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

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St. | Houston, TX 77096 | (713) 729-0221
www.stmhouston.org
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 last week’s bulletin letter, I wrote about the precepts of the Church. The 5th precept says, “You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.” Not too long ago, I was having a conversation with someone, and they told me that they don’t give money to the Church because “the Vatican is so rich.” It became very clear to me that this person didn’t really understand how parish finances work. Then I realized that most people, through no fault of their own, probably don’t understand how parish finances work. In the future, I will prepare a detailed financial report, but for now, please allow me to explain as succinctly as possible how our finances work.

Where does our money come from? From you and me. We are not subsidized by the Vatican... we are not subsidized by the diocese... if anything, it’s the other way around! The vast majority of our funds that cover our expenses comes from the Sunday collection.

Who decides where the money goes? The goals and needs of the parish are established by the pastor in collaboration with the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council and staff members. With these goals and needs in mind, the pastor works with the bookkeeper and staff to help set a budget. The Finance Council reviews the budget and, after consultation, the pastor approves the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. As the pastor, I promise that I will be as fiscally transparent as possible and that I will follow all proper fiscal protocol.

Where does our money go? The generous contributions from so many of our parishioners goes to support the mission of our parish, which is spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Most people overlook the fact that our mission requires monetary funding. Our expenses for the month of January totaled almost $140,000. Here are examples of our basic expenses:

**Bills:** It takes a lot of money just to keep STM running. Our electricity bill is over $10,000 a month. We have to pay insurance. We have to pay taxes - 12% of our income goes towards Cathedraticum, the diocesan tax that funds administration and operations of the archdiocese. We have many other important expenses that a lot of people don’t realize. Even the cost of unconsecrated altar bread and altar wine, which are necessary for Mass, adds up!

**Maintenance:** We have to maintain our facilities and keep our grounds looking respectable. In the long run, preventative maintenance is always cheaper than deferred maintenance. We have had many preventative maintenance projects since the summer ranging from HVAC to plumbing to landscaping. Our biggest project right now is the new roof for the school building, which is a very significant cost that comes directly from our savings account.

**Salaries:** We have to pay our employees. Your monetary contribution goes toward paying salaries and covering medical insurance for our staff employees, who are indispensable in helping our parish operate. A small part of our income goes to pay and support the priests of our parish, which includes room and board.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Clark*
Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 16**
- 7:30am † Katherine Burda
- 9:00am * Mike McCrate Family
- 11:00am * Missa Pro Populo
- 1:00 pm † Teodoro Diosdado-Serrano & Jose Antonio Diosdado
- 5:00 pm * Nnamdi Nwachulwu
- 7:00 pm

**Monday, February 17**
- 6:30am † Osvaldo Rodriguez
- 5:30pm * Sean Mc Crate & Family

**Tuesday, February 18**
- 6:30am * Greg Hamilton
- 5:30pm * Michelle Kanu

**Wednesday, February 19**
- 6:30am * Deacon John Krugh & Family
- 5:30pm † Harless Benthul

**Thursday, February 20**
- 6:30am † John Amador
- 5:30pm † Katherine Burda

**Friday, February 21**
- 6:30 am * Deacon David Johnson & Family
- 5:30pm † Anna Phi Nguyen

**Saturday, February 22**
- 8:00am * Larry Balsam
- 5:00pm † Jose Antonio Gil

† (Repose Soul)
* (Special Intention)

One may request Mass intentions by visiting the parish office during regular business hours.

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you

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 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
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Monday, February 17
10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida - Donovan’s Den
6:50 pm Apostolado de la Cruz-Youth Prayer Room

Tuesday, February 18
6:15 pm Confession-Church /Confesiones-Iglesia
6:30 pm ACTS Women’s Formation Team Meeting-Donovan’s Den
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 Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Wednesday, February 19
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 Group-Adoration Chapel
7:00 pm R.C.I.A. (Spanish)-Youth Center
7:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
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 20
9:45 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting-Youth Media Room
7:00 pm English As A Second Language (ESL)-School Building
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Friday, February 21
10:30 am Bible Study-Youth Prayer Room

Saturday, February 22
10:00 am ACTS Women Team Meeting- Donovan’s Den
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones-Church
4:00 pm Sounds of Faith Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Sunday, February 23
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
6:00 pm Spanish Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Stewardship for February 9, 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

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* Parish Office Closure *

Monday - 2/17/20

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17th from 12:00-5:00 pm due to office cleanup. Please visit the office before 12:00 pm for key pick up or any other business or concern. Thank you.
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.

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

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: March 8, 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.

“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

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(713) 729-3294 fax
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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.)

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

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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 hekahlich@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 vcstasio@gmail.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 valdezedna5@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.

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 emasssa@sbcglobal.net or to Joyce Coles 713-774-2628 or jcoles8433@sbcglobal.net or drop in mail slot at 6206 Yarwell.

Does Your Company Match Contributions?

Many corporations will match your charitable donations to St. Thomas More to double your money! Inquire with your company to see if they can double your contributions to St. Thomas More or to DSF.

*Presented By*

Fr. Clark Sample

7:00 p.m. | Servant Hall*

March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23

No RSVP Required

*Due to possible use of Servant Hall during Church floor repairs, a notice will be put up about change of venue for the classes.
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.

St. Thomas More Parish School

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
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 valdezedna5@gmail.com or (713) 425-9506. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to Jesus in this most special way. Thank you.

DOORS OPEN AT 7pm for food, beverages, and auction-performance begins at 8 pm both evenings!! Limited availability of tickets at the door!

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 at camillecrenshawgar\cia@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!

ADGH Regional Free Throw Contest Results

Held at St. Puis X High School on February 9th, we are honored to congratulate the following St. Thomas More winners:

Harold Carter
3rd Place Winner - Boys 9 Year Old Category

Jennifer Hartmann
3rd Place Winner - Girls 12 Year Old Category

Catherine of Siena Institute

THE CALLED & GIFTED™ WORKSHOP

CLASS II HAS BEEN CANCELED
Queridos amigos en Cristo:

En el boletín de la semana pasada, escribí sobre los preceptos de la Iglesia. El quinto precepto dice: "Debes ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades de la Iglesia". No hace mucho tiempo, estaba teniendo una conversación con alguien y me dijeron que no dan dinero a la Iglesia porque "el Vaticano es rico". Me quedó muy claro que esta persona realmente no entendía cómo funcionan las finanzas de la parroquia. Entonces me di cuenta de que la mayoría de las personas, sin culpa propia, probablemente no entienden cómo funcionan las finanzas de la parroquia. En el futuro, prepararé un informe financiero detallado, pero por lo pronto, permitame explicar de la manera más sucintamente posible cómo funcionan nuestras finanzas.

¿De dónde viene nuestro dinero? De ti y de mí. No estamos subsidiados por el Vaticano ... no estamos subsidiados por la diócesis ... en todo caso, ¡es al revés! La gran mayoría de nuestros fondos que cubren los gastos proviene de la colección el domingo.

¿Quién decide a dónde va el dinero? Las metas y necesidades de la parroquia son establecidas por el pastor en colaboración con el Consejo Pastoral, el Consejo de Finanzas y miembros del personal. Con estos objetivos y necesidades en mente, el pastor trabaja con el contador y el personal para ayudar a establecer un presupuesto. El Consejo de Finanzas revisa el presupuesto y, luego de consultar, el pastor aprueba el presupuesto para el próximo año fiscal, que comienza el 1 de julio. Como pastor, prometo que seré lo más transparente fiscalmente posible y que seguiré todo el protocolo fiscal apropiado.

¿Hacia dónde va su dinero? Las generosas contribuciones de muchos de nuestros feligreses van a apoyar la misión de nuestra parroquia, que está difundiendo el Evangelio de Jesucristo. La mayoría de las personas pasa por alto el hecho de que nuestra misión requiere fondos monetarios. Nuestros gastos para el mes de enero totalizaron casi $ 140,000. Aquí hay ejemplos de nuestros gastos básicos:

• **Facturas:** se necesita mucho dinero para mantener STM en funcionamiento. Nuestra factura de electricidad supera los $ 10,000 por mes. Tenemos que pagar un seguro. Tenemos que pagar impuestos: el 12% de nuestros ingresos se destina al Cathedraticum, el impuesto diocesano que financia la administración y las operaciones de la arquidiócesis. Tenemos otros gastos importantes que mucha gente no se da cuenta. ¡Incluso el costo del pan y el vino, que son necesarios para la misa, se suma!

• **Mantenimiento:** tenemos que mantener nuestras instalaciones y terrenos con un aspecto respetable. A la larga, el mantenimiento preventivo es siempre más barato que el mantenimiento diferido. Hemos tenido muchos proyectos de mantenimiento preventivo desde el verano desde HVAC hasta plomería y paisajismo. Nuestro proyecto más grande en este momento es el nuevo techo para el edificio de la escuela, que es un costo muy significativo que proviene directamente de nuestra cuenta de ahorros.

• **Salarios:** tenemos que pagar a nuestros empleados. Su contribución monetaria se destina al pago de salarios y la cobertura del seguro médico para los empleados de nuestro personal, que son indispensables para ayudar a que nuestra parroquia funcione. Una pequeña parte de nuestros ingresos se destina a pagar y mantener a los sacerdotes de nuestra parroquia, que incluye alojamiento y comida.

De ustedes en Cristo,

*Fr. Clark*
**Cierre de la oficina parroquial**

*Monday - 2/17/20*

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 17 de febrero de 12:00-5:00 pm debido al día de desarrollo del personal. Visite la oficina antes de las 12:00 p.m. Para recoger las llaves o cualquier otro negocio.

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**Donación en línea**

El sitio web de la parroquia tiene instrucciones sobre cómo registrarse para dar su donación en línea. Usted tendrá control total de su cuenta de contribución y podrá programar la fecha de retiro de su contribución. Visite nuestra página de web para más detalles y registro.

[WWW.STMHOUSTON.ORG](http://WWW.STMHOUSTON.ORG)
**Bautizo infantil:** Niños/as de 0 meses a 6 años. Las clases de preparación bautismal para Padres y Padrinos, son el tercer sábado de cada mes de 10:00 am a 1:00 pm (registración inicia a las 9:30am) en el 2do. Piso del edificio de Educación Religiosa. **Necesitamos toda su atención durante la clase, no se permiten niños en la clase.**

**Requisitos:**
1. Los Papás: deben ser miembros activos y estar registrados en la parroquia de St. Thomas More, 6 meses antes de solicitar el Bautismo o vivir en el código postal 77035 y 77096.
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.
3. Inscríbese en la Oficina parroquial para la Clase de Preparación Bautismal
4. Asistir a la Clase de preparación Bautismal el tercer sábado del mes, ambos Papás y Padrinos

**Después de la clase de preparación bautismal:**
5. Entregar a la oficina la forma de registro de papás y acta de nacimiento del niño/a
6. Entregar a la oficina la forma de registro de padrinos y acta de matrimonio

**Celebración de Quince Años:** Para Señoritas y Jóvenes
Si te gustaría recibir la bendición de Dios en este día tan especial para ti. Te invitamos a que vengas y reserves tu día de acción de Gracias

**Requisitos:**
- Los papás deben de ser miembros activos y estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de solicitar la celebración o vivir en la zona postal 77035 0 77096.
- 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.

El/ La joven y los papás deben de asistir al día de preparación espiritual de Quince Años.
Para mas informacion llamar a la oficina al 713-729-0221

**Legion de María (Español)**
Si desean servir a Dios, por medio de la Virgen María, nuestro ministerio, se reúne todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en Donavon's Den. Tenemos como mision la devoción al santísimo rosario, peregrinar la Virgen María en los hogares, visitar enfermos, etc. Si tienes ese llamado en tu corazón para servir o recibir la Virgen María, no tardes, la Virgen María te espera. Para mas informacion llame: Gricelda Sanchez al (713) 550-3608.

**Ministerio de comidas y ministerio samaritano:** 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! Póngase en contacto con Monique Close (713) 628-3323 o mogeoclose@yahoo.com si tiene preguntas o para ser voluntario.