Parish Office

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-0221
www.stmhouston.org

Parish Office Hours
Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Clergy
Rev. Clark Sample, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Rev. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Micheal Carmody, In Residence
Rev. Binny Philip, In Residence
Deacon David Johnson
Deacon John Krugh

Parish Office
John P. Chambers, Jr., Pastoral Associate
Elise Starr, Secretary
Rosio Contreras, Receptionist
Rogelio Mendoza, Bookkeeper
Gabriel Villarreal, Maintenance

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deacon David Johnson, Director
Mary-Therese Hafernik, Confirmation

Office of Music:
Sabrina Nguyen, Ed.D., Director, (713) 980-3111
Organist Jian Guang Shi, (713) 988-9829
Arturo Lider, Jr. & Melissa Martinez, Spanish (1:00 p.m.)
Rogelio Mendoza, Spanish (7:00 p.m.)

Parish School

Saint Thomas More Catholic School
5927 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-3434
www.stthomasmoreschool.org

School Office Hours
Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Staff
Kristen Thome, Principal
Nina Coltharp, Director of Preschool
Kathleen Prado, Director of Advancement
Judy Gentempo, Admissions
Noel Novak, Dean of Students
Linda Fox, Business Manager
Mary Heard, Secretary
Rebekka Zepeda, Nurse
Andrea Osborne, School Counselor

Parish Ministries

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Deacon John Krugh, Director

Respect Life Committee
Marianne Kahllich, Director

Building and Grounds Committee
Vince Stasio, Chairman

Mass and Confession Schedule

**Weekday Mass**
**Misa Entre Semana**
Monday – Friday
6:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

**Confession**
**Confecciones**
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.

**Weekend Masses**
**Misas del Fin de Semana**
Saturday ● Sábado
5:00 p.m.
Sunday ● Domingo
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (español)
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. (español)
Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings at Sunday Mass over the last four weeks have had a similar theme: the cost of discipleship. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus says, “No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon” (Luke 16:13). Mammon is an Aramaic word (the language Jesus spoke) that means “money.” Money in and of itself is not evil, but as St. Paul reminds us, “The love of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains” (1 Tim 6:10). The Bible constantly warns us against the love of money because it can easily become the most important thing in our lives. In other words, money can easily become an idol. It gives us a false sense of security, freedom and self-worth. Our faith tells us these things only come from a relationship with God. How often do we see incredibly wealthy people living unfulfilled lives? “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Mark 8:36).

In the Gospel this Sunday, we also hear Jesus talk about stewardship. Stewardship means “the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property.” As Catholic Christian disciples, we are all called to be responsible stewards of the Church. We do this by teaching our children the faith, by participating in the life of our church community, and by giving generous support to our parish. As Catholic Christian disciples, we have the responsibility to materially support our parish. To a certain degree, part of our responsibility to support our parish has to be based on a relationship of trust. I believe that this trust is largely based on financial transparency, so I would like to update you on some of the financial happenings of the parish:

- In order to operate, our monthly expenses roughly cost us $120,000. This number includes salaries for our parish employees, which supports their families. Our electric bill alone costs us over $12,000 a month.
- We have been working closely with the Archdiocese to revise, update, and clarify the budget for this fiscal year.
- The Archdiocese has been performing a financial audit of the parish and school to help clarify our financial situation and ensure the best financial practices are being followed.
- I have met with the Parish Finance Council, and we will meet again soon so that I can present the new budget and the initial findings of the Archdiocese’s audit to the Finance Council members.
- I have meet with the Parish Pastoral Council and will continue to seek their advice on the needs and priorities of the parish.
- Our HVAC system is in serious need of preventative maintenance, and we have hired a large commercial company to maintain our system.
- We have hired an IT company to update and maintain our IT system.
- The roof of the school is in disrepair, and we have hired a consulting firm to oversee the construction project of building the school’s new roof.
- The Building and Grounds Committee has been reestablished to help prioritize the infrastructural needs of the parish. We will also look at how we can best beautify the campus.
- The parish’s responsibility for DSF is $193,000.00 but we’ve only paid $66,359.92. Please help support the parish’s contribution to DSF with your pledge and support.

One of the best tools we have to fight against the love of money is by sacrificing money: “As water quenches a flaming fire, so almsgiving atones for sins” (Sirach 3:30). While I encourage you to give money to any charitable organization, I strongly encourage you to help provide for the financial needs of our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark
St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
September 22, 2019

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday/Domingo 09/22/2019**
- 7:30am *Regina Ngewo
- 9:00am *Missa Pro Populo
- 11:00am † Theodore A. Mueller
- 1:00pm † Francisco Velasquez
- 5:00pm
- 7:00pm

**Monday/Lunes 09/23/2019**
- 6:30am *Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30pm † Aurora Marifosque

**Tuesday/Martes 09/24/2019**
- 6:30am *Missa Pro Populo
- 5:30pm † Dominic Hoa

**Wednesday/MIércedos 09/25/2019**
- 6:30am Donald Kanu
- 5:30pm † Margaret Biondi

**Thursday/Jueves 09/26/2019**
- 6:30am † Hector Alaniz
- 5:30pm † Normand Gallant

**Friday/Viernes 09/27/2019**
- 6:30am *Souls in Purgatory
- 8:15am † Leland Fontenot
- 5:30pm † Normand Gallant

**Saturday/Sábado 09/28/2019**
- 8:00am † Dominic Hoa
- 5:00pm † Marge Biondi

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

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**Weekly Readings**

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Readings for the Week of September 22, 2019

**Sunday** Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday** Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday** Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs  
Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b, 2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday** Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**  
Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
Lk 16:19-31

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**Lecturas Semanales**

Lecturas por la Semana del 22 de Septiembre de 2019

**Domingo** Vigésimo quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
Am 8, 4-7; Sal 112, 1-2, 4-6. 7-8; 1 Tm 2, 1-8;  
Lc 16, 1-13 o Lc 16, 10-13

**Lunes** Memoria de San Pío de Pietrelcina, Presbítero  
Esd 1, 1-6; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6;  
Lc 8, 16-18

**Martes**  
Esd 6, 7-8. 12. 14-20; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4a. 4bf-5;  
Lc 8, 19-21

**Miércoles**  
Esd 9, 5-9; Tb 13, 2. 3-4a. 4bcd. 5. 8; Lc 9, 1-6

**Jueves** Santos Cosme y Damián, Mártires  
Ag 1, 1-8; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a y 9b; Lc 9, 7-9

**Viernes** Memoria de San Vicente de Paúl, Presbítero  
Ag 1, 15—2, 9; Sal 42, 1. 2. 3, 4; Lc 9, 18-22

**Sábado** San Wenceslao, Mártir; San Lorenzo Ruiz y Compañeros, Mártires  
Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15; Jer 31, 10. 11-12ab. 13;  
Lc 9, 43-45

**Domingo** Vigésimo sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
Am 6, 1. 4-7; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10;  
1 Tm 6, 11-16; Lc 16, 19-31

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**Key Pick Up**

Keys need to be picked up for meetings and events during parish office hours. Keys will not be available for pick up outside the parish office hours. Keys can be dropped off after your meeting through the key slot after hours or during business hours. Thank you.
Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 22
9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
2:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 99 Ct of Honor-Prinster Hall
4:00 pm GSA Troop 21012-Scout House
6:00 pm Youth Group, New Gym & Youth Center
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Monday, September 23
7:00 am Parish School, School
9:00 am Talleres de Vida y Oracion, Youth Center
5:30 pm Pack 99, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
7:30 pm Basketball Practice, New Gym

Tuesday, September 24
9:30 am Senior Citizen Bingo-Scout House
5:00 pm GSA Troop147062-Scout House
6:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
6:00 pm TDOV Meeting, Youth Center
7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Wednesday, September 25
6:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Chapel
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Church
7:30 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
7:30 pm RCIA Inquiry (English), Donovan’s Den

Thursday, September 26
5:00 pm 8th Grade Retreat Dinner-Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Word of Truth Bible Study-Youth Conference Room
7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 pm Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Friday, September 27
10:30 am Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
3:30 pm Volleyball Tournament- Rehkopf Gymnasium
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp) Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 99 Meeting-Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Altar Server (Spanish) Meeting-Church

Saturday, September 28
7:30 am Volleyball Tournament- Rehkopf Gymnasium
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 29
9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
9:00 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
September 22, 2019

Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $66,359.92
Total Amount Pledged: $87,198.15
Total Number of Participant: 231
Total Number of Households: 4412
Average Participant Pledge: 377.48
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($$126,640.08)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($105,801.85)
Percent Paid: 34.38%

Stewardship for September 8, 2019

Collection: $30,619.53
Online Giving: $ 5,621.09
Total: $26,240.62

Maintenance Fund: $339.00
Catholic University of America: $2,874.54

Upcoming Special Collections
Archdiocese for Military Services
October 6, 2019
Propagation of the Faith Collection
October 20, 2019
Retired Priests Collection
November 10, 2019
Campaign for Human Development
November 24, 2019
Religious Education (CCE)

CCE Classes
Contact: Deacon David Johnson
deacondave@stmhouston.org
(713) 729-3435

CCE CLASSES HAVE STARTED!

English Session 9:00 am to 10:30 am and
Spanish Session 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Bible Study
Sunday Bible Class for Parents and Parishioners are
available on Sundays during the CCE sessions in the
Upstairs RE Building Prayer Room.

Teen Confirmation

CLASSES BEGIN
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Confirmation I
Meets in the Upstairs Youth Media Center
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Confirmation II
Meets in the School Building
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Adult Confirmation

CLASSES BEGAN
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Meets in the Upstairs Prayer Room
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Due to availability, CCE Registration will reopen for the following days only. Please come to these locations on the dates specified to register your child(ren) for English and Spanish Continuing Christian Education classes:

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**
Religious Education Building  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Monday - Friday, September 23 - 27, 2019**
Parish Office  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Young Disciples**

We invite all youth to be part of the joyful Eucharistic Celebration at the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass every second Sunday of the Month.

**The next one is**
**October 13, 2019**

After Mass, come join Danielle Luna as you learn more about how life truly looks in the eyes of teenage Catholics.

**Help needed:** Young people, we need you to participate in the Liturgy (Mass) as ushers, altar servers, readers, and greeters on the Second Sunday of the month.

If you would like assist in the liturgy, contact Deacon David Johnson at decondave@stmhouston.org for more information. Thank you.

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* Announcement *

1, Danielle Luna, would like to invite all teens from ages 13-18 to come and join me as we learn more about how life truly looks in the eyes of teenage Catholics.

When: Every 2nd Sunday after evening mass from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Young Disciples room (2nd floor)
Parish Ministries

STreaMliners
Meet every second Saturday of the Month
Next meeting on October 12, STreaMliners’ Mtg – St. Thomas More Streamliners’ invite all members of the parish and guest to our September 14th meeting. Don’t forget to bring food for STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Charity Hospital.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Prayer shawls and blankets have been created by the work of hands and the prayers of hearts. Stitches are 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 material to continue this ministry.

For more information, visit: www.stmhouston.org or contact Margaret Schueler at (713) 666-1311 or via email at meschueler2@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE: Each human being is a precious gift from God, worthy of respect, protection, and life from conception to natural death. To help defend the most vulnerable of lives, by prayer and action, please consider joining the STM Respect Life Committee.

The committee meets monthly for prayer, quarterly for planning meetings, sponsors parish pro-life activities and participates in archdiocesan events. For more information please contact Marianne Kahlich at hekahlch@aol.com or (713) 728-4955

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
If you are interested in using your talents to help the maintenance of the parish properties and grounds, please contact Vince Stasio for more details at vcestasio@gmail.com

OUTREACH
SHARING THE VINCENTIAN EXPERIENCE
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a ministry that encompasses helping the needy who reach out to us in their time of need. Their need can be of a nature that is tangible or intangible and sometimes both. As an example, during a recent home visit one friend in need after receiving a pledge of financial help broke down in tears and requested we pray for her. We immediately soothed our Friend and gathered round in a circle and held hands and prayed to God in Jesus’ name giving thanks and seeking His help. We keep in our daily prayers each and every one of our Friends. Other times Vincentians may be provided an opportunity to explain our Catholicism and invite our Friends to our St. Thomas More Church. We have Bibles to give to those who are without as well as a list of scripture verses that pinpoint specific areas of need they can pray over. One Friend said when asked if she needed a Bible replied that she had many King James versions but the one we offered was Catholic. What was the difference? Other questions asked were about the priests who marry and those who don’t—why? Vincentians have a great opportunity when the Holy Spirit opens the door to proclaim our Lord, Jesus and how great He is, and to invite our Friends to our Church. We even leave them a STM Bulletin to spike their interest. Being a Vincentian is all about sharing the love, the love Jesus gives us and for us to give others, our neighbors.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE: STMHOUSTON.ORG, CLICK SFDP; CALL THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY AT (713) 980-3113 AND/OR STOP BY DURING HOURS OF OPERATION, OR LEAVE YOUR NAME AHD CONTACT NUMBER AT THE RECTORY OFFICE AND A VINCENTIAN WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.
Knights of Columbus Southwest Council #3910

Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in Prinster Hall.

If you’re interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Southwest Council 3910 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on Saturday, October 5, 2019 and Sunday, October 6, 2019. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit www.kofc.org or www.kc3910.org or contact Membership Director Reynolds Contreras at (713) 417-6180.

Diocesan Services Fund

“DSF is a concrete way of expressing solidarity – solidarity with our youth, the incarcerated, the poor and marginalized, those discerning their vocation – that is, the members of the Body of Christ.”

Have YOU made your pledge or paid your share to the Diocesan Services Fund on behalf of St. Thomas More? Please consider contributing to the DSF and supporting the pastoral work of the greater archdiocese.

Around the Archdiocese

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
8:30AM - 3:30PM
ST. THERESA
SUGAR LAND, TX

More Info and Registration at: forlifeandfamily.org

PRESENTED BY
St. John Paul II St. John Paul II Foundation
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON
FamilyLife
If you are thinking about priesthood or religious life, come join other young men ages 18 and up for an evening of great food, rich prayer, Mass, music, and inspiring talks as you discern God’s call in your life.

ST. MARY’S SEMINARY
9845 MEMORIAL DR., HOUSTON, TX 77024

6:30PM – 9:30PM

AUG 22
SEP 12
OCT 04
NOV 21
DEC 19

vocations@archgh.org
713-652-8239
www.houstonvocations.com/discover
**Sacraments**

**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.

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 at (713) 729-0221.

**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 at (713) 729-

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**R.C.I.A.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**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 in 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 at (713) 729-0221.

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**Message from Pope Francis**

“Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray for our communities, that they may testify to the joy of Christian life and see a flowering of the call to holiness in the many and varied forms of life that the Spirit proposes to us. Let us pray to him for this diocese and for all those who have made the effort to come here today. Blessed Father Laval, whose relics we venerate, also experienced moments of disappointment and difficulty with the Christian community, but in the end, the Lord triumphed in his heart. For he had put his trust in the Lord’s power. Let us pray that that same power may touch the hearts of many men and women of this land, and our hearts as well, so that its newness may always be capable of renewing our lives and our communities. Let us not forget that the one who summons with power, who builds up the Church, is the Holy Spirit, with his power. He is the protagonist of evangelization. He is the protagonist of the Church.”

*Excerpt from Homily of 9 September 2019 in Port Louis, Mauritius*
Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Las lecturas de la misa dominical en las últimas cuatro semanas han tenido un tema similar: el costo del discipulado. En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús dice: "Ningún siervo puede servir a dos señores. Odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se dedicará a uno y despreciará al otro. No puedes servir a Dios y a Mammon" (Lucas 16:13). Mammon es una palabra aramea (el idioma que Jesús habló) que significa "dinero". El dinero en sí mismo no es malo, pero como San Pablo nos recuerda: "El amor al dinero es la raíz de todos los males, y para algunas personas su deseo por ello los desvía de la fe y se perforan con muchos dolores" (1 Tim. 6:10). La Biblia nos advierte constantemente contra el amor al dinero porque puede convertirse fácilmente en lo más importante en nuestras vidas. En otras palabras, el dinero puede convertirse fácilmente en un ídolo. Nos da una falsa sensación de seguridad, libertad y autoestima. Nuestra fe nos dice que estas cosas solo provienen de una relación con Dios. ¿Con qué frecuencia vemos personas increíblemente ricas viviendo vidas insatisfechas? "¿Qué beneficio hay para que uno gane el mundo entero y pierda su vida?" (Marcos 8:36).

En el Evangelio de este domingo, también escuchamos a Jesús hablar sobre la corresponsabilidad. La corresponsabilidad significa "el trabajo de supervisar o cuidar algo, como una organización o propiedad". Como discípulos cristianos católicos, todos estamos llamados a ser mayordomos responsables de la iglesia. Hacemos esto enseñando a nuestros hijos la fe, participando en la vida de la comunidad de nuestra iglesia y brindando nuestro apoyo generosamente a nuestra parroquia. Como discípulos cristianos católicos, tenemos la responsabilidad de apoyar materialmente a nuestra parroquia. Hasta cierto punto, parte de nuestra responsabilidad de apoyar a nuestra parroquia debe basarse en una relación de confianza. Creo que esta confianza se basa en gran medida en la transparencia financiera, por lo que me gustaría informarle sobre algunos de los acontecimientos financieros de la parroquia:

- Para operar, nuestros gastos mensuales son de aproximadamente $ 120,000. Este número incluye los salarios de nuestros empleados de la parroquia, que usan para apoyar a su familia. Nuestra factura de electricidad es más de $ 12,000 al mes.
- Hemos estado trabajando estrechamente con la Arquidiócesis para revisar, actualizar y aclarar el presupuesto para este año fiscal.
- La Arquidiócesis ha estado realizando una auditoría financiera de la parroquia y la escuela para ayudar a aclarar nuestra situación financiera y garantizar que se sigan las mejores prácticas financieras.
- Me he reunido con el Consejo Parroquial de Finanzas, y nos reuniremos nuevamente pronto para poder presentar el nuevo presupuesto y los resultados iniciales de la auditoría de la Arquidiócesis a los miembros del Consejo de Finanzas.
- Me he reunido con el Consejo Pastoral Parroquial y continuaremos buscando su consejo sobre las necesidades y prioridades de la parroquia.
- Nuestro sistema HVAC necesita mantenimiento preventivo y hemos contratado a una empresa comercial para mantener nuestro sistema.
- Hemos contratado una empresa para actualizar y mantener nuestro sistema de tecnología.
- El techo de la escuela está en mal estado, y hemos contratado a una firma consultora para supervisar el proyecto de construcción del nuevo techo de la escuela.
- El Comité de Construcción y Terrenos se ha restablecido para ayudar a priorizar las necesidades de infraestructura de la parroquia. También veremos cómo podemos embellecer mejor el campus.
- La responsabilidad de la parroquia para DSF es de $ 193,000.00 pero solo hemos pagado $ 66,359.92. Ayude a apoyar la contribución de la parroquia a DSF con su compromiso y apoyo.

Una de las mejores herramientas que tenemos para luchar contra el amor al dinero es sacrificando dinero: "Como el agua apaga un fuego llameante, la limosna expía los pecados" (Sirach 3:30). Los animo dar dinero a cualquier organización caritativa, los animo fuertemente que ayuden a satisfacer las necesidades financieras de nuestra parroquia.

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark
**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 la 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 PERMITE FOTOGRAFOS NI TOMAR FOTOS DURANTE LA MISA.

**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 nuestra area 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.

**Qué usar y qué no usar en Misa**

Como una señal de respeto por nuestro Salvador y Redentor, es importante que 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, vestimento) debe transmitir el respeto, la solemnidad y la alegría de este momento en que Cristo se convierte en nuestro huésped”. (CCC, 1387)

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

**BANCO PARA RASOS 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 la 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.

**Las inscripciones para las clases de ESL de este semestre están cerradas. No estamos aceptando más estudiantes este semestre.**

Nuestra próxima sesión será la primavera de 2020.

**CATECISMO(CCE) 2019-2020**

**Inicia el Domingo 15 de Septiembre, 2019**

**Horario de sesiones:**
- Inglés de 9:00 am a 10:30 am
- Español de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm

Clases para Papas y todos los que gusten acompañarnos para que conozcan más su Fe, son durante las sesiones de Catecismo.

Para mayor información, comunicarse al 713-729-3435

**Movimiento Familiar Cristiano**
**Catolico USA Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston**
**Texas Region 9**

“Formadores de personas en la fe a través de la familia y en la comunidad”
¡Te invitamos a formar parte!

Mas información: Vicente y Leticia Yañez, 713-586-9301
Antonio y Teresa Hernandez, 832-994-9701

**SE BUSCA VOLUNTARIOS PARA EL COMITÉ DE CONSTRUCCIÓN Y MANTENIMIENTO:**

Descripción general bajo la dirección del Pastor, el comité de construcción y mantenimiento supervisa el mantenimiento y la reparación de los edificios y jardines de la Parroquia. El comité se asegura que el edificio de la Iglesia y sus alrededores estén en buen estado y que sean un entorno seguro para los empleados de la parroquia, los parroquianos y aquellos que visitan la parroquia.

Si le interesa ser parte del comité, comunicarse con el Sr. Vince Stacio por correo electrónico, vcestasio@gmail.com.
RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos, conocido por las 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.
2. Cualquier persona que ha sido bautizada en otra fe cristiana y le gustaría convertirse a la fe católica romana.
3. Cualquier persona que fue bautizada católica pero nunca recibió los sacramentos de la primera comunión y/o confirmación.
4. Cualquier católico que ha recibido todos los sacramentos pero que le gustaría profundizar en su fe asistiendo a las sesiones de R.I.C.A. Te invitamos a unirte también a esta jornada de fe.

MINISTERIO DE MANTELES DEL ALTAR:
Se necesita voluntarios para ayudar a lavar y planchar los manteles del altar. Si le interesa, comuníquese con la Sra. Mary Ann Jurika, mahaljurica@att.net

Sabes tú que compartes la función de Cristo como sacerdote?
¿Quién es para ti el Espíritu Santo? ¿Quieres tú una relación más íntima con la tercera persona de la Trinidad?
Te invito a que vengas a la primera reunión del Apostolado de la Cruz el lunes 16 de septiembre a las 7:00 PM en el segundo piso del edificio de Educación Religiosa

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 comunícate: adoration@stmhouston.org o 832-869-7483.
Por favor considere comprometerse estar con Jesús los Domingos de 4:00 am a 5:00 am.

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