FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

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6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday • Miércoles
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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)
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Required Meeting
for all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Option 1
Thursday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Option 2
Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Option 3
Saturday, December 14th at 9:30 a.m.

This meeting is required to fulfill archdiocesan requirements. Fr. Clark would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your dedication.

Please attend one of those dates & times listed above in the Church.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent is upon us! The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word, “advenire,” which means “to come to.” Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas, the anniversary of when God took on human flesh and entered the world. The Church also encourages us to use this liturgical season to prepare our souls to allow Jesus to enter our hearts. The readings for the first Sunday of Advent have an emphasis on Jesus’ second coming, so this week we focus on that second coming, when Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.

The readings for this week connect us to an interesting field of study in Christian theology called Eschatology. Eschaton means “the last things” in Greek, so Eschatology is the study of the last things. This field of study has traditionally been broken down into 4 categories: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell.

Death is defined as the separation of the soul from the body. Death is the result of sin, and it’s the end of man’s earthly pilgrimage. We die only once, and there is no reincarnation after death. Many of the saints encourage us to reflect daily about the reality of death because it helps us focus on the life to come. In the Hail Mary prayer, we say, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

Judgment is something all of us will face. There is the Particular Judgement and the Last Judgment. The Particular Judgment happens immediately at our death, and at this moment it is determined if we go to heaven or hell. The Last Judgment occurs at Christ’s second coming at the end of the world. The resurrection of all the dead, “of both the just and the unjust,” will precede the Last Judgment. This will be “the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man’s] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgement” (CCC 1038).

Heaven is defined as communion with God forever. It is greater than anything we can ever imagine. We either go to heaven immediately after death, or through a “cleansing” known as Purgatory. Those who die in God’s grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God (CCC 1054).

Hell exists and it is possible to go there. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, “eternal fire.” The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs (CCC 1035).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark
Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 1
7:30am † Shelly Stapleton
9:00am *Missa Pro Populo
11:00am † Joseph Milton Louis & Theresa Diane Louis
5:00pm * Mama Gloria Vasquez

Monday, December 2
6:30am * Harrison Family Intentions
5:30pm † Peter Long Bui

Tuesday, December 3
6:30am * Souls in Purgatory
5:30pm † Gregory Laitkep

Wednesday, December 4
6:30am † Hoa Tran
5:30pm † Margaret Biondi

Thursday, December 5
6:30am † Joseph Apaloo
5:30pm * Judy Ikeakor

Friday, December 6
6:30am † Charles Apaloo
8:15 am † Leland Fontenot
5:30pm * Obinna & Obiagel Okoli

Saturday, December 7
8:00am * Andy Ikeakor Family Intentions
5:00pm † Edna Ruiz
† (Repose Soul)
* (Special Intention)

Weekly Readings
Scripture Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8.5-11

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday * Souls in Purgatory
Is 19:21-23; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Friday Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 15:29-37

Saturday Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Lecturas Semanales
Lecturas de las Escrituras por la Semana del 1 de Diciembre de 2019

Domingo Primer Domingo de Adviento
Is 2, 1-5; Sal 121, 1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9;
Rom 13, 11-14a; Mt 24, 37-44

Lunes Is 4, 2-6; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4a (4b-5. 6-7) 8-9;
Mt 8, 5-11

Martes Memorial de San Francisco Javier, Presbítero
Is 11, 1-10; Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17;
Lc 10, 21-24

Miércoles San Juan Damasco, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia
Is 25, 6-10; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b. 4. 5. 6;
Mt 15, 29-37

Jueves Is 26, 1-6; Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a;
Mt 7, 21, 24-27

Viernes San Nicolás, Obispo
Is 29, 17-24; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Mt 9, 27-31

Sábado Memorial de San Ambrosio, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia
Is 30, 19-21. 23-26; Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6;
Mt 9, 35—10:1, 1, 6-8

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1
8:00 am  Religious Articles Sale-Servant Hall
8:00 am  Blood Drive-Servant Hall
10:00 am  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am  CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Center
1:30 pm  Comb Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
4:00 pm  Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
6:00 pm  Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Monday, December 2
5:30 pm  Saint Vincent De Paul (SVDP) Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm  Apostolado de La Cruz-Youth Room
7:30 pm  Danza Tonantzin Dance Practice-Rehkopf Gym

Tuesday, December 3
6:00 pm  Danza & apparition practice-Rehkopf Gym
6:15 pm  Confessions/Confesiones-Church
6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus 4TH Degree Meeting-Prinster Hall
7:00 pm  English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
7:00 pm  Pastoral Council Meeting-Rectory Conference Room
7:30 pm  Sounds of Faith Choir Practice-Choir Room

Wednesday, December 4
6:15 pm  Confessions / Confesiones-Church
7:00 pm  Confession 1 class-Youth Center
7:00 pm  Confirmation 2 class-School Building
7:00 pm  Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Group-Church
7:00 pm  RCIA Class (Spanish)-Youth Center
7:00 pm  Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Church
7:00 pm  RCIA Inquiry (English) - Donovan’s Den
7:30 pm  Legion of Mary (Spanish) Meeting-Donovan’s Den Loft

Thursday, December 5
9:00 am  Mass-Church
9:45 am  Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting-Donovan’s Den
6:00 pm  Danza & apparition practice-Rehkopf Gym
6:30 pm  Gabriel Project Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm  English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
7:30 pm  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 pm  Precious Blood Group Adoration-Adoration Chapel

Friday, December 6
10:30 am  Bible Study-Youth Prayer Room
5:00 pm  Legion of Mary (Spanish) Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm  Baptism Team Meeting (Spanish)- RE Conference Room
7:30 pm  Danza Tonantzin Dance Practice-Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, December 7
8:00 am  Mass-Church
8:00 am  Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa-Servant Hall
3:30 pm  Confessions / Confesiones-Church
4:00 pm  Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:00 pm  Vigil Mass -Church
6:00 pm  Knights of Columbus Christmas Gathering-Servant Hall

Sunday, December 8
9:00 am  CCE Classes-School Building
9:00 am  CCE Parents -Youth Prayer Room
9:30 am  RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
10:00 am  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
11:00 am  CCE Classes (Spanish)-Preschool & School Building
11:00 am  CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Center
12:30 pm  NOW meeting-Prinster Hall
1:30 pm  Comb Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
4:00 pm  Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
6:00 pm  Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Stewardship for November 24, 2019

Collection $30,397.26
Online Giving $3,698.26
Total (11/18 - 11/24) $34,095.52

Upcoming Second Collections

Retirement Fund for Religious Orders
December 8, 2019
Bishop’s Fund for Latin America
January 26, 2020

Parish Goal: $193,000.00
Total Amount Paid: $97,268.68
Total Amount Pledged: $110,904.15
Total Number of Participant: 287
Total Number of Households: 4412
Average Participant Pledge: 386.43
Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($95,731.32)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($82,095.85)
Percent Paid: 50.40%

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
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

Young Disciples
Next one: December 8th
Young Disciples is a gathering of teens on the 2nd Sunday of the month to fellowship together and learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith.

Join Danielle Luna as you learn more about how life truly looks in the eyes of teenage Catholics.

We meet in the Religious Education Building, 2nd floor Youth Room after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Teen Confirmation
Contact: Mary Therese Hafernik
mhafernik@stmhouston.org
(713) 729-0221, Ext. 270

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

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

R.C.I.A
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 at John Krugh at deacon@krugh22.com
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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
Ingrid Gooding, Bookkeeper
Gabriel Villarreal, Maintenance

Religious Education
Deacon David Johnson, Interim Director
Mary-Therese Hafernik, Confirmation

Office of Music:
Sabrina Nguyen, Ed.D., Director, (713) 980-3111
Jian Guang Shi, Organist (713) 988-9829
Rommys Orozco (1:00 p.m.)
Lisa Veneralla (5:00 p.m.)
Rogelio Mendoza, Spanish (7:00 p.m.)

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5927 Wigton Drive
Houston, TX 77096
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(713) 721-5644 fax
www.stthomasmore-school.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

Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements are due Monday, 5:00 pm for the following Sunday. Please contact John Chambers at jchambers@stmhouston.org to add a parish ministry, group, or event in the bulletin. All requests are subject to approval and space availability and will be formatted to fit the overall design of the bulletin. Thank you.
Parish Ministries

Meals and Samaritan Ministry: If you are looking for a way to help out the parish community, please consider joining the meals ministry and/or the Samaritan ministry! These two ministries allow you to practice the corporal acts of mercy with the community. We are looking for cooks for both ministries!

Meals Ministry provides meals to parishioners who are unable to cook for themselves due to a short term medical situation. We are looking for cooks who will commit to cooking ONE DAY A MONTH. We also need people who are interested in being a substitute cook for the meals ministry.

Samaritan Ministry provides a hot meal for grieving families and their guests following a funeral. The food is provided, set up, and served by the Samaritan ministry.

Please contact Monique Close (713) 628-3323 or at mgeoclose@yahoo.com with questions or to volunteer.

Streamliners: STreaMliners’ Christmas Dinner Party in Servant Hall on Saturday, December 14th, 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Members $10pp and Guests $20pp. If interested call Joyce Coles (713) 774-2628.

December Day Trip, December 4th, we are going to Moody Gardens to see the Ice Sculptures and Christmas Lights - $28pp. Lunch on your own at Shrimp n’ Stuff. Bus will leave at 3pm. Call Joyce Coles @ 713-774-2628 No casino trip in the month of December. The casino trip will be January 25th. Bus leaves at 7am. Call Frances Landry @ 713-723-2035.

Respect Life Committee: Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9:00 - 9:40 p.m. in the Adoration 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.

For more information please contact Marianne Kahllich at hekahllich@aol.com or (713) 728-4955

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The Society at STM is committed to helping those less fortunate in our immediate area. Due to the generous donations of food and funds from the parish, the Society is able to operate a food pantry and to make home visits to those requesting financial assistance. If further needs are identified upon a home visit, appropriate referrals to resources at the parish or in the community will be made.

During the month of October 743 individuals were fed with 195 bags of groceries, and 14 families were provided with $2,634 in rent or utility assistance. Thank for your continued support and prayers for our friends who come to us for assistance.

Pantry Hours are Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm, and the third Saturday of the month 10:00 am-1:00 pm. For more information on this outreach ministry call the office at (713) 980-3113.

“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another . . .”

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. For more information, visit www.kofc.org or www.kc3910.org or contact Membership Director Reynolds Contreras at (713) 417-6180.

The Game of Bridge

Join us for Bridge on Tuesday, December 3rd in Donavan’s Den at 9:45 a.m. Pizza will be provided.
The annual long time tradition is back. Cookies and Wassail for all on Gift Giving Weekend! We are in need of bakers and hostesses for the weekend of December 14th and 15th. We will be serving cookies and wassail after all Masses this weekend. Cookies will be accepted from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, December 14th in the Scout House. Cookies do not have to be homemade. Store bought are perfectly fine.

Please label if your cookies are nut free. Along with needing volunteers to serve cookies at each Mass we need a couple of men to help move the thermoses. We look forward to spending time and enjoying sweet treats with fellow parishioners during this holiday season. Thank you.

For more information contact Kathy Warner at kemsw@hotmail.com or (713) 591-7982.
**SACRAMENTS**

**Anointing of the Sick:**
Please call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage Preparations:**
Engaged couples, please contact the parish office at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding to begin the church reservation process and marriage preparation.

**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.

**Baptism Preparation 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 sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) and bring proof. Pre-

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**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL**

**Reaching Minds • Touching Hearts • Shaping Souls**

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.

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!
Christmas Giving Weekend  
SVDP Winter Food Drive  
Saturday & Sunday – December 14th & 15th

As we approach the Christmas season we ask you to prayerfully consider adopting an Angel from our Christmas Giving Tree so we can bring joy to the families in our community during this season of Hope.

The Christmas giving tree will be set up in the Narthex from December 1st through December 8th. Please take as many gifts tags as you want, but be prepared to buy those gifts.

Our giving weekend is also a Food Drive. Please share your blessings in the form of food or cash donations for our SVdP Food Pantry in addition to your gifts.

The gifts collected will be distributed immediately. If you will be out of town, please drop off your gifts before Dec. 14th, otherwise, your gift will not reach the intended person. You may drop off your gift early in the drop box located in the church Narthex and rectory. Please deliver gift cards and small gifts directly to the rectory office receptionist.

On gift giving weekend of Dec. 14th-15th, we bring our wrapped and labeled gifts to Mass with us and carry them forward during the offertory procession. It is important to securely attach the gift tag to the outside of the package.

Following the 5pm Mass on Sunday, Dec. 15th (around 6:15) all of the gifts are carried from the church to Servant Hall where they are sorted for the distribution. Moving the gifts to the hall is the easy part. Please consider staying a little longer to help sort the gifts. Remember, many hands make light work.

Recipients we bless with our gift collection:

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Clients – Gabriel Project Families – STM CCE Families – Blessed Sacrament Church – St. Philip Neri Church – St. Peter Claver Church – Casa de Esperanza – Casa Juan Diego – Catholic Charities – HISD Young Parents

Please be generous!

“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 (DSF) on behalf of St. Thomas More? Please consider supporting the Diocesan Services Fund to assist the ministries of the archdiocese that have a direct impact on the lives of so many.

www.archgh.org/dsf

Keys for meetings and events need to be picked up at the parish office during office hours. Keys can be dropped off after your meeting through the key slot after hours or during business hours.

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

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
¡Advierto está por llegar! La palabra "Advierto" viene de la palabra latina "advenire", que significa "venir". Advierto es la época del año en que nos preparamos para la celebración de la Navidad, el aniversario de cuando Dios tomó carne humana y entró el mundo. La Iglesia también nos anima a usar esta temporada litúrgica para preparar nuestras almas para permitir que Jesús entre en nuestros corazones. Las lecturas para el primer domingo de Advierto hacen énfasis en la segunda venida de Jesús, por lo que esta semana nos enfocamos en esa segunda venida, cuando Jesús vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y a los muertos en el fin del mundo.

Las lecturas de esta semana nos conectan con un interesante campo de estudio en teología cristiana llamado Escatología. Eschaton significa "las últimas cosas" en griego, por lo que la escatología es el estudio de las últimas cosas. Este campo de estudio se ha dividido tradicionalmente en 4 categorías: muerte, juicio, cielo e infierno.

La muerte se define como la separación del alma del cuerpo. La muerte es el resultado del pecado, y es el final de la peregrinación terrenal del hombre. Morimos solo una vez, y no hay reencarnación después de la muerte. Muchos de los santos nos animan a reflexionar diariamente sobre la realidad de la muerte porque nos ayuda a enfocarnos en la vida futura. En la oración del Ave María, decimos: "Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte".

El juicio es algo que todos enfrentaremos. Existe el juicio particular y el juicio final. El juicio particular ocurre inmediatamente en nuestra muerte, y en este momento se determina si vamos al cielo o al infierno. El Juicio Final ocurre en la segunda venida de Cristo al fin del mundo. La resurrección de todos los muertos, "tanto de los justos como de los injustos", precederá al Juicio Final. Esta será "la hora en que todos los que están en las tumbas oirán la voz [del Hijo del hombre] y saldrán, los que hicieron el bien, a la resurrección de la vida, y los que hicieron el mal, a la resurrección del juicio." (CCC 1038).

El cielo se define como la comunión con Dios para siempre. Es más grande que cualquier cosa que podamos imaginar. O vamos al cielo inmediatamente después de la muerte, o mediante una "limpieza" conocida como Purgatorio. Aquellos que mueren en la gracia y la amistad de Dios, purificados imperfectamente, aunque están seguros de su salvación eterna, se someten a una purificación después de la muerte, para lograr la santidad necesaria para entrar en el gozo de Dios (CCC 1054).

El infierno existe y es posible ir allí. Inmediatamente después de la muerte, las almas de aquellos que mueren en un estado de pecado mortal descienden al infierno, donde sufren los castigos del infierno, "fuego eterno". El principal castigo del infierno es la separación eterna de Dios, en quien solo el hombre puede poseer vida y felicidad para la que fue creado y para el que anhela (CCC 1035).

De ustedes en Cristo,

Fr. Clark
Join us
Acompáñenos

Estan invitados al gran homenaje a la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe
You're invited to attend the celebration of Our Blessed Lady of Guadalupe

HORARIO DEL PROGRAMA:
• 5:00am -- Las mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe en la iglesia
• 6:00am -- El Santo Rosario (bilingüe)
• 6:30am -- La Santa Misa (en inglés), después de la misa Convivencia en Servant Hall

Continuación de los festejos:
• 6:15pm -- Apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el gimnasio antiguo
• 7:00pm -- Procesión hacia la Iglesia rezando el Santo Rosario, acompañados de la Danza Tonantzin
• 8:00pm -- Misa en honor a la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe y después de la misa Convivencia en el gimnasio antiguo con Danza Tonantzin

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:
• 5:00am -- Mañanitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church
• 6:00am -- The Holy Rosary (bilingual)
• 6:30am -- Mass (English), with fellowship afterwards in Servant Hall

Festivities Continue:
• 6:15pm -- Apparitions play in the old gym
• 7:00pm -- Procession to the Church while praying the Holy Rosary, with the Danza Tonantzin
• 8:00pm -- Mass in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe, with fellowship afterwards in the Old Gym with Danza Tonantzin

Jueves 12 de Diciembre de 2019
Thursday, December 12, 2019
MINISTERIO DE COMIDAS Y MINISTERIO SAMARITANO: Si está buscando una manera de ayudar a la comunidad parroquial, ¡considere unirse al ministerio de comidas y/o al ministerio samaritano! Estos dos ministerios le permiten practicar los actos corporales de misericordia con la comunidad. ¡Estamos buscando cocineros para ambos ministerios!

El Ministerio de Comidas proporciona comidas a los feligreses que no pueden cocinar por sí mismos debido a una situación médica a corto plazo. Estamos buscando cocineros que se comprometan a cocinar UN DÍA AL MES. También necesitamos personas que estén interesadas en ser un cocinero sustituto para el ministerio de comidas.

El Ministerio Samaritano ofrece una comida caliente para las familias en duelo y sus invitados después de un funeral. La comida será proporcionada, al igual la organización del salón y servida por el ministerio samaritano.

Ambos ministerios fueron partes activas importantes de nuestra comunidad parroquial durante décadas. ¡Estamos emocionados de ponerlos en funcionamiento nuevamente!

Para su comodidad, cajas de colección de regalos se encuentran en las oficinas de la iglesia, en la entrada de la iglesia, y de la rectoría. Por favor, entrega las tarjetas de regalo y pequeños regalos directamente a la recepcionista de la oficina parroquial.

Para el fin de semana de regalar 15 y 16 de diciembre traigamos nuestros regalos envueltos y etiquetados a misa y los llevaremos al altar durante la procesión de las ofrendas. Es importante pegar con seguridad la etiqueta de regalo a la parte exterior del paquete junto con la tarjeta de oración STM y un saludo personal que desee incluir.

Después de la misa de 5pm del domingo 15 de diciembre alrededor de 6:15 todos los regalos serán llevados de la iglesia al Servant Hall donde se pondrán en orden para ser distribución. Llevare los regalos al Servant Hall es las parte mas fácil. Por favor considere quedarse un poco más de tiempo para ayudar a ordenar los regalos. Recuerde, muchas manos hacen el trabajo ligero y más fácil.

Los beneficiarios que son bendecidos con nuestra regalos son los siguientes:


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Domingo 1 de Diciembre, 2019, después de misa de 1:00 pm en el salon Servant Hall