Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Decimosexta Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

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

Parochial Administrator, Rev. Clark Sample
Parochial Vicar, Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H.
In residence Rev. John Samuels
Deacons: David Johnson, John Krugh

PASTORAL OFFICES:
Parish Office
Parish & Facilities Administrator
Bookkeeper
Bulletin / VIRTUS Card
Music:
Director
Organist
Spanish Choir (1pm)
Spanish Choir (7pm)

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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.—12:00 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 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 | CONFESIONES
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.

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Religious Education | Hispanic Ministries
DRE Ana Luisa Garcia 713-729-3435
English Adult Faith Formation / English Infant
Baptism / Marriage
Deacon David Johnson 713-729-0221
Youth Faith Formation/Confirmation—High School
Director Aida Gonzalez 713-729-3435

Para Bautizos en Español 713-729-3435

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

PARISH SCHOOL:
Day School
Principal Kristen Thome 713-729-3434
Preschool | MDO
Director Nina Coltharp 713-729-9062
www.stthomasmoreschool.org
thoughts from our Pastor, Fr. Clark

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week at Sunday Mass, we continue to hear from St. Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. Paul writes to the members of an early Christian community who are struggling to accept their identity as Christians due to the “empty, seductive philosophy” (2:8) and false teachings of opposing forces. How does Paul attempt to remedy this situation? By writing a treatise on Christian doctrine and encouraging the members of this young Christian community to persevere in their faith. The result is a rich and beautiful text that remains relevant to this very day. I highly encourage you to read and pray with this epistle, especially because we will hear from it again the next two weeks.

A couple themes of this letter immediately jump out at you. First, the power and preeminence of Christ: “For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him” (1:16). Second, Christians are made whole in Christ: “For in him dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily, and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power” (2:9-10). What does this mean for us today? Jesus is God and, as baptized Christians, we are already complete in him. We more fully recognize our completeness only when we live our faith.

Another theme we see deals with the Church: “[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church” (1:18). The Church’s mission is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the entire world and to help make her members perfect in Christ. This mission rests on the foundation of the apostles, and as an apostle, St. Paul dedicates his life to it. Twice we hear Paul refer to himself as a “minister” (1:23, 25), or servant, of this important mission. Through apostolic succession, the uninterrupted transmission of this spiritual authority remains with our bishops today. For all of us in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, our primary minister is Cardinal DiNardo.

As a diocesan priest, I am to help the Cardinal serve our Archdiocese, and he has assigned me to minister to the great community of St. Thomas More. Technically, I am the “administrator” of our parish, which means I have the same duties of a pastor to teach, to sanctify and to govern the faithful. The Code of Canon Law stipulates that before anyone is appointed pastor, “It is necessary that his suitability be clearly evident by means of some method determined by the diocesan bishop, even by means of an examination” (No. 521.3). It is common practice that time as “administrator” function as an intermediate period. I fully expect to be appointed pastor of our parish within a year’s time, and I look forward to serving this community for the years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark

July 21, 2019

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)

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

INFANT BAPTISM (0 months - 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, August 17, 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
FORMED FOR SUMMER

Take your faith wherever you go this summer! Enjoy family movie nights, get lost in entertaining, audio dramas during long road trips, and get started on your summer reading list all with the help of titles on FORMED!
You don’t have to take a vacation from your faith.
It’s EASY and FREE to Register! • Go to stmhouston.formed.org • Click “Register” • Enter your name, email address, and desired password • You’re all ready to access the inspiring and engaging Catholic content on FORMED.

MARY OR MARTHA? YOU CHOOSE

SEE Luke 10: 38-42

Scripture Readings
Week of July 21, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 4-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2; 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jr 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday
Saint Bridget, Religious
Ex 14:21—15:1; Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday
Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Thursday
Feast of Saint James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Friday
Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday
Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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
Ronald Esobar
Andy Schules
Donato Bautista
Tommy Todd
Ed Sharp
Menchaca Ogechi
Ana Julia Ayala
Dorothy Flaherty
Maria Isabel Rodriguez
Elsie Martinez
Gary Frederick
Richard Sullivan
Gage Martinez
Shirley Guillory
Aselo Hernandez
AlCline
Mark Crow
Maria Guadalupe Fonseca-Familia Solis
Humberto Niño
Thelma Vilela
Reginald Greff
Normand Gallant

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/

Respect Life:
Please join Respect Life on 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.

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stewardship of TREASURE, TIME AND TALENT

Stewardship of July 7, 2019
Collection: $21,869.95
Online Giving: $6,268.43
Total: $28,138.38

Weekly Budget: $30,000.00
Difference: ($1,861.62)

Building Fund: $581
Peter’s Pence: $45

Upcoming Special Collections
Infirm Priests Collection August 11, 2019
Catholic University of America/University of St. Thomas September 8, 2019

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

OUTREACH
St. Vincentian Reflection:
Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Martha’s hospitality was made edgy because of her becoming burdened with the cooking and serving. Martha is settling to be a servant where Jesus is looking for disciples. Mary’s hospitality was gracious because she focused her attention on Jesus: “She sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.” The surprise is that Jesus affirms that the “better part” is to sit and listen—both metaphors for discipleship. The “better part” is to be a disciple! Before we can carry on the mission of Jesus as disciples we must become disciples by sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him. Practically speaking, this means being attentive to the Scriptures during Mass. It also means taking the time to be with Jesus in prayer—not just saying prayers, but being quiet and listening to how Jesus speaks to our hearts. Have you noticed that there is no rejection of Martha, no suggestion that she should not have been engaged in preparing the meal? Jesus merely underlines a truth that St. Luke records earlier, namely, that they are blessed who hear the word of God and keep it. He is putting emphasis on a sense of attention to the word of God, if we are to offer that service to others which is the fulfillment of the second great commandment of the law. Hearing the word of God in prayer through reflection is a condition for true selfless loving service of the body of Christ.

Edited by St. Vincent de Paul

The Gabriel Project is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need. If you need help, please call 713-225-5826.

Diocesan Services Fund 2019 (DSF)
Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $50,000.68 Total Amount Pledged: $73,248.500
Total Number of Participant: 190 * Total Number of Households: 4412
Average Participant Pledge: 385.52
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($142,999.32
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($119,751.50 Percent Paid: 25.91%

Parish School News

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL
Reaching Minds · Touching Hearts · Shaping Souls

Looking for something MORE...please come see what St. Thomas MORE has to offer your family. Your child can benefit MORE with Faith filled classes and attending weekly Mass, an integrated STREAM curriculum, iPads, Chromebooks, Fine Arts, Athletics, diversity, legacy, a parish-school connection, community service projects, and small student/teacher ratios. STM is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School and a strong feeder school to the Catholic High Schools. The road to college and Heaven begins here! Financial assistance is available through the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. To schedule a tour, you may contact the School Office at 713-729-3434 or the Preschool Office at 713-729-9062.

Summer Camp from July 22 through July 26 includes: Art, Cheer, and Robotics! Please call the school office to register, 713-729-3434.

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UP COMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 21
4:30 pm Novena, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am RCIA (English), Adult Education (St. Peter)
12:00 pm Basketball Tournament, New Gym
3:00 pm Hispanic Ministry, Servant Hall
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center

Monday, July 22
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am Talleres de Vida y Orazion, Youth Center
Stretching Exercise Class, Scout House
5:00 pm Basketball Practice, New Gym
5:15 pm Food/Health Fair Planning, Conference Room
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Tuesday July 23
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
6:00 pm Confessions / Confessions, Church
TDOV Meeting, Youth Center
7:00 pm Basketball Practice, New Gym
9:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House

Wednesday, July 24
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am Stretching Exercise Class, Scout House
6:00 pm Confessions / Confessions, Church
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Pinster Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Chapel
Spanish Choir, Church
Basketball Practice, New Gym
7:30 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den
RCA (English), Donovan’s Den

Thursday, July 25
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Basketball Practice, New Gym
11:00 pm Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Friday, July 26
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am Stretching Exercise Class, Scout House
10:30 am Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
Spiritual Direction, Counseling Room
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp) Donovan’s Den
5:30 pm Friday Night Soccer, Ball field

Saturday, July 27
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
12:00 pm Quinconeilha-Domariz Trinidad, Church
3:30 pm Confessions / Confessions, Church
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 28
4:30 am Novena, Donovan’s Den
9:00 am RCIA (English), Rectory
12:00 pm First Disciple Award Workshop, Scout House
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

Senior Citizen Activities

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".

Visit our parish website for more information: stmhouston.org, then click on Ministries, click Family Life, click Shawl Ministry or 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

Next meeting on August 10th, STreamliners’ Mtg – St. Thomas More Streamliners’ invite all members of the parish and guest to our August 10th meeting. Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBI Charity Hospital.

Friday, June 19th - Coushatta 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 abt. 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us! Call Frances Landry – 713-723-2035

ASTROS GAMES

Astros-Athletics Game – Tuesday, July 24 @ 1:10pm $43.00pp
Astros-Rockies Game - Tuesday, August 6th @ 7:10pm $43.00pp
Diamond Tours – Bronson Show Extravaganza

For more info call Joyce Coles-713-719-774-2628 or Katie Lewis-832-715-4464

Monday, September 30 to Saturday, October 5, 2019


Double Occupancy $579pp Single Occupancy $758pp
Additional Bus Driver Tips - $12pp.
Make Insurance check out to Travel Confident

Deposit due on May 30, 2019 Full Payment Due July 7, 2019.

Returns abt. 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us!
Call Frances Landry – 713-723-2035
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!!!

Edited by STreamliners President

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference
Saturday, September 28, 2019 | 8:30AM to 3:30PM
Two Locations: St. Theresa in Sugar Land, and Sts. Simon and Jude in The Woodlands
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 5th annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland, and breakout sessions at each location will discuss living the vocation of marriage as a young growing family or as empty-nesters. On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: $59/couple or $35/individual. An early bird discount is available until August 5 and scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email Houston conference coordinators at th@forlifeandfamily.org.
Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

Sunday/Domingo 07/21/2019
7:30am † Johanna Kampfschneider
9:00am † Cindy Di Nelli
11:00am † Carol Jacobson
1:00pm † Rita Peñaloza
   † Elvin Gomez
5:00pm † Juliana García
7:00pm † Familia Govea Magaña

Monday/Lunes 07/22/2019
6:30am Otilia A. Jonson
5:30pm Thanksgiving

Tuesday/Martes 07/23/2019
6:30am Johnson Family
5:30pm † Edward Cortez

Wednesday/Miércoles 07/24/2019
6:30am Pro Pobulo
5:30pm

Thursday/Jueves 07/25/2019
6:30am
5:30pm

Friday/Viernes 07/26/2019
6:30am
5:30pm

Saturday/Sábado 07/27/2019
8:00am
5:00pm † Keith Winter

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

Youth Ministry - Grupo de Jóvenes
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 August 11, 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!

Thank you Mr. Reynold Contreras for your service as Grand Knight for Council 3910 here at St. Thomas More.

Let’s welcome our new elected Grand Knight Mr. Dennis Clifford.

‘UNITY AND CHARITY’ IS OUR MOTTO
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

Our parish offers adoration of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament 24 / 7 days a of the week in our parish chapel.
For more information on Eucharistic Adoration, contact: adoration@stmhouston.org or 832-869-7483.
Please consider to commit to be with Jesus on Sundays from 4:00 am to 5:00 am.

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Religious Education

CCE REGISTRATIONS 2019-2020


REGISTRATIONS FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS ARE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY THROUGH AUGUST 19th, 2019. REGISTRATIONS HOURS: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Pre-K4 through 8th grade
Tuition $35.00 for new students and for those returning to continue their Christian Education.

Second Grade through 8th Grade
Tuition $90.00 for Second Year Sacramental Preparation for students receiving First Communion, and Catechumens (RCIA children Not Baptized)

Required paper work: Birth and Baptismal Certificate; and for RCIA children Not Baptized, Birth Certificate.

For more information please contact the Religious Education office, 713-729-3435.

Youth Confirmation Registrations

Youth Confirmation 2019-2020

Confirmation at St. Thomas More is a two-year program. Students currently receiving Catholic high school religious education fulfill the Confirmation Year 1 requirements according to Archdiocesan regulations and can begin Confirmation Year 2 as sophomores (10th grade). If a student is in public school or non-Catholic private school grades 9 through 11, the student must register for Confirmation Year 1.

Preparation:
Confirmation Year 1 can be begun as early as freshman year through junior year of High School.
Confirmation Year 2 can be completed as early as sophomore year through senior year of High School.

Registration fee:
Confirmation Year I: $60.00 (includes days of reflection, etc.)
Confirmation Year II: $200.00 (includes retreat, t-shirts, etc.)

If you are a High School student and you have not received Baptism and/or First Communion please come register, we have a class just for you.

For more information contact Aida Gonzalez, by phone 713-729-3435 or via email: aida@stmhouston.org

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.

Adult Bible Study

IGNATIUS CATHOLIC STUDY “Book of Revelation”
Cindy Stebbing – catechist
It began on Friday, June 21, Fridays 10:30 – 12:00 noon, Religious Ed Bld (upstairs youth conference room)

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 short 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.

Sunday, August 4, at Servant Hall

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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

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

UNCION 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 Pre-Bautismal será el Sábado 17 de Agosto, 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 permitirá ningún niño asistir a esta sesión.
- No hay excepciones. No hay cuidado de niños disponible.

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

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Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Esta semana en la misa del domingo, seguimos escuchando de la Carta de San Pablo a los Colosenses. Pablo escribe a los miembros de una comunidad cristiana primitiva que están luchando para aceptar su identidad como cristianos debido a la "filosofía vacía y seductora" (2: 8) y las enseñanzas falsas de fuerzas opuestas. ¿Cómo intenta Pablo remediar esta situación? Escribiendo un tratado sobre la doctrina cristiana y alentando a los miembros de esta joven comunidad cristiana a perseverar en su fe. El resultado es un texto rico y hermoso que sigue siendo relevante aun hoy en día. Les recomiendo que lean y oren con esta epístola, especialmente porque escucharemos de ella nuevamente las próximas dos semanas.

Un par de temas de esta carta nos hablan claramente. Primero, el poder y la preeminencia de Cristo: "Porque en él fueron creadas todas las cosas en el cielo y en la tierra, lo visible y lo invisible, ya sean tronos o dominios o principados o potestades; todas las cosas fueron creadas a través de él y para él" (1:16). Segundo, los cristianos se integran en Cristo: "Porque en él habita corporalmente toda la plenitud de la divinidad, y ustedes comparten esta plenitud en él, que es la cabeza de todo principado y poder" (2: 9-10). ¿Qué significa esto para nosotros hoy?

Jesús es Dios y, como cristianos bautizados, ya estamos completos en él. Reconocemos más plenamente nuestra integridad solo cuando vivimos nuestra fe.

Otro tema que vemos trata con la Iglesia: "[Jesús] es la cabeza del cuerpo, la iglesia" (1:18). La misión de la Iglesia es difundir las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo en todo el mundo y ayudar a que sus miembros sean perfectos en Cristo. Esta misión se basa en el fundamento de los apóstoles, y como apóstol, San Pablo dedica su vida a ello. Dos veces oimos a Pablo referirse a sí mismo como un "ministro" (1:23, 25), o siervo, de esta importante misión. A través de la sucesión apostólica, la transmisión ininterrumpida de esta autoridad espiritual permanece hoy en día con nuestros obispos. Para todos nosotros en la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, nuestro ministro principal es el Cardenal DiNardo.

Como sacerdote diocesano, debo ayudar al Cardenal a servir a nuestra Arquidiócesis, y él me asignó a ministrar a la gran comunidad de Santo Tomás Mora. Técnicamente, soy el "administrador" de nuestra parroquia, lo que significa que tengo los mismos deberes de un pastor para enseñar, santificar y gobernar a los fieles. El Código de Derecho Canónico estipula que antes de que se designe a un pastor, "es necesario que su idoneidad sea claramente evidente por medio de algún método determinado por el obispo diocesano", incluso por medio de un examen (No. 521.3). Es común la práctica de ese tiempo como "administrador" funciona como un período intermedio. ¡Espero ser nombrado pastor de nuestra parroquia dentro de un año, y espero poder servir a esta comunidad durante los próximos años!

Sinceramente de ustedes en Cristo,
Fr Clark

Domingo 21 de Julio, 2019

Decimosexta Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO
2019-2020 se abrirán el Lunes 15 de Julio

LAS INSCRIPCIONES PARA NUEVOS ESTUDIANTES Y ESTUDIANTES QUE VOLVERAN POR SEGUNDO AÑO DE PREPARACION SACRAMENTAL O COMO OYENTES SON DE LUNES A VIERNES HASTA EL 19 DE AGOSTO.

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Papeles requeridos: Acta de Nacimiento y Certificado de Bautizo
Catecúmenos (No bautizados) - Acta de Nacimiento

Horario de registraciones de lunes a viernes de 11am a 5pm
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PARA ADULTOS

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, conocido por la siglas (R.I.C.A) es un proceso comunitario de formación catequética, espiritual y educativa para los adultos que buscan convertirse en miembros plenos de la Iglesia Católica Romana a través de una conversión de la mente y el corazón.

EL PROGRAMA DE R.I.C.A ES PARA:
1. Cualquier persona que nunca ha sido bautizada.
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3. Cualquier persona que ha sido bautizada pero que no ha recibido los sacramentos de la primera comunión y/o confirmación.
4. Cualquier católico que ha recibido todos los sacramentos pero que desea profundizar en su fe asistiendo a las sesiones de R.I.C.A. Te invitamos a unirte también a esta jornada de fe.

Las inscripciones para el 2019-2020 se abrirán el 15 de Julio de Lunes a Viernes de 11am a 5pm en la Oficina de Catecismo. Para mayor información comuníquese al 713-729-3435.

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 debe 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 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 PERMITE FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

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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, vestido) 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 la 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 sandalias son más reverentes que las chanclas. En general, los hombres deben estar cubiertos, los escotes del vestido o blusas debe 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, pueden ser oficiales de 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 oración y menos en las tentaciones provocadas por la elección inapropiada de ropa.

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Decimosexta Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Gn 18, 1-10a; Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5; Col 1, 24-28; Lc 10, 38-42

Lunes
Fiesta de Santa María Magdalena
Can 3, 1-4 o 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Martes
Santa Brígida de Suecia, Religiosa
Ex 14, 21—15, 1; Ex 15, 8-9. 10 y 12. 17; Mt 12, 46-50

Miércoles
San Charbel Makhluf, Presbítero
Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15; Sal 77, 18-19. 22-23. 25-26. 27. 28; Mt 13, 1-9

Jueves
Fiesta de Santo Santiago, Apóstol
2 Cor 4, 7-15; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Mt 20, 20-28

Viernes
Memoria de San Joaquín y Santa Ana,
 Padres de la Santísima Virgen María
Ex 20, 1-17; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Mt 13, 18-23

Sábado
Ex 24, 3-8; Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15; Mt 13, 24-30

Decimoseptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Gn 18, 20-32; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 6-7ab. 7c-8; Col 2, 12-14; Lc 11, 1-13

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**Inscripciones de Confirmación de Jóvenes** en Santo Tomás Moro es un programa de dos años. Los estudiantes que actualmente reciben educación religiosa en la escuela católica cumplen con los requisitos del Año 1 de Confirmación de acuerdo con los reglamentos de la Arquidiócesis y pueden comenzar el Año 2 de Confirmación (grados 10-12) como estudiantes de segundo año. Si un estudiante está en una escuela pública o en una escuela privada no católica en los grados 9—11, el estudiante debe registrarse para el Año 1 de confirmación.

**Preparación:**
Primer Año de Confirmación se puede comenzar desde el grado 9—11 de High School. Segundo Año de Confirmación empieza desde el grado 10 en adelante.

**Cuota de inscripción:**
Año de confirmación I: $ 60.00 (incluye el día de reflexión, etc.)
Año de confirmación II: $ 200.00 (incluye retiro, camisetas, etc.)

Si usted es un estudiante de la High School (Preparatoria) y no ha recibido el Bautismo y/o la Primera Comunión, inscribase, tenemos una clase solo para ti.

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