FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Galveston—Houston

“You are the Light of the World.”
### 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,

Not too long ago I was having a fun discussion (aka a debate) with one of my priest friends. The topic of conversation centered on the precepts of the Church. As we got to talking, we wondered if many Catholics know that the Church has precepts. We wondered if many Catholics know what the precepts of the Church are? Do you know what the precepts of the Church are?

The precepts of the Church are also known as the Commandments of the Church. The Catechism teaches, “The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor” (CCC 2041). In other words, the precepts of the Church set the bar for what we should be doing as Catholics... and the bar is pretty low! We can always do more than the bare minimum!

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. Sunday is the Day we celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection. We come together as a community, and together, we keep this living memory alive. Whether you realize it or not, you need Mass... and the community needs you!

2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year. Reconciliation helps prepare our souls for receiving the Eucharist. If we are in the state of mortal sin, we are supposed to refrain from receiving the Eucharist until we go to confession and confess our sins.

3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. Receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season “guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy” (CCC 2042).

4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. Days of fasting include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We abstain from meat on these days as well. We also abstain from meat on the other Fridays of Lent. Fasting and abstinence help prepare us for liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our passions. (Did you know that we are supposed to do a penance every Friday throughout the year? The bishops encourage us to refrain from eating meat every Friday, though they have given us the option of selecting our own penances.)

5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. We are supposed to help provide for the material needs of the Church, and the primary way we do this is by donating our money. For some reason, Catholics are some of the lowest givers compared to other denominations. Most Catholics spend more money on their cell phone bills than they give to their own parish. I ask you to please consider helping the material needs of St. Thomas More. To put my two cents in (pun intended), I find that our online payment system is much easier and much more convenient than envelopes!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Clark
## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 9**
- 7:30am  *Nicely Family Intentions*
- 9:00am  *Katherine Parrish*
- 11:00am  *Missa Pro Populo*
- 1:00 pm  *Isidoro Jaime*
- 5:00 pm
- 7:00 pm

**Monday, February 10**
- 6:30am  *Margaret Schueler*
- 5:30pm  †Katherine Burda

**Tuesday, February 11**
- 6:30am  *
- 5:30pm  *

**Wednesday, February 12**
- 6:30am  *Souls In Purgatory*
- 5:30pm  †Dr. Rudolf Jemelka

**Thursday, February 13**
- 6:30am  †Nelson Riaño
- 5:30pm  †Margaret Biondi

**Friday, February 14**
- 6:30 am  †Ruth Rudolph
- 5:30pm  *Andy & Joanne Scholes*

**Saturday, February 15**
- 8:00am  †Quirino M. Jose Sr.
- 5:00pm  *Adline Nwokem*

† (Repose Soul)
* (Special Intention)

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**Weekly Readings**

*Scripture Readings for the Week of February 9, 2020*

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**Lecturas Semanales**

*Lecturas de las Escrituras por la Semana del 9 de Febrero de 2020*

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*Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.*

*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, February 9**
- 9:00 am CCE Parents (English)-Youth Prayer Room
- 9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 11:00 am CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Media Room
- 12:30 pm Nigerian Catholic Women (NCW) Meeting-Scout House
- 3:00 pm Choir Gala Practice-Servant Hall
- 4:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
- 6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

**Monday, February 10**
- 10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida - Donovan’s Den
- 5:30 pm Mass - Church
- 6:50 pm Apostolado de la Cruz-Youth Prayer Room

**Tuesday, February 11**
- 9:30 am Senior Citizen Bingo - Scout Hose
- 6:15 pm Confession - Church /Confesiones - Iglesia
- 7:00 pm English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
- 7:00 pm Talleres de Oración y Vida-Youth Media Room
- 7:30 pm Danza Rosary-Rehkopf Gym
- 7:30 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

**Wednesday, February 12**
- 6:15 pm Confession-Church/Confesiones- Iglesia
- 7:00 pm Confirmation 1 Class-Youth Center
- 7:00 pm Confirmation 2 Class-Servant Hall
- 7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group-Adoration Chapel
- 7:00 pm R.C.I.A. (Spanish)-Youth Center
- 7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
- 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus (K of C) Meeting- Prinster Hall
- 7:30 pm Legion of Mary Meeting-Donovan’s Den
- 7:30 pm R.C.I.A. Inquiry Meeting (English)-Donovan’s Den

**Thursday, February 13**
- 7:00 pm English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

**Friday, February 14**
- 10:30 am Bible Study-Youth Prayer Room
- 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish) Meeting-Donovan’s Den
- 5:30 pm Mass-Church

**Saturday, February 15**
- 3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones-Church
- 4:00 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 6:00 pm Reception for Liturgy Ministers-Prinster Hall

**Sunday, February 16**
- 9:00 am CCE Parents (English)-Youth Prayer Room
- 9:30 am RCIA (English)-Donovan’s Den
- 10:00 am Choir Gala Practice-Servant Hall
- 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 11:00 am CCE Parents (Spanish)-Youth Media Room
- 4:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal-Church
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Stewardship for February 2, 2020

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Upcoming Second Collections

- **Black & Indian Missions**
  - March 1, 2020
- **Catholic Relief Services**
  - March 22, 2020

2019 Parish Goal: $193,000.00

- Total Amount Paid: $170,558.15
- Total Amount Pledged: $171,528.15
- Total Number of Participant: 4412
- Total Number of Households: 365
- Average Participant Pledge: 469.94
- Paid Over (Under) Goal: ($22,441.85)
- Pledged Over (Under) Goal: ($21,471.85)
- Percent Paid: 88.37%

Pastoral Council Discernment

The parish’s Pastoral Council, an advisory body to the Pastor, will soon be adding new members later in the year. Could God be calling you to join this advisory council as a way of giving your time and wisdom in service to the Church? Think and pray about it. Further news and timetable will be forthcoming.
FAITH FORMATION

Grade School CCE

English Elementary and Middle CCE meets in the School on Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 am

Spanish Elementary and Middle School CCE meets in the School on Sundays from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Teen Confirmation One (I) meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Upstairs Youth Media Room.

Teen Confirmation Two (II) meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the School.

Bible Study for CCE Parents is available on Sundays during the CCE sessions in the Upstairs RE Building Prayer Room.

Youth

Young Disciples is a gathering of teens on the 2nd Sunday of the month to fellowship together and learn more about the wonders and richness of the Catholic faith.

Next gathering: February 9, 2020

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.

 Adults

The Word of Truth Bible Study for adults meets on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm in the Upstairs Prayer Room. Starting on January 17th, an exciting Bible study series called: “Our Father’s Plan,” will be launched. This series takes as its content talks given biblical scholars Dr. Scott Hahn of Franciscan University of Steubenville and Jeff Cavins from The Great Adventure Bible Studies. This is a 24-week Bible and Catholic study that will help deepen your knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures and enrich your spirituality and prayer as you integrate the Scriptures into your communion with God. Join us!

Adult Confirmation takes place on Wednesdays, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Upstairs Prayer Room in the RE Building.

ACTS Reboot Formation Group Meeting: 2/18/20, 7 pm in Donovan's Den. St. Thomas More parish is in the process of establishing an ACTS retreat ministry. This requires us to create a Formation Group, which will guide us in the process of working with the Houston Chapter of ACTS Missions in finding a parish to help with our next retreats for men and women. All in our parish who have made an ACTS retreat with any parish are invited to come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. You do not have to be planning to continue as a member of the Formation Group, just come and find out about the process and how you can support it. We will meet in Donovan's Den from 7-8:30 pm. For more information, contact Marlene Wark at 281-796-1561 or via email at marlene.wark@gmail.com

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church? This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal question and answer sessions called “Inquiry.” Inquiry sessions are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am - 11:00 am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm in Donovan’s Den. For more information, contact Deacon John Krugh at John Krugh at deacon@krugh22.com

"THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD URGENTLY NEED YOUR ENTHUSIASM. BE SURE TO MAKE THE MOST FRAGILE PEOPLE, THE POOR, AND THOSE WOUNDED BY LIFE YOUR TRAVELING COMPANIONS. YOU ARE THE PRESENT; BE A BRIGHTER FUTURE."

- POPE FRANCIS TO YOUTH
CONTACTS

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, TX 77096
(713) 729-0221
(713) 729-3294 fax
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
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.)

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

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.

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-12:00 pm. For more information on this outreach ministry call the office at (713) 980-3113.

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! Please contact Monique Close at goodsamaritans@stmhouston.org or at (713) 628-3323 with questions or to volunteer in this ministry of compassion.

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

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 vctasio@ymail.com

Perpetual Adoration: If you wish to sign up for a Perpetual Adoration hour to watch with our Lord for one hour a week, please contact Edna Valdez at valdezeda5@gmail.com or (713) 425-9506

STreaMLiners: Second Saturday of the month on February 08th STreaMLiners’ Mtg 10:00am in Prinster Hall. Adults 50 and over are welcome!

Note: We will begin collecting dues for 2020, $20 per member and collecting for our Christmas project the “Crime Stoppers.” Please make checks out to St. Thomas More Church. “Don’t forget to bring “Toothpaste or Bar Soap” for the STM Food Pantry and Toiletries for the Hospital. Entertainment: A K-9 Bomb Sniffer dog and handler from the Houston Police Dept.

Tuesday, February 11th trip will take place before our meeting so payment must be collected in advance. The February day trip is a guided tour of the Painted Church’s around Schulenburg. $15pp. and lunch is on your own at Oakridge Smokehouse. If you are interested, your payment is needed by February 1st. Call Beth Massa 281-450-1386 or Email emassa@sbcglobal.net or call Joyce Coles 713-774-2628 or email jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net or your payment in her drop her in mail slot at 6206 Yarwell. Bus leaves at 8:30am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall.

Friday, February 28th Coushatta Casino with France Landry. 1st Class Bus Coach – $15 pp cash includes ($10 free play) Coffee, Donuts at 6:30am. Must have 40 people. Bus leaves sharply at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:30pm. STM parishioners and friends are invited to join us! Call Frances Landry – 713-723-2035.

Tuesday, March 10th trip is also before the March meeting. The March day trip is a visit to the San Jacinto Monument which includes a 30 minute film on Texas history and elevator ride to the top observation deck, $12pp. Lunch on your own at the Monument Inn at noon. Their seafood and rolls are to die for. Bus leaves sharply at 9:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Contact Beth Massa at 281-450-1386 or email emassa@sbcglobal.net or to Joyce Coles 713-774-2628 or jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net or drop in mail slot at 6206 Yarwell.

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.
**YOU’RE INVITED**

**Receptions begin in February**

Invitations to our Campaign Receptions are being mailed out to ALL families who call St. Thomas More Catholic Church their spiritual home.

Please join Father Clark at one of our upcoming receptions to learn more about the **IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission** Capital Campaign.

We will be hosting our receptions at 7:00 PM in Servant Hall.

On the following days:

**Tuesday, February 11th**

**Wednesday, February 12th**

**Receptions last about one hour**

Light refreshments will be served
Come and engage in a night of fellowship and stewardship.

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**What is a Reception?**

Receptions are informational gatherings that provide an opportunity to learn about the **IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission** Campaign. They emphasize the personal nature of giving, allow for a thorough presentation of the campaign needs and give parishioners an opportunity to ask questions.

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**View the Campaign Trailer!**

Or visit [www.archgh.org](http://www.archgh.org) for more!

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**How to RSVP to a Reception**

You can call, or email our Campaign Director to RSVP. You can also RSVP by using an invitation card from the parish office, or from the back of the Church.

- **713-729-0221**
- **mobrien@guidanceingiving.com**
**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:**
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.

- 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-registration is required, please contact the parish office for the English class at (713) 729-0221.

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**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL**

**Reaching Minds · Touching Hearts · Shaping Souls**

St. Thomas More Parish School is “committed to developing the minds, hearts, and souls of our students. By planting faith-filled seeds of good habits, we open our students’ minds to knowledge, their hearts to service, and their souls to the beauty of God’s Creation.”

*Now Accepting Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year*

To schedule a private tour, call the office at (713) 729-3434.

Application and other information can be found at [www.stthomasmoreschool.org](http://www.stthomasmoreschool.org)
Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament
Needed for These Hours!

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If you would like to inquire about taking an hour in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at STM, please contact Edna Valdez at valdezeda5@gmail.com or (713) 425-9506. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to Jesus in this most special way. Thank you.

Choir Gala News

Members of the STM choirs will present Gala XI, *Music from the Movies*, with a silent auction before the show and during intermission both nights. Doors open at 7:30 PM and show starts at 8 PM on February 21st & 22nd. **Special performance by Deacon Dave Johnson!**

Tickets are still $20 per person ($200 for table of 10) for fun, food (courtesy of the K of C) with wine & beer & soft drinks. Ticket sales after 5 PM Mass on Saturdays, and after the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses on Sundays on weekends leading up to the event.

If you miss the sales table on the weekend, contact Camille Garcia, 281-433-9312 or email at camillecrenshawgarcia@gmail.com for more information. Cash, checks made out to St. Thomas More Church and, this year, credit cards can be accepted! Proceeds will benefit improvements to the STM Church audio system. Be there!

THE CALLED & GIFTED™ WORKSHOP
CLASS II

If you have completed the first Called and Gifted class and would like to take the second part, Called and Gifted II, please join us on the second and fourth Saturdays in Donovan's Den, from 10 am - 11:30 am. The class will begin on February 8th and run through April 11th.

There is no cost for this class, but please purchase your own Called and Gifted Participant materials, available from the Catherine of Siena Institute at www.siena.org under the bookstore tab. For more information, contact Marlene Wark at (281) 796-1561 or marlene.wark@gmail.com
Queridos amigos en Cristo:

No hace mucho tiempo estaba teniendo una discusión divertida (también conocida como debate) con uno de mis amigos sacerdotes. El tema de conversación se centró en los preceptos de la Iglesia. Cuando comenzamos a hablar, nos preguntamos si muchos católicos saben que la Iglesia tiene preceptos. Nos preguntamos si muchos católicos saben cuáles son los preceptos de la Iglesia. ¿Sabes cuáles son los preceptos de la Iglesia?

Los preceptos de la Iglesia también se conocen como los Mandamientos de la Iglesia. El Catecismo enseña: “Los preceptos de la Iglesia se establecen en el contexto de una vida moral ligada y alimentada por la vida litúrgica. El carácter obligatorio de estas leyes positivas decretadas por las autoridades pastorales está destinado a garantizar a los fieles lo mínimo necesario en el espíritu de oración y esfuerzo moral, en el crecimiento en el amor a Dios y al prójimo” (CCC 2041). En otras palabras, los preceptos de la Iglesia establecen la barra de lo que deberíamos estar haciendo como católicos ... ¡y la barra es bastante baja! ¡Siempre podemos hacer más que lo mínimo!

1. Deberá asistir a misa los domingos y días santos de obligación y descansar del trabajo servil. El domingo es el día en que celebramos la resurrección del Señor. Nos unimos como comunidad, y juntos, mantenemos vivo este recuerdo. Si te das cuenta o no, necesitas misa ... ¡y la comunidad te necesita!

2. Confesarás tus pecados al menos una vez al año. La reconciliación ayuda a preparar nuestras almas para recibir la Eucaristía. Si estamos en el estado de pecado mortal, se supone que debemos abstenernos de recibir la Eucaristía hasta que confesamos nuestros pecados.

3. Recibirás el sacramento de la Eucaristía al menos durante la temporada de Pascua. Recibir la Eucaristía durante la temporada de Pascua "garantiza como mínimo la recepción del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor en relación con las fiestas pascuales, el origen y el centro de la liturgia cristiana" (CIC 2042).

4. Observarán los días de ayuno y abstinencia establecidos por la Iglesia. Los días de ayuno incluyen el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Nos abstenemos de la carne en estos días también. También nos abstenemos de la carne los otros viernes de Cuaresma. El ayuno y la abstinencia nos ayudan a prepararnos para las fiestas litúrgicas y nos ayudan a dominar nuestras pasiones. (¿Sabía que debemos hacer una penitencia todos los viernes durante todo el año? Los obispos nos alientan a no comer carne todos los viernes, aunque nos han dado la opción de seleccionar nuestras propias penitencias).

5. Ayudarás a satisfacer las necesidades de la Iglesia. Debemos ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades materiales de la Iglesia, y la forma principal de hacerlo es donando nuestro dinero. Por alguna razón, los católicos son los que donan menos dinero en comparación con otras denominaciones. La mayoría de los católicos gastan más dinero en sus facturas de teléfono celular de lo que dan a su propia parroquia. Les pido que consideren ayudar a las necesidades materiales de St. Thomas More. Para poner mis dos centavos (juego de palabras), ¡encuentro que nuestro sistema de pago en línea es mucho más fácil y mucho más conveniente que los sobres!

De ustedes en Cristo,

*Fr. Clark*
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Requisitos:
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2. Los Padrinos: deben ser suficientemente maduros y mayores de 16 años de edad, haber recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía y ser miembros activos de la Iglesia Católica y canónicamente libres de llevar a cabo sus tareas. Si son casados, deben de ser casados en la Iglesia.
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• Haber recibido los sacramentos del Bautismo y Primera Comunión.
• Estar en el programa de educación religiosa el año anterior a la celebración y estar en el proceso de recibir la confirmación.

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