ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PARISH SCHOOL

Archdiocese of Galveston—Houston

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

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

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Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Dear sisters and brothers,

All of us, young and old, small and great, rich and poor want to be free. We want FREEDOM.

In the Gospel reading today (Luke 15:1-3,11-32), we hear about a young man who wants FREEDOM. He wants to control his own destiny. But, I say there is no absolute freedom. I believe Freedom must come with responsibilities.

If you read the creations’ accounts in Genesis, among the precious gifts that God gave to humanity, God gives Adam and Eve (human beings) the gift of free-will (or freedom). But, God also said, “In the day that you eat of it [the tree] you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17). Thus, in the Garden of Eden where the first freedom was issued, there was a clause of responsibility attached to the freedom to eat of every fruit in the garden (Gen.2:16-17; 3:2-3). And that was the exclusion of the fruit at the middle of the garden. I say we are free to play but we are not free to stray.

So, in this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the readings, especially the Gospel, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32, invite us to rejoice because God’s merciful love is available to us after our episodes of sinfulness. Today there is an invitation for us, to return to God and enjoy the grace of His merciful love. This season of Lent is timely enough to undertake the journey back to our loving and compassionate Father.

Let us keep in mind that God does not and will not remember our past sins, but God is anticipating and expecting our return to Him, like the loving father of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 20). Have you made your confession this year? Have a great Sunday and a wonderful new week ahead.

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**CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH**

We have recently found chewing gum stuck under the NEW pews of the church. We ask that you PLEASE kindly throw your chewing gum in the trash bins that are outside before entering the Sanctuary. Gum is not easy to remove from the pews once they are dried out. Keep in mind, this is the house of Our Lord, and just like we keep our furniture gum free at home, let us respect our Sanctuary, our home of praise. Thank you.

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**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.smhouston.org**

**CONFESSIONS:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; and Saturday 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m. hours

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

**INFANT BAPTISM (6months-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, May 18, 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.
Family BINGO

APRIL 27TH 2019 in Servant Hall

Enjoy a family friendly fun night with great food, refreshment and BINGO!!! Bring your family and friends, all ages are welcome!!

Doors open at 6 and BINGO starts at 6:30pm

Cash and checks are accepted

Hosted by STM Women’s ACTS

“Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine then by reflection.”

Joan Chittister

Scripture Readings

Week of March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday
Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit
Ex 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
s 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 20-21, and 22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jn 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

In your Prayer—En sus Oraciones

For the Healing of:

Cathey Stoessel
Aura Cervenka
Frank Martinez
Patrick Wark
Salvador Gonzalez
Ana Lucero Arredondo Sanchez
Fr. Richard Hinkley
Kathy Latino
Mark Crow
Maria Guadalupe Fonseca
Familia Solis
Humberto Niño Mencaca
Thelma Villalba
Reginald Greff

Elsie Martinez
Richard Sullivan
Gage Martinez
Shirley Guillory
Asel Hernandez
Eldo Escobar
Andy Schules
Donato Bautista
Tommy Todd
Ed Sharp
Ogechi
Ana Julia Ayala

For the repose of soul:

† Fr. Edward Abell
† Fr. Isaac Francis
† Fr. David Max
† Ana Stannard
† Sabrina Nicole Herrera
† Ed Landry
† Amy Eskeland
† 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-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 HOME-BOUND: 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 March 17, 2019

Collection: $22,500.95
Online Giving: $ 3,555.94
Total: $26,056.89

Weekly Budget: $33,000.00
Difference: (-$6,943.11)

Building Fund: $135.00
Black & Indian Missions Collection: $788.05
Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection: $461.00

Upcoming Special Collections
Catholic Relief Services Collection March 31, 2019
Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)-April 19, 2019
Home Missions Collection-April 28, 2019

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

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Total Amount Paid: $17,226.50
Total Amount Pledged: $38,636.50
Total Number of Participant: 97 *
Total Number of Households: 4412
Average Participant Pledge: 398.31
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($175,773.50)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($154,363.50)
Percent Paid: 8.93%

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 permitir donar su familia a los Fundos Servicios 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.

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project is in desperate need of bi-lingual English/Spanish speaking volunteers to minister to our pregnant moms. Without a bilingual volunteer, we will no longer be able to help the Spanish speaking moms who need us. The Gabriel Project meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Rectory Office. For more information, call Niki Siking 713-854-6163.

OUTREACH

St. Vincentian Reflection:
Jesus told this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'... It is the father in the parable who models for us the mercy of our heavenly Father. The prodigal son is brought to repentance because he was "dying from hunger." There is nothing he does to deserve the response of the father except to repent and to return. What leads us to decide to repent? Like the prodigal son, "changing our minds" is probably precipitated by some specific catalyst—probably not physical hunger, but possible by spiritual hunger. The penance of Lent can be the external factor that brings us to realize our life is much richer when we turn from our sinful ways and turn to God who gives life. This parable tells us most about the meaning of conversion, and is found in two verbs. The request the younger son makes to his father is this: "Father, make me one of your hired servants." Between the "give me" at the beginning and the "make me" at the end lies the story of conversion. There is an altogether different attitude of mind expressed in the "give me my money" and "make me one of your hired servants." In the story of conversion you will find that the starting point is a selfish demand, and the finishing point is a readiness to be a servant.

Knights of Columbus Lenten FRY

Place: STM Prinster Hall
Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Fridays during Lent
April 5 and 12, 2019
Adults $8.00
Kids under 12: $5.00

Award Winning Fried and baked Catfish

Religious Articles sold on the first Sunday of the month. Next date: Sunday April 7, 2019

Sunday March 31, 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 April 14, 2019

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

**Stations of the Cross / Estaciones de la Cruz**
Fridays / Viernes
6 PM – English; 7 pm – Spanish

“La Cuaresma como un viaje Sacramental” - Charlas Cuaresmales (Español)
Lunes y Martes 1 & 2 de Abril, 7:00 PM, en la Iglesia

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

**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 (Bilingüe)

**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

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/ Resurrección de Nuestro Señor**
April 21, 2019 / April 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. First Reconciliation continue during April on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 pm to 7 pm in the church. Remember, time is approaching, help your child get prepared.

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.

Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him.  
What a great grace it is to know God!  
St Josephine Bakhita

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation Year I and Year II Students, if you have not yet turned in your 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.

Important Dates coming up for Confirmation Year II :

April 6—Mandatory Retreat, ALL DAY (ONLY FOR SECOND YEAR OF CONFIRMATION)

June 28, 2019 —- Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation  
(Please turn in all your required assignments on time)

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 shirts 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.
## UP COMING EVENTS

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"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

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

Each item is blessed and has a Miraculous Medal attached. Those who receive the shawls and blankets are lifted up in prayer. These items are free, a gift from us to you. If you’d like to make a donation in any amount, it will be used to purchase more yarn or fleece to continue this ministry. Visit our parish website for more information. stmihouston.org, then click on Ministries, click Family Life, click Shawl Ministry.

Contact: Margaret Schueler 713-666-1311 or meschueler2@gmail.com

“He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” Proverbs 11:25

### 2019—STreaMliners meet every second Saturday of the Month

**Second Saturday of the month on April 13. STreaMliners’ Mix — Entertainment: Missouri City Pops. 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.**

**Wednesday, April 24th: “Museum of Fine Arts to view Vincent van Gogh: His Life in Art” $18.00pp. Lunch on your own at Cleburne’s Cafeteria. Bus leaves sharply at 9:30am from the rear p.a. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us!**

**Thursday, April 25th: Coshetta Casino in Kinder, LA with 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 Pinster Hall. Returns about 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us! Call Frances Landry — 713-723-2035**

**ASTROS GAMES**

- **Astros-Pirates Game — Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:10pm $35.00pp**
- **Astros-Athletics Game — Tuesday, July 24 @ 1:10pm $43.00pp**
- **Astros-Rockies Games — Tuesday, August 6 @ 7:10pm $43.00pp**

**Diamond Tours — Branson Show Extravaganza: Monday, September 30 to Saturday, October 5, 2019, The Blackwood’s, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, “Samson”, Presley’s Country Jubilee & Sinatra & Friends and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Bell.**

President/Day Tripper, Joyce Coles 713-774-2628, Casino Trips, Frances Landry, 713-723-2035 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, April 9, 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 visitar nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhouston.org

CONFESIONES: Martes 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; Miércoles 6:15 p.m.—7:00 p.m.; Sabado 3:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.

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 código 35 y 96; y solo las personas que estén registradas pueden asistir. Los padres deben estar casados por la Iglesia Católica y traer comprobante. La próxima clase de Bautismales será el Sábado 18 de Mayo, 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.

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 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 de llamar a la oficina parroquial, 713-729-0221.

pensamientos de nuestro, Pastor Hai...!

¡Bienvenidos al Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,
Todos nosotros, jóvenes y adultos, pequeños y grandes, ricos y pobres queremos ser libres. Queremos LIBERTAD.

En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio de Lucas 15: 1-3,11-32, escuchamos acerca de un joven que quiere LIBERTAD. Él quiere controlar su propio destino.

Pero, yo digo que no hay libertad absoluta. Creo que la libertad debe venir con responsabilidades.

Si lees los relatos de las creaciones en Génesis, entre los preciosos regalos que Dios le dio a la humanidad, Dios le da a Adán y Eva (los primeros seres humanos) el regalo de dominio propio (o libertad). Pero, Dios también dijo: “el día que comas de él [el árbol] ciertamente morirás” (Génesis 2:17). Así, en el Jardín del Edén fue donde se manifestó la primera libertad, había una cláusula de responsabilidad asociada a la libertad de comer de cada fruto en el jardín (Gen2. 16-17; 3: 2-3). Y eso fue lo que quedaría prohibido de comer del árbol de la vida y sujetos a la muerte. Yo digo que somos libres de jugar, pero no somos libres de desviarnos.

Entonces, en este Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, las lecturas, especialmente la del Evangelio, Lucas 15: 1-3, 11-32, nos invitan a alegrarnos porque el amor misericordioso de Dios está disponible para nosotros después de nuestra acción de pecado. Hoy hay una invitación para nosotros, para volver a Dios y disfrutar de la gracia de su amor misericordioso. Este tiempo de Cuaresma es el momento oportuno para emprender el viaje de regreso a nuestro Padre amoroso y compasivo.

Tengamos en cuenta que Dios nunca recordará nuestros pecados pasados, pero Dios está anticipando y esperando nuestro regreso a Él, como el padre amoroso del hijo pródigo (Lucas 15: 20).

¿Has hecho tu confesión este año?

Les deseo una semana llena de muchas bendiciones.

Masticar chicle en la iglesia
Recientemente hemos encontrado chicles pegados bajo las NUEVAS bancas de la iglesia. Le pedimos que POR FAVOR tire su chicle en los contenedores de basura que están afuera antes de entrar al Santuario. El chicle no es fácil de quitar de las bancas una vez que están secos. Tenga en cuenta que esta es la casa de Nuestro Señor, y al igual que mantenemos nuestros muebles libres de chicle en la casa, respetemos nuestro Santuario, nuestra casa de alabanza. Gracias.

Domingo 31 de Marzo, 2019
Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma
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 continúan hasta abril los martes y los miércoles de 6 pm a 7 pm en la iglesia. Padres, ayude a sus hijos a prepararse.

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.
**Lecturas de la Semana 31 de Marzo**

**Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**
Jos 5, 9a. 10-12; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; 2 Cor 5, 17-21; Le 15, 1-3. 11-32

**Lunes**
Is 65, 17-21; Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12a y 13b; Jn 4, 43-54

**Martes**
San Francisco de Paola, Ermitaño
Ez 47, 1-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 5, 1-16

**Miércoles**
Is 49, 8-15; Sal 144, 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18; Jn 5, 17-30

**Jueves**
San Isidoro, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia
Ex 32, 7-14; Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23; Jn 5, 31-47

**Viernes**
San Vicente Ferrer, Presbítero
Sab 2, 1. 12-22; Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23; Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30

**Sábado**
Jer 11, 18-20; Sal 7, 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12; Jn 7, 40-53

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma**
Is 43, 16-21; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Fil 3, 8-14; Jn 8, 1-11

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**Confirmación de Jovenes**

¿ESTÁ CASADO, PERO NO EN LA IGLESIA CATOLICA? ¿DESEA USTED SER CASADO EN LA IGLESIA CATOLICA? ¿TIENE ANHELO DE RECIBIR LA EUCARISTIA?: La Iglesia de Santo Tomas Moro esta ofreciendo la oportunidad de llenar este deseo. Las clases iniciaran el Martes de Abril, 2019 por 6 semanas de 7pm a 9pm los Martes hasta el 4 de Junio. Para mas información, por favor llame al (713-729-3435), Ana Luisa Garcia.

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**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 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

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**Fechas importantes por venir para Confirmacion Año II:**

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

Viernes 28 de junio de 2019 — Celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación. Candidato y padrino, deben de estar en Servant Hall a las 6:00 pm.
(Por favor entregar todas sus tareas requeridas a tiempo)

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