30am mass.

I would like to share a few thoughts,
- Since the Dedication of STM new church on March 10, 1978, over the time, our church needs major maintenance and repairs.
- With financial discipline, our repairs proceeded without a capital campaign. But, if you want to make your contribution to this, please do so.
- Many wonderful STM parishioners have donated their time, talent, and treasure to this project.
- There will be some minor works to be done, like fine tuning the organ and sound system, when we return to ‘new church.’
- the Sound system in the Old church/old gym I have donated and I personally installed it. That system will stay there for the School and the Parish use.

Thank you for tithes and offerings, and your patience. May God bless us all.

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.stmhoouston.org

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-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, March 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.
What time can we get Ashes...

We love when people call and want to know if we have any OTHER times for mass or services for Ash Wednesday, Really? Is this not enough? It’s not even a holy day of obligation, but it is the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time of repentance and reflection on fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We always get a couple of people stopping by wanting to ash themselves, but that’s not allowed.

If you have any questions in regards to Ash Wednesday, call the parish Office for information, 713-729-0221.

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"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be BRAVE!"

Pope Francis

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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 Fogarty
Mark Allan Navo
Ed Sharp
Elsie Martinez
Gary Frederick
Richard Sullivan
Gage Martinez
Shirley Guillory
Aselo Hernandez
Ronald Escobar
Andy Schules
Donato Bautista
Tommy Todd
Naela Fogarty
Familia Solis
Humberto Niño Mencaca

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For the repose of soul:
† 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

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Dear parishioners,
Update on what’s happening in the sanctuary:
1. Construction workers are almost done setting the new tile.
2. the repair of the sliding glass doors is almost done.
3. LED lights have been installed. Sanctuary is brighter.

We are still on time. Our Sanctuary is starting to look more beautiful.

Please continue to pray for us. Thank You.

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Scripture Readings
Week of February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time
1 Sm 26:2-7, 9-12, 13-22, 23-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday
Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday
Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday
Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday
Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday
Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday
Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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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-tice

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.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
St. Vincentian Reflection:
Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear, I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...” We have here, for those “who hear,” the deeper challenge beyond the Beatitudes. Not everyone can hear and live this challenge; this is why it is so difficult to establish God’s reign. Jesus lays out the concrete conduct that establishes the kingdom, and it truly is extraordinary in its demands. True this extraordinary way of relating to others isn’t normal! It is divine! God has acted toward us already with extraordinary kindness and mercy, already giving us a full measure of blessedness. Can we afford not to hear? All our lives we are preparing and choosing the sort of judge we will have at the end of our lives. It is the compassionate and understanding judgments which we make about others which are fashioning the judge we ourselves will meet at the moment of death. If our judgments have been harsh and unsympathetic toward others, then the judge we are choosing for ourselves at the end of our lives will be a harsh and unsympathetic one. We must draw that conclusion from our Lord’s own words: “...because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.” And so we can say, “With the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.”

Rebuilding from Harvey - How You Can Help
- Pray for the families who are still displaced and for all the missionaries and organizations helping to get them back into their homes.
- Join an existing project. There are ongoing projects in Brazoria County currently being led by St. Martha’s and St. Ignatius of Loyola. SBP (http://sbpusa.org) is also working in the Brazoria County area.
- Lead a new project. Catholic Charities has a long list of clients who need help rebuilding. There are also needs within our STM parish community.
- Support other mission groups who are coming in town to help with the rebuilding efforts. These groups will be staying in the Cameron House. Help is needed to prepare the house prior to their arrival and following their departure.

Please contact Diana Jansens at dianajansens@sbglobal.net or Christine Hunter at chunter@bcm.edu if you would like to participate on this project. More information is available at https://www.stmihouston.org/harvey-rebuild-project.
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 March 10, 2019

If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Aida Gonzalez, aidastmhouston.org, for more information. See you there!

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**SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2019 / FECHAS DE CUARESMA**

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**Parish Lenten Mission—(English)**

“Lent as a Sacramental Journey” Parish Lenten Mission Monday, March 11, 2019—Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

“La Cuaresma como un viaje Sacramental” - Charles Cuaresmales (Español) (Sera en marzo o Abril con Fecha a Confirmar) 7:00 PM

**Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos**

April 13 - Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses / Misa de Domingo
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm (English Masses)
Spanish Masses: 1pm & 7pm

**Weekly Mass Schedule for Holy Week**

April 15-17, 2019—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30 am & 5:30 pm

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**Paschal Triduum 2019 / Triduo Pascual**

No confessions on Holy Week—April 16, 17, and 20, 2019

**Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo— April 18, 2019 / April 18, 2019 8:00 PM— Misa (Bilingual)**

**Good Friday / Viernes Santo— April 19, 2019 / April 19, 2019 Live Stations of the Cross—10:00 AM. Estaciones de la Cruz en Vivo—in Spanish with Praise & Worship

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2:00 PM – Divine Mercy Prayer in Church - English
3:00 PM – The Lord’s Passion in English
7:00 PM – Celebración de la Pasión y la Muerte del Señor, Español

**HOLY SATURDAY / Sábado De Gloria**

April 20, 2019 / April 20, 2019 8:00 PM (Bilingual)

**Resurrection of Our Lord / Resurreccion de Nuestro Señor**

April 21, 2019 / Abril 21, 2019

7:30 AM – Easter Mass (English)- Main Sanctuary
9:00 AM – Easter Mass (English)- Main Sanctuary
11:00 AM – Easter Mass (English)- Main Sanctuary
11:15 AM – Easter Mass (English)- Servant Hall
1:00 PM – Misa de Resurrección (Español) - Santuario Principal

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For more information on the Lent Schedule call the Parish office, 713-729-0221.
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 Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7pm in the church. Confession schedule notes will be sent out to each student on Sunday February 24, 2019. Remember, time is approaching, help your child get prepared.

Parents, don’t forget to attend the Mandatory Class scheduled for Sunday March 3, 2019 from 9:00am 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

“We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!”
—Pope Francis

Sunday CCE

No CCE on Sunday, March 10 & 17, 2019—Spring Break

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation Year I and Year II Students, if you have not yet turned in you required paper work, start turning them in as soon as possible. If you have any questions 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 requirements.

No Confirmation Wednesday Class—March 6, 2019—Ash Wednesday
March 13, 2019—Spring break

Important Dates coming up for Confirmation Year II:
March 27—Blessing of the Candidate and Sponsor, 7:00 pm in Servant Hall
April 6—Mandatory Retreat, ALL DAY (ONLY FOR SECOND YEAR OF CONFIRMATION)
June 28, 2019 — Celebration of 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 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 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.
UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 24
7:00 am - 9:00 am — CCE CLASS — PRINSTER HALL AND SCHOOL
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scout House
9:00 am RCIA (English), Rectory
2:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
2:30 pm Troop 99, Prinster Hall
3:00 pm Spanish Usher Mtg, Servant Hall
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym
Girl Scouts, Scout House

Monday, February 25
10:00 am Talleres de Oración 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
Apostleship of the Cross, Youth Center
Basketball Practice, New Gym

Tuesday, February 26
9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
4:00 pm Talleres de Oración y Vida, Youth Center
5:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm RCIA (Spanish), Youth Prayer Room
English Classes (ESL), School
Basketball Practice, New Gym

Wednesday, February 27
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Prinster Hall Room G
RCIA (Spanish), Youth Center Prayer Room
Confirmation Youth, School & Youth Center
Spanish Choir, Rehkopf gym
7:30 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Room 4
7:30 pm RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den

Thursday, February 28
6:00 pm Cub Scouts, Scout House
7:00 pm English Classes, School
Troop 99, Scout House
S.T.M. Sunday Choir, Music Room
Basketball Practice, New Gym
11:00 pm Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Friday, March 1
10:30 am Word of Truth Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
2:00 pm Quinceañero Ashley Lougans, Rehkopf Gym
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp) Donovan’s Den
5:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House

Saturday, March 2
9:00 am Counseling, Counseling Room — Rectory
2:00 pm Camp Skills Day Workshop, Prinster Hall
3:00 pm Confessions / Confessions, Donovan’s Den
5:00 pm Vigil Mass, Rehkopf Gym
6:15 pm Service of Songs, Rehkopf Gym

Sunday, March 3
7:00 am — 9:00 am — CCE CLASSES — PRINSTER HALL AND SCHOOL
9:00 am RCIA (English), Rectory
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

All masses will be in Rehkopf Gym

“At the Name of Jesus: A Holy Name Retreat” is the theme of our 2019 STM Men’s retreat. This event is just 5 weeks away and is being held at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Rd. (between Hwy 10 and Memorial Dr. near Memorial City Mall) from Friday dinner, April 5 through closing mass at 11:15am Sunday, April 7. Join your fellow parishioners and men from several other parishes to discover what it means to love the Name of Jesus above all names.

Register at HolyNameRetreatCenter.com or call parishioner coordinator Hiett Ives at 832-372-6900.

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 March 9th 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.

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 6:30pm. 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 Coles 713-774-2628, Casino Trips, Frances Landry, 713-723-2053 for more info. Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!!!

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 26, 2019. See you there!
Bienvenidos Nuevos 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. Les invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visita nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhouston.org

CONFESIONES: 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 pasados 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-Bautismo será el Sábado 16 de Marzo, 2019 en el Servant Hall de 9:30 am a 2 pm. 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 comuniquese con la oficina parroquial al 713-729-0221 por último, información por lo menos 6 meses a un año antes de la boda.

Ministerio de Comunion 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 nuestro condado en nuestro 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.

pensamientos de nuestro, Pastor Hai...

Ante la violencia, Jesús dice: pongan la otra mejilla. "Ama a tus enemigos y hazles el bien... sin esperar nada a cambio".

Hermanas y hermanos, encuentro que las lecturas de este domingo son muy importantes y desafiantes en mi vida y en ustedes, para vivir, practicar la enseñanza de Jesús sobre el amor, la misericordia y el perdón. La Escritura dice que Cristo crucificado oró por sus torturadores: "Padre, perdónalos" (Lucas 23:34) Lo lastimaron físicamente; Lo mataron físicamente. Y sin embargo, no pudieron matarlo espiritualmente. Jesús da la vuelta al mundo entero cuando ora por "sus enemigos".

Todos somos amados por Dios, buscados por Dios, llamados por Dios a la vida, a la comunidad familiar y a través de la vida comunitaria, a la felicidad, el amor y el perdón.

Muy pronto celebraremos el Miércoles de Ceniza (6 de marzo); Confesaremos nuestras desobediencias a la ley de Dios y buscaremos el amor sanador y compasivo de Dios. Creo que Dios no nos perdonará si todavía practicamos la agresión pasiva, el chisme y la venganza cuando interactuamos con amigos, familias, congregaciones, lugares de trabajo, etc.

Jesús después de su resurrección sopló sobre sus discípulos, dándole al Espíritu Santo, el espíritu de la nueva vida. Si podemos ..., ¡Cambio! ¡Cambio! ¡Cambio!

Se acercan rápidamente la fecha de finalización del nuevo piso de la iglesia y las bancas nuestra fecha de regresar a nuestro santuario será el domingo 10 de marzo 2019 a las 7:30am.

Me gustaría compartir algunas ideas.

- Desde la Dedicación de la nueva iglesia de Santo Tomas el 10 de marzo de 1978, después de todos estos años, la iglesia necesita reparaciones y mantenimiento importantes.
- Con disciplina financiera, nuestras reparaciones pueden proceder sin una campaña. Pero, si desea hacer su contribución a este proyecto, por favor hágalo.
- Muchos feligreses maravillosos han donado su tiempo, talento y tesoro para este proyecto.
- Cuando regresemos a nuestra "nueva iglesia" abrá algunos trabajos menores, como afinar el sistema de órgano y sonido,
- el sistema de sonido en la antigua iglesia que he donado y lo instale personalmente, ese sistema permanecerá allí para el uso de la escuela y la parroquia.
- Gracias por sus ofrendas, y por su paciencia. Que Dios nos bendiga a todos.
Horarios de Miercoles de Ceniza 6 de Marzo 2019

6:30 am—Misa en Ingles en Rehkopf Gym
8:30 am—Misa Solamente para la Escuela en Rehkopf Gym
8:30 am—Misa en Ingles en Servant Hall
12:00 pm—Servicio de Cenizas en Ingles en Rehkopf Gym
6:00 pm—Misa en Ingles en Servant Hall
6:00 pm—Misa en Ingles en Rehkopf Gym
7:30 pm—Misa en Español en Servant Hall
7:30 pm—Misa en Español en Rehkopf Gym

24 de Febrero 2019

Debido a la renovaciones dentro de la Iglesia que inicio el Lunes 21 de Enero hasta Marzo, no tendremos Bautizos, solo ofreceremos clases para los parroquianos registrados activos. Los bautizos se reiniciarán terminando las renovaciones. Gracias por su paciencia.

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

Tengan en cuenta que las bendiciones de los domingos sea de quince años o tres años, NO SE PERMITEN FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

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.

Ministerio de Comunion 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 nuestro 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.

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 comunícarse: adoration@stmhouston.org o 832-869-7483

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 los miércoles de 6 pm a 7 pm en la iglesia. Las notas del horario de confesión se enviarán a cada estudiante el domingo 24 de febrero de 2019. Recuerde, el tiempo se acerca, ayude a sus hijos a prepararse.

 Padres, no se olviden de asistir a la clase obligatoria programada para el 3 de marzo de 2019 de 9:00 am a 10:30 am en Ingles, 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.

Catecismo-CCE

No Habra clases de Catecismo el domingo 10 y 17 de marzo de 2019: Vacaciones de primavera
Lecturas de la Semana 24 de Febrero

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinal
1 Sam 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13; 1 Cor 15, 45-49; Lc 6, 27-38

Lunes
Sir 1, 1-10; Sal 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Mc 9, 14-29

Martes
Sir 2, 1-13; Sal 36, 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40; Mc 9, 30-37

Miércoles
Sir 4, 12-22; Sal 118, 165. 168. 171. 172. 174. 175; Mc 9, 38-40

Jueves
Sir 5, 1-10; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Mc 9, 41-50

Viernes
Sir 6, 5-17; Sal 118, 12. 16. 18. 27. 34. 35; Mc 10, 1-12

Sábado
Sir 7, 1-13; Sal 102, 13-14. 15-16. 17-18; Mc 10, 13-16

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinal
Sir 27, 5-8; Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16; 1 Cor 15, 54-58; Lc 6, 39-45

Confirmación de Jóvenes

Confirmación Año I y Año II, si aún no han entregado los documentos necesarios requeridos para el Sacramento, deben comenzar a entregarlo. Para asistencia con los requisitos pase el miércoles antes de la 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

No habrá clase de Confirmación — 6 de marzo de 2019— Miércoles de Ceniza

No Habra clase de Confirmacion el Miércoles 13 de marzo de 2019—

Vacaciones de primavera

Fechas importantes por venir para Confirmacion Año II:

Miércoles 27 de marzo— Bendición del Candidato y Padrino, 7:00 pm—

Servant Hall

Sábado 6 de abril— Retiro obligatorio— TODO EL DIA (SOLAMENTE PARA LOS JOVENES DE SEGUNDO AÑO)

Viernes 28 de junio de 2019 — Celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación. (Por favor entregar todas sus tareas requeridas a tiempo)

Para cualquier pregunta, por favor de comunicarse con Aida Gonzalez, 713-729-3435

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