Parish Office

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-0221
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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. Joseph Methanath, O.S.H., Parochial Vicar
Rev. Micheal Carmody, In Residence
Rev. Binny Philip, In Residence
Deacon David Johnson
Deacon John Krugh

Parish Staff
John P. Chambers, Jr., Pastoral Associate
Eloise 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
(713) 721-5644 fax
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
Rebeka Zepeda, Nurse
Andrea Osborne, School Counselor

Parish Ministries

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

Respect Life Committee
Marianne Kahlich, 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
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.

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,

In the first reading for Sunday Mass, we hear from the Book of Amos. Amos was a prophet who lived 700+ years before Christ, during a time of relative peace and prosperity, and he preached against the abuses resulting from Israel’s wealth. More specifically, he condemned the wealthy who were so caught up in their own prosperity that they were grossly neglecting their poor brothers and sisters. The actions of Israel’s wealthy elite violated the covenant with God and would result in the destruction of the Northern Kingdom: “Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! ... Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with” (Amos 6:4, 7). Shortly after Amos warned Israel against the dangers of their financial success, the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom and forced the Israelites from their land. The period of peace and prosperity was over.

The time in which Amos preached doesn’t seem too different than our culture today. We live in a time of relative peace and prosperity. As a country, we are not engaged in any largescale war, and it seems like many people are richer than they’ve ever been. At the same time, however, strife among us seems to be rising, and the disparity between the rich and the poor seems to be increasing day by day. One of the biggest problems with financial success is that it can cause us to lose our sense of reality. We can become overconfident in our own abilities and overlook our own limitations. We can forget that at the drop of a hat our life circumstances can change drastically. How many lives were changed when the Assyrians conquered Israel? How many lives were changed when the Roaring Twenties came to an abrupt stop with the Great Crash of 1929? How many lives were changed on the morning of 9/11? How many lives were changed here in Houston when Enron collapsed in 2001? Our life circumstances can change at the drop of a hat, and financial success can make us lose sight of that.

What can we do to remain focused? We can heed the advice of Amos. The Book of Amos is full of condemnations and judgments, but there are also nuggets of sage advice. To a culture that had become overly confident and dependent on their own efforts, Amos says, “For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek me, that you may live” (Amos 5:4). To all of us who tend to be overly confident and dependent on our own efforts, we must always strive to seek the Lord, so that we may live. Everything in this world will pass, including all of our material possessions. Things will change. If we want any real peace and security, we have to seek the one thing that never changes: God. If we want any real peace and true prosperity, we have to base our worldview on our faith in Jesus Christ. Each day provides us with countless opportunities to encounter the living God. Continue to seek Him, and you will live.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark
**Mass Intensions**

**Sunday/Domingo 09/29/2019**
- 7:30am *Shellie Abrameit
- 9:00am † Elsie Vanderhider
- 11:00am *Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00pm
- 5:00pm
- 7:00pm *Amy Garcia

**Monday/Lunes 09/30/2019**
- 6:30am *Veronica Powell
- 5:30pm

**Tuesday/Martes 10/1/2019**
- 6:30am *Jeannie Sinclair
- 5:30pm *Prima Nwachuwku
  - Humphrey Nwachukwu

**Wednesday/Miércoles 10/02/2019**
- 6:30am *Pat Lee
- 5:30pm

**Thursday/Jueves 10/03/2019**
- 6:30am *Nnamdi Nwachukwu
  - Michelle Kanu
- 5:30pm *Margaret Parrish

**Friday/Viernes 10/04/2019**
- 6:30am *Koo Family Intention
- 8:15am † Leland Fontenot
- 5:30pm

**Saturday/Sábado 10/05/2019**
- 8:00am † Carmen Guevara
- 5:00pm † Leland Fontenot

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**

**WEAKLY READINGS**
Readings for the Week of September 29, 2019

**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

**Monday**
**Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**
**Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday**
**Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**
Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Thursday**
**Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**
Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 10:13-16

**Friday**
**Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Saturday**
**Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday**
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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**LECTURAS SEMANALES**
Lecturas por la Semana del 29 de Septiembre de 2019

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

**Lunes**
**Memoria de San Jerónimo, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia**
Zac 8, 1-8; Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23; Lc 9, 46-50

**Martes**
**Memoria de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús, Virgen y Doctora de la Iglesia**
Zac 8, 20-23; Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7; Lc 9, 51-56

**Miércoles**
**Memoria de los Santos Ángeles Custodios**
Neh 2, 1-8; Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6; Mt 18, 1-5. 10

**Jueves**
**Memoria de San Francisco de Asís, Religioso**
Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 8-12; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11; Lc 10, 1-12

**Viernes**
**Memoria de San Francisco Xavier Seelos, Presbítero**
Bar 1, 15-22; Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9; Lc 10, 13-16

**Sábado**
**Bienaventurado Francisco Xavier Seelos, Presbítero**
Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29; Sal 68, 33-35, 36-37; Lc 10, 17-24

**Domingo**
**Vigésimo séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**
Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4; Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; 2 Tm 1, 6-8. 13-14; Lc 17, 5-10

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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 29
9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am RCIA (English), Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Sanct Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
12:30 pm GSA Troop 147056-Scout House
4:00 pm Contem Choir-Church
6:00 pm Youth Group, New Gym & Youth Center
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Monday, September 30
7:00 am Parish School, School
7:00 pm BS Troop 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Apostolado de la Cruz-Youth Prayer Room

Tuesday, October 1
6:00 pm TDOV Meeting, Youth Center
6:00 pm PTO Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting-Rectory
7:30 pm S of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones, Church
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help-Chapel
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Church
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting-Prinster
7:00 pm Confirmation 1 Class-Youth Center
7:00 pm Confirmation 2 Class-Servant Hall
7:30 pm Legion of Mary, Donovan’s Den Loft
7:30 pm RCIA Inquiry (English), Donovan’s Den

Thursday, October 3
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry-Donovan’s Den
5:00 pm GSA Kinder Recruit-Scout House
6:30 pm Gabriel Project Ministry Meeting-Rectory
7:00 pm BS Troop 99-Scout House
7:00 pm ESL(English as a Second Language)-School
7:30 pm Sanct Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 pm Precious Blood Group, Adoration Chapel

Friday, October 4
10:30am Bible Study, Youth Prayer Room
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp) Donovan’s Den
5:00 pm K of C Fish Fry-Prinster Hall

Saturday, October 5
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones-Church
4:00 pm S of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:00 pm SVDP Food Drive-Plaza

Sunday, October 6
7:00 am SVDP Food Drive-Plaza
8:30 am Religious Articles Sale-Servant Hall
8:30 am Coffee & Donuts-Servant Hall
9:00 am CCE Parents-Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
10:00 am Sanct Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am CCE Parents Spanish-Youth Media Room
4:00 pm Contem Choir Rehearsal-Church
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
6:00 pm Youth Group, Youth Center & New Gym

Stewardship for September 22, 2019

Collection: $25,451.76
Total: $25,451.76

Maintenance Fund: $251.00

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

Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $68,720.92
Total Amount Pledged: $88,448.15
Total Number of Participant: 232
Total Number of Households: 4412
Average Participant Pledge: 381.24
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($124,279.08)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($104,551.85)
Percent Paid: 35.61%

Online Giving

The parish website has instructions on how to register for convenient on-line giving. You will have full control of your contribution account and scheduling. Visit our homepage for details and registration.

WWW.STMHOUSTON.ORG
Religious Education (CCE)

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

All classes are held in the School
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

** First meeting on October 2nd will assemble in
Servant Hall for both Confirmation I and II **

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

Meets in the RE Building - Upstairs Prayer Room
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Save the Date - Oktoberfest
Sunday, October 20, 2019
10:00 am until 6:00 pm

Join your parish family for a fun-filled day. There will be international foods to sample, rides and games for all ages, BINGO, Live Entertainment, and a Rummage Sale (to name just a few). Several food booths will be open at 10:00 am for breakfast. All games and rides will also be open at 10:00 am. The event will end with a raffle drawing for prizes totaling over $8,600...You could be one of the lucky winners!!!

All proceeds from this event will benefit the students of St. Thomas More and the STM Endowment Foundation. This Endowment Foundation was established to provide financial support and insure the long term viability of our school.

Students will be selling raffle tickets after Mass today. Please stop by and support St. Thomas More.

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St. Thomas More Parish School is a ministry of St. Thomas More Catholic Church that fosters academic excellence, rooted in the Catholic faith and Christian values.

- Twice-recognized a National Blue Ribbon Exemplary School
- Interdisciplinary STREAM framework to allow for creative instruction and the integration of Catholic identity into all aspects of education
- 98% of recent graduates accepted into first choice high school
- 93% of recent graduates attending Catholic or college-preparatory high school
- Strong athletics program and extracurricular activities to supplement a strong academic foundation

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Limited openings available – Preschool through 8th Grade
Call School Office for Private Tour at (713) 729-3434

For additional information, visit our website at
www.stthomasmoreschool.org

Let’s Go Tigers!
Parish Ministries

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 vcstasio@gmail.com

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.

STreaMliners
Meet every second Saturday of the Month
Next meeting on October 12th. 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 families and friends!!!!

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

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN EVERY SEASON OF Life

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 hekahlich@aol.com or (713) 728-4955
New Altar Server Training for Students in 5th - 10th Grades

Students who are baptized, received their First Communion, and are attending weekend Masses regularly are invited to be altar servers for their St. Thomas More Church Family.

Training will be on Saturday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the church (following the 8:00 a.m. Mass). A parent needs to attend with the student.

PARENTS if you and your child agree to participate in training to be an altar server at St. Thomas More, please send your name, your child's name and grade to stm.altar.server@gmail.com so we are prepared for the correct number of students. E-mail any questions to stm.altar.server@gmail.com

NEW SERVERS can study the vocabulary terms and review attentional study material by visiting the church’s homepage at stmhouston.org and look for the link titled “Altar Server Training.”

Vincentian Reflection: “Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been reared, and entering the synagogue on the sabbath as he was in the habit of doing, he stood up to do the reading....” Vincent makes a clear explicit choice: All aim at loving him, but they love him in different ways: Carthusians by solitude; Capuchins by poverty; others, again, by singing his praises. But we are bound to show it by leading the people to love God and their neighbor. The vision Vincent offers is not one of Christ as teacher, nor as healer, nor as “perfect adorer of the Father” (the vision of Berulle), nor “perfect image of the divinity” (the vision of Francis de Sales), but of Evangelizer of the poor. Vincent’s disciples are called to enter into the following of Christ in the very terms with which, in Luke’s gospel, Jesus opens his public ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings of joy to the poor...." In Luke’s perspective, a new age is dawning. Jesus announces the good news of the kingdom to all, but especially to the poor, the weak, the lowly, the outcasts of the world. St. Vincent’s spirituality flows from his contemplation of this Christ. The driving force that generates both the incredible activity and the gentle contemplation of this great saint is his vision of the Evangelizer of the Poor. He encourages his followers to contemplate this Christ again and again. ‘O how happy they will be who can repeat at the hour of their death those beautiful words of Our Lord: ‘He sent me to bring good news to the poor.’”

ACTS Retreat Ministry Potluck and Information Night

If you have made an ACTS retreat with any parish, you are invited to come to a potluck social on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in Servant Hall at 6:30 pm. Share fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and learn about our next steps in continuing the ACTS Retreat Ministry at STM. A representative from the Houston Chapter of ACTS Missions will present information about creating a Formation Team and going forward with Men's and Women's retreats.

For more information, contact Marlene Wark at 281-796-1561 or marlene.wark@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 AND CONTACT NUMBER AT THE RECTORY OFFICE AND A VINCENTIAN WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.

Reflection from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on St. Jerome

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we turn our attention to St Jerome, a Church Father who centered his life on the Bible: he translated it into Latin, commented on it in his works, and above all, strove to live it in practice throughout his long earthly life, despite the well-known difficult, hot-tempered character with which nature had endowed him.

Jerome’s literary studies and vast erudition enabled him to revise and translate many biblical texts: an invaluable undertaking for the Latin Church and for Western culture. On the basis of the original Greek and Hebrew texts, and thanks to the comparison with previous versions, he revised the four Gospels in Latin, then the Psalter and a large part of the Old Testament. Taking into account the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Septuagint, the classical Greek version of the Old Testament that dates back to pre-Christian times, as well as the earlier Latin versions, Jerome was able, with the assistance later of other collaborators, to produce a better translation: this constitutes the so-called "Vulgate", the "official" text of the Latin Church which was recognized as such by the Council of Trent and which, after the recent revision, continues to be the "official" Latin text of the Church.

Jerome refuted with energy and liveliness the heretics who contested the tradition and faith of the Church. He also demonstrated the importance and validity of Christian literature, which had by then become a real culture that deserved to be compared with classical literature: he did so by composing his De Viris Illustribus, a work in which Jerome presents the biographies of more than a hundred Christian authors. Further, he wrote biographies of monks, comparing among other things their spiritual itineraries as well as monastic ideal. In addition, he translated various works by Greek authors. Lastly, in the important Epistulae, a masterpiece of Latin literature, Jerome emerges with the profile of a man of culture, an ascetic and a guide of souls....

What can we learn from St Jerome? It seems to me, this above all; to love the Word of God in Sacred Scripture. St Jerome said: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ". It is therefore important that every Christian live in contact and in personal dialogue with the Word of God given to us in Sacred Scripture.

Excerpt from a General Audience from 7 November 2007

The Game of Bridge

Join us for Bridge on the first Tuesday in October in Donavan’s Den at 9:45 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch and $1.00 donation. Coffee will be provided.
Sacraments

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

INFANT BAPTISM and CLASSES (0 months - 6 years old): Baptismal Class for parents interested in having their infant (or child) baptized is offered every third Saturday of the month. English classes meet at 9:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Media Room and Spanish classes meet at 10:00 a.m. in the RE Building Upstairs Prayer Room.

Attendance is required of both parents and godparents. St. Thomas More ONLY accepts active registered members of the parish, and living in zip codes 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) 729-0221.

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.

“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.

masstimes.org
Del escritorio del P. Clark

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

En la primera lectura de la misa dominical, escuchamos del Libro de Amós. Amós fue un profeta que vivió más de 700 años antes de Cristo, durante un tiempo de relativa paz y prosperidad, y predijo contra los abusos resultantes de la riqueza de Israel. Más específicamente, condenó a los ricos que estaban tan atrapados en su propia prosperidad que estaban descuidando a sus hermanos y hermanas pobres. Las acciones de la gente adinerada de Israel violaron el pacto con Dios y provocarían la destrucción del Reino del Norte: “¡Ay de los complacientes en Zión! Acostados sobre camas de marfil, estirados cómodamente sobre sus sofás, ¡comen corderos tomados del rebaño y terneros del establo! … Por lo tanto, ahora serán los primeros en exiliarse, y su desenfrenada juerga será eliminada” (Amós 6: 4, 7). Poco después de que Amós advirtió a Israel sobre los peligros financieros, los asirios conquistaron el Reino del Norte y obligaron a los israelitas a abandonar su tierra. El período de paz y prosperidad había terminado.

El tiempo en que Amos predicó no parece ser muy diferente a nuestra cultura actual. Vivimos en una época de relativa paz y prosperidad. Como país, no estamos involucrados en ninguna guerra a gran escala, y parece que muchas personas son más ricas que nunca. Al mismo tiempo, sin embargo, la lucha entre nosotros parece estar aumentando, y la disparidad entre los ricos y los pobres parece estar aumentando día a día. Uno de los mayores problemas con el éxito financiero es que puede hacernos perder nuestro sentido de la realidad. No podemos confiar demasiado en nuestras propias habilidades y pasar por alto nuestras propias limitaciones. Podemos olvidar que en un abrir y cerrar de ojos nuestras circunstancias de vida pueden cambiar drásticamente. ¿Cuántas vidas cambiaron cuando los asirios conquistaron Israel? ¿Cuántas vidas cambiaron cuando los locos años veinte se detuvieron abruptamente con el Gran Choque de 1929? ¿Cuántas vidas cambiaron en la mañana del 11 de septiembre? ¿Cuántas vidas cambiaron aquí en Houston cuando Enron colapsó en 2001? Las circunstancias de nuestra vida pueden cambiar en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, y el éxito financiero puede hacernos perder de vista eso.

¿Qué podemos hacer para mantenernos enfocados? Podemos prestar atención al consejo de Amos. El Libro de Amós está lleno de condenas y juicios, pero también hay sabios consejos. A una cultura que se había vuelto demasiado segura y dependiente de sus propios esfuerzos, Amós dice: "Porque así dice el Señor a la casa de Israel: Búscame, para que vivas" (Amós 5: 4). Para todos los que tendemos a confiar demasiado y depender de nuestros propios esfuerzos, siempre debemos esforzarnos por buscar al Señor, para que podamos vivir. Todo en este mundo pasará, incluidas todas nuestras posesiones materiales. Las cosas cambiarán. Si queremos paz y seguridad reales, tenemos que buscar lo único que nunca cambia: Dios. Si queremos paz real y verdadera prosperidad, tenemos que basar nuestra visión del mundo en nuestra fe en Jesucristo. Cada día nos brinda innumerables oportunidades para encontrarnos con el Dios vivo. Continúa buscándolo y vivirás.

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark
St. Thomas More Catholic Church

September 29, 2019

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 PERMITEN 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 de vestir que bajan hasta la rodilla son mucho más respetuosos que los pantalones cortos de gimnasia y los zapatos o las sandalias son más reverentes que las chanclas. En general, los hombros deben estar cubiertos, los escotes del vestido o blusas deben ser apropiadamente más altas, los vestidos deben ser respetuosamente más largos hasta la rodilla. La ropa ajustada, como los jeans ajustados, los vestidos ajustados y las blusas transparentes y vestidos transparentes, acentúan las partes del cuerpo que se consideran sagradas. 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.

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, vcestacio@gmail.com.

CATECISMO(CCE) 2019-2020
Inicia el Domingo 15 de Septiembre, 2019
Horario de sesiones:
Ingles 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 conosca mas su Fe, son durante las sesiones de Catecismo.

Para mayor información, comunicarse al 713-729-3435

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Texas Region 9 MFCC
“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

Registraiones for this semester’s ESL classes are closed. We are not accepting any more students this semester. Our next session will be Spring 2020. Registration dates will be posted in the Bulletin at a later date.

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.
RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA 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 bautizado.
2. Cualquier persona que ha sido bautizado 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 necesitan Voluntarios para ayudar a lavar y planchar los manteles del altar. Si le interesa, comunicarse 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

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